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City crews were out cleaning up and clearing fallen trees and tree limbs soon after the June 29 storm swept through the area. This tree fell across the 200 block of S. Center Street.

# Power gradually restored after June 29 storm

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CLINTON — Electricity to more Clinton homes was restored early Saturday evening, two days after a storm hit the area.

A storm packing winds as high as 75 mph hit the area on June 29. Wind and rain arrived just before 1 p.m. and immediately knocked out power to a wide area.

The National Weather Service issued a severe thunderstorm warning followed closely by a tornado warning. The NWS warned of damaging winds and possible isolated hail. About 20 minutes later, the worst was over and city workers began clearing fallen tree limbs from streets. Ameren dispatched workers to areas that lost power.

About half of Clinton was without power, as well as multiple areas around the county and central Illinois.

The power outage forced the closure of Warner Public Library, the DeWitt County Building and several businesses primarily on the south side of the square. Other business in the area of the square did not lose power, while some located off the square switched to emergency generators.

Businesses along Van Buren Street lost power. Power was restored to some of those businesses and to homes in that area by about 5:30 a.m. on Friday.

Some homes in the northern half of Clinton regained power at about 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The DeWitt County Sheriff's Office was advising people not to drive through Wapella to look at damage there as village workers and volunteers worked to clean up trees and other debris brought down by the storm.

Ameren reported the storm caused damage along a 500-mile stretch of the company's service area in Illinois and Missouri.

"This was a significant, slowmoving weather cell that pounded our electric infrastructure over the course of several hours,"

and president of Ameren Illinois. "Crews have been mobilized throughout the service territory, and we are calling in reinforcements from Illinois and nearby states.'

said Lenny Singh, chairman

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The storm brought down this cedar tree along S. Madison Street.



### **Memorial for** John Warner, IV

The Dorothy Warner Building and the former Moore & Warner Building, across Center Street, were decorated last week in memory of John Warner, IV, who died June 12 in a vehicle accident in New Hampshire. His funeral was scheduled for June 30, in Hallsville. Grimsley's Flower Store handled the buildings' decora-

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# Grocery, gas tax resume

Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD new state fiscal year will begin July 1, ushering in the reinstatement of a 1 percent tax on groceries and a second increase to the state's motor fuel tax in 2023.

Amid record-high inflation last spring, the General Assembly temporarily waived Illinois' grocery tax for the coming fiscal year and delayed the annual increase in the state's motor fuel tax for six months. Democrats introduced both those measures as part of a larger tax relief package drew criticisms for its proximity to the November general election.

"What we did last year was a temporary measure because we had very high inflation," Pritzker said when asked at an unrelated news conference Tuesday whether the changes were election-related. "Inflation, you may notice, has come down."

Inflation approaching 9 percent when the tax relief plan passed last year, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, but it was 4 percent last month when the fiscal year 2024 was budget passed.

Pritzker The administration estimated at the time the temporary pause on the grocery tax would cost the state \$400 million. Most grocery tax revenues are distributed to local governments, so last year lawmakers directed state general revenue funds to reimburse local governments for any financial hit they would have taken due to the pause.

"I would like very much to eliminate entirely the grocery tax, but it is a matter of local governments and what they would do if they didn't have that income as a result of the grocery tax," Pritzker said, faulting Republicans for "complaining" about the tax being reimposed without offering revenue alternatives.

The motor fuel tax on gasoline, gasohol and compressed natural gas, meanwhile, will increase by 3.1 cents on July 1, to 45.4 cents per gallon. The tax rate for diesel fuel will also increase by 3.1 cents, to 52.9 cents per gallon.

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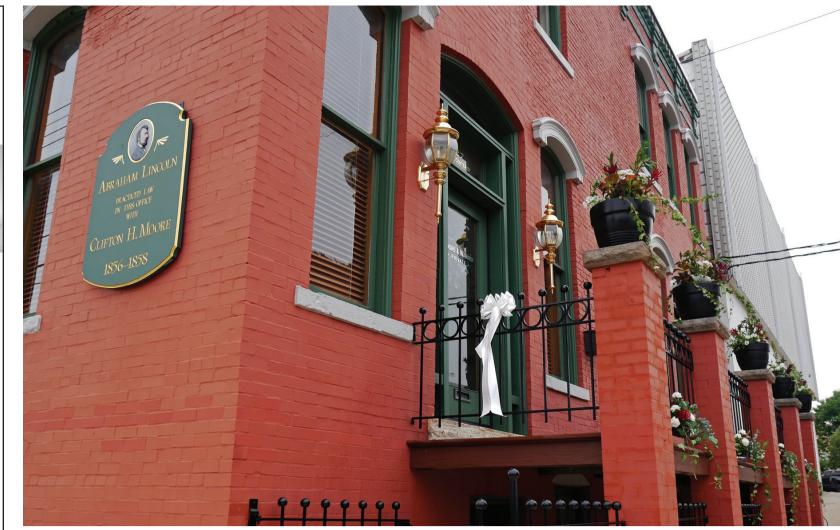
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# Putting on a Fourth of July face

City workers were busy on Monday hoisting American Flags around Mr. Lincoln's Square in preparation for Tuesday's July 4 holiday.





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# NEWS

# Storm / from page A1



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A limb came down along N. Jackson Street during the storm, partially blocking the street



The June 29 storm split open this tree along E. Van Buren Street.

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Ameren activated its Incident Management Team at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 29, about the time the storm was hitting Clinton.

Clinton Fire Department thanks Ameren for its response. CFD also thanked the sheriff's office, Clinton Police and IDOT for their assistance.

Maroa Fire Department sent an engine and crew to help cover local calls, which totaled about 30 over a three and a half hour period, according to CFD, and DeWitt County CenCom handled a high volume of calls.

Clinton Police advised residents not to remove or relocate barricades and yellow tape that marked the locations of fallen power lines.

Attorney General Kwame Raoul' office warned residents to beware of storm-related repair scams. "Storm chasers," as they are known, often wait to descend on communities after major storms and promise inspections

and/or repairs, collect payment but leave without performing any work.

