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McMath receives state NSDAR award

The DeWitt Clinton Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution announced CJHS social studies teacher, Kelby McMath, was named the Illinois Organization NSDAR Outstanding Teacher of American History of the Year. McMath was honored at the Illinois State Conference in April.

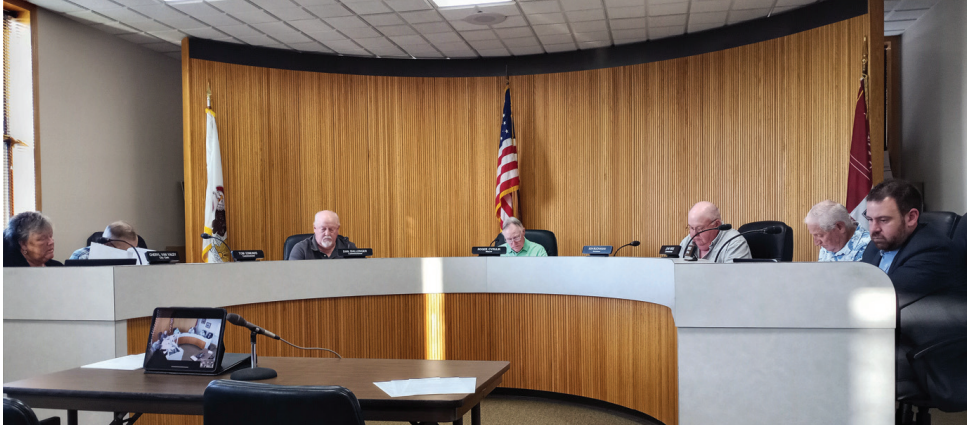
City council urged to act on bnb regulations

Resident vows to return over the long-haul to address concerns

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CLINTON — Commissioner John Wise on Monday urged the city council to move to create regulations governing bnb, or short-term, rentals.

The topic emerged in January when the council realized there were a number short term rental proprietors located in residential areas of Clinton, but the city did not have an ordinance to



Gordon Woods / Journal
The Clinton City Council is session on Monday.

regulate them. Wise distributed to the council copies of a newspaper story from Decatur telling how that city established a tax and ordinance for its bnb rentals. He said the city set up a permitting

process and enacted an 8 percent sales tax on the rentals. “We could kind of mirror something like that,” Wise said. “We need to do something because we know there are people renting houses, they are in

residential areas.” Wise said the city needed to decide whether it was going to establish regulations to allow the short-term rentals or ban them. “We need to get it done, one way or the other,”

Wise said. He said if the city was not going to allow them, those operators needed to be notified. Wise said the city needed to fine the existing bnb operators in residential areas or set up a process to permit them. “That way, we can track them, because it’s not fair to the motels who are doing it correctly,” he said. Wise stressed the urgency of making a decision. The city continues to receive inquiries from people who want to open bnb establishments. “We’ve got to take care of it,” he said. See **CITY** / A2

State votes to enhance bus safety

SPRINGFIELD — With unanimous support, the Illinois legislature has passed a measure that will make it safer for students to get on and off school buses across the state. SB2340 allows Illinois school districts to install a well-lit additional extended stop arm that further obstructs the roadway from passing traffic when a school bus is stopped to pick up or drop off students. “There is no greater priority we as leaders can have than safety for our children,” said Sen. Doris Turner, D-Springfield, one of four senate chief co-sponsors of the bill. “That includes giving school districts the ability to make the commute to and from school safer and I believe this legislation does that.” While the bill does not require districts to do so, the legislation gives Illinois school districts the option to have buses fitted with up to two additional safety arms. “More than 17 million incidents of vehicles driving around stopped school buses are reported each year in the US,” said Rep. Janet Yang, D-Naperville, another chief co-sponsor of the bill. “These extended arms provide a more visible and physical warning to motorists to stop before a tragedy happens.” A 2019 study conducted by the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation (NASDPTS) found that in a single day, more than 95,000 motorists had illegally passed stopped school buses displaying flashing red lights and traditional stop arms. See **BUSES** / A2

Memorial Day observance scheduled for May 29,

CLINTON — The Memorial Day services will return this year to the Civil War Plot at Woodlawn Cemetery. The service will begin at 9 a.m., May 29, and will be conducted by the combined veterans organizations, including American Legion post #103, AMVETS Post #14, and VFW Post #4168). Everyone is encouraged to join in the remembrance of fallen American service members. In case of inclement weather, the service

will be conducted at the United Methodist Church. The Clinton High School band will be in attendance for musical interludes and the playing of the Star Spangled Banner, under the direction of Nathan Wheeler. Others will be announced as plans are finalized and speakers are all confirmed. Jeff Hendrick, from Clinton Junior High School will play TAPS. All veterans are invited to walk with the opening color guard procession as well as all Boys’ and Girls’ Scouts.

Museum’s ‘Quilted Keepsakes’ runs June 1-30

CLINTON — The DeWitt County Museum Association announces the annual “Quilted Keepsakes” quilt show will take place June 1-30 at the C.H. Moore Homestead DeWitt County Museum, 219 E. Woodlawn, Clinton. The numerous quilts exhibited throughout the fully furnished Victorian mansion will include select examples from the museum

collection as well as antique, vintage and contemporary pieces loaned from private collections and quilters. Anyone interested in loaning a quilt not loaned previously for inclusion in the Quilted Keepsakes quilt show is encouraged to contact the museum to make arrangements. The quilts can be viewed during regular museum and gift shop hours, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. on Sundays. Admission, which includes the house tour, quilt show, carriage barn, farm museum, covered bridge, gardens and



Courtesy of DeWitt County Museum

grounds, is \$5 for adults, \$2 for ages 12-18 and ages 11 and under free. DeWitt County Museum Association members are also admitted at no charge.

To arrange a large group tour, please contact the museum in advance at (217) 935-6066 or chmoore.homestead@gmail.com.

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Clinton resident Seth Redington briefly addressed the council, telling commissioners he would continue to return until he received what he felt were straight answers to a number of questions.

Redington has repeatedly questioned the council about the legality of its fire training facility, which he lives near, as well as the use of city fuel pumps by commissioners, among other topics.

“It’s all in the paperwork, and all I’ve heard is lies from this council, Redington said. Paperwork doesn’t lie.”

Redington has received documents though Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests he said shows the city’s record keeping for things like extra duty pay and gasoline usage does not match what commissioners claim.

He said the city has stonewalled him when it comes to providing all the information he has requested.

Dan Ballenger, commissioner of public safety, has been a frequent target of Redington’s claims about fuel usage and fire department pay. Ballenger decided to address one of Redington’s claims.

“Your father-in-law was commissioner when it was put by your house,” Ballenger said about the fire department’s training facility. “How come it was never an issue then?”

