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‘Currently Under Construction: Historic Houses of DeWitt County’

C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum director Joey Long shows items from the museum’s new exhibit that opend April 1. The museum solicited historical photos, artifacts and information from residents associated with their old houses, many of which have important connections to Clinton’s and DeWitt County’s history.

County looks at faster way to return stray pets

Collar and ID tag method for returning lost pets quicker

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CLINTON — DeWitt County animal control takes in about an equal number of stray pets from Clinton and the county-at-large, and officials plan to make it easier and faster to

get those animals back to their owners.

County board public safety chairman Megan Myers recently proposed pet owners be required to collar their animals to include a tag with their names addresses and telephone numbers. The idea is, it would make it easy for someone finding a stray animal to contact its owner for return without involving animal control.

“The majority that come

from Clinton have a collar with no tag,” Myers told the county board. “Maybe half are chipped.”

Most of the animals the shelter receives from the county-at-large “have no collar at all,” she said. “And, generally, are not chipped.”

While the county is close to hiring a new animal control administrator, the shelter has recently been without an administrator and operating on volunteer

help.

Stray pets that come into the shelter with no means of identification require staff to advertise to find their owners. A collar with identification tag would remedy that problem.

Myers said pets adopted at the county shelter leave microchipped and wearing collars. The shelter does not provide ID tags because of the additional cost.

Unusually high but positive city 2024 budget

Pension funds solid, ARPA money will fund water projects

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CLINTON — Clinton City Treasurer Clint Lichtenwalter recently gave the city council a positive report on the 2024 fiscal year budget, which went on file April 18.

“General fund revenues of the past several years have increased with the largest being in sales tax, income tax and video gaming taxes,” Lichtenwalter said.

General fund expenses for FY 2024 are budgeted at \$1.4 million higher than

the current year because of some large capital items, Lichtenwalter said. This included the purchase of a new fire truck that occurred in the past fiscal year but will not be completed until the next fiscal year.

Expenses also will be affected by the purchase of two new cars and body cameras for the police department and two new trucks for the street department.

Lichtenwalter said the budget projection is for the city to draw from its reserves by about \$1.2 million. About \$800,000 is the result of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) money the city received in the prior fiscal year. The city will transfer that money to

fund major city water service infrastructure projects next year.

“The rest of it, obviously, has to do with our large capital budget this year.”

Project reserve balance for FY 2024 equals about 13 months of operating capital expenses based on current year budget.

“Again, this is an extremely high current-year budget for us,” Lichtenwalter said. “Ordinarily that would be several more months of operating expenses.”

State mandated wage increases also will affect the budget.

The budget includes 4 percent increases to water and sewer rates.

“That’s a pretty conservative number,” Lichtenwalter said.

The city has, in recent years, increased water rates by a small percentage each year to cover the increases in treatment chemical costs to avoid any large increases in rates.

The city will see no increases in rates in the health insurance and cell phone funds.

“There have been no premium increases since 2016,” Lichtenwalter said.

He also reported the city’s three pension funds were in healthy positions. IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund) was 91 percent funded, police fund at 99 percent funded and fire department pension fund 108 percent funded.

New Warner Hospital budget includes major upgrades for patients

\$5 million will get patient electronic records access, new ER expansion, upgraded specialty clinic entrance

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CLINTON — As the city council recently prepared to place on file the city’s and hospital’s fiscal year 2024 budgets, commissioners heard details of important hospital upgrades.

Warner Hospital & Health Services CEO Paul Skowron covered selected items for the upcoming hospital fiscal year.

“Our fiscal year 2024 budget is projecting a positive bottom line of \$487,000,” Skowron said.

He said the operating budget was based on about \$38 million in projected patient charges, which would be a 7 percent increase over the previous fiscal year. Some of the increase comes from standard increases in patient charges for insurance companies, Skowron said.

“And, some of that is based on increased volume in our new family practice,” he said.

Skowron said the rest of

the operating budget was similar to previous years in areas such as wages based on inflationary factors and necessary increases to keep up with minimum wage levels in certain categories.

“The good news is, in our current year, we finally filled all of the ER nurses’ positions,” he said.

During COVID, and even for a while after, the hospital was relying on staffing agencies to fill those jobs.

“But, we’ve been able to fill all those positions in the past couple of months,” Skowron said. “We’re very happy, and, hopefully, that’s going to continue to impact the budget in fiscal year 2024.”

Something that is different for FY 2024 is the hospital’s capital budget, a \$5 million expenditure.

An upgrade to electronic medical records will get the bulk of the expenditure, \$2.3 million worth. The upgrade will replace a 10-year-old medical records system, “that is not able to do things that many of the large hospitals are able to do,” Skowron said.

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Clinton authorities victim of April 21 hoax

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CLINTON — Clinton emergency responders were victims of a potentially dangerous hoax on Friday afternoon, April 21, after responding to the 200 block of S. Miller Street for a reported possible gunshot victim.

Police staged DeWitt County EMS until the area was secured. The report also prompted the temporary lockdown of Clinton schools.

Some local social media users immediately seized on the report, naming a person as a suspect and repeating a story alleging the person shot someone and threatened to harm another.

The story, however, turned out to be apparently untrue, and was concluded by police to be a case of “swatting,” a hoax designed to tie-up police resources.

Following is a statement

issued later Friday by Clinton Police Chief Ben Lowers:

At approximately 2:41 p.m. on Friday April 21, 2023 the Clinton Police Department received an emergency call of a violent act in progress at a Clinton residence creating an emergency response from local law enforcement and emergency responders. The ensuing response concluded the circumstances to be deemed unfounded and further investigation into the details of the call led authorities to conclude this as a swatting incident. The term “swatting” refers to a criminal harassment tactic of deceiving an emergency service (via such means as hoaxing an emergency services dispatcher) into sending a police or emergency service response team to another person’s address, school or business.

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‘It’s Weldon Springs, my deer.’

Several deer looked up briefly on Sunday at visitors roaming Weldon Springs State Park.

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.

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Those abilities include immediate, electronic patient access to their own medical records and scheduling appointments electronically.

“This is an important investment because it will give the providers more time with patients and take less time trying to access this information for the patient,” Skowron said.

He said the upgrade should put the hospital in a good position for the next 10 years when it comes to access to electronic health

records.

“This will allow us to compete as we’re recruiting physicians and other clinical staff,” Skowron said. “And, allow us to compete with the large hospitals because we’ll all have the same tools.”

The balance of the \$5 million will go partly for improved patient access to the hospital. Skowron said they have recognized the need to upgrade the facility’s emergency room for several years. It’s one of the smallest emergency departments among Critical Access hospitals.

“This remodel is going to help us improve security and staff efficiencies and create additional beds so it will reduce waiting times,” he said. “It will vastly improve customer experience.”

The remodel also will improve patient clinic

access on the west side of the building, which will include a new parking lot to support the specialty clinic as well as ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) access for patients without having to walk through the hospital.

“That’s something we learned from COVID,” he said. “We don’t want patients walking through the hospital if it’s not necessary.”

The remodel also will create new spaces for specialty physicians.

There also will be some general improvements to the hospital building, including a portion of the hospital roof that is more than 20 years old. The hospital maintenance supervisor already has obtained recommendations from school district officials for a vendor the district used for a project.

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This is triggered by false reporting of a serious law enforcement emergency, such as a bomb threat, murder, hostage situation, or a false report of a mental health emergency, such as reporting that a person is allegedly suicidal or homicidal and may or may not be armed, among other things. Clinton Police were assisted by the DeWitt County Sheriff’s Office, Illinois State Police and Illinois Department of Natural Resources Police. Chief Ben Lowers says “This trend is an extremely dangerous and sometimes life-endangering prank that places first responders and the general public at great risk. We are thankful of the outcome in this matter and extremely grateful for the outpouring of support and prompt response from the assisting agencies.”

The investigation is ongoing and no other information will be released at this time.

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.



The Clinton Journal’s May 26 edition will include **thank you notes** to our teachers in appreciation of all they do!

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Did you know library visitors can borrow tools, games, instruments and more for free with their library card? Thanks to a grant in 2021 from the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation, the Vespasian Warner Public Library offers a variety of items in its Library of Things.

Need to do some work around the house, but don't have the tools? Borrow a cordless drill, putty knives, ratchet set, or efficiency meters. Throwing a backyard party? Borrow games such as washers, Giant Jenga, Yardzee, and inflatable

lawn darts. Additional items include a telescope, pickleball set, garden tools, musical instruments, streaming devices, and more.

