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Two trees dedicated on Arbor Day

Two trees were planted in the city arboretum, located in the 200 block of South Taylor Street, as part of the Arbor Day observance by the Clinton Tree Commission, held on Saturday, April 29. **See more photos on page A2.**

Residents disappointed as Dollar General plan advances

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CLINTON — As the project for a new Dollar General store advances with the city planning commission, residents living in the vicinity of the project expressed disappointment Tuesday with the city council. Residents living in the area of E. North Street and Rt 54 east have addressed the city council

for several weeks about their fears. Those fears, namely that the Dollar General project will revive flooding problems in their neighborhood and cause a decline in property values. Neighborhood resident Glenna Rogers told commissioners during their Tuesday meeting she was disappointed with how she felt the city mishandled the Dollar General issue. She said residents in the area of the

project should have been contacted much earlier about the plan. “I know you’ve approved it, so, as far as that goes, there’s not much I want to say,” Rogers told the council. “We do feel this has been handled deceitfully.” In addition to her other concerns, she said the new store would create traffic and noise in the area and disrupt, “the whole neighborhood.”

“We just want you to keep that in mind,” Rogers said. “We know the plan is going forward, but we just wanted you to know this is not acceptable to the residents of that neighborhood.” Mayor Roger Cyrulik said residents of the neighborhood were notified when the parking lot variance for the project went before the city,” and that’s all that was required for that permit,” Cyrulik

said. Commissioner John Wise took exception to the notion the city had been secretive in its dealings involving the Dollar General project. “This has been about the third time we’ve been told we have approved Dollar General,” Wise said. “We approved a change that was bringing property that was out of the city limits into the city limits.” **See CITY / A3**

Anti-bullying measure heads to Senate after House passage

Would require schools to notify parents within 24 of a bullying incident

Nika Schoonover
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Legislation that would tighten anti-bullying protocols in Illinois schools heads to the full state Senate after unanimously passing out of committee last week. House Bill 3425 particularly targets cyberbullying, requiring that schools “make diligent efforts” to notify the parents or guardians of students involved in a bullying incident


within 24 hours of the administration being made aware of it. The measure passed the House 78-25 on March 24. “Cyberbullying cases are not necessarily relegated to the schoolyard, they’re not relegated to the confines of your school,” Rep. Margaret Croke, the lead House sponsor on the bill, said in an interview. “So you could have a child who’s just receiving messages constantly, incessantly, from the time they wake up to the time they go to bed and there’s no break.”

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DeWitt County Museum part of Blue Star program this summer

CLINTON — The C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum announced it will join museums nationwide in the Blue Star Museums’ initiative, a program that provides free admission to currently-serving U.S. military personnel and their families this summer. The 2023 program will begin on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 20, 2023, and end on Labor Day, Monday, September 4, 2023. Find the list of participating museums at arts.gov/bluestarmuseums. Blue Star Museums is a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star

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Families, in collaboration with the Department of Defense and participating museums across America. “The C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum is proud to participate in the Blue Star Museums Program as a way to show our sincere gratitude to all who are currently serving in the military, as well as their families,” said museum director, Joey Long. **See MUSEUM / A3**

Unit 15 welcomes new board member

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CLINTON — Clinton school board swore in new board member Jenny Haycraft Rudat at its April 25 board meeting and welcomed Karrah Jensen as director of teaching and learning beginning with the 2023-24 school year.



Jenny Rudat

Dan Matthews was re-elected as board president; Tamie Ennis was named vice president and Sondra Baker was re-elected board secretary.

The board also approved the transfer of Clinton High School Spanish teacher Nichole Binder to coordinator for non-English speaking students in the district. Binder will begin the new position in June.



Karrah Jensen

Nettles said Binder has been interpreting for district families and helping them with appointments and meetings while also teaching Spanish at the high school. “This is her passion,” said Nettles. “Frankly, if she doesn’t do this for us, she’s going to do it somewhere else or with some other organization. We feel this is a great fit for us. She already knows the school district and the families.”

The board also approved a 5 percent increase in the cost of the district’s employee health insurance premiums. New quotes show a predicted 18 percent increase but “that’s crazy,” said Nettles, who recommended the board only approve the 5 percent increase.

All district employees are covered 100 percent by the district but pay additionally if they choose to insure family members. “I have an issue with charging an 18 percent increase to those folks,” said Nettles. “It would decimate some paychecks.”

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Clinton Arbor Day 2023



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The annual Clinton Arbor Day observance attracted about 30-40 people Saturday morning. Local scouts raised the U.S. flag and led the pledge of allegiance.



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Members of the Clinton Tree Commission were present to award its junior foresters and help plant two trees in the city aboretum.



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Two trees were planted on Saturday, one from the children of Gianmaria and Annamaria Michelassi and one from the children of Francis M. and Barbara J. Brady.



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Clinton Tree Commission members are John Baker, Ken Buchanan, Diana Holl, Marilyn Black and Edith Brady-Lunny. Buchanan, also a city commissioner, offered a few words during Saturday's event.

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I'm willing to gamble (the cost) will correct itself next year so I'm recommending a moderate 5 percent increase for those folks who are paying some out of their paychecks."

In other business, the board:
Learned about the HEAT Academy, a division of BACC. HEAT is an acronym for Health, Engineering, Agriculture

and Technology and will be an opportunity for Bloomington Area Career Center students to attend classes taught by professionals. "I think it's a fantastic opportunity for kids," said Nettles.

Approved the May 16 board meeting to begin at 4:45 p.m. due to scheduling conflicts.

Approved a bus trade and purchase with Central State Bus Sales.

Approved the transfer

of \$97,072 from the Education Fund to the Debt Fund for the annual Apple Lease payment to provide iPads for students in pre-K through 8th grade.

Approved a topographic study contract with Chastain and Associates, LLC, for \$51,600 because "if we don't do it, we can't progress" with changes or improvements to the district grounds, Nettles said.

Approved the employment of Emily Balnius, CHS English; Grace Sanders, CHS English; Ashley Baldwin, 5th grade; Emily Butler, CJHS Cheer; Madison McClurg, CJHS dance, all for the 2023-24 school year.

Approved Samantha Rich as CHS lead administrative assistant and Josha Becker, bus monitor, both effective immediately.

Christin Haws will talk about 'Deadly DeWitt' May 9 at genealogical society meeting

CLINTON — The DeWitt County Genealogical Society will meet at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9 at Vespasian Warner Public Library.

The speaker will be

Christin Haws, who will talk about the "Deadly DeWitt," an overview of several murders that occurred in DeWitt County during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

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Wise also referred to the council's recent approval of the minor subdivision plat for the property that will be the site of the new store.

