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City commissioners stand for the Pledge of Alligiance as they begin a period minus an elected mayor.

Former official gets probation

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CLINTON — Former Wapella Township road commissioner Eldon Cusey has received 18 months probation after pleading guilty to a Class 3 felony.

The Illinois Attorney General’s office was prosecuting Cusey, who was charged with forgery, official misconduct and deceptive practice/theft of less than \$100,000.

Cusey, 68, was accused of using township funds for personal use, including a long list of items that included more than \$1,500 in beer.

In May 2022, township officials allowed Cusey to pay more than \$27,000 in restitution and resign. The attorney general’s office later charged Cusey.

Cusey faced up to 15 years in prison if convicted on a Class 1 felony and up to five years for each Class 3 felony. The AG’s office leveled more than 20 charges against Cusey.

Count 1 and Counts 3-22 were dismissed and an 18-month probationary period entered for Count 2. Cusey was ordered to report to the probation department before leaving the courthouse, according to the circuit court notes.

The Illinois Attorney General’s office is preparing a response to a request about the case from the Clinton Journal.

City governs without elected mayor until 2025

Tom Edmunds will preside until April 2025 municipal election

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CLINTON — On Tuesday, the Clinton City Council embarked on a period during which it will function without an elected mayor. Roger

Cyrulik resigned as mayor following the council’s July 18 meeting.

Duties now fall to commissioner of accounts and finances Tom Edmunds to preside over meetings until a municipal election in

April 2025. Statute refers to this person as the “vice president” of the council who, “in the absence or unavailability of a mayor shall perform the duties of the mayor.”

City attorney John Hoblit explained Monday

how the procedure would work following Cyrulik’s resignation. Hoblit said, according to Illinois Statute, under the commission form of government, absent a sitting mayor, the commissioner of accounts and finances presides over council meetings until a municipal election is held

to elect a new mayor.

“If there is an unexpired term in excess of 28 months, and there are at least 130 days until the next municipal election, in the next municipal election there would be an item for the election,” Hoblit said.

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County acts on animal shelter as concerns voiced

Plan put forward intended to ease workload, improve efficiency of shelter

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CLINTON — Worker frustration at the county animal shelter that boiled over late last week ended in a special meeting Monday of the county board’s public safety committee.

While a tough tone might have been expected from the committee, committee members were not unsympathetic.

Sage Lash, who has served as an animal control officer for about three months, outlined her frustrations to committee members, saying she and her helper felt overwhelmed and that officials weren’t doing enough to help them.

“I know Megan was here (at the shelter) to better the facility,” Lash said about public safety chairman Megan Myers. “But, I believe her guidance and micromanagement is not needed for this facility anymore.”

Lash said issues at the shelter included housing a high number of dogs that were bite risks. This

complicates how the other dogs are handled because of the safety procedures necessary for taking them outdoors.

Lash also said the situation prevented the facility from operating efficiently.

“One person cannot operate the facility,” she said.

Lash said she and others did not receive training before starting their jobs, and they were using the internet to look up how to perform tasks, such as giving animals shots, among other duties.

Committee member Tom Farris interrupted to clarify some information.

“You had training set up. You were just unable to get it done,” Farris commented.

“Correct,” Lash responded. “Which is also a safety hazard.”

Lash continued, telling the committee she felt unsafe answering animal calls with the potential of dangerous animals and possible threats from pet owners. She felt a lack of uniforms sometimes caused pet owners to not take her seriously.

“We look like civilians going out on calls,” Lash said. “So, we don’t know what’s going to happen. I think the lack of training is shameful.”

Committee member John Werts said he was

“heartbroken” by the difficult time Lash said she was having at the shelter. Werts and other county board members frequently volunteer at the shelter. He said he recently was on vacation and was unaware of some of the problems.

“I know you work hard and bust your butt,” Werts said.

Werts said it was critical that Lash take the training that was scheduled. He also noted the high volume of animals the shelter was currently handling.

“We’ve had an influx of animals like we’ve never had before,” he said.

Werts and Farris said they each provided their telephone numbers to Lash in case she needed help but said they didn’t receive any requests. Werts also lamented that Lash “aired their dirty laundry on social media.”

“We need to get to the bottom of this,” Werts said. “I know it’s a big job.”

Lash said she was not clear on who to talk to until she had a conversation with zoning administrator and board administrative assistant Dee Dee Rentmeister.

“Then, we realized we should have talked to you,” Lash said. “We just thought you were stopping by to be nice.”

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Illinois EPA announces \$10 million in water improvement grants

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Director John J. Kim this week announced a grant opportunity with \$10 million in funding for projects that will improve water quality in Illinois.

The Green Infrastructure Grant Opportunities (GIGO) Program has been made possible by Illinois bipartisan Rebuild Illinois capital plan. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is posted at [https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/8eb59a23-1ba2-4930-acf3-](https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/8eb59a23-1ba2-4930-acf3-2622dbb7e364)

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“The GIGO Program has provided funding for projects that directly address stormwater runoff and nonpoint source pollution. These projects will reduce flooding concerns and improve our waterways,” said Kim.

The GIGO Program provides funding for projects to construct green infrastructure best management practices (BMPs) that prevent, eliminate, or reduce water quality impairments by decreasing stormwater runoff into Illinois’ rivers, streams, and lakes.

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DeWitt, Macon Piatt Co. Extension Summer wind down

July might be one for the history books with the smoke from the Canadian wildfires and the scorching temperatures. Hopefully, August will bring cooler temperatures and a little less environmental drama.

Here at Illinois Extension, we are winding down our summer programming and looking forward to the fall. Be sure to bookmark our Events page to keep up date on what's happening in DeWitt, Macon, and Piatt counties.

- The 4-H general projects and livestock show was a great success, with over 1,000 entries from 230 exhibitors. Many of the exhibitors were selected as a state fair delegate or alternate. The 4-H show is always an exciting time of year for 4-H members because it allows them to show what they have created and explain the process. The volunteer judges also enjoy seeing and hearing from the kids.

Registration is open

Master Gardener training registration is open until Sept. 11. This year, Illinois Extension is offering training at the Piatt County Extension and Macon County Extension offices. Classes are on Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 14 and ending Dec. 14. There will be no classes on Nov. 16 and Nov. 23. The fee for the in-person training is \$175, but fee

waivers are available. For more information, visit the Master Gardener training page.

Pollinator programs

Pollinators are important to the environment. Join DeWitt and Macon County Master Gardeners for these upcoming pollinator programs.

- Pollinators at the Park: Monarch Butterflies | August 26 | Weldon Springs State Park
- Monarch Butterflies | September 9 | Vespasian Warner Public Library | call the library at 217-935-5174 to register.
- Pollinators at the Park: Mason Bees | September 16 | Weldon Springs State Park
- Monarch Madness | September 23 | Rock Springs Nature Center

Graphic of chess pieces

Decatur Public Library 4 H Chess Club on Sept 16, Oct 7, Oct 21, Nov 4, Nov 18, Dec 2 and Dec 16

Chess club is back

Get ready for another year of exciting tournaments and fun matches with the Decatur Public Library's 4-H Chess Club. No experience is necessary. Kids will learn basic rules, strategies, how the chess pieces move, and more. The club meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon on designated Saturdays in the children's auditorium. There is no fee to participate and the first meeting is Sept. 16. Register at least one day before the meeting.

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Lash said during time off, she received so many text messages from shelter personnel about problems she "finally told people to stop texting us."

"I'm young, but I've never been on my phone this much," she said.

Resident Steven Runyen, who also applied for the animal control job for which Lash was hired, addressed the committee in support of Lash.

"The fact that a young girl has been pushed this far to come speak to you folks is absolutely despicable," Runyen said.

Runyen suggested the county was not doing all it could to support and fund operation of the animal shelter.

"As taxpayers, we can just shut it down and not have it," Runyen said.

Farris, who also is a former DeWitt County Sheriff, pointed out Illinois Statute required counties to maintain animal shelters.

Runyen took the opportunity to suggest there was no news

coverage at the meeting, although acknowledging Clinton Journal's attendance, and extolled the virtues of social media, saying he wouldn't have known about Lash's complaints had she not posted them online.

