

Quick response, teamwork prevented catastrophic result

It appears boring
crew not at fault
for natural gas leak

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CLINTON — Help from multiple emergency departments and teamwork likely prevented a catastrophic event on Feb. 13 after contractors accidentally bored through a natural gas line and sewer line simultaneously.

A company doing work in the city accidentally bored through the two lines late afternoon on Monday, Feb. 13. Rather than the gas escaping through the ground and into the air, it entered the punctured sewer line and began entering homes in the area.

“It had the potential of leveling that corner of town,” Ballenger said during Tuesday’s city council meeting. “That’s how bad it was.”

He said police, fire, EMS, EMA, the school district and street department workers all played roles in evacuating residents and preventing a major mishap.

Ballenger said the city’s mutual aid fire departments responded quickly, and within a short time, an area of about 20 square blocks was evacuated.

“We had some really bad explosive levels in every house,” he said.

Five departments with about 30 firefighters responded to the scene originating near the intersection of W. Adams and S. Elm streets. DeWitt County EMS helped evacuate residents who were unable under their own power, said Clinton Fire Chief Stephen Page.

The Clinton School District provided a bus to help with the evacuation and made school facilities available for evacuees. Deputies from the DeWitt County Sheriff’s Office help Clinton Police manage traffic in the area. City works administrator Steve Lobb provided barricades and sewer line maps, “so we could track where the gas could potentially go,” Page said.

“The Methodist Church also opened as a shelter for us,” Page added.

Firefighters carried more than 20 gas meters to check natural gas levels, including inside homes. Fire departments use the meters to check for natural gas, and they also can be used to check carbon monoxide levels.

Springfield and Mt. Zion fire departments provided special fans to help dissipate the natural gas.

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DWC Mental Health Board completes county assessment

DEWITT COUNTY — Following a year-long process, the DeWitt County Mental Health Board has published the 2022 DeWitt County Needs and Resources Assessment for Mental Health, Substance Use, and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities.

With individual and organizational participation from DeWitt County residents and stakeholders, the report highlights steps organizations are taking to address residents’ needs and where additional focus should be placed for future services. The assessment goals are to increase awareness of available services, aide in strategic planning, and enhance communication among providers and residents.

“After much work and dedication to this

assessment, I am excited to see and share the results,” said Mental Health Board president Katy Arnold. “The results are important to our community and will have a positive impact on meeting the needs of our citizens. We look forward to using the assessment to move forward in our mission to provide access to local services that our community needs.”

Project sponsors and steering committee members helped to develop surveys, conduct interviews, review publicly available data, and put together the report. The assessment dives into data around youth and adult substance use and mental health concerns, access to services, workforce and infrastructure issues, community collaboration, and disability services.

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Alex Lovell shows his rental available to travelers, visitors and vacationers.

Short-term rental works for Clinton owner

Bnb-style booking offers alternatives for property owners, travelers

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Alex Lovell just began booking the second floor apartment of his business through Airbnb in November, but so far, he’s happy with the results.

Alex and Katy Lovell bought Grimsley’s Flower Store from John Baker and began operating the 105-year-old business a little over a year ago. They weren’t sure at that time exactly what they wanted

to do with the building’s upstairs apartment.

Lovell said they talked about the idea of having a short-term rental over renting to a tenant for a longer period.

“With a short-term renter, they’re only here for a few days or a week, and then they’re gone,” Lovell said.

He said there was an advantage to the protections provided by a company such as Airbnb.

Airbnb was one of the originators of booking short-term rentals and bed and breakfast stays online. The company also books longer-term rentals for clients as well as offering services to accommodation providers through its Host Guarantee. The guarantee protects providers against damage and delinquent payments

from renters.

Lovell said they have had such a good experience using Airbnb, they haven’t branched out to include other booking services.

“It seemed like a safer, better option for us,” Lovell said.

The arrangement also is convenient when their family comes to town for a visit.

“We can just block out those dates, and they can stay up there,” he said.

The Lovells completely renovated the three bedroom, 1,500- square-foot apartment, including refinishing the original hardwood floors. They also gutted the bathroom and installed a walk-in shower.

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Courtesy of First National Bank & Trust
Clinton Community YMCA CEO Rennie Cluver, left, and FNBT universal banker Matt Hall with the “Strong Kids” of Clinton Y.

FNBT supports ‘Strong Kids’ with \$2,500 donation

CLINTON — As part of its community reinvestment efforts, First National Bank and Trust Company has donated \$2,500 to the Clinton Community YMCA to support the “Strong Kids”

program.

“Strong Kids” is an initiative that is community-based and supported annually to assist the local YMCA in providing scholarships and reduced memberships

to children in the area.

First National Bank and Trust Company reinvests 10 percent of the bank’s pre-tax income back into the communities through its IgniteProsperity® program.

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reinvestment is made in the form of sponsorships and donations to local nonprofits, as well as through teaching financial literacy at local schools.

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“And, we added a washer and dryer,” Lovell said. “We thought, in the summer, with people going out to the lake, they could come back and wash their clothes. And, if you’re here for a week, you could wash your clothes here and won’t have to do it when you get home.” Lovell said if they ever

decided to stop doing short-term rentals and rent the apartment on a long-term basis, the washer and dryer would add to its appeal. “We also looked to the future; if some day we decide to live up there, it would be nice to have a washer and dryer,” he said. The apartment also has a

full kitchen. “We also allow some pets, but people have to ask permission first.” The guests to Lovell’s rental aren’t just helping his business, they’re spending money other places in town, too. “We know a lot of people who stay here are going out because we find sacks from different business

around town.” Lovell said. “I know they spend quite a bit eating out in town.” Lovell’s guests have included a family traveling from Georgia back home to Wisconsin and a family from Canada who were in the area for a relative’s graduation from the University of Illinois.

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Additionally, employees are offered 50 hours of volunteer time off to use in their communities, including board involvement. Matt Hall, a universal banker at First National Bank and Trust Company, joined the bank in August 2020, and serves on the Clinton Community

YMCA as a board member. Since 2018, First National Bank and Trust Company has donated more than \$17,000 to the “Strong Kids” program. The YMCA’s mission is to put faith-based principles into practice through “programs that build healthy spirit, mind and

body for all.” “We are grateful for community collaborators like First National Bank and Trust Company who trust the YMCA and offer funding to help give financial aid to kids and community members for programming,” said CEO of Clinton Community YMCA, Rennie Cluver.

