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## Students return for annual band camp

Clinton High School band students work on their marching routines during annual band camp, held each year in August. Pre-season for fall sports teams also has been in progress. School for students began this week.

## City hires new administrative assistant

Also, water plant repairs, brush pick-up and city boards up building

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CLINTON — Clinton has a new city administrative assistant. The council voted Tuesday to appoint Taylor Baxter as city administrative assistant for a nine-month term.

The city has had a rocky road since the retirement of former administrative assistant Tim Followell at the end of 2021, going through two short-lived candidates within about a year.

“I’m very pleased with this next motion here,” said

commissioner and acting mayor Tom Edmunds.

Mayor Roger Cyrulik resigned suddenly in July.

Commissioner John Wise referred to the “long, drawn out process,” that preceded the city’s trials without an administrator before choosing Baxter.

“We didn’t have a very good track record,” Wise said. “We tried two, and on our own, we didn’t do so well.”

Wise thanked those who helped the city in its search. He said he was “very much impressed,” by Baxter.

Baxter comes to Clinton from Pontiac, where he was director of parks and recreation.

In other council business, commissioner Ken Buchanan said next week was the city’s regular brush pick-up. He

said a lot of brush piles already were out waiting for collection.

Buchanan also reminded residents workers would not pick up brush piles that were more than would fit into the bed of a pickup truck. He said piles too large for collection would result in residents being fined.

John Wise said water quality was improving after some emergency repair work recently at the water plant.

“It is coming around,” Wise said. “It may take a few days. We may have to get out and do some flushing to get it cleared out.”

However, he also said a 500 gallon-per-minute motor at the plant recently went down. All of the wiring from the electric panel to the motor had

to be replaced. The replacement motor is expected to arrive in the next day or two, Wise said.

“It won’t be a cheap fix,” Wise said. “It never is.”

He said a second pump motor is scheduled to be rebuilt.

Much of the money covering the cost to renovate equipment at the plant is coming from COVID relief funds.

The city has boarded up an empty apartment building in the 200 block of E. Adams Street. The city bought the building earlier this year. Plans are to demolish the structure and sell the property for new development.

Commissioner Dan Ballenger said the decision to board up the building came after the police had to remove some trespassers.

## County talks return to wind energy fines

Land use committee review of county ordinance hits again on turbine curtailment

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CLINTON — As the county’s land use committee continued Monday reviewing its wind energy ordinance for possible changes, committee members circled back to the topic of the June 29 tornado warning.

During a severe thunderstorm warning and tornado warning that followed, wind turbines operated by Enel Green Energy continued to rotate. Under Enel’s agreement with DeWitt County, operators are required to curtail turbines during such warnings, i.e. slow or stop the turbines’ rotation to prevent potential interference with weather service radar.

An Enel spokesman later told the Clinton Journal Alta Farms II turbines were “inadvertently not curtailed.” He said the company took immediate action to prevent the oversight from reoccurring.

During Monday’s land use meeting, members again discussed ways of tightening language in that portion of the ordinance and making the punishment for violating it more severe.

Committee member Patrick Ryan said the \$5,000 fine the county assessed for the curtailment violation by Enel would stand. The ordinance

allows for a \$5,000 fine for each violation. But, Ryan said he considered it “laughable” fines were only \$5,000.

“We’re serious about curtailment taking place during extreme weather,” Ryan said. “If it doesn’t, the company that owns the project needs to forfeit whatever they earned during that period when they should have been curtailing.”

Ryan said he felt that wasn’t actually enough to “incentivize them to do it.” He said he thought Enel would be satisfied to pay the fine to avoid curtailing the turbines.

“They would run and pay us the money rather than curtail,” Ryan said.

He suggested the county should require a company to forfeit double the amount of revenue it makes from a wind facility during a period when curtailing is required but fails to do so.

“One, because they (wind company) don’t deserve it, and, two, because they’re going to get fined for it,” he said.

Ultimately, committee member Joe Witte suggested waiting until the county’s Regional Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals conclude their reviews of the wind energy ordinance language.

Witte felt between the versions those committees might propose, the county’s current ordinance and the recent state wind energy regulations enacted earlier this year, it might result in additional complexity for the land use committee to also recommend changes at this point.

## Erickson runs to replace Dan Caulkins

BLOOMINGTON — McLean County Board District 10 representative Chuck Erickson this week announced his candidacy to replace Dan Caulkins in the 88th Illinois House District.

Caulkins announced earlier his intention to not run for reelection.

Erickson, a 12-year, four-term member of the McLean County Board, commitment to the people of the 88th District.

Erickson is a Gibson City native. He has a degree in economics from Illinois State University.

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## Gas line hit

Local emergency personnel responded late Monday afternoon in the 400 block of S. Monroe Street to a leaking natural gas line struck by one of the digging crews working in town. Non-city crews working for contractors have ruptured several gas lines during work in Clinton this summer, including one that required the evacuation of a several square block area earlier this season.

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Erickson attended law school at Indiana University, Robert H. McKinney School of Law. Indianapolis. He practices law in Bloomington focusing on the areas of probate, guardianships, real estate, wills and trust, small estate planning, business law, and civil litigation.

Erickson has served as a Republican precinct committeeman since 2008. He also has served as a member of the McLean County GOP executive committee as treasurer and was elected and served as Chairman of the McLean County Republican Party from 2014 to 2018.

