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Local military veterans Marc Rogers, Jesse Owens, Ron Devore and program emcee Nelson Thorp talked on Saturday about their military experiences and life back home. The presentation was sponsored by the DeWitt Clinton Daughters of the American Revolution and hosted by Clinton AMVETS and American Legion at the Clinton Legion hall.

# Personal stories from local veterans

Local DAR program part of 2022 Clinton Veterans Day recognition

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CLINTON — Three local military veterans gave some insight on Saturday into their active service days and the reasons they served. The program was presented by the DeWitt

Clinton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) and hosted by the Clinton American Legion and Clinton AMVETS at the Legion hall

U.S. Marine Corps veteran Ron Devore, U.S. Army veteran Jesse Owens and U.S. Navy veteran Marc Rogers spoke before

a crowd of 40-50 people about their time in the service and about their life after returning to the civilian world.

U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean war Ron Devore initially worked for the railroad after finishing school.

“My goal was to become an engineer, which I eventually did,” Devore said.

With some influence from returned World War II veterans, Devore thought joining the military might be a good move. He was able to choose his specialty, and he was told he qualified for a military railroad assignment.

Unfortunately, the reality was he completed basic training as a Rifleman.

“So, I went to Korea with a Rifleman’s MOS” (Military Occupational Specialty).

“I went to Japan and then

flew to Korea,” Devore said.

Devore faced the threats of combat almost immediately; troops were advised to lay on the floors of the train cars because of potential firing by enemy forces.

He was assigned as part of a mortar group.

During a convoy, Devore helped move a truck during an enemy attack. The truck carried a load of mortar shells.

“I knew if that truck was hit, we’d all be cinders,” he said.

They were able to move the vehicle before Chinese troops began “raining mortars down on our position,” Devore said.

China heavily supported North Korean forces during the war.

One of the Chinese mortars knocked out communications for Devore’s unit, which led command to believe the

unit was wiped out. U.S. commanders ordered an airstrike on the enemy position, which stopped the shelling.

For him, the winter conditions were the worst part of his experience in Korea, Devore said.

“The only place you could get any warmth at all was in a sleeping bag,” he said.

Devore said, even in sub-zero conditions, troops still had to perform the duties they normally would have to conduct.

“But, we got through it.”

When he returned home, Devore was able to resume his career with the railroad, where he worked for more than 44 years.

Jesse Owens is a retired career army veteran. Owens said he wanted to go to Vietnam from an early age.

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## Right to unionize amendment projected to pass

Ballot measure carrying 53 percent of total ballots cast thus far

**Peter Hancock**  
Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD—Illinois voters have approved a state constitutional amendment guaranteeing workers the right to organize and engage in collective bargaining.

Estimates compiled by multiple media outlets projected Tuesday that the ballot measure had support on an estimated 53 percent of the total ballots cast in the election, with more than 95 percent of the ballots

counted. That’s enough for approval under one of two paths to passage for a constitutional amendment in Illinois.

The amendment, which will be added to the Bill of Rights of the Illinois Constitution, states that employees have a fundamental right to organize and bargain collectively “for the purpose of negotiating wages, hours and working conditions, and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work.”

It also prohibits state and local governments

from enacting laws that interfere with that right, including passage of so-called “right-to-work” laws, which prohibit requiring membership in a union as a condition of employment.

On election night, the Vote Yes for Workers’ Rights campaign declared victory, but media outlets were slow to confirm that due to the complicated rules in Illinois for passing a constitutional amendment.

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## City will ask square owners to resume snow removal

Request prompted by staff shortage

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CLINTON — Downtown business owners might have to shovel their own snow this winter owing to the city’s shortage of staff.

Commissioner Ken Buchanan said Tuesday his department was currently down by three employees. One vacant position remains to be filled and two other employees are out on medical leave.

Buchanan briefed the city council about the situation during its regular meeting.

Buchanan said since the city dissolved the cemetery department, those employees were moved to other city departments and no longer were available to handle snow removal on the square.

“Now, the street department and water department work together to do snow removal,” Buchanan said. “But, the problem now is we’re short three people.”

Buchanan said he would like to contact the downtown business owners and ask that they remove their own snow.

“I don’t know how long the city has been taking care of it. I know it has been a while,” Buchanan said.

City ordinance 7-5-11 (C), enacted in Oct. 1977, provides that “each person who owns or operates a business or building in the DBD (Downtown Business District) shall be responsible for the removal of snow or ice on the sidewalk in front of the building or business.”

