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"Community News You Can Use"

## CES principal Young, assistant principal leaving Unit 15 district

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CLINTON - A new principal and assistant principal are being sought for Clinton Elementary School after it was announced at the May 16 board meeting that principal Sacha Young will leave at the end of June to become superintendent at Central A & M Community Unit District No. 21 in Assumption. CES Assistant Principal Ben Mooney had tendered his resignation earlier.

"I appreciate the effort and growth that she has made," said Superintendent Curt Nettles of Young.

With the departure of both Young and Mooney, Nettles said the district will go "headhunting" to replace the positions.

Board members also met Clinton police officer Kody Mair who will replace retiring resource officer Mike Bennett beginning with the 2023-24 school year. Mair was formerly a lieutenant with the DeWitt County Sheriff's office and had served as a youth pastor. Mair said the move to school resource officer fits well into his skillset. "I'm very glad to be here and very excited to get to know everybody a little bit more."

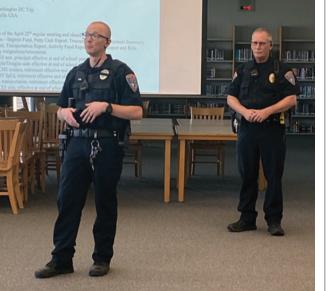
Bennett thanked Nettles and the board for its support over the years. In other business, the

board:

Listened to а presentation from Clinton Junior High School math teacher Karen Maharas about next year's 8th grade class trip to Washington, D.C. The cost of the trip has increased due to the need for two overnight stays. The trip will cost \$1,289 per student and some financial assistance will be available. Parents will get emails about the trip starting next month.

CJHS Family and Consumer Science teacher Michelle Knap, along with six students, talked about several awards won at the recent Skills USA national competition. This was the first year for Clinton to participate.

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## Go, team!

Some kids cheered-on their favorite fire department Saturday afternoon during the annual MayDays firefighters' waterball competition. More MayDays photos on A7.



Katy O'Grady-Pyne / Journal

New School Resource Officer (SRO) Kody Mair, left, and retiring SRO Mike Bennett, who was recognized Sunday during the Clinton High School graduation.

## County mental health funding applications available June 1-30

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CLINTON — The DeWitt County Mental Health Board is accepting applications for FY 2024 funding for mental health, substance use, and developmental disability services and programs serving DeWitt County residents.

Nonprofit

g o v e r n m e n t a l organizations must submit applications online during the period June 1-June 30, 2023. Technical assistance sessions will be held on June 6 at 10 a.m. and June 21 at 2 p.m. via Zoom. Attendance is not required to apply. Applicants will be asked to attend a meeting with board members in July to review their applications.

To express your intent to apply and request meeting links, request a copy of FY 2024 funding criteria and application procedures, and ask questions, please contact Sharon Mills, Board Administrator, at smills@ dewittcountymhb.com.

Application procedures also can be found at the board's website at www. dewittcountymhb.com.

#### Gordon Woods / Journal

The DeWitt County Farm Bureau recently awarded the county board for its resolution declaring the importance of agriculture to the area.

#### County increases marina emergency funds through July

#### **Gordon Woods**

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CLINTON — At the recent May meeting of the DeWitt County Board, board chairman Dan Matthews offered a motion to authorize up to \$10,000 a month for maintenance repairs at Clinton Lake marina.

"The marina committee met this month, and we talked about a lot of general maintenance items," Matthew said. "It's that time of year when it gets busy. A lot of the boats are in there now."

Matthews said there always was the possibility maintenance emergencies could arise at the marina during this time of the year.

"Electricity could go down at the dock, or the sewage dump station, last year, broke," Matthews said. "If any repair is over \$5,000, it could still come back to the full board. We're not changing that policy."

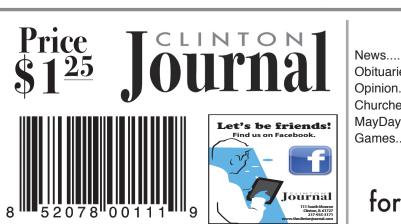
Matthews said the spending flexibility would mean an emergency repair would not have to wait.

"I don't want to call an emergency meeting for something that just needs fixed," he said. "And, those kinds of repairs, from now until the middle of July, there's a lot of them out there."

Matthews said sewage, water and electricity seemed to be recurring repairs at the marina. He said he was asking for the expanded maintenance allocation to \$10,000 just through the end of July.

Ferguson said he felt the motion was the proper way to have on the record the board intention.

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Clinton High School class of 2023 let the shiny confetti fly in celebration of their graduation, ceremony held Sunday afternoon. Below are the valedictorians and salutatorians of this year's CHS graduating class.





Emmaleigh Leach





Ava Thierry



Chloe Barth

Salutatorians





Makenna Rauch



#### Area students named to Olivet Nazarene University dean's list

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. — Three area students were named recently to the Dean's list at Olivet Nazarene University.

To qualify for inclusion on the Dean's list, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

**Clinton** Olivia Earl

**Weldon** Heidi Heldt Tyler Heldt

## Area students named to SNHU president's list for winter 2023

M A N C H E S T E R, N.H. — Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) announced the following students were named to the Winter 2023 President's list. The winter terms run from January to May. time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term

#### Courtesy of DeWitt County Democrats

#### State comptroller Mendoza visits DeWitt County

Illinois State Comptroller Susana Mendoza was recently in the county to meet with members of DeWitt County Democrats at the Crang-Bennett American Legion Hall, Post 103, Clinton. The primary topic of the discussion was the state's credit rating improvement. Illinois' credit rating has been upgraded eight times after reaching near junk bond status before Mendoza entered office.



Pictured with Mendoza is David Harris, Farmer City precinct committeeman.



DeWitt County Democratic chairman Terry Redman with Mendoza.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Fullor paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/ spring, and summer.

**Clinton** Kaitlyn Kuntz

**Farmer City** Courtney Dwyer

Heyworth Tazden Eller

## Clinton students named to WIU spring 2023 dean's list

MACOMB/MOLINE, Ill. — A total of 1,062 undergraduate students enrolled at Western Illinois University were named to the 2023 Spring Dean's List. The total includes 113 students at the WIU-Quad Cities Campus.

To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted (e.g., student teaching, internships).

#### Clinton

Corrie L Ijams (Senior) Emma R Lux (Senior) Haley A McKinsey (Senior)

#### Journal

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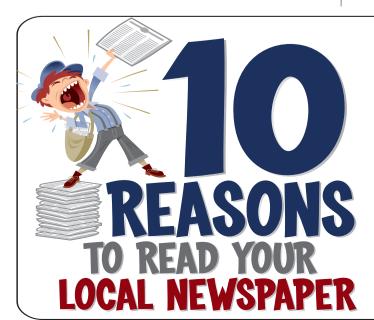
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- 8. You need something to talk about with your friends.

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## NEWS

## **County** / from page A1

The temporary added funds would make it possible for the county to deal with several individual repair emergencies that together might go over the \$5,000 single repair limit.

"It's not like you can plan for it," Matthews said.

He said emergencies end up costing more because contractors have to be called on short or no

notice. "So, they're charging more to come out the day of (the emergency)," he said.

Matthews said county policy was not explicit about the handling of emergency expenditures.

"I would feel more comfortable if you know I was saying 'okay' to a \$3,000 or \$4,000 repair." In other business, the board voted to allocate up to \$400,000 in ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds for repairs to the county jail portion of the county building roof and other repairs to the building.

The county had \$1,025,339 ARPA in money remaining at the time of the vote.

"It's going to be a start," said property committee chairman Terry Ferguson. "This will probably pretty

well cover the roof. It's kind of a multi-year project."

Also, DeWitt County Farm Bureau executive director Grace Clark presented the board with a plaque recognizing the board's recent resolution acknowledging the importance of agriculture to the area.

#### **Terry Franklin Whitted**

CLINTON — Terry Franklin Whitted, 65, of Clinton, died on May 17, 2023, in his home. Evergreen Cremation Services of Champaign, is assisting the family.

#### **Mary Evelyn Hale**

CLINTON Mary Evelyn Hale, 99, of Clinton, passed away on May 21, 2023, at the Apostolic Christian Restmor Nursing Home, in Morton, Ill.

Mary was born on July 27, 1923, in Bloomington, to Edward and Katherine (Slavin) Murray. She married William C. Hale on June 16, 1945, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, in Bloomington. "Ben" passed away on April 2, 2023.

Mary is survived by son, Stephen "Steve," Maroa; daughter, Susan (Benito) Camacho, Morton; grandchildren, Stephanie Hale, Clinton; Greg (Laura) Hale, Wapella; (Angie) Benjamin Camacho and Timothy Camacho, Morton; Becca Camacho (Nate Haines) and Katie (Kyle) Cannon, of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mary was SuperGrandma to Mason and Morgan Mandrell, Stone Stith, Ian and Melissa Hale, Zachary and Alex Camacho, William "Billy" and Ryan Haines, and Paige Evelyn Cannon. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Rebecca daughter, "Becky" Hale; brothers, Maurice, Edward, and William, and sisters, Eleanor and Edna. Mary graduated from Holy Trinity Catholic High School, class of 1941. She worked as a bookkeeper at Bloomington Tobacco Company after graduation until she married Ben. Mary was Ben's greatest love and asset in their farming operation, learning to cook meals from dawn to dark, keeping all the books, for machine running parts, and any other tasks



necessary to partner in the livelihood of farming.