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The findings and conclusions will support the growth and development of DeWitt County organizations for years to come. “This assessment will provide Heritage with a better understanding of what is important to the community so that we

can improve our services and more effectively meet the needs of everyone in DeWitt County,” said Cory Baxter, Clinical Supervisor for Heritage Behavioral Health Center in Clinton, and project steering committee. To share the findings of the assessment and

highlight the many organizations serving DeWitt County residents, the Mental Health Board will host free community presentations in the coming months. The assessment report, which includes a resource directory, is available online at www.dewittcountymhb.com for

anyone to access. A limited number of print copies are available. Direct report requests and questions to Sharon Mills, Administrator, DeWitt County Mental Health Board, at smills@dewittcountymhb.com.

Clinton Chamber annual dinner 2023 plans under way

CLINTON — Each year, the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau holds its annual dinner. Chamber members and their guests, as well as non-members, are invited and welcome to attend.

At the 2023 Annual Dinner there will be an awards ceremony and the winners of each category will be presented with a plaque. Every member of the Chamber is nominated and divided

into four categories (Small Business of the Year, Medium Business of the Year, Large Business of the Year, and Direct Business/Nonprofit of the Year). This year’s annual dinner

will be held on Saturday, March 4 at The Georgia Jill. Check-in starts at 5pm and the evening will conclude by 8 p.m. There will be a 50/50 drawing; a balloon pop (Purchase a playing card, and if the match to your card is drawn you will get to pop a balloon for a chance to win a prize), as well as a Gift Card-A-Palooza, where you can win gift cards from our members (winner will be announced at the 2023 Golf Outing). The entertainment for the evening will be Andrew’s Family Magic “Show of Wonder.” The Annual Dinner is also a sponsorship opportunity for Chamber members. Visit the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce website or 217-935-3364 for more information: www.clintonilchamber.com.

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Page said his department’s people were on the scene for at least seven hours. Clinton Fire started that day with a major structure fire nearby at about 12:30 a.m. It appears the boring crew bored in a spot that earlier had been marked as safe.

“We probably had some inadequate marking procedures,” Ballenger said. “We’re not putting the blame on anyone at this point.” He said more investigation was needed. “We need to figure it out to make sure we’re right,” Ballenger said.

Law Enforcement

Clinton Police Department

Citations 02/17/23 Byron K. Brakefield 55, Middletown Speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph zone. Notice to Appear issued. 02/18/23 Dayton A. Rodgers 17, Clinton Operating Motor Vehicle outside permitted hours. Notice to Appear issued. On 02/17/23 Clinton Police investigated a Hit & Run accident at Monroe & Washington. A vehicle driven by Carolyn J. Armstrong 79, Wapella was westbound on Washington St. and Monroe when a vehicle driven by Jason K. Snyder 48, Clinton was northbound on Monroe and failed to yield and collided with Armstrong. Snyder was issued citations for Disobeying Stop Sign, Driving while License Suspended and Operating Uninsured

Motor Vehicle. Snyder was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections. On 02/17/23 Clinton Police arrested Samantha K. Morris 40, Clinton on a McLean County Warrant. Morris was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections. On 02/17/23 Clinton Police arrested Carly A. King 42, Cerro Gordo on a Macon County and Logan County Warrant. King was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections. On 02/18/23 Clinton Police arrested Jose Gomes 33, Clinton for Driving while License Suspended. Gomes was transported to the DeWitt County Jail where he was processed and released on a Notice to Appear in Court.

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

Is it taxable?

After preparing my own taxes annually for over 40 years, I’m about to have someone else do them for me for the first time. This is not without concerns, of course, but the people who volunteer to prepare taxes at the senior center are trained. They’re part of the AARP income tax assistance program, which means they’re IRS-certified and therefore will know about any recent changes to tax law ... which will be handy at this point. As of this writing, the IRS is telling people to hold off sending in their tax returns for 2022. The reason: So many states handed out so many types of money during the pandemic that the IRS isn’t sure yet what is and isn’t taxable. For example, checks designated as “rebates” might or might not be taxable. A Covid disaster emergency relief check is not. However, in some cases, the issue is complicated by whether you do or do not itemize. People in at least 22 states are caught in this dilemma. If you haven’t done your

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taxes yet and want help, or if you want to make a note for next year, do an online search for “AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Locator.” Once on the site, scroll down and enter your ZIP code or town in the search field to find the locations near you. Be sure to ask about the forms you’ll need to pick up and fill out before your appointment, and whether you’ll be going inside or waiting in the parking lot. The other good news is that this AARP service is free. For me it means I don’t need to spend \$50 once again to buy the computer software and do it myself and hope I haven’t made an error somewhere ... perhaps with guessing wrong about whether that state check I received is or isn’t taxable. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

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Della Annette Jones

Ga. — Della Annette Jones (D. Ann) 83, formerly of Clinton, passed away peacefully on February 16, 2023, at her home in Georgia, surrounded by her family.

Born on July 30, 1939, in Hot Springs Ark., D. Ann moved with her family to Clinton, in 1970. During her 40-plus-year career as a central Illinois educator, she taught at Clinton High School, Richland College, Lincoln College and Millikin University. She enjoyed teaching at all levels and was inspired by her students and colleagues.

D. Ann is survived by her husband, Morton Thompson; daughter Wendy Jones (Lynn), of Newnan Ga.; grandson Taylor Bennett (Regina), of Palmetto, Ga.; granddaughter Carly



Jones, of New York, City, N.Y. and great-granddaughter Helen Bennett.

Per D. Ann's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral. In lieu of flowers, D. Ann requested donations be sent to Heartland Theater, P.O. Box 104, Bloomington IL 61702.

"If I ever caused you a heartache or sadness, that was not my intent, I apologize. If I helped you in any way, Baby pass it on."

Marilyn Strain

CLINTON — Marilyn Strain, 82, of Decatur, formerly of Clinton, passed away at 6:08 p.m. on February 13, 2023, at her family residence, Decatur.

Funeral services to celebrate her life will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at the Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with Ernie Harvey, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow at Long Point Cemetery, Wapella. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, February 24, 2023, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Marilyn Strain memorial fund.

Marilyn was born on January 6, 1941, in Nokomis, Ill., the daughter of Wayne and Vivian (Eddington) Sievers. She married Galen M. Strain on December 1, 1962, in Nokomis. He passed away on July 5, 2012.

Survivors include her son, David (Karen Belangee) Strain, Decatur;



grandson, Justin (Megan) Strain, Davenport, Iowa; and two great-granddaughters, Caroline and Elizabeth Strain; and daughter-in-law, Teresa Strain, Florida.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents; son, Kevin Strain; two brothers and two sisters.

