

# Illinois leads in tornadoes

Could become part of tornado alley

Kevin Bessler  
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD — An Illinois climatologist says the state has seen an odd start to this year's severe weather.

Illinois leads the nation in the number of tornadoes so far this year with 86. There were 22 confirmed tornadoes alone across the state during a March 31 outbreak that killed several people.

State climatologist Trent Ford said 2023 this far has been highly unusual.

"Our peak is between April and June climatologically, so to get that many tornadoes, basically a year's worth of tornadoes just in January, February and March is really incredible," Ford said.

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## CHS prom court 2023

Clinton High School elected its 2023 prom court last week before prom on May 6. Front, left to right, Braden Nuttall, London McFeeters, Alayna Earle, and Tyran Whitlock. Back left to right, Alexa Harris, Bret Young, Jakob Kalmer (king), Lucrezia Biamino (queen), Trevor Scott, and Kylee Isaac.



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# Clinton's Nettles named 'Superintendent of Distinction'

SPRINGFIELD—Curt Nettles, superintendent of Clinton CUSD #15, has been named the 2023 Superintendent of Distinction by his colleagues in the Abe Lincoln Region of the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA).

Nettles was honored at an awards luncheon May 3 in Springfield. State Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders was the featured speaker, where 21 IASA regional Superintendents of Distinction were recognized.

"I truly appreciate the recognition," said Nettles, who has been an

educator for 32 years and superintendent of Clinton CUSD #15 for eight years. "I am thrilled to have had this opportunity to lead the Clinton School District," Nettles said.

His fellow superintendents in the Abe Lincoln Region, comprised of Menard, Logan, DeWitt, Sangamon, Macon, Piatt, Christian, Shelby and Moultrie counties, noted Nettles' professionalism, advocacy efforts and desire to serve as a mentor to younger administrators as reasons for selecting him for the award.

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# County works to meet May 28 deadline

Officials aim at hitting state law compliance, code changes can come later

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CLINTON — The county's land use committee continued working Monday to align county code addressing commercial wind and solar projects with a new state law that takes effect at the end of May.

The Illinois law will prohibit counties from banning commercial wind and/or solar developments or from enacting moratoriums on such projects. The law sets site

and zoning standards, and county governments will be prohibited from establishing standards that are more stringent.

According to the law, Illinois looks to encourage and accelerate new renewable development throughout the state by setting uniform requirements for wind and solar projects.

Once the law is in force, however, the county will be able to amend its wind and solar codes, providing they do not conflict with state law.

DeWitt County State's Attorney Dan Markwell joined committee members to survey possible changes to the code in advance of the new law. Markwell felt some changes would be necessary, while others could wait.

Ultimately, the full county board will vote to approve any changes based on the committee's recommendation.

Under the new state law, counties are not required to have their own wind and solar ordinances. It also is not mandated that counties require special use permits.

Markwell said, however, public hearings were required.

"You've got to have a hearing under this new statute," Markwell said. "That can either take place in front of the board, or, if you're going to run it through a special use permit, have it run all the way through or have everything stop at the ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals)."

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State's attorney Dan Markwell talks to members of the county board land use committee about meeting the deadline to bring county wind and solar code into compliance with a new state law. The law takes effect on May 28.

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In answer to a question from committee member Patrick Ryan, Markwell said, in lieu of a special use permit requirement, the statute provides for the applicant to appear before the county board.

“You would still have a hearing, there would still be witnesses; they would still have to prove to the county board they have met the requirements of the statute, which is now required, and ...met the requirements of the ordinance, as long as it’s consistent with the statute,” Markwell said.

The county cannot be more restrictive than the state statute in aspects of construction, deconstruction or decommissioning of wind or solar facilities.

Committee member Joe Witte suggested some items, such as language about special use permits, could wait until after the state law takes effect.

“There are a lot of things that will require text

amendments,” Markwell said. Certainly, those things can be changed in the future, especially when you’re dealing with staffing issues on some of the other boards.”

“So, is our goal here to adopt what the state is telling us and then we’re going to go back in a final that has what we want,” asked committee member Melonie Tilley.

Markwell said, based on what he was asked to look at, the goal was to bring

the county into compliance with state statute before the May 27 deadline. Additions to county code can come later as long as they don’t violate state law.

“If we don’t have an ordinance that is compliant, the state, the way they wrote this, it will be like we have nothing,” Markwell said. “You can always go in later with text amendments. We’re just trying to get into compliance with the law.”

## Attorney Joe Taylor to retire in November

CLINTON — Joe Taylor, Clinton attorney and mentor to a number of local attorneys over the years, plans to retire in November.

Taylor’s staff congratulated him as an integral part of the Clinton community, serving for 10 years on the Clinton YMCA board of directors, as chairman of the DeWitt Savings Bank board for 10 years and a member of Clinton Rotary since 1971. Taylor is a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary and was 2003 Rotarian of the Year.

Taylor was founder of the Central Illinois Girls’ Softball League in 1995 and played an important role in rebuilding Clinton High School’s baseball and softball diamonds.

The Taylor & Lynch



Joe Taylor

law firm will continue with Bryce Lynch and Hillary Hines-Holl, along with the firm’s staff. Taylor and Lynch set up a succession plan in 2018 in anticipation of Taylor’s retiring.

The law firm’s staff encourages the public to congratulate Taylor on his retirement.

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“Curt has been instrumental in giving support to all us during COVID, including working on building bridges between ISBE, IASA and the legislature,” Abe Lincoln superintendents said about Nettles. “He was not afraid to step out of his comfort zone and go to bat for whomever has a need in our region and around the state. Curt is indeed a coach, a mentor,

a colleague and a friend.”

Superintendents of Distinction were selected by peers in their region based on their commitment, dedication and leadership.

“Each of these superintendents are great examples of how dynamic leadership can improve the educational environment for students, strengthen communities and continuously push districts forward,”

said IASA Executive Director Dr. Brent Clark. “Their commitment and dedication to helping students succeed is unwavering, and I applaud each of these honorees for everything they have done to elevate public education in Illinois.”

The ninth annual luncheon was sponsored by Aflac, America’s most recognized supplemental insurance provider.

“These superintendents excel at providing a supportive, enriching and safe environment to help both students and faculty achieve their best every day,” said Luke Rockwell, Aflac Regional Sales Coordinator. “As a proud partner of IASA, Aflac applauds each of these dynamic leaders for their dedication, commitment and leadership.”

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Between 1950 and 2020, April has been the deadliest month for tornadoes with 97 reported deaths, with most coming from the 1967 Oak Lawn tornado outbreak. The second deadliest month was August, with 29 deaths associated with the

1990 Plainfield tornado. Ford said the traditional so-called “tornado alley” could possibly be shifting slightly east to include Illinois.

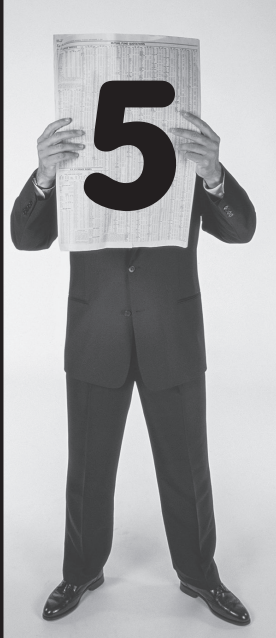
“This area here in Illinois and especially further south as you get into parts of Tennessee, Mississippi

and down to the Gulf Coast has seen an increase in at least a frequency of those tornado days,” Ford said.