Snow and ice must be removed to at least a six-foot width and placed in the street or hauled away.

The complete ordinance can be viewed on the city website.

Buchanan said he would ask they remove snow from sidewalks all the way to the street.

“This is not a high priority for us during a snow storm,” Buchanan said. “It will be taken care of as soon as we can get to it. As I said, we’re short-handed.”

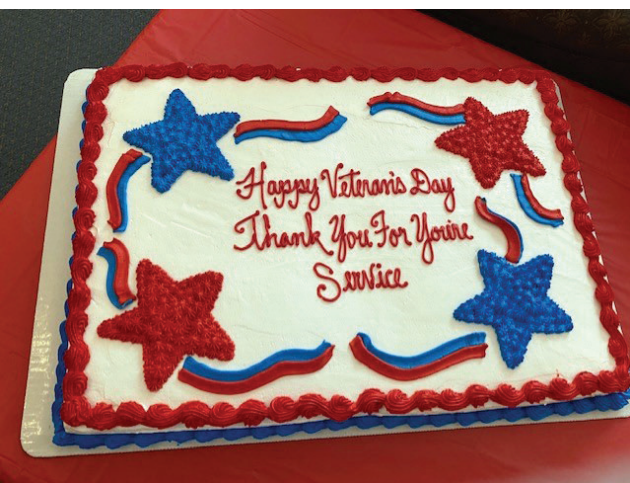


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**Hawthorne Inn honors veterans**

Hawthorne Inn held its annual recognition reception on Veterans Day to honor its veteran residents.

**More Veterans Day photos on A2.**



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Clinton Junior High band performs during Veterans Day assembly at the school.



**Left:** Local Boy Scouts during the Veterans Day flag ceremony at CJHS. **Right:** Veterans salute during the National Anthem. At far right, school resource officer and veteran Mike Bennett also spoke during the Clinton High School Veterans Day assembly later in the day.



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# NEWS / OPINION

## Social Security is thankful to serve you

Jack Myers  
Social Security public affairs specialist

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the blessings we have in our lives and to share memories with our loved ones. We are thankful because we're able to provide you and your family with services, benefits, tools, and information to help you throughout life's journey. Social Security is more than just a retirement program. We provide services that assist many families across this country. We are there for joyous moments like the birth of your child and issuing their first Social Security card. We are there during times of hardship



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## Amend / from page A1

The state constitution provides two pathways for passing an amendment. It must either be approved by 60 percent of all those voting on the measure or by more than 50 percent of all ballots cast in the election. According to projections, the amendment received about 2.1 million "yes" votes and 1.5 million votes against. That's 58.4 percent of the votes cast on that issue but about 53 percent of all the ballots cast in the election. "From day one, the Vote Yes for Workers' Rights campaign has been based on the simple idea that every Illinois worker deserves better. Better pay, stronger benefits, and safer workplaces don't just

help workers thrive; they strengthen our state and keep us all safe," Illinois AFL-CIO President Tim Drea said in a statement on election night. The amendment will become effective once the Illinois State Board of Elections certifies results of the election. The board is scheduled to meet Dec. 5. *Capitol News Illinois is a nonprofit, nonpartisan news service covering state government. It is distributed to more than 400 newspapers statewide, as well as hundreds of radio and TV stations. It is funded primarily by the Illinois Press Foundation and the Robert R. McCormick Foundation.*

## Save a child's life; lock up guns in the home

E. John Wipfler III, MD, OSF HealthCare

Every day in America, 13 kids die from gun-related injuries. Every day, eight kids are shot by accident. Firearm-related injuries are now the leading cause of death in kids ages 1 to 19, surpassing for the first time, motor vehicle accidents, according to the most recent statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As an attending emergency room physician for OSF HealthCare, I've seen the aftermath of accidental shootings involving children – the physical injuries, the emotional impact on all involved and the loss of life.

I can't forget two instances when boys ages 9 and 7 were brought into the emergency room just six days apart. Both boys were at the homes of a relative or friend and were asked by another young boy, "Do you want to see my daddy's shotgun?" The gun accidentally went off in both incidents, inflicting gunshot wounds to the abdomen. Very graphic, very severe traumas. One boy recovered and went home. The other boy was in surgery for hours, receiving 30-40 pints of blood. He died despite efforts to save his life. Both of these accidental shootings could have been prevented.