Marilyn was a member of the First Christian Church, Clinton. She was the DeWitt County ESDA coordinator and served as a precinct committeeperson. Marilyn was a die-hard Republican and member of the D.A.R. She enjoyed quilting and was a member of the Salt Creek Patchmakers Quilt Guild.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Thomas E. Zalabak

MONTICELLO — Thomas "Tom" Edward Zalabak, age 73, of Monticello,

passed away on Sunday, February 12, 2023, surrounded by his family.

He was born in 1949 in Chicago, to George and Alyce (Jordan) Zalabak. He grew up in Stickney, Ill. and Lyons, Ill. with his two brothers, William and James. He was a 1967 graduate of Morton West High School.

Tom enlisted in the U.S. Army in April 1969 and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in April 1972 having achieved the rank of Specialist 5. Shortly thereafter, on August 5, he married his high school sweetheart, Cheryl Pankow, his wife of over 50 years.

Tom worked in the newspaper advertising industry for 50 years, holding every title from sales representative, to director, to vice president. He was a recognized and awarded authority on newspaper advertising and enjoyed educating others on perfecting the art of newspaper advertising sales. Not long before his retirement, Tom worked in advertising sales at the Clinton Journal. Tom retired in November 2020.



He enjoyed spending time with his family, playing ice hockey, building model cars, fishing in the Northwoods of Wisconsin, and his red Ford Mustang.

He was a devoted father and grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife Cheryl; six children, Joseph (Jennifer) Zalabak, of Champaign; Robert (Savannah) Zalabak, of Darien, Ill.; Margaret (Josh) Mink, of Woodridge, Ill.; Andrew Zalabak, of Monticello; Thomas (Brittany) Zalabak, of Champaign, and Elyse Zalabak, of Monticello; five grandchildren, Haven, Jonathan, Eden, Willow and Thomas; and two brothers William Zalabak and James (Mary) Zalabak.

A visitation for Tom will be held on Friday, February 24, 2023, from 4-8 p.m. at Mount Auburn Funeral Home, 4101 S. Oak Park Avenue, Stickney, IL.

Questions & Answers

General

Question:

I run a bed and breakfast. By this time every year, I am tired of all the paperwork involved with filing taxes. Is there an easier way for small businesses to file W-2s for their employees?

Answer:

Absolutely. If you are a small business owner or entrepreneur, you should check out Social Security's Business Services Online (BSO) website. There, you can file your employees' W-2s and W-2cs electronically and print out the W-2s to provide paper copies to your employees. You also can verify the Social Security numbers of your employees. Our online services are easy to use, fast, and secure. Visit our BSO page at www.ssa.gov/bso.

Question:

I noticed that my date of birth in Social Security's records is wrong. How do I get that corrected?

Answer:

To change the date of birth shown on our records, take the following steps:

- Complete an Application For A Social Security Card (Form SS-5).
- Show us documents proving:
 - o U.S. citizenship (if you have not previously established your citizenship with us).
 - o Age.
 - o Identity. Then
 - Take (or mail) your completed application and documents to your local Social Security office.

Note that all documents must be either originals or copies certified by the issuing agency. We cannot accept photocopies or notarized copies of documents. For details on the documents, visit www.ssa.gov/ss5doc.

Retirement

Question:

I want to estimate my retirement benefit at several different ages. Is there a way to do that?

Answer:

Visit www.ssa.gov/prepare/plan-retirement and sign in or create your my Social Security account to get an instant,



personalized retirement benefit estimate based on current law and your earnings record. Your my Social Security account lets you create additional "what if" retirement scenarios based on different income levels and "stop work" ages.

Question:

I've decided I want to retire. Now what do I do?

Answer:

The fastest and easiest way to apply for retirement benefits is to go to www.ssa.gov/apply. Use our online application to apply for Social Security retirement or spouse's benefits. To do so, you must:

- Be at least 61 years and 9 months old.
- Want to start your benefits in the next four months.
- Live in the United States or one of its commonwealths or territories.

Disability

Question:

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If you earn more than a certain amount and are doing productive work, we generally consider that you are engaging in SGA. For example, the monthly SGA amount for 2023 is \$1,470. For statutorily blind individuals, that amount is \$2,460. In these cases, you would not be eligible for disability benefits if you made over those amounts. You can read more about substantial gainful activity and if your earnings qualify as SGA at www.ssa.gov/oact/cola/sga.html.



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1945 - During World War II, the Philippine capital of Manila, was liberated by U.S. soldiers.

1946 - Juan Peron was elected president of Argentina.

1956 - The city of Cleveland invoked a 1931 law that barred people under the age of 18 from dancing in public without an adult guardian.

1980 - NBC premiered the TV movie "Harper Valley P.T.A."

1981 - Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Britain's Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer.

1983 - The Dow Jones industrial average closed above the 1100 mark for the first time.

1983 - A U.S.congressional commission released a report that condemned the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II.

1987 - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, of the Los Angeles Lakers, got his first three-point shot in the NBA.

1987 - An exploding supernova was discovered in the Large Magellanic Cloud galaxy.

1988 - The U.S. Supreme Court overturned a \$200,000 award to Rev. Jerry Falwell that had been won against "Hustler" magazine. The ruling expanded legal protections for parody and satire.

1989 - Iran's Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini sentenced Salman Rushdie to death for his novel "The Satanic Verses". A bounty of one to three-million-dollars was also put on Rushdie's head.

1989 - A United Airlines 747 jet rips open in flight killing 9 people. The flight was from Honolulu to New Zealand.

1992 - "Wayne's World" opened in U.S. theaters.

1992 - Tracy Gold began working on the set of "Growing Pains" again. She had left the show due to anorexia.

1994 - In Los Angeles, Garrett Morris was shot during a robbery attempt. He eventually recovered from his injury.

1997 - The U.S. The Food and Drug Administration named six brands of birth control as safe and effective "morning-after" pills for preventing pregnancy.