"But, the planning commission is the one that finally approves the Dollar General," Wise said.

Commissioners pointed out at an earlier council meeting that the city's sole authorization so far involved approval of the subdivision creating the site for the project but did not include the store itself.

Wise conceded it was common knowledge Dollar General planned to build a store on the

property but said the council had not approved the construction of any project on the site.

"We have done only what we do as a city council and then we send it over to the planning commission," he said.

He said the planning commission would make the final determination about approving Dollar General's plan.

The legal notice declaring the annexation and changed zoning designation of the property was published in the Clinton Journal, as required by the city. Wise pointed out the plan was

on file with the city during the usual 30-day public viewing period but no one spoke out against it before the council voted.

City attorney John Hoblit clarified the property was not technically rezoned, it was annexed into the city and then classified under the appropriate zoning designation.

Neighborhood resident Kendra Hunt again addressed the council about her concern property values would plunge with the Dollar General project. Cyrulik, who has a realty license, said the store was not the type of project that would cause a drop

in property values. Hunt disagreed.

Hunt said she trusted her realtor and financial adviser, both of whom said her home would lose about \$40,000 in value with the construction of the new store.

She also read a list of what she felt would be other potential problems caused by Dollar General. These included competition with food stores, targeting low income neighborhoods, paying low wages and creating fewer jobs, and, in general, what she said were Dollar General's poor labor practices.

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"We have welcomed active military visitors to the museum in the past and look forward to welcoming even more this summer, during the Blue Star Museum free admission program dates."

"The C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum is helping to enrich the lives of military families and build meaningful connections between our nation's military and their

local community," said Maria Rosario Jackson, PhD, chair of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Blue Star Museums include children's museums, art, science, and history museums, zoos, gardens, lighthouses, and more, and hail from all 50 states, District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The current list of participating museums will continue to develop over the summer,

as organizations are welcome to register to be a Blue Star Museum throughout the summer.

The free admission program is available for those currently serving in the United States military, including Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force, members of the Reserves, National Guard, U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned

Corps, and up to five family members.

Qualified members must show a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), DD Form 1173-1 ID card or the Next Generation Uniformed Services (Real) ID card for entrance into a participating Blue Star Museum.

Law Enforcement

Clinton Police Department

On 04/28/23 Clinton Police cited Julie M. Blair 43, Washington for Driving while License Cancelled. Blair was issued a Notice to Appear in Court and released.

On 04/28/23 Clinton Police arrested Chad E. Sexton 46, Wapella for Driving While License Revoked, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Expired Registration. Sexton was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 04/29/23 Clinton Police arrested Cody S. Cuthbertson 45, Decatur for Driving While License Revoked, Operating Motor Vehicle with Suspended

Registration, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and 2 Macon County Warrants. Cuthbertson was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 04/29/23 Clinton Police arrested Jeremy W. Mitchell 36, Clinton for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Mitchell was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

April 14-28

Jason Rempe, 21, Lincoln, was arrested and charged with DUI-Alcohol

Concentration in Blood or Breath 0.08 or more and Driving on Suspended License. Rempe posted the necessary bond and was released.

Isaiah Darius, 33, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Speeding (76 mph in a 55 mph zone). Darius was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Hubaldino Lopez, 48, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Speeding (77 mph in a 55 mph zone). Lopez was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Sebastian Romero, 20, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Speeding (109 mph in a 65 mph zone)/ Racing with Another Vehicle. Romero was

given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Jose Alfara Montaya, 27, Bloomington, was issued Citation for Driving While License Suspended/ Revoked; Operating Uninsured Vehicle and Local Ordinance 62511 601-5(A) (82 mph in a 55 mph zone).

Torey Lancaster 31, McLean, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging her with Resist/ PC Off/Corr/FRFTR/Inj/ FTA. Lancaster unable to post the necessary bond remains lodged in the DeWitt County Jail.

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

DeWitt, Macon, Piatt counties May Newsletter

It seems like the April newsletter was just sent out, yet here it is, time for the May issue.

Graduations and end of the school year events are filling calendars. Vacation planning is in full swing, and garden planning is complete. DeWitt, Macon, and Piatt Extension has also been busy refreshing the website to make it more user-friendly and relevant to our programs. It's a work in progress.

Extension also has an opening for a SNAP-Ed Educator. More information about the position and the link to apply can be found on the careers page. This newsletter shows only a few of the upcoming events. Visit the events page on the website to find out what's happening near you.

Chess tournament and summer pollinator program highlight 4-H's uniqueness

4-H is hosting the One King to Rule Them All Chess Tournament from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 13 at the Macon County Extension Office. Kids do not need to be 4-H members, and the event is free. Register by May 12!

Is your local library hosting the 4-H summer pollinator program this summer? Register for Macon County libraries by the deadlines. DeWitt and Piatt Counties' information will be in next month's newsletter.

Cooking is the focus for this month's programming

Check out these two Nutrition and Wellness Events happening this month!

Preserving Safely | 6 p.m. to 7: 30 p.m. | May 9 | Piatt County Extension

Cooking for One or Two

15 p.m. | May 25 | Decatur Memorial Hospital

Annual Plant Sale

The annual Macon County Master Gardener Plant Sale will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 6 at the Macon County Fairgrounds, 3700 N. Westlawn Ave in Decatur. Beautiful perennials, annuals, hanging baskets, and more will be available to purchase. The new-to-you bargain shed will also be on-site, as well as the Master Naturalists and Master Gardeners for individual consultations.

More horticulture events

Container Gardens | 1 Noon | May 5 | DeWitt Extension

Container Gardens | 2 p.m. | May 5 | Allerton Park

Macon County Master Gardener Help Desk at Forsyth First Fridays | 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. | May 5 | Forsyth Park (tennis court parking lot)

Live Piatt Master Gardener Help Desk, Allerton Plant Sale | May 5 (5-9 p.m.) | May 6 (9-5 p.m.) | May 7 (9-5 p.m.)

