



Gordon Woods / Journal

Chamber Business Expo 2023

About 50 businesses and nonprofit groups participated last week in the annual Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau Business Expo. Emergency services agencies also participated, and there was entertainment by the high school's theater group. *See more photos on A2.*

Council hears more about Dollar General concerns

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CLINTON — Residents living in the area of a proposed new Dollar General store returned to the city council Tuesday to continue making their case against the plan. The site for the proposed store is near the intersection of E. North Street and Rt. 54 east.

Glenna Rogers, who lives with her husband Marc about a block from the planned store site, addressed the council for the first time. Her concerns were similar to other people living in the

area, potential flooding caused by the plan and declining property values.

But, Rogers also felt residents living near the site weren't offered adequate information about the plan beforehand.

"We don't know when the zoning was changed," Rogers said. "The taxes on that property for 2022 show it's RD-1 (Residential Development)."

Rogers also said residents in the area did not know when the property was annexed or if a building permit had been issued. The site is

currently farmland.

"You know, people move into town because there are excellent schools or because they have a church or they have a job," Rogers said. "I've never heard anybody say they were going to move to an area because they have a dollar store."

Rogers said she felt a backward approach was being used with regard to the project and that it had been dumped on people living near it.

Commissioner Tom Edmunds emphasized the part of the plan that will eventually come to the council for approval

constitutes only the minor subdivision part of the proposal, the drawings that map out how the site will be divided from its current state.

Zoning and approval of the site construction plan are approved by the city zoning board of appeals and the planning commission.

"We're more than happy to listen to you guys, but there are preliminary decisions that have to be made before any of it comes to us," Edmunds said.

Edmunds recommended they continue attending the

planning meetings to let their concerns be known.

Marc Rogers said he felt residents were blindsided by the zoning board of appeals because it wanted to vote to change the parking lot.

"We said, 'parking lot for what'," Rogers told Edmunds. "Nobody had told us anything. We talked to the planning commission until we were blue in the face."

Rogers said residents were "pleading with anyone we can to try to get something done."

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Senate votes to lift nuclear build ban

Andrew Adams
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Senate approved a measure on March 30 that would lift a 1980s-era moratorium on nuclear power plant construction.

Senate Bill 76, sponsored by Sen. Sue Rezin, R-Morris, was approved on a 39-13 vote. The bill now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

"The bill is going to come to the House with a lot of momentum," Rezin said in an interview after the bill passed. "The unions are out and working their members to explain the importance of the bill and to just explain the technology."

Rezin said on the Senate floor that the bill would specifically allow for the construction of small modular nuclear reactors, or SMRs. These reactors operate at a much smaller scale than traditional nuclear reactors and are built in factories and assembled on site. SMR proponents say they can be deployed in places like factories, replacing the need for things like coal-fired cogeneration plants.

"This is a large change in energy policy for the state of Illinois," Rezin said.

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Photo contest winner

Kailea Golden shot this photo at last week's annual Chamber of Commerce Business Expo to win Clinton Journal's Business Expo photo contest and a one-year subscription to the Journal. Photos entered in the contest had to be shot at the expo.

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Eagles raises record \$55,000 for area fire departments

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CLINTON — In February, Clinton (Lone Elm) Eagles 593 partnered with three local fire departments for the lodge's traditional annual NASCAR fundraising event.

This year the Eagles were met with a few new challenges, but they pulled together and were able to introduce a reverse raffle to the event. By introducing something new and gathering some donations to auction, the Eagles managed to achieve a record breaking result.

The group effort earned a new record of \$55,000 for the Clinton, Kenney and Wapella fire departments. Keeping \$1,000 back to use to start next year's event, the Eagles were able to split \$54,000 three equal ways, giving \$18,000 to each of the



Courtesy of Clinton Eagles Lodge

three fire departments.

Eagles members said they were proud of this year's result and were eager to start planning next year's event.

The Eagles' Daytona race fundraiser has produced larger results each year for at least a dozen years. In 2022, the Eagles' Deanna Long told the Journal the group faced a fundraising

challenge during the period of COVID in 2020 and 2021. But, through some creative planning, drive-through breakfast and other events, donation totals continued to increase.

"It was the generosity of the people who were here," Long said.

Neighborhood Market, Dove, The Vault, HOOAH,

local food pantries, The Write Stuff for Kids, Second Chance for Pets, Clinton Otters swim team and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are some of the organizations the Eagles helps.

Information about this year's event courtesy of Deanna Long / Clinton Eagles

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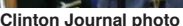
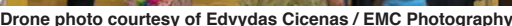
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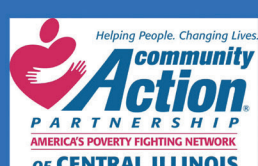
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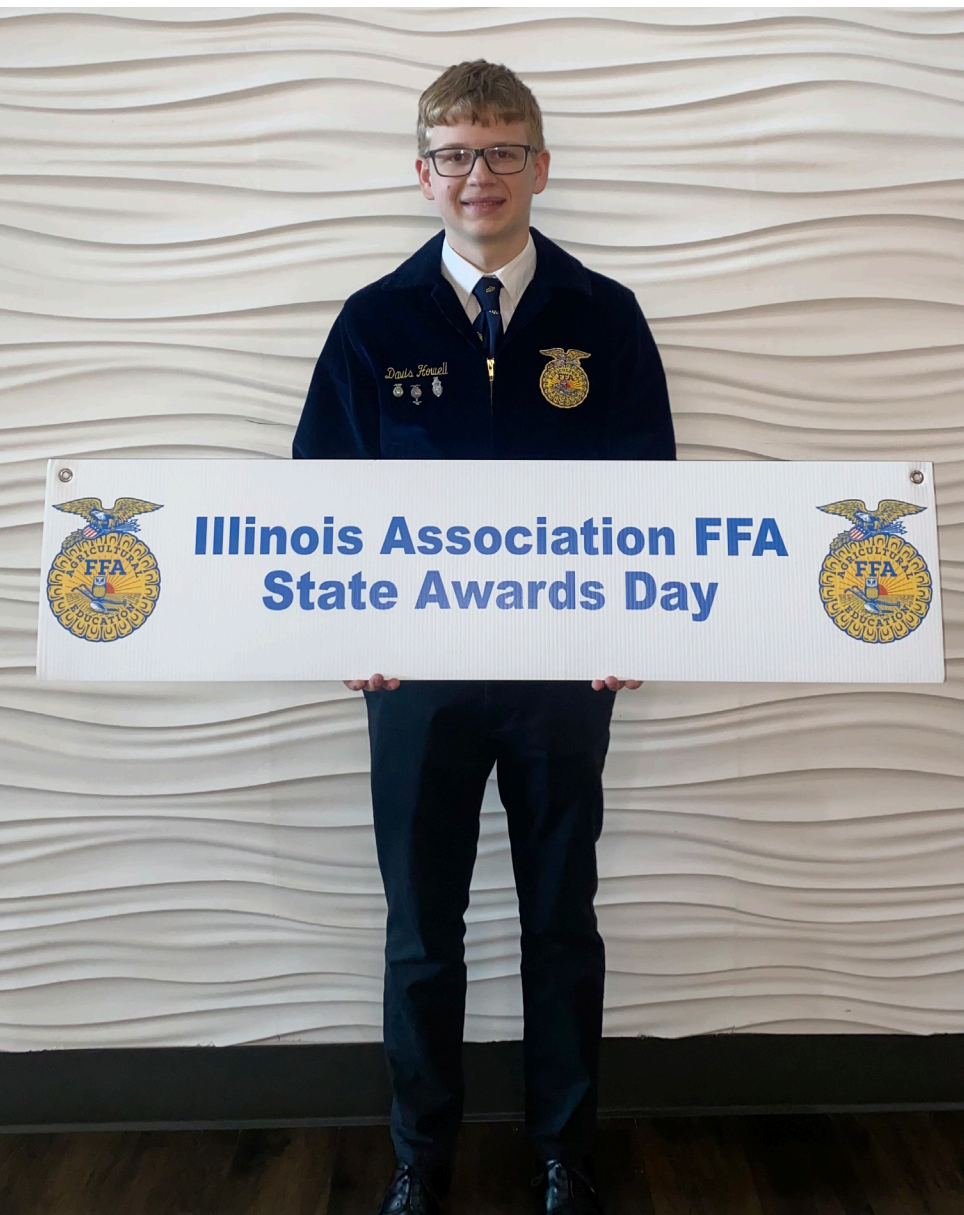


"That's the only thing we have done at any point so far," Wise said.