A Journal of the American Medical Association survey estimates 4.6 million kids in the U.S. live with unlocked, loaded guns in the home. We take steps to protect our children from all kinds of harm, making sure they wear seatbelts or are placed in car seats, wear life jackets or floatables while in the water ... so, why are we not making sure guns in the home are locked up? When we drop our children off at a play date or a friend's birthday party, why aren't we asking about potential dangers in the home they are visiting – including whether there are unsecured, unlocked firearms in the house?

I'm a certified firearms instructor who's taught firearms safety for decades. I'm also a father. After the incidents with the two young boys, I made it my mission to educate the world on how to better store and child-proof firearms. It's my passion to teach parents why doing this is so important to keep their kids safe. My own experience and the

experience of others shows it's necessary to not only teach our children about gun safety in the home but to understand the importance of practicing safe storage of guns. Many Americans own firearms for sporting purposes and also for their family's protection. There are important, safe ways to store firearms securely, yet still keep them accessible for self-defense and family safety. Locking up guns and ammo properly can reduce the risk of self-inflicted or unintentional injury to kids by 85%. Having conversations parent to parent about whether guns in the home are locked and secure is a crucial step.

To encourage parents to take action by asking about guns in the home, OSF HealthCare has joined more than 170 other health care organizations representing thousands of hospitals and health systems in a nationwide public awareness and education campaign, called "Doesn't Kill to Ask."

The campaign is not intended to shame or embarrass gun owners, or remove weapons from people's homes. Its goal is to reduce risk, by putting the danger of unlocked guns front and center while stressing the importance of educating our communities about proper gun safety and talking with friends, family and neighbors about gun access.

Get educated, learn the facts and keep our children safe from firearms. Holding each other accountable and asking simple questions regarding guns in the home and whether they're locked up can save a life. It most definitely "Doesn't Kill to Ask." I urge you to visit [hospitalsunited.com](https://hospitalsunited.com) for tips on getting the conversation started.

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## Scammers: More dangerous than ever

To those of us who wander the internet: beware. The scammers, thieves and troublemakers have kicked things up a notch or two, and frankly it's getting a bit dangerous. By dangerous, I mean when it comes to the safety of our personal information and money. These scammers will do nearly anything to get it. You might come home to a voicemail message that asks you to call back. The scammers might pretend to be your bank or another company you know. They'll ask you to verify your account number to identify yourself. Don't do it. If the message comes to you in a text message, don't click that link.

If you've applied for a job, a scammer will ask for upfront fees or personal information. You might get a call from a scammer pretending to be your insurance company or Medicare. They'll claim they need to verify your card number. A scammer will pretend to be from your local town office and say that you haven't paid your property taxes and that you could be arrested if you don't send them money. If you've tried to get

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rental assistance, a scammer might call to ask for your personal information as well as an upfront fee. If there is a life event or occurrence, there is sure to be a scam involved somehow. The Federal Trade Commission scam alert webpage lists several right now: fake hurricane relief, fake Geek Squad invoices, fake student load aid, fake winter prep assistance, fake internet and cable offers ... and so much more. If you're in the market for a new or additional cellphone, it could be the first step in foiling some of those scammers. How? By not giving the new number out to anyone but trusted family and friends. Remember: Your name, number and email address are for sale out there. There are websites around the world that do nothing but collect this information ... and sell it to scammers. Do everything you can to stay off those lists. (c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

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1928 - The first successful sound-synchronized animated cartoon premiered in New York. It was Walt Disney's "Steamboat Willie," starring Mickey Mouse. Disney movies, music and books

1936 - Germany and Italy recognized the Spanish government of Francisco Franco.

1951 - Chuck Connors (Los Angeles Angels) became the first player to oppose the major league draft. Connors later became the star of the television show "The Rifleman."

1959 - William Wyler's "Ben-Hur" premiered at Loew's Theater in New York City's Times Square.

1966 - Sandy Koufax (Los Angeles Dodgers) announced his retirement from major league baseball.

1966 - U.S. Roman Catholic bishops did away with the rule against eating meat on Fridays.

1969 - Apollo 12 astronauts Charles "Pete" Conrad Jr. and Alan L. Bean landed on the lunar surface during the second manned mission to the moon.

1976 - The parliament of Spain approved a bill that established a democracy after 37 years of dictatorship.

