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Springtime in Clinton

With a temperature of 76 degrees at around lunchtime on Tuesday, flowering trees in town, including this one on Mr. Lincoln's Square, were approaching full bloom. Unfortunately, rain and clouds are in the weekend forecast.

New law looms as county adjusts wind, solar rules

Officials modify and review wind and solar ordinances in preparation for new Illinois law in May

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CLINTON — The state's new law governing wind energy projects takes effect at the end of May, and DeWitt County officials are working to be

prepared.

Members of the county board's land use committee met again this week to hash out modifications to the county's wind energy ordinance. The proposed changes are a reaction to the legislation signed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker in January, which sets limits on local regulation of wind facilities.

The law also covers how commercial solar electric generating projects are regulated. Counties still have time to make changes

to their ordinances permitted under the new law before the law takes effect.

“Bottom line, there are a lot of unknowns,” said Joe Witte, of the land use committee. “The legislation was written, probably, with not a whole lot of input from all the different areas.”

Witte felt the law contained a significant number of ambiguities with which local authorities would have to contend.

“There are some items that are not very clear and likely will be litigated somewhere, eventually,” Witte said.

Committee member Patrick Ryan asked if it would be necessary to incorporate changes into the ordinance or

rather enforce the added elements during a special use permit application.

“Because, that's where you apply those standards, right,” Ryan asked.

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Some question state's lifting of nuclear moratorium

Andrew Hensel
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD — As the state is selected to join a nuclear power collaborative, some are pushing back against the state's projected move toward more nuclear energy.

Illinois is one of the top states in the nation for nuclear energy. However, there is a hold on constructing new-generation facilities in the state.

The Senate passed Senate Bill 76 last week. If passed by the House and approved by the governor, the measure would delete language in state statute that provides that no construction shall commence on any new nuclear power plant located within the state. Illinois is one of only 12 states with a moratorium banning future construction of nuclear plants.

On Monday, the Illinois Commerce Commission announced it was selected to join the Advanced Nuclear State Collaborative, a partnership that seeks to bring together state utility regulators from across the country to discuss the “unique needs and challenges tied to deploying new nuclear generation.”

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Redington returns from Honor Flight

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CLINTON — The Land of Lincoln Honor Flights, which takes veterans to Washington, D. C. to see the war memorials and other sites, resumed recently with Flight 65 leaving Springfield on April 4.

On the flight were five veterans from Clinton, Gary Riegel, Vietnam veteran; Gene Gall, Vietnam veteran; Don Nelson, Vietnam veteran; “Corky” Bush, a Korean war veteran, and Tom Redington, a Vietnam era veteran.

Redington, a long-time Clinton resident and member of the American Legion and AMVETS (American Veterans), returned home after his flight arrived in Springfield.

A reception was held in the Clinton High School commons due to the inclement weather. The



Submitted photo

Tom Redington upon arrival home from Honor Flight 65.

veterans placed flags and a “Welcome home” sign at Redington's house, as is traditionally done for veterans returning from an Honor Flight.

Redington said he had “a

great time” in Washington and was impressed with the Honor Flight crew and staff. He also recommended all veterans go on an Honor Flight if they could.



Courtesy of DeWitt Clinton NSDAR

Adams recognized for historical preservation efforts

The DeWitt Clinton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution awarded Becky Adams its “Excellence in Historic Preservation” certificate and medallion at the group's meeting, held on Saturday, April 8. Adams is a retired teacher and volunteered with the DeWitt County Restoration Association for many years. She addressed the group about her experiences with the association and its many efforts to maintain historically significant aspects of the Clinton square. Left to right: Terri Lemmel, Historic Preservation Committee Chairperson, Becky Adams, and Rosemary Parker, Chapter Regent.

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“It is, but, the takeaway I got was, ‘put it in your ordinance’,” Witte said.

He said a sample ordinance put together by the Association of County Board Members included the language being considered.

“If it’s in your ordinance, you have that to fall back on,” Witte said.

When dealing with wind tower setbacks, Witte said it was important to adopt the allowable setback language included in the new law.

“But, if we don’t adopt it, then there’s nothing,” he

said.

Witte advised the group to complete its review of the county’s wind and solar energy ordinances by the end of April so it would still have time to make adjustments before the state law comes into force on May 26.

The county also could have time before the full board votes on the proposed changes in May to examine other counties’ revised ordinances to see how they compare, Witte added.

The Illinois law, PA 102-1123, will prohibit

counties from banning commercial wind and/or solar developments or from enacting moratoriums on such projects. The law sets site and zoning standards, and county governments will be prohibited from establishing standards that are more stringent.

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

Wind tower setbacks for specified types of structures and property lines are included in the law, as well as rules for counties to set tower heights. The law also addresses shadow flicker and a standardized process for reviewing and approving applications.

The committee voted to forward its draft changes to state’s attorney Dan Markwell for review.

In March, the committee discussed wind turbine curtailment, the practice of slowing or stopping turbine rotation in the event of a severe weather warning.

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“With 11 nuclear power reactors across the state, Illinois is home to the most nuclear facilities in the country. With that comes a wealth of knowledge and research, and as the ICC’s representative to this collaborative, I will be able to draw on the expertise of nuclear experts here in Illinois and the ICC Staff to help the ANSC develop use cases and innovate regulatory treatment models for advanced nuclear reactors,” ANSC Commissioner Michael Carrigan said in a news release.

David Kraft, director of Nuclear Energy Information Service, a nonprofit group with a goal to “create a nuclear free world,” told the Center Square Illinois’ collaboration shouldn’t lose sight of current enacted policies.

“While we value ‘lessons learned’ and improved nuclear safety, this should not supplant the goals of [the Clean Energy Jobs Act], expanding renewable energy, energy efficiency, energy storage and improved transmission, the real future of U.S. energy,” Kraft said.