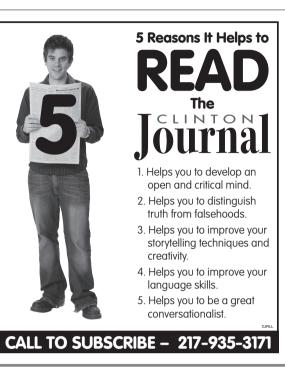
The DeWitt County 4-H horse show, scheduled for July 1-2, was rescheduled for Aug. 5-6 because of the power outage.

# Heyworth student named to Monmouth Collge dean's list

MONMOUTH,

— Preston Rousey, of Heyworth, a member of the Class of 2023 at Monmouth College, has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester.

To qualify for the academic honor, a student must have earned a grade-point average of at least 3.5 for the Spring 2023 semester, while maintaining at least 3.0 course credits.



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On June 16, 2023, Wolf Carbon Solutions U.S. filed an application with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) for a certificate of authority to construct, operate, and maintain the Mt. Simon Hub in Illinois, pursuant to the Illinois Carbon Dioxide Transportation and Sequestration Act (220 ILCS 75/1 et seq.). The Mt. Simon Hub is a proposed interstate carbon dioxide transport system in eastern Iowa and central Illinois that will safely capture and transport CO<sub>2</sub> to where it will be permanently stored in a sequestration site underground. The map below shows the proposed route for the Mt. Simon Hub as filed with the ICC. The Mt. Simon Hub application has been assigned ICC Docket No. 23-0475. For more information about the Mt. Simon Hub, please visit www.wolfcarbonsolutions.com/mtsimon-hub or call 800-501-5597. To view the application filed with the ICC, please visit



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# Aviation Camp at The Vault

Local flyers Nelson Thorp, and Ken Shaffer, page A4, related their personal experiences to youth participating in The Vault's Aviation Camp. Students also visited the Decatur airport.

# ${f Tax}$ / from page A1

The automatic increase in the fuel tax at the beginning of the new fiscal year is an annual process that became law in 2019 with bipartisan support. Lawmakers doubled the motor fuel tax and indexed it to increase at the rate of the federal government's Consumer Price Index each year.

The motor fuel tax revenue, combined with one-time increases to license and registration fees that took effect

in 2020, provided the funding backbone of the state's \$33.2 billion six-year infrastructure plan for road and bridge upkeep, dubbed Rebuild Illinois.

According to the governor's office, Rebuild Illinois has funded \$10.9 billion of upgrades as of March 31, including 4,913 miles of roads, 479 structures, and 709 other safety improvements.

safety improvements.

Last year's July 1 motor fuel tax increase was delayed six months, so the per-gallon tax already

increased by 3.1 cents in January. Pritzker last year estimated that the temporary pause on the gas tax hike would have saved consumers about \$70 million.

As part of last year's tax relief plan, lost motor fuel tax revenues were replaced by money from the state's Leaking Underground Storage Tank fund, which is historically paid into by fees and fines related to underground chemical storage tanks, such as those at gas stations.



# NEWS

# How we serve people with limited English proficiency

Selena Higgins Social Security district manager, Bloomington

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# Time to prosecute COVID-19 fraud to be extended in Illinois

Greg Bishop The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD - A new Illinois law extends the statute of limitation for state officials to go after fraud in COVID-19related programs.

Earlier this year, state Rep. Adam Niemerg, R-Dieterich, asked Kristen Richards, the former head of the Illinois Department of Employment Security, how much money was stolen, to which she did not have an answer.

"Looks like you were moved from a failing department that you were the director of to another department based on what had happened in the last two years," Niemerg said. "I don't think that

Department **Employment** Security failed whatsoever," Richard said.

Of the known fraud estimated during COVID-19 pandemic, the taxpayer cost in IDES unemployment fraud is over \$2 billion, but the full scope is unclear.

separate During committee hearing earlier this year, IDES Acting Director Ray Marchiori said the state was unprepared for the pandemic.

"Unprecedented health crisis that we've all never

seen before worldwide and the systems were clearly over, this is an tsunami effect, right, we've testified to those numbers before," Marchiori said.

On Friday, Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed House Bill 3304. Before the bill was signed, state Rep. Dan Caulkins, R-Decatur, said the bipartisan measure that passed unanimously may not go far enough.

"I guess it doesn't make anybody in the governor's administration to actually do anything but if you want to do something, we're giving you more tools," Caulkins told The Center Square.

Not clawing back the fraud will cost employers unemployment higher taxes, Caulkins said.

"The General Assembly recognizes this and is trying to give the governor some power to go back and to reclaim this money if they can find the perpetrators," he said.

measure The that goes into effect Jan. 1, allows prosecution of any fraudulent activity connected to COVID-19-related programs "to include the Paycheck Protection Program, COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, and the Unemployment Benefit Programs."

## Denver Ray Joseph Gilliam

"Those we have held in our arms for a short while, we hold in our hearts forever."

- Author Unknown

Our PONTIAC precious little angel, Ray Joseph Gilliam, beloved infant son of Serenity Howard and Skyler Gilliam, of Pontiac, went to be with our lord on Thursday, June 15, 2023. Denver brought joy and happiness to everyone around him.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date; details to come. In addition to his

parents, he is survived by paternal grandparents, Tabitha (Mello) Dennison, Christopher Gilliam, of Pontiac; maternal grandparents, David (Hali) Howard, of Clinton, Nicole (Eric) Winstead, of Pontiac; maternal greatgrandparents, James (Mildred) Howard, of Clinton; maternal greatgrandparent, **Tammy** Willhoite; aunts on father's side, Morgan Gilliam,



Kialey Gilliam, Jayden Gilliam; Many Aunts and Uncles on Mother's side. Mildred (Coty) McGhee. David (Victoria) Howard, Holly (Brandon) Howard, Whittney (Adam) Green, Destiny Howard, Ashton Howard, Carson Howard, Havana McGhee, Coty McGhee; maternal aunt, uncle and godparents, Mercedes (Justin) Lind and many other relatives who loved and cared for Denver.

The family would like to thank the NICU Team of OSF Children's Hospital of Illinois for the care provided to Denver and the entire family. The family appreciates the extended prayers and concerns during this time.