Garden Tool Maintenance | 5:30 p.m. | May 11 | Vespasian Warner Public Library


Container Gardening | 1 p.m. | May 13 | Mt. Zion Library

Container Gardens | 1 Noon | May 16 | Piatt Extension

Invasives: Beyond Outlawed, Four Seasons Webinar | 1:30 | May 16 | live viewing at Vespasian Warner Public Library

Macon County Master Gardener Help Desk at GardenFest | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. | May 20 | The Garden Path

Save the date: Piatt County Master Gardener Garden Walk | July 8



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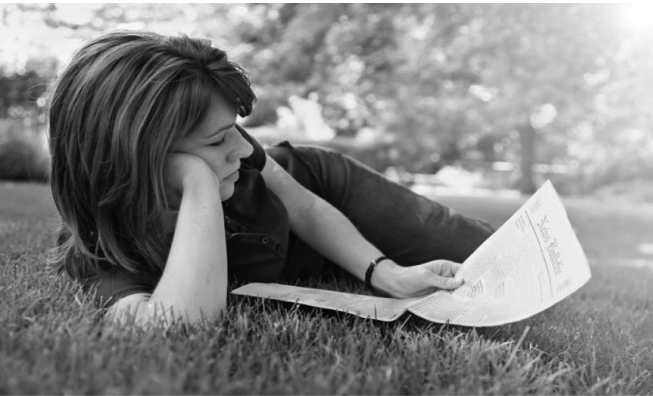
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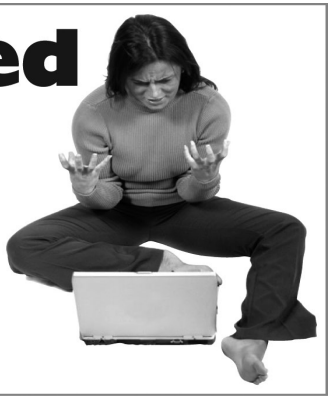
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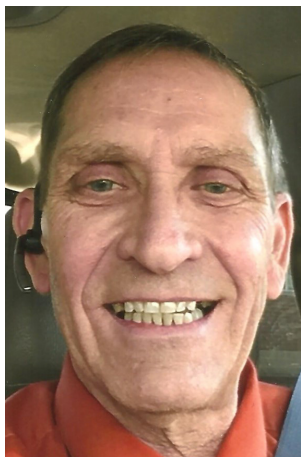
Steven Lee Tuttle

CLINTON — Steven Lee Tuttle, 65, of Clinton, died at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, in Bloomington, on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

Steve was born on August 15, 1957, in California, to parents Donald Edward and Marlene Louise (Burnett) Tuttle.

He married the love of his life, Tina (Fenner) Tuttle, on March 27, 1993. He was a proud member of UA Local 137 Plumbers and Pipefitters Union, a Mason, and an elder at his church, Victory Christian Center. Steve loved watching NASCAR, especially Jeff Gordon, Snoopy, playing games, spending time with family, chasing squirrels out of his yard, and serving the Lord.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Tina; his siblings, Tomey (Barbara) Tuttle, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Penny (Danny) Cox, of Farmer City; his three children, Christopher Tuttle, of Chicago, Samantha (Logan) Baier, of Chatham, and Sgt. Trevor Tuttle, currently of



Seoul, South Korea; and his grandson, Lucas Baier.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Marlene Tuttle.

Visitation will be held at Victory Christian Center in Farmer City on Monday, May 1, beginning at 12 p.m., with funeral to follow at 2 pm. He will be accorded Masonic Rites. Graveside services will be at the Greenleaf Cemetery.

Pastor Bryan Phillips, of Farmer City, will officiate. Memorials may be made to Victory Christian Center, Farmer City.

Calvert-Belangee-Bruce Funeral Home of Farmer City, is assisting the family with arrangements.

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The heavy lifting of pet ownership

For seniors, there are several questions that arise when we consider whether we should adopt another pet after the death of a long-loved companion. There's the scary thought of potential veterinary bills or whether we should own a dog that needs to be walked every day. Or maybe we think of adopting a young cat who will likely outlive us or an elderly cat who probably won't.

I firmly believe, however, that when it comes to deciding about adopting a pet that the biggest potential problem

comes down to heavy lifting.

The rule of four, I call it: There are four likely scenarios wherein, without intervention or assistance, heavy lifting is required.

For the economical 40-pound bag of dog chow, I would need to lift it into the shopping cart, put it on the conveyor belt at checkout, get it into the car and once home, get it into the house. That's four liftings.

This applies to even the 20-pound jug of cat litter. I do the math: 4 times 20 equals 80 pounds I'd be lifting without

Without luck, however, there have been too many times when all four liftings have been required. I suffer the next day.

Interventions.

Interventions can take the shape of a strong teenage boy angel who happens to walk by in the pet supplies aisle; a store clerk who gets down cat litter from a very high shelf; checkouts with a radar gun on a stretchy cord that will reach to the cart to scan the bar code; and big neighbors who happen to be strolling by just as I'm pulling in my driveway.

I have decided to cut my pet-related lifting down to none. I have signed up for home delivery at two stores, never mind the expense. It's worth every penny to see other people walk up my driveway carrying the heavy items, fully appreciative of the fact that I don't have to do any lifting whatsoever.

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CEA spring breakfast, awards set for May 24

CLINTON — The Clinton Education Association will hold its annual Spring Breakfast, formerly known as the Spring Tea, on Wednesday, May 24, at 7:45 a.m.

Doors will open at 7:30 a.m.

The breakfast will be held in the commons

area of the Clinton Junior High School. During the breakfast, Teacher of the Year, C.E.A. Scholarships, recognition of retirees, and service awards will be presented.

All present and retired employees of the district are welcome to attend.

Friendship Center dinner and cake auction May 6

CLINTON — On Saturday, May 6, the DeWitt County Friendship Center will hold a ham and bean plus vegetable soup dinner.

Serving will be from 5-7 p.m. with a cake auction starting at 6:15 p.m. conducted by Lance Schmid and family.

The menu for the dinner will be ham and beans or vegetable soup, mixed fruit, cornbread and butter, dessert, tea or coffee. Tickets are available from the Friendship Center or at the door for \$8 per person. Carryout meals also will be available.

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1904 - The third perfect game of the major leagues was thrown by Cy Young (Boston Red Sox) against the Philadelphia Athletics. It was the first perfect game under modern rules.

1912 - Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda began publishing.

1916 - U.S. Marines invaded the Dominican Republic.

1917 - Eugene Jacques Bullard becomes the first African-American aviator when he earned his flying certificate with the French Air Service.

1926 - Eisenstein’s film “Battleship Potemkin” was shown in Germany for the first time.

1926 - Sinclair Lewis refused a 1925 Pulitzer for “Arrowsmith.”

1936 - Edward Renscroft received a patent for the screw-on bottle cap with a pour lip.

1942 - In the U.S., wartime sugar rationing began.

1945 - The Netherlands and Denmark were liberated from Nazi control.

1945 - A Japanese balloon bomb exploded on Gearhart Mountain in Oregon. A pregnant woman and five children were killed.

1955 - “Damn Yankees” opened on Broadway.

1955 - The Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) became a sovereign state.