Last week, Gov. J.B. Pritzker was asked about possibly expanding nuclear energy in Illinois.

“Banning nuclear entirely in a world where it becomes much safer, things are smaller, less prone to an accident, more likely for us to be able to maintain them for a long time, that is something worth consideration,” Pritzker said.

Kraft said money is being dedicated for a technology that does not exist and may not exist for some time.

“The one company that has received the contract to

build has said its first proof of concept reactor will not be available till December 2029,” Kraft said. “That means that even if the thing worked, you’re not going to have commercially enough of these built until the 2030s, or maybe the 2040s.”

Kraft said once invested, it’s difficult to turn away.

“Once you put money heavily into something, you’re tempted to see it through to the end whether it works or not,” Kraft said. “That’s one of the big fears about the small modules, once they get their foot in the door, folks are going to be reluctant to walk away.”


According to the NEIS, a similar project in Utah saw the projected cost of the NuScale SMNR reactor increase from \$55 to \$100 per megawatt per hour before any construction was started, leading the

company to bail on the project due to those costs.

A news release from the NEIS says that the state’s moratorium was enacted to protect Illinois from becoming a high-level radioactive waste dump, saying the state should not build any new plants without having a waste removal plan.

Kraft said the state still does not have that issue worked out.

“I have frequently used the analogy of building skyscrapers in Chicago without bathrooms. That’s essentially how the nuclear industry is operating since the 1950s,” Kraft said. “It has no place to dispose of the radioactive waste in any environmentally responsible way, yet it is still given the opportunity to create it.”



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Linda Jane Cutright

KENNEY — Linda Jane Cutright, 70, of Kenney, passed away at 10:12 a.m. on April 8, 2023, at her family residence, Kenney.

Private graveside services will be conducted on Monday, April 17, 2023, at Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Kenney, with Josh Rohrscheib officiating. The family entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the Kenney Heritage League.

Linda was born July 7, 1952, in Waterloo, Iowa, the daughter of Glenn and Joan (Sandy) Davis. She married Orville H. Cutright on June 23, 1977 in Kenney.

Survivors include her husband, Orville H. Cutright, Kenney; children, Joni Cutright, Indianapolis, Ind., Catherine (Aaron) Simmons, Decatur; Leslie (Hernando Wilson) Cutright, Springfield; Kenneth Johnston IV, Clinton; four sisters, Sandy (Stephen) Moore, Houston, Texas; Judy (William) Voelker, Kenney; Mary Jo (Larry) Summers, Normal, and Janice (Ronald) Sams, Kenney, along with nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and infant brother, Roger Davis.

Linda was loved for her sense of humor and her positive outlook on life. She was a wonderful cook and welcomed family and friends to stay for dinner.



She loved hosting holiday and birthday celebrations.

Her hobbies included gardening, canning, swimming, sewing, visiting historical sites, picnics, enjoying sunny days, and dolls, especially Barbie and Raggedy Ann dolls.

Linda enjoyed a 42-year nursing career. She earned her L.P.N. in 1970 at the age of 18, her R.N. in 1974, and her B.S.N. in 1995. During her career, she worked in burn units, ER, ICU, med/surg, and Corrections. During the last five years of her career, Linda worked as an instructor of the L.P.N. program at Richland Community College, in Decatur. She was a proponent of advocating for her patients' needs, and she imparted that philosophy to her students.

Linda wants to thank her wonderful family and friends for their prayers, love and support. She wants everyone to continue celebrating the good things in life and to continue to be "Happy No Matter What."

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William C. ‘Ben’ Hale

CLINTON — William C. “Ben” Hale, 99, of Clinton, passed away on April 2, 2023, at the Apostolic Christian Restmor Nursing Home, in Morton, Ill.

Ben was born on April 18, 1923, in Clinton, to Archie F. and Opal B. (McCannon) Hale. He married Mary Evelyn Murray on June 16, 1945, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, in Bloomington. Ben is survived by his wife—his “sweetheart”—Mary; son Stephen (Steve), Maroa; daughter, Susan (Benito) Camacho, Morton; grandchildren, Stephanie Hale, Clinton; Greg (Laura) Hale, Wapella; Benjamin (Angie) Camacho and Timothy Camacho, Morton; Becca Camacho (Nate Haines) and Katie (Kyle) Cannon of Minneapolis, Minn. Ben was “SuperGrandpa” to Mason and Morgan Mandrell, Stone Stith, Ian and Melissa Hale, Zachary and Alex Camacho, William “Billy” and Ryan Haines, and Paige Cannon. Ben was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Rebecca “Becky” Hale; sisters, Rebecca, Wilma, and Darlene, and brother, James (Jimmy).



Ben graduated from Wapella High School, class of 1941. Ben loved Mary, cherished his family and many friends and was devoted to farming in the Wapella area. Ben and Mary retired from farming in 1988; and then helped in spring and fall seasons at Thorp Seed Company for several years. Ben’s wit and enjoyment of his life’s riches served him well throughout his long life.

Graveside services for Ben will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at Mausoleum Park Cemetery, Clinton,.

The family requests memorials be made to The Alex Program for CVI Easterseals Central Illinois and sent to Calvert Funeral Home, 201 S. Center St., Clinton IL 61727.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Carole J. (Conn) Abbinanti

CHICAGO — Carole J. (Conn) Abbinanti, 61, of Chicago, formerly of Clinton, passed away at 6:20 p.m. on March 20, 2023, at Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital, Chicago.

