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The Alta Farms II wind energy project northwest of Clinton.

How long it should take to curtail wind turbines at the core of county’s enforcement policies

County receives advice from state’s attorney

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CLINTON — DeWitt County State’s Attorney Dan Markwell on Monday advised members of the county board’s land use committee not to modify language in the county wind ordinance.

Committee members were looking for a more exacting description

about when and how long it would take for operators of the Alta Farms II wind energy facility to curtail its wind turbines. “Curtailment” is the practice of slowing or stopping wind turbines during major storm events to prevent its possible interference with Dopplar weather radar.

Committee members, such as Joe Witte, were concerned about what they felt was the vagueness of the time frame given by wind company representatives about how long it would

take operators to curtail turbines in case of a tornado or other severe weather warning.

If the county were to level a fine against the company, the company would then have to provide documentation showing operators did curtail turbines in a timely manner following the issuance of a weather warning, Markwell said.

The interpretation of what is considered timely could come up if the issue were ever challenged in court. Markwell said, once the company

conducts a curtailment test, there should be a better idea of exactly how long the process takes.

“Whatever kind of checklist or policies you might have for the zoning administrator, that’s not binding on the wind farm,” Markwell said. “I suggest not really having anything, because if it would go to court, we don’t want them subpoenaing our procedures and making it about ‘Well maybe they didn’t follow their own policies and procedures’.”

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Katy O’Grady-Pyne / Journal

Country Financial helps Clinton Police with \$2,000

Country Financial representatives Keith Wade (left) and Kirk Neslund (right) presented a check for \$2,000 to the Clinton Police Chief Ben Lowers as part of Country’s Helping Heroes program. Lowers said the funds will be used for upgrades to the department’s technology needs.

Former Wapella road commissioner pleads not guilty to all charges

Illinois Attorney General’s Office prosecuting case

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CLINTON — A Wapella area man had his first appearance in DeWitt County Court Tuesday morning, accused of defrauding Wapella Township.

In a case brought by the Illinois Attorney General’s office, Eldon Cusey faces 22 counts that include official misconduct, forgery and deceptive practice.

In his capacity as Wapella Township road commissioner, Cusey allegedly used the township’s credit card to charge tens of thousands

of dollars for his personal use.

On Tuesday, Cusey pleaded not guilty to all counts before DeWitt County Circuit Judge Karle Koritz.

With his attorney Mark Johnson present, and after the court provided Cusey with a hearing device, he answered Koritz’s questions regarding his understanding of his legal rights and obligations. Cusey said he understood.

Mara Somlo, of the Illinois Attorney General’s office, said she intended to file a motion for discovery. Koritz informed Somlo that DeWitt County automatically provides for discovery. Discovery ensures attorneys have access to information and facts of a case.

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IBA: Illinois banks insulated from collapse in other states

Greg Bishop
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD — With two major banks collapsing in other states, the Illinois Bankers Association is reassuring Illinoisans they are secured, and not by taxpayers.

Silicon Valley Bank in California and New York Signature Bank were both taken over by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation over the weekend. President Joe Biden announced Monday the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation took the banks over and management there will be fired.

And while depositors will be secured through

FDIC, bank investors won’t.

“They knowingly took a risk and when the risk didn’t pay off, investors lose their money,” Biden said. “That’s how capitalism works.”

Illinois Bankers Association Vice President of Government Relations Ben Jackson reiterated Biden’s insistence that taxpayers are not impacted by the FDIC support of depositors.

“The funds there to backstop Americans’ deposits are funded by banks so banks pay quarterly assessments based on a very specific formula,” Jackson told The Center Square.

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Clinton Chamber holds annual dinner and awards event

CLINTON — Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau held its Annual Dinner & Awards at The Georgia Jill on Saturday, March 4.

Chamber President Jared White addressed the members and thanked them for their continued membership and support of the Chamber. He highlighted the upcoming events the Chamber is planning for 2023 as well as introduced the current board of directors.

Outgoing board

member Josh Shofner was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his time on the board. White then introduced the new Executive Director, Janice Petersen, and Administrative Specialist, Erin Angel, to the crowd. He said he was excited to see what Janice and Erin would bring to the Chamber in 2023 and beyond.

A balloon pop was held with chances to pop a balloon and win prizes as well as a 50/50 drawing.

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Cusey waived his right for a preliminary hearing, which would require the state to show probable cause, clearing the way for Koritz to set a trial date beginning at 9 a.m. on May 15.

He set Cusey’s personal recognizance bond at \$3,000. Cusey was not required to pay a cash bond but could be liable for the \$3,000 if he failed

to show up for his trial. Koritz allowed Cusey to travel out-of-state for employment. The state did not object.

In May 2022, the Wapella Township Board asked Cusey to resign and pay restitution for thousands of dollars in fraudulent charges it claimed Cusey made using the township’s credit card. Minutes of the board’s May 10, 2022

meeting showed the board discussed the credit card charges. Minutes also showed Cusey agreed to resign and paid restitution of \$27,253.

Some of the credit card charges included a food dehydrator, clothing, pet food, canning supplies, gardening supplies, more than \$1,500 for beer, furniture and multiple charges for a long list of

grocery and other items that continued through 2021.

If convicted, Cusey could face up to 15 years in prison for the Class 1 felony. A single Class 3 felony can carry up to five years in prison. Cusey is charged with one Class 1 felony as well as four counts of official misconduct and 17 counts of forgery.

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Witte said he felt the county would probably have to rely on testimony by wind project developers during public hearings that turbines could be curtailed in 15 minutes to

establish when a violation has occurred.

“I hate to say 15 minutes is sufficient, but I think our zoning administrator needs some guidance about when there is a

violation and when there is not,” Witte said.

Markwell said the county might be stuck with the 15-minute number “more or less,” since it became part of the county’s

conditions.

He added that the results of the company’s curtailment test likely could produce a number on which a curtailment time frame could be based.

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He doesn’t expect there to be a cascade.

“These were banks that generally had clients that were in areas that pose some risks such as startups, cryptocurrencies, that type of thing, and they had situations where

depositors pulled out and the banks didn’t necessarily have the liquidity,” Jackson said.