1956 - Jim Bailey became the first runner to break the four-minute mile in the U.S. He was clocked at 3:58.5.

1961 - Astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr., aboard Mercury capsule Freedom 7, became the first American in space when he made a 15 minute suborbital flight.

1966 - Willie Mays broke the National League record for home runs when he hit his 512th.

1978 - Pete Rose of the Cincinnati Reds registered his 3,000th major league hit.

1984 - The Itaipu Dam opened on the Paraná River between Brazil and Paraguay.

1987 - The U.S. congressional Iran-Contra hearings opened.

1991 - In New York, Carnegie Hall marked its 100th anniversary.

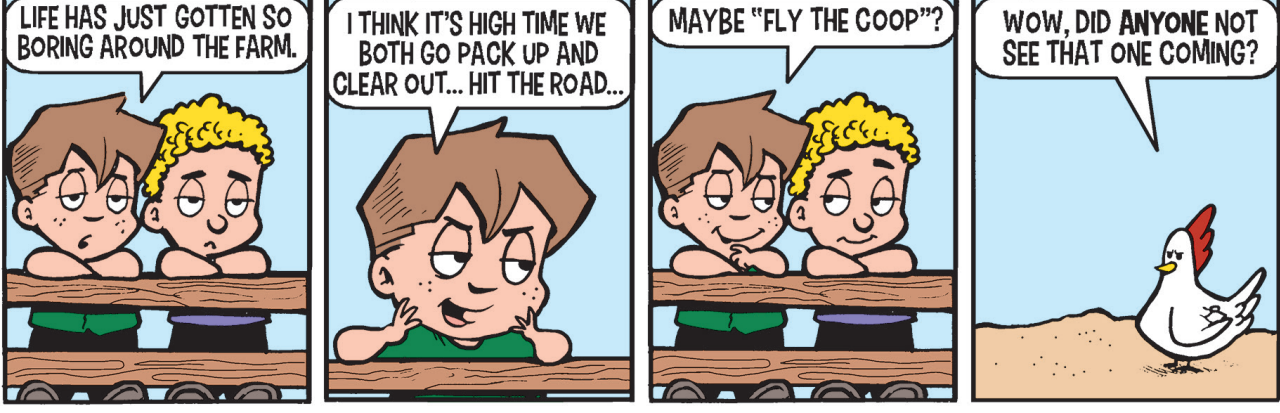
1997 - Dolores Hope received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

1997 - Ivan Reitman received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

2000 - The final episode of “Boy Meets World” aired on ABC.

2014 - The U.S. Supreme court upheld Christian prayers at the start of local council meetings.

Amber Waves



Exodus

With a heading of “Exodus,” I gave some thought to using my theological background to write a current events missive on Egyptian and Israeli relations.

I thought better of that and instead will write about the flight of Illinois residents to our neighboring states as well as Florida and Texas.

We are witnessing a current exodus of the gainfully employed and wealthy residents of this state to those states with a more favorable red tinge to their state politics. The Wall Street Journal Editorial Board wrote an article on this issue using Internal Revenue Service statistics, which is the source of actual numbers used herein.

Governor Pritzker does deserve credit for restoring solvency to the Illinois’ current fiscal health. The problem is it won’t last. Much of Illinois’ debt was paid by using surplus COVID funds given the State by the federal government.

That Illinois used its surplus federal funds to pay down debt is in all honesty great news for Illinois. The problem now is that those funds are gone. Illinois has significant state income taxes, plus high property taxes when compared to other states. If you have renewed your license plate stickers recently, you have seen more fees going to the state. Fees are simply another form of taxation.

When people get upset with their state government they often vote with their feet. They move across that Illinois border to a state with friendlier tax laws.

Police always tell us they follow the money when they are investigating financial crimes. That analogy also applies to residents who take their money (jobs and wealth) and move to another state.

IRS data show that 105,000 people left Illinois in 2021. They left with \$10.9 billion in adjusted gross income. That was almost a 25 percent increase from 2020. Those taking flight from Illinois went primarily to Texas, Florida, Indiana and Wisconsin.

From the 1950s to 2000 Illinois witnessed migration from the cities to the suburbs. People left Chicago for the burbs. The western suburbs blossomed as did the area near and north of O’Hare airport.

The suburbs often had lower property taxes than the city and you got more land for your dollar. Urban blight occurred in Chicago and local taxes went up. People voted with their feet and left.

Today many Illinois residents are doing the same thing on a state level. They don’t like the taxes and the regulations of Illinois. Our neighboring states along with Texas and Florida are making an appeal to Illinois residents. Come here, taxes are lower, and you get more for your dollar. People move to those areas where they feel they can best provide for their families.

Today, those leaving Illinois are not just the young and unskilled, but, rather, many have very good paying jobs and money in the bank. These residents pay a lot of taxes into the Illinois coffers. When they move because they don’t like the Illinois fiscal climate, that climate only gets worse.

People want the State to provide services and that takes taxpayers. We are losing some of the revenue sources to other states, and that signifies that doom and gloom financing may well rear its head again in Illinois.

We got a nice bail out from the federal government in the past two years. The odds of that occurring again are remote and always remember, we now have a larger federal debt to pay.

The Illinois legislature and the governor like to announce new spending programs, and many are worthwhile, but they need revenue. The State is in the best fiscal posture it has seen in years. Hopefully the governor and state legislators will make those decisions that keep our residents at home and not moving. Time will tell.



Burial at a National Cemetery

No one wants to think about it, but have you made your final plans? Have you put them in writing for those you leave behind so they’ll know what your wishes are once you pass away? There are steps you can take now to make it easier on them when the time comes.

First, determine whether you’re eligible for burial in a Department of Veterans Affairs national cemetery. If you’re uncertain, go to va.gov/burials-memorials and click on “Eligibility” toward the middle of the page. Gather up your required documents -- you’ll need several, including DD-214 -- and submit them with your application for a pre-need determination (VA Form 40-10007), which means the question of eligibility will be resolved beforehand. Choose a VA national cemetery. If you need help filling out the paperwork, call them at 800-535-1117.

Then be sure your loved ones know you’ve taken the pre-approval steps and where your documents will be kept.

Be sure your final paperwork includes information for the Veterans Legacy Memorial website (www.vlm.cem.va.gov). The VLM currently has 4.5 million veterans memorialized. (For some unexplainable reason, this does not include veterans buried at Arlington National Cemetery, and we’d love to know why.) Information on each veteran includes name, dates of birth and death, rank, war period, decorations and more. Friends and family are allowed to upload images, a bio, stories and any historical documents.