1983 - Argentina announced its ability to produce enriched uranium for use in nuclear weapons.

1985 - Joe Theismann (Washington Redskins) broke his leg after being hit by Lawrence Taylor (New York Giants). The injury ended Theismann's 12 year National Football League (NFL) career.

1987 - The U.S. Congress issued the Iran-Contra Affair report. The report said that President Ronald Reagan bore "ultimate responsibility" for wrongdoing by his aides.

1987 - CBS Inc. announced it had agreed to sell its record division to Sony Corp. for about \$2 billion.

1988 - U.S. President Reagan signed major legislation provided the death penalty for drug traffickers who kill.

1993 - The U.S. House of Representatives joined the U.S. Senate in approving legislation aimed at protecting abortion facilities, staff and patients.

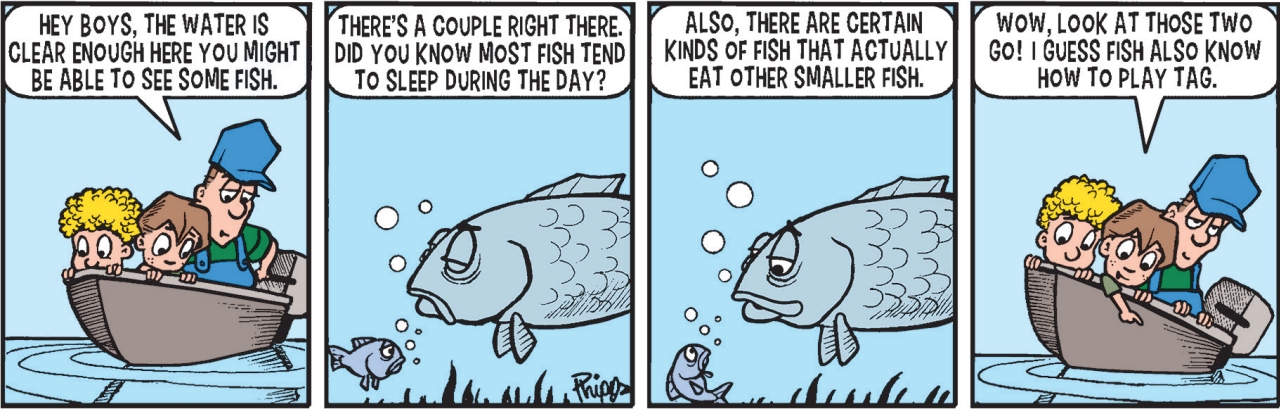
1993 - American Airlines flight attendants went on strike. They ended their strike only 4 days later.

1993 - Representatives from 21 South African political parties approved a new constitution.

1997 - First Union Corp. announced its purchase of CoreStates Financial Corp. for \$16.1 billion. To date it was the largest banking deal in U.S. history.

2001 - Nintendo released the GameCube home video game console in the United States.

Amber Waves



Mid-terms

It is Tuesday morning, a week after the midterms, and there is soul searching in the Republican Party. Republicans were prophesizing a massive midterm win.

A red wave was coming, and the democrats were to be vanquished to political oblivion. The American voters seemed to have a different opinion.

They gave the Republicans a trickle, and even that is subject to debate. What is clear is that the public is tired of these excessive partisan bickerings in Washington. The real problem is that Washington is not listening. The midterms essentially came out 50/50, with each party having its own vocal minority that wants to control.

AOC and her group want to control the Democratic Party and the Freedom Caucus wants to control the Republicans. Leadership of both parties has given in to the minority demands and has simply forgotten the American

public in their desire to achieve and maintain power. The public wants peace in Washington and adults making decisions across the political divide.

The public is sick and tired of Washington's winner take all mentality. At one time we had legislative leaders that could sit down and have dinner with their counterpart and work out a solution that benefited the nation. I suggest to you Democratic Speaker Tip O'Neal and Minority Leader Jerry Ford as an example of what I am talking about. We need compromise in Washington, not a civil war.

Today the Senate is projected at 50 democrats and 49 republicans, with a runoff in Georgia set for December 6. With this math the best that the Republicans can hope for is a tie in the Senate. This would essentially maintain the current status quo with Democrat Vice President Harris casting



a vote to break in ties. This arrangement gives the Democrats technical control of the Senate.