Illinois banks and thrifts are strong, Jackson insisted, and they are insulated from bank failures in other states.

Anyone with concerns should reach out to their bankers, he said.

“A banker wants their customer to feel secure that their deposits are going to be insured and that they’re going to be available when they need

them,” Jackson said.

Jackson said the reforms that were put in place since the housing and banking crisis 15 years ago have helped insulate banks from when other banks may collapse.

Local students named to UIS fall dean’s list

SPRINGFIELD – The University of Illinois Springfield has released the names of the 712 students who made the Dean’s List for Fall Semester 2022.

Three Clinton students are on the list.

A total of 103 students in the College of Business and Management; 361 students in the College of Health, Science, and Technology; 101 students in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences; 103 students in the College of Public Affairs and Education; and 44 non-degree seeking or

undecided students made the list.

In order to qualify for the Dean’s List, a student must be an undergraduate who took at least eight graded semester hours, maintained a grade-point average of at least 3.75 for the semester and had no incomplete grades awarded for the semester.

Below are the names of Clinton students named to the fall dean’s list:

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Dennis James Lux
Jenna Rachelle Sartie
Jasmyne S. Trummel

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Rounding out the night was magician Andrew Anderson from Andrew’s Family Magic. He and his wife Zandra put on a show for the guests.

The Chamber also held its Member Awards ceremony. Each member was placed into one of four categories and their fellow chamber members voted. The winners received a plaque with their business or organization’s name. The winners are:

2023 Small Business of the Year: Triple M Farms/Mariah’s Mums & More LLC

2023 Medium Business of the Year: Save A Lot Food Store

2023 Large Business of the Year: First National Bank & Trust Co.

2023 Nonprofit of the Year: The Vault

Former Executive

Director, Marian Brisard was presented with a clock commemorating her 22 years of Service and Dedication to the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau.

The Chamber of Commerce hosts, promotes, and helps with events throughout the year. Upcoming events include the Business Expo on March 30 and MayDays Festival on May 18-21.

Gift Card-A-Palooza raffle tickets are now available at the Chamber office or with any of the Board Members. Follow the Chamber on Facebook @visitclintonil. For more information or to answer questions, contact the Chamber at 217-935-3364 or email chamber@clintonilchamber.com.

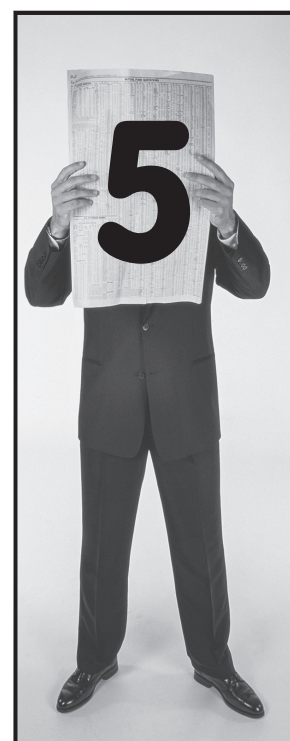


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Social Security launches redesigned website at SSA.gov

Selena Higgins
Social Security district manager, Bloomington



Have you visited the redesigned SSA.gov yet? In December 2022, we updated our homepage with a new design to help you find what you need more easily.

“SSA.gov is visited by over 180 million people per year and it is one of our most important tools for providing efficient and equitable access to service,” said Kilolo Kijakazi, Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, at the launch. “Whether providing service in person or online, our goal is to help people understand what they may qualify for and seamlessly transition them to an application process.”

Now, with improved self-service accessibility to online services, you might not have to call or visit an office to get what you need. This helps our staff focus on serving customers who need in-person assistance.

Reimagined website prioritizes customer experience

The redesign is intended to provide a clear path to the tasks you need to accomplish. Many of the most visited sections of SSA.gov are now live with a more user-friendly and task-based approach. New pages and improvements based on public feedback will continue to be unveiled in the coming months, as part of our ongoing efforts to improve how the public can do business with us.

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Eastern Ill. Foodmobile' in DeWitt County in April

Contact: Sophie Becker, Eastern Illinois Foodbank, 217-328-3663

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• When: April 22 from 9:30-10:30 a.m.
• Where: Clinton American Legion, 219 N. Elizabeth Street, Clinton

Farmer City
• When: April 15 from 9:30-10:30 a.m.
• Where: Trinity Community Fellowship, 1300 W. Clinton Ave, Farmer City

CLINTON — Eastern Illinois Foodbank (EIF) is distributing food to area families facing food insecurity. The distribution will be held at the Clinton American Legion (219 N. Elizabeth

St.) in Clinton, Illinois on 04/22/2023 from 9:30 – 10:30am and is open to residents of DeWitt County. Those attending are asked to bring boxes or bags to transport food. The distribution is part of the Foodbank's Foodmobile Program, a

system of mobile food pantries designed to help bring nutritious food to rural or underserved areas. Those planning to attend should pre-register at www.EIFclient.com, although doing so does not guarantee a place in line.

Foodmobile also will be in Farmer City on April 15. See the schedule at the beginning of this announcement.

Income guidelines are as follows:

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Temporary Income Eligibility Guidelines <i>Effective March 25, 2020 Until Further Notice</i>					
Based on 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines Amendment					
Household Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Twice-Monthly Income	Bi-Weekly Income	Weekly Income
1	\$25,520	\$2,127	\$1,063	\$982	\$491
2	\$34,480	\$2,873	\$1,437	\$1,326	\$663
3	\$43,440	\$3,620	\$1,810	\$1,671	\$835
4	\$52,400	\$4,367	\$2,183	\$2,015	\$1,008
5	\$61,360	\$5,113	\$2,557	\$2,360	\$1,180
6	\$70,320	\$5,860	\$2,930	\$2,705	\$1,352
7	\$79,280	\$6,607	\$3,303	\$3,049	\$1,525
8	\$88,240	\$7,353	\$3,677	\$3,394	\$1,697
For each additional household member, add:	+\$8,960	+\$747	+\$373	+\$345	+\$172

The COVID numbers

How does it feel when you're the only one in the whole grocery store who's wearing a mask? Or when you get three phone calls from the senior center asking if you're interested in signing up for the monthly ladies lunch, after you've already said no?