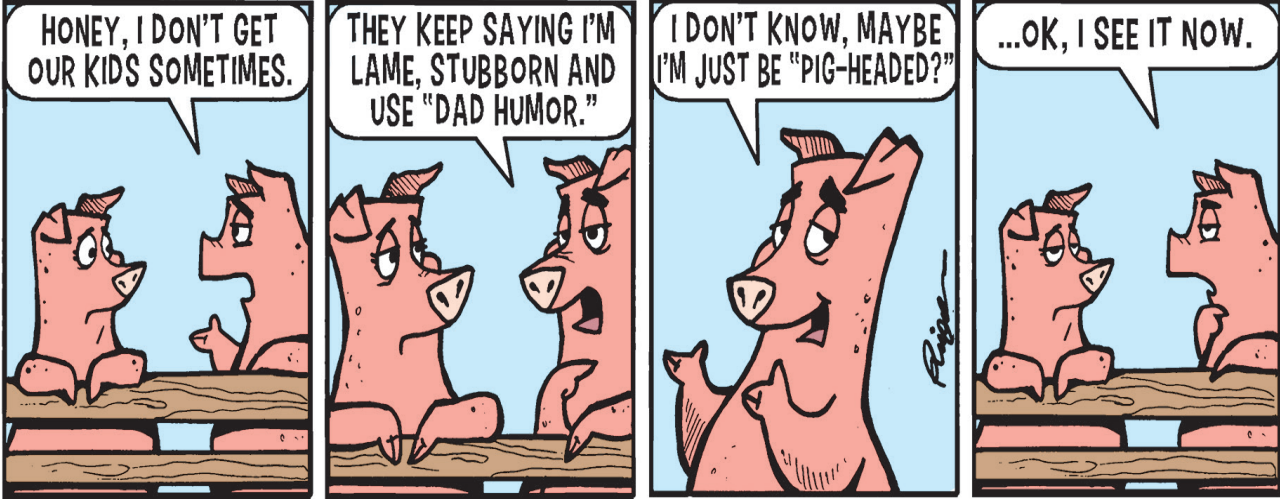
1997 - Dick Enberg received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

1999 - In southeast China, a domestic airliner crashed killing all 64 passengers.

2007 - The Virginia General Assembly passed a resolution expressing "profound regret" for the state's role in slavery.

2008 - Cuba's parliament named Raul Castro president. His brother Fidel had ruled for nearly 50 years.

Amber Waves



Wind turbine failure

I never thought 20 years ago that I would be writing an article on the structural failure of a wind turbine tower.

I was involved in the developing of the county's initial zoning ordinances for wind farms. At that time the real concerns were just the actual nature of what a wind farm would entail.

There were concerns about taking farm land out of production and what would happen to the towers after the life of the wind farm had passed. The county was concerned about the dismantling of the wind farm towers and concrete foundations of the towers. Those concerns were addressed.

There was not a lot of talk about setbacks should a tower fail and fall to the ground. A couple of Board members voiced concerns. The setbacks that were enacted provided margins to give assurances that a tower would not fall into a roadway should it fail.

In all honesty, that was not a major concern of the board at that time. With the amount of concrete in the base and the sheer weight of the tower itself, the thought process was it would be a really remote chance for the tower to fail and collapse prior to their planned removal. That decision making process was logical and reasonable.

However, it is always the exception to the rule that proves the point for those who disagree.

Ford county has wind farms very similar to what DeWitt County has. It was noticed that a tower was beginning to lean. That tower was taken off line and it continued to lean. When one has as much weight as a wind turbine and it starts to lean, bad things are going to happen.

Once that much weight is off center and starts to lean gravity rears her mighty head. The tower collapsed in a thunderous roar which was heard and



felt by the neighboring farms. That windfarm had never had a failure of this nature.

The news reports had the windfarm owner's representatives stating that they had not had this problem at their other locations. The math is very clear. The failure of the tower is an anomaly. The reality is that the tower failed and came crashing down. No one was hurt, but the thought of tons of steel falling in a 600 foot radius is truly cause for concern.

As of this writing no one has provided the cause of the failure, only that the cause is being researched. The cause of the failure needs to be determined and then measures need to be enacted to assure

that a remedy is provided should other towers have the same fault issue.

I tend to be pro windfarms as a matter of public policy. At the same time, the windfarms must be safely erected. This tower failure near Paxton is something that zoning officials as well as windfarm operators and those who manufacture and erect the windfarms need to address.

Weather and Roads— We all love warm weather in winter. The fuel bills go down and life is good, except for the roads. Freeze and thaw cycles do serious damage to the roads. The ground shifts and the road cracks. The highway crews and street departments have all been out patching those roads. Be careful as you drive by the repair crews and tell crews thanks when you see them in the coffee shops or gas stations.

Mother Nature controls, but the crews are giving her a run for the money.

A 48-year theft

Forty-eight years is a long time to pull off a scam, but one woman managed to keep it going for that long. The crime: forging her mother's signature on the back of checks for widows' benefits ... for 48 years.

During all those years she continued to send in fraudulent paperwork while impersonating her mother -- who died in 1973 -- and continued to collect the money. Her excuse, when finally caught, was that her abusive husband told her to keep cashing the checks. She divorced him and was then out from under his control, yet

she continued to cash the checks.

Yes, when her mother died she had to take in and raise her younger siblings, so it's possibly understandable that she assumed she could take the money that had been meant for her mother. But eventually those children grew up and were no longer minors living at home.

In the middle of the decades-long theft, she filed for bankruptcy and claimed she had no income, even though she was receiving the Department of Veterans Affairs benefits checks all



along.

She'll need to repay the \$416,000 that she stole (not likely to happen), but there's no jail sentence, only a year of home confinement, because the perp in this case is now 76 years old.

Why, inquiring minds want to know, does the VA not demand proof of life or some type of verification about where the money is going when benefits are paid year after

year, decade after decade?

Surely someone could have done the math. If the mother was X years old when she started collecting the widow benefits, what were the odds she was still living 20 years, 30 years or 40 years later? Couldn't someone have asked for verification? Or gone to the door? Just receiving handwritten forms over the years doesn't seem like much of an effort to safeguard the funds that are sent out.

That \$416,000 (that they'll likely never see again) is a lot of money.

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How blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways. When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive plants around your table.

PSALM 128:1-3

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH
by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 24:7-8

Lift up **your heads**, you **gates**; be lifted up, you **ancient doors**, that the King of **glory may come** in. **Who** is this **King** of glory? The **LORD** strong and mighty, **the LORD mighty** in **battle**.

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

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers

1. G L O R Y M
2. F E E T
3. A B S A L O M
4. J O I N
5. W I N D S T O R M
6. N E I C N A

Melting pot

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. It is only fitting that we patriotic Americans begin our culinary adventure here in the United States of America. Let us start our travels from the east coast and work our way to the west coast; but first a short introduction.