The Clinton Journal was not contacted until late Friday, July 28 about Lash's concerns. The public safety committee meeting was held on Monday, July 31, which the Journal attended.

Farris said county board members' compassion was no less great than those working at the shelter or people who support it.

"I would say eight out of 12 have worked out there at one time or another."

Farris said it would be better for personnel to receive training before beginning employment but that the county was working to correct the issue.

Myers and county board chairman Dan Matthews promoted a plan to re-write the job description

for the animal control administrator to allow for an administrator and possibly two animal control officers, who would handle most of the animal interactions.

"In my opinion, that needs to be recreated, and then, at a minimum, we have two people like Sage and Holly (another shelter employee) that their only job is to go on calls and take care of animals," Matthews said.

He said part of the problem was the shelter's lack of someone familiar with all state rules and regulations. He said that should be the job of an administrator.

Matthews also said the shelter wasn't required to house bite-risk dogs.

"We don't have to keep those bite dogs," Matthews said. "They need to be quarantined, and that's what we should be doing, calling a vet instead of bringing them into our facility."

Matthews said this also would reduce the number of animals the shelter

would have to handle, and he suggested eliminating other tasks that were not the responsibility of the animal shelter, which would make the facility more efficient.

Committee members' consensus was to propose a new administrator job description in which that person's responsibilities would be primarily administrative and supervisory. The administrator would have minimal contact with shelter animals. Control officers would handle field calls and animals at the shelter.

Finance chairman Melonie Tilley balked at any additional expenditures for the shelter. She said the shelter was already operating at a loss for the fiscal year.

Matthews, however, said the board needed to deal with shelter issues, and the public safety committee plans to submit its proposal to the finance committee.

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Cyrulik's four-year term would not expire until 2027, but, there will be municipal elections conducted in Illinois in 2025.

In this case, the person who wins the April 2025 election would serve out the remainder of Cyrulik's four-year term.

Under other forms of

municipal government, the council would appoint an acting mayor from among the council.

Cyrulik served about 12 years-five months as Clinton mayor, serving two terms in the mid-2000s and was currently about five months into his most recent second term.

Edmunds said Cyrulik's resignation was a surprise and would require a period of adaptation by the council.

"It was a lot of time spent with the city government, so we want to thank him

for that," Edmunds said.

In other council business, commissioner John Wise advised residents the water department was working to bring city water back to normal standards within the next 10 days. Workers at the plant are repairing the lime-softening system.

Wise said the water quality might currently be a little lower, but water safety was fine.

Water plant personnel also are replacing bearings in two water plant service pumps. Wise said, no sooner did replacement

electrical parts for one pump arrive after being on order for six months, that pump failed and work started on it Tuesday.

Commissioner Dan Ballenger asked residents who use city parks to be patient as city workers have been drawn away from park maintenance to clean up after digging contractors in town.

Ballenger said if park-goers see maintenance that needs to be done, it might take a little longer for workers to get to it.

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For GIGO, green

infrastructure means any stormwater management technique or practice employed with the primary goal to preserve, restore, mimic, or enhance natural hydrology. Green infrastructure includes, but is not limited to, methods

of using soil and vegetation to promote soil percolation, evapotranspiration, and filtering or the harvesting and reuse of precipitation. Examples of project types/ BMPs that may be funded through GIGO are provided in the NOFO. Illinois EPA

anticipates project awards between \$75,000 and \$2.5 million. The first \$5 million in GIGO grants were awarded to eleven grantees in 2021 and 2022. Four projects have completed construction and the remaining are

under construction. Applications for the GIGO Program are due by noon on October 18, 2023. A Technical Assistance Session will be held on August 15, 2023, at 1:30 PM CST. Conference information

and registration will be available at: <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/grants-loans/water-financial-assistance/gigo.html>. Applicants must apply for GIGO through the GATA Grantee Portal.

Bipartisan bill overhauls mandatory supervised release

Peter Hancock
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – A new law in Illinois aims to give former inmates a better chance to succeed outside of prison and reduce the likelihood that they'll be sent back.

Gov. JB Pritzker on Friday signed Senate Bill 423, a unanimously passed measure that overhauls the state's mandatory supervised release program, formerly known as parole.

"Our current supervision system too often operates unfairly, with rules that make it simply a revolving door back to jail," Pritzker said at a bill signing ceremony in Chicago. "In fact, more than 25 percent of people who are released from prison in Illinois end up back behind bars, not because they're recidivists, but instead for a noncriminal technical violation."

Under Illinois law, every person sentenced to prison for a felony conviction must serve a certain amount of time on mandatory supervised release after completing their prison time. The length of that supervision varies based on the seriousness of the offense, and during that time the offender must comply with certain conditions and make regular contact with their parole officer.

Some of the most common conditions are that they do not possess a firearm, they do not use drugs, they submit to urine tests, and they allow their parole officer to search them and their residence. Failure to comply with conditions of release can result in being sent back to prison.

The new law, however,

provides that urine tests can only be ordered if there is reasonable suspicion of illicit drug use and the basis of that suspicion is documented in the Department of Corrections' case management system.

It also provides that as long as the offender is in compliance with all other terms of their release, the Prisoner Review Board "shall," rather than "may," reduce the length of the supervision by 90 days if the offender earns a high school diploma, bachelor's degree, career certificate or vocational technical certificate while on supervised release.

The new law, which will take effect Jan. 1, also provides for remote check-ins with parole officers, standardizes the timeline for officers to review cases and encourages them to recommend early discharge for people who demonstrate success in their release.

Pritzker was joined at the bill signing ceremony by rap artist and activist Meek Mill, a former inmate and parolee who cofounded the REFORM Alliance, which advocates for criminal justice reform.

"When I was on probation, the system did much more to hold me back than help me succeed," he said in a statement. "And my experience is just a reflection of millions of other stories that go untold. So it's an honor to be a part of making the system work better for families in Illinois and across the country."



Devores celebrating 65th wedding anniversary Aug. 20

CLINTON — Ron and Marjorie Devore, Clinton, will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on August 20.

Donald Devore and Marjorie Parker were married on August 10, 1958, at the Clinton, Ill. Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Dr. Philip R. Coen officiating.

The Devores lived in Decatur for 18 months and then moved back to Clinton, when they bought a home at 1202 E. South Street. They now live in the house they built in 1969, located at 816 W. Woodlawn Street.

They are proud parents

of Steven Devore (wife Jessica), of Clinton, grandparents of three, Cady Devore, of Warrensburg, Gavin and Vanessa, of Clinton, and grandparents of Cayleigh, Ryker, Karlee, and Emeree, a soon to be baby girl, all of Warrensburg.

Ron is a retired locomotive engineer for Illinois Central Railroad, now Canadian National Railway. Marjorie is a retired teacher.

An open house for the Devores is scheduled from 2-4 p.m. on August 20 at 816 W. Woodlawn Street, Clinton.

New sponsorship makes Illinois 4-H State Shoots more affordable

URBANA — A new sponsorship from Illinois Ducks Unlimited could make 4-H state shooting events more affordable.

University of Illinois Extension announced the new sponsor for its upcoming 4-H State Shooting Sports contests this fall. Illinois Ducks Unlimited has made a substantial financial contribution to offset the costs of running the popular shoots so the participation fees can be more affordable for families.

Illinois State 4-H Shoots allow 4-H teens from around the state to gather and test the mastery of their skills with their peers in a safe and supportive environment. Participants can demonstrate the safety and skills associated with their chosen sport that they have learned by participating in a 4-H Shooting Sports club in their home county over the past year.

Disciplines offered include shotgun, rifle, and archery. The top four finishers in a shooting sports discipline are invited to join the Illinois 4-H State team to compete in a National 4-H Shooting Sports Competition the following summer.

The first 4-H state shoot will be archery in Pekin



on Saturday, Sept. 16. The next will be shotgun on Saturday, Sept. 23 at Bunker Hill, and the final event will be rifle on Saturday, Oct. 7 in Bloomington. Disciplines offered include compound and recurve archery, trap shooting, as well as air and .22 small-bore rifle.