Do you feel tempted to explain to the young person who gives you the eye in the dairy aisle? Or worse, apologize to the senior center staffer who no doubt voted to dispense with all masks months ago?

Don't. Don't explain. Don't apologize. Just keep doing what you've been doing for three years now, which is taking care of yourself as best you can.

Depending what source you read, you might be tempted to believe that Covid is no longer a problem, that it's safe to go to lunches where everyone is sitting inches from each other, that it's perfectly fine to go without the mask in stores.

However, if you look at graphs and charts and follow the progress of Covid, you'll see that it's still very much among us. Data taken from The New York Times Covid stats indicates that for a two-week period in February, there were in excess of a half million positive Covid cases in the U.S.

Individual states are doing better or worse than the average. In my state, the 14-day change has

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by Matilda Charles

gone up 50%, and we're not even in first place.

Those positive Covid numbers are from people who were tested at a facility that reports their statistics. How many millions of people are using those at-home test kits and never see the inside of a doctor's office and therefore don't have their results reported?

None of us has a crystal ball to see when Covid might leave us for good. While it's still here, take care of yourself. And yes, keep washing your hands.

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Ralph M Simmons

CLINTON — Ralph M Simmons, born on April 4, 1932, passed away on March 6, 2023.

He was born in Logan County Ky., to Harmon and Mary Ruth (Hildabrand) Simmons. Ralph's family moved to Illinois from Kentucky in 1939. He lived in several Illinois towns before the family settled in Clinton.

He worked at Bianucci's Ice Cream and Candy during junior high and off and on throughout high school. In the summer after his sophomore year of high school, he worked for Illinois Central R.R. on the section gang and then the signal gang. His first day on the job, he literally met the train at a certain location where it slowed down long enough for him to toss his suitcase and jump on, while still moving.

He shoveled coal into the steam engine all the way to Minook, Ill. to his first assignment. On his last day of work, he tossed his suitcase and jumped back off near home and finished the job the same way he started it.

Working on the railroad gangs exposed him to a number of skill sets that would benefit him in his early adulthood and lifelong career paths. Many of the seasoned veterans of the industry took him under their wing and mentored him.

While in high school in Clinton, Ralph played on the football team, the basketball team and held offices as class president and student council. He also helped create a basketball team at the Clinton YMCA called the "Outcasts."

Ralph and his wife were very active in events in Clinton, while living there, as well as during visits in the decades after moving to other cities in Illinois. He loved attending the class reunions over the decades and often spoke of the wonderful memories they had with lifelong friends. Many of these friends were known to prank each other, which made Ralph's eyes twinkle as the stories were told and retold and enhanced as the stories aged.

Midway through his senior year of high school, he joined the U.S. Naval Reserves and served eight years. This military service took him to many locations around the United States that he enjoyed revisiting in his retirement years.

During his senior year of high school, he accepted a job with Illinois Central Telephone Company. He



worked in maintenance, worked with the installers and used his drafting skills. In 1951, he started working as a lineman with Cornbelt Electric. He loved the work as well as his supervisors and co-workers in the lineman industry.

In 1953, Ralph married Diana Dee Breighner at the Christian Church, in Clinton, where they resided after their wedding. In 1955, he was offered a job as a Journeyman Lineman with Illinois Power in the Clinton District in the Decatur Service Area. This service area covered many zip codes in the surrounding counties. Everybody knew Ralph no matter where he went.

In addition to work at Illinois Power, Ralph owned Simmons Tree Service, in Clinton, from 1955 to 1965. He took great pride in providing quality and safe tree service to endless customers. In 1965, Ralph was promoted to assistant electric distribution superintendent to the Galesburg Service Area. In 1971, he was promoted to Maryville, Ill. Service Area as electrical distribution superintendent.

He moved to Granite City Service Area as assistant electrical superintendent from 1975 to 1981. He completed his Illinois Power career from 1981 to 1989 as electrical superintendent in the Granite City Service Area. He retired in 1989 after a full career with Illinois Power.

Following his Illinois Power retirement, Ralph took his electrical and lineman expertise to Miller Construction and supervised line crews to upgrade service on large projects between 1989 and 2001. He worked in Janesville Wis., Carthage Ill., Quincy, Ill., Champaign Ill., Bloomington, Ill., Troy, Ill. area, Coffeen Ill., Keokuk Iowa, Hartford, Ill., and worked with Illinois Power in the

Galesburg Service Area.

In between Miller Construction projects, Ralph accepted a job as project manager co-coordinating with Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (SIU-E) and Illinois Power on a three-year project. He supervised replacement of the electrical system from sub-station throughout SIU-E campus. Ralph was then recruited for a large project by Stanley Consultants to be performed in Cleveland Ohio. He retired for the seventh and final time in 2001 to pursue personal interests with his wife Diana.

Ralph dearly loved cooking on the grill with his family, eating pizza with family and following retirement, traveling the country making memories with his beloved wife Diana. In the later seasons of their years, Ralph stated he was so happy with his life with wife Diana and that she was "one of a kind."

Ralph was preceded in death by his father Harmon Millard Simmons, his mother Mary Ruth Hildabrand Simmons, his sister Virginia Marie in infancy, his brother Frederick Byron, his son Stephen Scott Simmons and his son Ralph Robert Simmons. Left to mourn his loss is his loving and supportive wife Diana Dee Breighner Simmons, his son Tom (Karen), daughter-in-law Ronna, daughter Mary Jo (Larry) and son Curt (Vicky). He is also survived by his grandchildren and great grandchildren, whom he dearly loves.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made in Ralph's name to American Legion Post 103, 219 N Elizabeth, Clinton IL 61727, Vespasian Warner Public Library, 310 N Quincy, Clinton IL 61727 or Collinsville Memorial Public Library, 408 W Main, Collinsville IL 62234.