Items in the Library of Things are available on a first-come, first-served basis and require a library card for check-out. For more information, call the library at 217-935-5174.

May calendar of events The library also offers a variety of in-person, virtual, and grab 'n go events each month. All library events are free and open to the public, but advance registration is required for events marked with an *. Visit the library's website at www.vwarner.org, Facebook page @VespasianWarner, or call (217) 935-5174 to learn more about the events listed below:

MAY-Liens in Outer Space Board on the Children's Floor

Paper Box Project Grab 'n Go Kit (All Ages) Begins Mon, 5/1

*Racing Rocketships! (All Ages) Monday, 5/8/2023, 3:45 PM

Family Storytimes Continue (Ages 0-5 & Caregivers) Every Wed. and Fri. at 10am

*4-H STEM-Mania! (Grades 3-5) Wednesday, 5/10/2023, 2:45 PM

*Garden Tool Maintenance (Adult) Thu. 5/11 at 5:30pm

*Gardening Webinar-Invasives: Beyond Outlawed (Adult) Tue. 5/16 at 1:30pm

*Learn to Play the Ukulele (Ages 10-Adult) Session 3: Begins Thu. 5/18 at 5:30pm

*Stuffy Sleepover (All Ages) Friday, 5/19/2023, Drop-off Fri./Pick up Sat.

*Jigsaw Puzzle

Competition (All Ages) Sat. 5/20 at 10am

Master Naturalist Nature Nook: Frogs (All Ages) Mon. 5/22 from 3-5pm

*Book Club (Adult) Tue. 5/23 at 6pm

*(Teen) Awful Art Afternoon (Ages 12-18) Thursday, 5/25/2023, 4:00 PM

*Tabletop! Teen D&D at the Library (Ages 12-18) Wednesday, 5/31/2023, 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The library is open Monday-Thursday from 9am-7pm, Friday from 9am-4pm, and Saturday from 9am-1pm. Hours are subject to change. The library will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. For more information about the event above or any library services, visit www.vwarner.org or call (217) 935-5174.

FNBT vice president earns Certified Residential Underwriter designation

CLINTON — Rhett Hillard, vice president of Consumer Credit at First National Bank and Trust Company, in Clinton, recently completed the Mortgage Bankers Association program to earn the Certified Residential Underwriter designation.

The advanced curriculum of 45 hours of online materials establishes the standard for professional excellence in residential mortgage loan underwriting. Hillard completed the Level III, which requires two or more years of industry experience and the completion of residential underwriter Level I and II certification, including three timed exams.

The online training helps increase productivity, improve quality and advance decision-making. It covered a range of residential mortgages, from Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac requirements, automated underwriting systems, manual underwriting, manufactured and site-built homes and more. In addition, individuals gained insight into current influencing factors, regulations and industry issues.

"I have been leading the effort to expand secondary market lending options for our clients, along with



Rhett Hilliard

adding consumer lending improvements from online mortgage applications to an enhanced credit card program. As a company, we feel it is important that an industry recognized level of expertise be available to my colleagues and clients," said Hillard. "To be able to provide that knowledge and leadership to others including other underwriters, loan reviewers, and compliance efforts that come in the future is very rewarding."

As the leading advocate for the real estate finance industry, the Mortgage Bankers Association represents a comprehensive array of capabilities and tools that enable members to deliver fair, sustainable and responsible real estate financing within ever-changing business environments. Learn more about these programs and more at www.mba.org.

Why are seniors targeted for scams?

In one year alone, seniors lost over \$3 billion to scammers, and it's gotten worse every year. The 60-69 age group was bad enough, but the dollar losses rose even more after age 70, and much more after age 80.

Why are we targeted? The thieves believe two things about us: We're all rich and have great credit, having worked our whole lives, and, worst of all, that we won't tell anyone if we lose money to them. Those two things alone make us constant targets.

All scammers have to do to turn us into victims,

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

according to a study by Stanford and AARP, is raise our emotions. Whether happiness or anger, it doesn't matter, because either will push us to hand over our information or our money.

For example, scammers will say we've won a big prize, like the lottery, but to claim that prize we need to send them processing fees in advance. We think about that prize and our good sense goes out the

window.

Emotions come into play when a scammer calls pretending to be a grandchild in trouble. We're asked to send money right away. We're upset, and we do. But the emotional pleas for money don't end there. Romance scams are huge, and too many lonely seniors send cash to their new love without questioning it.

Scammers who pretend to be from the government, such as the IRS, who frighten us into paying money, raise our emotions as well.

The list of scams directed

at the elderly is nearly endless: investments, lottery wins, IRS tax bills, low-cost prescriptions, charities, tech repair, cemetery debts, romance, reverse mortgage, help signing up for Medicare, auto warranties ...

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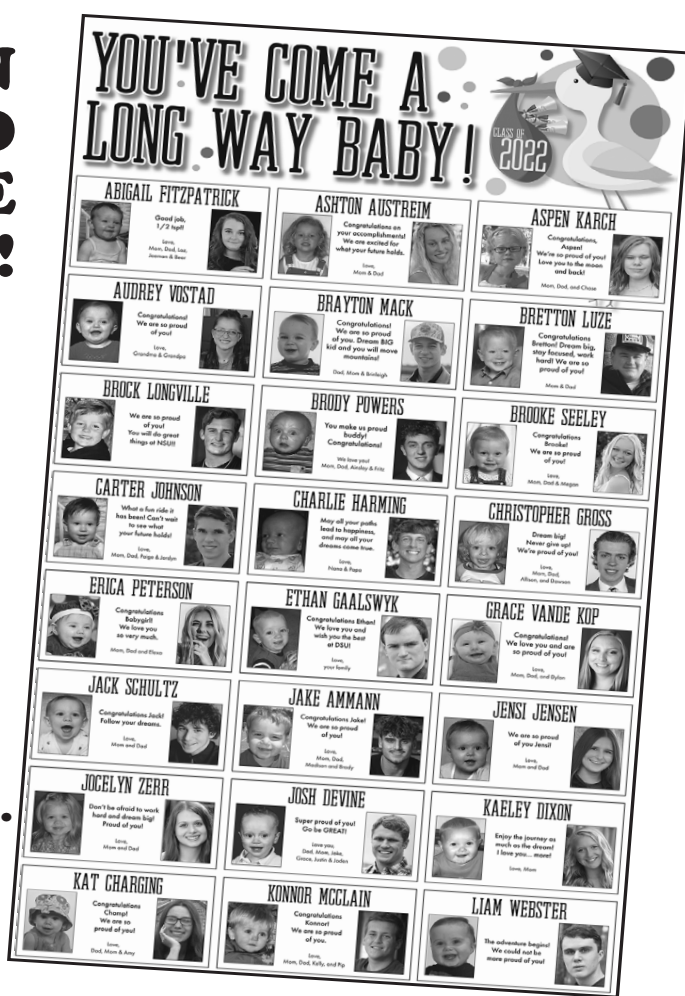
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Answer:
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Question:
Why is it so important that my baby have a Social Security number?

Answer:
Your child may need a Social Security number if you are planning to open a bank account, buy savings bonds, obtain medical coverage, or apply for government services for the child. Your child will also need a Social Security number if you are going to declare him or her on your taxes. Getting a Social Security number for your newborn is voluntary, but it is a good idea to apply when your child is born. You can apply for a Social Security number for your baby when you apply for your baby's birth certificate. The state agency that issues birth certificates will give us your child's information and we will mail you a Social Security card with the child's Social Security number. Visit



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Retirement
Question:
Can I delay my retirement benefits and receive benefits as a spouse only? How does that work?

Answer:
It depends on your date of birth. If you were born on or before 01/01/1954 and your spouse is receiving Social Security benefits, you can apply for retirement benefits on your spouse's record as long as you are at your full retirement age. You then will earn delayed retirement credits up to age 70, as long as you do not collect benefits on your own work record. Later, when you do begin receiving benefits on your own record, those payments could very well be higher than they would have been otherwise. If your spouse is also full retirement age and does not receive benefits, your spouse will have to apply for benefits and request the payments be suspended. Then you can receive benefits on your spouse's Social Security record. If you were born on or after 01/02/1954 and wish to receive benefits, you must file for all benefits for which you are eligible. Social Security will determine the benefits you are eligible for and pay you accordingly. For individuals born on or after 01/02/1954, there is no longer an option to select which benefit you would like

to receive, even beyond your full retirement age. Widow(er)s are an exception, as they can choose to take their deceased spouse's benefit without filing for their own. For more information, visit www.ssa.gov.