# Are we seniors yet?

When do we actually become seniors? That varies, depending who we

Is it age 50, when all the AARP ads come to our mailbox? Maybe it's age 60, when we can get food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) or receive Meals on Wheels deliveries. Is it 62, when we can start to collect some of our Social Security? If we're taking a Gallup Poll, 65 is the starting senior age.

How about age 65, when we need to sign up for Medicare or pay a penalty later if we don't? Or is it 66 or 67, when we can collect more Social Security, or age 70, when we can collect even more? Are we finally seniors at age 73, when we need to take out some of our IRA or pay a penalty on our taxes?

Then there are those instances that vary by state or industry or location to determine if we are seniors auto insurance, retirement homes or communities, cellphone service providers,

# SENIOR

restaurants, grocery stores,

by Matilda Charles

train travel, motels, senior low-income programs, museums, theaters and DMV in-person renewals. disturbing, Most however, of all the seniorrelated numbers were the results of a poll that asked:

stop wearing jeans? Stop wearing jeans? What kind of person even comes up with ideas like

At what age should women

It was decided, as a result of that poll, that age 53 is when women should hang up the denim.

I don't mind being asked if I'd like the senior discount in a restaurant. I don't mind being told I should apply for the local seniors electric bill help.

But I fear the day is coming when the pendulum swings in the other direction and we might have to prove we're young enough to buy a pair of jeans.

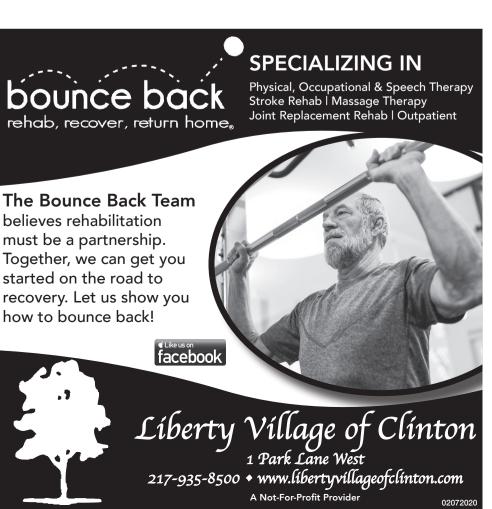
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## **HISTORY**

## **ALMANAC**

1931 - Robert H. Goddard patented a rocket-fueled aircraft design.

1934 - Donald Duck made his debut in the Silly Symphonies cartoon "The Wise Little

1940 - Norway surrendered to the Nazis during World War II.

1943 - The withholding tax on payrolls was authorized by the U.S. Congress.

1945 - Japanese Pre-

mier Kantaro Suzuki declared that Japan would fight to the last rather than accept unconditional surrender.

1946 - Mel Ott (with the New York Giants) became the first manager to be ejected from a doubleheader (both games).

1959 - The first ballistic missile carrying submarine, the USS George Washington, was launched.

1965 - Michel Jazy ran the mile in 3 minutes, 53.6 seconds. He broke the record set by Peter Snell in 1964.

1973 - Secretariat won the 105th Belmont Stakes by 31 lengths and ran the fastest 1 1/2 miles on dirt at 2:24.

1978 - Leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints struck down a 148-yearold policy of excluding black men from the Mormon priesthood.

1980 - Richard Pryor was severely burned by a "free-base" mixture that exploded. He was hospitalized more than two months.

1985 - Thomas Sutherland, an American educator, was kidnapped in Lebanon. He was not released until November 1991.

1986 - The Rogers Commission released a report on the Challenger disaster. The report explained that the spacecraft blew up as a result of a failure in a solid rocket booster joint.

1999 - NATO and Yugoslavia signed a peace agreement over Kosovo.

2000 - Canada and the United States signed a border security agreement. The agreement called for the establishment of a border-enforcement team.

2000 - The U.S. House of Representatives voted to repeal gift and estate taxes. The bill called for the taxes to be phased out over 10 years.

2001 - Patrick Roy (Colorado Avalanche) became the first National Hockey League (NHL) player to win three Conn Smythe Trophies. The award is given to the playoff's Most Valuable Player.

2011 - The world's first artificial organ transplant was performed. It was an artificial windpipe coated with stem cells.

# **Amber Waves**









# **DERECHO**

DERECHO-I confess that until this past Thursday I had no idea what the term derecho meant. I don't recall ever hearing the term. Now that I have been informed, I wish I could have continued in my ignorance.

A derecho is straight line winds associated with fast moving thunderstorms. Thursday's thunderstorms were from Iowa to Indiana with winds of 80 miles per hour and gusts in excess of 100 mph. The farmers got the rain their drought stricken fields needed, but it came too fast and too hard. Corn with any height was simply blown over. Trees were uprooted and power lines were snapped. It was fast and over with quickly, but the damage will take significant time to repair. As I write this article on Sunday evening there are still homes and businesses in the county without electrical power.

When my wife's 90plus years of age parents moved into our home out in the country I became concerned about the electrical service. Electrical outages are somewhat common in the country. We bit the bullet and put in a whole house generator. Bill Chapman did the electrical work

and Jason Trimble did the plumbing. My wife and I couldn't be happier with their work. The power went out a couple of times over the winter for 2 hours and 5 hours. The generator worked and I was pretty pleased with myself, even if my billfold was depleted. Then came Thursday—DERECHO.

power The lines and power poles were snapped. The substations failed. The power went off at 1:30 on Thursday afternoon. It would not be restored until 8:30 on Saturday evening. That is 55 hours without Ameren service. The good news for my family was that the generator kicked in 15 seconds after the power failed. It ran constantly for those 55 hours. Two freezers full of beef and pork, plus the refrigerator. Nothing spoiled. We had power to every appliance and television. The cost of that generator doesn't look nearly as expensive today as it did when we put it in. Yes, we burned through some propane. The reality is that propane is cheap compared to a freezer full of meat. The decision to install that whole house generator was one of the better decisions I have

If you depend on a Cpap



machine or an oxygen generating machine, you may wish to consider getting a generator. If you have a lot of meat in freezers or a dislike of the cold when the power goes off in the wintertime, you may wish to consider getting a generator. The best way is with a whole house generator. The generator simply comes on automatically when the power goes out and shuts down automatically when the power comes back on. If you're my age, it is the best way to go. You can also go with a portable generator and use the extension cords. The portable unit is much cheaper, but it is limited in how much can be plugged into it. You also need to be careful that you do not allow the exhaust to enter your home as the exhaust contains carbon monoxide. I am not advocating for particular brand as there are several manufactures that produce a good generator. I am saying that after 55 hours of no Ameren service, I

am sold on whole house generators. I like my creature comforts and my freezers working.

again have to see the term "DERECHO" on the weather reports.