In your stash of documents you might include a favorite photo or two that you’d like to have added to the VLM later. There’s even a “Follow A Veteran” feature to send email alerts if any additional content is added to a veteran’s listing. The listing for a veteran is done the day of interment, and listings go back to the Revolutionary War.

As a note: Only veterans are listed in the VLM. Spouses buried with the veteran are not included.

For help accessing the VLM site and uploading documents or photos, call them at 866-245-1490.

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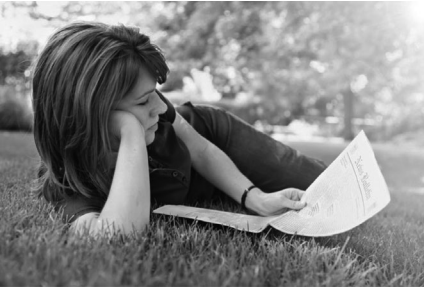
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By Wilson Casey

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

2. What city mentioned in Revelation is also the name of a city in Pennsylvania? Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Erie, Bethlehem

3. How many times does the word “eternity” occur in the Bible? 0, 1, 74, 212

4. From Numbers 12:3, who was the most humble man on earth? Jacob, Elijah, Noah, Moses

5. “Here am I; send me” comes from which book? Genesis, Exodus, Isaiah, Malachi

6. What’s the longest book of the Old Testament? Esther, Job, Psalms, Proverbs

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Psalms, 3) 74, 4) Malachi, 5) Isaiah, 6) Job

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength. A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.
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PSALM 33: 16-19

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7 p.m.-Wednesday Bible study

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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

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www.texaschristian-church.org

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West coast states

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. The west coastal state region is comprised of Washington, Oregon, and California. Due to the cold climate of Washington, luscious crisp apples are plentiful.

Many kinds of berries are found such as blueberries, strawberries, etc. It is probably most noted for its apples. California having a most varied climate allows it to grow citrus in the southern part. It also has its deserts and cooler climate to the north to grow grapes for wine making and produce similar to the Midwest. California is one of the largest agricultural states in America. Most of our vegetables and fruit come from there.

The discovery of gold in the mid-nineteenth century brought a great influx of people. In point of fact, it brought in Julia Child’s ancestors. They settled in Pasadena where Julia Child was born in the ancestral mansion. A smorgasbord of cultures migrated to California for one reason or another.

The mix of English, German, Scandinavians and Asians created an interesting culinary mix as well as preparatory



The Culinary Corner

By Chef Roger Joss

techniques. Have you tried using chopsticks or cooked in a wok? One of the biggest and most well known ethnic centers is China Town of San Francisco. The Spanish up from Mexico were probably the first European descendants to settle in California. They established their famous Spanish missions. In Washington, the Indians in turn taught the “white man” their techniques for catching and preparing salmon.

The west coastal states’ cuisine was influenced by the combined mix of nationalities and the inclusion of the North American Indian. Based on this, it would be most difficult to find a dish that is exclusive to any one of those states. However, San Francisco can be noted for having such food items as abalone, Dungeness crab, sand dabs and bay shrimp. Washington State is typically known for food items such as apples and salmon.

Just north of California

is Origen. It has a collective mix of people who migrated from other parts of the United States. They came from as far north and east as New England. The Midwest is well represented there and the southern states. International cuisine such as French and Russian is prevalent. However, California is most diverse when it comes to ethnic cuisine. Each state and region has developed their own form of cuisine as well. With such a variety of foods due to a variable climate, this is the place to be for cooking and inventing new recipes.

Because the coastline from Washington to California is roughly 2,000 miles long, there would be a lot of seafood cooked and eaten. Because of the warm and cold currents, there would be a bountiful variety of fin fish, shell fish and crustaceans. Washington State is well known for having a world market for salmon and shellfish. Naturally, there would be canneries there. Have you priced smoked salmon lately? There is truly a good market for quality fish.

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Maroons close April with a win, Lady Maroons with a loss

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CLINTON — As the month of April closed, the Tuscola Warrior teams came to town hoping for wins in their throwback uniforms. The Warriors wore black with white pinstripes, while the Lady Warriors wore all yellow uniforms.

The CHS Maroons started the scoring in the first inning with one run. The Warriors slugged back with 3 runs in the second but were shut down by the Maroons' defense for the rest of the game.

The Maroons scored another run in the third inning, adding 5 runs in the fifth and capping their day with three runs in the 6th inning to take the 13-3 win.

Jack Manning (3-2) got the win with Brooks Cluver coming on to close the game for the Maroons. Offensively for the Maroons, Manning was 3/4 with a double, Colton Walker went 2/4 with 4 RBI's, Preston Curtis went 2/3 with 3 runs scored and Mason Walker had a double.

Meanwhile, at the softball diamond, the Lady Warriors took on the Lady Maroons.

The Lady Warriors started the game with a run, answered in the bottom of the first inning with 2 runs by the home team. The Lady Maroons then added another run in the fourth inning to complete a two run lead, which on this evening was not quite enough.

The Lady Warriors came alive in the fifth with two runs, added 3 more in the sixth inning and capped their heyday with 6 runs in the final inning to take a 12-3 win over the Lady Maroons.

Ashley Armstrong took the loss with Reice McCormack coming on in relief in the final inning. The home team offense included Heidi Humble going 2/3 with a double and a home run, Alaina Soberalski batting 2/3 with a couple of singles and Sarah hitting 1/3 with a single.



Marc Rogers / Journal
The Maroons scored often against the Warriors.



Marc Rogers / Journal
Alaina Soberalski with one of her hits on the day.



Marc Rogers / Journal
The Lady Maroons surround Heidi Humble as she crosses the plate completing her home run.

Maroons, Lady Maroons lose close games

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WARRENSBURG — The latest round of double headers pitted the Clinton teams against Warrensburg/Latham in Warrensburg.

The Maroons started out with a run in the first to take the lead. Adding to their wealth, the Maroons added four more runs in the fourth before the home team Cardinals tallied a run in the fifth.

The Maroons added 2 more runs in the sixth, while the opposition added 5 more runs to tie the game at seven.

The game would go to the eighth inning before

the Cardinals would score the winning run to win 8-7.

Brock Wilson started the game for the Maroons when Brooks Cluver came in for the final three innings and was eventually tagged for the loss. Offensively, Cluver was 2/5 with 3 runs scored, Colton Walker was 3/5 with a triple, and Jack Manning was 2/5 at the plate.

The Lady Maroons started in the hole as the Lady Cardinals scored a run in the first inning. The Lady Maroons tied the game in the second inning and took a two run lead in the third with a couple of runs.