Question:
I'm planning to retire next year. I served in the Navy and need to make sure I get credit for my military service. What do I need to do?

Answer:
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our online publication, Military Service and Social Security, at www.ssa.gov/pubs. Then when the time comes to apply for retirement, you can do it conveniently and easily at www.ssa.gov/retireonline

Disability
Question:
I have been getting Social Security disability benefits for many years. I'm about to hit my full retirement age. What will happen to my disability benefits?

Answer:
When you reach "full retirement age," we will switch you from disability to retirement benefits. But you won't even notice the change because your benefit amount will stay the same. It's just that when you reach retirement age, we consider you to be a "retiree" and not a disability beneficiary. To learn more, visit www.ssa.gov.

Jean Allena (Riddle) Reynolds

CLINTON — Jean Allena (Riddle) Reynolds, 79, of Clinton, passed away at 4:10 p.m. on April 21, 2023, at her family residence in Clinton.

Services will be conducted at 12 p.m. noon on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at the Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with Pastor Darrell Howard officiating. Burial will follow at Weldon Cemetery, Weldon. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m.–12 p.m. noon on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Diabetes Foundation or the Marine Corps League, Detachment 1335, Lincoln, IL 62656.

Jean was born on August 18, 1943, in DeWitt County, Ill., the daughter of Lester and Evelyn (Meredith) Riddle. She married Donald L. Reynolds on July 16, 1993, in Princeville, Ill.

Survivors include her husband, Donald L. Reynolds, Clinton; children, Todd (Laura)



McConkey, Elburn, Ill., and Pam (Lee) McConkey-Beasley, Normal, Ill.; three step-children; 13 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Judy Carr, Clinton.

Jean's most recent employment before retiring was the at Weldon State Bank, Weldon. She loved traveling and reading. She was a loyal St. Louis Cardinals fan and loved going to games at Busch Stadium.

Most of all, Jean loved being with her family.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Karen Sue Shinneman

CLINTON — Karen Sue Shinneman, 78, of Clinton, passed away at 10:31 a.m. on April 24, 2023, at Bloomington Rehabilitation & Health Center, Bloomington.

Per Sue's request no services are planned. The family entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with arrangements.

Sue was born on April 20, 1945, in Clinton, the daughter of Earl L. and Hazel L. (Bray) Polen.

Sue was formerly the general manager of The Clinton Daily Journal, in Clinton, and then became the general manager of The Mendota Reporter in Mendota, Ill. She then relocated to Page, Ariz. to be the publisher of The Lake Powell Chronicle



until her retirement in 2015.

Following her retirement, she returned to Clinton to be closer to her family. She enjoyed basket weaving, taking care of her flowers and especially spending time with her family.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Richard M. Schneider

KENNEY — Richard M. Schneider, 68, of Kenney, left this world and entered heaven on April 19, 2023. He passed away at his home in Kenney.

A memorial service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in Decatur, at a future time yet to be determined.

Richard was born on November 2, 1954, in Elmhurst, Ill., to Kenneth and Mary (Ochotnicki) Schneider. He spent the majority of his growing years living in the Grand Rapids, Mich. area.

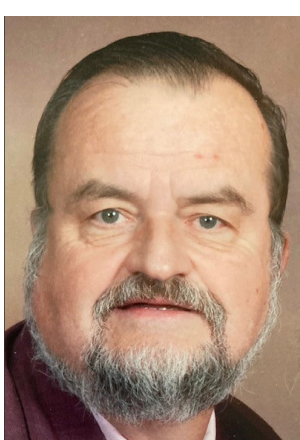
He attended Concordia Lutheran College, in Ann Arbor, Mich., where he studied organ performance and where he also met and married his wife Joan. He also attended Michigan State University, where he completed a program of study in Industrial Electricity.

Following their marriage in March 1976, Richard and Joan moved to Decatur, and Richard went to work for the Gratian Organ Builders, of Kenney. Working on pipe organs was always Richard's passion, although he was also a registered electrical contractor in several municipalities around central Illinois. Following the death of Mr. Gratian, Richard bought the organ shop in Kenney, from which he pursued his avocation for over 40 years.

He achieved the rank of Fellow of the American Institute of Organbuilders and worked on many instruments around the midwest over the decades. One of his highest joys was hearing an organ he had worked on filling its space with beautiful sounds and especially in leading a congregation in worship.

He also enjoyed traveling, trains, and working with his hands on any type of project. He was highly skilled in many areas and was one of those people who "could do anythin," or would at least attempt it, usually successfully.

Richard is survived by his wife of 47 years, Joan, and their three children, Matthew (Shari)



Schneider, of Clinton; Daniel (Sarah) Schneider, of Peoria, Ariz.; and Joy Schneider, of Clinton.

He was blessed with five grandchildren, who also survive him, Sean (Katie) Schneider, of Bloomington; Trent and Tyler Horn, of Clinton; and Christian and Jordyn Schneider, of Peoria, Ariz. Richard also is survived by his only sibling, William Schneider, of Granbury, Texas, as well as a brother-in-law, a sister-in-law, one nephew, one aunt and a number of cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law, and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

In addition to his family, Richard's church family and many friends were especially precious to him. The family wishes to thank the many brothers and sisters in Christ from St. Paul's as well as from the Kenney and Clinton areas who've helped us in so many sacrificial ways over the past years and especially the past several months.

We also want to thank Gentiva hospice and the E.M.T.s from our area who helped us through especially difficult times recently. Thanks to all who prayed for Rich and our family. We could not have made it through these past few months without everyone's prayers and tangible acts of service. Most of all we thank our Lord for the special gift Richard was to us in so many ways and for the gift of eternal life in heaven, where we will be reunited soon.

Memorials for Richard may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Decatur, or the Kenney Fire Department

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1952 - The U.S. occupation of Japan officially ended when a treaty with the U.S. and 47 other countries went into effect.

1953 - French troops evacuated northern Laos.

1957 - Mike Wallace was seen on TV for the first time. He was the host of "Mike Wallace Interviews."

1959 - Arthur Godfrey was seen for the last time in the final broadcast of "Arthur Godfrey and His Friends" on CBS-TV.

1962 - In the Sahara Desert of Algeria, a team led by Red Adair used explosives to put out the well fire known as the Devil's Cigarette Lighter. The fire was caused by a pipe rupture on November 6, 1961.

1965 - The U.S. Army and Marines invaded the Dominican Republic to evacuate Americans.

1967 - Muhammad Ali refused induction into the U.S. Army and was stripped of boxing title. He cited religious grounds for his refusal.

1969 - Charles de Gaulle resigned as president of France.

1969 - In Santa Rosa, CA, Charles M. Schulz's Redwood Empire Ice Arena opened.

1985 - The largest sand castle in the world was completed near St. Petersburg, FL. It was four stories tall.

1988 - In Maui, HI, one flight attendant was killed when the fuselage of a Boeing 737 ripped open in mid-flight.

1989 - Mobil announced that they were divesting from South Africa because congressional restrictions were too costly.

1992 - The U.S. Agriculture Department unveiled a pyramid-shaped recommended-diet chart.

1994 - Former CIA official Aldrich Ames, who had given U.S. secrets to the Soviet Union and then Russia, pled guilty to espionage and tax evasion. He was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

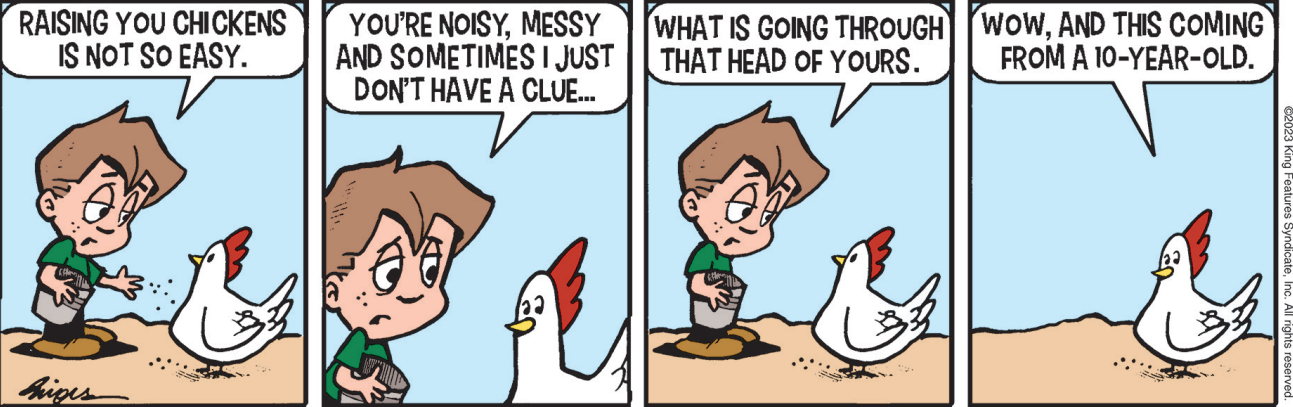
1996 - U.S. President Clinton gave a 4 1/2 hour videotaped testimony as a defense witness in the criminal trial of his former Whitewater business partners.