Illinois experienced one of the worst tornado events in the nation’s history in 1925, when the infamous Tri-State tornado killed

nearly 700 people and caused \$130 million in property damage.

On average, the United States experiences 100,000 thunderstorms per year. About 1,000 tornadoes develop from these storms.



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7:30pm - 10:30pm Live Music Featuring Blue Iris on Mr. Lincoln's Square Stage

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12:00pm - 10:00pm Conner Family Amusements  
Ticket Booths manned by Second Chance for Pets Volunteers  
2:00pm - 2:45pm Andrew's Family Magic "Show of Wonder" on Mr. Lincoln's Square Stage  
3:00pm Clinton Fire Department Water-ball Competition  
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# Slam the scam with Social Security

**Selena Higgins**  
Social Security district manager, Bloomington

The Social Security Administration and its Office of the Inspector General (OIG) continued to raise public awareness about Social Security imposter scams during the fourth annual “Slam the Scam” Day held in March. Social Security scams — where fraudsters pressure victims into making cash or gift card payments to fix alleged Social Security number problems or to avoid arrest — are an ongoing government imposter fraud scheme. For several years, Social Security impersonation scams have been one of the most common government imposter scams reported to the Federal Trade Commission. We’ve made concerted efforts to address this issue, through extensive outreach and investigative initiatives. These efforts have made a significant impact, reducing money reported lost to Social Security scams by 30 percent from 2021 to 2022.

“I am proud of the work we have done to combat Social Security imposter scams and raise public awareness,” said Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. “We will continue to use every tool at our disposal to protect the public and their critical benefits. We urge Americans to remain vigilant, do not give out personal information or money, and report any scam attempts.”

Scammers use sophisticated tactics to trick potential victims into disclosing personal and financial information. Typically, they use the five P’s — Pretend, Prize or Problem, Pressure, and Payment. For example, scammers pretend they are from Social Security in phone calls or emails and claim there is a problem with the person’s Social Security number. The scammer’s caller ID may be spoofed to look like a legitimate government number. Scammers may also send fake documents to pressure people into complying with demands for information or money. Other common tactics include citing “badge



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“Working with our law enforcement and private sector partners to inform consumers about scammers and their deceptive practices remains a priority for my office. We will continue promoting National Slam the Scam Day to help protect consumers from these predators. Slamming the scam begins with consumers quickly taking a step to hang up the phone, or delete suspicious texts and emails, without responding to the scammers,” said Gail S. Ennis, Inspector General for the Social Security Administration. “That remains the easiest and most effective method to avoid falling prey to these vicious scams.”

To report a scam attempt, go to [oig.ssa.gov](https://oig.ssa.gov). For more information, please visit [www.ssa.gov/scam](https://www.ssa.gov/scam) and [www.ssa.gov/antifraudfacts](https://www.ssa.gov/antifraudfacts).

## Law Enforcement

### Clinton Police Department

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05/05/23  
Kari M. Fenton 35, Maroa Operating Motor Vehicle when Registration Suspended. Notice to Appear in court issued.

On 05/05/23 Clinton Police arrested Michael Johnson 24, Bloomington for Driving while License Suspended, Operating Motor Vehicle when Registration Revoked, and Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Johnson was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and

released to Corrections.  
On 05/05/23 Clinton Police arrested Frances I. Bateson 54, Clinton for Driving while License Revoked. Bateson was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.  
On 05/07/23 Clinton Police arrested Jacques D. Washington 30, Springfield for Domestic Battery. Washington was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

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

## COVID ...still here

As of this writing, there are still between 1,500 and 2,000 Covid deaths per week in the U.S. alone.

Pause a moment to consider that number.

Various charts, graphics and statistics for a recent period show a startling fact: We have more Covid deaths per capita than most of the rest of the world. Charts that show deaths per million people rank us three times higher than Brazil, more than 24% higher than France, 75% higher than Italy, nearly three times higher than Germany.

In the U.S., hospital admissions in 14 states are rising over the past week. Only five states showed no cases of Covid in the past week -- because they did not upload their data. No states showed zero Covid deaths, except for the ones that didn’t provide information.

For hospital admissions by age, those over age 70 are admitted three times more often than those in the 60-69 age group, and 10 times more often than those under 60.

It’s been a long three years and, unfortunately, Covid has not vanished. At this point, we have

### SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

a new subvariant, XBB.1.16, nicknamed “Arcturus.” Keep an ear out for mention of this one in the news; it’s the most infectious of all the variants so far, and the most resistant to vaccine. One in 10 cases of Covid are this new variant. It’s the one that’s causing conjunctivitis, also known as pinkeye, plus other symptoms. At this point it has shown up in over 30 states. If you have symptoms of this variant and believe it’s probably seasonal allergies, consider taking a Covid test just to be sure.

And meanwhile, inquiring minds want to know: Where are our masks? Have you noticed that you (and possibly one or two others) are the only ones in stores still wearing a mask?

While the two largest hospital systems near me have now done away with the mask requirement, I have not.

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## Juanita (Palmer) Eeten

CLINTON — Juanita (Palmer) Eeten peacefully passed away at home in Clinton, on May 2, 2023, at the age of 84.

She is survived by her beloved husband of 65 years, James Eeten, loving children Kathy Parkinson, Kelly Wilson (Troy), and Doug Eeten (Maria), five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Juanita was born in San Jose, Ill. on September 22,

1938.  
A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, May 12, 2023, at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton.

Graveside services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at Texas Township Cemetery, Clinton, with Scott Marsh officiating.

Online condolences may be made at [www.calvertmemorial.com](https://www.calvertmemorial.com)

## Anna Belle Marks

LINCOLN — Anna Belle Marks, 94, of Lincoln, passed away at 8:15 p.m. on May 2, 2023, at Christian Village, Lincoln.

Graveside services will be conducted at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2023, at McClimans Cemetery, Hallsville. The family entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to Anna Belle Marks memorial fund in c/o Bob Marks.

Anna was born on August 16, 1928, in DeWitt County, Ill., the daughter of Clyde and Eva (Duff) Leevey. She married Buell Marks on December 24, 1947, in Decatur. He passed away on July 25, 1980.

Survivors include her



son, Bob (Tammy) Marks, DeWitt, Ill.; grandchildren, Alica Marks; Lacey (Adrian) Mandrell; great-grandchildren, Ariana Hinkel; Ollie and August Mandrell.

Anna was preceded in death by her parents and 13 brothers and sisters.

Anna loved gathering with her family and was always ready for some thrift shopping.

Online condolences may be made at [www.calvertmemorial.com](https://www.calvertmemorial.com)

## Local students receive degrees from SIUE


EDWARDSVILLE — Southern Illinois University Edwardsville completed 2023 Spring Commencement exercises for over 2,400 eligible graduates during a series of ceremonies held May 5-7.

SIUE Chancellor James T. Minor, PhD, bestowed

degrees upon students from the Graduate School, College of Arts and Sciences, and Schools of Business, Engineering, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Education, Health and Human Behavior.

Several area students received degrees during the commencement.