The Lady Cardinals took

the lead in the fifth inning on three runs. Both teams then scored a run each in the sixth inning to give the opposition a one run lead. Unfortunately, the Lady Maroons couldn't match the extra run in the seventh, leaving the Lady Cardinals with the 5-4 win.

Ashley Armstrong was the starter for the Lady Maroons and was relieved by Aliviyah Haynes (who took the loss) after four innings. The Lady Maroons offense was led by Haynes going 2/3 at the plate including a double,

Armstrong at 1/2 along with a stolen base, and Kylee Isaac at 1/2 with a double plus a stolen base.



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CLINTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOLS

VACANCY NOTICE NO. 22

Please apply on-line at 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

• LBS1 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 Koeppel, AD, at 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.

OF LAUREN R. SKROBOT; ALEXANDER SKROBOT; CASPER SKROBOT; THEODORE OLSON; CAVALRY SPV I, LLC; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF LAUREN R. SKROBOT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants. CASE NO. 2022FC24 520 W. NORTH STREET WELDON, IL 61882 NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you: Alexander Skrobot; Casper Skrobot; Theodore Olson; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Lauren R. Skrobot; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: PART OF LOT TWELVE (12) OF THE SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH-EAST QUARTER OF SECTION NINE (9), TOWNSHIP NINETEEN (19) NORTH, RANGE FOUR (4) EAST OF THE 3RD P.M WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF WELDON, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WITH THE SAID TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS. BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF NORTH STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF WELDON, ILLINOIS, AND/OR THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 12, SAID POINT BEING 141.20 FEET WESTERLY OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 12, RUNNING THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF NORTH STREET FOR 75.00 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG A LINE PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 12 FOR 306.27 FEET, THENCE EASTERLY FOR 75.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY FOR 305.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF WELDON, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 520 W. NORTH STREET, WELDON, IL 61882 PIN#: 14-09-251-008

and which said Mortgage was made by Brian Skrobot and Lauren R. Skrobot as Mortgagor(s) to Fremont Investment & Loan, its successors and/or assigns, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 185752 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the

Clerk of the Court at DEWITT COUNTY CLERK County on or before MAY 22, 2023, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Travis P Barry, Esq. ARDC#6305429 KELLEY KRONENBERG, P.A. Attorney For Plaintiff

Service email: ileservice@kelleykronenberg.com Attorney email: tbarry@kelleykronenberg.com 20 North Clark Street, Suite 1150 Chicago, IL 60602 6114-932140

LEGAL 19762 April 21, April 28, May 5, 2023

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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

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April 28 and May 5 and 12, 2023

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of DEWITT SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT, in the Counties of DeWitt and Piatt, and State of Illinois **No. 56-TX-169 NOTICE OF HEARING** YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 31st day of May, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., a hearing will be held on the Commissioner's Petition for Election of Non-Landowners As Commissioners, filed on the 20th day of February, 2023 in this matter in Courtroom A of the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, Illinois, before the presiding Judge Karle E. Koritz, at which time and place you may appear if you so desire. James D. Cottrell, attorney for the Plaintiff Prepared By: James D. Cottrell James D. Cottrell Law Office, PC 505 W. University Ave Champaign, Illinois 61820 217-693-4905 Email: jdc4@live.com ARDC: 6184207

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0221300.00 DEWITT COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY NIXON APARTMENTS AIR HANDLER REPLACEMENT CLINTON, ILLINOIS **SECTION 00 1113 - INVITATION FOR BIDS** DeWitt County Housing Authority 100 South Railroad Street Clinton, IL 61727 The DeWitt County Housing Authority (DCHA) is inviting sealed Bid Proposals from interested and qualified parties for the Nixon Apartments Air Handler Replacement, in Clinton, IL, generally including all labor, supervision, materials, supplies, transportation, equipment and services necessary and required as set forth in the Contract Documents. Separate sealed BIDS will be received by the DeWitt County Housing Authority at the main office located at the address listed above until **2:00 p.m. CST on Thursday, May 11, 2023**, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held **Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** at the main office located at the address above. The Bidding Documents are available via the Architect's project bidding website, <http://bidlist.f-w.com/>. The Bidder may register for this project at the website in order to receive a username and password to access, view and print the Bidding Documents. For any questions or issues accessing the Bidding Documents from the website, contact the Office of the Architect. Terms and Conditions will need

to be accepted by the planholder prior to obtaining an electronic copy of the Bidding Documents on the Project Bidding website. Electronic Document access will only be provided to interested bidding companies and/or equipment companies. Electronic copies are provided at no cost. Printing of such documents will be the responsibility of the planholder in accordance with the website Terms and Conditions. All costs associated with printing the Bidding Documents are the responsibility of the entity requesting the Bidding Documents. All bids must be accompanied by a negotiable bid guarantee not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid in accordance with Clause 9 Bid Guarantee of the Instructions to Bidders. The bid guarantee shall be a certified check or bank draft payable to the order of the DeWitt County Housing Authority or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety. The bid guarantee shall ensure the execution of the contract and furnishing of a method of assurance of completion. Failure to submit bid guarantee with the bid shall result in rejection of the bid. In accordance with Clause 10 Assurance of Completion of the Instructions to Bidders, and prior to the execution of any contract, the successful bidder is required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds in a penal sum of 100 percent of the contract price. Attention is called to the provisions for equal employment opportunity and that payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Specifications must be paid on this project. Any State rate that exceeds the corresponding Federal rate is inapplicable and shall not be enforced. All bidders shall submit with each bid, the Contractor's Affirmative Action Certification to comply with the provision for equal employment opportunity. (Attention is directed to the Special Equal Opportunity Provisions as set forth in the Supplement to the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions.) Representations, Certifications and Other Statements of Bidders, form HUD 5369-A; Previous Participation Certification, form HUD-2530; Form of Non-Exclusive Affidavit; and a Schedule of Subcontractors, if applicable, shall be submitted with each bid. All bidders must sign and submit all forms in Specification Section 00 6005 including the Section 3 Clause and Section 3 Assurances. Contractors awarded a contract must comply with HUD's regulations in 24 CFR Part 135, which implements Section 3. All bidders shall thoroughly examine and investigate the project documents and existing project site(s) to determine existing site and project conditions. Additional costs and payment shall

not be awarded to the contractor for existing conditions that can be determined by carefully examining the site and project documents. The DeWitt County Housing Authority intends to award one contract on the basis of lowest and most responsive bid for all work to be performed. The successful bidder must be prepared to begin work immediately upon notification of award. The DeWitt County Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bidding process. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty days (30) subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of the VHA. DeWitt County Housing Authority By: Ms. Terrill Garland Executive Director Date: April 21, 2023 END OF SECTION 00 1113

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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



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TUNBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET OF FILE

THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FY 2023-2024 TUNBRIDGE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT IS NOW ON FILE. ANYONE WISHING TO INSPECT THE TENTATIVE BUDGET MAY DO SO AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING, 412 E CROSLEY, KENNEY, IL MONDAY, THROUGH FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 4:30 P.M. A HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 5, 2023 AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING AT 6:45 P.M. AT WHICH TIME THE BUDGET WILL BE ADOPTED.

