

New firm wins county’s electric contract

Voters approved electric aggregation program in 2016

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CLINTON — Letters recently went out to residents announcing a new supplier for the county’s electricity aggregation program.

Energy Harbor won the auction this year to supply electricity to the county’s residents living in unincorporated areas served by Ameren. The bidding process this year resulted in a fixed rate of \$0.1210 cents for a 22-month term, which will start in February.

This is an “opt-out” program, so customers didn’t need to do anything unless they wanted to remain with or return to Ameren or contract with another supplier. Ameren’s rate through May 2023 is \$0.12263 cents per kilowatt hour.

Electric rates in general have increased substantially over past year. Good Energy represents the county in the aggregation auction. Good also represents the City of Clinton.

DeWitt County put the electric aggregation question on the ballot in 2016 for voters living in unincorporated parts of the county served by Ameren. Ameren customers in Clinton had approved aggregation several years earlier.

Jerod McMorris, representative for Good Energy, an electric brokerage and consulting firm, spoke to the county board in July 2016 about the program.

Some board members at that time questioned if there was a point to including a ballot question on the issue, since Corn Belt Energy served most of the unincorporated areas of the county. Customers of Corn Belt could not vote on the referendum.

The board, nevertheless, approved placing the question on the November ballot.

Good Energy’s services are ultimately paid for by the winning bidder in the electricity auction.

About 90 percent of residents in areas that have electricity aggregation programs participate in the programs.



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Kids at The Vault, teen and community center, held a “Vault-mas” week this week to enjoy some Christmas cheer. Visit The Vault on Facebook to see more photos.

County land use discussion turns briefly to CO2 capture

Question first addressed during October meeting

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CLINTON — A discussion by the county land use committee about a proposed text amendment to the county code turned Monday to a proposal to build CO2 wells in a portion of DeWitt County.

The concept of injecting liquified carbon dioxide into the Earth, known as geologic sequestration, is one plan to help mitigate the climate change effects of CO2 rather than releasing it into the atmosphere.

The county received notice earlier this year a company was

proposing a pipeline from Iowa to Illinois that would transport CO2 bi-product from Iowa ethanol plants to at least one injection well in Wilson Township, in DeWitt County. The CO2 would be pumped down to about a mile into the Earth into predetermined geological structures determined to be suitable for CO2 storage.

“I look at all these things, wind, solar, and now this, in terms of federal and state policies that are seeking to get to zero carbon,” said new land use member Patrick Ryan. “So, to get there, how many pipelines, how many wells will even move the needle.”

Ryan said he was reluctant to participate, “in something that just won’t make a difference.”

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) released a comprehensive

assessment of geologic carbon sequestration in 2013, which estimated a mean storage potential in the U.S. of 3,000 metric gigatons of carbon dioxide and a likely storage range of from 2,400-3,700 metric gigatons. A gigaton equals one billion tons. Research shows humans have, on average, released about 10 gigatons of CO2 into the atmosphere each year for the past 100 years.

The USGS study also concluded the practice could be accomplished using current engineering practices.

USGS has been looking at potential problems of geologic sequestration. The agency is investigating whether the practice could cause irregular seismic activity, such as tremors or Earthquakes, sometimes caused

by fracking.

Earthquakes caused by fracking, or injecting wastewater into the ground, are not common, but geologists say there are ways to prevent CO2 injection from causing seismic irregularities.

Various research, including that done by the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) also has looked at the use of reforestation as an additional means of capturing carbon, since trees are a natural sequester of CO2.

The land use committee members’ discussion involved ordinance language regulating, allowing or prohibiting particular practices based on the zoning areas of the county.

Clinton Otters’ coaches talk about ever-improving team

Team performing well going into last weekend’s Reindeer Classic

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CLINTON — Clinton Otters swim team coaches were feeling good going into this past weekend’s annual Reindeer Classic.

Fifty-eight Clinton Otters were signed up to compete in the annual event hosted at the Clinton Community YMCA. Times for the swimmers in this early part of the season are looking good. Coach Ashton Beck described them as “phenomenal.”

“They are all fantastic in their own way and have grown so much in the

short time we have been practicing,” Beck said.

The Otters season continues for about another three months. It runs from September-March.

Beck and the other Otters coaches, Aubrey Sentel, Jan Ewen and Tracy Karr, say the new swimmers on the team really show promise.

“They have just taken off,” Beck said. “Learning the breathing, when to kick and when not to kick.”

Seven teams were set to compete in this 19th Reindeer Classic.

Many of the older

swimmers on the Otters team are from Monticello. The Monticello swimmers compete alongside some Clinton swimmers in Monticello’s outdoor summer season, and then they compete for the Otters during the indoor season.

Clinton Otters’ high school swimmers also compete for the school in IHSA events.

“Now is the time we’re really pushing the kids,” Beck said. “They’ve practiced enough that they know what they should be doing.”

“How to drop their

times,” said coach Jan Ewen. “We’ve worked so much on technique, now they’re really watching their times. We had swimmers last week drop four and five seconds.”

Beck said the team was grateful for the community support and support of business donors to the annual event.

“That helps out our team

so much,” she said.