A similar bill was introduced in the House by Rep. Mark Walker (D-Arlington Heights). That measure, House Bill 1079, was approved in committee with a bipartisan majority, 18-3, although it hasn't been heard by the full House.

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Davis Howell recognized as a 2023 State FFA proficiency winner

CLINTON — Davis Howell was selected as the State FFA Proficiency Winner in Swine Production / Entrepreneurship. Davis is a member of the Clinton FFA Chapter of the Illinois Association FFA.

Illinois FFA recognizes students in 48 areas based on their work-based learning, also known as Supervised Agricultural Experiences or SAE. FFA members who demonstrate outstanding agricultural skills and competencies through record keeping, leadership, and scholastic achievement may be considered for this award.

SAEs make it possible for students to learn by doing by either owning and operating an agricultural business, working or serving an internship at an agriculture-based

an agriculture-based scientific experiment and reporting results.

Howell was selected as the State Winner by a committee of agriculture teachers, industry friends, parents and volunteers knowledgeable in this work-based area, who reviewed their records online and then conducted interviews at Eisenhower High School, Decatur, on Saturday, March 25. Howell is the son of Zack and Rebecca Howell from Maroa.

Receiving this honor now makes Howell eligible to compete in the National FFA Awards Selection process in July, 2023. Howell was previously chosen as the Chapter, Section and District awardee in this area.

Howell has been involved in the following other

agriculture education and FFA activities: Chapter Vice President, Section 16 Sentinel, Dairy Foods CDE, Livestock Judging CDE, Meats Evaluation CDE, Public Speaking LDE, Job Interview LDE, FFA Plot management, and National FFA Convention. Hannah Riedle is the agriculture teacher and FFA Advisor at Clinton High School.

Howell will receive plaques for their accomplishments and be celebrated for this great achievement. These plaques are made possible by gifts by individuals, businesses, corporations and organizations through the Illinois Foundation FFA.

Winner of museum door prize

Faye Nodine was the winner of the DeWitt County Museum Association door prize, offered during the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.



Kreston Carter recognized as a 2023 District FFA proficiency winner

CLINTON — Kreston Carter was selected as the District FFA Proficiency Winner in the area of Diversified Horticulture.

Kreston is a member of the Clinton FFA Chapter of the Illinois Association FFA. Illinois FFA recognizes students in 48 areas based on their work-based learning, also known as Supervised Agricultural Experiences or SAE. FFA members who demonstrate outstanding agricultural skills and competencies through record keeping, leadership, and scholastic achievement may be considered for this award. SAEs allow

students to learn by doing by either owning and operating an agricultural business, working or serving an internship at an agriculture-based business or conducting an agriculture-based scientific experiment and reporting results.

Carter was selected as the District 4 Winner by a committee of agriculture industry representatives and teachers knowledgeable in this work-based area.

Carter is the son of Stacy and Belinda Carter from Clinton.

Carter has been involved in the following other agriculture education and

FFA activities: Chapter Officer, FFA Plot planting and harvest, committee chair, committee member, Agriculture Mechanics CDE, Dairy Foods CDE, Land Use CDE, and National FFA Convention.

Ms. Hannah Riedle is the agriculture teacher and FFA Advisor at Clinton High School.

Carter will receive plaques for his accomplishments. These plaques are made possible by gifts by individuals, businesses, corporations and organizations through the Illinois Foundation FFA.

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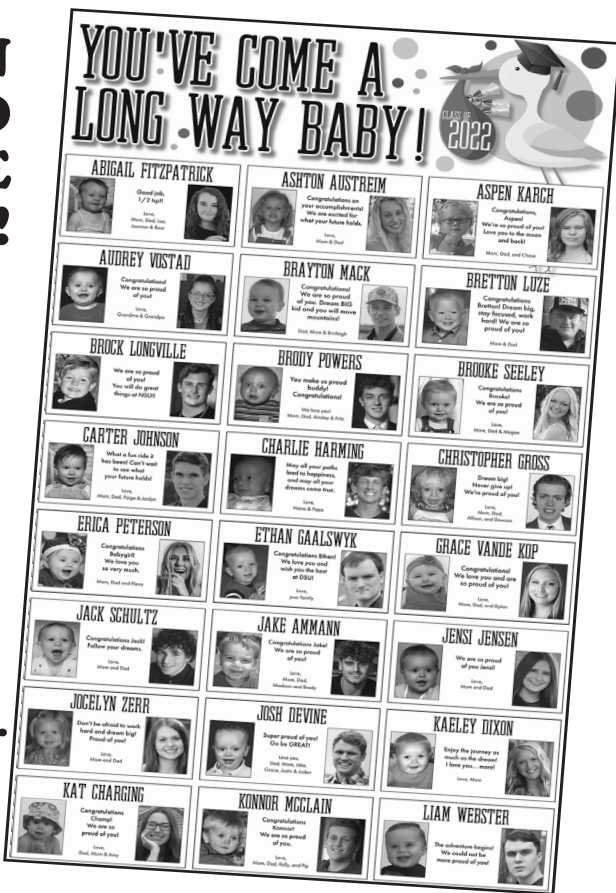
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Helen Jean Colliver

CLINTON — Helen Jean Colliver, 94, of Minonk, formerly of Lane, died at 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 26, 2023, at Heritage Manor, Minonk.

Mrs. Colliver was born on June 29, 1928, in Clinton, the daughter of Walter Robert and Susan E. (Mott) Jones. She married Harold L. Colliver on August 28, 1950, in Missouri. Her husband preceded her in death on June 16, 2004.

Her parents, three sisters, three brothers and one daughter, Kimmy Colliver also preceded her in death. Survivors include her three children, Robert L. (Debi) Colliver, of Hartsburg; Patty A. Reinhart, of Jacksboro, Tenn.; Jayne (John) Middleton, of Newtonsville, Ohio; one brother, Oscar Jones; two sisters, Lorretta Colliver and Lilly Green; 10 grandchildren, Lee Reinhart, Rachel (Ron) Fugate, Michael (Lauren) Reinhart, Tim Colliver, Carrie (Keith) Mason, Rebecca (Keith) Grabowski, Erika (Nathanael) Hawkins, Jonathan (Breanna) Middleton, Nathan Middleton, Austin Middleton and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 12 noon, on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at First Baptist Church of Clinton with Pastor



Jonathan Roberson and John Wright officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery, Clinton.

Visitation with the family will be held from 10 a.m. –11:45 a.m. prior to the funeral, also at the church in Clinton on Saturday. Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, Chenoa, is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be directed to First Baptist Church of Clinton, bus ministry.

Mrs. Colliver was employed as a clerk for the City of Clinton water department for more than 22 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Clinton, where she lovingly served on the bus ministry for many years. She loved her family and enjoyed being surrounded by her grandchildren.

A guest registry is available to leave condolences to the family at www.duffypilsmemorialhome.com.

Michael Springman

ST. ELMO, Ill. — Michael Springman, 60, of St. Elmo, died at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 26, 2023, at HSHS St. Anthony’s Memorial Hospital, Effingham.

A memorial service will be at conducted at 2 p.m., on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at the St. Elmo Christian Church with Pastor Jim Quick officiating. Burial will follow at St. Bonaventure Cemetery, rural St. Elmo.

Visitation will be held for two hours prior to the service time at the church. Memorials may be made to the donor’s choice. Giesecking Funeral Home, Brownstown is assisting the family with arrangements.

Michael Joseph Springman was born on

Tuesday, December 25, 1962, in Peoria, to Frank and Waneta (Larimore) Springman. He married Joni K. Koonce on July 30, 1993, in Vandalia, and she preceded him in death on May 29, 2018. He was affiliated with the Catholic church and was an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan. He was a beloved uncle to many which was his greatest joy in life.

He is survived by his brother, Ron Springman, Clinton; sister, Jacinta (Mark) Savedra, Independence, Mo., and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife and parents.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.gieseckingfh.com.

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Kristy Moore, 39, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Failure to Reduce Speed/Accident. Moore was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Torey Lancaster, 31, Mclean, was Arrested and Charged with Criminal Trespass to Residence and Resisting or Obstructing Peace Officer, Firefighter or Correctional Institution Employee. Lancaster

unable to post the necessary bond remains lodged in the DeWitt County Jail.