A celebration of Carole’s life will be held from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, 2023, at Circle South Bar & Grill (fka Elks Club) Georgia Jill Room, 1520 E. South St., Clinton. A time for sharing memories will begin at 3 p.m. Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the Carole J. Abbinanti memorial fund <https://gofund.me/8d1960c7>

Carole was born on February 2, 1962, in Clinton, the daughter of William D. and Mary Jane (Abbott) Conn, Jr. She married Mark A. Abbinanti on September 26, 1989, in Clinton.

Survivors include her husband, Mark A. Abbinanti, Chicago; daughter, Jillian Rose (Mikel Galati) Abbinanti, and bonus grandson, Spencer Galati, Chicago;



mother, Mary Jane Conn, Clinton; and siblings, Billy Conn, Rifle, Colo.; Chris Conn, Clinton; and Mitch (Jenny) Conn, Plainfield, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Carole was a Certified Dance Educator. She taught dance, ballet/tap/jazz, and fitness for over 25 years. Most recently, Carole was the Activities Coordinator at Greenview Place, Chicago.

Carole was a great wife, mom, sister and daughter and loved spending time with her family.

The family would like to thank Gift of Hope, knowing that through Carole’s giving life will continue for others.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Sharyl Brady

DECATUR — Sharyl Brady, born February 26, 1948 in Decatur, passed away on April 4, 2023, peacefully at her home, where she loved to be surrounded by family and friends.

Sharyl was married on August 2, 1969, to Jim Brady. They had three children together, Lori Hanes (Todd), of Clinton, Lisa Tidwell (Tim) of, O’Fallon, Ill., and Christopher Brady (Phina) of Pontiac.

Known for her kind and generous heart and love of growing all things flowers, Sharyl will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Sharyl’s family asks that she be remembered for the joy she brought to others in life not the sadness of her passing.

She is survived by her children and grandchildren Kayla Adams (Josh), of Clinton, Cole Hanes, of Clinton, Hannah Nell (Erik) of Whitestown, Ind., Samantha Tidwell, of Chicago, Jonathan Williams, of Pontiac, Jacob Williams, of Pontiac, and Mia Brady, of Pontiac.

She was thrilled to welcome four great-grandchildren, Penelope Williams, Damon Williams, Hadley Williams and Leah Nell.

She was preceded in death by her parents and beloved brother, Stephen



Sinclair.

Sharyl was a member of St. John’s Catholic Church for nearly 50 years and made many special memories and close friends that filled her life with joy. Sharyl’s cousin Nola Jean Flesh was a special friend, and they had many adventures together. Gloria Wilford was a special friend for many years and was like a sister to Sharyl.

Sharyl loved working for many years as a Daycare Teacher at Tiny Tots Daycare, in Clinton. A ceremony will be held at Moran and Goebel funeral home on April 10, 2023. The family will receive friends there from 10-11 a.m. with the funeral services and burial immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John’s Catholic Church, in Clinton.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.moranandgoebel.com

Alice I. Morrow

CLINTON — Alice I. Morrow, 94, of Kenney, passed away at 2:34 a.m. on April 9, 2023, at Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, S.D.

Graveside services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2023, at Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Kenney, with Ernie Harvey, Jr. officiating. Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the Kenney Fire Department or the Kenney Heritage Association.

Alice was born on September 10, 1928, in Kenney, the daughter of Edmund W. and Lora Fern (Hildreth) Clark. She married Walter “Walt” Morrow on September 20, 1948 in Clinton. He passed away on January 30, 2008.

Survivors include her children, Linn (Vicki) Morrow, Kenney, and Dave (Melanie) Morrow, Watertown, S.D; six grandchildren, Adam Morrow, Clinton;



Michael Morrow, Kenney; Josh Morrow, Clinton; Samantha Morrow, Clinton; Garrett Morrow, Watertown, S.D., and Claren Morrow, Watertown, S.D., and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and siblings, Edmund L. Clark, James Clark, and Marilyn Rubenaker.

Alice and Walt worked side-by-side on the family farm their entire lives. Most of all, Alice enjoyed spending time with her family.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Velma L. King

WELDON — Velma L. King, 89 of Weldon, passed away 5:06 p.m. April 6, 2023, at Carle BroMenn Medical Center, Normal.

Private graveside services will be held at Weldon Cemetery, Weldon, with Scott Marsh officiating. Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to Second Chance Pet Adoption.

Velma was born on November 6, 1933, in DeWitt County, the daughter of Elray and Lena (Bebie) Danison.

She married Rex King on March 11, 1995. He passed away October 21, 2020.

Survivors include her daughter, Marla J. (Tom) Haycraft, Crawfordsville, Ind.; granddaughter, Ashley Brooke Hudson (Christopher) Hudson, Crawfordsville, Ind.; great-grandson, Lachlan Hudson, Crawfordsville, Ind.; and brother, Gary (Sue) Danison, Columbia, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Youth Engaged in Philanthropy seeks participants

BLOOMINGTON — High school students in McLean, DeWitt, Livingston and Logan counties are sought to participate in Youth Engaged in Philanthropy (YEP) during the 2023-2024 school year.

An initiative of the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation, YEP is a program in which high school students learn

about philanthropy by allocating grant funds to local nonprofits.

YEP provides opportunities to build leadership and teamwork skills while engaging participants in a unique, philanthropic experience. A nonprofit group, YEP funds local youth-run and/or youth-oriented programs. Members will be responsible

for developing grant guidelines and awarding a total of \$10,000 to selected youth-focused programs.

The 2023-2024 school year will be the 11th for YEP. The group will be limited to 20-25 participants.

The online application is available at <https://forms.gle/wFyUEep283gNCA7XA>

and must be completed by May 6, 2023.

Individuals selected to be a part of the 2023-2024 YEP group will be notified in late May.


For more information, contact Amanda Cole, YEP Program Mentor, at amandal.cole@yahoo.com or through the IPCF office at 309-662-4477.