“There are a lot of kids here, a lot of parents, a lot of volunteers on invite day,” said coach Aubrey Sentel. “And, all those parents are coming from out-of-town. So, we hope to give back to those businesses that, hopefully, those people use while they’re in town.”

CORRECTIONS

In the Dec. 9 edition of the Clinton Journal, CHS student Savannah Burton was incorrectly identified in a photo used with a story about her. The student in the photo was not Burton. Burton plays trumpet in the high school band.

Also in the Dec. 9 edition, a typo in a letter to the editor misspelled Aaron Cyrulik’s name. The Journal regrets the errors.

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Chamber gift basket winner

Courtney Smith won this gift basket from the Clinton Chamber Community Christmas Event on December 3.



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Finishing touches

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. This should be my last coverage on canning. As a reminder, my intention is not to parrot what has already been say but to add to it or at least explain it.

Continuing on with the process of canning; it is suggested that one puts their lids into a bath of boiling water. It is further suggested that the sanitized jars be removed from the boiling water and lined up inverse on sanitized towels ready for use. I suggest that these jars remain in the boiling water until needed. Also to try and fish out lids from boiling water is not fun. In fact, it is silly. What I suggest is the progressive method.

The progressive method is to remove the jars, one at a time, from the boiling water when needed. I use thongs for this. Pour the water from that jar into the pressure cooker. Fill the jar with the desired food leaving an inch of head room. Then assemble the lid into its screw band. Using thongs, dip that into the boiling water to sanitize. Screw this onto the jar and place that jar into the pressure cooker. Repeat this process for each jar. As the jars increase in the pressure cooker, so does the hot water. There is no waste of water, time or fuel for heating.

In the former article, I had mentioned the need



The Culinary Corner
By Chef Roger Joss

to understand the type of item being canned and what that canning process can do to it. Naturally, you do not wish to overcook any vegetables or noodles in a soup concoction. We must also keep in mind the herbs that can be damaged by overheating. Naturally, salt and pepper are examples impervious to extended periods of heat.

There are also other forms of soup that are not adversely affected. I have often canned tomato soup, squash soup and split pea soup. Most any soup that is a puree can withstand long periods of heating. Such soups as French onion cannot be canned and taste right. All possibilities and conditions must be taken into account when canning.

Since canning is not what a professional chef is expected to do, it is not generally listed as a need for a chef to know. As a result, it was not taught in culinary school. A professional chef can add a lot of expertise to canning, notwithstanding. I personally find canning most interesting and useful. I feel that one who is interested in culinary should investigate all interests and possible related angles.

Although culinary arts is most ancient, it is forever progressive and thus exciting. From the domestic or home aspect, I highly suggest canning for improving the home economy, health and general pleasure. It is a great way for having something quickly available for serving unexpected guests. A well planned out pantry is an innate blessing in any home.

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Candidates for Illinois school boards begin filing nominating petitions

Ken Bessler
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD — Those who aspire to help govern their local school district in Illinois may now file nominating petitions.

Nearly 6,000 men and women serve on school boards in the state, which covers 852 school districts.

Some incoming members will have the responsibility of allocating part of hundreds of millions of dollars in unspent COVID-19 relief money. Reatha Owen, senior director of Field and

Equity Services with the Illinois Association of School Boards, said preparation for incoming board members will be important.

“I think research is the key,” Owen said. “Looking at what do they have as far as district goals in their strategic plan, what are the priorities that they are focusing on, what are some large initiatives that the board will be focusing on.”

Revenue sources for Illinois schools come mainly from local taxes, about 43.5 percent, while nearly 32 percent comes from the state, and 24.7 percent is from the federal

government.

A new law that takes effect on Jan. 1 mandates school board members to receive training on “trauma-informed practices.” Practices include “the prevalence of trauma among students, including the prevalence of trauma among student populations” and “the effects of implicit or explicit bias on recognizing trauma among various students in connection with race, ethnicity, gender identity, and sexual orientation,” among other things.

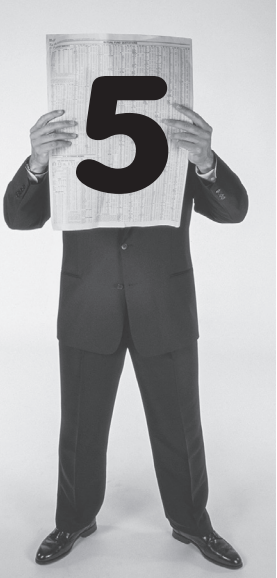
School board candidates must have at least 50 signatures from registered voters in their

district to file nominating petitions. The deadline to file is Dec. 19.

With few exceptions, governing school boards consist of seven members elected to serve four year terms. Terms are staggered so there are three to four seats contested at each biennial election.

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NEWS

Juanita ‘Ann’ Woolridge

NORMAN, Okla. — Juanita “Ann” Woolridge, 86, of Norman, Okla., passed away at 10:44 p.m. on December 7, 2022, at Grace Nursing Home, Norman, Okla. after a short battle with pneumonia, Covid, RSV, and the flu.

A celebration of life will be held on January 13, 2023, at Whitney’s Cove, Clinton.

Memorials may be directed to the animal shelter of your choice.