- Rytty Dupont Barlow, Clinton, Business Administration, BS
- Jacob Wolfe, Clinton, Business Administration, BS
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## HISTORY ALMANAC

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1926 - In Britain, a general strike by trade unions ended. The strike began on May 3, 1926.

1937 - Britain's King George VI was crowned at Westminster Abbey.

1940 - The Nazi conquest of France began with the German army crossing Muese River.

1942 - The Soviet Army launched its first major offensive of World War II and took Kharkov in the eastern Ukraine from the German army.

1943 - The Axis forces in North Africa surrendered during World War II.

1949 - The Soviet Union announced an end to the Berlin Blockade.

1950 - The American Bowling Congress abolished its white males-only membership restriction after 34 years.

1957 - A.J. Foyt won his first auto racing victory in Kansas City, MO.

1965 - West Germany and Israel exchanged letters establishing diplomatic relations.

1970 - Ernie Banks, of the Chicago Cubs, hit his 500th home run.

1975 - U.S. merchant ship Mayaguez was seized by Cambodian forces in international waters.

1978 - The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced that they would no longer exclusively name hurricanes after women.

1982 - South Africa unveiled a plan that would give voting rights to citizens of Asian and mixed-race descent, but not to black people.

1984 - South African prisoner Nelson Mandela saw his wife for the first time in 22 years.

1999 - Russian President Boris Yeltsin dismissed Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov and named Interior Minister Sergei Stepashin as his successor.

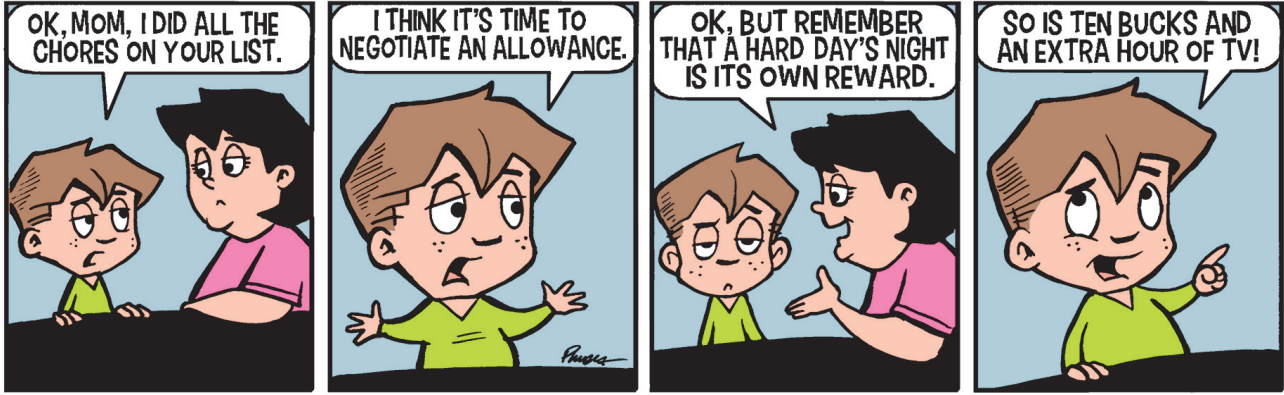
2002 - Former U.S. President Carter arrived in Cuba for a visit with Fidel Castro. It was the first time a U.S. head of state, in or out of office, had gone to the island since Castro's 1959 revolution.

2003 - In Texas, fifty-nine Democratic lawmakers went into hiding over a dispute with Republican's over a congressional redistricting plan.

2008 - In the U.S., the price for a one-ounce First-Class stamp increased from 41 to 42 cents.

2015 - It was announced that Verizon would be acquiring AOL.

## Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

## Reparations

Reparations: My definition, The concept of correcting past societal wrongs with legislation, i.e. societal restitution.

Every time I feel frustrated by our governor and state legislature to realize how good we have it here in Illinois.

Every ethnic or cultural group that has come to this country has faced discrimination at some point and in some way. Each group has gone on to thrive in this country. With the Irish immigration, there were signs in the cities telling the Irish not to apply for jobs. Catholics faced similar discrimination in parts of this country. Many Japanese citizens were placed in internment camps during WWII. Chinese were taken advantage of in the building of our rail system in the West.

The discrimination each of these groups suffered and endured was wrong, but such discrimination is a cultural norm across all nations in this world. These groups simply chose to rise above the discrimination and become an integral part of society. They thrived after a few years.

We have an Irish President in Joe Biden. JFK was a Catholic, and many voted against him for that reason alone. He won the race. The

above is defined as the “acculturation process,” and there are numerous books written on it.

We are a nation of immigrants and each immigrant group has gone through the process.

The black community has also approached the acculturation process as an immigrant group. The significant difference is that many blacks came to this country as slaves, which gave them a different social status. The Emancipation Proclamation was enacted over 150 years ago. There is no slavery in this country, and California was never a slave state.

Freed slaves had to start over after being given their freedom. They had little, if any funds, but they developed their communities and businesses. They put forth the effort and became part of the greater citizen group.

For political reasons, some in the black community and many on the progressive left believe the discrimination of slavery and subsequent segregation needs financial compensation today for the black descendants of those oppressed. This woke ideology believes that the taxpayer of today must pay restitution to the descendants of those oppressed 150 years ago.

California’s left leaning politicians have bought



into this mindset in a large way.

The California legislature created a task force in 2020 to study the issue and prepare recommendations to the legislature. The City of San Francisco has also had such a task force on a city level. The state task force is recommending blacks residing in California be compensated for alleged redlining discrimination from the mid-1900s in the sum of \$3,366 for each year they have lived in California. If the Black resident can prove their ancestor was a slave, that compensation can approach \$360,000.00.

Mind you, this in a non-slave state. A state that is now projected to have a \$25 billion-plus deficit in its fiscal budget for next year. San Francisco is discussing reparations of \$5 million for each black resident.

Nobody in the state or San Francisco is really giving any honest discussion about how this would be paid for. Now, consider what the inflation costs would be. We are seeing the costs of COVID dollars being “gifted” out and it is costing all of us.

## Veterans needed for Gulf War illness study

The Department of Veterans Affairs has just hooked up with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to do a five-year study of Gulf War Illness (GWI). The war (Operation Desert Storm/Operation Desert Shield) was from August 1990 to June 1991, and there are nearly 200,000 veterans still suffering the effects. Perhaps you can help.

The symptoms of GWI include headaches, rashes, gastro problems, muscle and joint pain and more. The IN-DEPTH project will be split, with the VA recruiting veterans to participate in the study (veterans who do and

don’t have GWI) and the NIH doing the research. To be noted, in bold type on the NIH’s description page for the study reads: “Participants in the study will not receive treatment.” It’s all testing that will hopefully lead to treatments.

If you’re interested in participating, you must be between the ages of 48 and 70. You’ll be admitted to the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, for 14 days, during which time you’ll be tested from one end to the other. Some tests might be performed as outpatient.

To join the program, you’ll first do a phone



interview and your existing medical records will be checked. They’ll do an at-home visit to check your vitals and review your medical questionnaires. If selected, you’ll check into the clinic, where you’ll undergo tests that include physical exam and strength testing, questions about food preferences, memory tests, wearing a heart monitor, stress tests on a stationary bike and much more. Once back at home, you might be asked

to wear a monitor for a little while and to keep a health diary.