About Youth Engaged in Philanthropy

Since 2014, Youth Engaged in Philanthropy has awarded \$98,015 to nonprofit organizations in McLean, DeWitt, Livingston and Logan counties. As a part of our community’s youth, YEP strives to connect those who care about youth

with the monetary means necessary to pursue their vision. More information is available at <https://ilprairiecf.org/yep-homepage>.

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Illinois Prairie Community Foundation, now in its 24th year, encourages and facilitates philanthropy in McLean, DeWitt, Livingston and Logan counties by connecting donors who care with causes that matter to them. The Foundation manages funds including endowments and donor advised, fiscal sponsorship and scholarship funds. More information is available at www.ilprairiecf.org.




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1959 - The Taft Memorial Bell Tower was dedicated in Washington, DC.

1969 - For the first time, a major league baseball game was played in Montreal, Canada.

1981 - America's first space shuttle, Columbia, returned to Earth after a three-day test flight. The shuttle orbited the Earth 36 times during the mission.

1984 - The Texas Board of Education began requiring that the state's public school textbooks describe the evolution of human beings as "theory rather than fact".

1985 - The Russian paper "Pravda" called U.S. President Reagan's planned visit to Bitburg to visit the Nazi cemetery an "act of blasphemy".

1986 - U.S. President Reagan announced the U.S. air raid on military and terrorist related targets in Libya.

1987 - Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev proposed banning all missiles from Europe.

1988 - Representatives from the U.S.S.R., Pakistan, Afghanistan and the U.S. signed an agreement that called for the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan starting on May 15. The last Soviet troop left Afghanistan on February 15, 1989.

1988 - In New York, real estate tycoons Harry and Leona Helmsley were indicted for income tax evasion.

1990 - Cal Ripken of the Baltimore Orioles began a streak of 95 errorless games and 431 total chances by a shortstop.

1994 - Two American F-15 warplanes inadvertently shot down two U.S. helicopters over northern Iraq. 26 people were killed including 15 Americans.

1998 - The state of Virginia ignored the requests from the World Court and executed a Paraguayan for the murder of a U.S. woman.

1999 - Pakistan test-fired a ballistic missile that was capable of carrying a nuclear warhead and reaching its rival neighbor India.

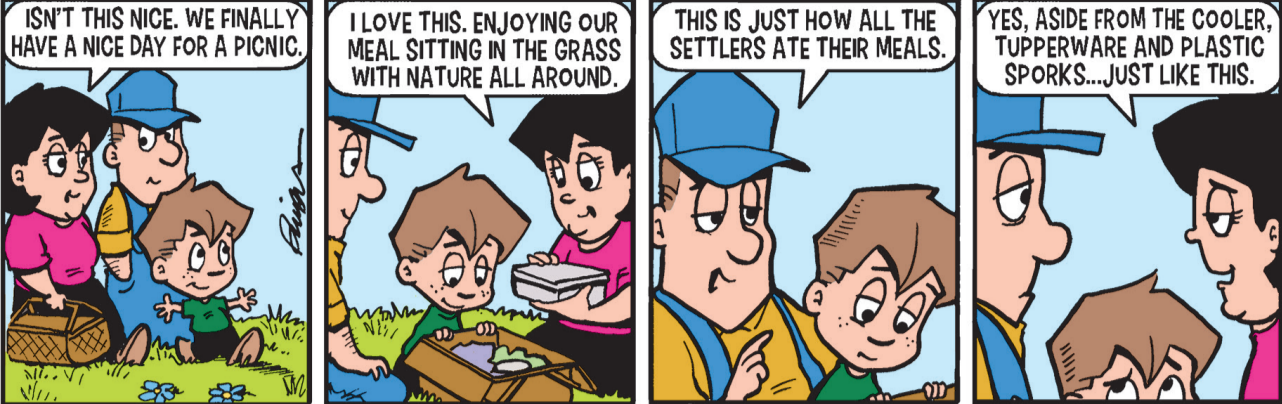
2000 - After five years of deadlock, Russia approved the START II treaty that calls for the scrapping of U.S. and Russian nuclear warheads. The Russian government warned it would abandon all arms-control pacts if Washington continued with an anti-missile system.

2002 - U.S. President George W. Bush sent a letter of congratulations to JCPenny's associates for being in business for 100 years. James Cash (J.C.) Penney had opened his first retail store on April 14, 1902.

2002 - Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez returned to office two days after being arrested by his country's military.

2008 - Delta Air Lines and Northwest Airlines announced they were combining.

Amber Waves



Disgusted

This past week, the nation witnessed two of the most boneheaded political/legal decisions made this year. The good thing about the ideocracy is that it was truly bipartisan on a national level.

The Democrats in New York and the Republicans in Tennessee tied for the bonehead award of the year to date. What should concern all of us is what kind of decisions will be made by our elected officials in the rest of the year. Let's take a look at the current boneheads.

New York—The liberal left and the anti-Trumpers got their wish. Trump was indicted on 34 felony counts. The charges all relate to falsifying business records related to his paying hush money to some ladies.

All the business records allegations are misdemeanors, with a five-year statute of limitations. The events exceed that time period and normally would never see the light of day. Manhattan District Attorney Bragg presented the case to the grand jury and elevated the charges to felonies by attaching them to a felony charge. It is that connection that allows the charges to be felonies and

this extends the time for the New York prosecutor to file charges after the statute of limitations would have run. From this country boy's perspective there appear to be two serious faults with the indictments.

First the charges were filed in New York state court, while the underlying actions appear to be federal allegations. Trump was running for President, a federal office. Federal prosecutors decided that no charges would be forthcoming and no federal charges have been filed. The state prosecutor, Bragg, is first going to have to get around the issue that he lacks jurisdiction to even file the charges.