In later years, Mary worked as bookkeeper at The Dixie Truck Stop, in McLean, Ill., which she enjoyed immensely. She loved people and turned strangers into acquaintances and friends with ease.

The staff at Apostolic Christian Restmor deserves special thanks for the tender care given to Mary and Ben. They and our family appreciated those who went above and beyond to make their stay comfortable and enriched.

Mass of Christian



#### General **Ouestion:**

How can I get a copy of my Social Security Statement?

Answer:

You can get your personal Social Security Statement online by using your personal my Social Security account. If you don't yet have an account, you can easily create one. Your online Statement gives you secure and convenient access to your earnings records. It also shows estimates for retirement, disability, and survivors benefits you and your family may be eligible for.

To set up or use your account to get your online Social Security Statement, go to www.ssa.gov/ myaccount.

We also mail Statements to workers age 60 and over who aren't receiving Social Security benefits and do not yet have a my Social Security account. We mail the Statements three months prior to your birthday.



www.ssa.gov or call us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

#### Question:

I served in the military, and I'll receive a military pension when I retire. Will that affect my Social Security benefits? Answer:

You can get both Social Security retirement benefits and military retirement at the same time. Generally, we don't reduce your Social Security benefits because of your military benefits. When you're ready to apply for Social Security retirement benefits, go to www.ssa.gov/applyonline. This is the fastest and easiest way to apply. For your convenience, you can always save your progress during your application and complete it later. We thank you for your military service!

#### **Schools** from page A1

The award plaques were presented to CJHS Principal Jim Peck who said they will be displayed prominently at the school.

Approved the contract for Kari Veldman for the upcoming school year. Nettles said Veldman is "the best special education administrator I've ever worked with." Veldman comes to Clinton from Tri-County Special Education Association. "I'm excited to have her as our employee going forward."

Approved an increase of 10 centers per school breakfast and lunch meal.

Approved a 3 percent stipend for Jessica Hubrich for the Maroon Buddies program position for the 2023-24 school year.

Best Buddies is a nonprofit organization that works with schools create inclusion to both inside the school environment and outside in the community. They work closely with the

Special Olympics and help to raise money and support students and adults.

The goal of the groups is to foster relationships, educate people on disabilities as well as inclusion of all people and to have some fun.

Approved the transfer of \$62,497 from the education fund to the debt service fund for the final payment on the Apple lease.

Approved compensation for support staff and administration for the 2023-24 school year.

Approved the following employments/ appointments/transfers: Sarah Douglas, CES Special Education; Judith Thompson, crossing guard; john Reynolds, golf coach; Ashely Roesch, CJHS food service; Luke Rudolph, CJHS PE/ Health; Ben Barth and Levi Nettles, concessions management.

#### Area students named to SIUE spring 2023 dean's list

EDWARDSVILLE Southern Illinois University Edwardsville has announced the names of students qualifying for the Spring 2023 Dean's list.

To qualify, a student must maintain a gradepoint average of 3.5 or better and have 12 hours calculated (B is equivalent to 3.0; A to 4.0).

#### Clinton

Ryty Lee Dupont Barlow, Business Administration BS PHRMD Deborah Lindquist, Pharmacy Anna Mills, Pharmacy PHRMD

#### Forsyth

Kiarra Fallon Brimm, Theater & Dance	BA
Jade Elizabeth Falk, Exercise Science	BS
Cassidy Faith London, Exercise Science	BS

#### Maroa

Ethan Roy Willoughby, Undeclared

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Burial will be conducted on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Wapella, with Father Geoff Horton Celebrant.

Visitation will be held at the church from 9:30-11 a.m. Mass will begin at 11 a.m.. Burial will follow at Mausoleum Park Cemetery, Clinton.

Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, is in charge of arrangements.

The family requests memorials be made to: The Alex Program for CVI Easterseals Central Illinois and sent to Calvert Funeral Home, 201 S. Center St., Clinton, IL 61727.

Online condolences may be made at www. calvertmemorial.com

Question:

Are Social Security numbers reassigned after a person dies? Answer:

No. We do not reassign Social Security numbers. In all, we have assigned more than 500 million Social Security numbers. Each year we assign about 5.5 million new numbers. There are over one billion combinations of the nine-Security digit Social number. As a result, the current system has enough new numbers to last for several more generations. For more information about Social Security, visit our website at www.ssa. gov.

#### Retirement

Question:

I am receiving Social Security retirement benefits and I recently went back to work. Do I have to pay Social Security (FICA) taxes on my income? Answer:

Yes. By law, your employer must withhold FICA taxes from your paycheck. Although you are retired, you do receive credit for those new earnings. Each year Social Security automatically credits the new earnings and, if your new earnings are higher than in any earlier year used to calculate your current benefit, your monthly benefit could increase. For more information, visit

#### LeRoy

Megan Elizabeth Claunch, Business Administration BS Olivia G. Knoedler, Mass Communications BS Abby C. Levingston, Exercise Science BS

#### Law Enforcement

#### **Clinton Police** Department

On 05/21/23 Clinton Police arrested Nikolas K. Summitt 42, Clinton for Domestic Battery. Summitt was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 05/21/23 Clinton Police arrested Abdul Kader 37, Fort Wayne, IN for Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer. Kader was transported to the DeWitt

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## OPINION

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1958 - Union Square, San Francisco became a state historical landmark.

1959 - The word "Frisbee" became a registered trademark of Wham-O.

1961 - Civil rights activist group Freedom Ride Coordinating Committee was established in Atlanta, GA.

1961 - A U.S. Air Force bomber flew across the Atlantic in a record time of just over three hours.

1969 - The Apollo 10 astronauts returned to Earth after a successful eight-day dress rehearsal for the first manned moon landing.

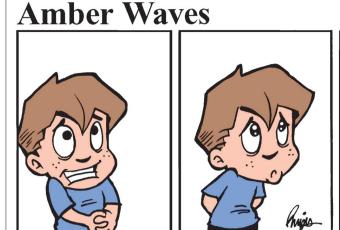
1972 - The Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT I) was signed by the U.S. and USSR. The short-term agreement put a freeze on the testing and deployment of intercontinental and submarine-launched ballistic missiles for a 5-year period.

1973 - Kathy Schmidt set an American women's javelin record with a throw of 207 feet, 10 inches.

1975 - American stuntman Evel Knievel suffered severe spinal injuries in Britain when he crashed while attempting to jump 13 buses in his car.

1977 - George H. Willig was arrested after he scaled the South Tower of New York's World Trade Center. It took him 3 1/2 hours.

1978 - The first legal casino in the Eastern U.S. opened in Atlantic City, NJ.



Hopefully, when you read this, there has been a deal cut on the debt ceiling. I am not holding my breath.

The United States is a rarity in the modern world. Other nations simply continue to add to their debt as bills become due. They print money. The U.S. has chosen to set a limit on the amount of debt the nation can incur. That limit can be increased by the passage of a Congressional bill that is signed into law by the President. It has been increased numerous times over the past with both political parties holding the Presidency.

Sometimes, there is a fight. Sometimes it is almost automatic. The problem with increased borrowing is that the nation's money becomes devalued and inflation occurs. If the borrowing is done on a massive scale the national economy can be torn apart.

Examples of this include Greece, Italy, Venezuela and Argentina. It would take armloads of bills to buy a loaf of bread in those countries when their economies tanked. We

## Brinkmanship

aren't there at the moment, but we are certainly trending in that direction. Politicians love to tell the public that they are providing them with roads, bridges, social services and other goodies. Those same politicians seem to forget that someone must pay for all of those goods and services.

Both political parties overspend and then accuse the other party of not being fiscally responsible. Normally it is the party holding the Presidency, today the Democrats, that wants to raise the debt limit to spend more. It is the party out of office, today the Republicans, that wants to stress fiscal responsibility.

The last time a Speaker of the House and President really worked on this issue Newt Gingrich was Speaker and Bill Clinton was President. Gingrich and Clinton actually passed some meaningful legislation, but the successors to both of them seem to have forgotten the lesson.

Today, President Biden is greatly influenced by the Progressives who want to spend and spend. Speaker



McCarthy is pressured on the right by those who wish to slash and slash the budget. Perhaps both gentlemen and their respective parties need to have an epiphany. We are a nation of great wealth that can accomplish much on behalf of our citizens. That must be tempered with the acknowledgement that great wealth is not endless wealth.

Every family unit prioritizes its expenditures from its income sources. You cannot spend what you do not have is a tried and true lesson of life. Add to this the realization that we must pay back your debts. Now we are starting to understand a national economy.

What we are observing in this debt ceiling debacle is that loss of the middle class over the last 10 to 15 years in this country. Those who believe they are entitled want more. Those who believe in slashing forget that there are those in need in this country. The middle has become silent. The silent majority needs to regain its voice and speak up.

by Dave T. Phipps

MOM AND DAD NEED TO

EXPLAIN A BIT BETTER WHEN THEY SAY "ACT MY AGE."