It doesn’t cost anything to be in the study, but you’ll be compensated and your travel may be paid for.

And, since the question will come up, if you’ve had Covid, you can’t be in the study. They’ll test you for antibodies during the screening.

If you have questions about the study, send an email to the NIH at gwiindepth@ninds.nih.gov. For the VA, send email to vhawas.indepth@va.gov.

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By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Revelation (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From John 20, which person's last recorded words in scripture were, "My Lord and my God"?  
Samson, Matthew, Thomas, David

3. Paul was shipwrecked on what island while on his way to Rome to face charges? Arvard, Cos, Melita, Samos

4. Which Psalm begins, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want"? 1, 11, 23, 50

5. Who wrote the first five books of the Old Testament? Peter, Abraham, Luke, Moses

6. What's the longest book of the New Testament? Luke, John, Acts, Romans

ANSWERS: 1) Neither. 2) Thomas, 3) Melita, 4) 23, 5) Moses, 6) Luke

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# SPORTS



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Alaina Soberalski (#3) gets a hit against the Lady Raiders.

## ‘The Fourth’ with Lady Maroons after losses

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CLINTON — For the Lady Maroons, having an outing against arch rival Tri-Valley is never easy. The Lady Vikings were in town recently ahead of a wind from the north that was a hitter’s dream but not this day for the Lady Maroons.

Heidi Humble crushed one to the left field fence, which was called foul after some deliberation. The opposition started the fireworks with two runs in the first followed by one run from the home team. Then, in the second inning both teams again decided to add to their scores, the Lady Vikings striking for three runs, while the Lady Maroons added one. Tri-Valley added another run in the fourth inning bringing the score to 6-2 in their favor.

The Lady Maroons were not done yet, as they tried to save the win for the seniors. The home team scored three runs in the fifth inning to come closer. But, after nothing in the

sixth inning, the upper hand went to the Lady Vikings in the seventh with two runs scoring on several Lady Maroon errors.

The home team couldn’t recover, and the Lady Vikings took the win 8-5.

Ashley Armstrong pitched a complete game for the Lady Maroons allowing 8 runs on 15 hits, one a home run. The Lady Maroon offense was lead by Reice McCormick going 3-4 at the plate including a double, Kylee Isaac going 2-4 at the plate.

The next evening the ladies faced the ever-threatening Lady Raiders of Central A&M on Senior Day. Another day of reckoning.

The Lady Raiders began the foray with single runs in the first and second innings, while the Lady Maroons didn’t score a run until the third inning.

The next score was by the visitors in the fifth inning when they plated an additional two runs. From there, the Lady Raiders went wild, scoring 6 runs in the sixth and adding

another run in the seventh for 11 runs.

The home team struggled to make a comeback in the seventh but managed to add just a single run.

The visiting Lady Raiders took this outing 11-2.

Clinton seniors moving on include #3 Alaina Soberalski, #7 Mea Kivlehan, #8 Reice McCormack, and #21 Kylee Isaac.

Aliviyah Hanes (#14) was the Lady Maroons starter, pitching 6 2/3 innings giving up 8 runs (one a homer) on 10 hits while walking 2

and striking out 6. She was relieved by Reice McCormack (#8) who pitched 1/3 inning giving up 3 runs on 2 hits, walking one and striking one out. Offensively, the Lady Maroons were led by senior Soberalski going 2-3 at the plate including a double, Heidi Humble (#23) hitting 1-2 at the plate, Aliviyah Haynes (#14) batting 1-3, and Brooke Reeves (#19) hitting 1-4 at the plate.

After a rough start to the week, the Lady Maroons took on the St. Teresa Bulldogs on May 4.

Believing in the play-

on-words from Star Wars movies and the date, the Lady Maroons took the saying “May the Fourth (Force) Be with You” and rallied to beat the band and the Lady Bulldogs.

Ashley Armstrong (#5) pitched a complete game no hitter, striking out 9 batters. Meanwhile, the Lady Maroons offense had a field day with the Lady Bulldogs, who are back in their doghouse.

The Lady Maroons began in the first inning with 4 runs and just kept going. They added 3 runs in the second, 4 more runs in the third and topped off


the game with seven runs in the fourth.

The ladies even had courtesy runners for the pitcher and catcher scoring runs.

The offensive drive was led by Alaina Soberalski (#3) for the second day in a row, this time hitting 3-3 at the plate including a double, Brooke Reeves (#19) was 1-1 at the plate, Heidi Humble (#23) hit 2-4 including a home run, Avery Smith (#12) was also 2-4 at the dish with two doubles, Aliviyah Hanes and Mea Kivlehan each went 1-3 at the plate.



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## BRIDGE BITES

## A MATTER OF TIMING

	♠ A964 ♥ QT9632 ♦ ♣ KQ3	
♠ 83 ♥ KJ ♦ KQT72 ♣ JT96	North West East Declarer	♠ 752 ♥ 875 ♦ AJ86 ♣ A52
	♠ KQJT ♥ A4 ♦ 9543 ♣ 874	

### ***E-W Vulnerable***

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

4♠ is a precarious contract, and requires careful timing if Declarer is to succeed. West leads the ♦K, which Declarer ruffs in Dummy. What are the dangers, and how will Declarer overcome them?

Some Heart tricks are required, but it won't do to draw trumps and then play on Hearts, in that case the defense will cash their Diamonds. Better timing is required and Declarer must play on Hearts first, allowing Dummy to handle a Diamond continuation. So, the ♥A is cashed, and a Heart lost to West's King. Back comes a Diamond, ruffed in Dummy, what next?

It's still too soon to draw trumps! That would leave Dummy without a quick entry to the Hearts, and the defense would get in with their ♣A and again have Diamond winners to cash. So, Declarer makes another fine play, he leads Dummy's ♠K! Now East has only losing options:

- He can take his ♣A and persist with Diamonds, in which case Dummy ruffs (with the Ace!), trumps are drawn, and the ♠Q is an entry to Dummy's Hearts.
- He can take the ♣A and return a Club (knocking out Dummy's entry), in which case Declarer can scamper home on a cross-ruff, scoring one Heart, one Club, and all eight of those trumps.
- He can duck the ♣A, in which case it's another cross-ruff.

That was delicately timed, as drawing even a single round of trumps early in the play would be a mistake. Look what happens: Diamond opening lead is ruffed, Spade to Declarer's King, ♥A, Heart to West's King, Diamond ruff, ♥Q ruffed by West, ♣J covered by the King and Ace, Club to Dummy's Queen. Now Declarer has an awkward guess ... if the remaining two enemy trumps are split then Dummy's Ace must be cashed before running the Hearts ... but if East has both missing trumps (the actual case) then the Hearts must be played first. It's better to avoid that guess!

# FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

UTO  
ATTPOO  
LOXET  
PDSE  
DUESOX  
♥ NPI  
♥ EMTA  
PETDY  
♥ DMI  
♥ PRITMA  
♥ NADRO  
NOXY

## GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

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	×		-		24
-		-		×	
	÷		×		27
26		31		24	

1   2   3   4   4   5   7   8   9

**DIFFICULTY:** ★

★ Moderate   ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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# Super Crossword

## BOOK OPENINGS

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>52</b> Prayer opener	<b>102</b> Billy portrayed by Brad Pitt in "Moneyball"	<b>6</b> Poking tool	<b>47</b> Born, to Gigi	<b>86</b> "Bali —"
<b>1</b> "Billy —" (1991 gangster film)	<b>53</b> "Chances —" (1957 hit)	<b>104</b> Solved head	<b>7</b> Earthy colors	<b>48</b> Trunk bone	<b>87</b> Cyber-chuckle
<b>9</b> Certain line on a weather map	<b>54</b> Dept. of Justice div.	<b>105</b> Los Angeles neighborhood	<b>8</b> One who used to be in the club	<b>51</b> Boomers' kids	<b>91</b> 1978 Stephen King book
<b>15</b> God of love	<b>56</b> Vatican VIP	<b>109</b> Tranquillize	<b>9</b> Dogma suffix	<b>54</b> "The Nanny" star Drescher	<b>94</b> Cove relative
<b>20</b> It'll make a walking surface shine	<b>57</b> Not distributed, as cards	<b>115</b> Brazilian berry in juices	<b>10</b> "Homeland" airer, for short	<b>55</b> Grooved ring holding a gem	<b>95</b> First-column bingo square
<b>21</b> Sterling or Shannon of the NFL	<b>59</b> One working to take control	<b>116</b> "Eat — eaten" (law of survival)	<b>11</b> Rowing tool	<b>56</b> Supplication	<b>96</b> Scrooge's cry
<b>22</b> Cartoon art of Japan	<b>65</b> Actress — Dawn Chong	<b>117</b> Lister's abbr.	<b>12</b> Of a wedding	<b>58</b> "My Girl Tisa" star Palmer	<b>97</b> Prefix with lateral
<b>23</b> Washington monument	<b>66</b> Mean Amin LeAnn	<b>119</b> "How Do I Live" singer	<b>13</b> Southwestern tribe	<b>60</b> Dramatist David	<b>98</b> Clergyman's subj.
<b>25</b> Tasty morsel	<b>69</b> Dog types	<b>120</b> Mint family herb	<b>14</b> Past artifact	<b>61</b> First-class	<b>99</b> Year divs.
<b>26</b> Devoured	<b>70</b> City west of Lake Superior	<b>121</b> What the first words of eight long answers in this puzzle are	<b>15</b> Panther, e.g.	<b>62</b> Central	<b>101</b> Covered with gunky stuff
<b>27</b> Stitch	<b>74</b> Freely	<b>122</b> What the first words of eight long answers in this puzzle are	<b>16</b> Not fully aged	<b>63</b> WWII sub	<b>102</b> Brand of pizza crust
<b>28</b> Caesar's 604	<b>77</b> "Guys and Dolls" song	<b>123</b> Crawl	<b>17</b> Hot-and-cold dessert	<b>64</b> First subway line in NYC	<b>103</b> Swimmer Gertrude
<b>30</b> "Othello" villain	<b>78</b> Meadowland	<b>124</b> Ready to go	<b>18</b> PR concern	<b>67</b> "— use!" ("I give up!")	<b>105</b> Emerge from an egg
<b>31</b> Flung	<b>79</b> Punch sound	<b>125</b> Thorn in one's side	<b>19</b> Juice	<b>70</b> Tuning knob	<b>106</b> Earthy colour
<b>33</b> Belief that one is destined to be a savior	<b>82</b> Narrative at the start of the Bible	<b>129</b> Thorn in one's side	<b>24</b> She-sheep	<b>71</b> Final: Abbr.	<b>107</b> Instrument with pipes
<b>38</b> Call to cop cars, in brief	<b>85</b> Sportsperson	<b>130</b> Ibsen's "— Gabler"	<b>29</b> Render null	<b>72</b> "Pipe down!"	<b>108</b> Spearheaded
<b>40</b> Weasel look-alike	<b>88</b> Ship's frame	<b>131</b> Family tree females	<b>32</b> Quarterback Marino	<b>73</b> Hideous foe of Popeye	<b>110</b> Uneven, as leaf margins
<b>41</b> Concept	<b>89</b> Cry on "The Simpsons"	<b>132</b> Have faith in	<b>37</b> Rx writers	<b>74</b> Dull pain	<b>111</b> Long sofa
<b>42</b> Singer of the 1984 hit "Too Late for Goodbyes"	<b>90</b> Biblical verb ending	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>39</b> With 42-Down, restaurant dish of the day	<b>75</b> Factual	<b>112</b> Alter formally
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	<b>94</b> Small pellets for air guns	<b>3</b> Musical steps	<b>44</b> Store of ore	<b>80</b> Sgt. Snorkel's pet dog	<b>115</b> Sleuth's lead
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(15 words - 2 publications - price must be listed)



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**119 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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documents where they need to be instantly by taking advantage of our facsimile machine. Reproduce complete documents and/or pictures by telephone in just a couple minutes! Just stop by the Clinton Journal, 111 S Monroe, Clinton - no appointment necessary. (119TFN)

**NEW TO TOWN?**  
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**Clinton Journal**  
111 S Monroe, Clinton

**201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE**

**NO INDIVIDUAL,** unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. \*A child-

care facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. The Clinton Journal strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in its care.  
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(DCFS Rule, Part 377.3 (c))

**203 HELP WANTED**

**THE CLINTON JOURNAL** is seeking a substitute delivery driver. Responsibilities include picking up paper bundles from the Journal office and delivering them to designated businesses in a timely manner. MUST have a valid driver's license, reliable transportation and valid insurance. Apply at the Clinton Journal office, 111 S. Monroe St., Clinton. (203TFN)

**Part time help wanted** to sit with elderly mother. Very light duties. Clinton area. 217-671-0392. (2030519)

**205 SITUATIONS 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)

**305 GARAGE/ RUMMAGE SALES**

**PLACE A RUMMAGE SALE AD IN THE CLINTON JOURNAL.** Deadline for ads are: Monday, 5:00 PM for the following Friday edition. Rate: 1 publication and up to one week online, Up to 20 words for \$17.00, additional words are 25¢ a word. **OUR RAIN GUARANTEE:** If it rains on your sale day, we'll rerun the same ad (only date & time changes) for free. Must run within 2 weeks.

**307 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**

**Red Wing steel toed boots** size 12 B. \$45.00. 935-8676. (3070512)

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**Address:** 111 S. Monroe St., Clinton  
**Mail:** P.O. Box 615 Clinton, IL 61727

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• Clinton Journal  
• www.theclintonjournal.com

**CJ DEADLINES:**  
• **Mondays** at 5 p.m.  
(Deadlines subject to change during holiday times)

**Call for pricing that starts at \$19.00 for private party ads and \$30 for commercial business ads and \$17 for garage sale ads.**

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### LEGAL

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**ESTATE OF GARY LEE FERGUSON, Deceased IN PROBATE 2023-PR-14**

#### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Gary Lee Ferguson of 3 Entrada Hermosa, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506. Letters of Office were issued on March 18, 2023, to Patricia H. Ferguson of 3 Entrada Hermosa, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506, whose attorney is Maureen A. Maffei of ICE MILLER LLP - 2300 Cabot Drive, Suite 455, Lisle, Illinois 60532.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court - DeWitt County at 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative or both, within six (6) months from the date the of first publication of this Notice, which is 4/28/2023, or within three (3) months from the date of the mailing of this Notice, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative(s) and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil

cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Patricia H. Ferguson, Executor

Prepared by: Maureen A. Maffei ICE MILLER LLP Attorney at Law 2300 Cabot Dr. Suite 455 Lisle, IL 60532 Maureen.Maffei@IceMiller.com

**LEGAL 19764**  
April 28 and May 5 and 12, 2023

### LEGAL

#### TAKE NOTICE

**CERTIFICATE NO. 201900049**

**TO:**  
C n D Properties LLC  
C n D Properties LLC  
Dean Gregg  
Dean Gregg  
Occupant  
Hofmann Assekuranz, Inc  
Dewitt County Clerk  
Candice Gregg  
Candice Gregg

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

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/or Special Assessments for the year 2019.