This year marks the first year of a sponsorship partnership with Illinois Ducks Unlimited.

"We are immensely grateful for the generous support of Illinois Ducks Unlimited, whose commitment to our youth shooting sports program is truly commendable," says University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development Specialist Curt Sinclair. "Their support helps us to empower and support these youth in mastering their lifelong hobby of shooting sports as they enjoy the outdoors."

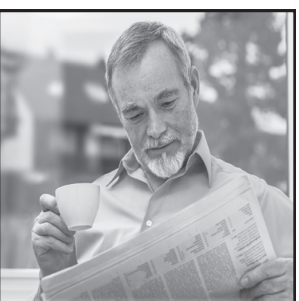
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1977 - U.S. President Carter signed the measure that established the Department of Energy.

1983 - New York Yankee outfielder Dave Winfield threw a baseball during warm-ups and accidentally killed a seagull. After the game, Toronto police arrested him for "causing unnecessary suffering to an animal."

1984 - Carl Lewis won a gold medal in the Los Angeles Olympics.

1984 - Upper Volta, an African republic, changed its name to Burkina Faso.

1985 - Tom Seaver of the Chicago White Sox achieved his 300th victory.

1985 - Rod Carew of the California angels got his 3,000th major league hit.

1986 - The United States Football League called off its 1986 season. This was after winning only token damages in its antitrust lawsuit against the National Football League.

1987 - The Fairness Doctrine was rescinded by the Federal Communications Commission. The doctrine had required that radio and TV stations present controversial issues in a balanced fashion.

1987 - A new 22-cent U.S. stamp honoring noted author William Faulkner, went on sale in Oxford, MS. Faulkner had been fired as postmaster of that same post office in 1924.

1989 - Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani offered to assist end the hostage crisis in Lebanon.

1990 - The European Community imposed an embargo on oil from Iraq and Kuwait. This was done to protest the Iraqi invasion of the oil-rich Kuwait.

1991 - The Oceanos, a Greek luxury liner, sank off of South Africa's southeast coast. All of the 402 passengers and 179 crewmembers survived.

1994 - Yugoslavia withdrew its support for Bosnian Serbs. The border between Yugoslavia and Serb-held Bosnia was sealed.

1996 - Josia Thugwane won a gold medal after finishing first in the marathon. He became the first black South African to win a gold medal.

1997 - Teamsters began a 15-day strike against UPS (United Parcel Service). The strikers eventually won an increase in full-time positions and defeated a proposed reorganization of the company's pension plan.

2007 - NASA's Phoenix spacecraft was launched on a space exploration mission of Mars. The Phoenix lander descended on Mars on May 25, 2008.

2009 - North Korean leader Kim Jong-il pardoned two American journalists, who had been arrested and imprisoned for illegal entry earlier in the year.

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

Hodge Podge

LINCOLNCHRISTIAN CHURCH—A friend of mine, Mike Cahill, was the speaker last Sunday. That occasion had my wife and I driving to Lincoln for church services on Sunday. We went to the 10:45 service. The church has 3 service times at 0815, 0930 and 1045, with four sermons. It is that four sermons by the same speaker that makes the services interesting.

At 0815 there is a traditional service in the sanctuary and a contemporary service in the Family Fellowship Hall. One service starts with music/worship and the other service ends with music/worship. The minister goes between services. He has 20 minutes to do his sermon. The worship band appears on the back of the stage at 20 minutes, which is a real optic for the preacher to wrap it up.

I asked Mike before the 1045 service, the 4th time he would be preaching the same sermon, if the sermon was now polished. He assured me it was now

polished or it would be a total debacle. It was polished. I say all of this simply to inform you that if you want to see some pastoral gymnastics, go to the 0815 service in Lincoln and bring your stopwatch. It could be interesting.

HIGH COSTS—We were in Wisconsin this past week to visit our youngest son. Having no tact, I took one look at the young man's hair, which was long enough to provide the hair for two toupees, when he was going to get a haircut. He reminded me he was not in Clinton and haircuts there cost \$60. When I was a kid, haircuts were \$1.25. Times are changing.

We get back to Clinton and the gas tank was empty. Gasoline was \$3.89/gallon. That price is simply painful. Back in my youth, I pumped a lot of gas at the station I worked at. The price was 32 cents per gallon and I washed your windows and checked your oil. Times are changing.

Groceries are higher. Insurance premiums are



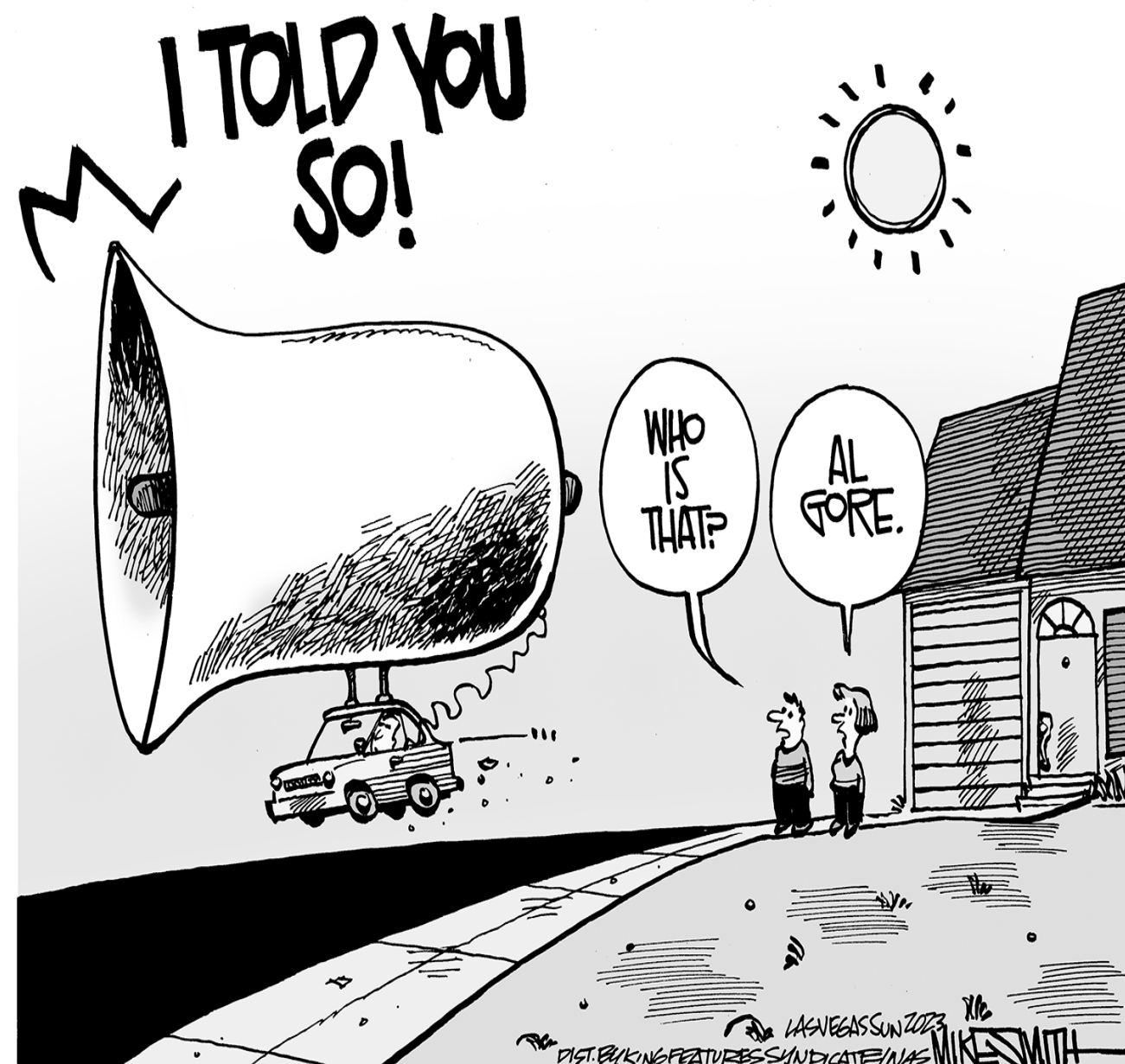
higher. Clothing costs more. An office visit to many doctors today will cost \$300. Two nights in a Choice brand hotel cost well over \$300 and in downtown Chicago that \$300 won't even get you the one night. Most people that I talk to are beginning to feel a real financial squeeze. High costs of merchandise and services makes for a very ill-tempered society and we are rapidly approaching that point.