Secondly, the indictments themselves fail to state what the felony charge is that makes all of the misdemeanors into felonies. Constitutional law 101 states a defendant has an absolute right to know what the charge is. Bragg says he doesn't have to tell Trump. Wrong, wrong, wrong.

This is weaponizing of the legal system for political gain and should concern all Americans. Total bonehead.

Tennessee—After the



school shooting deaths in Tennessee, there were protests at the state capitol in Nashville over gun control. The protesters had every right to conduct an orderly protest.

This protest appears to have gotten into a mob mentality mode. Three Democratic state representatives, two black males and one white female, using bullhorns led the protesters into the legislative chamber creating a disruption. In Tennessee, Republicans hold a super majority in the state house.

The Republicans took offense to having the house chambers being violated by the protesters and their own members. The three Democratic legislators were stripped of their committee assignments as discipline. That action was and is viewed by most observers as being reasonable and acceptable.

The Republicans then got truly self-righteous and sought to expel all

three Democrats. The two black males were expelled and the white woman survived the expulsion vote by a single vote.

One needs to remember that these were lawfully elected representatives. Discipline for their disrespect to the chamber is understandable. Expulsion is another issue that is normally reserved for those who have committed graft or corruption. This was serious overkill.

The representative seats were declared vacant and one representative has already been reappointed to his seat by the local authorities and the other representative will likely see the same result later this week.

The Tennessee house simply weaponized its vote to expel those they did not approve of. It is backfiring. Total bonehead.

This is not the way our government was designed to work. We are witnessing a true abuse of power by many of our elected officials of both political parties. These actions should make common Americans thoroughly DISGUSTED.

When the scammer is the doctor

Mostly you think of scammers who steal as lowlifes, but it's not always the case. Sometimes they're well-educated professionals who have a lot to lose when they're caught.

Take the case of the doctor who took money that was meant to go to those who'd suffered severe traumatic injuries.

This doctor, a decorated Navy commander, conspired with others to lie their way to a \$2 million profit in an insurance program that helps servicemembers who were traumatically injured while on active duty. The co-conspirators would

coax others to create fake or exaggerated claims for injuries in exchange for a portion of the proceeds.

Enter the doctor who, in exchange for a kickback, would verify that the injuries and disabilities existed and sign off on the application for the claim, sometimes saying he'd actually seen the person making the claim. Or he would provide the medical records of others to those who were submitting fake claims.

The other nine co-conspirators included a nurse (who helped to falsify medical records) and a former Navy mechanic (who actively



recruited others into the scheme, where he netted nearly \$400,000). They kept the scam going for at least three years. The various charges included fraud, wire fraud and making a false and fraudulent claim.

Of all the co-conspirators, it's the Navy doctor who disappointed me the most. This wasn't a short-term scam; it went on long enough that one wonders whether in all that time the doctor

thought about how he got to that point.

This is the same man who, serving in Iraq, climbed onto a roof in 2007 to help a tiny infant who wasn't breathing properly, evacuated the baby via helicopter under sniper fire, and got him into surgery in a hospital. The baby was saved and back home in a week.

It's hard to reconcile the image of that doctor with his participation in a theft scam that only netted him \$180,000 over three years. And now he's potentially facing 20 years in prison.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

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

2. In Luke 17, when Jesus healed 10 men of leprosy, how many returned to thank Him? 0, 1, 3, All

3. What woman restored to life by Peter was known for helping the poor? Dorcas, Leah, Abigail, Miriam

4. Where are the names Abaddon and Apollyon used to denote Satan? 2 Peter, 3 John, Jude, Revelation

5. Who contracted leprosy for lying to the prophet Elisha? Deborah, Gideon, Gehazi, Matthew

6. From 2 Samuel 20, who led David's armies? Aaron, Dan, Abner, Joab

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Miriam, 3) Dorcas (also called Tabitha), 4) Revelation 9:11, 5) Gehazi, 6) Joab

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by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

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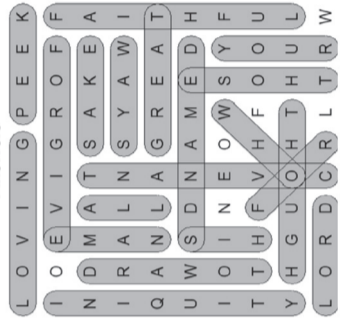
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers



Recapping first segment

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. Now that we have covered one of the more important culinary areas of these United States, I wish to recap in order to pull things together and give a perspective.

The cuisine of the south is fantastic. The east coast with so much fish coming in daily allows for much experimentation and learning of new ways and applications. The very fact that the European cultures first set foot on our eastern shores from Maine to Florida insures a great diversity of ethnic foods as well as methods, techniques and tradition in these areas. Thanks to the diversity we are rich in a common cause. That is America. Its people and cuisine are the best.

From the northern states of the east coast we learned preservative methods. We learned about salted fish and pork. We also learned about drying foods for storage and pickling as well as root cellars. Back then it was a simple matter of digging a hole, lining it with straw, adding the produce, covering that with more straw and



The Culinary Corner
By Chef Roger Joss

filling it in.

Even today, some store their apples similarly to last through the winter months. Our basements were actually derived from root cellars that were dug under the dwellings to make it handier for kitchen use.

If you stop to think about it, what other purpose was there for a basement in those days. Their furnace was the fireplace and their hot water conditioner was the cook stove. Their storage was the outhouse (not toilet in this case) and pantry for the more affluent. The pantry was actually a product of the pantry system of old English monasteries, castles and mansions.

We also have the added value no others have. That deals with indigenous animals, vegetables and people. Where else can you enjoy roasted possum with possum gravy then from the eastern mid-southern states? Where

else can you find such original cuisine novelties?