Virgil Irvin Massey

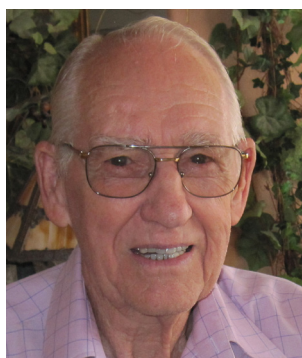
BANNING, Calif. — Virgil Irvin Massey passed away peacefully at home in Banning, Calif. on February 11, 2023, at the age of 93. V

irgil was born on April 27, 1929, in Lane, Ill. to William Arthur Massey and Opal Shaw. He graduated from Nixon Township High School, in Weldon, in 1947.

Virgil served in the United States Army from February 1951-November 1952. He served in active combat duty in Korea for more than 11 months, earning the Korean Service Medal with the Bronze Campaign Star, Combat Infantry Badge, and the United Nations Service Medal.

In addition to working on his parents' farm during his early years, Virgil spent a lifetime working as a carpenter, and after retirement, as a handyman. He worked as a carpenter for small, independent construction companies for many years in Illinois and California, as well as working at the Caterpillar plant, in Decatur.

He continued as a carpenter in the maintenance department for the County of San Bernardino, Calif. in 1972,



and later was promoted to maintenance supervisor. Virgil retired from the County in 1987.

Virgil met his late wife, Ann Elizabeth Whittam, who passed away in October 2022, at the Elks Lodge, in San Bernardino, and later worked on her mountain home in Crestline, Calif. They married in 1955 and eventually moved to Las Vegas, Nev., where they lived for many years before relocating to Banning, Calif. in 2015 to be closer to family.

Virgil is survived by his daughter, Linda Sevison, Longview, Wash.; his son Dana Massey, San Tan Valley, Ariz.; his stepdaughters Claudia Oyster, Mill Creek, Wash., and Libbie Gerenday, Talkeetna, Alaska; his stepson John Whittam, Yucaipa, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life for Virgil and his late wife, Ann, will be held at a later date in California.

Janet (Ginther) Motsinger

CLINTON — Janet (Ginther) Motsinger, 77, passed away peacefully in her home on March 8, 2023.

Private family graveside services will be held at Oak Park Cemetery, Clinton. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 from 5-7 p.m. at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton.

Janet was born on November 4, 1945, in Avon, Ill., to parents Eldon and Marie (Farrar) Ginther. After high school, she obtained her nursing degree as a registered nurse from Graham Hospital School of Nursing in Canton, Ill. She then met and married her husband, Roger, in Canton, in 1967. They celebrated 50 years of marriage before his passing in January 2018.

Following graduation, she became an industrial nurse for International Harvester, in Canton, followed by working as an office nurse for several doctors at the Coleman Clinic. In 1982, Janet's husband was transferred to the Caterpillar plant in Decatur, and the family moved to Clinton. After moving, Janet was employed as site nurse for Baldwin at the Clinton Power Station during the construction phase. Later, she was employed as a medical case manager by AIHRS in Springfield. Lastly, she worked independently for eight years as a medical case manager before retiring in 1999.



Janet leaves behind a brother, Scott (Rosie) Ginther of Bettendorf, Iowa, two daughters, Erika (Thomas Lane) Motsinger; Abby (Dave) Waters and two grandchildren, whom she adored, Sophie Waters and Hudson Waters, all of Clinton. She also leaves behind her beloved rescue cat of 18 years, Bella, who comforted her even during her last days.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

Janet's hobbies included flower gardening, cooking and baking, cross-stitch, bird watching and puzzle books. She thoroughly enjoyed desserts and sweets, old episodes of Saturday Night Live and the band Queen!

Memorials may be directed to Second Chance for Pets., or plant a few flowers this spring in memory of her.

The family would like to thank Gentiva Hospice for their special care and comfort given to her and her family.

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1969 - Golda Meir was sworn in as the fourth premier of Israel.

1970 - The U.S. Army charged 14 officers with suppression of facts in the My Lai massacre case.

1972 - U.S. President Nixon asked Congress to halt busing in order to achieve desegregation.

1973 - Twenty were killed in Cambodia when a bomb went off that was meant for the Cambodian President Lon Nol.

1973 - The first American prisoners of war (POWs) were released from the “Hanoi Hilton” in Hanoi, North Vietnam.

1982 - In El Salvador, four Dutch television crewmembers were killed by government troops.

1985 - U.S. President Reagan agreed to a joint study with Canada on acid rain.

1989 - A series of solar flares caused a violent magnetic storm that brought power outages over large regions of Canada.

1992 - In Buenos Aires, 10 people were killed in a suicide car-bomb attack against the Israeli embassy.

1992 - White South Africans approved constitutional reforms to give legal equality to blacks.

1995 - Gerry Adams became the first leader of Sinn Fein to be received at the White House.

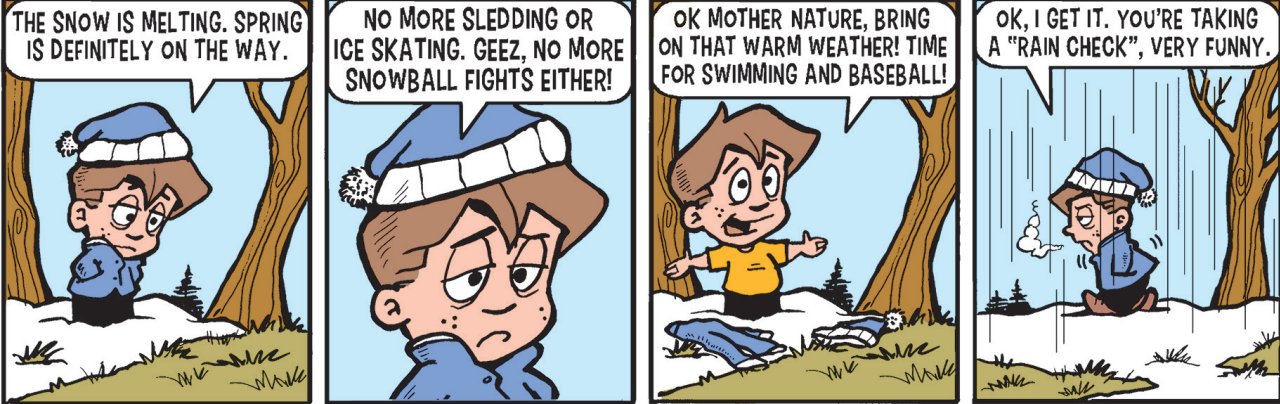
1998 - Washington Mutual announced it had agreed to buy H.F. Ahmanson and Co. for \$9.9 billion dollars. The deal created the nation’s seventh-largest banking company.