1997 - A worldwide treaty to ban chemical weapons took effect. Russia and other countries such as Iraq and North Korea did not sign.

1999 - The U.S. House of Representatives rejected (on a tie vote of 213-213) a measure expressing support for NATO's five-week-old air campaign in Yugoslavia. The House also voted to limit the president's authority to use ground forces in Yugoslavia.

2000 - Jay Leno received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Amber Waves



Swatting

Having worked in the justice system for almost 50 years, there is not too much that makes my blood boil. There are a lot of stupid people out there, and they make stupid decisions.

Usually, it is the idiot who ends up getting hurt by his stupid stunt. I don't have a lot of sympathy for the idiot, for it is he who usually gets hurt, not someone else. However, when that stunt harms others or has the decided potential to harm others, I get very concerned, and in all honesty, downright angry.

SWATTING is just such a stupid act, and those who engage in that activity deserve some time for penance in the county jail.

If you don't know what the term swatting means, here is a short definition. Swatting is essentially a false police report that has the police responding to what they believe is a serious emergency. The offender calls in a false report to 911 stating that a serious crime or event (murder, robbery, major wreck or suicidal threat) has occurred.

If the police respond to the call then the person making the false report believes he has won something in his mind. The problem is that the offender never takes into

consideration the risks to the police officers or those at the location the police go to.

This past Friday, I picked my daughter up from work and she tells me that someone has been shot in Clinton and the shooter is holding another person hostage. Being a cynic I asked her who was telling her this and where was the incident. She tells me her friend is on Facebook and the incident is at a neighbor's house of her friend and that police are all over the area.

I had some questions as to the veracity of the event but was going nowhere near the scene as the police needed to do their job without a bunch of gawkers and drivebys. Within an hour it was reported on the news that the event was a false alarm.

Police officers from Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois State Police and Conservation Officers all responded to the emergency alarm. The plus in this scenario is how quickly and efficiently police units responded.

What then were the risks to the officers and the public. If the prank caller wanted to scare the day lights out or those at the responding location, her probably succeeded. Seeing ten or so police officers outside your



house, and all armed, has to create a significant amount of fear in the residents. They don't know what is going on, only that their home is the target of a police raid.

Fear often times leads to irrational behavior. What if that resident came out of the house with a gun and the police shot him? The police officer is justified in firing his weapon based on the facts as he knows. The resident is totally innocent and totally dead. This prank is very dangerous for the residents.

The police officers are also fearful believing they are responding to an active shooter. No matter how much training the officer has had, when you are in an active shooter situation, adrenaline is flowing and mistakes can happen. Remember the woman police officer who thought she had pulled her Taser, while actually pulling her service weapon, and shot and killed an individual. She went to prison and a young man is dead from her mistakenly, by her account, firing her

weapon. Guns have no forgiveness. They simply do what they are designed to do. Should weapons be fired in a residential area there is always risk to all the residents of the neighborhood for an errant shot.

Add to this the sheer costs of having numerous police officers responding to a hoax. What if there was a real emergency occurring elsewhere and the officers needed to respond to that emergency? There are simply too many things that can go wrong in a swatting situation. One of those inherent costs is what will the police do the next time such an emergency call is made. Will there be a hesitation in responding based on a previous false report? That is a concern.

Individuals who commit swatting calls are truly engaging in a dangerous criminal act. My sympathy for these offenders is between slim and none.

To the officers that responded and acted in a professional manner, the community needs to say thank you. The officers responded and did their job, which should make all of us feel a little safer.

Thank you officers for your rapid and effective response.

Copay exemption for Native American veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs is moving forward toward its goal of ensuring that Native American veterans receive the benefits they should be getting. Two weeks ago it was reduced mortgage interest rates for Native Americans, native Hawaiians, Alaska Natives and Pacific Islanders. Now, per the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, it's a waiver on having to pay a copay for VA health care services and urgent medical care.

Besides taking affect now, it's retroactive: Starting last year, on Jan. 5, 2022, any eligible American Indian and

Alaska Native Veteran who's received care and paid a copay can go back and be reimbursed.

There are details, of course. To be eligible for exemption you need to be an American Indian or Alaska Native Veteran, provide a copy of an official tribal document showing that you meet the eligibility requirements of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and submit a Tribal Documentation Form (VA Form 10-334). That form is also known as Documentation of Indian or Urban Indian Status for Veteran Copayment Exemption.



Pay special attention to the government's definition of "Indian." It involves being a first- or second-degree descendant of certain groups, and you must live in an urban center, which includes the department of Health and Human Services' definition of an Indian population with unmet health needs.

If you're not yet signed up for VA health care, this might be the time to do it and have that, plus the

question of your copays, out of the way. In a medical emergency, you don't want to have to think about what you're going to do or where you're going to go. And if you've paid out several copays since Jan. 5 of last year, you stand to be reimbursed if you're eligible for the American Indian exemption.

Confused yet? There's help at 800-698-2411, the MyVA number that's answered 24/7 with assistance on a dozen different topics, from benefits to cemeteries to a crisis line.

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By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Simon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In a fit of anger, what did King Saul throw trying to kill David? Spear, Vase, Shield, Ax
3. From Exodus 1, what were the people of Israel forced to make? Blankets, Boats, Baskets, Bricks
4. Who was the deceptive future father-in-law of Jacob? Masa, Laban, Jehoram, Rehu
5. What did Shamgar use to kill six hundred Philistines? Sword, Stones, Mina, Ox goad
6. How many deacons were chosen to help the apostles? 4, 7, 11, 15

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Spear, 3) Bricks, 4) Laban, 5) Ox goad (Judges 3:31), 6) 7

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Southwestern regional cuisine

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. Midwest states can be said to include Ohio on west to Iowa and Missouri. Michigan and Wisconsin to the north and possibly Kansas and Kentucky can be included. This leaves Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico Wyoming Nebraska and the Dakotas comprising the Southwestern states. There is much debate about which and what all states are included in these regions.

The cuisine in the Southwestern states goes back hundreds of years to the American aborigines and Mexicans. The food would therefore be highly spiced. Chiles would be in nearly every traditional dish. We can give credit to this region for having developed the ever popular salsa.

I have often made salsa to put over my deluxe breakfast patties. It makes for a fantastic breakfast combination even if I do say so myself. Some of the foods that are particular to this region (although strange to us in the Midwest) would be snake, antelope and cactus. Other indigenous foods of which we in the Midwest are

The Culinary Corner
By Chef Roger Joss

familiar would be rabbit, fowl, bass, trout, squash, corn and beans. Early pioneers coming from the East would naturally bring with them into this region the cuisine they enjoyed in the Eastern states.

Texas, being so large, would naturally have diverse types of cuisine in different sectors. These can be divided into four sectors. You can find Old Southern type cooking in the northern part of Texas. Eastern Texas, which boards the Gulf of Mexico, would naturally enjoy cuisine that is found in other states boarding the gulf.

Keeping in mind that Texas was once part of Mexico and that the Reo Grand River is the boarder, it goes without saying that southern Texas would be strongly influenced by Mexican cooking and cuisine. This part of Texas even has its own form of cuisine known as "Tex-Mex." This leaves us with central Texas that is influenced by the Anglo

and German pioneers that settled in this area. Cattle ranchers throughout Texas clearly enjoy their steaks. They have even perfected their own form of barbecue sauce invented by Mexican settlers and former slaves.