We can go further south and discover Jerk chicken that filtered in from the Caribbean Islands. We have foods and other inventions from that area. Let us not forget the native American Indians that invented and taught us how to make barbeque sauce and to make hominy and grits. We also got popcorn from them and fried or roasted corn.


Florida offers much that we would not otherwise enjoy. It is not necessarily in the items but in the use of those items. Oranges and limes are produced in California, but not like they are in Florida. Key line pie is not to be had outside of the keys. Deviled crab was made to perfection in Florida. I could write many articles just on Floridian cuisine.

We go on to the Gulf States that equally offer their own expertise in culinary arts with their gumbo and invention of bourbon whiskey. Books upon books have been written on their cuisine. Thank God for America.

Until next time, peace to all.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...The dove could find nowhere to perch because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark... He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. GENESIS 8: 9-11



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7 p.m.-AfterShock teen church, 6th-12 grades
6 p.m.-Wednesday, Strategic Disciple
6:30 p.m.-Thursday, DIVE teen Bible study
7 p.m.-Thursdays, 1st & 3rd, Empowered Women / 2nd & 4th, Frontline Men
- St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**
502 N. Monroe Street, Clinton
(217) 935-3727
Rev. James Owusu-Yeboah, pastor
4 p.m.-Saturday mass
8:30 a.m.-Sunday mass
- St. Patrick Catholic Church**
320 S. Locust Street, P.O. Box 116, Wapella
(217) 935-8510
Office hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues. & Thurs.
Father Geoff Horton, pastor
9 a.m.-Sunday, Tues. & Thurs. mass
www.saintpatrickwapella.org
- Texas Christian Church**
8301 Texas Church Road, Clinton
(217) 454-6846
www.Texaschristian-church.org
Scott Marsh, minister
9 a.m.-Sunday school
10 a.m.-Sunday worship
6 p.m.-Sunday evening worship
6 p.m.-Wednesday prayer meeting
- The Blessed Hope Seventh-Day Adventist Church**
112 N. Monroe St., Clinton
(217) 731-4005
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11 a.m.-worship with pot luck afterwards
6 p.m.-Wednesday, prophecy meetings
- Wapella Christian Church**
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Tough outings for Lady Maroons

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CLINTON — The Lady Maroons, as well as the boys' Maroons, have had some rain-outs and frigid postponements recently. But, late in March, the Lady Maroons took on the Sullivan Lady Redskins at home.

This game was a pitchers' duel throughout. The Lady Redskins struck early in the first inning on a single, a double and a single to push in their only run of the day. Unfortunately, for the home team, that was the only run scored in the game.

Both pitchers went the full 7 innings, with Ashley Armstrong going the distance for the Lady Maroons. The home team was able to get 3 hits and a walk but stranded all runners on base. Armstrong allowed one run on 7 hits, 2 walks while striking out 4 batters.

The offense was led by Alaina Soberalski going 1/2, Reice McCormack 1/3 (a double), and Mea Kivlehan was also 1/3.

From that game, the Lady Maroons hit the road again to face the Shelbyville Lady Rams. This game proved to, maybe, be too much, too soon.

It was a wild west shootout with the Lady Maroons taking it on the chin. The game began well with the Lady Maroons scoring 2 runs first in the top of the first. This was followed by 2

runs from the Lady Rams.

The second inning saw the Lady Maroons score 3 more runs only to be topped by the opposition scoring 4 runs in the inning.

The third inning had the Lady Maroons scoring 2 runs and the Lady Rams scoring 1 to again tie the game. In the fifth inning things changed dramatically for the Lady Maroons.

They were able to score a run in the top of the inning, but the bottom of the inning saw the Lady Rams take control, scoring 5 runs to take the lead for good. The Lady Maroons added a run each in the fourth and fifth innings, but the opposition tacked on 5 and 3 runs respectively in those innings plus added four runs in the sixth to win the game 19-9.

The Lady Maroons were tagged for 9 errors in the game. Ashley Armstrong took the loss pitching 5 and a third innings giving up 15 runs on 19 hits with 2 strikeouts and one walk. Aliviyah Haynes came on to finish the sixth inning giving up 4 runs on 4 hits and one strikeout.

The offense on other days would have been great, but not on this outing. They were led by Heidi Humble going 3/3 with a triple and a home run; Reice McCpormack was 3/4 with a double and a triple; Alaina Soberalski and Aliviyah Hanes both hitting 2/3; and Kylee Isaac going 2/4. The Lady Maroons stranded 11 players on base.



Photos Marc Rogers / Journal
Ashley Armstrong pitched for the Lady Maroons.

Punishing finish to March for Clinton Maroons baseball



Sullivan's batters were dialed in on the Maroon pitching, sending this ball to right field.

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CLINTON — The Clinton Maroons had a rough finish to the month of March.

There were two conference games, Sullivan and Shelbyville, and one non-conference match-up against Mt. Pulaski.

As with the Lady Maroons, the Maroons finished last month on a sour note. First was a game at home with the Sullivan Redskins.

The Redskins took the early lead in the first inning. Then, after a scoreless second, the Redskins struck again, this time with 4 runs. Finally, in the fifth inning, after the opposition tacked on two more runs, the Maroons came to life and scored 3 runs of their own.

The Redskins promptly answered with another run in the sixth. The Maroons

tried mounting a final flurry in the 7th inning but fell short with just one run.

The Redskins won this battle 8-4.

Brooks Cluver started for the Maroons going 2 and a third innings giving up 5 runs on 4 hits and walking one.

He was relieved by Mason Walker, who went 3 and two thirds innings giving up 3 runs on 4 hits while striking out 11 and walking 6.

Brock Wilson came on in the 7th as the Clinton closer walking one with no strike outs and no runs scored. Mason Walker led the Maroons offense going 2/4 at the plate.