PHIL LAMKIN—At the same time the severe weather hit Clinton this past Thursday, Phil Lamkin passed away.

Phil was the last Lamkin of the firm Lamkin & Lamkin that his father, Ray, and uncle, Tom, established over 70 years ago. Phil was in the process of closing his practice and anticipating retirement when he passed.

Phil was one of the first attorneys in Clinton to welcome me into the legal family here in DeWitt County. was a pragmatist who represented his clients well and got good results for those clients. The Lamkin family were mainstays of the legal community in Clinton for decades and it will be difficult to replace that expertise.

Lastly, Phil was a huge Illini fan. His football seats were within 30 feet of mine and we enjoyed many a game. Thank you Phil for your service to this community.

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# Stolen valor, still

Right now in the U.S. Congress is bill S.1469 Stop Stolen Valor for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Contractors. Its purpose is to require certification of small businesses applying for contracts. Ideally, this bill, if passed, would put more teeth into any punishment handed out for abusing the Department of Veterans Affairs small business and servicedisabled veterans contract program.

Despite the laws about stolen valor, crooks still try to claim what isn't rightfully theirs.

In a recent case, a woman was sentenced to federal prison for, among other things, forging military discharge papers and claiming to have received military medals after being hit by IEDs. In this case, the woman actually worked at the VA and saw firsthand what kind of paperwork and information was required. She ended up grabbing \$250,000 from veterans charities, served as a VFW post commander and gave speeches wearing a uniform and medals she purchased online. She managed to keep up the fraud for five years. She'll be heading off to prison for six years (not nearly long enough) and will need to repay \$284,000.

Then there's the guy (a Canadian) who's been charged with violating



by Freddy Groves

the Stolen Valor Act by falsifying his discharge papers to indicate that he earned many medals and ribbons, including the Purple Heart. The guy did serve in the U.S. military, but he was bounced with a bad-conduct discharge and never earned a Purple Heart. He's incurred the wrath of several government agencies -in addition to the U.S. attorney -- including Homeland Security, DMV, Border Patrol and the U.S. Air Force.

And there's the guy who

claimed to be a former prisoner of war and a Navy SEAL to help him steal health care benefits and jump up a few priority groups ahead of real veterans. The thief never served.

If you suspect someone isn't who they they are, check online databases. Look at the P.O.W. Network (www. pownetwork.org), Congressional Medal of Honor Society (www. cmohs.org) and Home of Heroes (www. homeofheroes.com) with an alphabetical index of 120,000 actual recipients.

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By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Libitaria (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Galatians 5:13, "Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through serve one another." Friendship, Honesty, Love, Hope

3. From 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is that Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is \_\_\_\_\_." Hope, Freedom, Love, Liberty

4. From John 8:36, "If \_ therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Heart, Worship, Celebration, Son 5. From what book's 6:7 does it say, "For he that is dead is freed from sin"? Isaiah, Daniel, Mark,

6. How many times is the word "independence" mentioned in the Bible? 0. 2, 11, 17

Romans

Son, 5) Romans, 6) 0 2) Love, 3) Liberty, 4) ANSWERS: 1) Neither,

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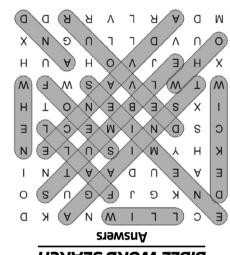
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# Deutschland

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. England is from where my maternal ancestry originated. Germany (Deutschland) is from where my paternal ancestry originated. After England, London, was Munich, Germany I To evaluate German folk

cuisine to a gourmet level must require an unusual pallet. Therefore, I may not be a good enough connoisseur in German cuisine to evaluate. During my short stay, I enjoyed their breads and beer. But I would not recommend consuming them together. Beer sandwiches are not to my liking.

There, in Germany, I had sauerbraten, Wiener Schnitzel, potato salad and much more. Even their potato salad was soured with vinegar. Whereas it takes an American housewife about a year to use up a quart of vinegar, it would take a German housewife only a week. Contrary to my practice, and possibly my good sense, I will give an anecdote.

I was 18 years old at the time I was in Germany. Being a good boy, I did



Culinary Corner Chef Roger Joss

not smoke or imbibe. I had no desire in doing so. However, how could I return home without German experiencing beer? There was no age limit. Therefore, I had no qualms. I purchased a stein of beer to try.

Even to my unpracticed pallet, it was very good. This next part lacks culinary value. But I would be amiss to leave it out. It deals with the beerhall where I purchased that first beer.

I went to the famous Hofbräuhaus in Munich. I got my stein of beer and entered through the garden gate. There in the garden were several long rows of bright red colored tables with benches.

It was nearly full of gleeful men drinking. A small band of four or five men playing German drinking songs. Being satisfied I was in the right place, I proceeded down an isle toward a space on a bench. In the meantime, a bucksome serving woman, in a green apron, was

barreling toward me from the opposite direction. She had two fistfuls of beer mugs filled to the brim. She kept coming and there was little enough room to accommodate her girth.

She yet fearful, sight and not slowing down. For the first time, I felt real panic and froze where I stood.

By the time I collected my thoughts, I was sprawled across a table. It was a hit and run. A roar of laughter went up at my expense.

It seemed I was the floorshow. Should I say, it was a table show. The only thing bruised was my ego. Notwithstanding, I thoroughly enjoyed the evening and made two unexpected friends. was not one of them.