Ann was born on July 24, 1936 in Wapella, the daughter of James and Ruth (Hume) Bell. She married Bill Woolridge on December 1, 1956.

Survivors include her children, Shea (John) Johnson, Windsor, Ill.,



JoAnna Wall, Norman, Okla., and grandchildren, Atticus and Quincy Wall, Norman, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Ann was an avid Amazon customer, old country music fan, slot machine lover, and vodka drinker. She will be missed tremendously.

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The joys of the food bank

A few months ago I escorted three very nervous elderly ladies to the food bank. By “escorted,” I mean I had to scout out the situation in advance, come back with a report (no, the food bank staff wouldn’t ask embarrassing questions about finances) and then actually take the ladies to the food bank in my car to pick up their groceries.

Fast-forward a few months, and I’ve just learned that said ladies actually went to the food bank by themselves today ... and had a wonderful time.

You wouldn’t think that “wonderful time” would be an apt description of a trip to a food bank, but they were delighted by the whole experience. For this pick-up, the food bank

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

did things a different way: Having received an abundance of donations from various places, this time they invited their “guests” into the storage area and allowed them to pick out exactly what they wanted for their holiday meals.

One of the ladies chose a small turkey, another a turkey breast to be made into sandwiches and pot pies, and the third a ham for future casseroles, knowing that they were going to split the bounty when they

had holiday meals together. They negotiated their way up and down the storage area aisles, accompanied by a friendly staffer, chatting about potential recipes and collecting a wider variety of foods than each would get individually during a typical food pick-up.

I’m told I will be a recipient as well: I am invited to share their meals when they carve the turkey, make the sandwiches and turn the ham into delicious casseroles as my reward for having introduced them to the joys of the food bank.

The food bank is to be lauded for their largess this holiday season. They might never know just how happy they made those three ladies.

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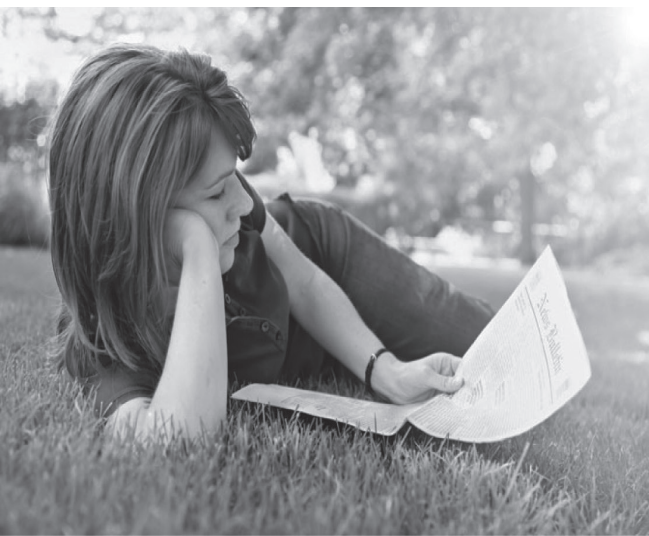
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1950 - U.S. President Truman proclaimed a national state of emergency in order to fight “Communist imperialism.”

1951 - NBC-TV debuted “Dragnet” in a special preview on “Chesterfield Sound Off Time”. The show began officially on January 3, 1952.

1960 - A United Air Lines DC-8 and a TWA Super Constellation collided over New York City, killing 134 people.

1972 - The Miami Dolphins became the first NFL team to go unbeaten and untied in a 14-game regular season. The Dolphins went on to defeat the Washington Redskins in Super Bowl VII.

1981 - The U.S. Congress restored the \$122 minimum monthly social security benefit for current recipients.

1985 - Reputed organ-crime chief Paul Castellano was shot to death outside a New York City restaurant.

1990 - Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a leftist priest, was elected president in Haiti’s first democratic elections.

1995 - Many U.S. government functions were again closed as a temporary finance provision expired and the budget dispute between President Clinton and Republicans in Congress continued.

1995 - NATO launched a military operation in support of the Bosnia peace agreement.

1996 - Britain’s agriculture minister announced the slaughter of an additional 100,000 cows thought to be at risk of contracting BSE in an effort to persuade the EU to lift its ban on Britain.

1998 - The U.S. and Britain fired hundreds of missiles on Iraq in response to Saddam Hussein’s refusal to comply with U.N. weapons inspectors.

1998 - Eric Michelman filed the earliest patent for a scroll wheel for a computer mouse.