DEER AND RACOONS—I have always believed that if you leave the wildlife alone, it will leave you alone. I have been mistaken. Both of these critters have become a real pain in my back pocket. My wife's van was taken completely out of service after she executed a raccoon seeking to beat her across the highway.

I never knew a racoon could do so much damage to the underside of a vehicle. Two weeks later, a deer decided to run into my daughter's truck on the highway. It didn't knock the truck out, but new panels have been ordered for the passenger side. Drivers cannot control what the animals are doing and often times it is simply too late to avoid them when you see them on the road. Be careful there are a lot of critters out there and they haven't had driver's ed.

PRITZKER—JB and the dems continue to provoke old style conservatives like myself. Last Friday JB signed into law a bill that allows noncitizens to become sworn law enforcement officers in Illinois effective January 1, 2024. Illinois goes to no bail for most criminal offenses in 6 weeks and in 5 months you may be getting your traffic ticket from a police officer that cannot even vote. Times are changing.

Have a great week.



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CHURCHES

BIBLE TRIVIA


By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Barabbas (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Mark 10, James and who else asked to sit at Jesus' right and left hand in heaven? Thomas, Peter, John, Philip
3. Who said, "It is not meet (right) to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs"? Jesus, Judas, Joshua, Jacob
4. From James 4, what will happen if you resist the devil? He will ... Fight, Anger, Mislead, Flee
5. Who proclaimed a fast at the river of Ahava? David, Adonikam, Ezra, Ariel
6. How many thieves were crucified with Jesus? 1, 2, 3, 4

ANSWERS: (1) Neither. (2) John, (3) Jesus (Matthew 15:26), (4) Flee, (5) Ezra, (6) 1, 2, 3, 4

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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CJFILL

Christian Women's Connection brunch and program August 15

BLOOMINGTON — The Christian Women's Connection invites all ladies to its brunch program from 10-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 15 at Holiday Inn, 8 Trader's Circle, Normal. Special feature will be "Rybrun Place" with Terri

Ryburn. Special speaker will be Debbie Solis, from Rock Island, presenting "The Best Gift Ever." Reservations are due on Tuesday, Aug. 8 by calling/texting Joan at (309) 242-6241. Visit on Facebook.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

ROMANS 10:4

Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the Nile, with her maidens walking alongside the Nile; and she saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid, and she brought it to her. When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the boy was crying. And she had pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

EXODUS 2: 5,6

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AREA CHURCHES DIRECTORY

Calvary United Pentecostal Church
412 S. Monroe Street, Clinton
(217) 935-8627
3 p.m.-Sunday worship
7 p.m.-Mondays family prayer
7 p.m.-Wednesday Bible study

Christ Lutheran Church & preschool
701 S. Mulberry Street, Clinton
Office (217) 935-5808
Preschool office (217) 935-4675
8:15 a.m.-Sunday worship
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school
Preschool Tues., Wed. and Thurs. morning and afternoon sessions.

Clinton Church of Christ
Bus. Rt. 51 south, Clinton
(217) 935-5058
Stephen R. Bradd, Gospel preacher
AudioEvangelism.com
Clinton CofC.com
9 a.m.-Sunday morning Bible study
10 a.m.-Sunday morning worship
1 p.m.-Sunday worship
7 p.m.-Wednesday evening Bible study

Clinton Church of God
720 E. Woodlawn Street, Clinton
clintoncog.org
Mark Cooper, pastor
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school
10:30 a.m.-Sunday morning worship
6 p.m.-Sunday night service
7 p.m.-Wednesday service

Clinton Presbyterian Church
402 N. Center Street
Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
Tel. (217) 935-6178
Fax (217) 935-6128
Pastor-Paul Stroup
clintonpresbyterian.org
9:15 a.m.-Sunday school
10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship with nursery available
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Clinton United Methodist Church
308 E. Main Street
Rev. Darrell Howard
(217) 935-5869
clintonumcil.org
9 a.m. Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School Children & Adult
5 p.m. Saturday Evening Worship in

chapel
3:30 p.m. Thursday JC Stars After School Children's program (pickup is available)
3rd Sunday S.W.A.G Sr & Jr High Youth
6 p.m. Extended Table 2nd and 4th Mondays
12:30 p.m. Wednesday Backpack Ministry

First Baptist Church
220 Illini Drive, Clinton
(217) 935-2032
firstbaptistchurch3@frontier.com
Jonathan Roberson, pastor
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school
10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship
5 p.m.-Sunday evening worship
7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week prayer meeting

First Christian Church
100 N. Jackson Street, Clinton (W. Main & N. Jackson)
clintonfcc.com
Adult Bible School 10:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 9:30 a.m.
First Kids Worship for 3-yr -olds - 5th grade is available at 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Nursery available at each morning service.

First Church of the Nazarene
Rt. 51 and Kleemann Drive, Clinton
Michael A. Taylor, pastor
8:30 a.m.-Sunday prayer around the altar
8:45 a.m.-continental breakfast
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school / Bible study
10:30 a.m.-morning worship
7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week service

Kenney Christian Church
213 W. Benjamin Street, Kenney
(217) 944-2275
Ernie Harvey, minister
9:30 a.m.-Bible study
10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship

Lane Christian Church
(217) 935-2557
www.lanechurch.org
Jim Kilson, preaching and teaching minister
Marcus McCollom, youth and family minister
9 a.m.-Sunday school
10 a.m.-worship
5:30 p.m.-youth group
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Lifebridges Church
200 S. Alexander Street, Clinton
(217) 570-0105
www.lifebridges-church.com
Pastors-Jonathan and Dana Taylor
10 a.m.-Sunday celebration
10 a.m.-AMPED Kids for ages (1-5 grades)
10 a.m.-AMPED Jr. (birth-K)
7 p.m.-AfterShock teen church, 6th-12 grades
6 p.m.-Wednesday, Strategic Disciple
6:30 p.m.-Thursday, DIVE teen Bible study
7 p.m.-Thursdays, 1st & 3rd, Empowered Women / 2nd & 4th, Frontline Men

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
502 N. Monroe Street, Clinton
(217) 935-3727
Rev. James Owusu-Yeboah, pastor
4 p.m.-Saturday mass
8:30 a.m.-Sunday mass

St. Patrick Catholic Church
320 S. Locust Street, P.O. Box 116, Wapella
(217) 935-8510
Office hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues. & Thurs.
Father Geoff Horton, pastor
9 a.m.-Sunday, Tues. & Thurs. mass
www.saintpatrickwapella.org

Texas Christian Church
8301 Texas Church Road, Clinton
(217) 454-6846
www.texaschristian-church.org
Scott Marsh, minister
9 a.m.-Sunday school
10 a.m.-Sunday worship
6 p.m.-Sunday evening worship
6 p.m.-Wednesday prayer meeting

The Blessed Hope Seventh-Day Adventist Church
112 N. Monroe St., Clinton
(217) 731-4005
9:30 a.m.-Saturday, Sabbath school
11 a.m.-worship with pot luck afterwards
6 p.m.-Wednesday, prophecy meetings

Wapella Christian Church
101 N. Poplar
(217) 731-4404
Josh Gorrie, minister
Wapellacc.com
9 a.m.-Sunday school
10 a.m.-worship
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East meets West

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights.

In Eastern China, the climate is mild with hot humid summers followed by mild winters. Ideal conditions for husbandry and livestock. The low flatlands of the Shanghai province is abundant in agriculture and fishing.

This province and Fukien province primarily use ginger, soy sauce and sugar for flavoring most foods. Once again, the Chinese are very keen on preserving the natural flavors through their delicate touches in light cooking methods and seasoning procedures.