1999 - A panel of medical experts concluded that marijuana had medical benefits for people suffering from cancer and AIDS.

1999 - The International Olympic Committee expelled six of its members in the wake of a bribery scandal.

2000 - In Norway, Jens Stotenberg and the Labour Party took office as Prime Minister. The coalition government of Kjell Magne Bondevik resigned on March 9 as a result of an environmental dispute.

Amber Waves



Individual v. corporate rights

The following fact portrayal made it to the Tucker Carlson show on Fox News and to several internet media outlets. The facts are provided by Josh Alexander, a student at a Catholic school in Ontario, Canada with his attorney James Kitchen.

The difficulty with the presentation is that there is no comment from either the school or the Canadian police about their version of the events. To be informed, one really needs to hear from both sides to make a fair and honest evaluation. With that disclaimer in mind, here are the facts as presented by Alexander and Kitchen.

Alexander is a high school student at a Catholic high school in Ontario. The school allowed males to use the girl’s restroom facilities. Several girls voiced their displeasure to Alexander and a debate ensued on the campus. For a high school student Alexander appears to more actively involved in conservative causes than most students. This conclusion is based on him saying he was active in the Canadian Truckers work stoppage over COVID vaccinations. The student debate with the school administration must have been somewhat heated as Alexander was suspended from school for the rest of the school year. Alexander then attempted to go back on campus and attend classes but was arrested by the police.

The concern here is not so much Mr. Alexander’s situation, but rather the bigger picture of the individual’s rights when they conflict with corporate rights, ie the authority of the government. Canada and Mexico are our closest neighbors and both have a somewhat different take on democracy and government. Most Americans view Canada as a democracy, and it is. The difference is in how Canadians view the rights of the individual versus the rights or authority of the government.

In the above situation you will notice that the girl’s privacy rights to a female bathroom were deemed to not exist. The boys would have access to the girl’s restroom. In like fashion, Alexander’s right to believe that there are two distinct genders from a theological and biological perspective were voided by the government’s decree that such differentiations simply do not exist.

The U. S. constitution clearly favors individual rights while the Canadian constitution favors the corporate right of government. Both nations are democracies and voted in the laws of each country. The concern here is that the U. S. is trending towards the Canadian model. Transgender males are now starting to intrude and dominate in women’s sports. Swim teams are the most prominent example of this action today.

Does the United States wish to follow the lead of the Canadian government or does the U. S. want to keep individual rights as a priority? The legislation in this country is starting to go more and more towards government control of what has always been perceived as individual rights. Unless the U. S. wants to have a “woke” society, we had all better wake up and exercise our constitutional rights or we will lose them.



VA Cemetery Association ranks high

On the American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) the Department of Veterans Affairs’ National Cemetery Association was given the highest score ever received by any goods and services organization that ACSI covers. And not for the first time. This recent rating marks the seventh time in a row that the cemetery association has come in first in a survey covering over 400 U.S. corporations providing everything from utilities, health care and insurance to restaurants, travel and manufacturing ... and cemetery services.

That’s saying a lot. Given the nature of cemeteries in general and what they provide, for a cemetery association to be listed at the top of satisfaction surveys so many times is amazing, because there are many possible areas for unhappiness.

The VA’s National Cemetery Administration provides services to the families of veterans at 121 locations. These services include burial, headstones and markers, medallions, military honors and more. In one year alone, last year, the NCA buried over 145,000 veterans and family members.

To determine if a veteran is eligible for VA burial benefits, go to www.cem.va.gov. Look for information on types of discharge, applying for a burial allowance and services provided.

If you’ve lost a veteran, are you familiar with the Veterans Legacy Memorial? It’s a digital platform with over 4.5 million veterans listed where friends and families can post biographies, documents and photos of their veteran. Each individual bio includes branch of service, dates of birth and death, war period, rank and more. The profiles can also be emailed and posted to Facebook and Twitter. (Unfortunately, Arlington National Cemetery is not included in this memorial.) To find the memorial, go to www.vlm.cem.va.gov.

If you are a veteran who might be eligible for burial in a national cemetery, consider planning in advance. Search for “Pre-need eligibility” on the www.cem.va.gov website.

An amusing note: While the NCA received a satisfaction score of 97%, the overall rate for all government agencies was 66%. The Department of the Treasury, of course, came in last.

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By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Galatians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. In how many verses is the specific name of Satan used in the Old Testament (KJV)? 0, 1, 15, 174
3. From Genesis 36, which city was Esau's home base? Petra, Tyre, Gilgal, Perga
4. Which of these persons hid in a cave while God passed by? Noah, Moses, Abraham, Jonah
5. From Esther 5, who/what was Zeresh? King of Persia, Mountain, Wife of Haman, River
6. In 1 Peter, to what animal is Satan compared? Serpent, Wolf, Rat, Lion

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) 15, 3) Petra, 4) Moses, 5) Wife of Haman, 6) Lion

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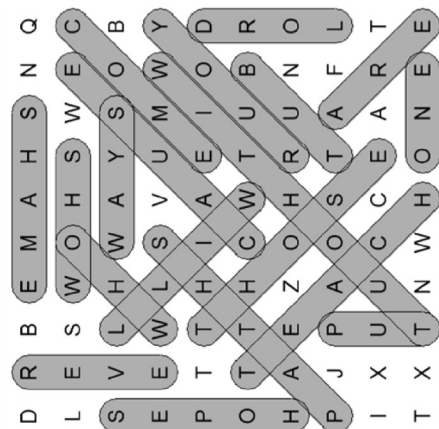
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers



Southeastern states

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights.

Now we travel south to include the southeastern states. This takes in such states as North and South Carolina, Georgia Tennessee and Alabama. Unlike the states that we previously covered that boasts of only beef and venison as meat common to them, eleven different types are listed. Included in this list are Raccoon, squirrel, ground hog, bear and opossum. Unquestionably, recipes for opossum should be interesting. I might give you an example or two.

