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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, slow-moving weather cell that pounded our electric infrastructure over the course of several hours,”

said Lenny Singh, chairman and president of Ameren Illinois. “Crews have been mobilized throughout the service territory, and we are calling in reinforcements from Illinois and nearby states.”

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Katy O’Grady-Pyne / Journal
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’ decorations. See photo on A2

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Grocery, gas tax resume

Jerry Nowicki
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — A 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 that 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 was 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. The Pritzker 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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NEWS

Storm / from page A1



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



Katy O'Grady-Pyne / Journal
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, Ill. — 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.

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Courtesy of The Vault
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.

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.

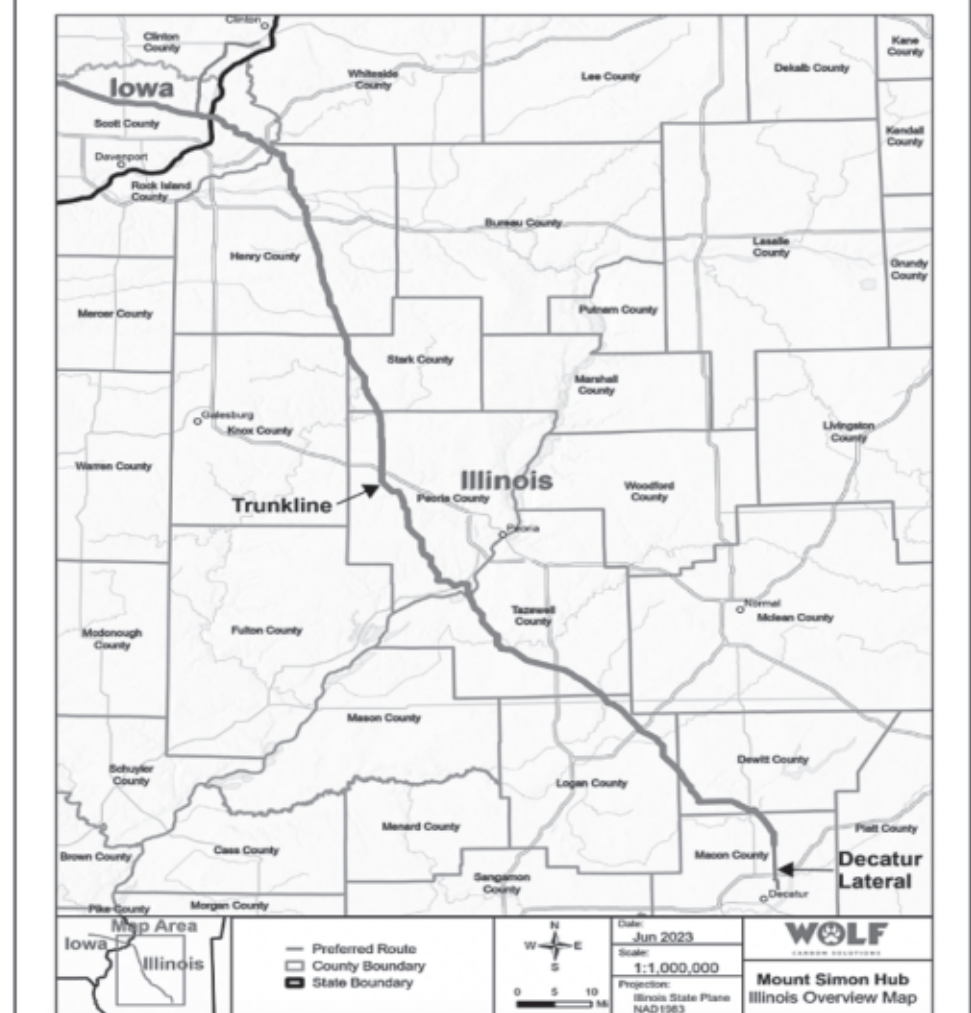
According to the governor’s office, Rebuild Illinois has funded \$10.9 billion of upgrades as of March 31, including 4,913 miles of roads, 479 structures, and 709 other safety improvements.

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.

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 CO₂ 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/mt-simon-hub or call 800-501-5597. To view the application filed with the ICC, please visit <https://www.icc.illinois.gov/docket/P2023-0475>.



OPINION

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 Hen."

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 Premier 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-year-old 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 must 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 90-plus 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.

The power 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 made.

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 any particular brand as there are several manufactures that produce a good generator. I am saying that after 55 hours of no Ameren service, I

by Dave T. Phipps

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

My hope is that we never 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. Phil 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.