President Biden is absolutely correct in that we need to raise the debt limit. The United States must pay its debts for our economy and that of the worlds' to continue to provide goods and services in a system of political peace.

Speaker McCarthy is absolutely correct in that we need to manage and control spending lest we enter into a stage of hyperinflation and our money has no value, which always results in world conflict.

The lessons given the nation by Clinton and Gingrich are still pertinent and applicable. It is also worth noting that both gentlemen are still available for their personal expertise. Gingrich and Clinton put the nation above partisan politics. It is time that President Speaker Biden and McCarthy add to that page of history.

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#### Proposed 2024 VA budget not good for veterans

1987 - Sri Lanka launched Operation Liberation. It was an offensive against the Tamil rebellion in Jaffra.

1988 - The Edmonton Oilers won their fourth NHL Stanley Cup in five seasons. They swept the series 4 games to 0 against the Boston Bruins.

1994 - U.S. President Clinton renewed trade privileges for China, and announced that his administration would no longer link China's trade status with its human rights record.

1998 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Ellis Island was mainly in New Jersey, not New York.

1998 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that police officers in high-speed chases are liable for bystander injuries only if their "actions shock the conscience."

1998 - The Grand Princess cruise ship made its inaugural cruise. The ship measured 109,000 tons and cost approximately \$450 million, making it the largest and most expensive cruise ship ever built.

1998 - The United States Senate approved legislation that allowed the U.S. Mint flexibility on how the mandatory inscriptions on the Washington quarter could be placed. H.R. 3301 allowed the mandatory inscriptions to be moved to the front of the quarter for the 50 States Circulating Commemorative Coin Program. While the proposed 2024 Department of Veterans Affairs budget increase of 5% sounds good, it's actually the lowest hike they've seen in nearly 10 years. The president claims that there is a "sacred obligation" to support veterans and that \$325 billion will do just

As always, the devil is in the details, and that budget would cut into critical VA programs to the tune of 22%.

that.

Per a VA.gov news release, those cuts would mean:

-- 30 million fewer healthcare outpatient visits for everything from mental health services to cancer screenings and treatments to wellness care.

-- 81,000 jobs would vanish across the health care system at the VA.

-- 50,000 housing vouchers would be eliminated.

-- 6,000 jobs would be eliminated among those who handle the disability claims backlogs, which would cause delays in getting benefits for education, insurance. pensions and more. The net result would be 134,000 additional backlogged claims. This comes at the same time the VA is supposed to be increasing hiring because of the extra work due to the PACT Act, which offers help and benefits to



those veterans who were exposed to toxins.

-- 500 cemetery worker jobs would be lost, meaning the five new cemeteries would be delayed and maintenance at current cemeteries would suffer.

-- Impaired abilities to expand telehealth care, with limited medical equipment for the veterans to use at home. The information and technology area, for example, would be short \$345 million for the network. -- \$565 million less for construction to fix or build VA hospitals and clinics.

If you read about the budget in various places, all the glowing language might make it look as though so many millions are being provided to help veterans ... but keep a calculator handy and do the math. Consider your own financial position and think of what a 22% shortfall would do. There would be cutbacks, doing without, unmet needs, etc.

To read more about the damage the budget would do, check out www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease. cfm?id=5874.

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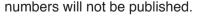


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Etching by Kathe Kollwitz (1910)

his people and there was no remedy. 2 CHRONICLES 36: 15,16 Jac

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#### First Baptist

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

#### **First Christian**

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

#### Lifebridges Church

200 S. Alexander Street, Clinton (217) 570-0105 www. lifebridgeschurch.com Pastors-Jonathan and Dana Taylor 10 a.m.-Sunday celebration 10 a.m.- AMPED Kids for ages (1-5 grades) 10 a.m. - AMPED Jr. (birth-K) 7 p.m.-AfterShock teen church, 6th-12 grades 6 p.m.-Wednesday, Strategic Disciple 6:30 p.m.-Thursday, **DIVE** teen Bible study 7 p.m.- Thursdays, 1st & 3rd, Empowered Women / 2nd & 4th, Frontline Men

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

St. Patrick Catholic Church 320 S. Locust Street,

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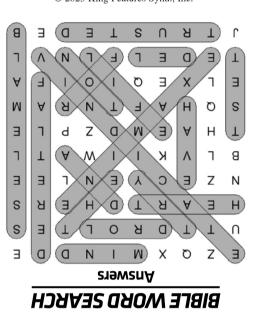
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#### **BIBLE TRIVIA**

By Wilson Casey

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

2. In 1 Timothy 5:23, what did Paul suggest to Timothy for his frequent ailments? Water, Wine, Bread, Honey

3. From Genesis 41:41-42, which Hebrew became prime minister of Egypt? David, Joseph, Nehemiah, Joel

4. Where did Jesus spend his youth as found in Luke 4:16? Smyrna, Tarsus, Antioch, Nazareth

5. Who was stoned to death in the valley of Achor? Abinoam, Achan, Ahilud, Abitub

6. Jesus and who else walked on water? Thomas, Andrew, Peter, James

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Wine, 3) Joseph, 4) Nazareth, 5) Achan, 6) Peter (Matthew 14:29)

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## South of the border

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. Our next stop is deeper south. I had a friend that liked to take his vacations in Mexico at a resort along the Pacific side. He loved it there. My wife and I crossed the border once on vacation. I did not care for what I saw and we went straight back home. I was told that conditions are better the deeper south one goes. Because Mexico is a winter vacation spot for many, I wish to briefly cover some culinary features about it. Outside of that, I find little of interest in Mexico. If I were to sum up Mexican cuisine, I would say they eat a lot of beans, chili peppers, tomatoes and course cornmeal. Due to the poverty levels, the common menu lacks meat, especially beef. The traditional chili soup in Mexico has no meat. One must also consider that the hot dry climate of Mexico is not conducive for raising certain farm animals. However, the common chili soup in the United States has ground beef. One of the things making Mexican cooking unique is due to a primary cooking technique. Ever since pre-



Spanish introduced cooking with oils. This opened up many revolutionary changes Mexican cuisine. to This interrelationship is "Mestizo." The cooking combinations by the Mestizo populace became more than a tradition. It became inseparable to their culture. This type of cuisine has survived for over millennia. This fact alone makes Mexican cuisine interesting and most honorable. Corn is the most revered native crop of Mexico. I now wish to expound upon that. Masa is an ancient form of cornmeal dough that is produced by drying corn and soaking that in slaked lime thus producing nixtamal. This nixtamal is then ground to make dough called masa used in making tortillas. The tortilla is traditionally thought of as an unleavened round flat bread made of either masa or wheat flour. It can also be crispy chips used with salsa. It basically means a flat disc as I shall indicate in a following article. Until next time, peace to all.

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101 N. Poplar (217) 731-4404 Josh Gorrie, minister Wapellacc.com 9 a.m.-Sunday school 10 a.m.-worship "Celebrating our 150th year" Columbian times, they have done dry cooking on a flat comal made of earthen ware. Today, they can have metallic comals. It would be heated and the foods cooked on it.

Due to this unique form of cooking, such food items as, tortillas and sopes were invented. It was ideal for toasting such things as chilies and tomatoes. Since fats would soak into the earthen ware and since they were uncommon, the foods had less of the delicate flavors of European cooking.

There would be no caramelizing of sugars or the browning reaction. You would lose the crispness and crunch delightful of certain food items. The flavors were greatly hampered in this way. Therefore, the flavors were more dependent upon the food items that were being cooked. Another way of putting it is a clean or unadulterated flavor of the primary ingredient. The invasion of the

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## **SPORTS**



State track photos courtesy of Randy Anderson

## **Girls' State Track highlights**

Featured are some highlights from the recent Illinois Girls' State Track Finals. Clinton's Lexi Lord, MaKayla Koeppel, Amerie Hempfill and Lydia Cahill made up the 4X400 relay team in state competition, while Alayna Earle, below, left, made it to the finals in the shot put, finishing in 8th place with an distance of 11.59 meters.







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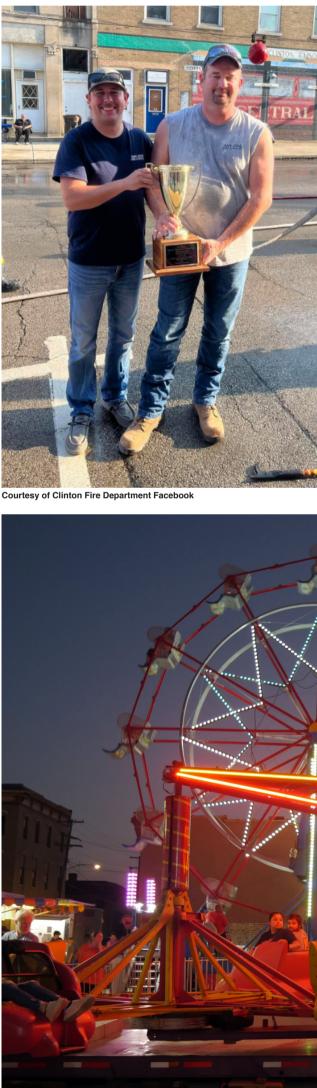
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Plan A is to cash the top Hearts and ruff a Heart, hoping that the VQ comes down in three rounds. That happens to work on the actual lie of the cards, but it's not a good way to play the hand. More often than not, West will have long Hearts with the Queen (remember that East has long Clubs and is therefore likely to be short in Hearts).