Deanna Aguilar, 54, Wapella, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging her with Fin Explt Eld/Disabl/\$5k-\$50K. Aguilar posted the necessary bond and was released.

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

Don Chamberlain will speak at the genealogical meeting Mar. 11

CLINTON — The DeWitt County Genealogical Society will meet at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11 at Vespasian Warner Public Library.

The speaker will be Don Chamberlain, who will talk about the “Lincoln and the Gettysburg Address.”

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1963 - Josip Broz Tito was proclaimed to be the leader of Yugoslavia for life.

1966 - The U.S. recovered a hydrogen bomb it had lost off the coast of Spain.

1967 - Israel reported that it had shot down six Syrian MIGs.

1971 - U.S. President Nixon pledged to withdraw 100,000 more men from Vietnam by December.

1980 - The U.S. broke diplomatic relations with Iran and imposed economic sanctions in response to the taking of hostages on November 4, 1979.

1983 - The Chinese government canceled all remaining sports and cultural exchanges with the U.S. for 1983.

1985 - In Goteborg, Sweden, China swept all of the world table tennis titles except for men's doubles.

1985 - The Soviet Union announced a unilateral freeze on medium-range nuclear missiles.

1987 - In Oklahoma a 16-month-old baby was killed by a pit bull. On the same day a 67-year-old man was killed by another pit bull in Dayton, OH.

1988 - Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev agreed to final terms of a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan. Soviet troops began leaving on May 16, 1988.

1989 - A Soviet submarine carrying nuclear weapons sank in the Norwegian Sea.

1990 - In the U.S., John Poindexter was found guilty of five counts at his Iran-Contra trial. The convictions were later reversed on appeal.

1990 - At Cincinnati's Contemporary Arts Center a display of Robert Mapplethorpe's photographs went on display. On the same day the center and its director were indicted on obscenity charges. The charges resulted in acquittal.

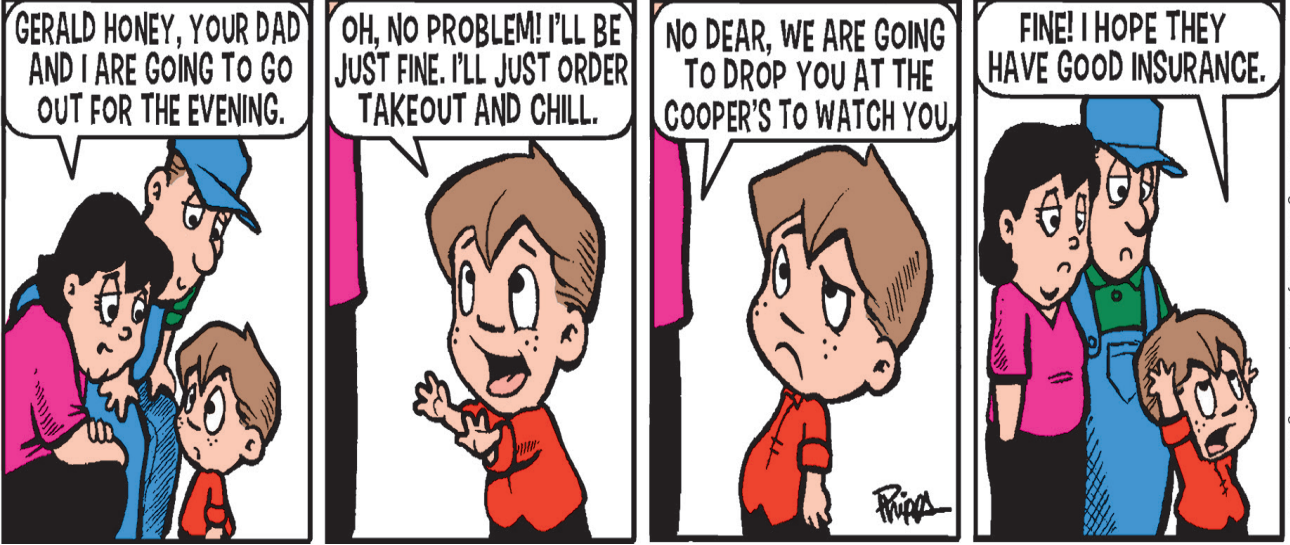
1994 - Civil war erupted in Rwanda between the Patriotic Front rebel group and government soldiers. Hundreds of thousands were slaughtered in the months that followed.

1999 - Yugoslav authorities sealed off Kosovo's main border crossings to prevent ethnic Albanians from leaving.

2000 - U.S. President Clinton signed the Senior Citizens Freedom to Work Act of 2000. The bill reversed a Depression-era law and allows senior citizens to earn money without losing Social Security retirement benefits.

2002 - The Roman Catholic archdiocese announced that six priests from the Archdiocese of New York were suspended over allegations of sexual misconduct.

Amber Waves



Indicted

Please note: Due to newspaper deadlines this article is written after it was announced that Trump was indicted, but before the actual indictment is made public on Tuesday afternoon.

Americans love to recite the standard that no one is above the law, but implementing that standard is not always so easy. Perspective and political/social influence are great motivators that influence the standard.

Two events that I witnessed always come to mind in determining what that standard really means. The first event involved a grandfather-aged gentleman who came to my office wanting an 18-year-old boy sent to prison for burglarizing his property. The boy had no prior history of criminal activity and was placed on probation, much to the chagrin of the gentleman.

A year or so later, that same gentleman was in my office begging for mercy for his grandson who had burglarized another's property. That boy also had no prior criminal history. I asked the grandfather why his request was different this time when the events

were the same. He had no answer. The boy received probation. Perspective says it all.

The second event involved President Ford pardoning former President Nixon over Watergate. Ford's action was the worst decision from a political perspective that I have witnessed. It clearly cost him the election a year later.

As a student of government, it was the best Presidential decision that I have witnessed. It allowed the nation to go forward and not become stuck in a quagmire of perpetual anger for years of legal and political wars. Perspective again says it all. The question to be asked in the common vernacular is: "Whose ox is getting gored?"

Today, we have a former President who simply cannot accept he lost an election and continues his vitriolic attack on the left. Add to this equation a very left leaning prosecutor in deep blue New York who ran his election campaign on getting Trump and you have the makings of a weaponized legal system. Trying to find an adult in



that room may well be next to impossible.

To distill the case down from the media reports is relatively simple. Trump had an extramarital event with a porn star and paid her to not divulge the activities. The payment may not have been properly referenced on his tax reports. The federal prosecutors and even local prosecutors in New York declined to criminally prosecute. This kind of financial dealings is normally dealt with by civil penalties with the IRS. These events occurred seven or eight years ago, based on media reporting. That is the essence of the case as has been reported.

The New York prosecutor, Mr. Bragg, is doing exactly what he campaigned on. Trump continues his campaign that he is being persecuted by the left. The polls are showing that Trump got an immediate boost in

partisan popularity. The liberal pundits are smelling blood and voicing what a great day this is for American democracy.

Moderate conservatives are deeply saddened by the turn of events. The progressive leftists are shouting gotcha, while the Trump loyalists are voicing revenge. This is not good for the nation. The legal system has been weaponized for political gain and that is never good.

While the left shouts in glee, the right looks at Biden and possible illicit connections with China. This is a political fight in the making that makes a mockery of the legal system which is supposed to provide justice for all.

The world has always admired the United States for not weaponizing its political system. That is about to change, much to the detriment of this nation.

This nation needs now more than ever the statesmanship of a Gerald Ford or John Kennedy to assert the national interests and provide leadership. Unfortunately I have not seen that individual on the horizon.

Employees banned from working at VA

After all the instances of fraud unearthed by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General over the years, I was not surprised to see this special report of something else they uncovered: "Stronger Controls Help Ensure People Barred from Paid Federal Healthcare Jobs Do Not Work for VHA."

Those who are excluded from getting VA healthcare jobs are those who previously committed "healthcare fraud, patient abuse, controlled substance violations, or acts subject to license revocation," among other things such as Medicare fraud. The Health and

Human Services OIG keeps a list of those excluded people, but the VA OIG recently ran a test sample of a single pay period, and yes, they found people on that list employed by the VA.

What apparently happened was that the human resources (hiring) staff didn't correctly do as they were required by federal law, which is run the names of potential new hires through the list to make sure they hadn't been excluded from employment. In instances of surname changes, the previous last names weren't checked even though they were noted on the hiring documents.