There are many recipes out there claiming to be the Texas barbecue sauce. I will give you the one that appears to be closest to the original: Mince a small yellow onion and sauté it in butter in a sauce pan over medium heat. Add two minced cloves of garlic once the onions are tender and translucent. After a minute, stir in 1 cup of ketchup, ¼ cup packed with brown sugar, ¼ cup lemon juice, 2 tablespoons each of apple cider vinegar and tomato paste, 1 tablespoon each of mustard and Worcestershire sauce, and 2 teaspoons of chili powder or cumin. Once it reaches boiling, bring it down to simmer. Let it simmer uncovered for about 20 minutes. This will make just under two cups worth.

Next we move onto the west coastal states. Until next time, peace to all.

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When Solomon had finished all these prayers and supplications to the Lord, he rose from before the altar of the Lord, where he had been kneeling with his hands spread out toward heaven. He stood and blessed the whole assembly of Israel in a loud voice, saying: "Praise be to the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses."

1 KINGS 8: 54-56

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A SALUTE TO FARMERS



What consumers can do to support local farmers

Farming has never been a vocation for individuals looking for easy work. Farmers typically work long hours, braving the elements regardless of how unpleasant the weather may be. All that hard work ensures individuals who live in rural, urban and suburban communities have constant, readily available access to healthy foods. Such devotion merits support, and thankfully there are many things consumers can do to show their appreciation for local farmers.

- Buy fresh foods at your local farmers market. Farmers markets are many foodies' favorite places, but they aren't exclusive to individuals with a passion for food. Everyone needs to eat, so why not eat foods grown locally, which are generally more fresh and appetizing than imported fruits and vegetables sold at chain grocery stores? Even individuals who don't typically eat fresh fruit and vegetables can find something delectable at a local farmers market, where anything from homemade tomato sauces to locally raised fresh beef and pork might be on sale.
- Order directly from local farms. Some farmers have embraced the e-commerce revolution and begun selling the foods they grow to consumers via their own websites. Research local farms and determine if it's possible to buy directly from them. Farms may offer delivery or pick-up, and consumers can enjoy fresh foods even more knowing that they helped farmers earn higher profits by buying directly from them.
- Check labels before buying in local grocery stores. Packaging labels will indicate where fruits and vegetables came from. When possible, choose items produced by local farmers. This may include fruits, vegetables, meat, pork, or even desserts like pies. Locally produced foods often taste more fresh than items sent from overseas or distant farms, and consumers will feel better knowing they helped to support local farmers.
- Spread the word. Get the word out after a satisfying experience with local farms and farmers. Whether it's buying food from farms or taking advantage of family days that let kids enjoy a day on the farm, sharing positive experiences via social media or word-of-mouth can be a great way to inspire your neighbors to support local farmers as well.

Consumers can do much to support hardworking local farmers. In addition to feeling good about supporting their rural neighbors, consumers also might feel good when they sit down and enjoy a meal featuring locally grown, fresh foods.

The link between agriculture and food security

The world faces many unique challenges in the decades to come, including a rapidly expanding global population. The United Nations estimates that the global population will reach 9.71 billion in 2050. That's an increase of more than 1.7 billion people between 2023 and 2050. Food security is among the more significant challenges the world will face as the population increases. The United States Agency for International Development notes that food security means all individuals, regardless of their physical or economic circumstances, have access to sufficient food to meet the dietary needs for a productive, healthy life. Food security is a more significant issue than people may recognize, even in first world, fully

developed countries. For example, the United States Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service indicates that slightly more than 10 percent of U.S. households were food insecure at some point during 2021. In fact, estimates suggest more than 800 million people across the globe go to bed hungry every night, which underscores the seriousness of the issue.

Agriculture and food security Food security and the agricultural industry are inextricably linked. The USAID indicates that most of the people who go to bed hungry at night are smallholder farmers who depend on agriculture to make a living and feed themselves and their families. Supporting efforts to strengthen the



agricultural industry can help to combat food security, as the USAID reports that growth within that sector has been found to be at least twice as effective at reducing poverty as growth in other sectors. Much of that can be traced to the disproportionate

percentage of poor people who live in rural rather than urban areas. For example, the USAID reports that 75 percent of poor people in developing nations live in rural areas.

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But the poverty rate is higher in rural areas than urban areas in the United States as well. Data from the 2019 American Community Survey indicates the poverty rate in rural areas was 15.4 percent in 2019 compared to 11.9 percent in urban areas. Though recent data regarding rural poverty rates in Canada is unavailable, a 2013 discussion paper on the topic from the Government of Canada noted that the country's rural residents earned less and had lower levels of education than residents in urban areas, suggesting that poverty is likely more

prevalent in the Canadian countryside than in the country's cities.

What can be done
Though food security poses a significant global challenge, lack of access to healthy foods is preventable. Individuals in rural and urban communities can voice their support for efforts to strengthen the agricultural sector. A thriving agricultural sector can ensure fewer people go to bed hungry each night and bolster the economies of rural communities that are disproportionately affected by poverty.

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CLINTON — Although overshadowed by the Maroons' blazing season, the Lady Maroons racked up plenty of accolades themselves.

The Bloomington Pantagraph's All Area Girls Basketball Team included Lady Maroon Clara Dempsey as a selection on their Honorable Mention list. Only 29 players were selected this year with 10 on the first team and the final 19 on honorable mention. Clara finished her

freshman season with 381 points (16th highest total in Clinton High School (CHS) history) while averaging 14.7 points per game over her last 16 games of the season. Her 48 three-point field goals was 6th highest in CHS history. She also had 130 rebounds, 87 assists and 72 steals. And there are 3 more years to come.

The Champaign News-Gazette (N-G) also had there All-Area Girls Basketball Team rankings and it included five Lady Maroons. Along with Dempsey, there were

Regan Filkin (So.), Heidi Humble (Jr.), MaKayla Koeppel (Jr.), and Avery Smith (Fr.). The N-G had four divisions: 1st team, 2nd team, Special Mention, and Honorable Mention. The Lady Maroons had Demdsey and Filkin in the Special Mention category, while Humble, Koepel and Smith were listed in the Honorable Mention category.

Along with these honors, the Lady Maroons doled out awards at their annual banquet at the end of the season. Those receiving awards were Riley Fentress

(Most Improved Player); Sarah Mills, Alaina Soberalski, and London McFeeters (Most Outstanding Teammates); Heidi Humble (Defensive Player of the Year, Assists Leader with 103, and Steals Leader with 113); Clara Dempsey (Offensive Player of the Year, Scoring Leader with 381 points, and 3-point Field Goal Leader with 48); MaKayla Koeppel (Rebounding Leader with 192 and Field Goal Percentage Leader with 50.3%); and Regan Filkin (Free Throw Percentage with 65.1%).

1st team, 2nd team, special mention, and honorable mention.

First was Dawson Graves (Jr.) who made the 2nd team. He was followed by Mason Walker (Jr.) who was placed on the special mention team and Brooks Cluver (Jr.) who made the honorable mention team.

CLINTON — The Clinton Maroons basketball team had some players who made the Champaign News-Gazette All-Area Basketball Teams.

As with the girls teams, there are four divisions,



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Catching up on CHS baseball, softball teams

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CLINTON — There are many new factors in the sports life this year, and double games is one.

Due to scheduling, bus driver shortages and assorted other issues, the games have been piling up. The away games are as the home games with the Maroons and Lady Maroons playing at the same time, same day; saving on long bus trips over more days.

This month, the Maroons and Lady Maroons headed to Tuscola to face the Warriors teams. In the old-fashioned way, ladies first.

The Lady Maroons took the lead in the top of the first on one run, only to be surpassed by the Lady Warriors in the bottom of the inning with 2 runs. The Lady Maroons tied the game in the second inning and added another run in the third.

However, the opposition also scored in the third to tie the game again. Then, in the 5th inning both teams scored 3 runs to keep the tie going. From there the Lady Maroons were scoreless, but the Lady Warriors scored a final walk off run in the 8th inning for the win, 7-6.

Ashley Armstrong pitched a complete game for the Lady Maroons allowing 7 runs on 12 hits while striking out 10 and walking 3. The offense was led by Heidi Humble going 3-4 at the plate with a double and a home run, Kylee Isaac going 3/5 at the plate with a double, and Brook Reeves and Reice McCormick each had a double.

As for the Maroons team, they were on fire, taking a 4-0 lead in the first inning, adding another run in the second and another 4 runs in the third before the Warriors were able to score a single run in the bottom of the third inning. The Warriors added another run in the fourth inning.