Redington asked if there was a public hearing before construction began on the facility.

“Ask your father-in-law,” Ballenger responded. “He was in charge.”

“That structure was torn down and relocated,” Redington said. “A totally different structure.”

“It was moved farther away for your convenience,” Ballenger said.

“That’s fine, but not far enough,” Redington responded.

Ballenger accused Redington of targeting him in particular after he became commissioner. Ballenger said he was finished responding.

“You’ve got your answers, but they’re not what you want to hear,” Ballenger said.

Redington said the facility violated local code. Ballenger said the council approved it, and it was approved by the State Fire Marshal’s Office.

Redington said he would return every month for the next four years if necessary to readdress all of his concerns. The entire council recently was elected to new terms in office.

In other business, Commissioner Ken Buchanan asked residents to watch for areas around the square that will be blocked from traffic for the MayDays Festival, running through Sunday evening.

Buchanan also said clean up vouchers were now available from the city. The one-time vouchers will be good for June and July. This year, there will be only one Saturday available for voucher access to the landfill on July 8 from 6 a.m.- 2 p.m. Otherwise, access using a voucher will be Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Across the U.S. an estimated 17 million drivers will illegally pass school buses while their current stop arms are deployed this year a statistic making extended stop arms an increasingly popular option for school districts to install these.

“With driver distraction levels at all-time highs the current warning systems, which haven’t changed in 30 years, simply aren’t enough. We felt compelled to design a simple and cost-effective way to increase the visibility of buses, reduce the liability of motorists, and decrease these tragedies and close calls,” said Illinois-based Bus Gates co-founder Jeff Stauffer.

Under the bill, the front side extension to the required stop arm must extend no more than 78 inches from the side of the bus with the rear side arm not extending more than 32 inches.

Illinois joins a growing list of progressive states to modernize warning systems on school buses. “Since installing stop arm extensions, we’ve seen a 95 percent drop in stop arm passing violations,” said Alvarado, Texas Public Schools Transportation Manager, Terry Woods.

Albamarle County Public Schools, in Charlottesville, Va., reported an 89 percent reduction in the number of violations when using extended stop arms.

The state of Montana mandated that stop-arm extensions be installed on all public school buses across the state in 2022.

Summer reading begins June 1 at Warner Library

CLINTON — Find your voice this summer at the Vespasian Warner Public Library District. Summer Reading is free and open to all ages, birth through adult.

Registration begins on June 1 and the program continues through July 31. Readers will track their progress with a self-paced reading path and earn rewards along the way with prizes big and small. Over 600 community members participated in Summer Reading last year, and library staff hopes that number will grow in 2023.

Learn more about Summer Reading with some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ).

Readers will earn up to six treasure box prizes and loads of entries for 20 grand prize drawings. Grand prizes this year include a Nintendo Switch Lite, Ninja Creami Ice Cream Machine, local gift cards, Lego sets, themed gift baskets, and so much more.

What type of reading counts?

All reading counts towards reading goals. This includes books, magazines, newspapers, graphic novels, audiobooks, or even the back of the cereal box! Readers can use books from the library, home, or other sources.

Are there performers or events this year?

Yes. All readers should save the date for Saturday, July 22. Details coming soon!

Why is Summer Reading important?

Summer reading is critical for students to retain knowledge and skills learned in the previous school year. Adult participation is just as important simply because when children see grown-ups read, they will most likely want to read themselves.

Library Summer Reading sponsors include Friends of Warner Library, Ace Hardware, Casey’s General Store, Clinton Education Association, Clinton Family Restaurant, Clinton YMCA, Dairy Queen, Gold Standard Barber Shop, Hammer Strength & Fitness, Heartland Bank & Trust, Jimmy Johns, Kirby Foods IGA, La Tea Da, McDonald’s, Monical’s Pizza, Save A Lot, Shear Paradise, The Russell Family, Snapper’s Bar & Grill, Sorrento’s Pizza, Subway, Sweet Mae’s, Taylor Abstract, Texas Roadhouse, and more.

For more information about Summer Reading, call the library at 217-935-5174 or visit www.vwarner.org.

Area students graduate from University of Illinois Springfield

SPRINGFIELD — A semester on May 13, 2023, total of 1,178 students earned degrees from the University of Illinois Springfield at the conclusion of the spring semester pending completion of university requirements. Below are area students who received degrees.

Clinton

- Jenna Rachele Sartie, BA Psychology, Suma Cum Laude
- Joshua Charles Burton, BS, Computer Science

Forsyth

- Eli Mitchell Benner, BA Legal Studies
- Rylee Marian Billington, BS Exercise Science, Suma Cum Laude
- Taylor Marie Pope BBA Business Administration

Maroa

- Elizabeth Anne Stark MA Human Development Counseling

Kaitlyn Campbell Graduates from McKendree University

LEBANON, Ill. — Kaitlyn Elizabeth Campbell, of Heyworth, graduated from McKendree University with a Master of Arts in Teaching degree in Secondary Education. The university is conferring 551 degrees in 2023 — 31 doctoral, 155 masters’, 351 bachelors’, 14 specialist and four associates’ degrees on students who completed their program requirements in December 2022, and in May and July 2023.

A total of 103 students graduated with Latin honors, pending final grades for the spring and summer terms, 18 summa cum laude, 46 magna cum laude and 39 cum laude.

Learn to preserve food safely with Illinois Extension

CLINTON — Home gardening and food preservation have become more popular in recent years. People are taking advantage of preserving food at home to enjoy the fruits of their labor throughout the year.

Learn how to water-bath and pressure can with University of Illinois Extension just in time for this year’s gardening season.

Yes. You Can: Preserving Safely workshop will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on June 15 at the DeWitt County Extension Office, 8425 Katie Rd. Nutrition and Wellness Educator Caitlin Mellendorf will share up-to-date information to increase confidence in safely preserving at home and explain the steps to get started or refresh current skills. Participants may also bring their dial-gauge pressure canner lids to be tested.


“While fresh tomatoes will eventually decompose, preserving methods like canning gives them a longer shelf life,” says Mellendorf. “Maybe those tomatoes are canned into a salsa for a taste of summer in the fall.”

The event is free, and participants should register by June 8 at go.illinois.edu/SafeCanning. For more information, contact Caitlin at chuth2@illinois.edu or call 217-935-5764.

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact 217-935-5764. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access need.

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Clinton Police Department

Arrests:
On May 9, 2023 Clinton Police arrested Devon R. A. Evans, 26, Clinton, on a McLean County arrest warrant for Resisting a Peace Officer/Failure to Appear. Evans was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and at the direction of McLean County authorities, was issued a Notice to Appear and released.
On May 10, 2023 Clinton Police arrested Wesley D. Thompson Jr, 29, Clinton, on a Macon County arrest warrant for Failure to Appear. Thompson was transported to the DeWitt County Jail where he was turned over to corrections personnel for processing.

DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

Arrest and Citation Reports 5/5/23 to 5/12/23

Jordan Dunn, 27, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Operating Uninsured Vehicle. Dunn was given a Notice to Appear and was released.
Nickolus Stamper, 40, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Expired Registration. Stamper was given a Notice to Appear and was released.
Levi Scott, 26, Mt Zion, was arrested, charged and issued Citations for DUI-Under the influence of Alcohol. Scott being unable to post the necessary bond remains lodged in the DeWitt

County Jail.
Deyon Jackson, 20, Bartlett, TN, was arrested and charged with Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon and issued citations for Operating Uninsured Vehicle, Suspended Registration, Driving While License Suspended in TN and Possession of Cannabis. Jackson being unable to post the necessary bond remains lodged in the DeWitt County Jail.
Gavin Clifton, 22, Maroa, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with Driving While Driver's License, Permit, or Privilege to Operate Motor Vehicle is Suspended or Revoked/FTA. Clifton posted the necessary bond and was released.
Brandon Mitchell, 36, Clinton, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with Violation of Order of Protection. Mitchell posted the necessary bond and was released.
Davee Thomas, 36, Rantoul, was issued a Citation for Driving while License Revoked. Thomas was given a Notice to Appear and was released.
Cortez Lampley, 45, Springfield, was issued a Citation for Speeding (75 mph in a 55 mph zone). Lampley was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

All suspects are presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of law.

Clinton YMCA enters management agreement for Farmer City pool

FARMER CITY – Following recent staffing issues, the City and Clinton YMCA have entered an agreement for the management of the pool.
City officials announced the partnership would bring more programs to the pool, including swim lessons, aqua-exercise, guppy time, as well as an outdoor venue for the YMCA's daycare camps. It will also provide needed reinforcement for lifeguard staffing issues and oversight.
The City also will upgrade its fare offered at the concession stand to include walking tacos and different cold treats, such

as sour bomb pops and ice cream cups and Coca Cola. The pool will still offer hot dogs, pretzels and miscellaneous snacks.
“We are kicking off a new adventure for our pool and believe this collaboration will lead to great things for our community as well as Clinton. It's so nice to see us working together for the benefit of our region,” said Farmer City city manager Sue McLaughlin.
The YMCA intends to bring more programs and events as well.
“The YMCA aquatic staff is eager to bring their knowledge and skills to an outdoor venue with programming and events that has

something for everyone. As an organization, we are excited for the opportunity to further our mission to the Farmer City community and promote this wonderful outdoor aquatic facility to our members,” said Clinton YMCA executive director Rennie Cluver.
The pool will be open this year from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with the possibility of extending those hours depending on demand. The pool's season will end close around the beginning of the school year but may extend hours through Labor Day weekend as well.
Pool passes are available at the pool when it opens

or at City Hall – prices will remain the same this year except for pool parties, which will be \$75/hour for 2 hours. You can call to reserve a party at City Hall at (309) 928-3412 or at the pool after it opens for the season. The YMCA plans to have their information for swim lessons and other activities ready for registration soon.
The grand opening for the pool this year will be Saturday, May 27 at 11 a.m. Check the City's Facebook page for more information.

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Recent food safety recalls

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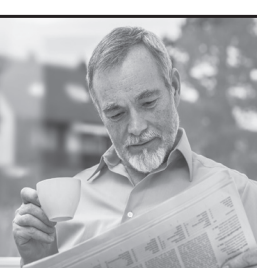
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allergen in it, specifically milk.
The fine print says they didn't ask for a recall because the products aren't available for purchase. Hmmm ... what about people who might have those items in their freezer? This particular meatloaf was sent to groups that deliver at-home meals to seniors and the food therefore does not have an ingredient label on it.
For more information

on these recalls or to sign up for email notices, go to www.fsis.usda.gov/recalls. And if you ever have questions about food safety, you can call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 888-MPHotline (888-674-6854).
Food Manufacturing is another good site to watch for up-to-the-minute recall and alert information (www.foodmanufacturing.com/recalls-alerts). While they're not part of the government, they do cover all types of food information. Scroll to the bottom to sign up for email alerts from them.

The Food and Drug Administration (fda.gov) is another site worth watching. Scroll down their page for recalls and alerts on a variety of items, such as food, medical devices, vaccines, drugs and cosmetics. Today their list includes salmonella in flour, sesame in premade sandwiches, eggs in yogurt and listeria in salad kits.
Makes you hesitant to eat anything we buy in a store, doesn't it? Signing up for email alerts might be a good idea.
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The website for the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) arm of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is a good place to watch for recalls and alerts. Right now they have notices about potato soup, clam chowder, frozen turkey sausage patties, beef strips -- all for a variety of reasons such as undeclared allergens, temperature management, packaging in unsanitary conditions, etc.
But the concerns aren't just with food we select at the store; sometimes it's food that's delivered to us. New on the FSIS recall page is an alert for ready-to-cook meatloaf because it has an undeclared



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1964 - The U.S. State Department reported that diplomats had found about 40 microphones planted in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

1967 - The Soviet Union ratified a treaty with the United States and Britain that banned nuclear weapons from outer space.

1974 - Erno Rubik invented the puzzle what would later become known as the Rubik's Cube.

1967 - U.S. planes bombed Hanoi for the first time.

1981 - The Empire State Building was designated a New York City Landmark.

1988 - In Jacksonville, FL, Carlos Lehder Rivas was convicted of smuggling more than three tons of cocaine into the United States. Rivas was the co-founder of Colombia's Medellin drug cartel.

1989 - The Dow Jones Industrial Average passed 2,500 for the first time. The close for the day was 2,501.1.

1992 - U.S. Vice President Dan Quayle criticized the CBS sitcom "Murphy Brown" for having its title character decide to bear a child out of wedlock.

1992 - In Massapequa, NY, Mary Jo Buttafuoco was shot and seriously wounded by Amy Fisher. Fisher was her husband Joey's teen-age lover.

1992 - The 27th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution went into effect. The amendment prohibits Congress from giving itself midterm pay raises.

1993 - The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed about 3,500 (3,500.03) for the first time.

1998 - In Russia, strikes broke out over unpaid wages.

1998 - Bandits stole three of Rome's most important paintings from the National Gallery of Modern Art.

1999 - "Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace" was released in the U.S. It set a new record for opening day sales at 28.5 million. Today in Star Wars History

1999 - Rosie O'Donnell and Tom Selleck got into an uncomfortable verbal issue concerning gun control on O'Donnell's talk show.

2000 - The bones of the most complete and best-preserved Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton went on display in Chicago.