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

### LEGAL

#### 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

### TriOak Foods

a pork production company that is dedicated to providing the highest quality pork products to an ever-expanding global food market while maintaining the highest standards of animal health and well-being, is looking for production individuals that would like to work in our production facilities near Clinton, Illinois.

This position would have a variety of duties within the sow farm operations including breeding and / or farrowing activities. Regular responsibilities will also include daily care, feeding, processing and barn upkeep associated with our animals.

TriOak Foods offers a strong benefits package (insurance options, 401K with match, profit sharing, PTO program, etc.) and a competitive salary based on experience.

The individuals picked for these positions must be able to thrive in a small team environment.

Qualified and interested candidates can apply on our website at [www.trioak.com](http://www.trioak.com).

TriOak Foods is an equal opportunity employer.

*We're*  
**HIRING**

05/12/2023

**TriOak Foods**  
neighbors feeding neighbors

### CLINTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOLS

VACANCY NOTICE NO. 22  
Please apply on-line at [www.applitrack.com/Clinton/onlineapp](http://www.applitrack.com/Clinton/onlineapp) unless noted otherwise.

**Clinton High School**

- **PE/Health Teacher** for the 2023-24 school year, application deadline May 12, 2023
- **LB51 Transition Teacher** for 2023-24, application deadline May 12, 2023
- **Spanish Teacher** for the 2023-24 school year, application deadline May 12, 2023

**Clinton Junior High**

- **PE/Health Teacher** for the 2023-24 school year, application deadline May 12, 2023

**Clinton Elementary School**

- **Special Education Teacher** for the 2023-2024 school year, application deadline May 12, 2023
- **Teacher Aide 1-1** please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license <https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals> , application deadline May 12, 2023

**Transportation**

- **Sub Bus Driver, (\$23.85 per hour)** Bus Drivers must have a CDL or be willing to obtain one.
- **Sub Van Driver, (\$21.74 per hour)**
- **Sub Bus/Van Monitor & Part time Bus/Van Monitors, (\$15.00 per hour)**
- **Sub Crossing Guards & Part time Crossing Guards, (\$15.00 per hour)**

**Athletics**

- **Head Baseball Coach**, please apply online or email letter of interest, resume, and letters of recommendation to Matt Koepfel, AD, at [mkoepfel@cusd15.org](mailto:mkoepfel@cusd15.org), application deadline May 12, 2023

**Cafeteria**

- **Kitchen Staff (5.0 hours) 9-month position**, Food Service Certificate required or be willing to obtain one / Kitchen experience preferred / Reports to CJHS Kitchen Manager, application deadline May 12, 2023. Will hire ASAP.
- **Kitchen Staff Manager(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.
- **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
- **Sub Kitchen Help, (on call as needed)**

**Unit Office**

- **Teacher Aide - Bilingual (English & Spanish)**, please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license <https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals> , application deadline May 12, 2023
- **Substitute School Nurse**, who have active Illinois R.N. or LPN license and experience in school nursing for grades K-12. This position may involve experiences with health education, chronic disease management, communicable disease, immunizations, first-aid, and medication administration. Hours for this position would be 7:45 am-3:45pm on an as needed basis.

## Community-Wide Garage Sale Special

Advertise your garage sale in The Clinton Journal!

Clinton Community-wide sales will be **June 2 and June 3.**

**15-words Only \$10**

Limited-time offer! Community-wide sale ads will appear in the June 2 Clinton Journal

Hurry! Deadline to include your sale is May 26.

# CLINTON Journal

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**217.935.3171**  
[kpyne@theclintonjournal.com](mailto:kpyne@theclintonjournal.com)



LEGAL

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 Stephen R. Myers Attorney at Law 202 W. Adams Street Clinton, Illinois 61727 Tel. (217) 935-8326 Fax (217) 935-4333 E-Mail: steve@stevemyerslaw.com

LEGAL 19774 May 5, 12 and 19, 2023

LEGAL

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

LEGAL

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

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 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

LEGAL

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that Warner Hospital & Health Services (Owner) invites contractors to submit sealed BIDS for an offer to perform work to complete the project WEST PARKING LOT EXPANSION. Sealed bids are to be received at 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

LEGAL

PUBLIC NOTICE

TREE TRIMMING ACTIVITIES IN Unincorporated De Witt County, IL AND NEARBY AREAS

TO THE PATRONS OF AMEREN ILLINOIS:

Please be advised that Ameren Illinois will trim trees and other vegetation in and around the town(s) of IN Unincorporated De Witt County, Illinois. Our qualified utility arborists will trim trees and vegetation that could interfere with electric lines that run from pole to pole and elsewhere. This work is necessary in order to minimize the likelihood of outages and safety hazards. There is no charge to you for this service.

If you have any questions about this work, please call 1-800-755-5000 or visit our website at MySafeTrees.com. You may address your concerns in the manner specified on our website. You may also call the Consumer Services Division of the Illinois Commerce Commission at 1-800-524-0795. Maps have been provided to the mayors and the county board chairpersons of the affected areas.

Sincerely, Ameren Illinois Forestry Department

LEGAL 19780 May 12, 2023

LEGAL

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

LEGAL 19781 May 12, May 19, May 26, 2023

LEGAL

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Public notice is hereby given that Warner Hospital & Health Services (Owner) invites contractors to submit sealed BIDS for an offer to perform work to complete the project WEST PARKING LOT EXPANSION. Sealed bids are to be received at the

(820 ILCS 265 et seq.).

8. Bids are submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission. The owner reserves the right to waive any informality in the bids received, to determine the lowest responsible bidder, or reject any or all bids.

9. Special attention shall be given to the construction schedule listed in the Special Provisions.

Rejection of Bids: Warner Hospital & Health Services reserves the right to accept, negotiate, or reject any or all proposals and to waive any variance from the requirements of the instructions for bidders. At the discretion of the Owner, required items may be submitted after the bid opening if there is sufficient compliance with instructions at the time of the bid opening to permit the Owner to determine the price bid.

Paul Skowron, CEO Warner Hospital & Health Services

LEGAL 19782 May 12, 2023

LEGAL

PUBLIC NOTICE CLINTON CUSD #15 TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2022-2023 AMENDED BUDGET

The Clinton Board of Education will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on June 20, 2023 on the adoption of the 2022-2023 Amended Budget. The tentative budget will be available for public inspection beginning May 19, 2023 and is available at the Unit Office located at 1210 West Route 54, Clinton, Illinois 61727 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

LEGAL 19783 May 12, 2023

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Expected cost for Illinois’ noncitizen health care program grows to \$1.1 billion

Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The estimated cost for Illinois to continue providing health care coverage to noncitizens who are otherwise ineligible for Medicaid benefits has been revised upward to \$1.1 billion for the upcoming fiscal year.