Stolen valor, still



by Freddy Groves

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 service-disabled 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

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 say they are, check online databases. Look at the P.O.W. Network (www.pownetwork.org), the 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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	♠ K654 ♥ A542 ♦ 832 ♣ A5	

Both Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
		1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	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, the 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

For bridge games, classes, or seminars, contact Mike Tomljanovich by phone:

GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 6TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DEWITT COUNTY - CLINTON, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Plaintiff,

-v.-

DION D. LATHROM, SUSAN M. LATHROM

Defendant

2022 FC 7

NOTICE OF SHERIFF 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 estate:

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

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 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).

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

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

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

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 within ten days after

it has been filed.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2023.

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

LEGAL 19805 June 23, 30 and July 7, 2023

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS BUSEY BANK, formerly known as CITIZENS SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff v. JENNIFER E. SEAMAN, also known as JENNIFER E. MAXWELL, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, including unknown spouse of Jennifer E. Seaman, Defendants. No. 23-FC-15 PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

which has the common address of: 17 Bradley Ct., Clinton, IL 61727 and which said mortgage was made by JENNIFER E. MAXWELL, Mortgagor, to BUSEY BANK, and said Mortgage recorded in Book 534 of Mortgages at Page 58 as Document No. 212550, in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of DeWitt County,

Illinois, and for such relief; that summons was duly issued out of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. The present owner of said mortgaged real estate is JENNIFER E. MAXWELL, now known as JENNIFER E. SEAMAN. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendants, file your answer to the complaint in this case or otherwise file your 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 ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE TIME IN WHICH THE SUBJECT REAL ESTATE MAY BE REDEEMED FROM FORECLOSURE, PURSUANT TO LAW, COMMENCES TO RUN WITH THE FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. Dated: June 22, 2023, at Clinton, Illinois. Michelle Van Valey, Clerk of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court, DeWitt County, Illinois Prepared by: JOSEPH P. CHAMLEY, ARDC #6224646 EVANS, FROELICH, BETH & CHAMLEY Attorneys for Plaintiff 44 Main Street, Suite 310 Champaign, IL 61820 PH: 217/359-6494 FX: 217/359-6468 jchamley@efbclaw.com LEGAL 19807 June 30, July 7, July 14, 2023

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

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

Deceased.

No. 2023-PR-22

Notice is given of the death of Frank E. Glenn.



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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

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DEWITT COUNTY – PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
JUDITH ANN EAGLETON, Deceased
Case No. 2023PR000017
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of JUDITH ANN EAGLETON. Letters of Office were issued to FRANCIS SCOTT HEAD, whose address is P.O. Box 124, Weldon, IL 61882, as Independent Executor, and whose attorney of record is ALLEN L. DeVARY, of WOOD, DEVARY & ARMSTRONG, P.C., 207 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Bloomington Illinois 61701. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under 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 Circuit Clerk's office, DeWitt County Courthouse, Clinton, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 7th day of January 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, the date stated in that 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 to the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after is has been filed.
DATED 5/11/23
By: /s/ Francis Scott Head
FRANCIS SCOTT HEAD, Independent Executor of the Estate of JUDITH ANN EAGLETON,

Deceased.

Allen L. DeVary
ARDC # 626928
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207 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 400
Bloomington, IL 61701
309-827-0044
adevary@wdalawyers.com

LEGAL 19810
July 7, 14 & 21, 2023

LEGAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY 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 FURTHER 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 COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BY: HOWARD A. HEDRICK, Secretary
LEGAL 19811
July 7, 2023

INFORMATION

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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 p.m.

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 Area:

- 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 p.m.
- 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.

W e b s i t e : 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.

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 new 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. Well-known perennials that should be deadheaded to the next lateral flower, bud, or leaf to encourage a longer time for blooms include:

Deadheading

Many perennials bloom for three weeks or less. Deadheading is one way to encourage a longer bloom time in certain species.

Cuttingback

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:

back to benefit the plant include:

Sedum (Hylotelephium spectabile)

Asters

Cardinal flower (Lobelia cardinalis)

Golden rod (Solidagos)

Asters

Yarrow (Achillea millefolium)

C h r y s a n t h e m u m s (Chrysanthemum x morifolium)

Rudbeckia

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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Weather History

July 7

2012: Extensive drought over central and southeast Illinois led to an unusually high number of 100 degree days during the summer. Olney and Palestine each had fifteen 100-degree days, with 14 days at Charleston, 12 days at Normal, and 11 days at Springfield. On this particular date, high temperatures reached 109 degrees at Palestine and 108 degrees at Effingham.

July 8

2001: Downburst winds caused considerable damage

on the west side of Hoopeston. Three businesses were destroyed, one hundred homes sustained minor to moderate damage, and the EMS building was destroyed. Also, the sewer department suffered major damage, and a church suffered minor damage. Numerous trees, tree limbs, power poles, and power lines were blown down in Hoopeston and areas to the southeast, east of Ross-ville. No injuries or deaths were reported. Damage was estimated around \$8.5 million.



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