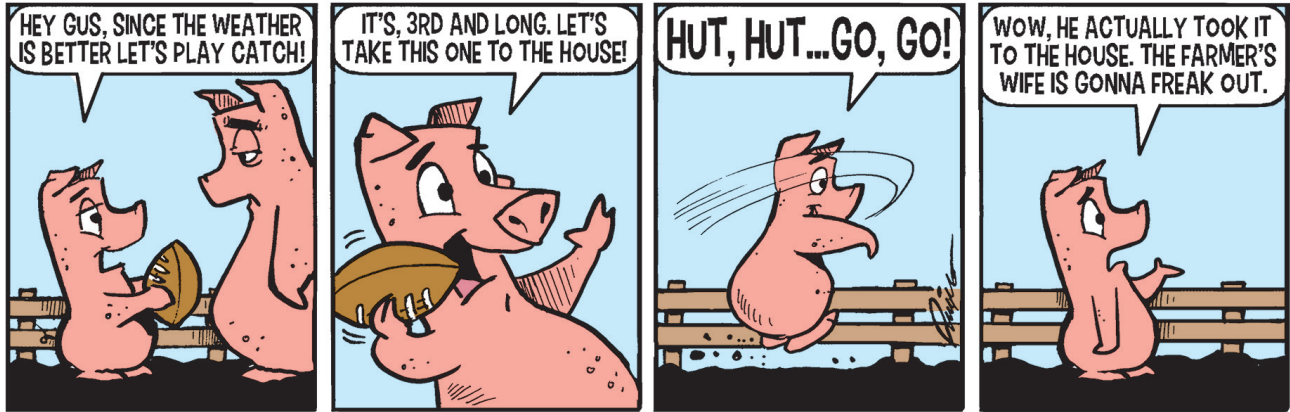
2000 - Disney released the movie "Dinosaur." Disney movies, music and books

2003 - It was announced that Worldcom Inc. would pay investors \$500 million to settle civil fraud charges over its \$11 billion accounting scandal.

2003 - Hundreds of Albert Einstein's scientific papers, personal letters and humanist essays were made available on the Internet. Einstein had given the papers to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in his will.

2005 - "Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith" brought in 50.0 million in its opening day.

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Frustrated and disgusted

Presidential politics has always intrigued me from a very young age. I vividly recall the Kennedy/Goldwater election when I was a kid of 9 and 10. Goldwater's bumper sticker was AUH2O.

I thought that was so neat then and to this day I have yet to find a bumper sticker that gets that attention.

I cringed at Watergate and admired the intestinal fortitude of Jerry Ford when he pardoned Nixon. Carter proved that nice guys do not finish well in national politics, if no one respects them. Reagan was a modern day Teddy Roosevelt, soft spoken, but never afraid to use the stick on the nation's adversaries.

Obama comes and brings cultural diversity, proving that race is not the defining issue in national elections.

Then, we get Trump and Biden. Both men came to office with impressive resumes. Trump was the wealthy real estate developer and television personality. Trump couldn't be bought as he simply was too wealthy.

Trump's expertise was in cutting a deal and getting the job done quickly and efficiently. Biden was the consummate bipartisan

deal maker during his terms in the Senate. He was then vice-president for 8 years. Those years of service in both the executive and legislative branches of government gave him the experience to be one of the greatest presidents ever.

Both presidents have become disappointments to objective observers of their terms of office.

Trump needs to be commended for many of his actions as President. Trump pushed opening business and reducing regulations. The U.S. became energy independent under Trump. The border was secured and illegal immigration was drastically reduced. Inflation was a non-discussion, and the population was employed.

The problem with Trump was and is Trump. Self confidence is a virtue that all great leaders have and Trump certainly has self-confidence. However, that self-confidence has a mega ego and he lets everyone know he is the man in charge. Add to this Trump's marital dalliances and we have a man whose personal morals are subject to deep questions. Free market conservatives and those who believe in a sovereign



government have the utmost admiration and respect for Trump.

Those who place value on traditional family relationships and civil discourse have serious reservations about his ability to govern. The public voted their concerns and Biden was elected.

Biden came into office as somewhat of an unknown as he had bunkered down at his home during COVID and simply rode the anti-Trump sentiment to office. His first day in office, Biden entered several executive orders reversing much of the Trump agenda.

While many of us disagreed with the new executive orders, Biden deserves credit for enacting the regulations he said he would. Biden clearly took the mantra "to the victor goes the spoils" to heart. Biden then appears to have lost his center and center left bearing from the 80s and 90s.

Biden was significantly benefited by the

Progressives in his party during the election and to them it seems he has been paying a political debt. Green energy is now king and soon we will not be able to use a gas stove and will have to buy an electric car. We have gone from energy surplus to energy dependent.

We are rapidly losing our sovereign southern border and becoming a welfare state for untold thousands of illegal immigrants. The nation had reasonable immigration rules through numerous administrations, but those seem to have been lost in the waive of immigrants at the border with no vetting.

Add to this inflation and questionable financial dealing of the Biden family and the current administration appears to be a disaster.

I suggest it is time for both political parties to put forth some new and invigorating candidates. Both parties have honorable and capable men and women who could be President. Let's see them.

The leading Democrat and leading Republican candidates simply leave me frustrated and disgusted.

PACT Act benefits

A half-million claims have been filed under the PACT Act for exposure to toxins. So far, over \$1 billion has been paid in benefits. And that's just since last August, when the act was signed.

Three million veterans have had their new screenings since then, and nearly half of them had exposures. Since last August, 215,000 veterans have signed up for Department of Veterans Affairs health care, a big increase over the previous year. And this fiscal year alone (starting last October), the VA has paid out over \$65 billion on

compensation benefits.

With the PACT Act, any subsequent illnesses are presumptive, meaning that it's assumed that your health condition is caused by exposure to toxins if you were in certain locations at certain times. The act adds over 20 new presumptives to the list.

The list of illnesses from exposure to toxins are serious: cancers of the brain, head, kidney, neck, pancreas and many more. Less serious are allergic rhinitis, bronchial asthma, chronic bronchitis and others. Of the five conditions most frequently claimed via the



by Freddy Groves

PACT Act, hypertensive vascular disease tops the list, with 80 percent of claims granted.

To read more about the PACT Act, go to the dashboard at www.accessstocare.va.gov/healthcare/pactact. Info is updated there every other Friday. A recent issue of the dashboard says that wrapping up PACT claims is taking an average of 156 percent of claims were at over 125 days of

being completed, and the approval rate was 80%. Be sure to scroll down the page, as there is a lot of info.

Additionally, you can check va.gov/pact or call them at 800-MYVA411.

Note: The VA wants us to sign up for PACT benefits. If we do this before Aug. 10, 2023, the benefits will likely be backdated a year, to Aug. 10, 2022. Mark that date on your calendar and don't let it slip by if you intend to file for PACT benefits. In fact, why don't you get started now?