Since Americans love Chinese foods, since we have countless Chinese restaurants, we should cover Chinese cuisine. Yes, I know I have spent too much time on international cuisine. But it is interesting. It is good to know the roots. No pun intended.

Until next time, peace to

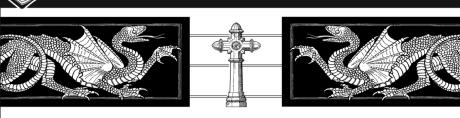
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2 JOHN 1:7,8

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# **SPORTS**

# T-MEZ speeds past McIntosh for POWRi finish June 28

MACON — Thomas Meseraull was the solid top driver of the 22-car 30-lap POWRi Feature race until a caution came out and forced a side-by-side restart. The POWRi National Midgets use a backstretch cone to reform the lineup on caution flags for more competitive racing. As Mersaull, nicknamed "T-MEZ," chose the top side of the track—where he was doing well and leading second place driver Cannon McIntosh took to the bottom and took the lead when the race restarted.

The lead would hold for five laps before Meseraull, native of San Jose, California, rebounded on the top and pushed ahead of McIntosh for the final five remaining laps.

The race was part of the annual Illinois Speedweek for the POWRi National Midgets. The first two races, at Charleston Speedway and Jacksonville Speedway, were won by Bixby, Oklahoma driver McIntosh. He was certainly the favorite to come up with the double checkers at races' end but it wasn't to be on this night.

The Non-Wing POWRi Micro Sprint Feature Presented by Bailey Chassis saw Tyler Kuykendall of Warsaw, Missouri outlast the 16car field for 20 laps. He almost got passed late in the race but fended off the competition of Oklahoma's

The stock car racing on tap for the night saw two terrific finishes

as Tim Luttrell won his second feature of 2023 with a late pass on leader Jeremy Nichols. Nichols and Luttrell swapped the lead twice during the 20-lap A-Main feature that closed out the night of racing. The track was rubbered up after the POWRi Midgets and Micro Sprints feature races. The drivers knew they had to be cautious on the gas and brake pedals as it was slick.

In the Street Stock class, Bobby Beiler edged Terry Reed and Rudy Zaragoza for the feature finish. Beiler secured his fourth feature win of the 2023 campaign by leading all 15 laps and just holding off the charging second and third place drivers.

Macon Speedway returns with a full stock car racing program to begin July with the Decatur Building Trades/95Q Fan Appreciation Night. Six racing classes featuring the Decatur Building Trades Pro Late Models, Weddle Performance Engines Sportsman, Street Stocks, Pro Modifieds, Micro Sprints Presented by Bailey Chassis and the Hornets will be on hand and general admission prices will be down to just \$10 get in the main

July 6-7-8 is coming soon with the UMP DIRTcar Summer Nationals race on Thursday, July 6th with the Herald & Review 100. Friday, July 7th and Saturday, July 8th will see the USAC/AMSOIL National Sprint Cars coming for the first time in the 78-year history of the track. A huge fireworks display lights up the Macon sky on Friday the 7th and \$10,000-to-win for the USAC National Sprints on Saturday with the Vintage Racing of Illinois series and the Hornets. Three-Day and Two-Day Reserved Seats and General Admission Seat Special prices are now available at maconracing.com.

### Feature Rundowns (Top 10s) POWRi National Midget League

1. 7X-Thomas Meseraull[San 08-Cannon Jose, CA]; 2. McIntosh[Bixby, OK]; 08K-Brody Wake[Lake Havasu City, AZ]; 4. 71-Jade Avedisian[Clovis, CA]; 11A-Andrew Felker[Carl Junction, MO]; 6. 21K-Karter Sarff[Mason City, IL]; 26-Chance Crum[Snohomish, WA]; 8. 50-Daniel Adler[St. Louis, MO]; 9. 40X-Steven Snyder Jr[Rising Sun, MD]; 10. 26R-Corbin Rueschenberg[Mesa, AZ

### Engler Machine & Tool Micros

By Bailey Chassis 8K-Tyler Kuykendall[Warsaw, MO]; 2. 26K-Kale Drake[Collinsville, OK]; 3. 26-Corbin Rueschenberg[Mesa, AZ]; 4. 72H-Hunter Pruitt[Washington, MO]; 94-Jordan 5. Clary[Edwardsville, IL]; 96-Parker Leek[Warsaw, IN]; 7. 11-Alex Midkiff[Belleville, IL]; 8. 5B-Chad Baldwin[Lincoln, IL]; 9. K24-Kade Ballinger[Lovington, IL]; 10. 4-Chris DiBart[Bella Vista, AR]

### Red's Place DIRTcar Modifieds

1.99-Tim Luttrell[Riverton, IL]; 2. J24-Jeremy Nichols[Findlay, IL]; 3. 18-Jarrett Stryker[Breese, IL]; 4. 27-Dalton Ewing[Decatur, IL]; 5. 72A-Austin Lynn[Mason IL]; 6. 28S-Joe Strawkas[Buffalo, IL]; 12L-Bryan Leach[Harvel, IL]; 8. 94-Mark Clary[Edwardsville, IL]; 9. 87C-Alan Crowder[Elwin, IL]; 10. 71-Jeff Graham[Stonington, IL]

### **DIRTcar Street Stocks**

1.17-Bobby Beiler[Blue Mound, IL]; 2. 11-Terry Reed[Cerro Gordo, 67-Rudy IL]; 3. Zaragoza[Jacksonville, IL]; 4. 78B-Brad Peters[Stonington, IL]; 5. 21-Jaret Duff[Maroa, IL]; 6. 08-Brian R Dasenbrock[Decatur, 187-Korey IL];7. Bailey[Stonington, IL]; 8. (DNF) 21E-Eric Boomer[Bethany, IL]; 9. (DNF) 57-Kyle Suddarth[Macon, IL]

# July 6-8 racing at Macon Speedway

MACON — Thursday, July 6 features the DIRTcar Summer Nationals Hell Tour in the 43rd running of the Herald & Review 100, paying \$7,500 to win. Joining the Super Late Models will be the Summit Modified Nationals/ Red's Place Modifieds. At intermission, a special Hornet showdown will take place with Super Late Model racers facing off against the best in Sprint cars.