Plan B is the doomed Heart finesse, but fortunately there's a Plan C which is guaranteed to succeed, regardless of who has the ♥Q! Declarer cashes the ♠A, ♠K and ♥A, and returns to hand with a Club ruff. With West showing out on the second Club, and East showing out on the second Spade, East is known to have started with 1=2=3=7 distribution.

Does that change things? Sure it does! Declarer rattles off the remaining Diamonds, keeping ♥KJ in Dummy and putting West under pressure. West must hang on to a high Spade, which will leave room in his hand for just one Heart. At Trick 12 a Heart is led and when West does not show up with the Queen, Declarer can be sure that it is dropping from the East hand. It's called a Show-Up Squeeze, and there's no guesswork required! Actually, Declarer could have flaunted his mastery by claiming after Trick 5. That would have been a Show-Off Squeeze.

P.S. After drawing trumps, Declarer did well to cash the A next. That way, if East is void in Spades then the Hearts must be 3-3, and Declarer can revert to Plan A.

For bridge games, classes, or seminars, contact Mike Tomlianovich by phone: 309-825-5823 or



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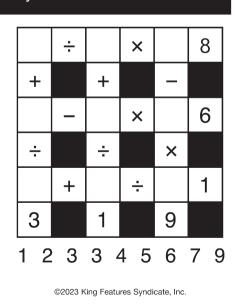
Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE ). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked ( **v** ) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. **VRATHE** becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART** ). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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

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

#### DIFFICULTY: \*\*\*

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult ★★★ GO FIGURE!



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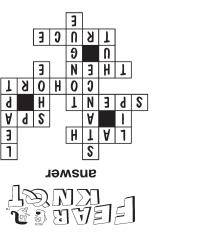
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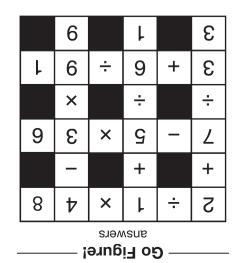
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STATE OF ILLI-NOIS CIRCUIT COURT DEWITT COUNTY

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

Request of:

Shirley Nell Smith

2023MR8

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from: Shirley Nell Smith

to the new name of:

Shirley Nell Smith-Crews.

The court date will be held: on June 15 at 10 a.m., at 201 W. Washington St. Clinton DeWitt County, in Courtroom #A.

/s/ Shirley Nell Smith -Crews

2023

Shirley Nell Smith

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#### LEGAL

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MARY DIANE HOCKER,

Deceased.

Case No. 2023-**PR-16 CLAIM NOTICE** 

Notice is given of the death of MARY DIANE HOCKER, of Farmer City, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on May 2, 2023 to JENNIFER L. VANCE, 2211 Riverwoods Lane, Bloomington, Illinois 61705, whose attorney is Derek A. Schryer of Davis & Campbell L.L.C., 401 Main Street, Suite 1600, Peoria, Illinois 61602.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727 or with representative, or both, on or before December 1, 2023 which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice and

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/<u>s/ Jennifer L.</u> Vance (Representative)

<u>/s/ Derek A. Schryer</u> (Attorney)

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/s/ Kari Harris/BP

**COUNTY CLERK** 

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NOTICE

**Clinton Community** Unit School District #15 will be accepting bids for Clinton High School MEP Improvements Project located at 1200 IL-54, Clinton, IL 61727. Plans and Specifications are available on May 26, 2023, from Cordogan Clark & Associates, Inc. plan room www. cordoganclark-

#### **NEW HIRE TESTING & LATERAL TRANSFER APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!**

Come join our team! The Clinton Police Department is currently testing for "new hire" police applicants (no previous Illinois law enforcement certification or experience) through the National Testing Network (link below). We often have people inquire as to the hiring process and this is the opportunity to join our list of eligible applicants to fill immediate and future openings. Application and testing is available online, simple and closes May 31, 2023. Applications for Lateral Transfer applicants (previous Illinois certification and experienced officers) are also available directly from the Clinton Police Department as well. Contact Chief Lowers at (217) 935-9441 or at lowers@clintonillinois.com with any questions.

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- 1. Spanish Teacher for the 2023-24 school year, application deadline June 9th 2023 **Clinton Junior High**
- 1. Teacher Aide 1-1 please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals , application deadline June 9th 2023 Clinton Elementary School
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#### **Douglas School**

- 1. Reading Specialist Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, application deadline June 9th 202
- 1. Physical Education Aide, application deadline June 9th 2023

#### **Transportation**

- Sub Bus Driver, (\$23.85 per hour) Bus Drivers must have a CDL or be willing to obtain
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- Head Baseball Coach for 2023-2024, please apply online or email letter of interest, resume, and letters of recommendation to Matt Koeppel, AD, at mkoeppel@cusd15.org **Buildings/Grounds**
- 1. Custodian second shift, please apply online, pick up application at unit office or send resume to Ryan Black rblack@cusd15.org

#### **Cafeteria**

- 1. Kitchen Staff Manager @CES (5.0 hours) 9- month position for 2023-2024 school year, Food Service Certificate required or be willing to obtain one / Kitchen experience preferred/ Reports to Food Service Director.
- 1. Kitchen Staff (4.75 hours) 9-month position, Food Service Certificate required or be willing to obtain one / Kitchen experience preferred/ Reports to CES. Kitchen Manager
- 1. Kitchen Staff (6.0 hours) 9-month position, Food Service Certificate required or be willing to obtain one / Kitchen experience preferred/ Reports to H.S. Kitchen Manager

#### Unit Office

- 1. Administrator/Principal Clinton Elementary School for 2023-2024 school year. Please see website for Duties, Qualifications, and Benefits https://www.cusd15.org/ page/vacancies
- 1. Administrator/Assistant Principal Clinton Elementary School for the 2023-2024 School Year. Please see website for Duties, Qualifications, and Benefits https://www. cusd15.org/page/vacancies
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<u>planroom.com</u> Sealed Bids. conspicuously marked, shall be received until 10:00 am CST on June 9, 2023 at the District Office, 1210 Highway 54 West, Clinton, IL 61727, at which time they shall be opened and read aloud. A Mandatory Prebid meeting will be held on May 30, 2023 at 10:00 am virtually via Microsoft Teams. Prebid Meeting information is listed in the Specifications, Section 002513 Prebid Meetings. Prevailing wage rates shall apply to this Project. Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent bidding and contract documents including

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## Environmental bills seek to improve soil health, ban state use of polystyrene foam containers

#### Andrew Adams & Nika Schoonover Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD - Several pieces of environmental legislation are making their way through the Illinois General Assembly on what was scheduled to be the final week of the spring legislative session.

The proposals range from shifting the state's procurement requirements to a measure aimed at improving soil health on Illinois farms.

But environmental advocates gave mixed reviews on the legislature's environmental record so far this year.

"There was movement on a number of issues this year, but I have an overall level of disappointment," Jen Walling, head of the Illinois Environmental Council, said on Wednesday afternoon.

Earlier this year, lawmakers considered a wide array of major environmental proposals that have, so far, not been moved forward. These include a pilot project for off-shore wind on Lake Michigan, a new regulatory framework for carbon sequestration and a measure that would provide relief to utility consumers.

Jack Darin, head of the Sierra Club's Illinois chapter, echoed Walling's sentiment, noting that advocates will continue push for further to environmental reforms when the General Assembly comes back in the fall or in next year's session.

"It's looking like we're going to have to wait for progress on a couple important issues," he said. Lawmakers, meanwhile,

appear poised to blow past a self-imposed deadline

These assessments would happen under the purview of the state Department of Agriculture as well as local soil conservation districts with the goal of identifying "voluntary and incentive-based strategies that improve healthy soils" as well as improving coordination on soil health strategies.

"This initiative focuses enhancing soil on health to improve water quality, maintain our ecosystems, protect our agricultural production and support wildlife habitats surrounding Illinois farmers," Villivalam said in a Thursday statement.

The measure passed the House 109-6 Tuesday and cleared the Senate unanimously Friday.

The bill, initially opposed by some farm groups, gained support from the powerful Illinois Farm Bureau as it was amended in the past few weeks. Emily Perone Hall, who works in legislative affairs for the organization, said the bill "strikes a balanced approach."

provides "This an incentive for farmers to voluntarily invest in onfarm conservation," Hall said in a Wednesday statement.

Advocates from the agricultural industry said the bill will help soil and water conservation districts better utilize federal funds. Others focused on the environmental impact of soil health.

Eliot Clay, who works on state programs for the IEC, hopes that Illinois will go further to incentivize farmers to voluntarily use more sustainable practices like planting cover crops or no-till farming methods.

"There's a cost benefit to farmers who go through with these practices," Clay said.

Reporting from Capitol News Illinois last vear revealed the extent to which the state has so far failed to live up to its goals on nutrient pollution.

Environmental justice proposal rejected

In a rare occurrence at the Illinois Capitol, House Bill 2520 failed on the floor on a 57-48 vote Wednesday. It needed 60 votes to pass.