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1 THESSALONIANS 2: 7,8

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AREA CHURCHES DIRECTORY

Calvary United Pentecostal Church

412 S. Monroe Street, Clinton (217) 935-8627

3 p.m.-Sunday worship

7 p.m.-Mondays family prayer

7 p.m.-Wednesday Bible study

Christ Lutheran Church & preschool

701 S. Mulberry Street, Clinton Office (217) 935-5808

Preschool office (217) 935-4675

8:15 a.m.-Sunday worship

9:30 a.m.-Sunday school

Preschool Tues., Wed. and Thurs. morning and afternoon sessions.

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AudioEvangelism.com

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9 a.m.-Sunday morning Bible study

10 a.m.-Sunday morning worship

1 p.m.-Sunday worship

7 p.m.-Wednesday evening Bible study

Clinton Church of God

720 E. Woodlawn Street, Clinton clintoncog.org

Mark Cooper, pastor

9:30 a.m.-Sunday school

10:30 a.m.-Sunday morning worship

6 p.m.-Sunday night service

7 p.m.-Wednesday service

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402 N. Center Street

Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

Tel. (217) 935-6178

Fax (217) 935-6128

Pastor-Paul Stroup clintonpresbyterian.org

9:15 a.m.-Sunday school

10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship with nursery available

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Clinton United Methodist Church

308 E. Main Street

Rev. Darrell Howard (217) 935-5869

clintonumcil.org

9 a.m. Sunday Worship

10:30 a.m. Sunday School Children & Adult

5 p.m. Saturday Evening Worship in

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3:30 p.m. Thursday

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12:30 p.m. Wednesday Backpack Ministry

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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.

First Church of the Nazarene

Rt. 51 and Kleemann Drive, Clinton

Michael A. Taylor, pastor

8:30 a.m.-Sunday prayer around the altar

8:45 a.m.-continental breakfast

9:30 a.m.-Sunday school / Bible study

10:30 a.m.-morning worship

7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week service

Kenney Christian Church

213 W. Benjamin Street, Kenney (217) 944-2275

Ernie Harvey, minister

9:30 a.m.-Bible study

10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship

Lane Christian Church

(217) 935-2557

www.lanechurch.org

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10 a.m.-worship

5:30 p.m.-youth group

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200 S. Alexander Street, Clinton (217) 570-0105

www.lifebridges-church.com

Pastors-Jonathan and Dana Taylor

10 a.m.-Sunday celebration

10 a.m.- AMPED Kids for ages (1-5 grades)

10 a.m.-AMPED Jr. (birth-K)

7 p.m.-AfterShock teen church, 6th-12 grades

6 p.m.-Wednesday, Strategic Disciple

6:30 p.m.-Thursday, DIVE teen Bible study

7 p.m.- Thursdays, 1st & 3rd, Empowered Women / 2nd & 4th, Frontline Men

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

502 N. Monroe Street, Clinton (217) 935-3727

Rev. James Owusu-Yeboah, pastor

4 p.m.-Saturday mass

8:30 a.m.-Sunday mass

St. Patrick Catholic Church

320 S. Locust Street, P.O. Box 116, Wapella (217) 935-8510

Office hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues. & Thurs.

Father Geoff Horton, pastor

9 a.m.-Sunday, Tues. & Thurs. mass

www.saintpatrickwapella.org

Texas Christian Church

8301 Texas Church Road, Clinton (217) 454-6846

www.Texaschristian-church.org

Scott Marsh, minister

9 a.m.-Sunday school

10 a.m.-Sunday worship

6 p.m.-Sunday evening worship

6 p.m.-Wednesday prayer meeting

The Blessed Hope Seventh-Day Adventist Church

112 N. Monroe St., Clinton (217) 731-4005

9:30 a.m.-Saturday, Sabbath school

11 a.m.- worship with pot luck afterwards

6 p.m.-Wednesday, prophecy meetings

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Josh Gorrie, minister

Wapellacc.com

9 a.m.-Sunday school

10 a.m.-worship

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by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 25:21-22

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B E C A U S E N I D

Summation of U.S.A. cuisine

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. We have covered the whole of the United States regarding cuisine. No person is expected to remember every fact that was presented. There is a simpler way. I call it the "mental pattern." Local cuisine generally has a pattern determined by surrounding conditions. Let us consider a few.


If you are looking for a great seafood experience, then go to the states that border the oceans or gulf. It is there you can learn from the chefs or send for cookbooks. Purchase your fruits and vegetables from the north western states for crisp flavorful produce.

Much of your dairy and cheese comes from the central north. The recipes from there would have marvelous recipes for hearty meals. People of your southern states would be experts on spicy and light foods. The middle west would be a good place for your grain and meat and potato types of recipes.

The message I wish to get across from the above is the need to look beyond individual facts. Look for patterns, commonalities (relationships), and

The Culinary Corner

By Chef Roger Joss



specialties. It is by this that one remembers and can experiment and invent. One knows from where to obtain expertise information and the best products. But we must move on.

If I were to cover in detail the cuisine of many and varied countries, I fear it would take-up too much time and space. Besides, my readers might get bored and disgruntled. I felt that covering the United States, according to sectors, was important notwithstanding.

Based on this view, I wish to briefly cover some cuisines from a few foreign countries that have influenced our own cuisine. Among them would naturally be Mexico and China. After all, we have adopted many Mexican and Chinese restaurants. It appears that most of your cities, with a population above 5,000, have one or more of these ethnic restaurants. We have enjoyed their foods. there are many cookbooks written in English for

Mexican and Chinese foods.

When it comes to ethnic foods, the cook should also be aware of the cooking methods and processes required for producing the various dishes. For example, knowing wok procedure and understanding preparatory methods are important. The methods and products used in authentic Chinese cooking differs from our methods. One needs to have a WORKING knowledge of it. For that, one needs to get to the source.

There is a need to know the various types of seasonings and other ingredients required. For example, do you recall the recipe I gave that required ground sycamore leaves. There could also be ingredients unavailable in our region such as bitter almonds. Would you know how to substitute?

It is important to be familiar with the ethnic specialty ingredients. For example, how familiar are you with the various cooking sauces in Chinese cooking? Are you familiar with their flavors and their affects on food? Off hand, I can recall six of them.

Until next time, peace to all.