Pork is another meat common in that area. In point of fact, barbecue had it beginnings in the south originating with the American Indian. The settlers in that region developed the barbeque pulled pork. Southern types of barbecuing are applied as a rub rather than a sauce and then the meat aloud to slowly roasts. Barbecue sauces need to be applied toward the very end due to high sugar content. Tomato paste is sometimes added. If the sauce is applied too soon, the sugar turns to carbon.

The nationalities that influence southern cuisine, besides the French and Spanish, would be the English, Scots and Irish. Naturally the American aborigines would be there to be an influence. Africans were primarily introduced due to slave trade. These cultures came together to produce family pride in their family recipes handed down through the centuries. Therefore, that which was held sacred can still be enjoyed today. Pork and corn dishes were the primary food items of the past. More likely than not, soul food began in the southeastern states.



The Culinary Corner

By Chef Roger Joss

Naturally the coastal cities would have abundance of sea foods and all types of recipes for preparing them. Having mild winters and a long warm to hot growing season, all kinds of fruits and vegetables can be grown. Georgia is known for its abundance of pecan nuts and peanuts. Sweet potatoes and yams are also a very common food in the south and used in different side dishes and even for pies. The south is also known for producing bourbon whisky and the most famous mint julep with the traditional sprig of mint.

Speaking of sweet potatoes, have you ever made sweet potato chips? My wife loves the sweet potato French fries that I make for her. A lovely breakfast item would be sweet potato puffs. All of this is easily found in recipe books.

Going as far south as Florida - one of my favorite states to visit - are found Aloe Vera plants. One can even find Aloe Vera sold in grocery stores. I do have some interesting recipes for that.

Now for the opossum recipe I said I might provide. This recipe is very simple in the true southern tradition by evident of using sweet potatoes and bacon. Due to space, I will save it for the next article. Or you could simply check with Granny on the Beverly Hillbillies for her recipes. Yah all come back now. Yah hear?

Until next time, peace to all.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...A servant girl came to him, saying, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee." But he denied it before them all, saying, "I do not know what you are saying." ...Another girl saw him and said... "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth." But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!" ...Those who stood by... said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them..." Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus... "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

MATTHEW 26: 69-75

Detail of "A rooster" by Pablo Picasso (1938)



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First students graduate from new RCC, Abbot EMT program

DECATUR – Yesterday, five students graduated from the first Earn While You Learn collaboration between Richland Community College and Abbott EMS.

The goal of the eight-week course was to remove the barrier of entry for people interested in becoming Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and build a network of healthcare workers. The students were taught by Richland faculty in RCC’s EMS lab while they earned a paycheck through Abbott EMS. Now, they will work with Abbott EMS as EMTs.

Trevor Smith, EMS Program Director at Richland Community College, said, “Partnering with private companies like Abbott EMS to offer initial education for Emergency Medical Technicians is an innovative approach to help fill gaps in the Emergency Medical Services workforce in our community. These students were put through an intensive eight-week course, but succeeded and built relationships along the way which will only be strengthened as they become practicing EMTs in Decatur and Macon County.”

“Abbott EMS is proud to have partnered with Richland for the Earn While You Learn (EWYL) EMT-B program. The students are well on their way to a new career in emergency medicine,” said Brian Gerth, Regional Director at Abbott EMS. “With the shortage of EMS professionals in the state of Illinois and the country, this program is an important step in addressing the needs of our community locally.”

Clinton Police Department

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On 03/12/23 Clinton Police arrested Zachariah D. Wikoff 43, Decatur on a Macon County Warrant. Wikoff was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

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3/3/23 to 3/8/23
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Law Enforcement

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Byars McKnight, 32, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Speeding (80 mph in a 55 mph zone). McKnight was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Robert Moore, 31, Clinton, was arrested and charged with Aggravated

Domestic Battery. Moore being unable to post the necessary bond remains lodged in the DeWitt County Jail.

Charles Whisman, 37, Farmer City, was issued a Citation for Speeding (80mph in a 55 mph zone). Whisman was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

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Clinton, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant Charging him with Possession of Meth <5 Grams. Moore III unable to post the necessary bond remains lodged in the DeWitt County Jail.

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March 17
2012: An extended period of unseasonably warm weather occurred from the 14th through the 21st, with highs in the mid 70s to lower 80s. Urbana, Normal, and Galesburg all saw their earliest 80 degree temperatures on record, while Springfield and Peoria set new marks for the warmest March night on record.

March 18
1925: The Tri-State Tornado moved from southeast Missouri, across southern Illinois, Illinois Weather Trivia for March National Weather Service, Lincoln, IL Page 5 and

into southwest Indiana. The tornado traveled a total of 437 miles across the three states; the death toll of 695 is the greatest loss of life in the U.S. due to a tornado. In the first 120 mile stretch of the tornado's path through Illinois, 541 people were killed in a 40 minute span, including 234 people in Murphysboro and 148 in West Frankfort. The death toll in Murphysboro was the largest on record in the country for a single city. 33 students in De Soto were killed, the worst school death toll from a tornado in U.S. history. The tornado at times was a mile wide and traveled between 55 and 75 mph.

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Clinton Junior High hosts IESA State Volleyball Finals

Marc Rogers
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CLINTON — Clinton recently hosted and IESA volleyball event. On Friday, March 10 and Saturday, March 11 the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) held the Class 1A Girls 7th grade Volleyball State Finals here at Clinton Junior High School.

The tournament began with eight teams in the quarterfinals on Friday and ended with the semifinals Saturday morning and the championship round on Saturday afternoon.

The quarterfinal round saw the elimination of the Grant Park Dragons (12-10) in two sets, the Sigel St. Michael's Sharpshooters (22-2) in a three-set battle that went into extra length in the third set, the LaSalle Trinity Catholic Saints (18-1) in two sets, and the Royal Prairieview Ogden Mustangs (17-9) being downed in two very quick sets.

The semifinals started early Saturday morning

with two matches. The first pairing was between the Williamsfield Bombers and the Lincoln West Lincoln-Broadwell Wolverines. This was another exciting match that went to three sets.