On Friday, July 7, the track will host its largest firework display in history plus the first ever visit for the USAC/AMSOIL National Sprint Cars on night #1 of the Inaugural "Top Gun". The HART Non-Wing Micros will also race.

Saturday, July 8 action features night #2 of USAC "Top Gun" plus Vintage Racing of Illinois and DIRTcar Hornets. The Sprint cars will be racing

for \$10,000 to win.

The three days of racing also features free camping and parking, a giant carnival slide for kids, advance sale discounted general reserved and admission tickets, and brand-new event t-shirts.

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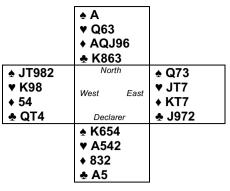
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# **GAMES**

### **BRIDGE BITES**

### **RISK AND REWARD**



**Both Vulnerable** South West North East **Pass** 1+ Pass 2♣ **Pass** Pass 3NT 2NT **All Pass** 

In a team game or a money game, making the contract is all-important, and overtricks are merely a secondary consideration. But, in duplicate bridge, method of scoring rewards overtricks and, as we'll see, that can influence the play of the hand.

First, try this 3NT in a team game, and focus entirely on making the contract. West leads ♠J, won in Dummy. Declarer sees that four Diamond tricks will suffice to make the contract and, as a safety play against East having the singleton King, he might cash the A first. That doesn't produce the King so Declarer next leads the ◆Q from Dummy, and when the dust clears, Declarer has 9 tricks. Routine stuff.

However, playing the same contract in a duplicate game, Declarer is more likely to try for an overtrick or two and, under the right circumstances, might even risk his contract in the process. As before, West leads the ♠J, won in Dummy. This time, Declarer says "Phooey!" to that safety play, and will try for five Diamond tricks. So, he crosses to the ♣A and finesses the ♦Q. But East is a devious fellow and fiendishly drops his Ten under Dummy's Queen. Now, Declarer can see 10 easy tricks in his future. He crosses to the ♥A, cashes the ♠K (otherwise it will be stranded), and runs the ♦8. But this loses to East's King, the defense runs the Spades, and it's down one in a cold contract!

Declarer's play was disastrous but, at duplicate scoring, not unreasonable. If he'd have made his overtrick he would have been rewarded with a good score. Too bad for him that the ♦K was offside, and East was tricky enough to duck the first Diamond, and Spades broke 5-3. It took three pieces of bad luck to bring about Declarer's downfall.

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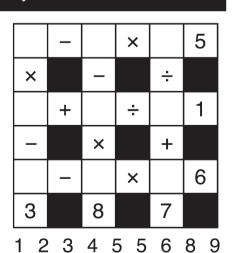
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### **GO FIGURE!** by Linda Thistle

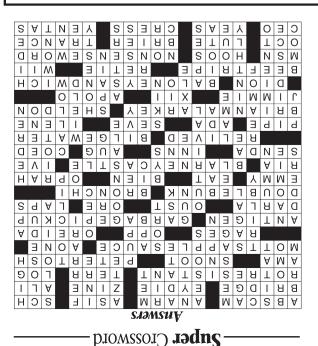
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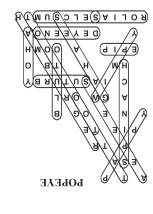
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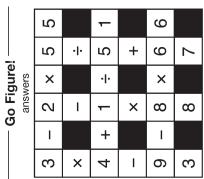
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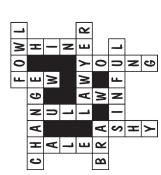
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Plaintiff,

DION D. LATH-ROM, SUSAN M. LATHROM

Defendant

2022 FC 7

NOTICE OF SHER-**IFF SALE** 

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

IS HEREBY GIVEN

that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on April 24, 2023, the Sheriff of De Witt County will at 10:00 AM on July 26, 2023, at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street, (Main door), CLINTON, IL, 61727, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real

Commonly known as 416 W MARKET, FARMER CITY, IL 61842

estate:

Property Index No. 05-28-306-006

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$45,472.04.

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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

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 assess-

ments required by

Property Act, 765

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ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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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.

For information. contact Plaintiff's attorney: CHAD LEWIS, ROBERT-SON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC, 205 N.

MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601, (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 22-009607. E-Mail: ILMAIL@RASLG. COM

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**LEGAL 19804** June 23. 30 and

July 7, 2023 **LEGAL** 

STATE OF IL-LINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JU-**DICIAL CIRCUIT** COUNTY OF DE-WITT

Estate of: Patricia Ann White Deceased. CASE NO. 2023-PR-21

NOTICE BY PUBLI-CATION OF CLAIM

Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Patricia Ann White, of 5065 Birch Dr., Clinton, Illinois 61727. Letters of Office were issued on June 9, 2023, to Nelson E. White, Independent Executor, 5065 Birch 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 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 December 23, 2023, 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

it has been filed.

of June, 2023.

Kevin Hammer Attorney for the Estate of Patricia Ann White 219 East Main Street

**LEGAL 19805** June 23, 30 and July 7, 2023

### LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT OF THE** SIXTH JUDICIAL **CIRCUIT ILLINOIS BUSEY BANK,** formerly known as CITIZENS SAVINGS BANK, **Plantiff** 

JENNIFER E. SEAspouse of Jennifer E. Seaman, Defen-

dants. No. 23-FC-15 <u>PUBLICATION</u> <u>NOTIC</u>E The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed. notice is hereby given you: UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled suit. that the said suit has been commenced in the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court of DeWitt County, Illinois, by the Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: Lot Forty-two (42) in Flair Second Addition to the City of Clinton, according to the Plat thereof recorded July 26, 1973 in Plat Book "F", Page 330. Situated in DeWitt County, Illinois. P.I.N.: 12-03-103-025