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SPORTS

Lady Maroons head into regional after a win, a loss

Marc Rogers
jmarre@frontier.com

CLINTON — Last week, the Lady Maroons had a game at home and one away to complete their regular 2023 season. The Lady Maroons played at home against the Eureka Lady Hornets. The game started with the Lady Hornets stinging the Lady Maroons for a run in the top of the first inning. But, the Lady Hornets lead fell quickly as the home team scored a run of their own to tie the game and then added another run in the second inning to take the lead. The Lady Hornets came back in the third inning, scoring a run to again tie the game, only to fall behind again as the Lady Maroons scored a run in the bottom of the inning to retake the lead. From there, the home team would hold on to the lead as the opposition kept knocking at the door. The Lady Maroons added two runs in the fourth inning to widen their lead. Each team then added their final single runs in the fifth inning to give the Lady Maroons the 6-3 win. Ashley Armstrong (#5) pitched a complete game allowing only three runs on 8 hits while striking out 7 and walking no one.



Marc Rogers / Journal
The Lady Maroons pitcher and catcher react as a Lady Hornet attempts a bunt.

The offense was led by senior Alaina Soberalski (#3) in her final home game going 3-4 at the plate, and defensively making an inning ending double play. Also adding to the offense were Heidi Humble (#23) and Aliviyah Haynes (#14) batting 2-3 at the plate and 2 RBI's each. Mea

Kivlehan (#7) went 2-4 at the plate. The Lady Maroons then traveled for their final season game against the Buffalo/Tri-City Lady Tornadoes. The game began as a pitchers' duel with neither team scoring until the fourth inning, when the Lady Tornadoes scored

five runs in the bottom of the inning. The fifth inning started with a bang for the Lady Maroons as Heidi Humble (#23) hit a home run, but the team could not capitalize any further. The opposition, however, did take advantage again with 6 runs in the bottom of the

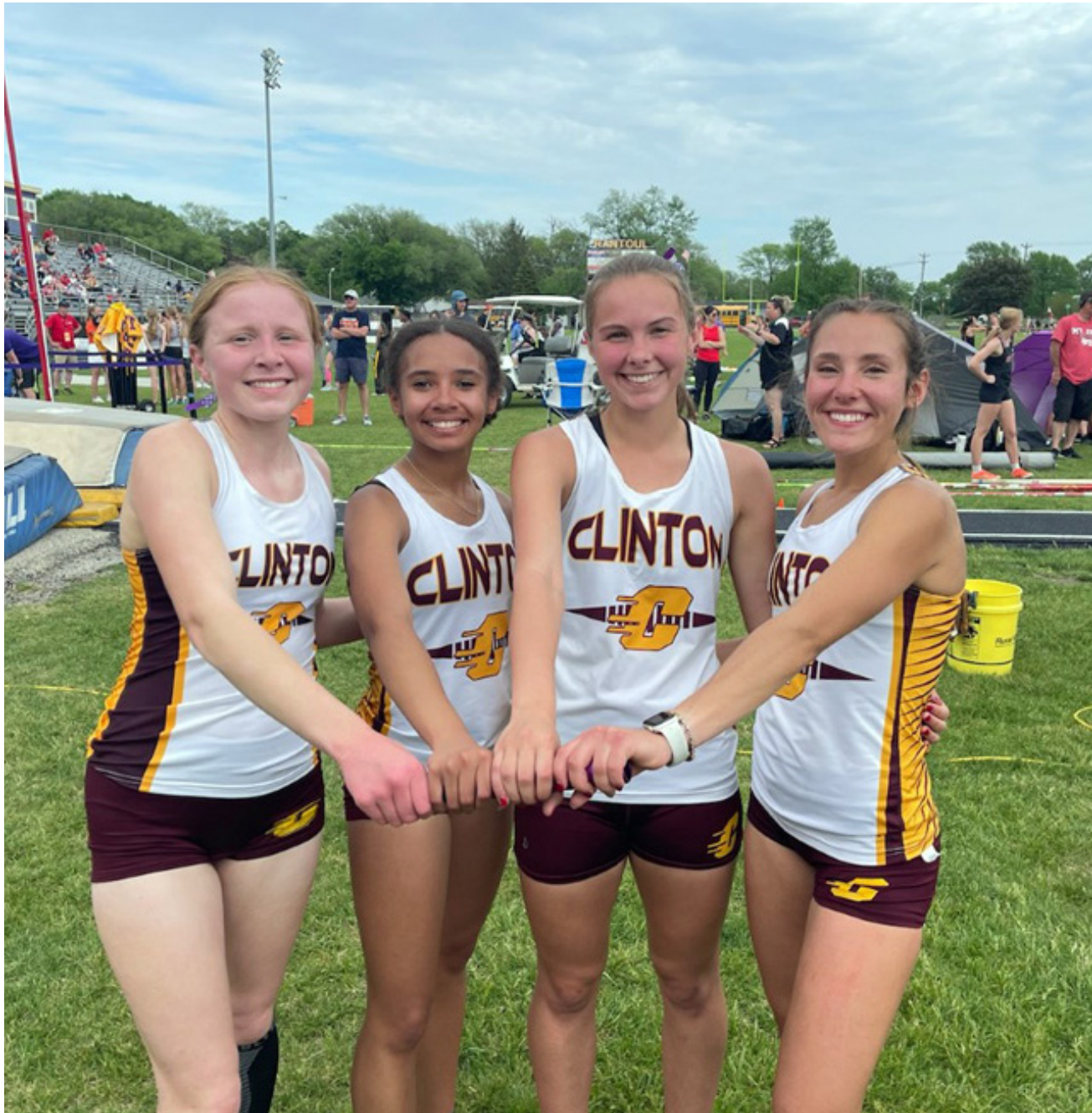
fifth for an 11-1 win. Aliviyah Haynes started for the Lady Maroons and pitched three and a third innings giving up 5 runs on five hits while walking one and striking out one. Haynes was relieved by Ashley Armstrong who gave up 6 runs on 6 hits with the same walks and strike outs. Haynes took

the loss. Humble (#23) was the man offense with Anelise Thompson (#13) going 1-2 at the plate with a single. The Lady Maroons finish the regular season at 8-20 and were set to begin regional play at Monticello on Monday, May 15.

Relay team, individual athletes going to State



Girls track photos courtesy of Randy Anderson
Lexi Lord qualified last week for State Final competition this weekend after finishing in 8th place in the 800m-run with a time of 2:23.83. **Below:** Alayna Earle will compete at State in the shot put after finishing in 1st place with a distance of 11.23m.



The girls' 4x800m relay team, Lexi Lord, MaKayla Koeppel, Amerie Hemphill, and Lydia Cahill, will compete at State Finals after a time of 10:04.36, setting a new school record by 12 seconds.