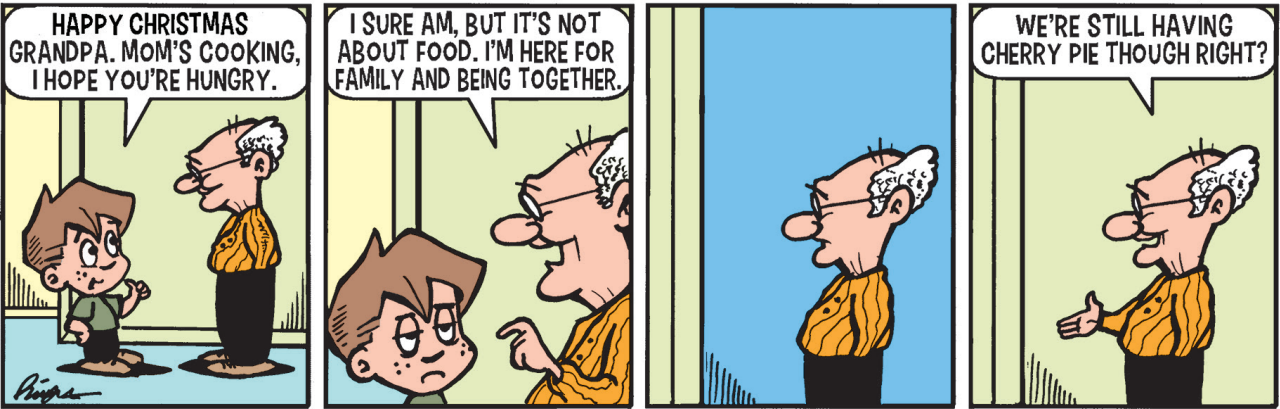
1999 - Sigourney Weaver received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

1999 - Torrential rains and mudslides in Venezuela left thousands of people dead and forced at least 120,000 to leave their homes.

2000 - Researchers announced that information from NASA’s Galileo spacecraft indicated that Ganymede appeared to have a liquid saltwater ocean beneath a surface of solid ice. Ganymede, a moon of Jupiter, is the solar system’s largest moon. The discovery is considered important since water is a key ingredient for life.

2000 - U.S. President-elect George W. Bush selected Colin Powell to be the first African-American secretary of state. Powell was sworn in January 20, 2001.

Amber Waves



Trump, again ...

Events of the past two weeks may have pushed all but the most rabid Trump supporters to look at and give consideration to a different Presidential candidate.

Trump is still fighting his election loss in 2020, only now on social media. After Twitter divulged some of its actions in the 2020 campaign, Trump would state on social media that such actions “allows for the termination of all rules, regulations and articles, even those found in the Constitution.”

For a former President and now Presidential candidate to literally advocate doing away with the Constitution simply blows the minds of anyone who has ever studied American history. For those who view themselves as Constitutional conservatives, the comment is sacrilegious. Trump’s comment simply demonstrates ego controlling common sense.

To the above add the recent convictions of the Trump Organization for tax fraud allegations. While an organization/corporation is not the same as an individual

conviction, it does create a stigma that no politician wants over their head.

Trump has survived numerous political hits over the years and still gone on to win. This time I doubt if that will be the case. These are two very heavy body blows. rump has been bloodied in the battle of political opinion over the past two years with his inability to accept defeat. Trump’s feud with Biden has become personal and that is a major part of the problem. It’s time for Trump to simply back away and let the new generation of Republicans carry on the fight. If that does not occur, Trump may well pull down Republican candidates across all elections.

PRISONER SWAPS— International prisoner swaps tend to be the ultimate in high scale negotiations. Quite often it is one country swapping a spy in their custody to get a spy back in the custody of another country. Unfortunately, the swaps have evolved into the exchange of what often amounts to political prisoners. This past week American women’s basketball star was exchanged for



Russian arms merchant Viktor Bout. That the U. S. State Department got Griner back to the U. S. is a positive for Griner and to some extent for the U. S. as a whole. I do not begrudge Griner her release. The overriding question is was the deal for her release worth it from a national security point of view. That is the question that needs to be answered . Viktor Bout is an international arms merchant who justly warranted his title: Merchant of Death. Bout is not a common street criminal. He worked in the highest levels of Russian activity. Griner is a basketball player, albeit a very good one. Take American emotion out of the evaluation and one can readily determine that Russia got the better end of the trade, especially from a national security point of view. Griner will probably go back to sports. Bout wasn’t named the Merchant of Death

for nothing and may well go back to merchandising armaments. Russia got the better deal.

There are two other things about the deal that are troubling. Griner was arrested in Russia for having cannabis derivatives. Griner is the foreign national in a foreign country. Russia’s rules on cannabis apply not the laws of the U. S. Couldn’t she have simply thrown the illicit articles away before going to the airport. The stuff would probably cost her a \$100.00 in the States and she spent 9 months in jail for her decision. Griner’s actions in and of themselves are problematic.

Secondly there is the aspect of the future. The U. S. is now on the record of trading a major arms dealer for a basketball player. What is there to stop another country from snatching another American on their soil to gain something from the U. S. Is the U. S. by its actions for Griner opening the door for more adverse actions by foreign countries against American citizens. That is the real risk of these negotiations.



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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Immanuel in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Which Old Testament prophet said the most about the birth of Christ? Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, Jeremiah

3. From Matthew 1:18, when Mary became pregnant, she and Joseph were ...? Married, Engaged, Just friends, Strangers

4. In Luke 2:8-11, how did the shepherds learn of Christ's birth? Magi informed, Joseph announcement, Mighty wind, Angel appearance

5. Where did the wise men go first when they arrived in the Holy Land? Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Hebron

6. What does the Bible record as to when Jesus was born? Late September, Dec. 25, March 17, Does not

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Isaiah, 3) Engaged, 4) Angel appearance, 5) Jerusalem, 6) Does not

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Answers

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Log on for the weekly online workshops starting February 28. Each session will explore a new topic and give participants the opportunity to engage with University Illinois Extension horticulture experts and receive emails with even more research-based tips and factsheets.