DATED THIS 5TH DAY OF MAY 2023

KARI WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP CLERK

LEGAL 19770 May 5, 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:

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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT WAYNESVILLE TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2023

TOWN

REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Tax-\$109,307.97, Replacement Tax-\$10,381.23, Interest-\$153.70, Misc. Income Under \$2500-\$4198.53 TOTAL REVENUES-\$124,041.43

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Dave Finrock, Cathy Cisco, Jamie Prestegard, Deborah Adair, Cindy White, Rory Settles, John Perring, Shirley Furman, Randy Furman, Betsy Perring TOTAL COMPENSATION-\$33,109.60

TOWNSHIP EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: TORIMA-\$3,110.00, Taxes (SS, Medicare, IDOR & IDES)- \$11,952.29, OUT ON A LIMB (Contract)-\$20,400.00, Library portion of tax monies for Social Security /Medicare/ Insurance & 19% Property Replacement Tax-\$5,447.00, Disbursements less than \$2,500-\$21,220.48 TOTAL VENDERS: \$62,129.77

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$95,239.37

LIBRARY

REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Tax-\$32,120.86 SS, Insurance & Replacement

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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Timely & Meaningful Meeting

On Tuesday, May 18 at 10:00 am, a meeting conducted via Google Meet at the following web address <https://meet.google.com/ujp-hcmy-ope> or via phone by calling (US)+1 413-438-4194 PIN: 692 156 346#. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are the parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Clinton CUSD 15, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Kari Veldman, Special Education Administrator, 815-216-5972

Tax-\$5,447.00, Misc Income Under \$2500-\$956.91 TOTAL REVENUES-\$38,524.77

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Holly Murphy, Susie Freeman, Kelli Switzer, Autumn Lee TOTAL COMPENSATION-\$21,554.14

LIBRARY EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: Books \$2,670.64, Utilities \$5,112.90, Taxes-\$3,815.74 Disbursements less than \$2,500-\$7,642.17 TOTAL VENDORS: \$19,241.45 TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$40,795.59

ROAD DISTRICT

REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Tax-\$60,283.44, Property Replacement Tax-\$6,542 Interest-\$60.41, Misc Income Under \$2500-\$472.00 TOTAL REVENUES-\$67,601.27

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Monty Shaffer, Charles Marvel TOTAL COMPENSATION-\$4,438.89

ROAD DISTRICT EXPENDITURES: TORIMA-\$3,236.00, Evergreen FS-\$3,027.57, Ameren-\$2,685.07, Clauss-\$14,211.25, Birkey's-\$32,500.00, Rahn Equipment-\$3,069.20, Disbursements less than \$2,500-\$17,581.72 TOTAL VENDORS: \$76,310.81 TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$80,749.70

LEGAL 19772 May 5, 2023

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TREE TRIMMING ACTIVITIES IN Waynesville & 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 Waynesville & 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 For-
estry Department

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May 5, 2023

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

**IN RE THE ES-
TATE OF**

MERLE H. COX

DECEASED

No. 220-PR-13

NOTICE TO CRED-
ITORS

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 Ex-
ecutor; 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. Washing-
ton Street, Clinton,
Illinois 61727, or
with the represen-
tative identified
above, or both, on
or before Novem-
ber 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 indepen-
dent 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 Exec-
utor

ARDC No. 2008203
Stephen R. Myers
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61727
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May 5, 12 and 19,
2023

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TUNBRIDGE
TOWNSHIP BUD-
GET ON FILE

THE TENTATIVE
BUDGET FOR
THE FY 2023-
2024 TUNBRIDGE
TOWNSHIP IS
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ANYONE WISH-
ING TO INSPECT
THE TENTATIVE
BUDGET MAY DO
SO AT THE TOWN-
SHIP BUILDING,
412 E CROSLEY,
KENNEY, IL MON-
DAY THROUGH
FRIDAY 8:00 A.M.
UNTIL 4:30 P.M. A
HEARING WILL BE
HELD ON MON-
DAY, JUNE 5, 2023
AT THE TOWN-
SHIP BUILDING
AT 6:45 P.M. AT
WHICH TIME THE
BUDGET WILL BE
ADOPTED.

DATED THIS 5TH

DAY OF MAY 2023

KARI WILLIAMS
TOWNSHIP
CLERK

LEGAL 19775
May 5, 2023

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STATE OF ILLI-
NOIS CIRCUIT
COURT DEWITT
COUNTY

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

Request of:

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 Court-
room # A.

/s/ Deidra Lynn
Ochs
Deidra Lynn Ochs

LEGAL 19776
May 5, 12, and 19,
2023

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According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, suicide is the third leading cause of death among Illinoisans between the ages of 10 and 19. Children who experience some type of violence such as being bullied or feeling unsafe at school are five times more likely to attempt suicide than those who don't.

"I think the suicide rate and cyberbullying and bullying really needs to be connected," Sen. Sara Feigenholtz, a Democrat from Chicago and the Senate sponsor on the bill, said in committee. "There should be a sense of urgency and a handoff of notification immediately or within 24 hours."

Opponents raised concerns that a 24-hour notification policy creates an unnecessary burden for school administrators.

"We all monitor our emails and our voicemails at all times, even if we're not on the clock," Alison Maley,

government and public relations director at the Illinois Principals Association, said. "We are concerned about what that would mean for an administrator if they happen to see an email at four o'clock on a Saturday. If they are out of town, if they're on vacation."

According to Khadine Bennett, director of advocacy and intergovernmental affairs with ACLU of Illinois, school districts would be able to develop their own policy around notification. This could include who within the school administration would be responsible for notifying a parent or guardian and what the process would be if the administration becomes aware of an incident during break.

On top of the 24-hour notification policy, the bill expands the definition of bullying from the original law to include "physical appearance, socioeconomic status, academic status, pregnancy, parenting status and homelessness."

The Illinois State Board of Education would also have to create and share a template for model bullying prevention policy by Jan. 1, 2024.

Additionally, ISBE would collect data regarding bullying allegations within school districts, charter schools and private elementary or secondary schools, although this would not apply to religious schools. The data may then be available to parents or guardians of children enrolled at these schools if requested.