Erickson was recently reelected to represent District 10 on the McLean County Board in 2022 and currently serves as the Chairman of the Justice Committee. He also sits on the Finance and Executive committees and on the Rules subcommittee.

Erickson was selected as an alternate delegate by the Illinois Republican Party in 2016 to the Republican National Convention.

Erickson has the endorsement of former McLean County Sheriff Jon Sandage, current McLean County Sheriff Matt Lane, former McLean County Republican Party Chairman John Parrott, former State Representative Dan Brady and former State Senator Bill Brady.

Welcome home for veteran Jim High on August 22

CLINTON — The Battle Cross Crusaders will organize a multi- agency police and fire escort from the Springfield Airport to Clinton Save-A-Lot for a short Clinton Honor Flight

welcome home celebration honoring Kenney resident USAF veteran Jim High on Tuesday, August 22

Arriving at Save-A-Lot at approximately 11 p.m., Mr. High will return home from the Springfield Honor Flight after a free all-veterans trip to Washington D.C. to see the memorials that pay tribute to U.S. military veterans.

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## Greg Monkman retiring from Ace after 48 years



CLINTON — Clinton Ace Hardware is helping Greg Monkman celebrate his retirement. As a staple of Ace for more than 48 years, Clinton Ace owners and staff said they appreciate Greg and the wisdom, dedication, hard work and fun he has brought to the business.

Customers will still see Greg around the store, though, as he stays on part time.

Customers recently enjoyed a celebration recently for Ace Hardware, and the celebration later continued for employees with a dinner honoring Greg.



## Lichtenwalters mark 75th wedding anniversary

CLINTON — Galen and Patricia Lichtenwalter of Clinton, will celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 21.

Galen and Patricia met in high school. They were married in Henderson, Ky. in 1948 by the Rev. Wade Weldon. Galen's brother, John, and wife, Freida were in attendance.

They began their marriage living in Toledo, Ill. Galen worked as a conductor on the railroad for 42 years and retired with the IC Railroad.

They moved to Clinton, in 1950 and have made it home for many years. Patricia worked for the DeWitt County

Treasurer's Office.

They had three sons, John Lichtenwalter (deceased), Gregory Lichtenwalter (Penny), of Clinton, and Chris Lichtenwalter (Cindy) of Conway, Ark.. They have eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Galen and Patricia attend the United Methodist Church, in Clinton.

Their grandchildren are hosting a family gathering to celebrate this special milestone for Galen and Patricia. Cards of congratulations may be sent to the Lichtenwalters at 31 Colonial Drive, Clinton IL 61727.

## Alleta Monts celebrates her 100th birthday

CLINTON — Alleta (DeLuca) Monts celebrated her 100th birthday this week.

Alleta was born on August 15, 1923, in Kansas City, Mo. She had two siblings, Jeanne and Joseph, both deceased.

Alleta married Lowell "Rusty" Monts (deceased) on September 30, 1941. She had three children Michael (deceased), Ronald and Suzanne, nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Family and close friends



helped Alleta celebrate her birthday on August 5, in Kenney.

The winner of the Special Raffle for the 2023 Illinois Deer Season Henry H015 45-70 Single Shot with Scope Mount is:

**Bob Vericella of Bloomington**

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## Supporting monarchs in home habitats

CLINTON — The monarch butterfly is easily identifiable with its orange and black markings.

Yet, in the past several years, its existence has been threatened by changes in its breeding, migratory, and overwintering habitat, according to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Learn from the DeWitt Master Gardeners some small changes homeowners can make to support the monarch butterfly at a Saturday morning class at Vespasian Warner Public Library.

Monarch Butterflies will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Sept. 9 at Vespasian Warner Public Library. Participants will learn to identify the

different lifecycle stages and how to support monarchs' habitats in home landscapes. The class is free.

Call Vespasian Warner Public Library at 217-935-5174 by Sept. 8 to register for the class. For questions, please contact Beth Miglin at 217-762-2191.

The DeWitt County Master Gardeners are volunteers trained by University of Illinois Extension. Master Gardeners fulfill their mission of Helping Others Learn to Grow by volunteering their time and horticulture skills through community gardening projects and educational outreach.

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1894 - The Bureau of Im-migration was established by the U.S. Congress.

1914 - The “Proclamation of Neutrality” was issued by U.S. President Wood-row Wilson. It was aimed at keeping the U.S. out of World War I.

1916 - Abraham Lincoln’s birthplace was made into a national shrine.

1919 - The “Anti-Cigarette League of America” was formed in Chicago IL.

1920 - Tennessee ratified the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The Amendment guaranteed the right of all American women to vote.

1937 - The first FM radio construction permit was issued in Boston, MA. The station went on the air two years later.

1938 - The Thousand Islands Bridge was ded-icated by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The bridge connects the U.S. and Canada.

1940 - Canada and the U.S. established a joint defense plan against the possible enemy attacks during World War II.

1958 - Vladimir Nabokov’s novel “Lolita” was pub-lished.

1963 - James Meredith graduated from the Uni-versity of Mississippi. He was the first black man to accomplish this feat.

1966 - The first pictures of earth taken from moon orbit were sent back to the U.S.

1980 - George Brett (Kan-sas City Royal) had his batting average reach the .400 mark.

1981 - Herschel Walker of the University of Georgia took out an insurance pol-icy with Lloyd’s of London. The all-American was insured for one million dollars.