Dated this 15th day

Clinton, IL 61727 217/935-7063

**DEWITT COUNTY,** 

MAN, also known as JENNIFER E. MAXWELL, UN-**KNOWN OWNERS** and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, including unknown

which has the common address of: 17 Bradley Ct., Clinton,

IL 61727

and which said

mortgage was

Mortgagor, to BUSEY BANK

made by JENNI-

FER E. MAXWELL,

and said Mortgage

534 of Mortgages at

recorded in Book

Page 58 as Docu-

ment No. 212550,

in the Office of the

Recorder of Deeds

of DeWitt County,

present owner of said mortgaged real estate is JENNIFER E. MAXWELL, now known as JENNI-FER E. SEAMAN. NOW, THERE-FORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendants, file your answer to the complaint in this case or otherwise file your

Illinois, and for

such relief; that

summons was duly

issued out of the

Sixth Judicial Cir-

cuit Court against

you as provided

by law, and that

now pending. The

the said suit is

appearance in the Office of the Circuit Court Clerk, 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, Illinois on or before July 31, 2023, a default may be entered against you at the time after that day and decree entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. YOU ARÊ FUR-THER ADVISED THAT THE TIME IN WHICH THE SUBJECT REAL **ESTATE MAY BE** REDEEMED FROM FORECLOSURE, **PURSUANT TO** LAW, COMMENC-ES TO RUN WITH THE FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. Dated: June 22, 2023, at Clinton, Michelle Van Valey, Clerk of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court, DeWitt County, Illinois Prepared by: JOSEPH P. CHAMLEY, ARDC #6224646 EVANS, FROE-HLICH, BETH & CHAMLEY Attorneys for

Plaintiff

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Main Street, Suite

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**LEGAL 19807** 

July 14, 2023

June 30, July 7,

paign, IL 61820

**LEGAL** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRANK E. GLENN,

Deceased.

**ILLINOIS** 

No. 2023-PR-22

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Case No

Letters of office as independent representative were issued on June 21, 2023 to Kurt Wells, 21203 Depot Road, Farmer City, Illinois, 61842, whose attorney is Thomas Mamer LLP, 30 Main Street, P.O. Box 560, Champaign, Illinois,

61824-0560.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 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 may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, DeWitt County Courthouse, Clinton, Illinois, or with the independent representative, or both, on or before December 30, 2023 or if mailing or delivery of notice from the representatives is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed by that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the independent representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

LEGAL 19808 June 30 and July 7, and 14 2023

### LEGAL

STATE OF ILLI-NOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICAL DISTRICT DEWITT COUN-TY – PROBATE

In the Matter of the Estate JUDITH ANN

EAGLETON, De-

2023PR000017

**CLAIM NOTICE** 

Notice is given to

death of JUDITH

Letters of Office

were issued to

HEAD, whose

124, Weldon, IL

ANN EAGLETON.

FRANCIS SCOTT

address is P.O. Box

61882, as Indepen-

dent Executor, and

whose attorney of

record is ALLEN

WOOD, DEVARY

& ARMSTRONG,

P.C., 207 W. Jef-

ferson Street, Suite

400, Bloomington

Illinois 61701. The

estate will be ad-

ministered without

court supervision

unless under 755

ILCS 5/28-4, any

interested person terminates indepen-

dent administration at any time by mail-

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office, DeWitt

petition to terminate

Claims against the estate may be filed

in the Circuit Clerk's

County Courthouse,

Clinton, Illinois, or with the representa-

tive, or both, on or before the 7th day of

January 2024, or if

mailing or delivery

the representative

is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, the

date stated in that

notice. Any Claim

a claim filed with

the clerk must be

mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney

within ten (10) days after is has been

By: /s/ Francis Scott

FRANCIS SCOTT

Executor of the

Estate of JUDITH

HEAD, Independent

DATED 5/11/23

Head

not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of

of a notice from

L. DeVARY, of

creditors of the

WOOD, DeVARY & ARMSTRONG, P.C. 207 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 400 Bloomington, IL 61701 309-827-0044 adevary@wdalawyers.com

Deceased.

Allen L. DeVary

ARDC # 626928

**LEGAL 19810** July 7, 14 & 21,

### **LEGAL**

**NOTICE OF PUB-**<u>LIC HEARING</u> NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN that a **Tentative Budget** and Appropriation Ordinance for the Wapella Community Fire Protection District, in the County of DeWitt, in the State of Illinois,

for the fiscal year

beginning June 1,

2023 and ending May 31, 2024, will be on file, and conveniently available to public inspection at the Wapella Firehouse in the Village of Wapella, County of DeWitt and State of Illinois, in said Fire Protection District, from and after the 7th day of July, 2023. NOTICE IS FUR-THER HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 o'clock P.M., Daylight Savings Time, on the 14th day of August, 2023., at the Wapella Firehouse in the Village of Wapella, in the County of DeWitt and State of Illinois, in said Fire Protection District, and that

the final Budget

and Appropriation

Ordinance will be adopted by the **Board of Trustees** of said Wapella Community Fire Protection District, at a meeting thereof to be held at 7:00 o'clock P.M., Daylight Savings Time, on the 14th day of August, 2023, at said Wapella Firehouse in said Village of Wapella, in the County of DeWitt and State of Illinois, in said Fire Protection District. By Order of the **Board of Trustees** of said District. Dated this 7th day of July, 2023. WAPELLA COM-MUNITY FIRE **PROTECTION** DISTRICT BY: HOWARD A. HEDRICK, Secre-LEGAL 19811

July 7, 2023

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# Macon County Conservation July programs

DECATUR - The Macon County Conservation District has several exciting programs and events coming up in July.

In July, the Conservation District will host open houses at three historic sites:

• The Oglesby Mansion will be open from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and the last Sunday of each month. \$2 per person. Located at 421 W. William Street, Decatur.

• The Homestead Prairie Farm located at Rock Springs Conservation Area will be open each Saturday and Sunday from 1pm – 4pm through October.

• Bethel School, a historic one-room schoolhouse located at Friends Creek Conservation Area, will be open for tours July 1 and August 5 from 1 p.m. -4

Tours at both the Homestead Prairie Farm and Bethel School are free.

The Rock Springs Ground Squirrels will play against the McLean County Prairie Chickens on Saturday, July 15 at 12 p.m. Watch a game of authentic 1858 vintage base ball. Home games are played at BeautifulTrobaughField at Rock Springs Conservation Area.