Climate and soil determines the type of livestock and crops grown. This defines regional cuisine. In the United States, there exists a wide range from wetlands to arid, from prairies to woodlands, from flatlands to hills and mountains and from frigid to scorching.

We have the streams for Salmon, the lakes for fin fish, the oceans for larger fish, shellfish and coruscations. The variety is so great that one wonders why anyone would want to go elsewhere. It seems we have it all including the transportation for shipping things from coast to coast. We can be as self-sufficient as we wish.

The United States has been called the melting pot for good reason. People from all walks of life migrated here. They brought with them belief systems, skills, ways of cooking and creative ethnic dishes. This list goes on. This collection of people and their cultures is what made the United States strong. But I am digressing.

Because of ethnic blending, it is difficult to classify any one food item as an American original unless it is buffalo steaks, hominy or barbequed meats. The good old American apple pie comes into question. Creating dough to use as an encasement was done in France and Italy before fruit pies existed.

The whole notion of soup was brought over from Europe. Bread making

The Culinary Corner
By Chef Roger Joss

was down to a science as far back as ancient Egypt. The only things we can separate are the regions and which foods prevail there.

Where ethnic groups settled would naturally reflect their culture. There are areas from Pennsylvania to Illinois where pockets of Germans settled. One city in Illinois had so many German families that their newspaper was printed in the German language. Although beer making originated in ancient Egypt, Germans specialized in making it as master brewers.

Three factors single out the United States of America to be my primary focal point in this adventure. The one factor is the fact that this is our home and we should protect it. As such, we should learn more about it.

The other factor is that we have a better opportunity to visit the various regions that take pride in their particular form of cuisine as based on their agriculture. The third factor is the many ethic groups represented in this wonderful country. We need not venture out of the U.S.A. to enjoy international cuisine at its best.

Therefore, I will expound more regarding the various culinary regions in the United States than I will for other countries. I pray this will excite your culinary interests and patriotic fervor.

New England States would be a good starting place.

Until next time, peace to all.

BIBLE TRIVIA
By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 4 John (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. In Romans 10, what body part does Paul call "beautiful" on those who bring the good news? Hands, Mouth, Heart, Feet

3. Who died after getting his long hair caught in a tree and being found by enemy soldiers? Absalom, Joash, Ahaz, Asa

4. From Matthew 22:14, "For many are called, but few are ..."? Worthy, Chosen, Winners, Liked

5. What caused the death of Job's children? Famine, Flood, Windstorm, Beheaded

6. Who was the mate of Abigail? Abraham, Adam, Nabal, Baasha

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Feet, 3) Absalom, 4) Chosen, 5) Windstorm, 6) Nabal

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SPORTS

Junior varsity Maroons cage Bulldogs, varsity falls by 10



Marc Rogers / Journal
CHS graduating seniors, recognized during the Maroons vs Bulldogs game.

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CLINTON — The St. Teresa Bulldogs recently invaded the gymnasium of Clinton High School for the ultimate battle. The Bulldogs manhandled the Maroons in previous meetings and planned on it again.

At stake was the conference championship. If the home team won they would tie the Bulldogs for the conference championship at 6-1, a Clinton loss would give the visitors the outright conference title at 7-0.

Since it also was Clinton's senior night, a win would be especially sweet, several players in their last regular season

hoorah.

The night began with the junior varsities (JV) playing first to warm things up. The first quarter was a disaster for the home team, which failed to score a single point. The flip side was the Maroons held the opposition to only 8 points.

The second quarter was again low scoring with the Maroons gaining ground and holding the Bulldogs to only 2 points. The Maroons entered the locker room down by one at halftime.

The coaches must have pressed home the lack of play because both teams returned to the floor on fire.

The third quarter saw

the Maroons attack the Bulldogs hard, taking the lead and pulling away. But, the Bulldogs retaliated, in more ways than one, with two technical fouls, and outscored the Maroons by a several points. The Maroons held tough, though, pulling off a 41-38 upset.

The Maroons were led by Dalton Bell (#23) with 14 points including four 3-pointers, and Anthony Westbrook (#0) with 11 points and one 3-pointer.

Before the varsity game began, the seniors were announced and presented before the fans. For the boys basketball team the seniors were Brett Young (#1), Hayden Clark (#24) and Derek Filkin (#25).

Also presented were M-Squad seniors Alyssa Hart, and Makenna Rauch along with cheerleader seniors Lu Biamino, Savannah Burton, and Emmy Leach.

The varsity game had a faster pace, and both teams scored in double digits in all quarters. Even

with this much fire power, the Maroons weren't able to get the job done for the seniors.

The home team had four players in double figures, but so did the Bulldogs. Although the figures looked good on paper, the Maroons were down by 9 at halftime and lost the

game 71-61 in the end.

The Maroons were led by Mason Walker (#3) with 16 points including two 3-pointers, Dawson Graves (#2) with 15 points, Brooks Cluver (#12) with 15 points including three 3-pointers, and Colton Walker (#4) with 14 points.



Anthony Westbrook (#0) goes high for the tip for the JV team .

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SPORTS

CHS hosts wrestling Sectional, sends two to State

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CLINTON — This season saw the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 1A Individual Wrestling Sectionals being held at Clinton High School (CHS) on February 10 and 11.

There were 12 wrestlers in each of 14 weight classes along with all their coaches and fans packing into the main gymnasium, where four wrestling mats were set up for the action.

After the first rounds and just prior to the championship rounds, the stands were cleared and the gym went to two mats and more seating was made available for the fans. All this was accomplished over two days and approximately 12 hours.

The Maroons had five wrestlers make it into the sectional rounds. They included Cayden Poole at 132 lbs., Will Winter at 145 lbs., Kristan Hibbard at 170 lbs., Logan Thoms at 182 lbs., and Dawson Thayer at 285 lbs. Poole, Winter and Hibbard made it through the first round, but due to double elimination, everyone was still in the game.

Friday began the wrestle-backs for those who lost

a match the day before, giving them a chance for third or fourth. After losing on Friday, Thoms and Thayer lost their first matches on Saturday and were eliminated early. Hibbard was the next to be eliminated after winning on Friday. He lost his next to matches.

Poole lost one match after two wins, but then came back with a win to make the final round, where he lost in a tough match and ended with fourth place at 132 lbs. and a trip to the state finals.

After losing his second match, Winter wrestled his way back through the consolation bracket with three wins to make the final round, where he was beaten for his second loss but ended the sectional with a fourth place finish and a trip to the state finals with Poole.

The state finals were held on February 16-18 at the State Farm Center in Urbana.