1982 - The volume on the New York Stock Exchange topped the 100-million level for the first time at 132.69 million shares traded.

1982 - The longest baseball game played at Wrigley Field in Chicago, IL, went 21 innings before the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the Cubs 2-1.

1987 - Earl Campbell announced his retirement from the National Football League (NFL).

1990 - The first shots were fired by the U.S. in the Persian Gulf Crisis when a U.S. frigate fired rounds across the bow of an Iraqi oil tanker.

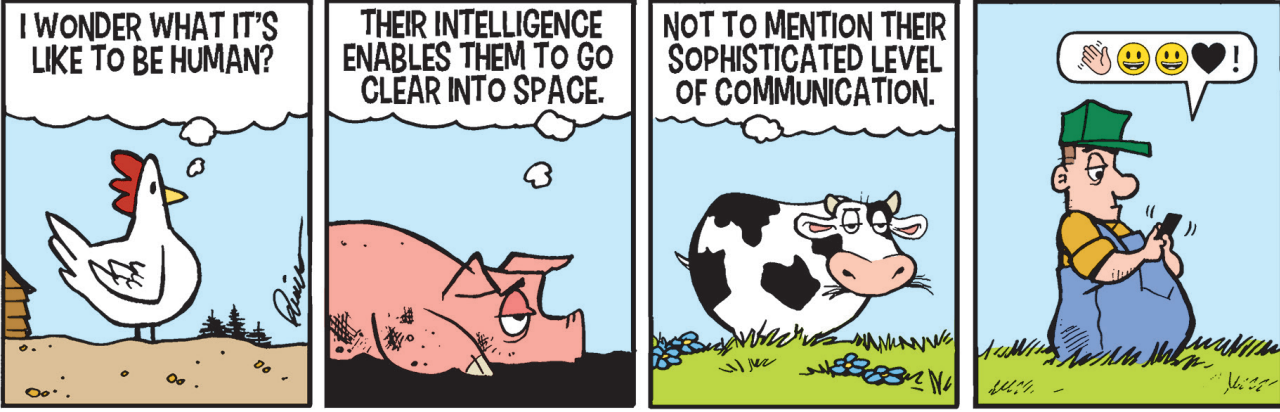
1991 - An unsuccessful coup was attempted in against President Mikhail S. Gorbachev. The Soviet hard-liners were respon-sible. Gorbechev and his family were effectively imprisoned for three days while vacationing in Crimea.

1992 - Larry Bird, after 13 years with the Boston Celtics, announced his retirement.

1997 - Beth Ann Hogan became the first coed in the Virginia Military Insti-tute’s 158-year history.

1998 - Mrs. Field’s Orig-inal Cookies announced that they would acquire the Great American Cook-ie Co.

Amber Waves



Trump 4X

Last night’s cable news lead story was a live broadcast of Trump being indicted for the fourth time. This time by a Georgia Fulton county prosecutor regarding Trump’s objections to the 2020 election in Georgia.

What was most interesting to me was that the prosecutor used Georgia’s version or RICO to indict Trump. RICO is a racketeering statute that is primarily used against mob affiliated crimes.

RICO requires a conspiracy between individuals to violate the law as an element of the offense. Towards the conspiracy aspect the prosecutor also indicted 18 other people affiliated with Trump’s challenge to the Georgia election results.

Last night’s news left me conflicted. I was bemused, saddened and at times simply angry as events were displayed on various channels. The charges are serious and need to be given serious review. There are several questions that need to be answered somewhere in this process.

First, the charges relate to the 2020 election. The prosecutors in all four of these cases had two and half years to file the charges. Why are they being filed at the start of the 2024 election cycle?

Never in this nation’s history has a former President or a leading opponent been charged with a criminal offense regarding the election. This prosecution simply does not smell right.

Second, both the New York and Georgia cases are state charges concerning a federal election. If there is a crime, then the jurisdiction or venue seems best to be in a federal court, not a state court.

Both of these prosecutors are elected officials and it is fair to question what there political motivation is to bring these charges. The grand jury process is not a public process. It is a formal process that is secret until the indictment is made public. Monday night the grand jury process was live prime time news. Such actions seem to reflect a political prosecution and not blind justice that Americans expect of their elected officials. Again, there is a smell that isn’t right.

Third, Democrat Al Gore strongly contested his loss to George Bush over the Florida election results. Democrat Tracy Abrams strongly contested the Georgia governorship race, which she lost. Their objections were very similar to Trump’s objections in the 2020 presidential race.



Abrams has never conceded the race. It seems to me that if the Fulton County prosecutor is so adamant in her efforts to charge Trump, then what is her stance regarding Abrams? The appearance is that there are two standards of justice in Georgia, which brings that smell back into the discussion.

Fourth. Have you noticed that when the Biden family gets some serious negative press regarding Hunter or Joe Biden, Trump gets a new indictment? Perhaps this all is coincidence, but what if it is a grand design to shift attention? While I do not like conspiracy theories, I am reminded of the Russia gate accusations made against Trump and questions do arise.