VETERANS POST
by Freddy Groves

But that wasn't the only error. The VA's Office of Integrity and Compliance was also required to do a monthly computer check of all Social Security numbers of people being paid to make sure excluded people hadn't slipped through the employment cracks. They pointed to a computer coding error as the reason they weren't.

Enter the OIG, who made recommendations so it doesn't happen in the future. One of those recommendations is to

do a comprehensive audit of the Social Security numbers of all VA employees to see if any additional names show up.

There will be new training, of course, of the people who didn't follow policy, plus written guidelines, plus redundancies with multiple eyes looking at data and processes.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

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

2. What's the only book of the Bible that mentions Christ's tomb being sealed? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

3. From Matthew 28:2, who rolled back the stone from the door of Jesus' tomb and sat upon it? Simon, An angel, Villagers, Disciples

4. When Mary Magdalene and "the other Mary" came upon the risen Jesus, who did He ask them to inform? Priests, Disciples, No one, Villagers

5. From John 20, which disciple doubted that Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus

6. How long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days

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B-N Christian Women's Connection will meet on April 18


NORMAL — The Bloomington-Normal Christian Women's Connection invites all ladies to their brunch program on Tuesday, April 18 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Holiday Inn, 8 Trader's Circle, Normal.

Special feature will be "The World of Alpacas" with Jane Addo, from Washburn, Ill.

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Gumbo delight

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. Chicken and shrimp gumbo is clearly a very old classic that undeniably represents the Deep South. It is notably a New Orleans cuisine delight. It is with pleasure I now present it.

The following recipe will produce a gallon's worth of gumbo. Be forewarned that it is rather involved.

In a heavy bottomed soup kettle, heat a small amount of vegetable oil. In that, add 4 ounces smallish diced andouille sausage. Cook it until the sausage firms-up. Add and cook for a few minutes 8 ounces of filet and medium diced chicken breast. The purpose here is to sear the chicken. Now stir in one ounce of minced garlic along with 8 ounces of diced yellow onion.

Add 3½ ounces of sliced green onions along with ½ ounce of jalapeños. Add remaining vegetables which are 5 ounces each of medium diced green peppers, celery and thinly sliced okra. To this add peeled, seeded and medium diced tomatoes. These vegetables are to be cooked until tender and the onions translucent. This completes the first segment.

Enough oil has been rendered from the sausage to add 5 ounces of flower to make the dark brown roux. Work the roux and allow it to cook for one minute or two before adding 96 fluid ounces of preheated chicken stock. You might need a whisk at this point to insure there are no lumps due to the roux.

Bring it up to a boil and allow it to boil briefly. This helps to set the starches so it will properly

thicken. Now reduce to a simmer. Second segment is completed.


It is now time to add the herbs and seasons for heightening and balancing the flavors desired. For this add 2 bay leaves along with 1 teaspoon each of oregano and onion powder. Also add ½ teaspoon each of dried thyme and dried basil leaves.

Next add salt and black ground pepper as desired. Simmer for about 45 minutes to blend flavors. From this point forward, do not allow it to boil. Do not forget to dredge out the bay leaves before serving. The final segment is next.


Peel, devein and chop into medium pieces 1 pound and 4 ounces worth of shrimp. Add this and 13 ounces of cooked long grain rice to the mixture. Vigorously whisk in a tablespoon's worth of filé powder.

Some people think that to filet meat is to cut it into layers or slabs. It is simply a word to save one the trouble of saying, "boning and skinning". For example, a chicken breast removed from the bone and its skin removed is a filet. Many may not be familiar with filé powder. Filé powder is dried leaves from the sassafras tree ground to a powder. It is primarily used in Cajun and Creole cuisines as a seasoning and also for thickening.

Until next time, peace to all.



The Culinary Corner
By Chef Roger Joss



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*And why do you worry about clothes?
See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.
Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.*

MATTHEW 6: 28, 29

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10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship
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10 a.m.-Sunday worship
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Palm Sunday, April 2 "Children's March with Palms"
 9:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary & online
Maundy Thursday, April 6
 7:30 PM In the Sanctuary & online
Good Friday, April 7
 7:00 PM C.A.M.A. Community Worship at Wapella Christian Church
Easter Sunday, April 9
 9:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary & online

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 7:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart, 612 N. Plum St, Farmer City
 7:00pm Mass at St. Patrick, 308 S Locust St, Wapella

Good Friday
 3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, St. John's, 502 N. Monroe St., Clinton
 3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, St. Patrick, Wapella
 6:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, Sacred Heart, Farmer City
 5:30pm Stations & Veneration, St. John's, Clinton

Easter Vigil
 7:30pm Mass at St. John's, Clinton
 8:00pm Mass at St. Patrick, Wapella

Easter Sunday
 8:30am Mass at St. John's, Clinton
 9:00am Mass at St. Patrick, Wapella
 10:30am Mass at Sacred Heart, Farmer City


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Left to right: Brett Young (#1), Hayden Clark (#24) and Derek Filkin (#25).

Maroons basketball players honored

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CLINTON — The Maroons seniors were finally corralled with the jerseys they were awarded during the Basketball Banquet. This is the

next best thing to having your jersey retired and hung from the rafters. The seniors are Brett Young (#1), Hayden Clark (#24) and Derek Filkin (#25). These are framed 3-D replicas of the jerseys the seniors wore while

plying for the Maroons. Also coming up with recognition was Dawson Graves (#2), who was named to the Bloomington Pantagraph all-area honorable mention team.



Marc Rogers / Journal
Dawson Graves (#2) firing a 3-pointer over the opposition.

Lady Maroons finish 2-2 in Tenn. tournament

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CLINTON — The final weekend of March saw the Lady Maroons varsity softball team head south for warmer weather. The ladies traveled to Murfreesboro, Tenn. for tournament play.

The team was scheduled to play four games, which they completed. There were some bumps in the road, but the team represented themselves and the school well. One game was played against a team from the large school division, but the Lady Maroons took them on with tenacity.

First on the schedule was a game against the Harbor Creek, Pa. Lady Huskies. The Lady Huskies brought in one run in the top of the first inning before succumbing to a nine-run onslaught by the Lady Maroons in the bottom of the inning.

The opposition added one run each in the third and fifth innings, but it wasn't enough to touch the Lady Maroons who added two extra runs in the fourth inning to take the 11-3 win to start the tournament.

Ashley Armstrong pitched the complete game allowing 3 runs on 6 hits (one home run) and striking out 7. The offense was led by Heidi Humble (3/3 and with a double), Kylee Isaac (2/3 with a double), Brooke Reeves (2/3 with a double), and Ashley Armstrong (2/3).

The second game on the first day was against the Nolensville, Tenn. Lady Knights. This was a tough game and loss for the Lady Maroons.

The game began even with no runs in the first inning and one run for the opposition in the second inning. The third inning saw the Lady Knights add two more runs for a 3-0 lead.

Then, in the fourth inning, the Lady Knights exploded for four runs, while the Lady Maroons mustered one run. The Lady Knights added another run in the fifth inning to bring down the Lady Maroons 8-1.

Reice McCormack started for the Lady Maroons and gave up 7 runs (one home run) on 6 hits, walking 6 and striking out none. Aliviyah Haynes came on in relief allowing 1 run on 1 hit while striking out 4. McCormack took the loss. The offense was led by Joleena Stewart (1/1), Brooke Reeves (1/2) and Kylee Isaac (1/2).

Next on the tournament docket were the Saks Lady Wildcats from Anniston, Ala. This was the second team the Lady Maroons were expected to beat.

The Lady Maroons started off with two runs in the first inning to take the lead. The Lady Wildcats then tallied 4 runs in the top of the second to take a short-lived lead as the Lady Maroons rallied in the bottom of the second for 5 runs of their own to regain the lead for good.

After a lax third inning, both teams scored a run in the fourth inning with the Lady Maroons still in the lead. The opposition made an effort at a comeback with a single run in the fifth inning, while in the bottom of the inning the Lady Maroons tacked on 6 more runs for the 14-6 win.

Aliviyah Haynes pitched 2 innings for the Lady Maroons allowing 4 runs on two hits and two walks while striking out one. Anelise Thompson came on in relief and allowed 2 runs on 6 hits and 2 walks. The Lady Maroon offense was led by Mea Kivlehan hitting 3/3, Ariana Humes was 2/3 with a triple, Heidi Humble was 2/3 with a triple and 2 RBIs, Maggie Martin had a hit for a double and 2 RBIs, Sarah Mills was 2/3 with 3 RBIs, and most other Lady Maroons either got a hit or a run.