Sessions will be 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays from February 28 to March 28. Each class covers a different topic and will consist of a live 50-minute presentation followed by a Q&A. Extension horticulture educators Jennifer Fishburn, Chris Enroth, Ken Johnson, Ryan Pankau, and Sarah Vogel will lead this series.

February 28, Where will you Garden? Build a garden using whatever space you have. Learn about traditional garden plots, raised beds, salad tables, container gardening, growing vertically, and more.

March 7, Seed and Plant Choices: Planning, design, and layout are key elements to successful gardening. Learn about hardiness zones, frost and freeze dates, how to order plants or seeds from a garden catalog or locally, reading and selecting seed packets, and starting plants from seed. We'll also cover soil testing and amendments, fertilizer, manures, mulch, watering, and weeding

March 14, Cool Season Vegetables: Cool-season crops can be grown in spring

or fall, each with its own characteristics and potential issues. Learn about growing and harvesting cool-season vegetables including how to manage common insect pests.

March 21, Warm Season Vegetables: Warm season crops grow during the hottest part of the year. This session will cover how to make vegetables such as peppers, tomatoes, squash, and more flourish while keeping pests at bay.

March 28, Insects and Diseases: New and experienced growers alike are challenged by pests, diseases, and disorders of vegetable plants. Learn about insects, diseases, and wildlife pests and how to prevent and handle them.

Register for the series by February 26 at go.illinois.edu/GrowingGreatVegetables. The cost is \$10. Sessions will be recorded and made available to registered participants if they are unable to attend live. For more information, contact Ken Johnson at kjohnso@illinois.edu.

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In a matter of weeks, we'll have a new year when, ideally, we'll have more control over our lives. Here are two things we can all do to start with a clean slate.

Clean out your medicine cabinet. Pull out expired drugs (both prescription and over the counter) and go on a hunt for a location to drop them off. Some towns have only one drug disposal day per year, but other towns keep a machine in their police department to drop off drugs anytime. Ask if your local Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility has disposal. Or you can go to <https://apps.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/pubdispsearch> to search for a controlled substance public disposal location near you. Whatever you do, don't put them down the sink or toilet.

Organize your military files and information. If the worst should suddenly happen to you, don't add to your relatives' grief by making them dig for your information or wonder what your final wishes would be.

Here are some of the things you'll need to gather up:

- Your DD214 or service equivalent. If you don't have one on hand, send for it.
- Your birth certificate.
- Your final will. If you don't have one, now is the time to make an appointment for January with an attorney. Call the nearest military base and ask for Legal Aid to see if you qualify for a free will.



by Freddy Groves

--Any life insurance policies, copies of marriage certificates and divorce decrees, and a list of all the places you served while on active duty along with the dates.

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- Claim for One Sum Payment Government Life Insurance (VA Form 29-4125e)
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Print out the Federal Benefits for Veterans Dependents and Survivors book or send away for it by calling the VA (800-827-1000) and add that to your stack.

Once you've gathered all this information (a box on a closet shelf will be enough), make sure someone knows where it is. Remember: Once it's done, it's done.

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Illinois pension debt grows to \$139.7 billion

All five pension funds saw losses in FY 2022

Peter Hancock
Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois’ unfunded pension liability grew by \$9.8 billion, or 7.5 percent, in the fiscal year that ended June 30, due in large part to market losses in a volatile economy.

The Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability reported Thursday that the total unfunded liability in the state’s five pension funds reached a total of \$139.7 billion, leaving them with a funded ratio of just 44.1 percent.

Those numbers are based on an annual report from the state actuary, who reviews the preliminary financial data submitted by each of the five funds.

The funded ratio reflects the difference in the market value of the funds’ assets and the amount of money the funds would need to immediately pay all members the full amounts of benefits they are owed for the rest of time.

Although that’s an important

measure of the systems’ long-term financial health, it does not reflect their current ability to pay out benefits that are owed. All five of the pension funds continue to pay out benefits to eligible retirees on a timely basis.