More Clinton Sports on page A7

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Wanted
In-home caregiver looking to assist the elderly in DeWitt and Logan Counties. 32 Years of experience. Excellent local references. Call or text Sandy at 309-231-4540. (2050519)

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616 E. Water, Farmer City. Friday May 19th and Saturday May 20th. 9-? Girl's 8-14, Men's and Women's, hunting, fishing, lots of misc. (3050519)

613 W. Main (alley) Clinton. May 26 & 27th. 8-2. A lot of misc., household, quilts, 3 wheel bike, scrubs, purses, and women's clothes. (3050526)

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Candice Gregg
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A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of DEWITT County, IL as Case No. 2023TX7

The Property is located at: 216 E Adams, Clinton IL 61727

Property Index Number: 07-34-242-006

Said Property was sold on 10/21/2020 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/

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The period of redemption will expire on 8/30/2023. On 09/29/2023 at 11:00 AM the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

MS Investment Group Inc., Petitioner
6114-932322

Legal 19768
May 5, 12, and 19, 2023

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as:

Middle Creek Farms
12651 Middle Creek Road
Clinton, IL 61727.

Dated: Wednesday, April 26, 2023

No. 2023-189

/s/ Kari Harris/BP COUNTY CLERK

LEGAL 19771
May 5, 12 and 19, 2023

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

IN RE THE ESTATE OF

MERLE H. COX

DECEASED

No. 220-PR-13

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO: CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

Notice is hereby given of the death of MERLE H. COX, who died on March 18, 2023, a resident of Clinton, Illinois.

Letters of Office were issued on April 11, 2023, to SHARON K. COX, whose address is 5055 Park Road, Clinton, IL 61727 as Independent Executor; and whose attorney of record is Stephen R. Myers, 202 W. Adams Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative identified above, or both, on or before November 15, 2023. 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 attorney within (ten) 10 days after it has been filed.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision unless an interested party terminates independent administration by filing a petition to terminate under section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4).

Dated: April 28, 2023

Stephen R. Myers
Attorney for Executor

ARDC No. 2008203
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May 5, 12 and 19, 2023

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STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT DEWITT COUNTY

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

Request of:

Deidra Lynn Ochs

2023MR7

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from:
Deidra Lynn Ochs

to the new name of:

Deidra Lynn Grant

The court date will be held:

on July 7, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at 201 W. Washington St. Clinton, DeWitt County, in Courtroom # A.

/s/ Deidra Lynn Ochs
Deidra Lynn Ochs

LEGAL 19776
May 5, 12, and 19, 2023

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STATE OF ILLINOIS 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

Shirley Nell Smith

LEGAL 19777
May 12, 19 and 26, 2023

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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 any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

/s/ Jennifer L. Vance (Representative)

/s/ Derek A. Schryer (Attorney)

LEGAL 19778
May 12, 19 and 26, 2023

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as:

B's Almost Home
1020 State Route 10 West
Clinton, IL 61727

No. 2023-190

Dated: Wednesday, May 3, 2023

/s/ Kari Harris/BP COUNTY CLERK

LEGAL 19779
May 12, 19 and 26, 2023

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: Fisher Apple Farm 14861 Enterprise Rd. Heyworth, IL 61745
Dated: Friday, May 5, 2023
No. 2023-188
/s/ Kari L. Harris/sw
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May 12, May 19, May 26, 2023



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Saturday, May 20th
8am-2pm

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Located across from the Kenney Community Center.



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.

New hire starting salary \$51,954.34
After completion of 12 mo probationary period \$57,090.83
Lateral Transfer starting salary \$61,711.71
Lateral Transfer after 12 mo probationary period \$64,180.18

<https://www.nationaltestingnetwork.com/publicsafetyjobs/search.cfm?position=1&state=ILLINOIS&fbclid=IwAR3waGKtAdbyasp5b-D1dlaEok0fW4Fa0m0qDZKS0c4AfQc77fJ8ziKbz1o>



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Please call our office if you have any questions.

2023 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Clinton's Water Department is very pleased to provide you with this Annual Quality Water Report. Although the Safe Drinking Water Act requires us to provide an annual report, we want to take the opportunity to keep you informed about the water and services we have delivered to you over the past year.

Our goal is, and always has been, to provide you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We currently have 4 operators on staff. These Operators are updating their training to keep abreast of all available products, information, and regulations, to better protect our valuable water supply. We obtain our water from wells placed in the Mahomet Aquifer. Wells are in the city limits of Clinton.

If you have any questions about this report or concerns about your water quality, please contact the facility manager, Lloyd Francis, at the Water Plant office (217/935-3679). If you would like to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled council meetings. They are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at City Hall, beginning at 7:00 pm. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.stat.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>. This report is also available at City Hall, this report will not be mailed.

Este informe contiene informacaiion muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Contaminants

Contaminants that may be present in source water include microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. Pesticides and herbicides which may come from a variety of sources such agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses. Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking Water

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800)-426-4791.

Water Safety

In order to ensure that water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for the public health.

For Your Health

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general Population. Immuno compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice about the drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800/426-4791.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking and cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Monitoring

The City of Clinton Water Department routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period January 1 - December 31, 2022. We have learned through our testing and monitoring that some constituents have been detected. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk, and the EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents we have provided the following example. A person would have to drink two liters of water every day at the maximum MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions:	The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.
Avg:	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
Level 1 Assessment:	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment:	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
na:	not applicable.
mrem:	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
ppb:	micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
ppm:	milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
Treatment Technique or TT:	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	12/31/2022	2	2 - 2	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Halocetic Acids (HAA5)	2022	5	5.2 - 5.2	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2022	3	3.2 - 3.2	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	2022	3	2.68 - 2.68	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	05/03/2021	0.0215	0.0215 - 0.0215	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	05/03/2021	0.47	0.47 - 0.47	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2022	0.23	0.23 - 0.23	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	05/03/2021	93.1	93.1 - 93.1			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits. Used in water softener regeneration.

Lead and Copper

Definitions:
Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.
Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	07/28/2020	1.3	1.3	1.19	1	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

Source Water Information

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
WELL 10 (00394)	CW	Active	E WELL IN KIWANIS PARK SOUTH OF YMCA
WELL 11 (00395)	CW	Active	W WELL IN KIWANIS PARK E OF RR
WELL 12 (01962)	CW	Active	NWELL IN KIWANIS PARK

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NEWS

Lawmakers advance bills mandating salary transparency, community college credit parity

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SPRINGFIELD — As the General Assembly prepares to wrap up its spring legislative session this week, Democratic lawmakers are advancing a bill that would mandate job postings to include a salary range in a move they say would promote equity within the workplace. Meanwhile, a bipartisan bill designed to make transferring to a public university in Illinois from a community college an easier and more cost-effective path will soon be sent to Gov. JB Pritzker for his signature.

Salary transparency
Democrats in the Illinois Senate last week approved a measure that would require employers to list a pay scale and expected benefits for any position listed on a job posting. It would also create a regulatory structure for the Department of Labor to investigate violations of the proposed law. “We know that more and more employers have

begun to include these pay ranges in their job postings as it becomes starkly clear that doing so is crucial to attracting talent,” bill sponsor Sen. Cristina Pacione-Zayas, D-Chicago, said in debate last week.