Unfortunately, Winter did not go far, nursing a sore knee from earlier in the season, but finished the season with a 28-8 record. Cayden Poole wrestled his way through the wrestle-backs to end the season with an 8th place in the state finals and a 43-10 record.



Courtesy of Clinton Maroons / Clinton High School
Cayden Poole (L) and Will Winter (R) at the State Farm Center for the wrestling finals



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Cayden Poole realizes he's going to the State Finals.



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DECLARE OR DEFEND?

	♠ AKQJ ♥ A7432 ♦ ♣ K963	
♠ 65 ♥ KJT5 ♦ KJ9 ♣ AJT2	<i>North</i> <i>West</i> <i>East</i> <i>Declarer</i>	♠ 432 ♥ Q9 ♦ T876 ♣ 8754
	♠ T987 ♥ 86 ♦ AQ5432 ♣ Q	

Both Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
		1♥	Pass
1♠	Dbl	4♠	All Pass

South's hand was not good enough to bid her Diamonds at the two-level, so she responded 1♠ and soon found herself declaring a 4♠ contract.

You can see all four hands, it's time to place your bets. Do you want to declare or defend?

Declarer can count a trick in each side-suit, so one route to success would be to cross-ruff the hand, scoring those trumps separately. But not so fast! West cleverly finds the opening lead of a trump, and Declarer can be sure that the defense will lead another trump next time they get in. The second trump lead holds Declarer to only six trump tricks ($\spadesuit A$, $\spadesuit K$, plus two ruffs in each hand) to go with the three side-suit tricks.

So 4♠ is down one? Not necessarily, it may be possible to set up a long Heart for the 10th trick, and the best way to do that is to lose a Heart at Trick Two. The defense returns another trump, and now Dummy's ♥A is cashed, then a Heart ruffed. Declarer's ♣Q is taken by West, who cannot lead another trump. He does best to exit with a Club, but Declarer wins that in Dummy, ruffs another Heart, cashes the ♦A, ruffs a Diamond, draws East's last trump, and scores Dummy's long Heart. Making 10 tricks!

West could have made Declarer's life more difficult by letting Declarer's ♣Q hold the trick! This surprising play leaves Dummy an entry short of being able to enjoy the long Heart. So, down one after all? No, of course not, if West finds that fine play then Declarer counters by overtaking with the Queen with the King! That provides the extra Dummy entry, and 4♠ does indeed make. Was that how you bet?

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Super Crossword

**TOTALLY
OUT OF IT**

ACROSS

1 Four-string guitar
5 Bits of land in
 e agua
10 Luca Brasi
 in "The
 Godfather,"
 e.g.
16 Soft infant
 food
19 Life — know it
20 New Mexico or
 Colorado
 county
21 Useless
22 Division of
 history
23 Start of a
 riddle
26 Mantra
 syllables
27 Old-time
 clearing cake
28 Tennis: Safin
29 Not skilled in
 at all
31 Heavy weight
32 All — sudden
35 Spoken
37 French movie
 theater
38 Riddle, part 2
44 President
 Biden
45 Speaks
46 Singer Turner
47 Tell el — (Nile
 excavation
 site)

50 It fills la mer
 51 Riddle, part 3
 57 Becomes
 familiar with
 anew
 59 Per-unit price
 60 Mortise
 insertion
 61 Ambulance
 VIPs
 62 Decorative
 dashboard
 finish
 66 Chain in
 biology
 67 Riddle, part 4
 73 China's Chou
 En- —
 74 Like many
 soda bottles,
 volume-wise
 75 Purposely
 ignore
 76 Book of
 chairs
 79 IRS form IDs
 80 "— is a
 virtue"
 84 Riddle, part 5
 87 In honor of
 89 Small river
 90 — mutual
 betting
 91 Oxygen-
 requiring
 bacterium
 93 Start for
 center or
 Pen
 94 End of the
 riddle

102 Square yardage, e.g.
103 Instant replay option
104 Expressive rock genre
105 — Leppard (rock band)
106 Mythical man-goats
109 "In the red," e.g.
111 Division of history
115 Concorde, e.g., in brief
116 Riddle's answer
120 Grassland
121 Henner of "Taxi"
122 — Island (Providence's state)
123 Old TV's — May Clampett
124 Work unit
125 Workout wear
126 Planted
127 Some deli loaves

DOWN

1 Gusty noisily
2 Christy pale
3 Real bargain
4 Electric eye, e.g.
5 "The Tall Corn State"

6 Leave for a short time
7 Spy novelist Deighton
8 Exhibit works
9 "... or — told"
10 Drag racer
11 New York home of Cornell
12 Relative of a stickpin
13 Raging crowd
14 PQD's cousin
15 Emperor after Claudius I
16 City on the Illinois River
17 Ralph Lauren competitor
18 Pale hue
24 Actress Skyler
25 Main parts of churches
30 Fuel rating
33 Galas
34 On the Red, e.g.
36 Former senator Trent
38 Open slightly
39 City in Alaska
40 Four-piece band
41 Writer Capote, to pals
42 Org. in many spy novels
43 Make a ski mask, maybe

48 Lagoon
surround

49 Christen

51 Core group

52 Frisky
swimmer

53 Uncool sort

54 About

55 Lower-class,
to Brits

56 Growl
threateningly

58 Warning
initials above
an internet
link

59 Hair bases

62 Actress Kate
of "Grey's
Anatomy"

63 Of sheep

64 "Casablanca
woman

65 Prized buy
for a coin
collector

67 Nail on a
paw

68 Pledge

69 Brand of
sneakers

70 Didn't win

71 Hang it up

72 App that asks
"Where to?"

77 Frolicking

78 Move back
and forth

80 Open
tourney,
often

81 Necessarily
82 Sleeveless
 cloak
83 Arabian chief
85 Pooch nose
86 Misters
87 Agent's cut
88 "... there —
 square"
91 Something
 hilarious
92 Fabric
 with raised
 designs
94 Grapple with,
 slangily
95 Slate clearer
96 Attachment to
 a dog or cat
 collar
97 "House"
 actress Wilde
98 Old-time Ford
99 NASA
 countdown
 term
100 Ferber of
 fiction
101 — regions
 (Hades)
107 Crater edges
108 Novelist Irwin
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112 Squeezed
 (out)
113 Be in power
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118 "So that's
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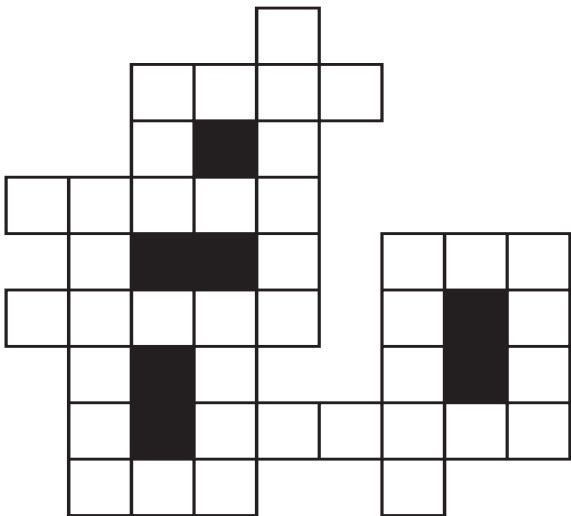
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ **RATHE** becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART**). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

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.