The bill would have reformed the process for permitting construction of new sources of air pollution, including adding a new fee structure. As part of that new process, developers would have been required to potentially pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in fees, although a final figure was never reached.

Environmental justice communities are defined in other state laws and based on socioeconomic status, pollution levels and a community population's sensitivity to pollution among other factors.

Air pollution disproportionately impacts Black communities, according to research from Harvard University and the California-based Environmental Systems Research Institute.

Debate on the floor focused mostly on the fact that the bill was expected to be amended in the Senate to change key provisions, including the amount of any potential fees.

"We need to make sure we have the bill in its final form before we vote on it," said Rep. Patrick Windhorst, R-Metropolis.

Advocates were disappointed in the bill's failure.

"These are communities that are not only overburdened but underpowered in a lot of bill this week that would prohibit state agencies from using disposable food containers made at least partly with polystyrene foam, often referred to by the brand name Styrofoam. Senate Bill 58 cleared the House after a nearly unanimous Senate vote in March. It then passed the Senate 36-20 Friday, clearing the way for it to head to the governor.

Rep. Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz, a Democrat from Glenview and sponsor on the bill, said it's a first step to reducing waste in Illinois.

"I believe this is an important step forward, and to do so at least with our state agencies who can take a leadership role in reducing the impact of the environmental impact of polystyrene foam," Gong-Gershowitz said.

State Rep. Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz, D-Glenview, sponsored а similar House measure, Bill 2376, which would have prohibited restaurants from distributing plastic foam containers. That measure has stalled, and SB 58 applies only to state agencies and vendors that contract with the state.

The bill would prevent state agencies and departments from purchasing disposable food service containers that contain polystyrene beginning in 2025. Instead, they'll have to find compostable or recyclable containers.

After Jan. 1, 2026, vendors contracted through a state agency or department wouldn't be able to use containers made with polystyrene at any site owned or leased by the state.

This drew concern from Republicans who worried about the impact on businesses contracting with the state. The Illinois State Fair, held in Springfield, contracts a large number of vendors that would be subject to this law if passed. Rep. Brad Halbrook, R-Shelbyville, said he's concerned about the costs private companies might incur as a result. "[Polystyrene containers] are very reasonable to buy. That's why they're used. You're raising the cost of it," Halbrook said.

prompt the state to buy electric vehicles, although other technologies may fit the bill's definition of zeroemission.

After being amended in the House, the bill awaits action in both chambers before it can be sent to the governor.

"One of the biggest contributors to emissions and global warming is the transportation industry," bill sponsor Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Swansea, said on Thursday. "So the state leading on electric vehicles is important."

The bill initially would have required all governments, including local governments, to move to electric vehicles, but a recent amendment restricted its effects to state vehicles. The bill also exempts law enforcement vehicles and vehicles bought by the Department of Transportation as part of a consolidated procurement from the requirement.

'Forever chemicals' in firefighting foam

House Bill 3508 would Illinois require the Environmental Protection Agency and state fire marshal create to а "take-back program" for firefighting foam that contains perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, more commonly known as PFAS or "forever chemicals."

The bill passed unanimously in the Senate and House and will head to the governor.

"Research has shown that the PFAS in firefighting foam can seep into our water supply and cannot be removed in the water treatment process," bill sponsor Sen. Laura Fine, D-Glenview, said. "It is vital to stop the ongoing use of products with PFAS to preserve our environment and prevent adverse health effects." The bill was significantly altered as it went through the General Assembly. When introduced, it would have required the IEPA to investigate the presence of PFAS in state waterways and wastewater treatment plants as well as allowing agency to create the maximum concentrations the chemicals of in wastewater sludge. This proposal was one of more than a half dozen introduced this year concerning PFAS, although most did not make it far in the legislative process.

for the scheduled end of their spring legislative session on Friday. They can do so without much consequence, as session can be extended through May 31 without triggering the constitutional requirement that a three-fifths majority is needed to pass a bill with immediate effective an date.

Because a budget bill had not been introduced as of late Wednesday, the session was expected to continue at least until early next week.

Soil health and nutrient pollution

Senate Bill 1701 from Sen. Ram Villivalam, D-Chicago, creates structure for the state to assess soil health through a newly created "Illinois Healthy Soils Initiative."

State police pointed to blowing dust from nearby farms as the cause of a major crash on Interstate 55 earlier this month that killed eight people. Other proponents of the bill have pointed to unsustainable farming practices as a cause of the dusty conditions that made the crash possible.

Poor soil health and the reliance on fertilizers can also lead to detrimental effects on the environment through nutrient pollution. This is a kind of pollution that occurs when phosphates and nitrates in agricultural runoff make their way into downstream ecosystems like the Gulf of Mexico. Nutrient pollution wreak havoc can to sensitive marine life.

ways," Walling said.

Gina Ramirez, a senior advisor with the Southeast Environmental Task Force, also said the bill's failure is disappointing.

"We've been trying to pass this bill for two years," Ramirez said. "I feel like environmental justice should be a priority for the state."

Ramirez also noted that there were procedural issues with passing the bill that led to several lawmakers not being in the House chamber for the vote.

"Literally and figuratively, folks didn't show up," Ramirez said.

Ban on plastic foam food containers

The House passed a

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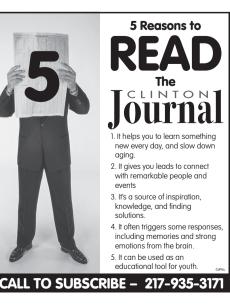
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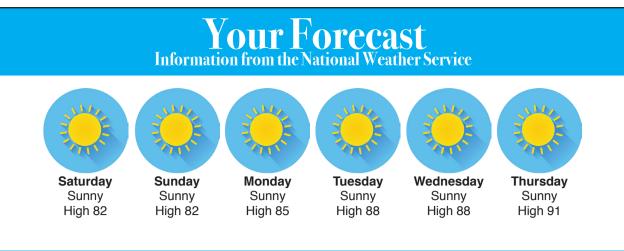
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#### Weather History

#### May 25

1989: Severe thunderstorms rolled across central and southern Illinois during the early afternoon. In Carlinville, hail of 2-1/2 inches in diameter caused \$1 million damage, including 55 broken windows at the Macoupin County Courthouse. Six people were injured. Tennis-ball size hail fell at Litchfield. In Vandalia, baseball size hail caused \$4 million damage at the correctional center. The hail caused major roof damage and 1,000 broken windows, and even cracked 19 bullet-proof windows. Baseball size hail was also reported south of Effingham.

#### May 26

1859: Severe weather in central Illinois produced several tornadoes during the late afternoon and early evening. The worst tornado touched down in Scott County near Manchester, then moving eastward, passing about 10 miles south of Jacksonville. The tornado was described by eyewitnesses as being balloon-shaped. 35 homes and many outbuildings were destroyed. 11 people died, and 50 were injured along the 12-mile path.



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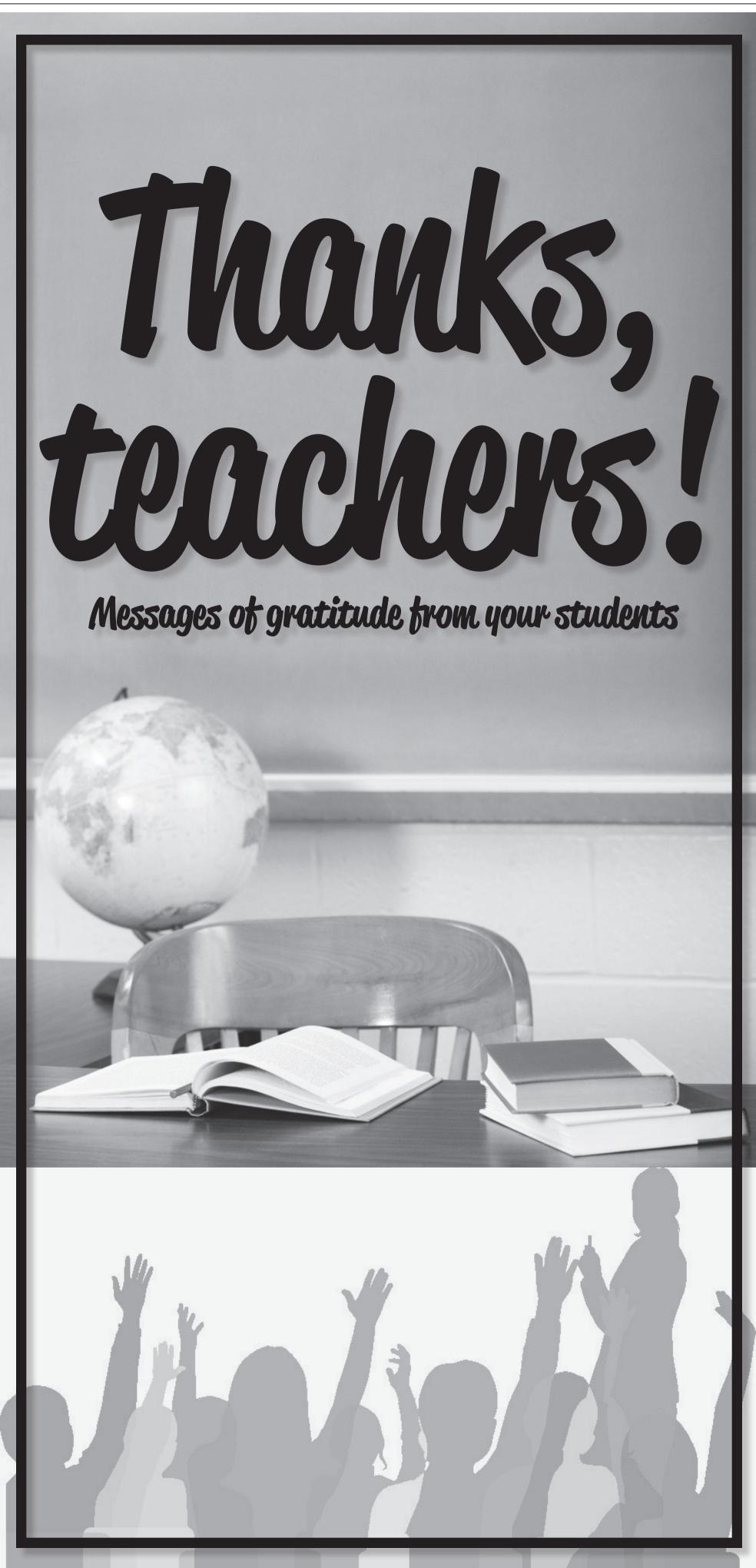
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#### From students at Clinton Junior High School