Lastly, I am not a fan of either Biden or Trump for 2024 and believe both parties can put forth better candidates. The Democrats appear to want Trump to be the Republican nominee as they believe he will be easier to defeat in the general election. That reasoning may well be faulty. Trump’s

by Dave T. Phipps

poll numbers and donor contributions continue to increase each time he is indicted demonstrating Trump has a very solid and strong political base. What Democrats should really fear is independent voters who are starting to question weaponizing of the criminal justice system against Trump. People are losing faith in the Department of Justice and far left leaning prosecutors. The public is starting to question the validity of all of these indictments after the debacle of the Russian accusations against Trump in previous elections. If independents conclude that the Democrats have weaponized the justice system, there may well be a backlash against the Democrats. At the same time, Trump running a campaign while indicted has many problems in itself. Both parties can do better.

SCHOOLS ARE REOPENING — Slow down and be careful as you drive around the community. School is starting and the kids will be out and about on the streets. There are school zones and school buses that need your consideration. Be safe.

Battle Cross Crusaders proud to honor veterans

As founder of the Battle Cross Crusaders program, I wanted to offer insight into what our independent program is about, what we do, and the values we represent in honoring our local veterans.

The program is comprised of 90 percent local veterans from the Korea and Vietnam wars, veterans between and after, and proud patriotic supporters. In two and a half years, our independent group has honored dozens of local veterans along their funeral routes by decorating the funeral routes with hundreds of flags, coordinated with Steph Cluver and Dewitt Savings Bank to be on

the route with flags we donated, contacted the Clinton Fire Department to have its ladder truck set up along the funeral routes with a large flag we donated. Two of our members also wait on the Grant Street overpass, displaying a large flag, along with our group at the cemetery entrance holding flags and saluting as the procession passes.

After the honor guard detail has completed military honors, our members present the family three items, a small flag to place on the grave so each veteran is represented with a flag as quickly as possible, and a certificate to have



the veteran’s name on the Wapella veterans wall for free. We also present a specially-designed flag case to the family at the gravesite. Upon presenting each item, our veterans turn and render a final salute.

Our group has come together in many ways, including providing an all Battle Cross Crusaders Honor Guard detail, which trained in one week, for Clinton’s own John Ellis, a U.S. Navy WW2 veteran who was

buried on Memorial Day at Woodlawn Cemetery, along with group members decorating all entrances to the cemetery for Memorial Day 2021 in his honor.

Prior to beginning the Crusaders, for eight years I organized the fire and police escorts for veterans returning home from the Honor Flight, and the past two years we began to host the Clinton “Welcome Home” celebrations and have done this for 96 of 97 veterans returning to their hometown from two area Honor Flight hubs.

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# OPINION



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The positive feedback we have received from participating veterans and their families has been incredible, because this is all about recognizing those who proudly served our country.

Events have had pretty much perfect attendance and is a testament of how our program is viewed by our great veterans. This includes meeting the veteran(s) at the Springfield Airport to be some of the first Clinton residents to welcome them home, along with having multiple fire and police agencies meet us at the airport to escort the veteran(s) and their families back home in stages to Clinton, involving 10 to 15 agencies.

We take pride in operating in a professional, dignified manner at every tribute we do; every veteran is afforded the same opportunities, and we pride ourselves on treating every veteran the same, no matter what. We are proud to go above and beyond in honoring our veterans in several unique ways with the approximate associated cost shown next to each one below:

At the forefront is honoring local veterans with any donations we receive going right back to our veterans and our local community in ways like:

1. Provide a bagpiper for all five local W.W. 2 veterans funerals. \$250 x 5 \$1,250.
2. Signing up over 50 veterans, for the honor flight, and organized the entire Honor Flight Welcome Home Escorts to Clinton for over 75 veterans as they returned to Clinton from the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight out of Springfield for 10 years. \$1,500
3. Organizing Police and Fire Drive By Birthday Honor Parades for 10 WW2 veterans. \$750
4. Organized a 90th birthday Walk By Honor Event for Korean Veteran John Walsh at a local nursing home during covid, and we

walked by his window with flags, as he opened the items we provided for his birthday. \$100.

5. Providing toys for Santa for three families, and donated items to the Vault for our local youth. \$1,000
6. Participation in three area Christmas parades and provided our veterans gifts and candy to hand out to kids along the route to support our community \$1200
7. Organized Free airplane flight for 25 local veterans on Veterans' Day. \$250
8. Donated items to The Marine Corp League to build wheelchair ramps for disabled veterans, \$500
9. Worked with the Quilt of Valor program to coordinate presentations of quilts to six local veterans.
10. Donated Flag case for Fire Department fundraiser in memory of Kent Matthews, U.S. Army veteran who was killed in action in Vietnam, which auctioned off for \$400 to raise money for equipment.
11. Hosted the Battle Cross Crusaders Clinton and Kenney Memorial Sunday Service, read each veteran's name who perished while serving from W.W.1 to present, rang a bell after each name, laid a wreath on each soldier's grave, followed by a final group salute to pay final respects to these soldiers. Clinton \$750 Kenney \$150
12. Sponsor Prairie Flyers Meet The Aviators event, and members donated 50 hours volunteering. \$250
13. Purchased books written by Dave Henard and Dennis Hambucken and donated them to the 5 meet the aviators veterans. \$400
14. Continue work with two groups of songwriters out of Nashville to have songs written about 6 of our local veterans to their story of their service. \$500
15. Organized a song to be written for local native WW2 Guadalcanal survivor and Korea veteran Bob Potter when came in from California for our Veterans Day event last

year. \$500.