The Maroons then scored a run in the fifth inning, while the Warriors added 2 runs. This would end the Warrior scoring while Clinton added another 3 runs in the seventh for a 13-4 win.

Jack Manning (1-1) took the win for the Maroons going 4.2 innings allowing 4 runs on 7 hits while walking 4 and striking out 4. Brooks Cluver was the Maroon reliever striking out 5 of the 8 batters he faced and giving up no hits or runs. The Maroon offense was led by Cluver, Mason Walker, and Colton Walker each going 2/4 at the plate. Colton walker had 3 runs batted in. The Maroons next took a

singular trip to Champaign Centennial to face the Chargers.

The Maroons drew first blood with 2 runs in the first inning. The Chargers had other ideas about the game and pushed over 3 runs in the second.

The Maroons then tied the game with a run in the third inning only to have the Chargers retake the lead in the fifth inning with a run.

Then, in the sixth inning, the Chargers exploded for 6 runs, trying to put the game out of reach. Their strategy worked as the Maroons could muster only 2 runs in the 7th inning to end the game with a 10-5 win for Centennial.

Clinton used three pitchers with Brock Wilson taking the loss. The Maroons committed 5 errors. The Maroon offense was led by Aiden Toohill going 2/3 at the plate, Colton Walker going 2/4 at the plate, and Mason Walker eking out a double.

The double game travels then traversed to Central A&M to face the Raiders.

The Lady Maroons again were up first. It was slow going at first until the second inning, when the Lady Raiders were able to score 1 run.

In the fourth inning the Lady Maroon offense found their groove and scored 6 runs to take the lead and then added another run in the fifth inning for a little extra insurance.

The opposition had a small run in the sixth with 3 runs to end their production. The Lady Maroons added another run in the 7th inning to top off their win 8-4.

Ashley Armstrong pitched the entire game giving up 4 runs on 5 hits, allowing 2 home runs and striking out 6. Offensively Armstrong, Reice McCormick, and Aliviyah Haynes each had a double. Mea Kivlehan was 3/4 at the plate; Brook Reeves was 1/1; and Alaina Soberalski, Reice McCormick, and Aliviyah Haynes were all 2/4 at the plate.

While the Lady Maroons were on a roll, so were the Maroons. The team took the lead in the first on two runs, and that was all they would need.

The Raiders were held scoreless by the Maroons, who scored 2 more runs in the sixth inning and 3 in the final inning. The Maroons won 7-0 with Jack Manning taking the win pitching a complete game.

He allowed two hits, walked one and struck out 4. Offensively for the Maroons, Brooks Cluver and Noah Bass were each 2/4 at the plate with a double each, and Josh Bass was 1/2 with a double.



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1♠ Pass 2♠ 1♦ Pass

4♠ All Pass

4♠ is a miserable contract, and clearly has no chance after the defense cashes two Diamonds and gets a Diamond ruff. E-W will be happy to go plus, but naturally they would prefer down two to down one. You are West, your nerve is about to be tested.

After getting your Diamond ruff, you exit safely with a trump. Dummy's ♠A wins that, the ♥Q is run around successfully, the ♠K is cashed, then the ♥J is covered by the King and Ace. Next is a Heart ruff and a Club to Declarer's Ace. Have you been busily counting the distribution, Mr. West? Of course you have! By now it is clear that Declarer was dealt four Spades (as East followed twice), and three Hearts (as East also showed up with three), and three Diamonds (from the bidding and the play). That means that Declarer started life with three Clubs, no more, no less.

You see where this is headed, don't you? Declarer now leads a low Club, and you resist the temptation to grab the ♠K for the setting trick. Instead, with an air of nonchalance, you play low, after which it is a pretty safe bet that Declarer will guess to finesse the Ten, losing to East's Jack. Down two!

It didn't really take nerves of steel to duck the ♠K, all that was required was some counting as the play unfolded. That would have reassured West that Declarer started with three Clubs and not a doubleton, and that the ♠K was sure to score a trick sooner or later.

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

FEAR KNIGHT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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♥ S T R U

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

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!

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6		6		9	

1 1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9

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Answers

Super Crossword

Super Crossword

TWELVE OF DIAMONDS

ACROSS

1 "— Sharkey" (70s sitcom)

4 Winter bug

7 Corn, to Brits

12 SoCal daily paper

19 Mammal with a black mask

21 Cook's wear

22 Ant-Man's partner in a 2018 superhero film

23 Oakland basebatter's footwear?

25 Boarded, as a train

26 Langston Hughes poem

27 Stuff hitting an umbrella

28 Fa-la linkup

29 Coop female

30 Calamari prepared by a San Francisco basebatter?

34 Atlanta basebatter's collection of Kia cars?

38 Son of Isaac

39 Watch slyly

41 — Park (home of Edison)

42 Atlys.: gp.

45 "Scorpio" co-star Delon

48 Chicago basebatter moonlighting as a journalist?

51 Detroit basebatter's Easter flowers?

54 Vaping item

55 Designer von Fürstenberg

56 Like many tiny headphones

57 Put the — (try to coerce)

59 Oomph

63 Gold lumps

65 Money owed by a Washington basebatter?

68 Tether again

69 Actor Quinn

70 OshKosh — (kids' clothing brand)

71 What a Minnesota basebatter sleeps on?

75 Enormous

78 Latin "to be"

79 Litigious sorts

80 Taunt

82 Article in Ulm

84 Pioneer Boone, briefly

85 Cincinnati basebatter's chewy candy?

87 Something a St. Louis basebatter confesses?

93 "Oh My My" singer Ringo

94 Ending with cash

95 Kitchen range brand

96 Warhol and Roddick

98 Pixar's lost swimmer

100 Kansas City basebatter's toast topper?

103 Pennant won by a Pittsburgh basebatter?

109 President pro —

110 Right-angled pipe joint

111 Sleek, in brief

112 1993 Nobelst Morrison

113 Some wind players

116 Florida basebatter's rod-and-reel activity?

121 Web page for aficionados

122 Figure skating leaps

123 Sideways

124 Felt hats

125 Dog strap

126 Single bill

127 "Nuts" actor Wallach

DOWN

1 Jenny with a diet plan

2 Singer LaBelle

3 Women's golf star Lorena

4 Enemy

5 Filming locale

6 Bi- minus one

7 Member of a Kenyan tribe

8 Plant pests

9 "Fe" element

10 Saldana of "Guess Who"

11 Type widths

12 No. 2 in a statehouse

13 Burn — in one's pocket

14 Vietnamese New Year

15 — Jima

16 Search to find a criminal

17 Actress Getty

18 Subsidize

20 Exact copy

24 Grand — (wine type)

28 Riviera resort

31 Old autocrat

32 — Mae (loan offerer)

33 Charmingly old-fashioned

34 Sch. in Provo

35 Pilfer from

36 Smelly city air

37 Atop, in odes

40 Old IBM products

42 Noshed on

43 The top story

44 Rabbitlike rodents

46 Lands in eau

47 Actress Vardalos

49 MBA subj.

50 — colada

52 Motor

53 Some Muppet dolls

57 Just one little bite

58 — Tin Tin

59 More antsy

60 10th-century pope

61 Lack

62 Final degree

64 Sparkly rock

66 Spots on TV

67 16-oz. units

68 Numbered rd.

69 Pt. of ETA

72 Clumsy — ox

73 Skipjack, e.g.

74 Reveal everything

75 Grain in ale

76 South Korean airline

77 Confidential

81 Koch and Asner

83 Always, in odes

84 Old TV part

85 Letters after Sen. Javits' name

86 "It's either you —!"