The final round of the tournament had the Lady Maroons going up against the Lady Trojans from Highland, Ind.

The Lady Maroons drew first blood with a run in the first inning but were shut down from there.

The Lady Trojans were held scoreless until the third inning, when they took the lead with 3 runs. The opposition added another run in the fourth inning and then capped the game with a five-run fifth inning.

The Lady Maroons committed 9 errors in the game. Ashley Armstrong pitched the entire game, taking the loss, allowing 9 runs on 14 hits with one walk and two strikeouts. The offense was depleted and only had 4 hits, one each from Heidi Humble, Kylee Isaac, Brooke Reeves and Alaina Soberalski, scoring one run and stranding 3 on base.

The Lady Trojans took this game 9-1.



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West dutifully leads his partner's Heart suit and the Jack is taken by Declarer's Ace (holding up won't achieve anything). The ♠K comes next and East wins his Ace. At this point East can count (at least) eight tricks for Declarer, namely two Spades (because surely Declarer has the Ace), one Heart, one Diamond and four Clubs. East can also deduce that Declarer started with ♥AT9x, because West's opening lead from ♥Tx would be the Ten and from ♥Txx would be a low one. That being the case, it's clear that persisting with Hearts will merely serve to set up Declarer's game-going trick. A Diamond is no better, of course, so East does the best he can by exiting safely with a Club. A nice try, but it just delays the inevitable.

On the run of the Clubs Declarer pitches two Spades and a Diamond, and then cashes the ♠K followed by the ♠A. With East known to have the missing Heart honors and nothing left but red cards, he is a sitting duck for an end-play. Declarer simply exits with the ♥T and sits back smugly while East chooses whether to surrender the 9th trick in Hearts or in Diamonds.

For bridge games, classes, or seminars, contact Mike Tomlianovich by phone: 309-825-5823 or mtomli@att.net.

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platform | 113 "Wait a —!" |
| | 79 Sacred spots | 111 "Smooth
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for short | 114 "In your face" |
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learn, in Lyon | 115 Actor Saget |
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lover's tears | 19 Ark, Krypton
or Melmac | 76 Smartphone
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MAGIC MAZE ● **THINGS THAT WEAR OUT**

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Unlisted clue hint: CLOTH FLOOR COVERING

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Go Figure!

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FEAR & FANTASY

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ANSWERS

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THINGS THAT WEAR OUT

Classified Marketplace

FREE!

Sell your household items for free.

Total value of item must be \$100 or less.
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4/7/23

PLEASE READ YOUR Classified ad or display ad on the first day of publication. If there are mistakes notify us immediately. We will make changes for errors and adjust your bill but only if we receive notice on the first day the ad is published. We limit our liability to you in this way and we do not accept liability for any other damages, which may result from an error or omission in an ad. All ad copy must be approved by the newspaper, which reserves the right to request changes, reject or properly classify an ad. The advertiser and not the newspaper is responsible for the truthful content of the ad. Advertising is also subject to credit approval.

ALL REAL ESTATE

advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin or intention to make any such preferences, limitation or discrimination. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate, which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis. (TFN)

203 HELP WANTED

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

Hiring Personal care assistant/ CNA/Home health aid.

Individuals who are compassionate and service-orientated to care for others. Assist with activities of daily living, including bathing, dressing, toileting, and running errands. Benefits: Working hour discount, Flexible schedule. Time schedule 5 hours per day & \$30 per hour. I can be reached email Andy (andycranganegrad@gmail.com) for more details. 205 Situations Wanted

Mowing jobs wanted. Large lots, ditches and waterways. Call Steve. (309) 824-0678. (2050505)

305 GARAGE/ RUMMAGE SALES

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

LEGAL

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD DIVISION UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. SHERYL E. ZBIN-DEN, Defendants. Civil No. 22-cv-3104

NOTICE OF MARSHAL'S SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Angela Gardner, SFH Specialist, 2118 W. Park Ct., Champaign, IL 61821. Telephone: 217.403.6226

2. The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 104 N. Mulberry Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727.

3. The legal description of the real estate is:

The West ½ of Out Block 3 in the Original Town, now City of Clinton, Except 99 feet off the full North and of the West ½ of Out Block 3 in the Original Town, now city of Clinton and Except 99 feet of the full south end of the West ½ of Out Block 3 in the Original Town, now City of Clinton, and also except commencing at the Southwest corner of the East ½ of Out Block 3 in the Original Town, now City of Clinton, thence North 165 feet, thence South 165 feet, thence east 40 feet to the place of beginning, situated in the county of Dewitt, State of Illinois. Parcel #07-34-204-006

4. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: (Available for inspection during business hours upon reasonable advance notice to the county office listed above.)

5. The time and place of the sale are Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., inside the main entrance of the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, IL 61727. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDING THE SALE.**

made payable to the United States Marshals Service and received by the United States Marshal, 100 NE Monroe Street, Peoria, Illinois 61602, within thirty (30) days of date of said sale. If the balance is not received within said time period, the 10% payment made at time of sale shall be forfeited to the United States, the sale shall be void and a new sale shall be scheduled by the Court.

7. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes for the years 2022 and thereafter to be paid by buyer(s), which are a lien upon the real estate, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record. Buyer(s) shall also be responsible for payment of the real estate transfer tax (35 ILCS 200-31-45).

8. Said property is being sold at this judicial sale "AS IS" WITHOUT ANY WARRANTIES OF HABITABILITY OR ANY OTHER WARRANTIES, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED.

9. Upon receipt of the entire purchase price amount, a Certificate of Sale shall be forwarded to the Marshal for execution describing the lands and tenements purchased and the sum paid therefor to be tendered to the purchaser. Upon confirmation of said sale by the Court, the holder of said Certificate of Sale shall be entitled to a deed for said premises.

10. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGEE OR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

DATED at Springfield, Illinois, this 28th day of February 2023.

s/Justin Hamrock JUSTIN HAMROCK CHIEF DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

LEGAL

CASE NO. 2023TX2 FILED February 23, 2023 TAKE NOTICE

TO: ASHLEY FINCH, NICOLE FINCH, BRADEN FINCH, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL KWAME RAOUL, ILLINOIS DEPT OF REVENUE C/O DIRECTOR DAVID HARRIS, DEWITT COUNTY CLERK; OCCUPANTS, PARTIES IN OCCUPANCY OR ACTUAL POSSESSION OF SAID PROPERTY; AND UNKNOWN

STATE & NATIONAL CLASSIFIED MARKET

PET SUPPLIES

Use Happy Jack® Skin Balm® on cats & dogs to treat hot spots & skin allergies without steroids! At Tractor Supply® (www.fleabeacon.com)

OWNERS or PARTIES INTERESTED IN SAID LAND OR LOTS AND UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS

This is NOTICE of the filing of the petition for Tax Deed on the following described property: Property located at: 5301 ROWELL ROAD, CLINTON, ILLINOIS Property Index Number: 11-25-100-009

On September 15, 2023 at 11:00 AM, in the Circuit Court of DeWitt County, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W Washington Street, Courtroom A, Clinton, Illinois, the Petitioner intends to make an application for an order on the petition that a Tax Deed be issued. The real estate was sold on October 21, 2020, for delinquent real estate taxes and/or special assessments for the year 2019. Certificate No. 201900079. The period of redemption will expire on August 23, 2023.

DG ENTERPRISES, LLC - X, LLC PETITIONER 6114-931080

LEGAL 19729 March 31 and April 7 and 14, 2023

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY-CLINTON, ILLINOIS

ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC,

PLAINTIFF

vs.

UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND LEGATEES OF BOB D. WIENEKE; KATHLEEN R. WISMER, INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF BOB D. WEINKE, DECEASED; KATHLEEN WISMER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

DEFENDANT

NO. 2022FC28

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND LEGATEES OF BOB D. WIENEKE; and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the 6th Judicial Circuit, DeWitt County, Illinois by the plaintiff against

INFORMATION

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Monday-Friday) **Closed Wednesdays**
Address: 111 S. Monroe St., Clinton
Mail: P.O. Box 615 Clinton, IL 61727

CJ DEADLINES:
• **Mondays** at 5 p.m.