Several free music events will be held during July, all located at Rock Springs Conservation

- The Dulcimer Club will perform on Saturday, July 8 and the 22 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Acoustic Music Jam on Sunday, July 9 from 2 p.m. - 4
- The Summer Concert Series on July 2 with the Taylor Steele and the Love Preachers, Sunday, July 16 with Good Morning Bedlam, and then Sunday, July

30 with The Tangents, all from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Other unique events happening in July include:

- A van trip to the Wildlife Prairie Park on Monday, July 10 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Our new event, Unplug Illinois Day on July 15 from 1-4pm.
- Children ages 3-5 can attend Preschool Peepers: Slithering Snakes with an adult buddy on Sunday, July 16 at 2 p.m.
- A Night Hike on Saturday, July 22 at 9 p.m.
- A chance to Meet Our

Educational Animals on Sunday, July 23 at 2pm

• And learn All About Monarchs on Saturday, July 29 at 2 p.m.

Rock Springs Conservation Area is located on the southwestern edge of Decatur. To get to Rock Springs from Decatur, go south on Route 48 and turn west onto Rock Springs Road or go south on Wyckles Road and turn east onto Rock Springs Road. Watch for signs. Plenty of parking is available.

Website: MaconCountyConservation.org

# Care for perennial gardens with 3 proven pruning methods

URBANA, Ill. — Pruning perennial flowers takes a garden from looking fair to well-kept. Deadheading, cutting back, and pinching are all pruning techniques that can keep perennial plants looking well

cared for and healthy. Pruning perennials is a complex topic because different plants need different kinds of pruning. Experience, developed with practice and close observation of the plants, helps to determine when and what type of pruning is required. Luckily, perennial plants are forgiving, so experimenting usually won't cause permanent damage. Leggy plants, ragged leaves, or new growth at the base of the plant are signs that the plant is ready for pruning.

### Deadheading

Many perennials bloom for three weeks or less. Deadheading is one way to encourage a longer bloom time in certain species. After flowering, the plant puts a lot of energy into making seeds to complete its life cycle. Deadheading or removing the flowers after bloom forces the plant to put more into making flowers. Deadheading techniques depend on the species. Due to different growth habits, some plants require deadheading to the next flower, bud, or leaf, while others need to remove the flower stalk. Wellknown perennials that should be deadheaded to the next lateral flower, bud, or leaf to encourage a longer time for blooms include:

Butterfly weed (Asclepias tuberosa)

Coreopsis

Purple coneflower (Echinacea purpurea)

Scarlet bee balm (Monarda didyma)

Garden phlox (Phlox paniculata)

Culver's root (Veronicastrum virginicum)

**Cutting back** 

Cutting back is a second pruning option for perennials. Increasing plant vigor, delaying bloom time, and controlling height are some reasons for choosing to cut back plants. Cutting back when foliage looks ragged, and new growth at the plant's base is starting can rejuvenate the appearance. The renewed growth also helps keep the plant healthy. Removing older, worn foliage with healthy new foliage reduces stress and can increase the plant's life

expectancy. Cutting the plant back can also delay bloom time or manage plant height. With some plants, cutting back can encourage a second bloom. It is best to cut the whole plant back at one time. With continuous flowering, a perennial can use all its energy for flowers in a season with nothing left to make flower buds the next season.

Some species can tolerate

cutting back better than others. It is essential to pay close attention to the signs that cutting back would be beneficial. Cutting back more than half of the foliage can put the plant under some stress, so be sure to give the plant some extra attention until new growth begins. Perennials benefitting from cutting back early in the summer include:

Sedum (Hylotelephium spectabile)

Asters

Cardinal flower cardinalis)

Golden rod (Solidagos)

**Pinching** 

A third option for pruning perennials is the pinching method. Pinching can cause a plant to produce more but smaller flowers by removing the central flower bud. On the other hand, pinching away side buds can force the plant to put more energy into one large flower. Perennials that can be pinched

Asters

Yarrow (Achillea millefolium) Chrysanthemums (Chrysanthemum x morifolium) Rudbeckia

back to benefit the plant include:

Goldenrods (Solidago hybrids) Another benefit of pinching specific stems is increased air circulation through the plant. Increased air circulation helps to reduce the likelihood of infection by disease. Removing disease or injured stems by pinching helps keep plants healthy.

Try some of these pruning techniques to keep your perennials looking great all season long. For more information on perennials and pruning, connect with your local Extension office at go.illinois. edu/ExtensionOffice.

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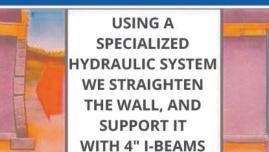
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# Your Forecast Information from the National Weather Service







Sunday Cloudy High 81



Monday Cloudy High 81



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# **Weather History**

### July 7

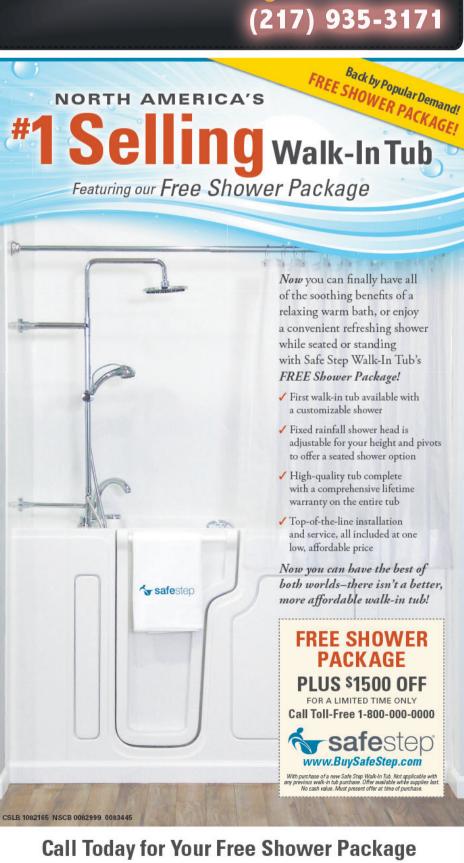
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July 8

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