Apparently the Wolverines had spent much of their season in three-set matches as their quarterfinal match would attest. This time they ended on the losing side of the 18-25/25-6/22-25 scoring. This put the Wolverines in the third place match and their opponents, the Williamsfield Bombers in the championship match.

The second semifinal pitted the Greenfield Tigers against the top seeded Pontiac St. Mary's Saints. This was a quick match compared to others and the Saints made short work of the Tigers in two sets 25-15/25-13. The Saints would move to the championship and the Tigers would face the ever tough Wolverines.

The finals round of matches began in the early afternoon Saturday with the third place match

first on the agenda. The West Lincoln-Broadwell was matched with the Greenfield Tigers.

The Wolverines began slowly, as usual, but then caught fire and went on a 17-point run with three servers to overtake the Tigers and win the first set 25-17.

The second set was never a doubt from the start with the Wolverines (18-7) striking first and hard to take the set 25-9, the match 2-0 and claiming third place in the state in Class 1A. The Tigers (19-10) were fourth.

The final match of the tournament was set between the Williamsville Bombers and the Pontiac St. Mary's Saints. This was almost a given as to the victor, but the match went on as an anti-climax to the weekend. The Saints took the championship match in two straight sets (25-13/25-9) leaving the Bombers (22-4) in second place and the Saints (27-0) the champions in Class 1A.



Tournament photos Marc Rogers / Journal
Class 1A State Champions - Pontiac St. Mary's Saints.



Second place team - Williamsville Bombers.



Third place team - Lincoln West Lincoln-Broadwell Wolverines.



Fourth place team - Greenfield Tigers.

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♠ Q42 ♥ QJ962 ♦ KJ2 ♣ Q7	<i>North</i> <i>West</i> <i>East</i> <i>Declarer</i>	
♠ KT9653 ♥ AT ♦ T ♣ KT82		

Both Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
		Pass	2♦
2♠	3♦	4♠	All Pass

East's Weak Two shows 5-10 HCP and a 6-card suit. N-S cruise into 4♠. West leads the ♦2 won by East's Ace, then a low Diamond, ruffed by Declarer, West following with the Jack. Looking just at the N-S hands, what can you deduce from the play so far? And how do you play the hand?

The bidding tells Declarer that East started with six Diamonds and West with three. If West had KQx he would have led the King ... if East had $\spadesuit A$ he would have played the King on the first trick ... therefore (unless there is some fiendish false-carding going on) West started with $\spadesuit KJ$ and East with $\spadesuit AQ$.

Who has the ♠Q? Generally speaking, Declarer would play the Spades from the top, playing for the drop of the ♠Q in one or two rounds. This line is a slight favorite over the alternative of finessing (one way or the other) against the Queen. But the odds changed when East showed long Diamonds (leaving less room in his hand for Spade cards), so here Declarer correctly decides to cash the ♠K and finesse the ♠J on the second round.

That's the first guess successfully negotiated, now where is that ♠Q? Declarer cannot be sure, so she plays ♥A and another Heart, hoping to learn more, and on the second Heart East wins his King. At this point Declarer can be fairly certain that East started with 1-2-6-4 distribution. As East has four Clubs to West's two does that make East more likely to hold the Queen? Not in this case! East has shown up with 9 HCP, there's no room left in his 5-10 hand for the ♠Q. So, Declarer plays West for that card and, thanks to a little counting, she brings home her vulnerable game with an overtrick.

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FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

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PANTIC
♥ NKI
♥ HICN
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♥ PLOTIS
♥ LUSEP
KICN

GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ **GO FIGURE!**

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INTERNAL IDENTIFICATION

CROSS	59 "— -ching!"	106 Me,	6 Pen brand	50 Division of	88 Lyricist
1 Pop's partner	60 1983	myself —	7 2011-19	Canada	Gershwin
4 Hooded serpent	Streisand title role	109 Stay	Chicago mayor —	51 Very unusual achievement	89 Part of TNT
9 Bygone ruler	61 Popular	112 Way to watch a film at home	Emanuel	52 Yoko of the avant-garde	90 Group of spectators
13 Tavern seats	64 Person decorating	113 Rapid transit system of a large Spanish city	8 Away from the wind	53 Sword handle	91 "Tickle Me" Muppet
19 Nuptial promise	68 Brain product		9 Feel great excitement from	54 Ana who won the 2008 French Open	92 French for "nothing"
20 Popular typeface	69 Eden woman		10 Basking box	55 Cat with no tail	97 Arch used in croquet
21 Possesses, in the Bible	70 It's south of San Diego, California	118 Footways	11 Baseballer's turn to hit	56 "Tell — was dreaming!"	98 Tightened up
22 Is unable to	74 "Nunery" has three	120 Use a wand reader on	12 Poetry devices	57 "Tell — was dreaming!"	100 QB's error: Abbr.
23 "Cocoon" co-star	75 Tee off	121 Jim Croce hit that's apt for eight answers in this puzzle	13 Wound mark	58 Glacier or floe	101 Area for mobile campers
25 Red gem	77 Political activist — X		14 Soft powder	62 Maximum or minimum: Abbr.	102 Johnson who directed "Star Wars: The Last Jedi"
26 Singer Keys	78 "No, No, —" (old musical)	124 Current flow measure	15 Big Mac components	63 Steely Dan album with the hits "Peg" and "Deacon Blues"	103 Pets' jinglers
27 Talk formally	80 "Find — and fill it"	125 Comic Idle	16 As if scripted	64 NFL's Cowboys, on scoreboards	104 Gopher Tom who won the 1996 British Open
28 "Never on Sunday" star	82 Of a maritime mil. branch	126 Arctic	17 Longest French river	66 German "a"	105 Be beaten by
31 Suckerfishes	86 These, to Gabriela	127 Gun, in slang	18 Step	67 Hitachi rival	106 James — Garfield
34 Tickle's pink	87 Swede transplanted to the U.S., say	128 Mago's title	24 Heaps	71 Arm bone	107 Actress Watts
35 — -do-well (idle sort)	93 In position	130 "It was — and stormy night ..."	29 Spike of film	72 Living in — (oblivious to current events)	108 Rain units
36 She voiced Elsa in "Frozen"	94 Tycoon	131 — -cone (cold treat)	30 Lauder of perfumery	73 "Dedicated to the — Love"	110 PC shortcut
39 Pippens	95 Onassis	DOWN	32 Prefix with -dextrous	76 Swampy area	111 With full force
42 "Desperate Housewives" character	96 Roman 2,051	1 Figure skater	33 Certain Slav	79 PC key	114 St. Pat's isle
43 Dickens' "Tiny" lad	97 Earp of Tombstone	2 Having a smell	37 Pop singer Diamond	84 Accurse	115 Satyric look
46 Conclude	99 "Desk Set" actress	3 French for "my friend"	38 Greek Z	85 Austen novel	116 TV host Kelly
47 By means of		4 Shutterbug's shooter	40 Small hotel		117 Psalm starter
50 18th Constitution addition		5 Metal deposit	41 Small vortex		122 Suffix with pay or boff
57 Tehran dweller			44 Shared, as interests		123 Road code
58 Restroom, informally			45 Phil of skiing		
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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: **First American Woman Sally —**