(Deadlines subject to change during holiday times)

DISCLAIMER: If your advertisement appears incorrectly, notify us immediately. We will not be responsible for more than one incorrect insertion, and will only credit customer for one insertion.

All classified marketplace line ads will appear in the following print publications and on our newspaper website:
• Clinton Journal
• www.theclintonjournal.com

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

you and other defendant, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows to wit:

49.66 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF LOT 1 IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CREEK TOWNSHIP, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 1 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 AND LOTS 2 AND 8 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 1 IN THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD P.M., CREEK TOWNSHIP, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS. ALSO DESCRIBED AS:

COMMENCING 24 POLES W OF THE NE CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SEC 18, T 19 N, R 3 E OF THE 3RD P.M., AND RUNNING FROM THENCE W 6 POLES, THENCE S 80 POLES, THENCE E 6 POLES, THENCE N 80 POLES TO P.O.B., CONTAINING 3 ACRES; ALSO, 15.66 ACRES OFF OF THE W SIDE OF THE N 1/2 OF LOT 1 OF NW 1/4 OF SEC 18; ALSO, 25 ACRES OFF OF THE W SIDE OF THE S 1/2 OF LOT 1 OF NW 1/4 OF SECTION 18.

ALSO, COMMENCING AT THE NE CORNER OF THE SE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SEC 18, T 19 N, R 3 E OF THE 3RD P.M., THENCE RUNNING S 40 RODS, THENCE W 24 RODS, THENCE N 40 RODS, THENCE E 24 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 6 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLI-

NOIS, MEANING AND INTENDING TO CONVEY ALL LAND OWNED BY SAMUEL F. PRIMER AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH IN THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD P.M., CREEK TOWNSHIP, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DEWITT, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

COMMON ADDRESS:

12355 Middle Creek Road, Clinton, IL 61727

P.I.N.:

13-18-100-006

and which said mortgage was signed by BOB D. WIENEKE (DECEASED), Mortgagee, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Quicken Loans, LLC, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of DeWitt County as Document No. 259426; and for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the Circuit Court of DeWitt County against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of this Court in DeWitt County at 201 West Washington PO Box 439, Clinton, IL 61727 on or before April 24, 2023, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint.

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 <http://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.

Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC

30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 3650

Chicago, Illinois 60602

Email: ilpleadings@johnsonblumberg.com

Ph. 312-541-9710 / Fax 312-541-9711

JB&A # IL 22 0003

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LEGAL 19731 March 24, 31 and April 7, 2023

LEGAL

TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 201900042

TO: GEOFF HOYT, 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 the property described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of DeWitt County, IL as Case No. 2023TX3. The Property is located at: Permanent Index Number: 07-27-457-007, Brief Legal Description: LOT 2 BLK 1 CARTER SECOND ADDITION, Certificate Number: 201900042. 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 9/6/2023. On September 15, 2023 at 11:00am in Courtroom A the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed. A B Investments, Petitioner

LEGAL 19734 April 7, 14 and 21, 2023

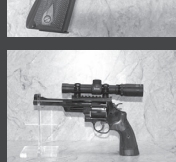
201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

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

PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION Saturday, April 15th 10am Palmer Flying Service Airport - 7757 Airport Rd., Manito, IL

LIVE & ONLINE AUCTION

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TODD PETRI 309-241-2106

KEVIN PALMER 309-253-2128

Go to petriauction.com for more information

LEGAL

TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. **201900050**
TO: MARK STONE, Persons in Occu-
pancy or actual
possession of said
property, unknown
owners or parties
interested in said
land or lots. A Peti-
tion for Tax Deed
on the property de-
scribed below has
been filed with the
Circuit Clerk of De-
Witt County, IL as
Case No. 2023TX4.
The Property is
located at: Perma-
nent Index Number:
07-34-254-005,
Brief Legal De-
scription: **36 W
SD LOT 2 BLK 28
ORIGINAL TOWN
OF CLINTON.** ,
Certificate Number:
201900050. Said
Property was sold
on 10/21/2020 for
Delinquent Real
Estate Taxes and/
or Special Assess-
ments for the year
2019. The period
of redemption will
expire on 9/6/2023.
On September 15,
2023 at 11:00am
in Courtroom A the
Petitioner will make
application to such
Court in said Coun-
ty for an Order for
Issuance of a Tax
Deed.
A B Investments,
Petitioner

LEGAL 19735
April 7, 14, and 21,
2023

LEGAL

TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. **201900088**
TO: KEVIN L
THAYER, THE
ESTATE OF ELIZ-
ABETH O LYNN,
KEVIN M MCDER-
MOTT, Sangamon
County Public
Administrator and
Special Administra-
tor of the Estate of
Elizabeth O. Lynn,
DEWITT SAVINGS
BANK, DEUTSCHE
BANK NATIONAL
TRUST, Persons
in Occupancy or
actual possession
of said property,
unknown owners
or parties interest-
ed in said land or
lots. A Petition for
Tax Deed on the
property described
below has been
filed with the Circuit
Clerk of DeWitt
County, IL as Case
No. 2023TX5. The
Property is located
at: Permanent
Index Number: **13-
08-400-009**, Brief
Legal Description:
**S8 T19 R3 PT SE
- BEG 2662.09 W
NE COR, S440.07,
E443.83, N410.93,
W TO POB** , Cer-
tificate Number:
201900088. Said
Property was sold
on 10/21/2020 for
Delinquent Real
Estate Taxes and/
or Special Assess-
ments for the year
2019. The period
of redemption will
expire on 9/6/2023.
On September 15,
2023 at 11:00am
in Courtroom A the
Petitioner will make
application to such
Court in said Coun-
ty for an Order for
Issuance of a Tax
Deed.
A B Investments,
Petitioner

LEGAL 19736
April 7, 14, and 21,
2023

LEGAL

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

IN RE THE ES-
TATE OF

MARY E. TOMKIN-
SON

No. 2023PR3

DECEASED

NOTICE BY PUB-

LICATION

TO: CREDITORS
and CLAIMANTS

Notice is hereby
given of the death
of MARY E. TOM-
KINSON, who died
on December 19,
2022, a resident of
Clinton, Illinois.

Letters of Office
were issued on
February 21,
2023, to DENNIS
R. TOMKINSON,
whose address
is 24 Holly Drive,
Clinton, IL 61727,
as Executor; and
whose attorney of
record is Stephen
R. Myers, 202 W.
Adams Street, Clin-
ton, 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 Executor
identified above, or
both, on or before
October 1 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
Executor 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: March 20,
2023

Stephen R. Myers,
Attorney at Law

ARDC No. 2008203
Stephen R. Myers
Attorney for Exec-
utor
202 W. Adams
Street
Clinton, Illinois
61727
Tel. (217) 935-8326
Fax (217) 935-4333
E-Mail: steve@
stevemyerslaw.com

LEGAL 19737
March 24, 31 and
April 7, 2023

LEGAL

ASSUMED NAME
PUBLICATION
NOTICE

Public Notice is
Hereby given that
on Thursday, March
23, 2023, a certi-
ficate was filed in the
Office of the County
Clerk of DeWitt
County, Illinois,
setting forth the
names and post-of-
fice addresses of
all the persons
owning, conducting
and transacting the
business known as:

THE NEW ANGLE
SOAP COMPANY
LLC
805 S MULBERRY
ST
CLINTON, IL 61727

Dated: Thursday,
March 23, 2023

No. 2023-186

/s/ Kari L. Harris
County Clerk

LEGAL 19738
March 31 and April
7 and 14, 2023

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE
SIXTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
DEWITT COUNTY,
ILLINOIS-PRO-
BATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER
OF: DONALD O.
SHORT,

DECEASED

2023-PR-10

CLAIM DATE
NOTICE-INDEPEN-
DENT ADMINIS-
TRATION

Notice is given of
the death of the
above named dece-
dent:

Letters of Office
were issued on
March 20, 2023, to
Sheila R. Wayne,
14300 Apricot
Road, Wapella,
Illinois 61777, as
Independent Exec-
utor. The attorney
for the estate is
Jerry A. Johnson,
Attorney at Law,
32 Manorhill Drive,
P.O. Box 571, Clin-
ton, Illinois 61727.