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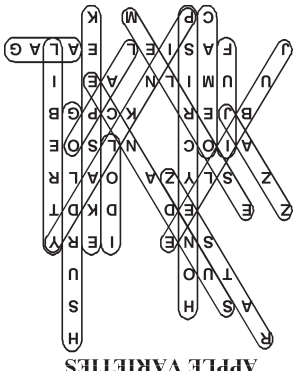
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Go Figure!
answers

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101 LEGAL NOTICES

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201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. *A child-care facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. The Clinton Journal strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in its care. *Family homes that care for no more than three (3) children under the age of twelve or which receive only children from a single household, for less than 24 hours per day, are exempt from licensure as day care homes. The three children to whom this exemption applies includes the family's natural or adopted children and any other persons under the age of 12 whether related or unrelated to the operator of the day care home. (DCFS Rule, Part 377.3 (c))

203 HELP WANTED

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

305 GARAGE/ RUMMAGE SALES

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

REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 6TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DEWITT COUN-

TY - CLINTON, ILLINOIS

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION

Plaintiff,

-v.-

KALISTA ARNDT

Defendant

2022 FC 13

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on December 21, 2022, the Sheriff of De Witt County will at 10:30 AM on March 22, 2023, at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street, (Main door), CLINTON, IL, 61727, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 818 E. JULIA ST., CLINTON, IL 61727

Property Index No. 07-26-313-004

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment

INFORMATION

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

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

amount was \$76,752.03.

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS"

condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)

(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS,



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SALE LOCATION: 13726 Progress Rd-Wapella, IL

(From Rt 51 N of Wapella to Carl Springs Rd-then East 2 miles to Progress-then south)
(From Parnell Rd-East of Wapella 1 mile to Progress Rd-North 1.5 miles to farm)

TRACTORS-COMBINE-PLANTER

2010 Case IH Steiger Mod 335 AFS-3433 hrs-S/N-ZAF118304-deluxe luxury cab-16 speed shift-full guidance-GPS-camera system one camera, hook up for additional & comes with monitor-3 pt PTO-rear tires 1 yr old-Firestone tires are in good condition-Records at CIA-Clinton, IL

2000 John Deere 7810 w/ Michelin duals & front weights-3317 hrs-S/N-RW7810P014611-19 speed-power shift

John Deere 4440 w/full set front weights-5954 hrs-S/N-4440H025176R-new rear tires-dual hydraulics-quad range

John Deere 9570 STS Bullet Rotor Combine-Engine hrs-2708, Green Star Ready, Separator hrs 1855-S/N-725163-extra long unloading auger (camera on unloading auger)-2 back cameras w/monitor-configure master- reverser heavy duty-chopper-single point hookup-buddy seat-Goodyear tires 800/70R38

John Deere 3000 GPS Receiver

John Deere ATU Universal steering wheel

John Deere brown box display

John Deere 625F-25' bean platform-hydraxflex-hydraulic reel adjustment 4AFT-single point hookup-stubble lights

E-Z Trail head cart-Mod 672

2013 Geringhoff North Star Elite XL NS600 6 row corn head-S/N-101130849630-4167 weight-key code V60-rolla cones-headsight w/ground sensor-single pt hookup-stubble monitor included

2014 Kinze Mod 3600 Planter-S/N-103133-NT-insect boxes-KPM 3 monitor & control box-1 season on drive change-2021 corn units tested

EQUIPMENT

2019 Case IH Mod 255 Tiger Mate-35.5'

2012 Case IH Mod 2500-Eco Till

2012 Unverferth Red Caddy-Mod 500

Case IH Mod 2500 Ecolo Tiger sub soiler-530B-ET

2014 Case IH Mod 330 25' Turbo Till

J&M Mod 1000-20 Auger cart-1000 grain storm-scales



Pro Xpress Mod GST210 2 box seed tender

2021 Rhino TW36-like new 72" rotary mower

Toyota Mod 52-6FGU30-fork lift

Clark Mod C500-50-fork lift

TRUCKS

1986 International Mod 1900-15'bed-diesel grain truck

1977 GMC-Mod 6500-48,800 miles

ANTIQUE PARADE TRUCK & CARGO TRAILER

1927 International 1 ton collector's truck-orange & burgandy-some modifications-original motor-great looking truck-runs good!

2011Road Force Mod RFV85X182-18' Cargo trailer-7.5 clearance

2022 Aluma 80" x 12' aluminum tilt bed trailer

WAGONS

2012 Unverferth Mod 530 gravity flow wagon

DMI D450 Big-Little wagon

LANDSCAPE EQUIPMENT

Land Pride Mod PS1572-72" solid stand seeder

Land Pride Mod RTR2072-72" 3pt rear tiller

Land Pride Mod SP3072-72" pulverizer w/double spike bar

Land Pride Mod BB2572 72" box scraper

Land Pride Mod RB3572 72" rear blade

Land Pride Cat 1 quick attach hitch

MISC. FARM RELATED ITEMS

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: Scotty & Lori have decided to retire from farming after several years. Scotty's equipment has always been very well maintained and always kept in the shed. Records are available at Central Illinois Ag & AHW, both in Clinton, IL.

Scotty may be contacted at 217-433-1688 (Neighbor's consignments-see on the web site)

This will be a live in person & live online sale-the live online will begin at 11am.

There will be a 5% buyer's premium on the live online auction only!

We will accept absentee bids also.

All items to be removed by March 22. Loader tractor available. Lunch provided by Circle South.

HAYCRAFT AUCTION CO., INC.