Some of those methods are stir-frying, steaming, red cooking, and blanching. The meats and vegetables are generally preserved by pickling or curing processes. Much of this I already covered in previous articles.

Fresh and saltwater seafoods are abundant. Primarily carp and crab meat are used. Their livestock would resemble a typical American farmyard. Rice, wheat, barley, and corn are the primary grains.

Less typical to us would be sweet potato and bamboo farming. Melons and gourds included. One can expect various fruits and vegetables.



The Culinary Corner
Chef Roger Joss

The produce combined with their cooking and seasoning methods produce fantastic dishes not generally enjoyed in our restaurants.

Western China has similarities as well as its own particularities. This area has mountainous regions. Mountains can change the weather by holding back rainfall in certain areas causing wetlands.

On the other side would be dryness in other areas. The far western areas have little rainfall and even desert pockets. This landmass is unsuitable for husbandry and livestock without a costly network of irrigation canals. Whereas, the western/inlands can have their monsoons. Agriculture can be year-round producing two to three harvests per year.

Szechwan region is famous for its highly seasoned dishes. The hot and sour dishes are often oily.

As one might guess, a region noted for its wetlands and favorable temperatures is going to have a high volume of

various grains vegetables, legumes, melons, and squash. It would also have an abundance of livestock; primarily, lots of poultry. Notice the next time you eat in a Chinese restaurant all the dishes that require chicken as an ingredient. This region is also able to grow sugarcane, sorghum, and citrus fruits. Do not forget that there would be lots of rice and tea. Ah yes, the all-famous tea.

The proximity of India might have contributed the use of strong seasonings in the Western region of China. Other items that are not prominent in other regions of China would be chile in various forms; fresh, roasted, ground, in paste, and even infused in oil. Fungus is used in the form of mushrooms. Most interesting is your fermented broad bean paste.

I hope this article has excited you to try stir-frying. And to try out a few recipes. I will walk you through a few of my favorites as a teaching tool. It will be well worth your time and trouble. Remember that most grocery stores have an ethnic isle for special ingredients used in Mexican and Oriental (Asian) cooking.

Until next time, peace to all.

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INFORMATION

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Address: 111 S. Monroe St., Clinton
Mail: P.O. Box 615 Clinton, IL 61727

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REAL ESTATE

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IFF'S SALE
Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on March 8, 2023; Jered Shofner, Sheriff, 101 W. Washington St., Clinton, IL 61727, will on August 30, 2023 at 10:00 AM, at DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, IL 61727, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in DeWitt County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered

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Clinton High School
1. Spanish Teacher, application deadline August 7th, 2023
1. Physical Education Teacher, application deadline August 7th, 2023

Lincoln/Douglas
1. Student Support Staff for both early childhood campuses (Douglas/Lincoln) Candidates will need to have a bachelor's degree and social work or counseling preferred. This position serves grades PreK-1st Grade. Early childhood and family outreach experience is preferred. Duties will include but are not limited to classroom and group lessons in social emotional support with progress monitoring, staff training, parent/family support for at home interventions and serving as a part of the building and district crisis team. Collaboration with teachers and administrators for curriculum/intervention ideas and decision making. You will work in unison with administration, preschool coordinator, nurse, special education team and general staff. Application deadline August 7th, 2023.

Lincoln School
1. Kindergarten and First Grade Special Education/SEL Interventionist. Qualified candidate will need either LBS1 or ECSE credentials. Position will serve as a case manager/teacher for special education students in kindergarten and first grade and serve as interventionist for non-special education first grade students who need social emotional and behavior support in the general education setting. Priority given to candidates with Early Childhood experience and background in SEL strategies and support systems. Application deadline August 7, 2023
1. Teacher Aide, please see website for paraprofessional license <https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals>, application deadline August 7th, 2023

Douglas School
1. ECSE Self-Contained Teacher's Aide
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• Perform other duties as assigned within the classroom and building
Requirements and skills
• Proven work experience as a Paraprofessional or similar role is valued
• Must complete and pass a criminal background check
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• Experience in helping teachers in a classroom environment desired
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• Strong interpersonal and social attributes
• Have patience with children, including those with special needs
• Ability to run, stand, move around, and squat for long hours at a time
• Ability to lift and hold if needed
please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license <https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals> application deadline August 7th, 2023

Cafeteria
1. Kitchen Staff (5.5 hours) 9- month position, Food Service Certificate required or be willing to obtain one / Kitchen experience preferred/ Reports to CJHS Kitchen Manager.
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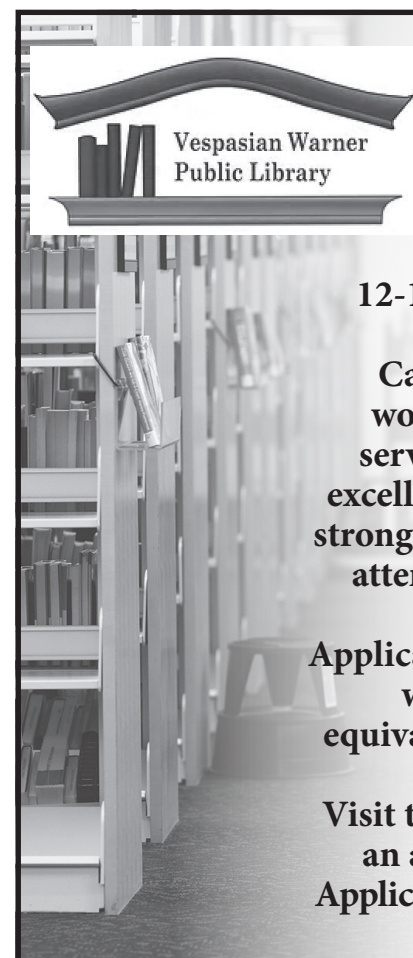
Athletics
1. Head Softball Coach, please apply online or email letter of interest, resume, and letters of recommendation to Matt Koeppel, AD, at mkoeppe@cusd15.org
1. Assistant Softball Coach, please apply online or email letter of interest, resume, and letters of recommendation to Matt Koeppel, AD, at mkoeppe@cusd15.org
1. Head Track Coach at CJHS, please apply online or email letter of interest, resume, and letters of recommendation to Matt Koeppel, AD, at mkoeppe@cusd15.org

Unit Office
1. Teacher Aide - Bilingual (English & Spanish), please see website for paraprofessional license <https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals>, application deadline August 7th, 2023
1. Substitute School Nurse, who have active Illinois R.N. or LPN license and experience in school nursing for grades K-12. This position may involve experiences with health education, chronic disease management, communicable disease, immunizations, first-aid, and medication administration. Hours for this position would be 7:45 am-3:45pm on an as needed basis

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Visit the library or www.vwarner.org for an application and job description.
Applications are due by 4pm on August 18.



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Call 217-935-3171 to schedule your garage sale ad!

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Fax: (217) 935-6086
www.theclintonjournal.com



Multi-family Garage Sale
Household items, many VHS tapes, some furniture and all

MOVING OUT OF STATE SALE
I'M MOVING OUT OF STATE AND MUST SELL

All for sale! Please email or call before stopping by the house. Sewing machine w/accessories & cover...used very little \$200 "King Koil" mattress