As of the end of March, the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services estimated it would cost \$990 million to fund the program that provides state-funded health care to individuals age 42 and older who would otherwise qualify for Medicaid if not for their citizenship status.

The new estimate, shared by IDHFS Director Theresa Eagleson in testimony to a Senate appropriations committee Wednesday night, is now \$880 million beyond the \$220 million estimate included in Gov. JB Pritzker’s February budget proposal.

READ MORE: Nearly \$1B in expected spending on health care for noncitizens adds to state budget pressures

The administration also estimated the current-year expenditures for the program at \$220 million, but it has cost over \$400 million thus far with two months to go in the fiscal year.

IDHFS chief of staff Ben Winick told the committee that the original estimate relied on the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey data to estimate the eligible population, then assumed a certain percentage would enroll.

But both the cost of providing care and the number of enrollees have far outpaced estimates.

“Because of the unreliability of that data, the projections for enrollment are really just focused on month-over-month growth based on the trends that we’re seeing and not tied to the universe of eligibles,” Winick said.

10 percent monthly growth

The projections are now based on the program’s current month-over-month growth rate of roughly 10 percent. The number of enrollees is expected to grow to over 120,000 in Fiscal Year 2024. The previous estimate was 98,500 enrollees.

Winick noted the program currently covers about 56,000 individuals while the department oversees health care for about 3.9 million people through its various programs statewide.

Sen. Dave Syverson, R-Cherry Valley, raised concerns over the fact that no other states offer the same level of health care coverage for noncitizens as Illinois. That, he said, could result in ever-increasing enrollment and upward adjustments to cost estimates.

“As Illinois is the only state in the nation that fully covers health care for undocumented individuals from age 42 and older, when they’re crossing the border, and they realize they have health conditions, they know there’s one state to come to if you have health issues,” he said at a Thursday news conference. “Illinois now, because of the policies of this state of being a welcoming state, is now being inundated with every sick individual from around the country that’s coming here.”

The same Senate committee heard a proposal from Sen. Omar Aquino, D-Chicago, that would further expand Medicaid coverage to noncitizens age 19 and older. That would cost another \$38 million, per IDHFS estimates.

“We were the first (state) in this country to provide care to populations like this from 42 and above. We are a welcoming state, I say that with a sense of pride,” Aquino said.

Aquino said the expansion means people who were “living in the shadows” are now able to seek care, and the pace of the program’s growth shows the need for it.

“Some of this is highlighting, again, a lot of the untreated medical issues that they have from Type 2 diabetes, cancers and so forth,” he said.

Eagleson noted that the per-patient cost for individuals age 65 and older has been leveling off since that population was first made eligible for the state-run health care program in 2021. The program has since been expanded twice to cover those 42 and older.

“I think it’s important to say that we are seeing people get those diagnostic services and drugs to help them manage chronic conditions and things like that,” Eagleson said. “So on the senior population that started sooner...those costs grew pretty rapidly in the first years, and then they actually decreased and now are just normal inflationary, so they start to level off as people get the treatment.”

Winick said a large portion of the program’s enrollees live in Cook County, and its results have been born out in decreased reliance on the county-run health system.

“A lot of that’s because those conditions are now being managed,” he said. “People are getting proper treatment and now they’re getting more preventive services than the higher-end stuff and they are using their coverage to access a wider variety of providers.”

Defraying the cost

The department’s all-funds budget request as of February was \$37.2 billion, with just over \$9 billion from the General Revenue Fund.

The Pritzker administration estimated that the IDHFS budget as proposed could cover about \$300 million of the greater-than-expected costs.

“The governor’s focus remains on investing in priorities he outlined during his budget address,” Pritzker spokesperson Jordan Abudayyeh said in a statement. “His administration is working closely with the General Assembly to ensure that additional priorities fit within a balanced budget framework.”

Department officials noted that they were looking into other ways to defray costs as well.

Because the individuals are not citizens, the federal government does not match the state’s contributions to the program. But Eagleson said the federal Medicaid program “does fund the emergency services for undocumented residents.”

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# NEWS

## Local agencies among foundation grant recipients

BLOOMINGTON – Illinois Prairie Community Foundation has awarded more than \$173,000 in three categories of competitive grants to 83 programs in McLean, DeWitt, Livingston and Logan counties. Grant awards ranged from \$400 to \$13,870.

Funding came from donors to the Community Foundation’s annual campaign, the Jerome Mirza Foundation, and several endowments at the Community Foundation.

Receiving 48 General Grants totaling \$83,805 for programs in the fields of education, environment, health and wellness and youth were:

- Allin Township Fire Department – \$1,000 for “Nozzle Replacement”
- Alzheimer’s Disease & Related Disorders Association – \$681 for “2nd Annual Bloomington Family Caregiver Conference”
- Back 2 School Alliance – \$1,000 for “Creating Writers from Kindergarten Through Graduation”
- Best Buddies Illinois – \$1,175 for “Best Buddies Leadership Program”
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois – \$2,000 for “Comprehensive Mentoring Program”
- B-N Tennis Association – \$400” for “Tennis Buddies at Evergreen”
- Boy Scouts of America, W.D. Boyce Council – \$800 for “2023 Outdoor Adventure Camp”
- Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington-Normal – \$3,500 for “STEAM Powered Play”
- Clinton Community Educational Foundation – \$1,500 for “Read Across Clinton”
- Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois – \$4,000 for “CAPCIL Transit”
- Community Connections Group of Central Illinois – \$1,200 for “Team Connection”
- Community Health Care Clinic – \$2,000 for “Furnish the Future”
- Corpus Christi Catholic School – \$500 for “Outdoor Education Classroom”
- Dax Locke Foundation – \$700 for “Camp Hope
- Adolescent Young Adult Retreat”
- DeWitt-Piatt Bi-County Health Department – \$1,422 for “School Dental Sealant Program”
- Dreams Are Possible – \$3,000 for “DAP Collaboration with Moms at Heartland Head Start and Milestones Early Learning Center”
- Easterseals Central Illinois – \$1,750 for “Timber Pointe Outdoor Center Challenge Ropes Course”
- Encore Developmental Services – \$1,000 for “Communication and Community Access”
- Eugene Field School – \$1,000 for “Music Garden Completion”
- Eureka College – \$2,000 for “Color Us Hopeful: Eureka College Coloring Book Program”
- Eversight – \$1,200 for “Sight-Saving Recovery Supplies for McLean and Livingston Counties”
- Everyone’s Collective – \$1,500 for “The Collective Food Forest”
- Faith in Action – \$2,500 for “Volunteer Development: Recruitment, Retention and Recognition”
- Girl Scouts of Central Illinois – \$2,200 for “Camper Caravan - Building Accessibility to Girl Scouts Camp Experiences”
- Girls in the Game – \$1,500 for “Bloomington After School”
- Girls on the Run of Central Illinois – \$1,500 for “Power Up With Girls on the Run”
- Great Plains Life Foundation – \$3,000 for “Stay 4 Project”
- Heartland Community College – \$1,250 for “Returning Hawks”
- Homes of Hope – \$1,993 for “Heart Healthy Heroes Program”
- Lincoln Pastoral Counseling Services – \$3,000 for “Subsidy Program”
- Living Well United – \$500 for “Grandparents Raising Grandkids”
- McLean County Children’s Advocacy Center – \$2,795 for “Prevent 360”
- Normal Public Library – \$1,000 for “Free Period Products at Normal Public Library”
- One Hope Project – \$1,000 for “One Hope Project Support Groups”
- Piatt County Mental Health Center – \$2,000 for “Recovery Support Services”
- Regional Alternative School – \$2,000 for “Sewing for Sustainability, Cricut-ing for a Cause”
- Salem4Youth – \$2,000 for “Planting4Pollinators” Funded by the Deanna Frautschi and Alan Bedell Donor Advised Fund
- St Peter’s Lutheran Church – \$1,500 for “Preschool Playground Park”
- Sunnyside Community Gardens & Food Forest – \$1,000 for “Native Pollinator Garden for Bees” Funded by the Deanna Frautschi and Alan Bedell Donor Advised Fund, \$1,000
- The Salvation Army - Bloomington – \$2,725 for “Personal/Household Items Referral Program”
- The Salvation Army - Lincoln – \$3,000 for “The Salvation Army Lincoln 360 Life Center”
- The Salvation Army - Pontiac – \$3,100 for “The Salvation Army Pontiac 360 Life Center”
- Vault Community Center – \$4,000 for “Golden Gears Small Business Leadership Program”
- Vespasian Warner Public Library – \$1,500 for “Wonderbook: A Read-Along Experience for Young Readers”
- Village of New Holland – \$500” for “Keep New Holland Clean”
- Weldon Springs Foundation – \$1,500 for “Welcome to the Prairie: An Intro to the Natural World Through Observation & Experience”
- Woodland CUSD 5 – \$1,500 for “Woodland Mentoring Program”
- YWCA McLean County – \$1,914 for “Special Needs Program”