Dear Mrs. Bevans, Thank you for always making learning fun. I will never forget the great projects and memories that were made. Sincerely,

Peyton Mills

Dear Mrs. Staci McMath, I love how you always have a smile on your face! You are positive no matter what. Sincerely, Preston Howell

Dear Mr. Pertl. I never really cared for English until I joined your class. You made writing very fun with your jokes and writing topics. After I left your class, I realized how much I want to be a screenwriter. Thank you for everything! Sincerely, Chelsea Moore

Dear Mrs. Kessinger,

Thank you for being so nice and making 4th grade such a fun year! I loved your class, and you are always so nice. Sincerely, Kacy Koritz

Dear Mrs. Turney, Thank you for condoning ultimate creativity, no matter what. I could have never created my best poem in existence. That ode will live long. Sincerely, Gavyn Haynes Dear Mrs. Walters, Thank you for always being there for me. Sincerely, Jacey Black

Dear Mr. Wheeler,

Thank you for the effort that you put into teaching us. I appreciate that you take the time to teach each individual instrument. I don't think I could ever forget your dad jokes. They are unfortunately iconic. They make concerts tolerable. I truly think that you are one of the best teachers I have ever had. Thanks for being an inspiration in most, if not all, of our lives. Sincerely, Phelix Krit

Dear Ms. DeLeon, Thank you for making my 5th grade year special. I will never forget the way you taught, making it easy to understand subjects, and fun! Fifth grade has a special place in my heart. Sincerely, Sophia Goff

Dear Mrs. Staci McMath, Thank you so much for always making sure that English is fun. You're always making sure that my peers and I are doing okay in life. You are always there if a student needs help or for someone just to be there for you and listen. You are sweet and kind,

me for junior high. Thank you. Sincerely, Sam Baxter

Dear Mrs. Tara (Oxier),

Thank you for making my first year of school a memorable one. I appreciate you for being kind and patient no matter the student. I will never forget my first year of school, so thank you. SIncerely, Ava Hood

Dear Mr. Pertl, Thank you for doing Judge Pertl... and correcting the capital I's. Jeopardy song! Sincerely, Nathan Tull

Dear Mrs. Bevans, Thank you for being a great teacher. I really enjoyed your class. I appreciate you for always putting up with us. I will never forget all the labs we did. Sincerely, Sophie Peterson

Dear Mrs. Schmitt, I appreciate the time you spent playing games to start off the day. Sincerely, Rachel Major

Dear Mrs. Bevans, You are one of the best teachers I've ever had! Your class was super fun! Thank you for being a great teacher! Sincerely, Aubrey Roberts

Dear Mrs. Meh-

## Teachers' impact career path for CHS teacher

#### KatyO'Grady-Pyne kpyne@theclintonjournal.com

Walk into Emily Fricke's English classroom at Clinton High School and feel the vibe—or energy—thanks to no harsh overhead lights, but instead string lights adorning the walls to create a

cozy feeling. One wall is painted teal color and, in the corner, sits a small sofa.

"I wanted to create a certain energy in the classroom," explains Fricke.

"I've always known I wanted to be a teacher. I had a cousin I really respected growing up and I just tried to do everything that she did.

Fricke also credits her 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for motivation after she told the class on the first day that no one would get 100 percent because no one was perfect.

"There are pros and cons to that kind of statement," Fricke admits, but when the same teacher later complimented Fricke's writing, she felt she found her niche.

"I remember her pulling me aside one day and telling me I had a strong piece of writing, and I was really close (to 100 percent). That unlocked English for me."

Always a reader, Fricke was encouraged to apply to take advanced English classes at St. Charles North High School but that required her to take a summer program analyzing the classic book, To Kill a Mockingbird.

"It was the first time someone said, 'You make sense of this by yourself.' They weren't holding my hand and I had to write a literary analysis paper that had to be strong to get accepted."

"I have been in love with English ever since."

After high school, Fricke attended Illinois State University and earned her degree in English education.

Seven years ago, Fricke accepted her first professional position with CHS.

Strong teachers come from consistency and knowing their curriculum, said Fricke.

"I plan to stay here for a long time because I believe consistency is important. It makes you a stronger teacher."

This year, Fricke teaches English 9, Advanced English 9 and Advanced American Literature.

There are many things about teaching at CHS that Fricke loves and appreciates, in-

personal experience.

"That teacher changed my life when she told me I was a strong writer. It led me to take all the AP (advanced placement) classes.

Fricke's freshman English teacher also motivated her education.

"He was phenomenal. He was fascinating. He inspired me to go down the path to English. He's so intelligent and he gets to have intelligent conversations with intelligent kids all the time."

"I feel that way when I talk to any of my kids," said Fricke. "They make me a better version of me because they challenge me all the time. I get to work with smart kids, and they make me smarter."

"I'm lucky enough to have a career that makes me feel fulfilled, I think that's one of the things people are pursuing in life and I think I'm lucky that I found that really early in my career."

Fricke also believes her personality is meant for teaching.

"I am sarcastic enough that the kids respect me, and I can joke around. I have the right communication style. I think it's my very dry sense of humor that keeps them engaged."

Fricke strives to not be stagnant as a teacher.

"I pride myself on that. Every year is something different and every year is based on the kids. I try really hard to not stay the same every year."

Fricke believes society has had many challenges with education and that has led to a distrust.

"The kids don't always see or know all the reasons why we do what we do. They think (school) is irrelevant to them. What we are doing in school, in English specifically, we're not teaching content, I'm teaching you skills through content."

As an example, Fricke explains why students read the classic novel, To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee.

"I'm not teaching about the 1960s and Scout Finch," said Fricke. "I recognize that, and I say that to the kids. The point is that you become more empathetic as a human being because you recognize how others are treated. It makes you a more critical thinker. You're supposed to question authority and you're supposed to question what's happening in society because sometimes it's not okay."

Teachers get into teaching because they want to impact the lives of kids, said Fricke.

Dear Mrs. Bevans, Thank you for putting in extra work to make your science class fun and enjoyable! Sincerely, Aubrey Peterson

Dear Mrs. Bevans, Thank you for the field trip to the Challenger Learning Center. That was one of my favorite trips. Sincerely, Wyatt Turney always making people happy even on tough days. Sincerely, Riley Keelin

Dear Mrs. Bevans, Thank you for making science fun and interesting. Sincerely, Brenna Hitchings

Dear Mr. Douglas, Thank you for teaching my class as best as you could while also making it fun. Even though it was during COVID, you still taught me a lot and prepared rkens,

Thank you for being a great science teacher. I appreciate you helping me when I don't understand. I will never forget when you took my salt packets. Sincerely, Shawn Ferguson

Dear Ms. Coffman, I will never forget the Lego STEM challenges. I appreciated those! Sincerely, Micah McClellan

Dear Mrs. Turney, Thank you for cluding the challenge of critical thinking. "Teaching lets me do this. Teaching makes me feel fulfilled."

Fricke recognizes the power teachers can have on their students from her own

staining my memory with cheesy songs and all the dad jokes. It was always fun to be in your class, and I always looked forward to it. I appreciate how you helped me learn in a fun way. I will NEVER forget the alliteration song. Sincerely, Kole Sutton

Dear Mrs. Schmidt, Thank you for always being there when I needed someone. I appreciate you and everything you have done for me. I will never forget how nice you were or how your hugs helped me a lot. SIncerely, Maleah Brennan

Dear Miss Diener, Thank you for giving me extra help in math and giving us

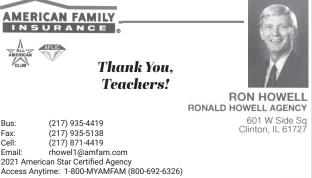
"It has been a really good year. I really like these kids. I love coming to work because they challenge me, and I hope that I challenge them."