87 Haul away

88 One-celled organisms

89 Actor Burr

90 Genetic stuff

91 Skit show since '75

92 Mount — (Charley Weaver's home)

97 Hexes

99 "King — Hill"

101 Volkswagen model

102 Somebody - problem

104 From Erin

105 Actor Ely

106 French river

107 Record of a single year

108 2003 Ben Affleck flop

111 Field of study

114 Propyl lead-in

115 Tristan's title

116 Bad, to Luc

117 Hatchet, e.g.

118 "Alice" spinoff

119 Holm of film

120 Holy Mlle.

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D E C F Z A Y W O T I I V N E

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L J I N O I T A S N E D N O C

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally

Unlisted clue hint: HO CHI — TRAIL

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Cattle

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County Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK TRUST

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF CVF III MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST II Plaintiff, v. JOSEPH DEHN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE 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

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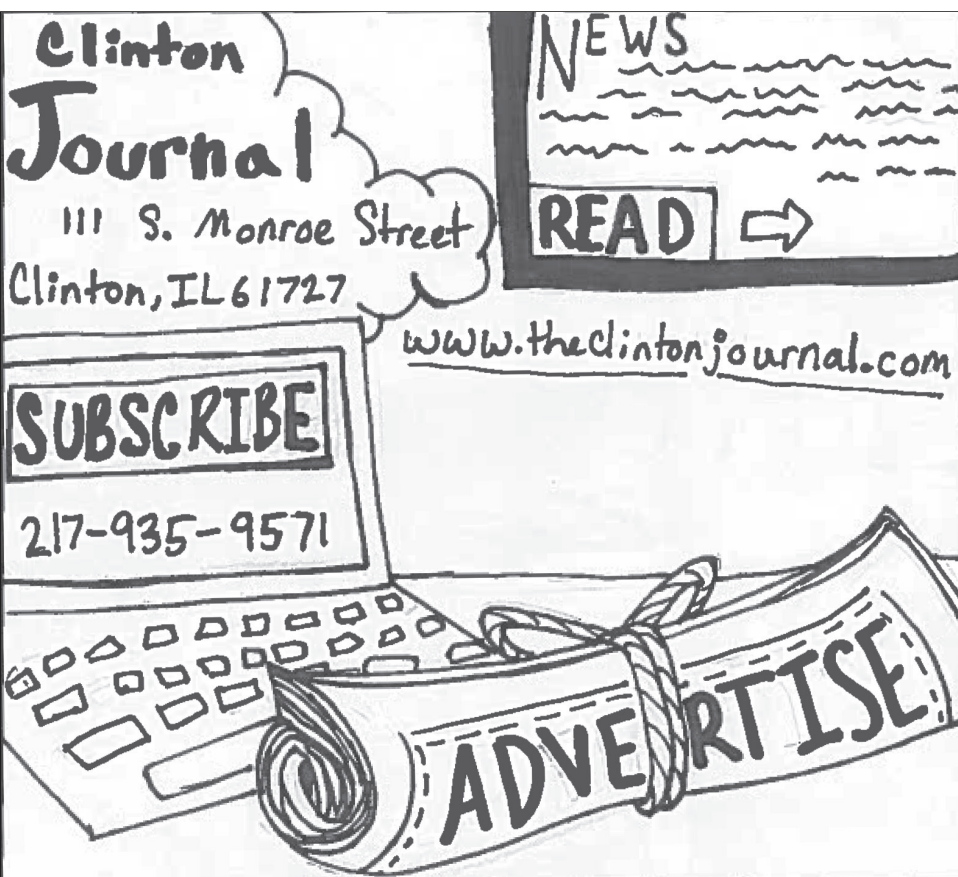
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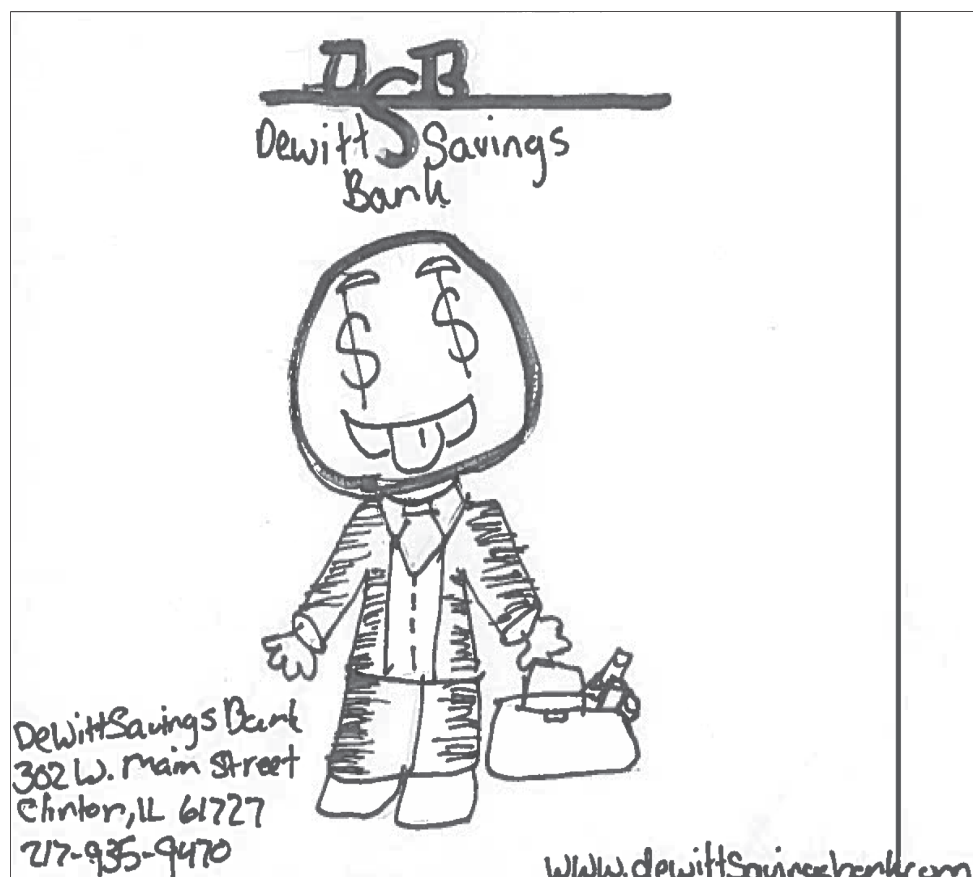
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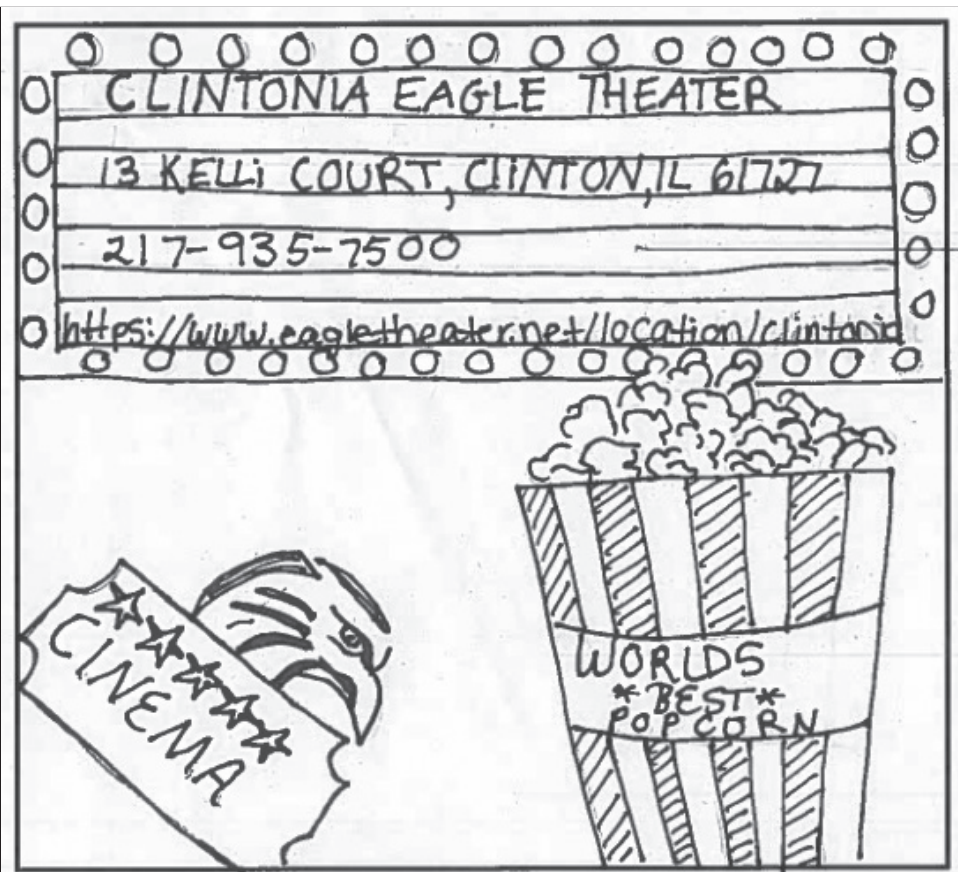
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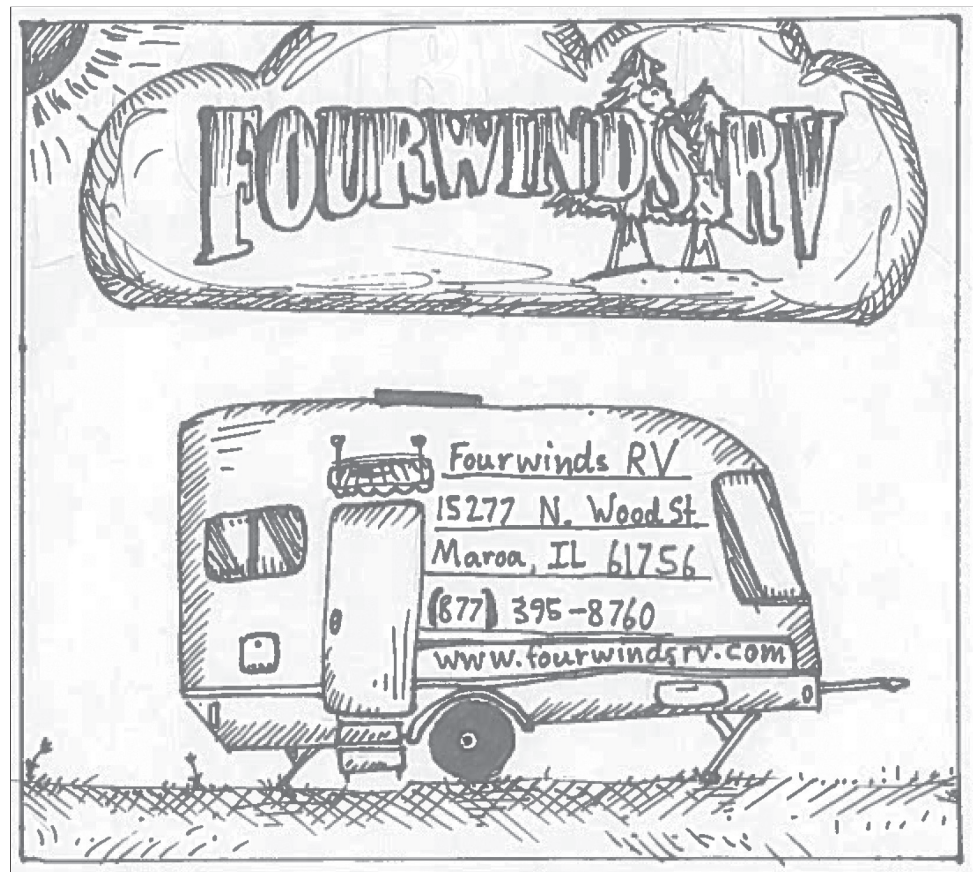
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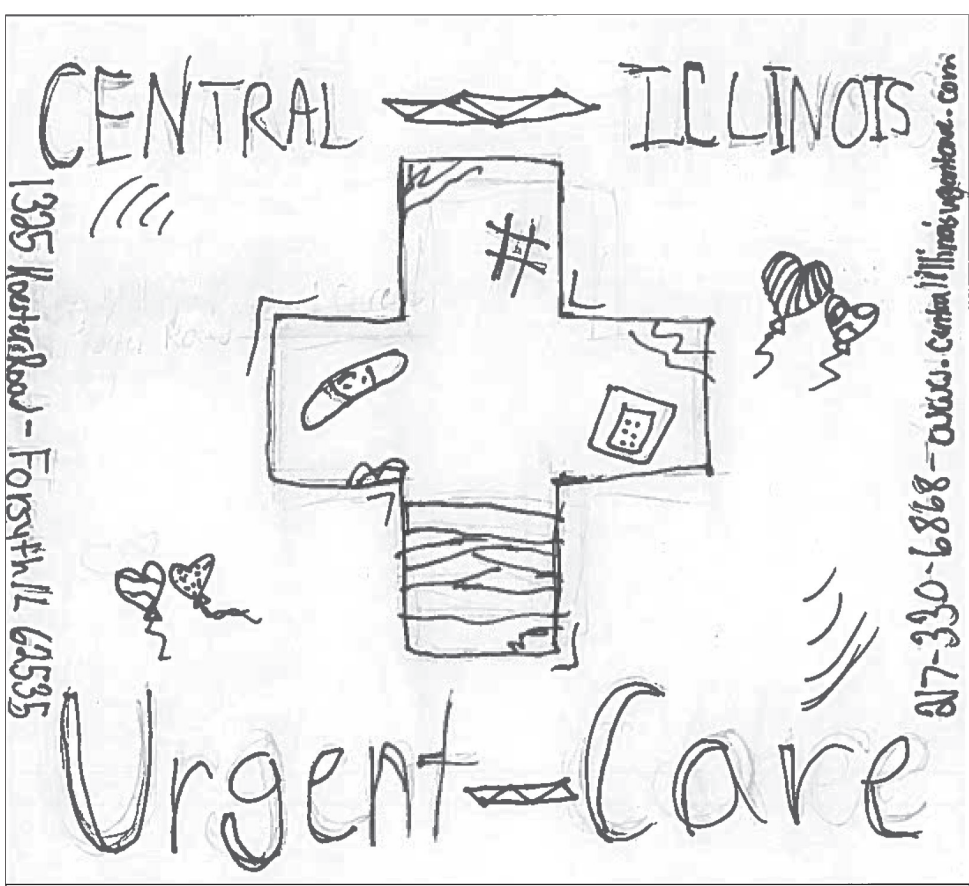
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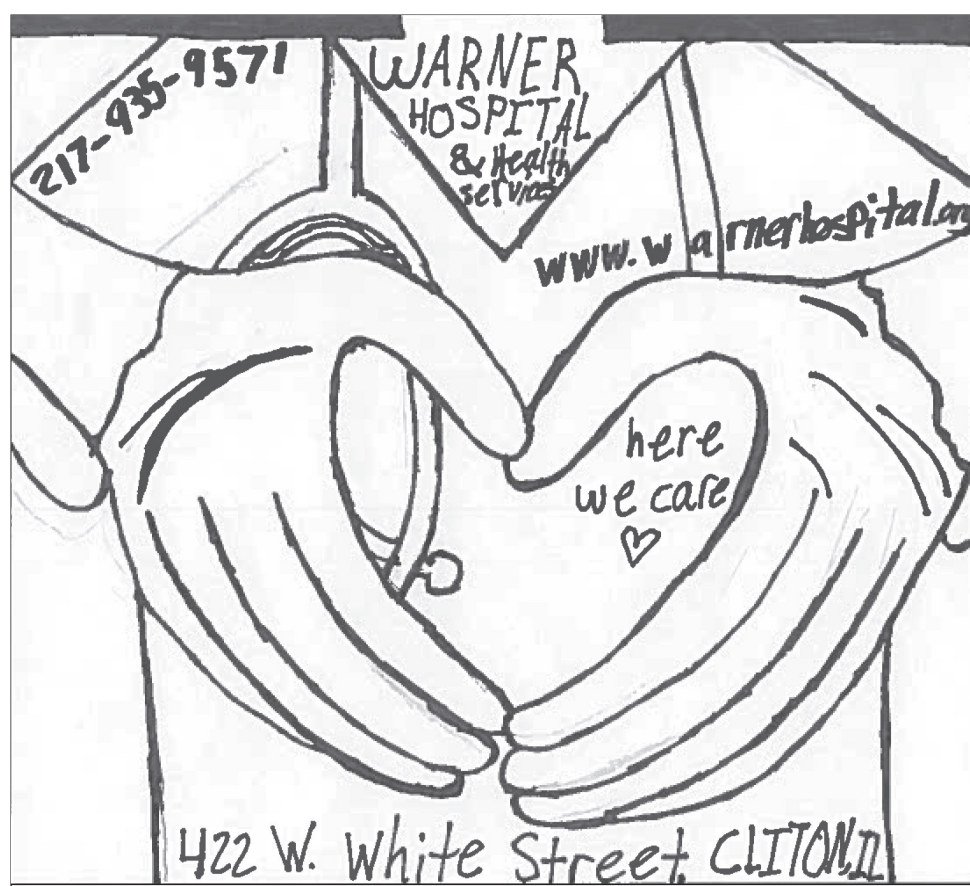
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