FRIDAY, AUG. 4, 2023		LEGAL / CLASSIFIED		CLINTON JOURNAL • SEC A / PAGE 9																																																																																																						
<p>for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in “AS IS” condition. Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Commonly known as 403 North Plum Street, Farmer City, IL 61842 Permanent Index No.: 05-28-180-008 Improvements: Single Family Residential The property will NOT be open for inspection prior to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. The judgment amount was \$87,270.48. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Bid Amount contact: Sale Clerk LOGS Legal Group LLP 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 ILNOTICES@logs.com (847) 291-1717 Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage One of Plaintiff’s Attorneys LOGS Legal Group LLP</p>		<p>Attorney for Plaintiff 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 (847) 291-1717 ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119) Michael N. Burke (6291435) Christopher A. Cieniawa (6187452) Michael Kalkowski (6185654) Laura J. Anderson (6224385) Mallory Snyderman (6306039) Thomas Belczak (6193705) Debra Miller (6205477) Amy Aronson (6206512) THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION.</p> <p>LEGAL 19821 RE July 21, 28 & Aug. 4, 2023</p>		<p>DUSTIN DIAL, UNKNOWN HEIRS OR LEGATEES OF DWAIN R. BURTON, NON RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and POSSIBLE TENANTS IN POSSESSION, Defendants. NO. 2023-FC-4 NOTICE OF COURT SALE is hereby given that pursuant to a Motion for Expedited Judgment and Sale and Order Authorizing Expedited Judgment and Sale entered by this court on July 12, 2023, the property hereinafter described or as much therefore shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. a) The name, address, and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate: Braden Newman First National Bank and Trust: 2 Kelli Dr. Clinton, Illinois 61727 (217) 935-2148 The common address of the real estate is: 503 North Elizabeth Street, Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois, 61727. b) The legal description of the real estate is: Lot 6 in Block 2 in Madden’s Addition to the City of Clinton, according to Plat recorded in Volume “I” of Deeds, page 285 in the Recorder’s Office of DeWitt County, Illinois, situated in the County of DeWitt, State of Illinois. Parcel No.: 07-26-354-008 c) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: The property is improved with a single-family resi-</p>		<p>dence. d) The real estate is not available for inspection prior to the sale. The property is being sold in an “as is” condition. e) The time and place of the court sale are: August 30, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., at the DeWitt County Sheriff’s Office located at 101 W. Washington St., Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois 61727. f) The terms of the sale are: Cash in hand. g) Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which may be a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record. Title will also be conveyed subject to the final court approval. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchasers shall receive a certificate of sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a judicial deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale by the court. Respectfully submitted this 14 day of July, 2023. FIRST NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff BY: TAYLOR & LYNCH BY: /s/ Bryce A. Lynch Attorney for Plaintiff BRYCE A. LYNCH 02803046 TAYLOR & LYNCH 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, ILLINOIS 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183 FAX: (217) 935-8219 E-MAIL: attorneyes@dewittcountylaw.com LEGAL 19823RE July 28, Aug. 4, Aug. 11, 2023</p>		<p>REAL ESTATE</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 6TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DEWITT COUNTY - CLINTON, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF CVF III MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST II Plaintiff, -v- JOSEPH DEHN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF LAUREN R. SKROBOT, ALEXANDER SKROBOT, CASPER SKROBOT, THEODORE OLSON, CAVALRY SPV I, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEE OF LAUREN R. SKROBOT Defendant 2022 FC 24 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 12, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 31, 2023, at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street (Main door), CLINTON, IL, 61727, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 520 W. NORTH STREET, WELDON, IL 61882 Property Index No. 14-09-251-008 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$35,401.57. Sale terms: 100% of the bid amount shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder</p>		<p>at the conclusion of the sale. The certified check must be made payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in “AS IS” condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact Travis P. Barry, Kelley, Kronenberg, P.A. Plaintiff’s Attorneys, 20 N CLARK STREET SUITE 1150, Chicago , IL, 60602 (312) 216-8828. Please refer to file number M22510. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. Travis P. Barry Kelley, Kronenberg, P.A. 20 N CLARK STREET SUITE 1150 Chicago IL, 60602 312-216-8828 E-Mail: kelleykronenberg.com Attorney File No. M22510 Attorney ARDC No. 6305429 Case Number: 2022 FC 24 TJSC#: 43-2951 NOTE: Pursuant</p>		<p>to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2022 FC 24 I3226080</p> <p>LEGAL 19827RE August 4, 11, 18, 2023</p> <p>LEGAL</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT</p> <p>DEWITT COUNTY - CLINTON, ILLINOIS</p> <p>Freedom Mortgage Corporation</p> <p>PLAINTIFF</p> <p>Vs.</p> <p>Sara J. Schlesinger; United States of America - Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants</p> <p>DEFENDANTS</p> <p>No. 2023FC13</p> <p>NOTICE BY PUBLICATION</p> <p>NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:</p> <p>Sara J. Schlesinger</p> <p>Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants</p> <p>That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:</p> <p>COMMONLY KNOWN AS:</p> <p>5031 Brittany Lane</p> <p>Clinton, IL 61727</p> <p>and which said Mortgage was made by:</p> <p>Sara J. Schlesinger</p> <p>the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Draper and Kramer Mortgage Corp. dba 1st Advantage Mortgage, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of DeWitt County, Illinois, as Document No. 240794 Book: 778 Page 18-27 modified with 263732; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Michelle Van Valey Clerk of the Circuit Court 201 West Washington Street, Room 122 P.O. Box 439 Clinton, IL 61727</p> <p>on or before August 21, 2023, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.</p> <p>CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.</p> <p>Attorneys for Plaintiff</p> <p>15W030 North</p>		<p>Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300</p> <p>DuPage # 15170</p> <p>Winnebago # 531</p> <p>Our File No. 14-23-03457</p> <p>NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.</p> <p>I3224885</p> <p>LEGAL 19817 July 21, July 28, Aug. 4, 2023</p> <p>LEGAL</p> <p>IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD DIVISION UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. ESTATE OF NANCY J. ABBEY, DECEASED; LUCAS YOUNG; NICOLE BROWN; DEREK YOUNG; JEREMY YOUNG; UNKNOWN OWNERS, INCLUDING UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF NANCY J. ABBEY, DECEASED; UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF NANCY J. ABBEY, DECEASED; UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF NANCY J. ABBEY, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; and JOHN P. BROWN, as Special Representative of the ESTATE OF NANCY J. ABBEY, DECEASED, Defendants. CIVIL NO. 22-cv-3114 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Notice is hereby given to Unknown Owners, including Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Nancy J. Abbey, deceased; Non-Record Claimants; Unknown Claimants and Lienholders against the Estate of Nancy J. Abbey, deceased; Unknown Claimants and Lienholders against the Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Nancy J. Abbey, deceased, of the Amended Complaint for foreclosure filed in the above-entitled case on June 13, 2023, and that they are named as defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/2-206, 735 ILCS 5/2-207, 735 ILCS 5/2-209, 735 ILCS 5/2-413, 735 ILCS 5/15-1501 and 735 ILCS 5/15-1502, and that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court. You Unknown Owners, including Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Nancy J. Abbey, deceased; Non-Record Claimants; Unknown Claimants and Lienholders against the Estate of Nancy J. Abbey, deceased; Unknown Claimants and Lienholders against the Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Nancy J. Abbey, deceased, are hereby notified that on July 5, 2023, an order was entered in said cause by the Honorable Sue E. 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<p>NORTHERN PIATT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNUAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024</p> <p>JOHN HANNAH, Treasurer of the Northern Piatt Fire Protection District, pursuant to 30 ILCS 15/1, hereby makes his annual statement of receipts and disbursements of public officers pursuant to said Act, as follows:</p> <p>1. All monies received and from what source:</p> <table><tr><td>Champaign County Collector</td><td>Real Estate Taxes</td><td>\$13,481.78</td></tr><tr><td>Comptroller</td><td></td><td>\$5,289.45</td></tr><tr><td>Dewitt County Collector</td><td>Real Estate Taxes</td><td>\$1,808.43</td></tr><tr><td>First Mid-Illinois Bank</td><td>Interest</td><td>\$900.29</td></tr><tr><td>Interest Earned</td><td>Interest</td><td>\$22.60</td></tr><tr><td>Illinois Municipal League</td><td>Foreign Fire Tax</td><td>\$5,278.02</td></tr><tr><td>McLean County Collector</td><td>Real Estate Taxes</td><td>\$13,461.94</td></tr><tr><td>Piatt County Collector</td><td>Real Estate Taxes</td><td>\$194,623.14</td></tr><tr><td>Other Income</td><td>Miscellaneous</td><td>\$617.00</td></tr></table> <p>2. All expenditures where total amount paid exceeds \$2,500.00 for the fiscal year:</p> <table><tr><td>All Your Needs Consulting, Inc</td><td>\$5,052.50</td></tr><tr><td>Amazon</td><td>\$4,350.42</td></tr><tr><td>Ameren IP</td><td>\$4,646.40</td></tr><tr><td>Banner Fire Equipment, Inc</td><td>\$14,377.99</td></tr><tr><td>CDS Office Technologies</td><td>\$4,295.00</td></tr><tr><td>Compass Insurance Partners</td><td>\$12,803.00</td></tr><tr><td>Dell Marketing, LP</td><td>\$3,637.06</td></tr><tr><td>ESO Solutions, Inc</td><td>\$5,170.52</td></tr><tr><td>Feller & Kuester CPAs</td><td>\$3,450.00</td></tr><tr><td>Foltz & Rupiper</td><td>\$4,317.73</td></tr><tr><td>Global Technical Systems</td><td>\$5,733.88</td></tr><tr><td>Illini Contractor Supply</td><td>\$4,175.70</td></tr><tr><td>Liberty Mutual Insurance</td><td>\$3,448.00</td></tr><tr><td>Mid-State Fire Repair</td><td>\$8,398.35</td></tr><tr><td>Municipal Emergency Services.</td><td>\$2,942.96</td></tr><tr><td>Sturgeontech</td><td>\$3,973.20</td></tr></table> <p>3. All expenditures for compensation of personal services:</p> <table><tr><td>Cole A. Althaus</td><td>\$1,554.00</td></tr><tr><td>Jared J. Blacker</td><td>\$104.00</td></tr><tr><td>Troy R. Blacker</td><td>\$1,232.00</td></tr><tr><td>Larry L. Borhart</td><td>\$125.00</td></tr><tr><td>Cody Davis</td><td>\$316.00</td></tr><tr><td>Donald L. Deffenbaugh</td><td>\$125.00</td></tr><tr><td>Thomas J. Dodaro</td><td>\$68.00</td></tr><tr><td>Frank C. Fisher</td><td>\$120.00</td></tr><tr><td>Cynthia A. Giertz</td><td>\$4,485.00</td></tr><tr><td>Thad A. Gilman</td><td>\$125.00</td></tr><tr><td>John W. Hannah</td><td>\$125.00</td></tr><tr><td>Dustin L. Holoch</td><td>\$376.00</td></tr><tr><td>Derek S. Johnson</td><td>\$578.00</td></tr><tr><td>Todd Jones</td><td>\$6,077.00</td></tr><tr><td>Harold R. Kirby</td><td>\$2,700.00</td></tr><tr><td>David J. Kramer</td><td>\$794.00</td></tr><tr><td>Douglas J. Kramer</td><td>\$970.00</td></tr><tr><td>Dale M. Lipsey</td><td>\$125.00</td></tr><tr><td>Paul C. Murphy</td><td>\$52.00</td></tr><tr><td>Jason T. Nolan</td><td>\$2,042.00</td></tr><tr><td>Zachary P. Reynolds</td><td>\$3,048.00</td></tr></table> <p>Submitted this 19th day of July, 2023.</p> <p>/s/ John Hannah John Hannah, Treasurer Northern Piatt Fire Protection District</p> <p>Legal 19829 August 4, 2023</p>						Champaign County Collector	Real Estate Taxes	\$13,481.78	Comptroller		\$5,289.45	Dewitt County Collector	Real Estate Taxes	\$1,808.43	First Mid-Illinois Bank	Interest	\$900.29	Interest Earned	Interest	\$22.60	Illinois Municipal League	Foreign Fire Tax	\$5,278.02	McLean County Collector	Real Estate Taxes	\$13,461.94	Piatt County Collector	Real Estate Taxes	\$194,623.14	Other Income	Miscellaneous	\$617.00	All Your Needs Consulting, Inc	\$5,052.50	Amazon	\$4,350.42	Ameren IP	\$4,646.40	Banner Fire Equipment, Inc	\$14,377.99	CDS Office Technologies	\$4,295.00	Compass Insurance Partners	\$12,803.00	Dell Marketing, LP	\$3,637.06	ESO Solutions, Inc	\$5,170.52	Feller & Kuester CPAs	\$3,450.00	Foltz & Rupiper	\$4,317.73	Global Technical Systems	\$5,733.88	Illini Contractor Supply	\$4,175.70	Liberty Mutual Insurance	\$3,448.00	Mid-State Fire Repair	\$8,398.35	Municipal Emergency Services.	\$2,942.96	Sturgeontech	\$3,973.20	Cole A. Althaus	\$1,554.00	Jared J. Blacker	\$104.00	Troy R. Blacker	\$1,232.00	Larry L. Borhart	\$125.00	Cody Davis	\$316.00	Donald L. Deffenbaugh	\$125.00	Thomas J. Dodaro	\$68.00	Frank C. Fisher	\$120.00	Cynthia A. Giertz	\$4,485.00	Thad A. Gilman	\$125.00	John W. Hannah	\$125.00	Dustin L. Holoch	\$376.00	Derek S. Johnson	\$578.00	Todd Jones	\$6,077.00	Harold R. Kirby	\$2,700.00	David J. Kramer	\$794.00	Douglas J. Kramer	\$970.00	Dale M. Lipsey	\$125.00	Paul C. Murphy	\$52.00	Jason T. Nolan	\$2,042.00	Zachary P. Reynolds	\$3,048.00
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you shall appear in this case and plead to the Amended Complaint heretofore filed herein by filing same in the above-entitled cause with the undersigned Clerk of the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois, 151 U.S. Courthouse, 600 E. Monroe Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on or before September 11, 2023, and in default thereof the court will proceed to a hearing and an adjudication of this cause before the court, in the same manner as if you had been served with process within the State of Illinois; and that the following information applies to said foreclosure proceeding:

(i) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.

(ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above.

(iii) The name of the title holder of record is: Estate of Nancy J. Abbey, Deceased.

(iv) The legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: Lot 1 in Block 1 in Portland Place Subdivision of a portion of Lot 1 of 60 acres off of the South end of the West ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 35, Township 20 North, Range 2 East of the 3rd Principal Meridian, AND ALSO Lot 2 in Block 1 in Portland Place Subdivision being a subdivision of a portion of Lot 1 of 60 acres off of the South end of the West ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 35, Township 20 North, Range 2 East of the 3rd Principal Meridian, situated in the City of Clinton, County of DeWitt, in the State of Illinois. Tax ID# 07-35-209-018

(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 102 Portland Place, Clinton, Illinois 61727; this real estate has been improved by a single-family residence.

(vi) An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Name of mortgagor: Nancy J. Abbey, deceased Name of mortgagor: United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, f/k/a Farmers Home Administration Date of mortgage: March 3, 2015 Date of recording: March 5, 2015 County where recorded: DeWitt County, Illinois Recording document identification: Document No. 243637 in Book 802 Page 123 On May 12, 2023, the Circuit Court for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, DeWitt County, Illinois entered its Order appointing John P. Brown, as Special Representative of the Estate of Nancy J. Abbey, deceased, in Case Number 2023CH2, to represent this decedent's interest in this foreclosure proceeding. The real estate that is the subject of this foreclosure proceeding recited in this publication is located at 102 Port-

land Place, Clinton, Illinois 61727. All heirs, legatees, persons possessing this real estate or having assets on this property, and anyone knowing of any heirs or legatees of this decedent, or seeking or having information regarding either this real estate, the mortgage being foreclosed upon or otherwise regarding this real estate or foreclosure should contact this John P. Brown, Special Representative at telephone number (217) 352-7610 and at 606 Indigo Avenue, Savoy, Illinois 61874, not later than 10 days after the last publication of this Notice in this newspaper. /s/ SHIG YASUNAGA CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, CLINTON, ILLINOIS REGIONS BANK D/B/A REGIONS MORTGAGE PLAINTIFF, -vs- Scott Ohlenkamp; Monica L. Ohlenkamp; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS NO. 22 FC 21 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment entered in the above entitled matter on March 8, 2023; Jered Shofner, Sheriff, 101 W. Washington St., Clinton, IL 61727, will on August 30, 2023 at 10:00 AM, at Dewitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, IL 61727, sell to the highest bidder for ten percent (10%) at the time of sale and the balance within twenty-four (24) hours, the following described premises situated in DeWitt County, Illinois. Said sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and any prior liens or 1st Mortgages. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title or recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. Upon the sale being held and the purchaser tendering said bid in certified funds, a receipt of Sale will be issued and/or a Certificate of Sale as required, which will entitle the purchaser to a deed upon confirmation of said sale by the Court. Said property is legally described as follows: LOT 1 AND 2 FEET OFF THE FULL SOUTH SIDE OF LOT 2 IN BLOCK 30 IN WEEDMAN AND MCCORD'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN NOW CITY OF FARMER CITY, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DEWITT AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 403 North Plum Street, Farmer City, IL 61842 Permanent Index No.: 05-28-180-008 Improvements: Single Family Residential The property will NOT be open for inspection prior