16. Donate specially designed flag case to the Texas Road House valued at \$500
17. Certificates of appreciation to 50 local veterans and a Christmas present. \$500
18. Donated half of our profit right back to kids, veterans and first responders at the local festival at our our "Picture with a Vet" booth. \$750.
19. Donated large U.S. flag to The Clinton Fire Department to use for the ladder truck display for events.
20. Donated dozens of crosses with flowers to veterans families to place on Memorial Day \$300.

All duties we, as a program view as our duty, we do to serve our community and to honor our veterans in a unique way. As a group, we have given or donated several thousand dollars to our youth and our local veterans, and we have honored many great veterans of our community with your support, for which I personally thank each and every one of you!

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2. Which book may be summarized as “It really is true, Jesus Christ is God Himself”? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
3. In Esther 2:17, who was she (Esther) made queen instead of? Vashti, Ruth, Anna, Sapphira
4. Who gave Solomon cedar and fir trees according to all his desire? David, Hiram, Chalcol, Mahol
5. From Ecclesiastes 3, there is a time to mourn and a time to ...? Leave, Dance, Love, Profit
6. In 1 John 4:8 God is ...? Always, Grace, Love, Beloved

5) Dance, 6) Love, 3) Vashti, 4) Hiram, 2) John, 1) Old Testament

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by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 27:7-8

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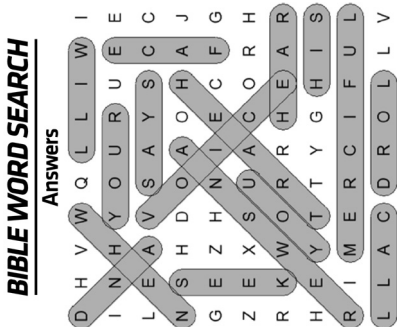
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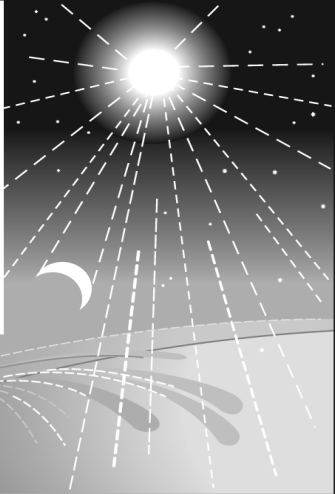
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Yours is the day, Yours also is the night;  
You have prepared the light and the sun.  
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You have made summer and winter.  
Remember this, O Lord, that the enemy has reviled,  
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PSALM 74: 16-18



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Why care?

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. When I covered the various regions in the United States of America, I listed their main production of foods as well as any unusual or novel kinds of foods and cooking procedures. I have done the same for the other countries I covered. Why do this? Who cares? One of the important reasons for doing this is in knowing which areas to study for the best advice and recipes for achieving one’s purpose. And since the orient, by all intensive consideration, has unusual foods, sauces, and cooking techniques, it would be good to study and replicate their meals. Culinary is a constant study toward improvement for those who care. I care and I share what I have learned for others who care. Can we carry this further? Humility is an important component of caring. It takes humility to accept advice from those that appear to be lesser than we. We might think we have more experience, we might be older, we might be accomplished in

the field, there can be many excuses we use to not listen or to disagree. But, I have known many teachers who have said they learned much from their students.

The president of the United States has his cabinet and advisers. Listen to all the men in coffee shops pointing out political mistakes and what the president should have done (a bit of sarcasm). Culinary instructors need to be corrected at times. Suggestions had to be given to them. For the most part, they appreciate it.

There is no room in culinary for defiance at any level. There is plenty of room for questioning. Do not say, “I have more experience than you.” Do not say “This is the way I have always done it and shall continue doing it.” In short, to not state empty claims that might cutoff good advice. If you have doubts, that should bring up questions. Compare the differences and give an intelligent

answer. Question why one procedure might be better than another. In the final analysis, one is teaching the other for the betterment. This is progress inspired by humility. Humility bares out caring. We should all care to get it right.

I shall continue to teach you what I have been taught from Chinese cooking procedures. My first attempt was not so good. But I have been blessed to be invited into an authentic oriental kitchen. Household woks are generally 14 inches across regardless the quart capacity. The commercial woks in that kitchen were twice to three times larger. Their stoves were not like ours with burners or hot plates. The stove top I saw had four large holes through the boiler plate. Those holes were designed for the wok to set directly on them. The fire came up through those holes. It gave out a loud roar that reminded me of jets on a plane. It was an awesome experience.

Until next time, peace to all.

The Culinary Corner

Chef Roger Joss

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Weather History

August 19

1904: A tornado touched down near St. Louis, then moved into Illinois. The tornado was described by eye-witnesses as moving “like a revolving pillar”. Several factories at Venice, Illinois, were destroyed, and a ferry boat on the Mississippi River was narrowly missed. Three people were killed in St. Louis.

August 20

1943: A record dry month was in progress in parts of central Illinois. Springfield reported a mere 0.10 inch of rain during the month, which still stands as the driest August on record. Decatur’s 0.22 inch of rain during the month also set an August record.

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# CLINTON Journal Sports

## CJHS Maroons play Knights to pair of tie games

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CLINTON — Thursday, August 10, saw the Clinton Junior High baseball team match up against Bloomington Junior High in an “A” game and a “B” game.

The “A” game began with the Bloomington Knights taking the lead and then extending it early to 7-1. But, the Clinton Maroons didn’t buckle under the pressure and slowly closed the gap to within a run.