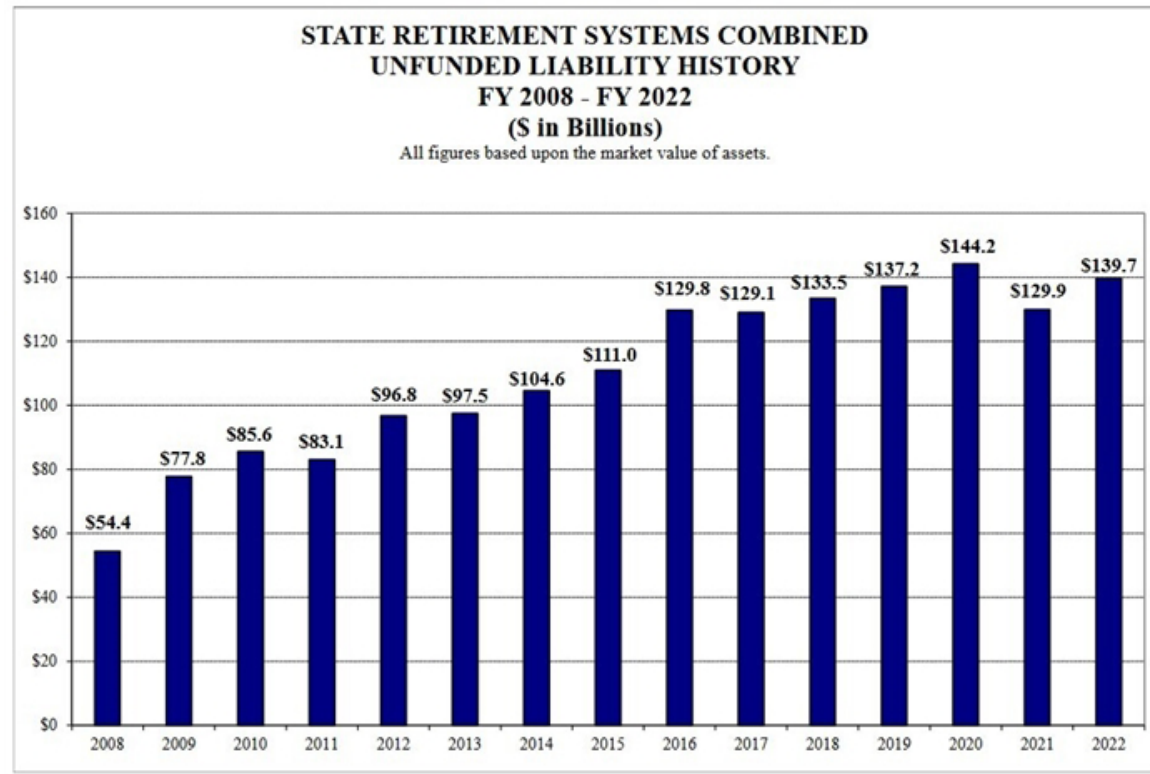
All told, the five pension funds had combined liabilities of \$248.8 billion June 30 and total assets of \$109.1 billion.

Of the five funds, the Illinois Teachers Retirement System, which is the state’s largest pension fund, showed the strongest performance, losing only 1.2 percent of its market value. In a statement Wednesday, TRS said the median rate of return among large pension systems during the year was -7.6 percent.

The State University Retirement System lost 1.4 percent of its value. The State Employee Retirement System, Judicial Retirement System and General Assembly Retirement System all saw market value losses greater than 6 percent.

Pension systems generally receive funding from three sources – employee contributions; employer contributions; and returns on investments. The large unfunded liability in Illinois’ pension funds is the result of the state failing for decades to make adequate contributions as the employer.

In 1994, then-Gov. Jim Edgar, a Republican, pushed through legislation whereby the state would gradually increase its contributions over the next 50



years until the funding ratio would reach 90 percent by 2045, a plan commonly referred to as the “Edgar Ramp.”

But the state has not always met its targets under that plan. In 2005, lawmakers passed a bill allowing reduced contributions, known as “pension holidays,” in times of budgetary pressure. As a result, contributions in 2006 and 2007 were roughly \$1 billion lower than the amounts required under the Edgar Ramp.

The financial crisis in 2007-2008 that led to the Great Recession also resulted in significant losses for the pension funds.

Since taking office in 2019, Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker

has included full funding at the statutorily required levels in each of his budgets, and over the past two fiscal years authorized an additional \$500 million above what was required by law, bringing the total amount paid in to just under \$11 billion, including \$9.9 billion from the General Revenue Fund.

Under the 1995 law, each of the funds is required to submit a certification prior to Nov. 1 stating how much the state needs to contribute the following fiscal year.

According to those reports, COGFA said, preliminary estimates show the required contributions for the upcoming fiscal year will total \$10.9

billion, including \$9.8 billion from general revenues. Even that, however, would be far short of what it would take to cover the actual costs that the funds will accrue during the year.

The “actuarially determined contributions” for the five funds – the amount the state would be obligated to pay, even if the systems were 100-percent funded – would be \$15.4 billion.

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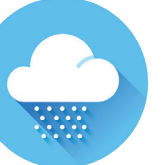
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December 18
1957: An out of season severe weather outbreak produced 19 tornadoes in Illinois. Collectively, 13 people were killed and 259 injured, with property damage between \$8-10 million. Tornadoes were reported as far north as Mason and Vermilion counties, but most of the tornadoes were across the southern third of the state. The city of Murphysboro was hardest hit, with 10 people killed and electricity lost for a few days. One of the tornadoes, in Perry County, reached F5 intensity, while F4 strength tornadoes affected the Mt Vernon and Murphysboro areas.

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CLINTON Journal Sports

More sports on B2

Maroons dismantle Patriots



Sports photos Marc Rogers / Journal

The JV team takes the tip-off from the Patriots and doesn't look back.

Marc Rogers
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CLINTON — A day after the Lady Maroons met the Lady Patriots of Peoria Heights, the boys' counterparts hosted the boys teams from Peoria Heights.

When the opposition arrived, the tension rose. The Lady Maroons had decimated the Lady Patriots, but the Patriots' boys teams were taller and heavier than the home team Maroons.