Receiving 33 Arts and Culture Grants totaling \$71,692 were:

- Bachs Choir – \$500 for “25th Anniversary Weekend Celebration & Alumni Concert”
- BCAI Cultural Arts & Humanities – \$3,024 for “Hip Hop Elemental Arts: Session 6” Funded by the David and Kay Williams Music Education Fund
- BCAI Cultural Arts & Humanities – \$2,000 for “Summer Arts Exposure 2023”
- Bloomington-Normal YMCA – \$1,000 for “Teen Scene”
- Boys & Girls Club of Livingston County – \$1,600 for “Lyricism 101”
- Brass Band of Central Illinois – \$1,500 for “2024 Spring Concert”
- Chenoa Public Library District – \$1,200 for “Green Street Guitars and Art”
- Children’s Discovery Museum – \$2,500 for “Cross-Curricular Collaborations and Arts Integration Workshop”
- City of Pontiac – \$3,500 for “Rockin’ at the River Summer Concert Series”
- Further Jazz – \$1,500 for “Further Jazz Festival”
- Heartland Jazz Orchestra Foundation – \$1,500 for “Community Jazz Concerts”
- Holiday Spectacular – \$2,000 for “Free Tickets for Low Income Community Members 2023”
- Holiday Spectacular – \$2,000 for “Let’s Celebrate America One More Time”
- Illinois Art Station – \$1,500 for “Unity in Art: Illinois Art Station @ Unity Community Center”
- Illinois State University – \$2,000 for “2023 Concerts on the Quad”
- Illinois State University – \$2,000 for “Illinois Shakespeare Festival Courtyard Music Series”
- Illinois State University – \$2,500 for “ISU String Project”
- Illinois State University – \$1,000 for “Teen Art Group at University Galleries”
- Illinois Symphony Orchestra – \$3,000 for “Concert for Kids!”
- Inside Out Accessible Arts – \$2,300 for “IOAA Art Education”
- IWU-Chamber Music – \$2,500 for “Illinois Chamber Music Festival 2023”
- McLean County Art Association – \$2,500 for “Sugar Creek Arts Festival”
- McLean County Historical Society – \$3,000 for “2023 Evergreen Cemetery Walk”
- MIOpera – \$3,000 for “MIOperatunities Presents Read, See and Experience The Secret Garden”
- Music Connections Foundation – \$3,000 for “Niños y Musica”
- Olympia CUSD 16 – \$3,500 for “Breaking the Barriers: Music for All” Funded by the David and Kay Williams Music Education Fund
- Poco A Poco – \$3,009 for “Poco a Poco’s 7th Annual Summer Music Fest”
- Prairie Fire Theatre – \$2,500 for “Bright Star (a musical)”
- pt.fwd – \$2,000 for “Headliner Concert Series”
- Regional Alternative School – \$3,009 for “Digital Art Education Program at RAS”
- Share the Music – \$1,750 for “Instrument Lending Program”
- Sound of Illinois - SFPEBQA – \$1,800 for “Central Illinois Youth in Harmony (YIH)”
- Threshold to Hope – \$2,000 for “Art Instruction and Exploration for Low-Income Artists”

Receiving 2 Sol Shulman Jewish Life and Education Grants totaling \$17,870 were:

- Illinois Symphony Orchestra Inc. – \$4,000 for “Orchestra Around the Town Free Concert Series”
- Moses Montefiore Temple – \$13,840 for “Building a Sacred Community Through Music”

Along with \$50,000 awarded by the Foundation’s Women to Women Giving Circle and \$8,105 from the Foundation’s Youth Engaged in Philanthropy (YEP) cohort, IPCF has awarded more than \$231,472 in competitive grants in fiscal year 2023.

About Illinois Prairie Community Foundation  
*Illinois Prairie Community Foundation, now in its 25th year, encourages and facilitates philanthropy in McLean, DeWitt, Livingston and Logan counties by connecting donors who care with causes that matter to them. The Foundation currently manages assets in nearly 200 funds including endowments and donor advised, fiscal sponsorship and scholarship funds. More information is available at [www.ilprairiecf.org](http://www.ilprairiecf.org).*

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“And so we have already gotten a verbal commitment for – it’s about \$67 million in (federal) match for the money that we’ve already spent on the program,” she said of discussions with the federal government. “And then we think the estimate based on the cost... for emergency services will be in the neighborhood of \$100 to \$120 million going forward.”

The Republican senators also noted that the noncitizens are part of a fee-for-service Medicaid program instead of the Medicaid managed care program in which most other recipients are enrolled.

That managed care system uses private insurance companies known as managed care organizations, or MCOs, to coordinate care for Medicaid recipients. The state releases funds to MCOs at a statute-specified rate. Those MCOs are charged an “assessment,” a type of tax on providers designed to bring more federal funds into the state’s Medicaid program.

Eagleson said putting the noncitizen recipients in the managed care program wouldn’t necessarily decrease costs, but it would subject the recipients to the assessment via the MCO, thereby increasing revenues.

Winick said the reason the noncitizens were not included in managed care was because the department anticipated the group would be much smaller than it has become.

“Obviously now that we’re looking at much higher enrollment numbers, we are considering our options about maybe expediting the rollout of managed care for this population,” he said.

Sen. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, pointed out that the money spent on the expansion could have fully funded 20 percent Medicaid base rate expansion for hospitals that has been requested or adequate funding for services provided to individuals with developmental disabilities.

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