> calculators during percentages. Sincerely, Lucas Lamar

Dear Mrs. Staci McMath, I appreciate you being such an awesome teacher. Every day you are always in a good mood and kind to everyone. You are always up to help your students whenever they need and

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you listen to just about anything we share. Sincerely, Lucy Fisher

Dear Mr. Shedd, Thank you for being a chill and cool teacher. I appreciate how well you dealt with classmates' antics. I hope you have good students for years to come. Sincerely, Clint Wilson

Dear Mrs. Ward, Thank you for having patience when I was taking tests. I appreciate the time you spent to make sure I got a good grade. Sincerely,

Chelsea Brown

Dear Coach Tarbox,

Thank you so much for always cheering me on and always helping me believe in myself. You have been one of the most positive impacts in my life, and I am so glad I joined wrestling. Sincerely, Harper Werkman

Dear Mr. Hill, Thank you for letting us play silent ball every day. It is nice because it is at the end of the day, and it is fun. Sincerely, Hunter Carver

Dear Mrs. Payne, Thank you for helping me do better in English. You are my favorite teacher. Sincerely, Delmi Serrano

never forget being on your wrestling team. Sincerely, **Brockton Sumner** 

Dear Mr. Pertl, Thank you for always having fun activities to do. You were always nice to everyone in the class. Sincerely, Cayden Bostic

Dear Ms. Riedle, Thank you for always supporting me. I appreciate the iPad time. Sincerely, Mason Staney

Dear Mr. Hill, Thank you for making my day fun! I appreciate you for making my day every day. I will never forget the silent ball games. Sincerely, Aiden Russell

Dear Mr. Pertl, Thank you for all the fun things we did in your class. Sincerely, Kharter Covey

Dear Mr. Williams, I appreciate all of the help you gave to get me where I am today in track. Sincerely, **Trey Mitchell** 

Dear Mrs. Marquis, Thank you for always being there for me and my questions about mental health. You were always there to talk and give advice and that made a big impact in my life. Sincerely, Bella Villanueva

of your way after school after that long day just to go practice for another two hours. I will never forget all the meets, tournaments, and bus rides, especially the early morning ones. I also won't forget the weight dropping. Sincerely, Joseph Fenton

Dear Mrs. Bevans, Thank you for all the fun in class activities and the field trip. It was easier to learn when having fun, and I feel like you really understood that. You always made sure everyone understood, and if they didn't, you helped them. Thank you for being a great teacher. Sincerely, **Brady Stauffer** 

Dear Mrs. Annette McMath, I will never forget how you helped me with math after school or when you made learning fun for the other students and me. You always seemed to be happy doing what you love. I appreciate you for being my second grade teacher. I will never forget all you have done. From my heart to yours, I say thank you. Sincerely, Savannah Wheeler

Dear Mr. Recker, Thank you for being here for me when I really need-

#### **THANKS, TEACHERS!**



## Education is always changing because we're always learning

#### **Gordon Woods** gwoods@theclintonjournal.com

Elizabeth Pertyl entertained the idea of becoming many things when she was growing up, a dentist, a computer scientist, and a music therapist, among others.

"I remember wanting to become a dentist until I saw a picture of a root canal," Pertyl said.

But the notion of becoming a teacher was always there.

"I think it was always in the background," Pertyl said. "I would always play school for fun. I always enjoyed school and had a good school experience."

Pertyl's mother was a volunteer preschool teacher and volunteered in other educational programs where they lived. "So, I was always around teaching."

Her father was a computer scientist, hence, her interest in computer science.

Then, Pertyl went to the Caribbean island of Dominica for a brief mission trip with members of her church.

"I remember walking into an outdoor government school, and I just felt so at home," Pertyl said. "And, I thought, 'I need to teach'!"

She said teaching has turned out to be

ber," Pertyl said.

She taught kindergarten and 3rd grade at a rural school in Lousiana.

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Pertyl later returned to Alabama to consider if she wanted to continue teaching, when she learned about a teaching job in Clinton. She began teaching special education in Clinton and then became a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at CES two years ago.

Pertyl graduated from the University of North Alabama. Her husband is a native of Albion, in far southern Illinois.

Pertyl said she has always been motivated about being able get a concept across to her students.

"When they get it, and they get excited about it," she said.

Pertyl said her class this year particularly loved learning. She said they never wanted to stop reading.

"I like that part of the process of their broader understanding of how the world works," she said.

Pertyl said teaching is ever-changing and she has seen that even in her brief career so far.

"The American education system is seeing a change from an older model to a new model," she said. "There are a lot of demands on teachers nationally, and we have to serve our local communities."

Dear Mrs. Staci McMath,

Thank you for making my day better! I have two other classes before my English hours, and when I come to class, it makes me happy and excited. I will never forget our class. Sincerely. Lance Brame

Dear Mr. Hill, Thank you for teaching social studies. I appreciate all the silent ball time. I will

Dear Mr. Shedd, Thank you for helping me when the math got hard. I won't forget how you helped me through the year. Sincerely, Eben Browne-Sprague

Dear Mr. Hill/Coach Hill, Thank you for the help with wrestling and making me much better at the sport by helping me get more wins and pins. I appreciate that you go out

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ed you. I appreciate the way you always find a way to cheer me up. I will never forget the way you would help me with life. Sincerely. **Emilee Plummer** 

Dear Mrs. Borland. Thank you for teaching that hyper little me that would try and sleep longer than the others. I appreciate that you gave us a lot of free time as long as we listened in school when you taught us. I will never forget that you were See more on B4

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2 KELLI CT, CLINTON (217) 935-2148 WWW.FIRSTNBTC.COM great for her because she gets to do many of the things she loves, art, music, drama.

"But, I'm also instructing," she said. Pertyl grew up in Huntsville, Ala.

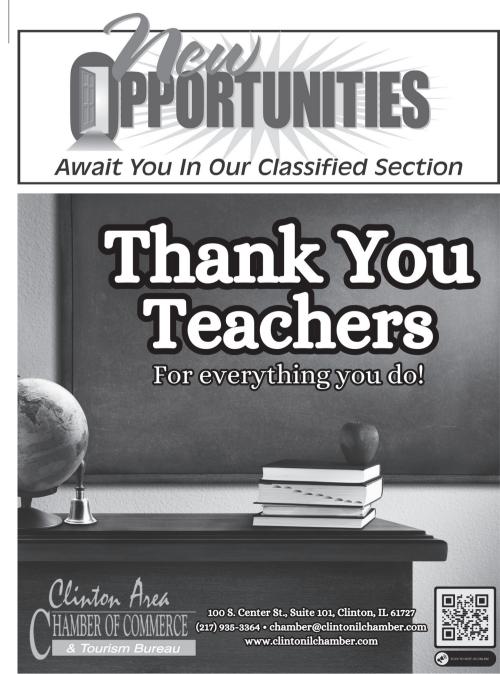
"I lived there until I graduated from high school and went off to college, she said. Pertyl teaches 3rd grade at Clinton Elementary School. She is in her eighth year of teaching and has taught in Clinton for six years.

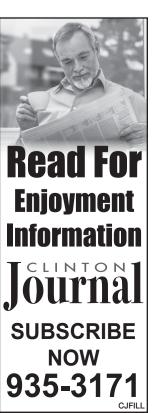
"I was a Teach for America Corps mem-

"And, we learn more about learning," she said.

Pertyl is part-way through a master's program in educational psychology, and said more and more is known about what the human brain is capable of.

"Education will always be changing because we're always learning," she said.





## Like grandfather, like granddaughter

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Clinton High School math teacher Colleen Schutte is reserved when asked to talk about herself. She>d much prefer to talk about her children or her husband, or her students, so when

asked what she thought

made her a good teacher, she squirmed uncomfortably.

"I hate talking about myself," she said, almost under her breath.

"I don't know that I'd necessarily say successful, but I would say one of my strengths is to get to know the kids and build mutual respect. Once you have that mutual respect-for the most part-everything else pretty much falls into place."

Schutte is completing her ninth year at CHS. She taught for one year at Villa Grove when now CHS principal Jerry Wayne hired her in the math department.

A native of Mahomet, Schutte attended Parkland College for two years followed by Illinois State University.

When she started college, Schutte was a business major. Math and numbers were her "thing" but she soon found the business classes "boring."

Schutte decided to take an education class "just to try it out," and she discovered, "I loved it!"

"I never looked back," she said after that first education class.

Teaching runs in Schutte's family. Her grandfather, the late Oren Schaab, had been a teacher and a guidance counselor for 36 years in Bloomington's District 87 schools.

When asked what she enjoys most about teaching, Schutte said: "As cheesy as it sounds, the kids make it fun." Schutte also added that she loves her coworkers and the fact that every day is different.

"You never know what you're going to walk into," she said. "And I like that!"

Schutte also feels appreciated by the administration. "They support me and that makes a big difference."

Schutte said she frequently has students tell her that they like her as a person but aren't big fans of math.

"That's fair," said Schutte. "That's ok."

Schutte attributes her positive relationships with students to her "papa." Her grandfather had expectations for the students but always made sure to work with them to help them be successful.

"I try to channel that and understand where the kids are coming from, but (students) also have to understand where I'm coming from as a teacher."