to the sale and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. The judgment amount was \$87,270.48. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file and title records to verify this information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Bid Amount contact: Sale Clerk LOGS Legal Group LLP 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 ILNOTICES@logs.com (847) 291-1717 Regions Bank d/b/a Regions Mortgage One of Plaintiff's Attorneys LOGS Legal Group LLP Attorney for Plaintiff 2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301 Bannockburn, IL 60015 (847) 291-1717 ILNOTICES@logs.com Randal S. Berg (6277119) Michael N. Burke (6291435) Christopher A. Cie-niawa (6187452) Michael Kalkowski (6185654) Laura J. Anderson (6224385) Mallory Snyderman (6306039) Thomas Belczak (6193705) Debra Miller (6205477) Amy Aronson (6206512) THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF YOUR PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR THIS DEBT HAS BEEN EXTINGUISHED BY A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY OR BY AN ORDER GRANTING IN REM RELIEF FROM STAY, THIS NOTICE IS PROVIDED SOLELY TO FORECLOSE THE MORTGAGE REMAINING ON YOUR PROPERTY AND IS NOT AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT THE DISCHARGED PERSONAL OBLIGATION. 6114-934756

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS FIRST NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. DWAIN R. BURTON, WALTER BOUNDS, CAROLYN BOUNDS, DUSTIN DIAL, UNKNOWN HEIRS OR LEGATEES OF DWAIN R. BURTON, NON RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND POSSIBLE TENANTS IN POSSESSION, Defendants. NO. 2023-FC-4 NOTICE OF COURT SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Motion for Expedited Judgment and Sale and Order Authorizing Expedited Judgment and Sale entered by this

court on July 12, 2023, the property hereinafter described or as much therefore shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. a) The name, address, and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate: Braden Newman First National Bank and Trust: 2 Kelli Dr. Clinton, Illinois 61727 (217) 935-2148

The common address of the real estate is: 503 North Elizabeth Street, Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois, 61727. b) The legal description of the real estate is: Lot 6 in Block 2 in Madden's Addition to the City of Clinton, according to Plat recorded in Volume "I" of Deeds, page 285 in the Recorder's Office of DeWitt County, Illinois, situated in the County of DeWitt, State of Illinois. Parcel No.: 07-26-354-008 c) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: The property is improved with a single-family residence. d) The real estate is not available for inspection prior to the sale. The property is being sold in an "as is" condition. e) The time and place of the court sale are: August 30, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., at the DeWitt County Sheriff's Office located at 101 W. Washington St., Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois 61727. f) The terms of the sale are: Cash in hand. g) Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which may be a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record. Title will also be conveyed subject to the final court approval. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchasers shall receive a certificate of sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a judicial deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale by the court. Respectfully submitted this 14 day of July, 2023. FIRST NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff BY: TAYLOR & LYNCH BY: /s/ Bryce A. Lynch Attorney for Plaintiff BRYCE A. LYNCH 02803046 TAYLOR & LYNCH 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, ILLINOIS 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183 FAX: (217) 935-8219 E-MAIL: attorneys@dewittcountylaw.com

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July 28, Aug. 4,
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS DEWITT SAVINGS BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation Plaintiff, vs.

ERICA TAYLOR and SILAS TAYLOR, NON RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and POSSIBLE TENANTS IN POSSESSION, Defendants. 2023-FC-17 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION TO: Erica Taylor, Silas Taylor, Non Record Claimants, Unknown Owners and Possible Unknown Tenants in Possession of the following described real estate: Property commonly known as: 216 N. Alexander, Kenney, Illinois 61749 with a legal description as follows: Lots 5 and 6 in Block 17 in Kenney's West Addition to the Village of Kenney, in DeWitt County, Illinois Parcel No.: 11-16-429-001 You and each of you are herby notified that there has been filed in the Circuit Court of DeWitt County, Illinois, the above cause to foreclose the mortgage dated August 13, 2021 and recorded August 19, 2021 as Document No. 260734 in the DeWitt County Recorder's Office, Clinton, Illinois in the face amount of \$92,000.00 made by Eric Taylor and Silas Taylor, wife and husband, to DeWitt Savings Bank, which mortgage foreclosure was filed on the 17th day of July, 2023 in the Circuit Court for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, DeWitt County, Illinois, which case is titled as above. You are advised that if you fail to appear or answer in the above cause on or before the 30 day of August, 2023, then you may be defaulted in your right to redemption and all other rights shall be forever barred in this cause and all other rights that you may have will be barred. Dated this 17 day of July, 2023. DeWitt Savings Bank, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff's BY: TAYLOR & LYNCH BY: /s/ Joseph B. Taylor Joseph B. Taylor

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THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY – IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY E. HALE, DECEASED No. 23-PR-24 CLAIM DATE NOTICE – INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION Notice is given of the death of the above-named decedent; Letters of Office were issued on July 17, 2023 to Susan K. Camacho, 1247 Autumn Ridge Court, Morton, Illinois 61550 and Stephen W. Hale, 102 W. Main Street, Apartment #2, Ma-roa, Illinois 61756, as Independent

Co-Executors. The attorney for the estate is Joseph B. Taylor of Taylor & Lynch, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois 61727. Claims may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, IL 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before January 28, 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 opened from the Clerk of the Court at the above address.

Dated this 24th day of July, 2023.

Susan K. Camacho and Stephen W. Hale, Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of Mary E. Hale, deceased.

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Aug. 11, 2023

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 6TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DEWITT COUNTY - CLINTON, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF CVF III MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST II Plaintiff, -v.- JOSEPH DEHN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF LAUREN R. SKROBOT, ALEXANDER SKROBOT, CASPER SKROBOT, THEODORE OLSON, CAVALRY SPV I, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEE OF LAUREN R. SKROBOT Defendant 2022 FC 24 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 12, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on August 31, 2023, at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street (Main door), CLINTON, IL, 61727, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: PART OF LOT TWELVE (12) OF THE SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF SECTION NINE (9), TOWNSHIP NINETEEN (19) NORTH, RANGE FOUR (4) EAST

OF THE 3RD P.M WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF WELDON, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WITH THE SAID TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS. BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF NORTH STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF WELDON, ILLINOIS, AND/OR THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT. 12, SAID . POINT BEING 141.20 FEET WESTERLY OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 12, RUNNING THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF NORTH STREET FOR 75.00 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 12 FOR 306.27 FEET, THENCE EASTERLY FOR 75.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY FOR 305.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF WELDON, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 520 W. NORTH STREET, WELDON, IL 61882 Property Index No. 14-09-251-008 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$35,401.57. Sale terms: 100% of the bid amount shall be paid in certified funds immediately by the highest and best bidder at the conclusion of the sale. The certified check must be made payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN

ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales For information, contact Travis P. Barry, Kelley, Kronenberg, P.A. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 20 N CLARK STREET SUITE 1150, Chicago , IL, 60602 (312) 216-8828. Please refer to file number M22510. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. Travis P. Barry Kelley, Kronenberg, P.A. 20 N CLARK STREET SUITE 1150 Chicago IL, 60602 312-216-8828 E-Mail: tbarry@kelleykronenberg.com Attorney File No. M22510 Attorney ARDC No. 6305429 Case Number: 2022 FC 24 TJSC#: 43-2951 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2022 FC 24 I3226080

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