Then, in the final inning, the Maroons had players on and the Knights pitcher, their fourth pitcher in the game, balked, advancing the runners into scoring position, which the Maroons took advantage

of to tie the game at 7-all. The game then ended due to time constraints.

The following “B” game was the opposite as the Maroons scored four runs in the first inning and looked poised for a win after the Knights scored just one in the top of the first.

The second inning was scoreless with each team then scoring one run in the third inning. This put the Maroons in the lead 5-2 going into the final inning.

But, the excitement was not over. The Knights scored three runs on two hits, two walks and an error to tie the game. When a reliever came in for the Knights in the bottom half of the final inning, the Maroons could muster only a single, so the second game ended in a 5-5 tie.



Marc Rogers / Journal  
Maroons pitching looked good, but suffered early

## Clinton Rams fall to Champaign Braves



Marc Rogers / Journal

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jmarre@frontier.com

CLINTON — Summer has been tough on everyone. From drought conditions to smoke from wildfires in Canada, the heat and smoke has caused problems. And, that includes sports.

Between the heat alternating with sudden rains and wind, and the smoke giving Illinois its worst air quality on record, conditions played havoc with

some of the summer ball games.

Some players managed to work through those conditions on one day. The Clinton Rams played the Central Illinois Braves from Champaign. All other games that day had been cancelled.

The game started slowly with nothing in the first inning and the Braves drawing first blood in the second, scoring one run on two hits and stranding one on base.

In the third inning, the

Braves came alive with some heat and smoke of their own. The first batter reached on an error, and then it was open season with a walk and a couple of singles plus a home run, putting the visitors up 5-0 in the third inning.

Then, in the top of the fourth inning, the Braves added four more runs on an error, a walk and four hits.

The Rams struggled but were able to score two runs in the bottom of the fourth on two hits and

three walks. The fifth inning saw the opposition slowing, scoring only two runs with the same results in the sixth inning.

The scoring was capped off with a single run in the bottom of the sixth on a home run by Stone Stith. The earlier runs for the Rams were by Stith and Elijah Lichtenwalter. Unfortunately, home team fell to the Braves 13-3 on a rough night for any sport.



## School sports begin

Marc Rogers / Journal

Fall school sports activities have been in full swing. Junior high baseball and softball were out and have now begun their seasons. Football players were out in the heat as well as Junior Football League players with lots of water breaks.



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**REAL ESTATE**

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 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.  
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Travis P. Barry Kelley, Kronenberg, P.A.  
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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

LEGAL 19827RE  
August 4, 11, 18, 2023

**LEGAL**

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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 BEGIN-

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LEGAL 19827  
August 4, 11, 18, 2023

**LEGAL**

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF DEWITT

Estate of:  
Judith Ann Shaw Deceased.  
CASE NO. 2022-PR-40

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE**

Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Judith Ann Shaw, of 8163 Northridge Dr., Clinton, Illinois 61727. Letters of Office were issued on January 3, 2023, to Karen Rice, Independent Executor, 8163 Northridge Dr., Clinton, Illinois 61727, whose attorney is Kevin Hammer, 219 E. Main Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under



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1. Spanish Teacher, application deadline August 25th, 2023

**Clinton Junior High**

1. Teacher Aide, please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license <https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals> application deadline August 25th, 2023

**Clinton Elementary School**

1. Teacher Aide – Spec. Ed please see website for paraprofessional license <https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals> , application deadline August 25th, 2023

**Lincoln School**

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**Douglas School**

1. Teacher -PreK, application deadline August 25th, 2023

1. ECSE Self-Contained Teacher's Aide

**Responsibilities**

- Prepare the classroom to promote a healthy and safe learning environment
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- Provide basic caregiving duties, support, and encouragement in all aspects of development
- Assist with other personal or physical care assistance (Change Diapers)
- Take necessary precautions to protect students
- 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
- Passionate, dedicated, and committed to teaching children
- Experience in helping teachers in a classroom environment desired
- Dependable, Punctual, and Consistent
- Good understanding of the educational system
- 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
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**Cafeteria**

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**Transportation**

Sub Bus Driver, (\$24.50 per hour) Bus Drivers must have a CDL or be willing to obtain one.

1. Crossing Guard, (\$16.00 per hour -2 hrs a day), apply online or pick up application at unit office located west side of High School.

**Athletics**

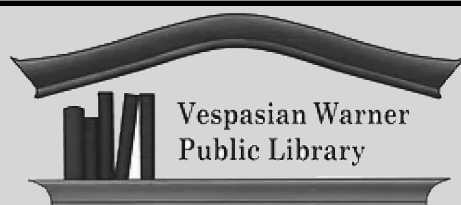
1. Head Softball Coach, please apply online or email letter of interest, resume, and letters of recommendation to Matt Koeppel, AD, at [mkoeppe@cUSD15.org](mailto:mkoeppe@cUSD15.org)

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](mailto:mkoeppe@cUSD15.org)

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Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the Estate must be filed in the office of the Clerk of DeWitt County Circuit Court, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before February 11, 2024, or, if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in the Notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the representative's attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated this 7th day of August, 2023.

Kevin Hammer  
Attorney for the Estate of Judith Ann Shaw  
219 East Main Street  
Clinton, IL 61727  
217/935-7063

LEGAL 19831  
AUG 11, AUG 18, AUG 25, 2023

**LEGAL**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PHILLIP RAY LAMKIN, DECEASED

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Letters of Office were issued on July 28, 2023 to Timothy J. Lamkin, 3043 North Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois 60618 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 W. Washington Street, Clinton, IL 61727, on or before February 11, 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 3 day of August, 2023.