Looks can be deceiving. The Maroons played mostly guards moving the ball and outpacing the visiting Patriots.

The first quarter of the junior varsity (JV) set the tone of the night. The Maroons took the tip-off and never looked back. The Maroons scored in double figures in all four quarters, distancing themselves from

the Patriots, who sputtered along until the final quarter. Both teams scored 12 points in the final quarter (the Maroons' points were all 3-pointers). The Patriots were held to 1 point in the third quarter.

The Maroons won the JV game 61-24. The home team was led by Dalton Bell (#23) with 18 points, aided by Anthony Westbrook (#0) with 15 points and Keaton Graves (#10) with 10 points. Each of these players had a 3-point score in their tally. The Maroons as a team had seven 3-pointers.

In the varsity game, the Patriots stayed close and were down by just 3 points, 16-13 at the end of the first quarter. Unfortunately for the visitors, that was the only quarter the opponents would be in double figures.

The Maroons employed the full-court press effectively and took the Patriots out of their game plan, frustrating the coach and the team. The Maroons biggest quarter was the third, when they outscored the Patriots 21-5 to essentially seal their win, 68-35.

The varsity was led by Dawson Graves (#2) with 19 points (including a 3-pointer) assisted by Mason Walker (#3) with 15 points (also including a 3-pointer) and Brooks Cluver (#12) with 11 points. The Maroons are now 6-1 on the season.



Dawson Graves (#2) hits a 3-pointer in the varsity game.

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Lady Maroons overwhelm Lady Patriots

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CLINTON — On Dec. 5, the Lady Maroons hosted the Lady Patriots. The Lady Patriots arrived late with just 15 players.

But, the the games began on time with the junior varsity teams taking the floor first.

The game turned unexpectedly easy for the Lady Maroons practically from the start.

The opposition took the tip-off, but the home team outscored the Lady Patriots 11-3 in the first quarter and never seemed to be in any real danger. The second quarter saw the Lady Maroons go on a 17-4 run to take a 28-7 lead into the locker room at halftime.

From this point on, it appeared the opposition was not even on the floor. The Lady Patriots took only two shots in the second half, both free-throws and both missed.

In the meantime, the Lady Maroons added 14 to their total in the third quarter and then went into protect mood, taking time off the clock and not allowing the opposition a chance to score.

The final buzzer locked in the Lady Maroons' JV win 42-7.

Regan Filkin (#3) led the Lady Maroons with 10 points, followed by Clara Dempsey (#0) with 9 points (including a 3-pointer) and Riley Fentress (#23) with 8 points.

With the first game history, the Lady Maroons weren't sure what to expect in the varsity match-up. They were in for a tough game to start as the Lady Patriots hung close staying within 1-point of the home team in the first quarter.

The Lady Maroons broke through the opponents full court press to take a 16-8 advantage in the second quarter. Clinton came out of halftime and applied



Marc Rogers / Journal

MaKayla Koeppel (#25) lays in a 2 point bucket among Lady Patriots. **Below:** Brielle Morrison (#14) drops in 2 points for the JV team.

their own press to tune of an 18-6 run.

The Lady Patriots came amazingly alive in the final stanza of the game, but it was not enough for even a close score. The Lady Maroons won 58-36 to go 4-4 overall and remain 1-0 in conference play.

The Lady Maroons were led by Clara Dempsey (#0) with 17 points (including two 3-pointers), followed by Avery Smith (#12) with 13 points.



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REAL ESTATE

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REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ILLINOIS SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. NATHANIEL A OOMS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 22 FC 10 418 NORTH MULBERRY STREET CLINTON, IL 61727 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of

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REBECCA L. HAREMAKER, Deceased

NO. 2022-PR-34

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DE WITT COUNTY -- IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

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Clerk of this Court, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, except any creditor to whom the Independent Administrator is required to mail or deliver notice by the provisions of Section 5/18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/18-3) may file a claim on or before the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before the applicable date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney of record within 10 days after it has been filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision unless, under Section 28-4 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) of the Illinois Probate Act, any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition to Terminate to the Clerk.

Werner P. Haremaker, III, Independent Administrator By Bolen, Robinson & Ellis, LLP By L. Drew Hickey, His Attorney

L. Drew Hickey - ARDC No. 6303586 BOLEN ROBINSON & ELLIS, LLP 202 South Franklin, 2nd Floor Decatur, Illinois 62523 Telephone: 217.429.4296 Fax: 217.329.0034 E-mail: dhickey@brelaw.com

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LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EVELYN C. HARPEAU, DECEASED

NO.: 2022-PR-36

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

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November 22, 2022 to Paul Harpenau, 20981 SR 37, Branchville, Indiana 47514 as independent executor. The attorney for the estate is Bryce A. Lynch 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 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, 61727, or with the attorney for the estate who also acts as the registered agent for the executor, said agent and attorney being Bryce A. Lynch of Taylor & Lynch, for the services of claims or other designated matter, or both on or before June 12, 2023. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the attorney for the estate which also acts as the registered agent for the estate, Bryce A. Lynch of Taylor & Lynch and file with the clerk proof of such mailing or delivery 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 obtained from the Clerk of the Court at the above address.