Claims may be filed
in the office of the
Clerk of the Circuit
Court at the DeWitt
County Courthouse,
201 West Washing-
ton Street, Clinton,
Illinois 61727, or
with the Indepen-
dent Executor, or
both, on or before
October 2, 2023.
Any claim not filed
within that period is
barred. Copies of
the claim filed with
the Clerk of the Cir-
cuit Court must be
mailed or delivered
to the Independent
Executor and to the
Attorney within
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
Illinois Probate Act
(755 ILCS 5/28-4).
A form of a Petition
to Terminate Inde-
pendent Adminis-
tration may be
obtained from the
Clerk of the Circuit
Court at the above
address.

Dated this 27th day
of March, 2023

Sheila R. Wayne,
Independent Exec-
utor of the Estate
of Donald O. Short,
Deceased.

Jerry A. Johnson,
Attorney at Law
Attorney # 6185567
32 Manorhill Drive
P. O. Box 571
Clinton, Illinois
61727
Telephone: (217)
935-3335
E-mail: jajlawyer1@
gmail.com

LEGAL 19742
March 31, and April
7 and 14, 2023

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT
OF THE SIXTH
JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT OF ILLI-
NOIS
DE WITT COUNTY,
ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the
Estate of
Patricia D. Pagel
Deceased. No. 23-
PR-9

NOTICE

Notice is given of
the death of Patricia
D. Pagel deceased.
Letters of Office
were issued on
March 8, 2023,
to Sherri Harmon
whose
address is 26
Shoreline Drive,
Mansfield, IL
61854.

Claims against the
estate may be filed
in the office of the
Circuit Clerk, De
Witt County Court-
house, Clinton,
Illinois, 61727, or
with the personal
Representatives, or
both, on or before
October 5, 2023.
Any claim not filed
on or before said
date is barred.
Copies of a claim
filed with the
Circuit Clerk must
be mailed or deliv-
ered to the personal
representatives and

their attorney of re-
cord within ten (10)
days after it is filed.
Furthermore, the
claimant shall file
with the Court proof
of any required
mailing or delivery
of copies.

Dated: _April 5,
2023_

Sherri Harmon
26 Shoreline Drive
Mansfield, IL 61854

By: /S/ David K.
Cox
David K. Cox
Cox Law Office
110 North Charter
Street
Monticello, Illinois
61856
(217) 762-3800
Attorney for Exec-
utor

LEGAL 19743
April 7, 14 and 21,
2023

LEGAL

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Farmer
City will hold a Pub-
lic Hearing on April
17, 2023 to approve
an ordinance adopt-
ing the Fiscal 2023-
2024 budget for the
city of Farmer City.
The Public Hearing
will take place in
the City Council
Chambers at 6:00
p.m. Copies of the
Proposed Budget
will be available for
viewing by the pub-
lic at City Hall, 105
S Main St, or online
at [www.cityoffar-
merciry.org](http://www.cityoffar-
merciry.org).

LEGAL 19744
April 7, 2023

LEGAL

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

TO THE PATRONS
OF AMEREN ILLI-
NOIS:

Please be advised
that Ameren Illinois
will trim trees and
other vegetation
in and around
the town(s) of IN
Unincorporated, De
Witt County, Illinois.
Our qualified utility
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tion that could in-
terfere 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.

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work, please call
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your concerns in
the manner speci-
fied on our website.
You may also call
the Consumer
Services Division of
the Illinois Com-
merce 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

LEGAL 19745
April 7, 2023

LEGAL

ANNUAL TOWN
MEETING

NOTICE IS HERE-
BY GIVEN

To the legal voters,
residents of the
Town of Santa Anna
in the County of
DeWitt and State of
Illinois, that the **An-
nual Town Meet-
ing** of said Town

will take place on

**Tuesday, April 11,
2023**
as required by 60
ILCS 1/30-10
at the hour of 6:15
P.M. at
Santa Anna Town-
ship Hall

for the transaction
of the miscella-
neous business of
the said town; and
after a Moderator
having been elect-
ed, will proceed to
hear and consider
reports of officers,
and decide on such
measures as may,
in pursuance of law,
come before the
meeting and espe-
cially to consider
and decide the fol-
lowing: Elect Mod-
erator, Approval of
Minutes of 2022
Annual Meeting,
Present Financial
Statements, Com-
ments by Electors,
Set Time and Date
of 2024 Annual
Meeting.

Dated March 11,
2023

Joetta Gammage
Town Clerk

LEGAL 19746
April 7, 2023

LEGAL

Take Notice

Certificate No:

2019-00052

TO: The Heirs and
Devises of Sherry
L Griffin, deceased;
Brian M Peavler;
Korinne L Edwards;
Karen A Nix; Dis-
cover Bank; City
of Clinton; DeWitt
County Clerk; Oc-
cupants

And unknown
owners or parties
interested and non-
record claimants.
A Petition for Tax
Deed on premises
described below
has been filed in
the Circuit Court of
DEWITT County,
Illinois as Case No.
2023TX8.

The real estate is
described as: Lot 1
in Block 21 of the
Original Town, now
City of Clinton. Sit-
uated in the County
of DeWitt and the
State of Illinois

Parcel #: 07-34-
285-006

Said property was
sold on October
21, 2020 for the
General Taxes for
the year 2019. The
period of redemp-
tion will expire on
August 7, 2023.
On September 15,
2023, the petitioner
will make applica-
tion to such court
in said County for
an order for Tax
Deed should the
real estate not be
redeemed.

P & N Properties,
Inc.

Petitioner

LEGAL 19747
April 7, 14 and 21,
2023

LEGAL

THE CIRCUIT
COURT FOR THE
SIXTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUN-
TY-IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE
OF TERRY OWEN
ELLIOTT, DE-
CEASED

NO. 2023-PR-11

CLAIM DATE
NOTICE-INDEPEN-
DENT ADMINIS-
TRATION

Notice is given of
the death of the
above named dece-
dent;

Letters of Office
were issued on

March 24, 2023 to
Catherine A. Elliott,
147 W. Clinton
Ave., Farmer City,
Illinois 61842,
as Independent
Executor. The
attorney for the
estate is Joseph B.
Taylor of Taylor &
Lynch, 216 South
Center Street, P.O.
Box 478, Clinton,
Illinois, 61727.

Claims may be filed
in the office of the
clerk of the court at
the DeWitt County
Courthouse, 201
W. Washington
Street, Clinton, IL
61727, or with the
representative, or
both, on or before
October 7, 2023.
Any claim not filed
within that period
is barred. Copies
of the claim filed
with the clerk of
the court must be
mailed or delivered
to the representa-
tive and to the attor-
ney within 10 days
after it is 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
Illinois Probate Act
(755 ILCS 5/28-4).
A form of a Petition
to Terminate Inde-
pendent Administra-
tion may be opened
from the Clerk of
the Court at the
above address.

Dated this 28th of
March 2023.

Catherine A. Elliott,
Independent Exec-
utor of the Estate of
Terry Owen Elliott,
deceased

JOSEPH B. TAY-
LOR 02803046
TAYLOR & LYNCH
216 SOUTH CEN-
TER STREET
P.O. BOX 478
CLINTON, ILLI-
NOIS 61727
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2183
FAX: (217) 935-
8219
E-MAIL: attor-
neys@dewittcoun-
tylaw.com

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April 7, 14 and 21,
2023

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT FOR THE
SIXTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY-
IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE
OF JANET M.
MOTSINGER, DE-
CEASED

NO. 2023-PR-12

CLAIM DATE
NOTICE-INDEPEN-
DENT ADMINIS-
TRATION

Notice is given of
the death of the
above named dece-
dent;

Letters of Office
were issued on
March 23, 2023 to
Abby C. Waters,
7566 Burns Hill
Road, Clinton,
DeWitt County,
Illinois, as inde-
pendent executors.
The attorney for the
estate is Joseph B.
Taylor of Taylor &
Lynch, 216 South
Center Street, P.O.
Box 478, Clinton,
Illinois, 61727.

Claims may be
filed in the office
of the Clerk of the
Court at the Dewitt
County Courthouse,
201 W. Washing-
ton Street, Clinton,
Illinois, 61727, or
with the Represen-
tative, or both, on
or before October
7, 2023. Any claim
not filed within that
period is barred.
Copies of the Claim
filed with the Clerk
of the Court must
be mailed or deliv-

ered to the Repre-
sentative and to the
Attorney within 10
days after it is 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
Illinois Probate Act
(755 ILCS 5/28-4).
A form of a Petition
to Terminate Inde-
pendent Administra-
tion may be opened
from the Clerk of
the Court at the
above address.