Croke said the data collection would help form a better understanding of the types of incidents that occur over a six-year period. Schools would be required to share data beginning in the 2024-2025 school year and ending in the 2030-2031 school year.

"We want to know how many bullying incidents are occurring at the schools and what type of bullying incidents," Croke said. "Are they mainly cyberbullying?

Are they mainly children who are LGBTQ? Are they mainly for children of a certain background or socioeconomic status?"

The measure also creates the Illinois Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention Fund. The fund, subject to appropriation, would allow the State Superintendent of Education to provide a grant to a school district or school to support its anti-bullying programming.

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Eye disease can affect more than your sight

(NAPSI)—Eye disease affects more than your ability to see the world clearly. People with impaired vision face an increased risk of falls, fractures, injuries, depression, anxiety, cognitive deficits and social isolation. One of the best ways to protect yourself against vision loss from eye disease is to get regular eye exams.

Ophthalmologists — physicians who specialize in medical and surgical eye care—have more tools than ever before to diagnose eye diseases earlier, and to treat them better. But these advances cannot help people whose disease is undiagnosed, or who are unaware of the seriousness of their disease.

That's why the American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends all adults receive

a comprehensive eye exam by age 40, and every year or two after age 65.

Here's how low vision can affect nearly every aspect of your life:

1. Depression and social isolation. Being unable to drive, read, enjoy hobbies or see loved ones' faces is frightening and can lead some people to withdraw from life, leaving them feeling helpless or lonely. One study found that after being diagnosed with a vision-threatening eye disease, a person's chance of experiencing depression triples.
2. Dementia. Several studies suggest a connection between eye disease and dementia. While the cause is unclear, it's possible some eye diseases

interfere with the brain's sensory pathways. Early diagnosis and treatment are the best way to prevent vision loss.

3. Injuries from falls. People with decreased vision are more likely to misstep and fall. Every year, about 3 million older Americans are treated for injuries from falls, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Many of these falls are caused by low vision. Luckily there are some changes around the house people can make, such as grouping furniture together and increasing lighting. Seeing an ophthalmologist regularly and making sure your glasses are updated with your latest prescription are important safety precautions as well.

Can't Afford an Eye Exam? Eye-Care America® Can Help.

For individuals age 65 or older who are concerned about their risk of eye disease and/or the cost of an eye exam, you may be eligible for a medical eye exam, often at no out-of-pocket cost, through the American Academy of Ophthalmology's EyeCare America® program. This public service program matches volunteer ophthalmologists with eligible patients in need of eye care across the United States. To see if you or a loved one qualifies, visit www.aao.org/eyecare-america to determine your eligibility.

Research suggests an eye-heart connection

(NAPSI)—If you are like the majority of Americans, heart disease and eye disease run in your family. So you should know that a growing body of research suggests that eye and heart health are related. The latest study suggests that people with a specific form of age-related macular degeneration (AMD) are at significant risk for cardiovascular disease and stroke.

About AMD
AMD is the leading cause of visual impairment and blindness in people over 65 years old. There are two types of AMD. The type called dry AMD happens when the central area of the retina called the macula becomes damaged from the formation of small yellow cholesterol deposits

under the retina. These deposits deprive the retina of blood and oxygen, leading to vision loss. The type of deposits the researchers believe are linked to heart disease are called subretinal drusenoid deposits.

The new study adds to the list of several health conditions an eye exam may help detect.

The Eye as a Window into Heart Health
Blood vessels and nerves in the eyes are reflective of the rest of the body. That's why medical conditions such as stroke, heart disease, some cancers, and diabetes are sometimes first diagnosed by an ophthalmologist during a routine eye exam.

Here's what ophthalmologists want you to know about protecting both

- your eye and heart health:
1. Eat well. A heart-healthy diet full of leafy greens and colorful fruits is also good for the eyes. Studies show foods rich in vitamins C and E, zinc, lutein, zeaxanthin, and omega-3 fatty acids can lower risk of certain eye diseases, including macular degeneration, cataracts, and dry eye.
 2. Exercise. The American Heart Association recommends 30 minutes of exercise a day. For eye health, the science shows regular exercise can protect your vision and, if you already have an eye disease, it can help you manage it better.
 3. Know your family history. Early detection is key. Many

leading causes of blindness run in the family, such as macular degeneration and glaucoma. Know your family history and share it with your ophthalmologist at your next eye exam.

4. Get routine eye exams. Seeing an ophthalmologist could do more than save your eyesight, it can also save your life. When David Hibler, Sr. went to get his eyes checked, his ophthalmologist detected signs of a blood clot. Thanks to a thorough eye exam, Hibler got treated and avoided a potential stroke. The American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends all adults receive a comprehensive eye exam by age 40, and every year or two after age 65.

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PROMOTING A SAFE PROM 2023

Communities can work together to make prom night safer

(METRO) — Spring is in the air and that means high school juniors and seniors across the country are getting ready to party the night away at their respective school proms.

Even though these rites of passage are well-known as opportunities to make lasting memories, prom also is associated with several risky behaviors. Underage alcohol use is among the poor choices that teens may face on prom night. However, parents and community members can work collectively to keep promgoers happy and safe this season.

- Liquor lock down: Merchants who sell alcoholic beverages can be especially diligent around prom season to check identification and fail to sell alcohol to anyone who is underage. This includes wait staff at area restaurants. Parents

and guardians can make sure their own alcohol at home is locked away so it cannot be borrowed for prom celebrations.

- Beef up police patrols. Community leaders can work with local police departments to increase patrols around schools and locations that are frequent meeting spots for teenagers following prom festivities. Law enforcement can respond quickly to parties and other concerns if they devote specialized underage drinking details for prom night.

- Keep parties age-appropriate. Parents in the community can keep prom nights safer by not serving or allowing alcohol at any party they are hosting.

- Safe after-party fun: Recreational centers, churches and other businesses can offer to host after-parties that are monitored and/or chaperoned. This enables

teens to gather at safe locations and continue to celebrate in ways that are age-appropriate, without feeling the pressure to attend less trustworthy events.

- Talk about risky behaviors. Parents, teachers and community leaders can talk to teens about the potentially dangerous behaviors present on prom night. Remind teens they always can come to an adult without the risk of being punished if they find themselves in an uncomfortable situation.

Parents can continue to establish trust so their kids can come to them when they need help or advice.

- Change prom timing. While “prom night” is the standard, prom dances can occur at any time of the day. Schools concerned about after-hours shenanigans can schedule their events earlier in the day when the potential for drinking or other risky behaviors may be less significant.

Community residents can work together to help make prom season safe for all students.



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