Pacione-Zayas said the bill would prompt employers to interrogate potential “unjustified disparities” between employees’ pay based on things like race, ethnicity, gender or language.

House Bill 3129 passed with a 35-19 vote. Because it was amended in the Senate, it now goes back to the House for consideration.

The bill would require expected pay disclosures from employers with 15 or more employees in the state and would apply to things such as job board listings, newspaper ads and postings made by a third-party on behalf of an employer.

Sen. Win Stoller, R-East Peoria, called the proposal “divorced from reality,” noting the bill does not account for the unpredictable hiring process.

“As a small business

owner myself, we’ve had situations where we find the right person and we’ll restructure a department,” Stoller said. “We’ll rearrange some roles to take into full account, to take full advantage of their skills and abilities.”

Business groups opposed the bill when it was introduced, although that opposition has lessened. While amendments have brought powerful groups like the Illinois Manufacturers’ Association and Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce to neutral positions on the bill, the National Federation of Independent Businesses and the Technology Manufacturers Association opposed the bill in a House committee Tuesday morning.

If the bill becomes law, Illinois would join a growing number of states considering ways to make compensation more transparent in the job application process. New York passed a law last year that requires all job postings include a minimum and maximum salary or wage. Colorado passed a similar law

that requires disclosing pay range and a general description of benefits in 2019. Some states, such as California, Nevada, Maryland and Rhode Island, require employers to disclose pay ranges to job applicants on request.

The salary transparency bill follows similar efforts in recent years aimed at making hiring practices more equitable, including a 2019 law that made it illegal for employers to ask about an applicant’s salary history as part of the interview process.

Community college credit parity

Under a bill soon to be sent to Pritzker’s desk, community college students in Illinois would be assured that class credits related to their chosen major in certain fields of study will be transferable to all public colleges and universities in the state.

Senate Bill 2288 passed the House on a unanimous vote last week after receiving the same chamber-wide support in the Senate in March.

Under current state law,

four-year colleges and universities in Illinois can decide whether to accept community college course credits as direct equivalents to required classes in a transfer student’s declared major. If the university deems the community college class as not equivalent to the one it offers, the credits earned would only count toward a student’s elective hour requirements, and he or she would have to retake a similar class at the university.

Illinois Community College Board Director Brian Durham praised the bill’s House passage in a statement Monday.

“Equalizing the value for certain credits earned at community colleges will also help reduce the stigma that work done at a community college is less valuable than at a four-year college or university,” he said.

Under the Illinois Articulation Initiative — a partnership between the Community College Board and the Illinois Board of Higher Education — there are currently 18 majors in which courses taken at a community

college may be counted as equivalent classes at a state university.

SB 2288 would grant course parity under all 18 of those majors, which are in areas from computer science to theatre arts. But the bill would also require the IAI to develop an equivalency plan for elementary and secondary education majors; early childhood education is already covered.

Proponents of the bill say the development of the education major equivalency plan will help Illinois address its teacher shortage.

Upon the governor’s signature, the law would go into effect on Jan. 1.

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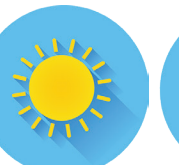
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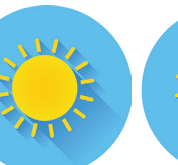
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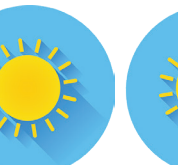
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May 19

1943: Many rivers in central Illinois were affected by record flooding during May of 1943. On the Sangamon River, a record crest of 31.52 feet occurred at Riverton on this date. Downstream, a stage of 33.9 feet at Petersburg on the 20th resulted in large sections of the town being flooded.

May 20

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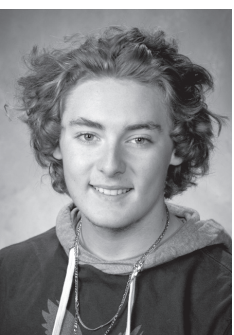
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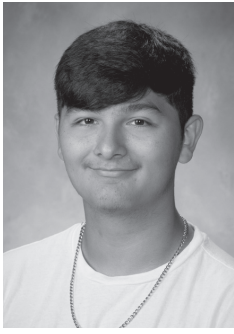
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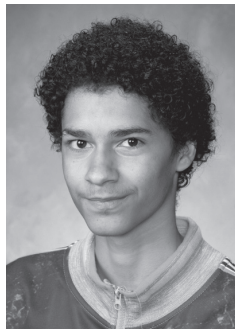
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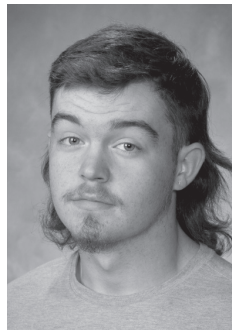
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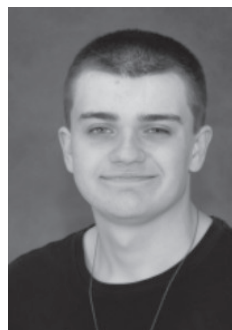
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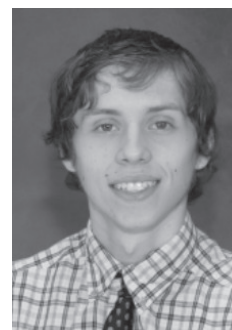
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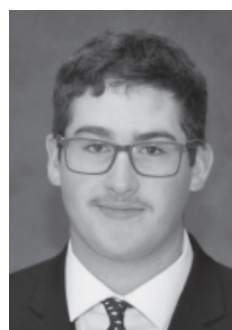
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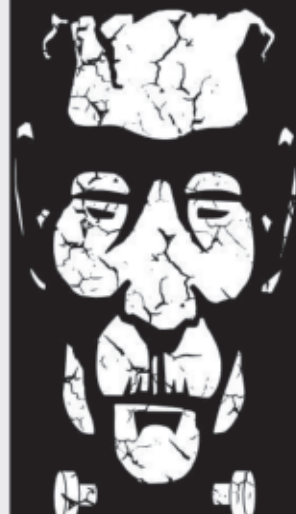


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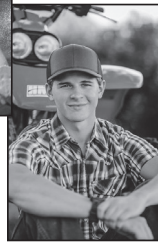



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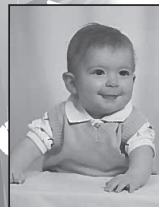


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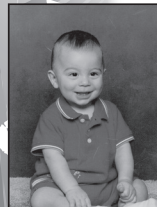
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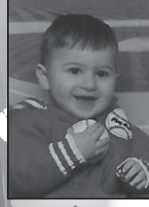


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