/s/ Timothy Lamkin  
Timothy J. Lamkin, Independent Exec-

utor of the estate of Phillip Ray Lamkin, Deceased

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LEGAL 19832  
Aug. 11, Aug. 18, Aug. 25, 2023

**LEGAL**

DRAINAGE ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of September, 2023 at the residence of Phil Reeser, 363 E 1400 N, Monticello, Illinois, Piatt County, Illinois, for the purpose of electing one Drainage Commissioner for the DeWitt Special Drainage District, for a term of three years. The polls of said election will open at the hour of 2:00 p.m. and close at 4:00 p.m. of said day.

Dated the 9th day of July, 2023.

Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of said Drainage District

LEGAL 19833  
Aug 18, Aug 25, 2023

**LEGAL**

SALE OF 523 N Maple Street, BY THE CITY OF CLINTON, ILLINOIS BY SEALED BID NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Clinton, Illinois, intends to sell a tract, located in the 523 N Maple Street, Clinton, Illinois. Sealed Bids for the purchase of said property may be submitted to Cheryl Van Valey, City Clerk to the City of Clinton, Illinois, City Hall, 118 West Washington Street, P.O. Box 378 Clinton, Illinois, until 2:00 p.m. August 28, 2023. A copy of the Sealed Bid form is available at the City Clerk's office in City Hall. Bid Opening shall be conducted September 5, 2023 during the City Council meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. The City of Clinton, Illinois, reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Any questions concerning the real estate or sale terms may be directed to the following: Cheryl Van Valey City Clerk 118 West Washington Street Clinton, Illinois 61727 Telephone: 217/935-9438 E-mail address: vanvaley@clintonil-ilinois.com

LEGAL 19834  
Aug 18, Aug 25, 2023

**LEGAL**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC., Plaintiff, v. RYAN JOHNSTON, AKA RYAN A. JOHNSTON; ALYSON BOUCHER; JOSEPH F.

BOUCHER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2023FC16 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Ryan Johnston, AKA Ryan A. Johnston, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, DeWitt County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the Southeast corner of a tract of land recorded in Book 220 at Page 233 on June 2, 1983 of the records in the Recorder's Office of DeWitt County, Illinois, which is also the Northeast corner of a surveyed tract as recorded in Plat Book "G" Page 48 on June 10, 1974 of the records in the Recorder's Office of DeWitt County, Illinois, this point of beginning is also described as being on the East line of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 22, Township 21 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, DeWitt County, Illinois, this point being 691.00 feet North of the East 1/4 corner of said Section 22, running thence Westerly along the South line of the tract covered by Warranty Deed recorded in Book 220 Page 233 for 313.50 feet to the point of intersection with the East line of a tract covered by Warranty Deed recorded in book 240 Page 63 of the records in the Recorder's Office of DeWitt County, Illinois; thence Northerly along the East line for 270.00 feet; thence Southeasterly for 315.68 feet to a point on the East line of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 22, said point of being 233.00 feet Northerly of the Point of Beginning; thence Southerly along the East line of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 22 for 233.00 feet to the point of beginning, situated in DeWitt County, Illinois. 14668 Autumn Road, Wapella, IL 61777 02-22-277-010 Now, therefore, unless you, Ryan Johnston, AKA Ryan A. Johnston, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, DeWitt County, Illinois, on or before October 7, 2023, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/> service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble

e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/fag/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court. Edward R. Peterka (6220416) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Email: sef-erpeterka@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys File Number: 23-010595 13227043

LEGAL 19835  
Aug 18, Aug 25, Sep 1, 2023

**LEGAL**

STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT DEWITT COUNTY

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

2023-MR-6

Request of: Jena Renae Vinson

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Jena Renae Vinson to the new name of: Richard Fox Mulder.

The court date will be held: on September 6th at 01:30 p.m., at 201 W Washington St, Clinton, DeWitt, in Courtroom #2.

/s/ Jena Vinson  
Jena Vinson

LEGAL 19836  
Aug. 18, Aug. 25, Sept. 1, 2023

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ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 126 AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL OF THE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES OF THE WAPELLA COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT LOCATED IN DEWITT COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2023 AND ENDING MAY 31, 2024. WHEREAS, there has been prepared, final form a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Wapella Community Fire Protection District, located in DeWitt County, in the State of Illinois, and the President of said Fire Protection District has made the tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereupon. AND WHEREAS, the public hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the 14th day of August, 2023, at 7:00 P.M., Daylight Savings Time, notice of which was given at least thirty days prior thereto by publication in the Clinton Journal, a newspaper of general circulation in said Fire Protection District, and all other legal requirements have been complied with; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees

of the Wapella Community Fire Protection District: SECTION ONE That the fiscal year of this Fire Protection District be, and the same is hereby fixed and declared to be from June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024. SECTION TWO That the following budget, containing an estimate of the cash expected to be received by the said Fire Protection District during such fiscal year from all sources, and an estimate of the expenditures contemplated for such fiscal year, and a statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of said Fire Protection District for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date. ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 1. Cash balance, beginning of the year \$185,522.02 2. Portion of taxes from prior year \$0 3. Estimated amount that will be received from collections on 2023 levy \$87,964.06 Total estimated receipts \$273,486.08 Total of estimated expenditures for fiscal year \$100,774.00 Estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year \$134,678.27 SECTION THREE That the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of the said Wapella Community Fire Protection District herein specified for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2024. 1. FIRE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FUND (a) For purchase of firefighting equipment \$43,500.00 (b) For maintenance and repair of firefighting equipment fire-fighting equipment \$9,530.00 (c) For purchase of firefighting supplies \$7,394.00 (d) Training and Education \$3,350.00 TOTAL OF FIRE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FUND \$63,774.00 2. BUILDING FUND (a) For utilities at firehouse \$5,500.00 (b) For maintenance of fire house \$2,100.00 TOTAL OF BUILDING FUND \$7,600.00 3. SALARY FUND (a) For fees paid to Trustees \$1,500.00 (b) For legal expenses \$2,200.00 (c) For firefighters salaries based on amount of calls \$8,500.00 TOTAL OF SALARY FUND \$12,200.00 5. MISCELLANEOUS AND CONTINGENT GENERAL EXPENSES \$500.00 6. INSURANCE FUND (a) For vehicle insurance expense \$1,000.00 (b) For building and other insurance expense \$14,700.00 TOTAL OF INSURANCE FUND \$15,700.00 7. ACCOUNTING FUND \$1,000.00 TOTAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR \$100,774.00 SECTION FOUR That the funds derived from sources other than the 2023 tax levy may be allotted by the Board of Trustees to such appropriation and in such amounts, respectively, as by

such Board may be determined, within the limits of said appropriations, respectively. SECTION FIVE That the unexpended balance of any item or items of any appropriation made by this ordinance may be expended in making up any deficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation made by this ordinance. SECTION SIX That should any clause, sentence, paragraph, or a part of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid. SECTION SEVEN This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance No. 126. SECTION EIGHT This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage, approval and publication, in accordance with the law. /s/ Gregory W. Hale President of the Wapella Community Fire Protection District PASSED: August 14, 2023 PUBLISHED: August 18, 2023 ATTEST: /s/ Howard A. Hedrick Secretary of the Wapella Community Fire Protection District

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### How Functional Fitness Can Help You Keep Up with the Grandkids

(NAPS)—One of the greatest joys—but potentially biggest challenges—for many grandparents is time spent with the grandkids. Whether yours are toddlers or teens, keeping them entertained requires a level of fitness that might include everything from lifting a child to chasing them at the playground to competing in a round of golf. For grandparents seeking an enriching and active experience with their grandkids, it's important to engage in everyday fitness routines that can help:

- maintain muscle mass,
- preserve cardiovascular health,
- fortify flexibility, and
- bolster balance.

Functional fitness training can help with these goals.

#### What is Functional Fitness?

"Functional fitness uses multiple muscle groups and movements to help train muscles, joints, limbs, and nerves to all work better together for everyday tasks, like lifting groceries from the car, or outmaneuvering the grandkids," says Jaynie Bjornaraa PhD, MPH, PT, who is vice president of rehabilitation services and fitness solutions at American Specialty Health Fitness.

Examples of functional fitness exercises include lunges, squats, and planks. "Lunges help improve balance and make the legs stronger," says Dr. Bjornaraa. "Squats help strengthen the muscles used in sitting, standing, or lifting heavy objects safely. Core training, like planks, helps strengthen the lower back, hips, and abdominal muscles. A strong core provides a stable base when lifting, standing, or performing the chores of everyday life."

There are many ways to incorporate functional fitness into an everyday fitness routine. For example, online workout classes such as Pilates, yoga, or strength training can provide easy access to beginner, intermediate, or advanced exercise routines. Gyms offer in-person classes plus access to most



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any kind of fitness equipment you may need to practice functional fitness, from mats and free weights to fitness balls and exercise bands.

If cost is a factor in joining a gym or fitness classes, programs such as the Silver&Fit® Healthy Aging and Exercise Program, which is available through certain Medicare Advantage plans, offer no-cost or subsidized low-cost access to thousands of standard name-brand gyms and YMCAs, in addition to premium boutique studios around the country. These programs may also include online access to fitness video classes such as dance, cardio, tai chi, Pilates, strength training, yoga, and others that teach proper form and technique. Nearly five million participants use the Silver&Fit program to help them stay fit.

"Functional fitness offers terrific health benefits for everyone, no matter your age or fitness level," added Dr. Bjornaraa. "I encourage my friends, family, and clients to engage in some kind of functional fitness exercise every day to maximize the benefits."

If you're ready to try some functional fitness exercises but aren't sure where to begin, you may care to check out a functional fitness exercise video called "3 Functional Exercises Using Only Body Weight."

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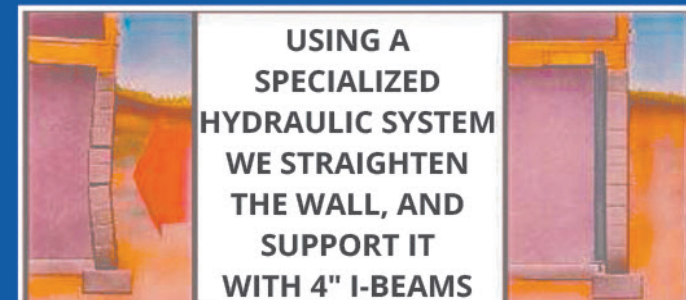
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