Dated this 28th day
of March 2023.

Abby C. Waters,
Independent Exec-
utor of the Estate of
Janet M. Motsinger,
Deceased

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LEGAL 19749
April 7, 14 and 21,
2023

LEGAL

NOTICE OF PUB-
LIC HEARING

The City of Clinton,
Illinois, will hold
a public hearing
at 6:45 p.m. on
Monday, the 18th
day of April, 2023,
in the City Council
Chambers of the
City Hall, 118 West
Washington Street,
Clinton, Illinois,
for the purpose of
hearing written and
oral comment from
the public concern-
ing the proposed
annual budget
for the fiscal year
beginning May 1,
2023 and ending
April 30, 2024.

The public hearing
can be attended
electronically. The
link and telephone
number are:

Link [https://
zoom.us/
j/94300931782?p-
wd=YktPL2pPY-
3BzdHZsT3Ntc-
GVKRUhPZz09](https://zoom.us/j/94300931782?pwd=YktPL2pPY-3BzdHZsT3Ntc-GVKRUhPZz09)
Meeting ID:
94300931782
Passcode: 690461

Telephone: +1 309-
205-3325
Meeting ID: 943
0093 1782
Passcode: 690461

A copy of the
proposed budget is
available for public
inspection in the
City Clerk's Office
from 8:00 a.m. to
4:30 p.m. weekdays
at City Hall, 118
West Washington
Street, Clinton,
Illinois.

Cheryl Van Valey
City Clerk of the
City of Clinton,
Illinois

LEGAL 19750
April 7, 2023



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NEWS



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Pictured left to right: Rachel Selvaggio with the IBA, Danielle Decker, Branch Manager at FNBT and Besty Johnson the IBA Chair, President & CEO Solutions Bank.

Danielle Decker graduates from IBA Future Leaders Alliance

CLINTON – Danielle Decker, Branch Manager, Assistant Vice President of First National Bank and Trust Company has graduated from the Future Leaders Alliance (FLA) offered through the Illinois Bankers Association (IBA). The graduation commencement was held during the IBA's annual ONE Conference on Friday, March 3.

The 14-month FLA program is dedicated to enhancing the professional development of promising bank leaders through three primary components: education, community service and networking.

Participants were involved in comprehensive training, which involved attending educational sessions, performing local community service, and completing an advancement strategy project that brought value directly back to their banks and customers. The education sessions covered core topics such as leadership and influence, team building, coaching, service leadership, collaboration skills, financial marketing and branding, legislative process, presentation skills, accounting for bankers, asset liability management, regu-

latory hot topics, cyber security, executed an on-line banking simulation and more.

Pictured above: Future Leader Alliance students gather for a picture

“The FLA program has been a wonderful experience. It was great to build working relationships with others in different fields of banking, and those in the IBA. Overall, I grew so much from completing this course, to better myself for my team and for our clients,” said Decker.

Danielle has been with First National Bank and Trust Company since August of 2019, starting as a Universal Banker and growing to Branch Manager. She received her bachelor's degree in business management from Eastern Illinois University. Danielle likes to serve as a Junior Achievement volunteer in different schools within the local communities and help children learn more financial literacy principles.

To learn more about the FLA program with the IBA visit <https://illinois.bank>.

FNBT initiates fifth year of Junior Achievement in area schools

CLINTON - First National Bank and Trust Company initiated its fifth year facilitating Junior Achievement (JA) at six elementary schools and one middle school in DeWitt and Piatt counties with over 68 classrooms in grades K-8.

Schools involved include Clinton Elementary, Douglas & Lincoln Schools, Schneider Elementary in Farmer City, Maroa-Forsyth Grade School, DeLand-Weldon Elementary and Blue Ridge Intermediate/Junior High School.

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students in grades K-12 about entrepreneurship, work readiness and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs. First National Bank and Trust Company employees including Connie Unruh, Danielle Decker, Sabrina Brough and Sierra Weikle will conclude their assigned volunteer classroom sessions this May.

In addition, middle school students at The Vault, a teen center located in Clinton, also participated in JA Biz Town last semester which combined the in-class learning with simulated situations. This even included a bake sale and bazaar the students helped organize and lead.

Junior Achievement teaches students fi-

nancial literacy principles and equips them with the knowledge and skills to make better life choices. Students are encouraged to think practically about starting a business with entrepreneurial thinking to meet the requirements of a demanding and ever-changing workforce. The students learn new vocabulary words, engage in hands on activities and games and discuss local businesses and entrepreneurs.

“I love teaching Junior Achievement. The curriculum provides an interactive way to teach students critical financial literacy skills, and I am so honored to have the opportunity to impact so many students,” said Connie Unruh, First National Bank and Trust Company financial literacy coordinator. “The JA program introduces concepts of how people earn, save and share money as well as how to one day start a business. The students are really engaged with the curriculum and love the hands-on lessons.”

The JA program gives teachers an opportunity to take advantage of third-party resources to offer different perspectives to their students. Junior Achievement is an effective and engaging curriculum to teach students and achieves financial and economic literacy standards in the state of Illinois.



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Illinois Groundwork provides community resources and guidance for creating community green infrastructure

Irene Miles
& Jenna Braasch
University of Illinois
Extension

URBANA, Ill. – During large rainstorms, many Illinois residents brace themselves for flooding in their basements, streets, and neighborhoods. Illinois Groundwork, illinoisgroundwork.org, is a new free, online tool for communities and stormwater professionals with resources on green stormwater infrastructure, which provides a way for rain to be absorbed into the soil where it lands.

Green stormwater infrastructure is an approach to enhancing traditional or “grey” infrastructure using a rain garden or even permeable pavement. But this method doesn’t always work as well as it might. By improving access to data, research, and other resources, this tool can help increase the effective use of green infrastructure to address stormwater management challenges.

“University of Illinois not only has relevant research and data across many departments but also real-world examples of successful green infrastructure, along with other University of Illinois Extension and education

tools, such as the Red Oak Rain Garden,” says C. Eliana Brown, Illinois Extension stormwater specialist. “This new tool brings these resources together, providing a robust platform to access green infrastructure knowledge.”

The project is a collaboration between Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant and Illinois Extension. A critical component of Illinois Groundwork is an IISG-funded research project that focused on including soil data in green infrastructure design. Soils are the foundation of effective green stormwater infrastructure performance.

“Soil characteristics establish how much and how fast water can move through and absorb into the soil,” says Margaret Schneemann, IISG water resource economist. “Failing to take soil performance into account means we are not designing green infrastructure as cost effectively as we could be and may be leaving its benefits on the table.”

The goal of Illinois Groundwork is to complement and deepen existing community knowledge with better design capacity and soil knowledge to support local decision-making, says Mary Pat McGuire, University of Illinois landscape architect, who led the

soil research. “Ultimately, design is a social process, people coming together to make a change,” McGuire says.

The web tool outlines a process that users can follow to incorporate soil data into green infrastructure design. Illinois Groundwork provides insights into helpful or necessary expertise, specific tasks, and additional resources. It also includes an interactive resource to help optimize green infrastructure sizing and Plant Finder, which covers 119 plants, with information on soil type, light, and moisture needs for each, as well as photos and descriptions.

“Plant Finder helps designers select plants that are best suited for site conditions and promotes designing with maintenance in mind,” says Layne Knoche, University of Illinois stormwater associate. Other resources include relevant Illinois regulations, scientific literature addressing a range of green infrastructure benefits, and real-world green infrastructure examples.

Illinois Groundwork was made possible through a University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and Illinois Extension collaboration grant. For more information or questions

about the website, contact the IISG team at iisg@purdue.edu or (765) 496-6009. Stormwater quality is regulated at the federal level via the Clean Water Act contains an amendment (33 USC 1342) creating the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Storm Water Management Program, which the U.S. EPA oversees.

Source: Margaret Schneemann, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, resource economist; Mary Pat McGuire, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, associate professor, and licensed landscape architect; C. Eliana Brown, Illinois Extension stormwater specialist; Layne Knoche, University of Illinois stormwater associate.

About Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant: One of 34 Sea Grant Programs in the US, IISG is focused on the southern Lake Michigan region. The program is funded through National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the University of Illinois, and Purdue University, but IISG also works in partnerships with scientists, educators, policymakers, business leaders, and the public to work towards a healthy environment and economy.

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