Dated this 29th day of November, 2022

Paul R. Harpenau, independent executor of the estate of Evelyn C. Harpenau, Deceased

BRYCE A. LYNCH 6297077 TAYLOR & LYNCH 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, ILLINOIS 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183 FAX: (217) 935-8219 E-MAIL: attorneys@dewittcountyllaw.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ILLINOIS SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. JASON R SHERLEY; JAMEE N SHERLEY; CITIBANK, N.A.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 22 FC 5 310 CHERRY STREET WAPELLA, IL 61777 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on October 19, 2022, will on 01/25/2023, in DeWitt County Courthouse (Main Door), 201 West Washington St., Clinton., IL 61727, at 10:00 AM, sell at

public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of DeWitt, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: Lot 19 in East Lawn Addition to the Village of Wapella, according to the Plat thereof recorded June 26, 1907 in Plat Book "A" at pages 333 and 334 in the Recorder's Office of DeWitt County, Illinois, situated in DeWitt County, Illinois. TAX NO. 07-03-432-008 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 310 Cherry Street Wapella, IL 61777 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is brown. The property does not have a fence. The property is occupied. The Judgment amount was \$62,192.99. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid

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sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: LOT 3 IN CARTER'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN NOW CITY OF CLINTON, IN DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS. TAX NO. 07-27-459-003 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 418 North Mulberry Street Clinton, IL 61727 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a one car garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is gray. The property does not have a fence. The property is occupied. The Judgment amount was \$98,851.76. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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CITY OF CLINTON, ILLINOIS CLINTON PLANNING COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE CASE NO. 373

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that an application was filed by David Zarecki & Don Hulvey Clinton, IL with the Zoning Administrator of the City of Clinton, Illinois on the 26th day of October 2022, requesting a Special Use from the City Codes to allow an outbuilding in a residential district. The property is located at 1415 E Adams Street, Clinton, Illinois. The property is presently zoned R-4 Multi-Family Residence and is described as follows:

LTS 7 & 8 - BLK 1 & VAC ALLEY LYG N & ADJACENT (ORD 1116), EDGAR MILLER ADDITION

Notice is hereby given that a re-scheduled hearing on the Special Use will be held by the Planning Commission on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Clinton Planning Commission

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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If you have any questions about this work, please call 1-800-755-5000 or visit our website at MySafeTrees.com. You may address your concerns in the manner specified on our website. You may also call the Consumer Services Division of the Illinois Commerce Commission at 1-800-524-0795. Maps have been provided to the mayors and the county board chairpersons of the affected areas.

Sincerely,
Ameren Illinois Forestry Department

Legal 19650
December 16, 2022

LEGAL

WAPELLA TOWNSHIP, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2022

TOWNSHIP—REVENUE SUMMARY:
Property Tax \$128,921.47; Replacement Tax \$7,778.69; Interest Income \$65.10; Insurance Proceeds \$543,229.34
TOTAL REVENUES - \$679,994.60
TOWNSHIP—COMPENSATION

SUMMARY:
Eldon Cusey, Harry Coppenbarger, Jay Haycraft, Linda Wickenhauser, Lindsay Donovan, Paul Armstrong, Scotty May, Benjamin Donovan
TOTAL COMPENSATION - \$41,837.34
TOWNSHIP—EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:
TOIRMA \$5,807.28; Yoder Lawn Care \$16,800.00; Birkey's \$44,000.00; Card Member Services \$2,651.00; CIT Trucks \$39,303.00; Clauss Specialties \$10,723.40; FBI Buildings \$105,000.00 Mel Price Containers \$6,300.00; Midwest Electric \$22,351.00; Mike Necessary \$33,100.00; All others less than \$2500 \$9,324.78
TOTAL VENDORS - \$295,360.46

ROAD DISTRICT—REVENUE SUMMARY:
Property Tax \$118,090.37; Replacement Tax \$26,660.75; Interest Income \$17.39; Rent \$10,000.00; Other Income \$1,465.91
TOTAL REVENUES - \$156,234.42
ROAD DISTRICT—EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:
Vincent Cusey, Denney Donovan, Brandon Donovan
TOTAL COMPENSATION - \$23,724.00
ROAD DISTRICT—EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:
Ace Hardware \$3,094.88; Ameren \$3,032.41; Card Member Services \$36,455.59; Carri Scharf \$3,167.95; Dunn Co \$5,847.00; Evergreen FS \$9,729.50; Health Alliance \$9,947.85; Metal Culverts \$4,767.00; Napa \$7,268.06; Pomp's Tire \$4,187.61; TOIRMA \$5,788.00; All others less than

\$2500 \$18,633.49
TOTAL VENDORS - \$111,919.34

All Funds

Revenues 836,229
Expenditures 472,841
Net Change in Fund Balance 363,388
Fund Balance, April 1, 2021 785,392
Fund Balance, March 31, 2022 1,148,780

I, Jay Haycraft, Supervisor of Wapella Township, DeWitt County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2022.

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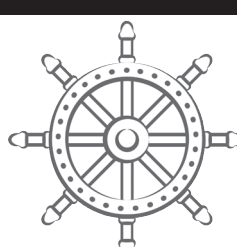
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