Rt 51 N-Wapella, IL 61777

Office: 217-935-6286 | Jay: 309-275-4506

PLLC, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601, (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 22-036777. E-Mail: ILMAIL@RASLG.COM

Case # 2022 FC 13
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LEGAL 19705:RE
February 24, 2023
March 3 and 10, 2023

LEGAL

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

CIRCUIT COURT

DEWITT COUNTY

NOTICE OF FILING A REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

23-MR-1

Request of Makayla LeeAnn Remmers

There will be a court hearing on my request tot change my name from: Makayla LeeAnn Remmers to Sam LeeAnn Remmers

The court hearing will be held on March 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. At 201 Washington St., Clinton, DeWitt, in Courtroom # A

/s/ Makayla LeeAnn Remmers

Makayla LeeAnn Remmers

LEGAL 19696
February 10, 17, and 24 2023

LEGAL

PRE-PAYMENT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES

DeWitt County Treasurer, S. Jade Russell, will be accepting a one-time pre-payment, of up to \$1,000 per parcel, for the 2022 payable 2023 real estate taxes.

This payment plan is to assist taxpayers with budgeting for their real estate taxes that will be mailed out later this spring. Acceptable payment methods are cash, money order or cashiers check.

Payments must be in the Treasurer's office by Friday,

April 28th, 2023.

For further information, or to obtain an application, please contact the Treasurers office at (217) 935-7820.

LEGAL 19702
February 17 and 24, 2023
March 3, 2023

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY-IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD EDWARD TUTTLE, DECEASED

NO. 2023-PR-6

CLAIM DATE NOTICE-INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Letters of Office were issued on February 9, 2023 to Steven L. Tuttle, 52 Kirkwood Drive, Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois 61727, Penny L. Cox, 305 Brookview Drive, Farmer City, DeWitt County, Illinois 61842 and Tomey E Tuttle, 4385 SW Jaunt Road, Port St. Lucie, St. Lucie County, Florida, 34953, as independent co-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 August 9, 2023. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the Claim filed 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 may be opened from the Clerk of the Court at the above address.

Dated this 10th day of February 2023.

Steven L. Tuttle, Penny L. Cox and Tomey E. Tuttle, Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of Donald Edward Tuttle, Deceased

LEGAL 19703
February, 17 and 24, 2023
March 3, 2023

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

FIRST NATIONAL BANK & TRUST COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DWAINE R BURTON, WALTER BOUNDS, CAROLYN BOUNDS, UNKNOWN HEIRS OR LEGATEES OF DWAINE R. BURTON, NON RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and POSSIBLE TENANTS INPOSES-SION,

Defendants,

NO. 2023-FC-4

NOTICE OF PENDANCY OF ACTION

TO: Unknown owners, non record claimants and possible unknown tenants in possession of the following described real estate:

Property commonly known as:

503 North Elizabeth Street, Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois, 61727 with a legal description as follows:

Lot 6 in Block 2 in Madden's Addition to the City of Clinton, according to Plat recorded

in Volume "I" of Deeds, page 285 in the Recorder's Office of DeWitt County, Illinois, situated in the County of DeWitt, State of Illinois. Parcel No.: 07-26-354-008

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there has been filed in the Circuit Court of DeWitt County, Illinois, the above cause to foreclose the Mortgage dated April 24, 2007 and recorded May 1, 2007, in Book 588 of Mortgages, Page 197, as Document No. 218918 in the face amount of \$51,000.00 made by Dwaine R. Burton, a single person, to First National Bank & Trust Company, which mortgage foreclosure was filed on the 3rd day of February, 2023 in the Circuit Court for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, DeWitt County, Illinois, which case is titled as above.

You are advised that if you fail to appear or answer in the above cause on or before the 3rd day of April, 2023, then you may be defaulted in your right to redemption and all other rights shall be forever barred in this cause and all other rights that you may have will be barred.

First National Bank & Trust Company, Plaintiff

BY: TAYLOR & LYNCH

BY: /s/ Bryce A. Lynch

LEGAL 19704
February 24, 2023
March 3 and 10, 2023

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 6TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DEWITT COUNTY - CLINTON, ILLINOIS

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION

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-v.-

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Property Index No. 07-26-313-004

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For information,

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Girl Scout Troop 3044 gives cookies to first responders



Courtesy of Girl Scout Troop 3044 / Tess Gornet Troop 3044 leader

On February 15, Girl Scout Troop 3044 hosted first responders from six DeWitt County departments and presented them with Girl Scout cookies as a token of their appreciation for all the work they do on behalf of the county's residents. Each department received 10 boxes of cookies to share with their respective members. The gift was made possible through a donation from First National Bank and Trust of Clinton (#2 Kelli Ct), facilitated by Matt Hall, bank employee and father of troop member Evy Hall. Troop co-leader Loretta Woodbury was instrumental in contacting the various departments to send representatives to the meeting. Back row, left to right, Asst Chief Dan Ballenger Jr-CFD, Fire Chief Stephen Page-CFD, Sergeant Jostes-CPD, Officer Flauger-CPD, Emily Boley, Lauren Morris & Tim Barnes-DCEMS, Lt Jeff Woodbury-KFD, Lt Brandon Karr-WFD, Matt Hall - Clinton First National Bank and Trust, not pictured DeWitt County Sheriff Dept., Front Row: (last names withheld at parent request), Tess Gornet (troop leader), Mara, Adelyn, Timberly, Mylee, Evy, Laurel, Amelia, Lily, Abby, Makayla, Gracelyn, Tiarra, and Aingel.

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Dr. Minnaert enjoys spending time with her family, camping, and going to concerts.

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Information from the National Weather Service




Saturday
Partly sunny
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Sunday
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High 51




Monday
Rain possible
High 62



Tuesday
Sunny
High 49



Wednesday
Partly sunny
High 52



Thursday
Partly sunny
High 53

Weather History

February 25

1956: Overnight violent tornadoes in the St. Louis area moved across the Mississippi River into St. Clair County. One passed through Dupo, destroying or damaging 30 homes. A second tornado tore apart much of the southwest part of Summerfield. Each tornado killed 3 people. Other tornadoes later in the night affected Clinton, Richland, and Lawrence Counties.

1993: Areas of central and southern Illinois that were affected by a winter storm earlier in the month received another blast of heavy snow. Snowfall totals included 13 inches at Quincy and 10-12 inches in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Springfield's storm total was 6.9 inches.

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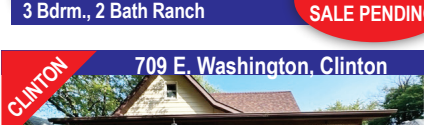
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