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answers

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final action on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held at 8 o'clock M., on the 5th day June, 2023.

Dated this 6th day of March 2023.

/s/ Daniel Enos
Supervisor
Debra J. Wilson,
Clerk

LEGAL 19722
March 17, 2023

LEGAL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN
To the legal residents of the Town of Harp in the County of DeWitt and State of Illinois, that the ANNUAL MEETING of said Town will take place on **Tuesday, April 11, 2023.**

being the second Tuesday of said month.

The Town meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7 o'clock P.M. on said day at Harp Town Hall and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting;

Dated at Harp Town Hall, this 6th day of March, 2023.

Debra J. Wilson
Town Clerk

LEGAL 19723
March 17, 2023

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

THOMAS CULPEPPER A/K/A THOMAS L CULPEPPER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

DEFENDANTS.

NO. 22 FC 27

404 NORTH STATE STREET

FARMER CITY, IL 61842

JUDGE

PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN TO YOU,

Thomas Culpepper a/k/a Thomas L Culpepper

Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants

defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOTS 1 AND 2 IN BLOCK 6 IN HUDDLESTON'S SECOND ADDITION TO FARMER CITY, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DEWITT, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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Thomas Culpepper a/k/a Thomas L Culpepper

Mortgagor(s), to

Eagle Mortgage Brokerage, Inc.

Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of DeWitt County, Illinois, as Document No. 224694; and for other relief.

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File No. 22-13720IL-872265

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LEGAL 19724
March 17, 24, and 31, 2023

LEGAL
Annual Town Meeting
Notice is hereby given

To the legal residents of the Town of Texas in the County of DeWitt and State of Illinois, that the ANNUAL MEETING of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, being the second Tuesday of said month.

The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 6:30 p.m. on said day at

Texas Town Hall, 9670 Revere Road, Clinton, Illinois, will proceed to hear and consider such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting.

The regular monthly meeting for April usually held on the second Wednesday of the month will be held immediately following the annual meeting.

Dated this 13th day of March, 2023.

Leslie Cyrulik,
Town Clerk

LEGAL 19725
March 17, 2023

LEGAL

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

No. 56-TX-169

In the matter of DEWITT SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT, in the Counties of DeWitt and Piatt, and State of Illinois

NOTICE OF HEARING

YOU ARE HERE-

BY NOTIFIED that on the 14th day of April, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., a hearing will be held on the Commissioner's Petition for Election of Non-Landowners As Commissioners, filed on the 20th day of February, 2023 in this matter in Courtroom A of the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201. W. Washington St., Clinton, Illinois, before the presiding Judge Karle E. Koritz, at which time and place you may appear if you so desire.

James D. Cottrell, attorney for the Plaintiff

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LEGAL 19726
March 17, and 24, 2023

LEGAL

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Case R126-2023

Notice is given that a request Lori & Larry Feather, applicant, and John Miller, owner, has requested that the following properties be rezoned from the present Rural Development - 3 District (RD-3) to Rural Development -1 District (RD-1) use compliance to the zoning code on the following described property:

LOT 1 KRISTINS ADD - PIN #12-03-378-001; LOT 2 KRISTINS ADD - PIN #12-03-378-002; AND LOT 3 KRISTINS ADD - PIN #12-03-378-003 The properties contain a total of approximately 3.39 acres and is commonly located in section 3 of Texas Township adjacent to US 51 and North corner of Burns Hill Rd.

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that a public hearing on the above-mentioned request will be held on April 2023 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. Said hearing will be held in the DeWitt County Building, 201 W.

Washington St., Clinton, IL

David Waters, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

LEGAL 19727
March 17, 2023

LEGAL

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Case S258-2023

Notice is given that a request for a Special Use Permit has been filed with the above-named Board. Lori & Larry Feather, applicant and John Miller, owner has requested a special use permit to operate a wedding and event venue.

Legal descriptions - S3 T19 R2, PT E1/2 SW-BEG 450 N, 250 NE & 60.05 NE SW COR, NE550, NE316, NW479.75, N1038.22, SE192.65, SE548.04, SE779.14, S113.15, SW498.52, NW25, W134.60, SW249.53, NW42 TO PB - PIN # 12-03-377-004; LOT 1 KRISTINS ADD - PIN #12-03-378-001; LOT


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and RD-3 with a
rezoning request
for Lots 1, 2 and 3
to be RD-1 and is
located in section 3
of Texas Township
adjacent to US 51
and North corner of
Burns Hill Rd. The
properties contain
a total of approxi-
mately 19.52 acres.

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March 17, 2023

Clinton Otters go to State Championships



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CLINTON — Clinton Otters swimmers are headed to the Illinois YMCA State Championships March 17-19

The Otters have 33 swimmers who have qualified to compete. Their are listed at right.

Corinne Adams
Lincoln Adams
Katelyn Bentz
Jack Betsworth
Brody Beck
Jamie Clodfelter
Kruz DeLeon
Aliyah Ellison
Lydia Ferguson
Dane Fought
Alaric Fulton
Oliver Goar
Abby Harper
Aubrey Houser
Addy Koritz
Kacy Koritz
Haiden Mast
Sophia McConkey
Lily Mitchell
Lily Moore
McKegan Morgan
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