This year, Schutte teaches informal geometry, advanced geometry (co-teacher), math 098, college algebra, and algebra I.

Other than math, Schutte hopes her students to learn empathy from her. "And to know there is always someone in their corner rooting for them."

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#### Saluting **Today's Teachers**







very creative when you taught us and taught us a few different ways to look at things. Sincerely. A kid from 2013-2014

Dear Mrs. Wilson, You made me like school more and you made class fun. Sincerely, Andrew Schmid

Dear Mr. Kizor, I appreciate when you always kept our class entertained when we didn't like a lesson or something. You always made it fun. Sincerely, Cooper Nichols

Dear Mrs. White, You are one of my favorite teachers. Your class was very fun. I learned a lot from your class. Sincerely, **Carter Bostic** 

Dear Mrs. Weiss, You were my favorite teacher. I will never forget going outside and unloading trash bags of toys for Kloe's Giving Heart. Sincerely, Wyatt Burton

Dear Mrs. Creager, You had a big impact on my life. I really enjoyed your class even though it was pre-school. I also liked how we stayed in touch through third grade because you and my parents were friends. You helped me through so much. Sincerely,

er, Thank you for being the best teacher ever! You were very nice and had pets. It was a fun class. Sincerely,

Ashton Douglas

Dear Mrs. Wayne, Thank you so much for being one of the best teachers I have ever had! You are always there if anyone needs you. You care so much about your students and it really shows. You help me understand math for the first time ever. Thank you so much for being the best teacher ever! Sincerely, Addi Summers

Dear Mr. McMath, Thank you for letting me sit in the wrong seat everyday. You also teach very well, and I enjoy your class. Sincerely, Wyatt McGlasson

Dear Mr. Hill. I will never forget everything you have done for me in my middle school life. Sincerely, Justin Droke

Dear Mrs. Wayne, Thank you for advocating for my vision problems. Sincerely, Jake Heinlen

Dear Mrs. Guidry, I loved my fourth grade experience with you. Thank you for everything. Hope you've enioyed all your other classes. Sincerely, Caitlyn Jones

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all my homework. I will never forget how you help me all the time. Sincerely, Briggs White

Dear Mrs. Bostic, Thank you for being kind. I appreciate you for teaching in a fun way. I will never forget the tickets that I bought stuff with. I also loved the pigs. Sincerely. Ben Goebel

Dear Mrs. Guidry, Thank you for always being really kind and understanding of your students' feelings. Sincerely, **Paisley Schick** 

Dear Mr. Recker, Thank you for giving me good advice. It really helps me in the long run. I will never forget how funny you are. Sincerely, Mylie Alwood

Dear Mr. Hill, Thank you for being a good teacher and good coach. I appreciate how much you taught me about wrestling and how fun your class was. I will never forget your class and how good of a wrestling coach you are. Sincerely, **Oliver Reed** 

Dear Mrs. Wilson, Thanks for giving me candy for every time I got an answer right. Sincerely, **Bella Perhay** 

Dear Mrs. Wayne, You have really connected with me through our friendship and shared personal experiences. Thank you for being such a relatable teacher. Sincerely, Sam Wooldridge

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Destaney (Walden) Jones

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Dear Mrs. Donelson, Thank you for teaching us so well. I learned so much in your class. That was one of my favorite years in elementary school. Sincerely, Patrick Morge

Dear Mrs. Wayne, Thank you for everything. I appreciate all the help on

**From students** in Mrs. Wilson's 4th grade class at Clinton **Elementary School** 

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My favorite teacher is Mrs. Barnes from CES. She teaches 2nd grade. She was nice to the kids even when the kids were rude. She made me feel comfortable. Thank you, Felipe

I would like to thank Mrs. Coffman at CES. She taught second grade. She had spheros and was nice. She made me feel good. She helped me if I feld mad, sad, and sick.

By Kirklyn

Miss Shewmake was my student teacher in fourth grade. She taught and subbed in CES. She is my best teacher. She taught me how to make hard problems easy. She helped me be more social. Thank you, Cameron

My favorite teacher is Mrs. Douglas at Lincoln School. She helped me. I came works as a counselor. She helped me with my anger problems and experiences in my life. Thank you, Lucas

My favorite teacher is Mrs. Pertl. She is Wilson because every time I ask her a question she says "Raise the Roof," get it. Oh well she also warms my heart even when I am feeling low. By Sophia

I would like to thank Miss Coffman. She was my Kindergarten teacher at Douglas School. She was my favorite teacher because on the first day of school she helped me a lot. And, when I got a question wrong, she didn't get mad. She just did a lot for me and I am so grateful I had her. When I went to first grade she retired. But I'm so happy she was my teacher! Thank you, Brooklyn

My favorite teacher is Mrs. Barnes because she taught in a very fun way. She actually made me enjoy the school year. Mrs. Barnes was by far the best teacher ever. But, Mrs. Wilson is a close second. They both work in C.E.S. By Amelia

My favorite teacher is Miss Scott. She teaches 2nd grade at CES. She really into school a little late and was very shy. She also made me feel so comfortable. She helped me through my hard times. Because my grandma passed away a couple of days before my birthday and whenever I was sad, she would find a way to cheer me up. I just wanted to thank you Miss Scott for being the best teacher ever!!! Thank you, Brooke

in straight lines and helped me in math. That is why I love Mrs. Walsh! Thanks, Mrs. Walsh! Vivian

My favorite teacher was Mrs. Pam. She works at Lincoln School She teaches preschool and was a substitute for Mrs. Sophia. I picked Mrs. Pam because she helped me through a lot of things. By Miles

My favorite teacher is Mrs. Wilson at CES. She teaches 4th grade. She is my favorite because we got snacks for IAR. Thank you, Brayden

My favorite teacher is Mrs. Jessika from Lincoln School. She was a Pre-K teacher. She was the best teacher ever because she is kind, nice, and joyful. She always helped me and everyone else. Mrs. Jessika was the best because she would always let us play more. But now that I'm in 4th grade, I don't see her anymore. Your 4th grade friend, Jaycee

My favorite teacher is Mrs. Munds. She used to work at the Jr. High. She taught language arts. The reason why she is my favorite teacher is because she is my grandma! I think she was good because sne gets hugged by her students almost everywhere we go. That's why my grandma was the best 6th grade teacher. Love, Annie



## Passing on the inspiration through hands-on learning

#### **Gordon Woods**

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Her positive experience with teachers when she was in elementary school inspired Brooke Weiss to also one day become a teacher.

"They were very kind and showed compassion," Weiss said.

Her 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher in particular made a point of teaching kindness and compassion. She said that teacher even invited her students to her wedding.

Weiss attended DeLand-Weldon schools and graduated from Illinois State University. She has taught for 23 years. This was her first year teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Clinton Elementary School. She previously taught 5th grade. Her husband is also from the area and works at Clinton Power Station.

Weiss said there was a bit of a difference between teaching 4th grade and 5th grade students.

"I think they're different in that 5th graders are kind of getting ready for junior high," Weiss said. "So, they're a little bit more advanced."

For Weiss, it isn't just the satisfaction of teaching, its being with the children in general.

"I like their laughter and their smiles, the things they like to share," she said.



She also praised their energy to learn. "That's an element that really matters," Weiss said. "Lots of children like to learn, but at a younger age, I think they listen, and they want to learn."

Weiss likes to do hand-on activities with her students and always looks for fun ways to learn.

"It brings me joy when students get a new concept or accomplish something that is really difficult," Weiss said.

Some students are quiet learners, while some are more outgoing learners. But Weiss said for her it is always exciting when she knows her students are excited learning.

"You can get a kid to open up and smile when you build those relationships," she said. "Finding something that interests them."

She said that was possible when finding fun and engaging lessons for students.

"And, I like that," Weiss said. "You can find that in math or science and incorporate all the subjects together."

She said getting students involved in projects was far more engaging for them when it came to learning.

"When I look back on elementary school, that's how my teachers inspired me as well."



at CES. She teaches 3rd grade. She gave me second chances every time. She was fun. On the last day, it was fun with her. We learned a lot together like math and reading. By Kaylee

My favorite teacher is Mrs. Wilson. She works at the Clinton Elementary School. She works in the office and makes sure kids get home safely. I picked Mrs. My favorite teacher that I've had is Mrs. Walsh. She teache\s third grade at Clinton Elementarv School. She was super nice and loved my baking. She helped me write



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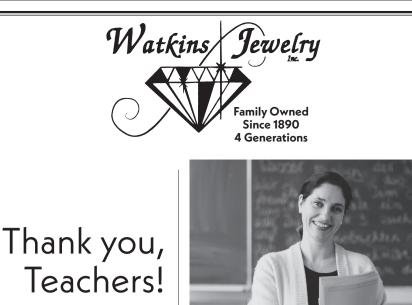
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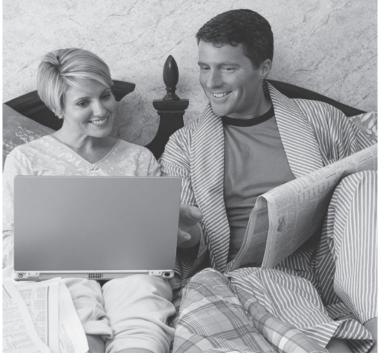
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