From home to a game on the road against the Shelbyville Rams.

This began as a pitchers duel for a couple of innings, and then in the bottom of the third inning, the Rams exploded for three runs to take the lead.

In the fourth inning the opposition added another

run to up their lead. Finally, in the fifth inning, the Maroons were able to limp a run across the plate only to have it answered with another Rams score in the bottom of the inning.

The final score came with a single run by Clinton in the sixth inning. The Rams won this game 5-2.

Jack Manning started for the Maroons and went 5 innings giving up 5 runs on 9 hits, while striking out 3 and walking one.

Brock Wilson was the closer allowing no hits and no runs while striking out one.

The Maroon offense was catcher Josh Bass going 1/3 at the plate.

The final game of the month saw the Mt. Pulaski Hilltoppers (Toppers) invade the Maroons home confines for a non-conference battle.

It was windy and cold and the Toppers used that to their advantage.

The Toppers started the

ball rolling (sizzling) with two runs in the first inning followed by a single Maroon run in the bottom of the inning. Then, the Toppers pitcher (Evan Cooper) dialed in on the Maroons and held them scoreless the rest of the game.

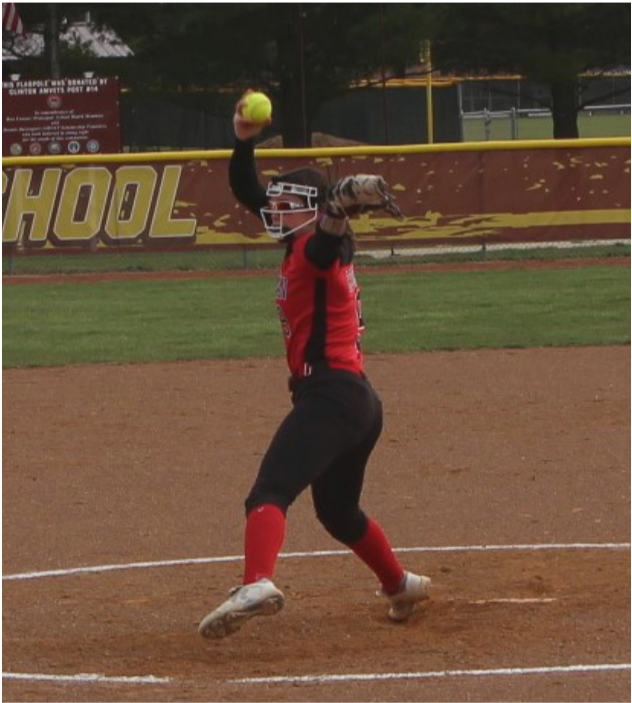
The opposition bats did not stop though as they added 5 runs in the second inning, 3 runs in the fourth and capped the game with 2 runs in the sixth for a 12-1 win over the Maroons.

Preston Curtis started for the Maroons and went 1 and 2 thirds innings giving up 7 runs on 6 hits while walking one and tossing a wild pitch.

Brock Wilson came on in relief and gave up 5 runs on 5 hits, striking out 5 and walking 5.

The Maroons committed 10 errors in the game.

The Maroons offense was led by Brooks Cluver at 2/3 at the plate and a double and Brock Wilson



M. Probus pitched for the Lady Reskins.



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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 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

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

LEGAL

TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 201900050
TO: MARK STONE, 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. 2023TX4. The Property is located at: Permanent Index Number: 07-34-254-005, Brief Legal Description: **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 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 19735

April 7, 14, and 21, 2023

LEGAL

TAKE NOTICE
CERTIFICATE NO. 201900088
TO: KEVIN L THAYER, THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH O LYNN, KEVIN M MCDERMOTT, Sangamon County Public Administrator and Special Administrator 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 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. 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** , Certificate Number: 201900088. 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 19736
April 7, 14, and 21, 2023

LEGAL

ASSUMED NAME
PUBLICATION
NOTICE

Public Notice is
Hereby given that on Thursday, March 23, 2023, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all 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-PROBATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DONALD O. SHORT,

DECEASED

2023-PR-10

CLAIM DATE
NOTICE-INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

Notice is given of the death of the above named decedent:

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

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the Independent 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 Circuit 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 Independent 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 Independent Administration 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 Executor 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 ILLINOIS
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 Courthouse, 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 delivered to the personal representatives and their attorney of record 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 Executor

LEGAL 19743
April 7, 14 and 21, 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; Discover Bank; City of Clinton; DeWitt County Clerk; Occupants

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. Situated 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 redemption will expire on August 7, 2023. On September 15, 2023, the petitioner will make application 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 COUNTY-IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TERRY OWEN ELLIOTT, DECEASED

NO. 2023-PR-11

CLAIM DATE
NOTICE-INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

Notice is given of the death of the above named decedent;

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 representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested party terminates Independent Administration by filing a Petition to Terminate under Section 28-4 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4). A form of a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration

tion may be opened from the Clerk of the Court at the above address.

Dated this 28th of March 2023.

Catherine A. Elliott, Independent Executor of the Estate of Terry Owen Elliott, deceased

JOSEPH B. TAYLOR 020803046
TAYLOR & LYNCH
216 SOUTH CENTER STREET
P.O. BOX 478
CLINTON, ILLINOIS 61727
TEL: (217) 935-2183
FAX: (217) 935-8219
E-MAIL: attorneys@dewittcountylaw.com

LEGAL 19748
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, DECEASED

NO. 2023-PR-12

CLAIM DATE
NOTICE-INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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1. Spanish Teacher for the 2023-24 school year, application deadline April 21, 2023

Clinton Junior High

1. PE/Health Teacher for the 2023-24 school year, application deadline April 21, 2023

Clinton Elementary School

1. Special Education Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, application deadline April 21, 2023

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Sub Bus/Van Monitor, (\$15.00 per hour)
Sub Crossing Guards, (\$15.00 per hour)

Athletics

1. Head Golf Coach, please apply online or email letter of interest, resume, and letters of recommendation to Matt Koeppel, AD, at mkoeppe1@cusd15.org, application deadline April 21, 2023

Cafeteria

1. Kitchen Staff (5.0 hours) 9-month position, Food Service Certificate required or be willing to obtain one / Kitchen experience preferred / Reports to CJHS Kitchen Manager
Sub Kitchen Help, (on call as needed)

Unit Office

1. Teacher Aide - Bilingual (English & Spanish), please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license <https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals> , application deadline April 21, 2023

1. Substitute School Nurse, who have active Illinois R.N. or LPN license and experience in school nursing for grades K-12. This position may involve experiences with health education, chronic disease management, communicable disease, immunizations, first-aid, and medication administration. Hours for this position would be 7:45 am-3:45pm on an as needed basis

Clinton Police Department

On 04/06/23 Clinton Police issued citations to Gabrielle R. Gude 31, Clinton for Unlawful Display of Registration, Driving while License Suspended, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Operating a Motor Vehicle with Suspended Registration. Gude was released on a Notice to Appear in court.

On 04/06/23 Clinton Police arrested Kenneth W. Eads 54, Clinton on a DeWitt County Warrant. Eads was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 04/07/23 Clinton

Police arrested David W. Ernst 42, Clinton for Driving while License Suspended, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Possession of Methamphetamine. Ernst was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 04/07/23 Clinton Police issued citation to Bobby L. Bateson 38, Clinton for Operating a Motor Vehicle with Suspended Registration. Bateson was issued a Notice to Appear in court.

On 04/07/23 Clinton Police arrested Treyondias A. L. Jones 25, Decatur for Driving While License Suspended and Operating Uninsured

Motor Vehicle. Jones was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 04/07/23 Clinton Police issued a citation to Jerad E. Nelson 35, Clinton for No Valid Drivers License. Nelson was released on a Notice to Appear in court.

On 04/08/23 Clinton Police arrested Philemon H. Lewis 37, Decatur for Driving while License Revoked. Lewis was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 04/08/23 Clinton Police arrested Tracy J. Bateson 36, Clinton for Disorderly Conduct. Bateson was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 04/09/23 Clinton Police issued citations to Gay R. Koons 53, Decatur for Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Driving while License Suspended and Operating Motor Vehicle with Suspended Registration. Koons was released on a Notice to Appear in Court.

On 04/09/23 Clinton Police arrested Jason E. Jones 51, Clinton on a Holt County Missouri Warrant. Jones was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

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

March 23, 2023 to Abby C. Waters, 7566 Burns Hill Road, Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois, as independent 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. Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, 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 Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

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Dated this 28th day of March 2023.

Abby C. Waters, Independent Executor of the Estate of Janet M. Motsinger, Deceased

JOSEPH B. TAYLOR 02803046 TAYLOR & LYNCH 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, ILLINOIS, 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183 FAX: (217) 935-8219 E-MAIL: attorneys@dewittcountylaw.com

LEGAL 19749 April 7, 14 and 21, 2023

No. 2023-187

LEGAL 19751 April 14, 21 and 28, 2023

LEGAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Santa Anna Township, DeWitt County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Santa Anna Township Hall from and after 9 A.M. on April 14, 2023.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be at 7:00 P.M. on May 15, 2023, at Santa Anna Township Hall and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at this meeting.

Dated this 11th day of April, 2024

Michelle Castle, Supervisor Joetta Gammage, Clerk Town of Santa Anna, DeWitt County

LEGAL 19752 April 14, 2023

LEGAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ROAD & BRIDGE BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Santa Anna Township Road District, DeWitt County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Santa Anna Township Hall from and after 9 A.M. on April 14, 2023.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be at 7:15 P.M. on May 15, 2023 at Santa Anna Township Hall and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at this meeting.

Dated this 11th day of April, 2023

Joetta Gammage, Clerk Town of Santa Anna, DeWitt County

LEGAL 19753 April 14, 2023

LEGAL

Clinton Eagles F.O.E. 593 will hold its nomination of officers on April 18, 2023, with its election of officers on May 2, 2023.

LEGAL 19754

April 14, 21 and 28, 2023

LEGAL

Notice is hereby given that Budgets and Appropriation Ordinances for the Corporate Town and Road District of Clintonia Township, DeWitt County, for fiscal year beginning April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024 are available for public viewing at the 9180 Township Road, Clinton, IL 61727. They can also be viewed on the Clintonia Township website: clintonia-township@frontier.com.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budgets and Appropriation Ordinances will be held on May 16, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. at the Clintonia Township Office. Final Action on the ordinance will take place at the public hearing.

The second Decennial Meeting for the Clintonia Township will be held on April 18, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. This meeting will follow the regular monthly Clintonia Township meeting.

Clintonia Township Clerk

Debra Coale

LEGAL 19755 April 14, 2023

2022 DeWitt County final multiplier announced

SPRINGFIELD — DeWitt County has been issued a final property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to David Harris, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the “multiplier”, is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state’s 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

Under a law passed in 1975, property in Illinois should be assessed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland assessed at one-third of its agriculture economic value. Farmland is not subject to the state equalization factor.

Assessments in DeWitt County are at 33.68 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2019, 2020, and 2021.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2022 taxes, payable in 2023. Last year’s equalization factor for the county was 0.9846.

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A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments increase.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual’s portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.

equalization factor was issued after a public hearing on the tentative factor. The tentative factor issued in January 2023 was 1.0000.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of the market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market

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Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be at 7:15 P.M. on May 15, 2023 at Santa Anna Township Hall and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at this meeting.

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