At the moment, the House has 217 seats projected Republican and 205 seats projected Democrat, with 13 seats yet to be decided. With 218 seats being the controlling number, the Republicans only have to gain one of those 13 seats outstanding. The odds certainly seem to be saying that the Democrats will control the Senate and the Republicans will control the House. Perhaps that will force some compromise.

The election showed mathematically that the nation has a near 50/50 divide. On the surface that can easily mean turmoil between equals. I hope that analysis is wrong.

Health record system delayed ...again

The Department of Veterans Affairs' electronic health record system will be delayed. Instead of putting out a shoddy product, the VA has elected to halt deploying the system until June 2023.

This comes after a previous delay that was announced last summer, which said that the deployment would be pushed back until January 2023.

It's apparently been one software glitch after the other at the locations they're using as testing -- problems with scheduling, referrals, medication, test results and medical orders. And more. Months ago the

VA's Office of Inspector General uncovered many instances of patient harm resulting from the new program. Specifically, over 200 doctor orders went astray, sent to nobody knows where, resulting in 149 instances of patient harm -- at just one testing site.

They're calling this the "assess & address" period, and it's good that they're halting the expansion. Patient safety has to be at the top of the list, especially the issuing of prescription drugs.

Meanwhile, on the off chance that your local facility is a testing site, take charge of your care.

If you think you



should have gotten an appointment or referral (maybe the doctor said so?), follow up. If you're awaiting a test result, call them. When a medical provider says you'll be given a prescription for a drug, write down the name of that drug and the dose. (Ask how it's spelled.) When you receive your drug, check it carefully. Go online to a drug checking website (www.drugs.com/pill\_identification.html) and be sure the photo of the pill online matches

what you received. Use a magnifying glass to look at the tiny numbers on your pills.

At this writing, my best guess about the sites where the program is being tested are: Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center, Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center, Central Ohio Healthcare System and Roseberg and White City, Oregon.

A handful of senators, meanwhile, are saying that the program needs to be dumped, not only because of the patient safety concerns, but because the price tag has increased by billions of dollars.

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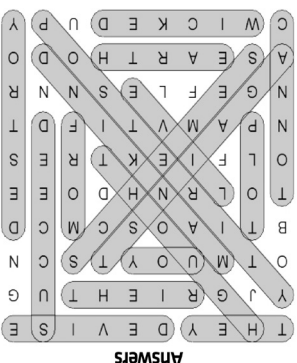




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3. Upon which mountain did Deborah defeat the forces of Sisera? Tabor, Zeus, Sinai, Olives  
4. From James 3, what part of the body is like a fire? Eyes, Legs, Tongue, Nose  
5. In John 13, who denied Jesus three times? John, James, Luke, Peter  
6. Who was the mate of Sapphira? Moses, Ananias, Potiphar, Zimri  
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## Sieve versus strain

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. Sieving and straining are words used interchangeably. Technically, they are different. I will begin with sieving. There are two forms of sieving; wet and dry. I will begin with the dry form. A sieve has two uses

A sieve has two uses for dry ingredients. One use is in sorting and the other to mix ingredients. In order to make it easier to understand, think of a flour sifter and how it is used. I like using a miner's sieving set of three grades of mesh screens. There is your course, medium and fine. To sort ground coffee, for example, the course particles would be for percolated coffee making, the medium for drip coffee makers, and the fine for espresso. In the case of flour sifting, the flour is at a powdery consistency and does not need sorted according to particle size. In its case, sifting is to aerate the flour for measuring purposes. Double and triple sifting is done for making very light French cakes. There are also your handheld small sifters most common in all kitchens. They are a sieve in that they use a screen and a colander because of its shape and use. They are very handy for handling both dry and wet needs.



**The Culinary Corner**  
By Chef Roger Joss

Straining is merely to separate liquid from solid particles. Colanders are mostly used for this. Naturally there are different sized colanders in both their capacity and size of holes. Most are course designed for dumping cooked foods to drain the boiling water off of the food such as pasta or boiled potatoes. Colanders with small holes are mainly designed for rinsing or cleaning rice.

I notice that most people using a colander for rinsing or cleaning foods do it wrong. Put the food in and then run water over it while moving the food around. The best way is to set the colander with the food in it into a container of water. Work the food around in the water, remove the colander, get fresh water, and repeat. The water is better able to clean all the way around the food. This is especially necessary with small grains such as rice, barley, lintels, etc. It is especially necessary with leafy foods such as lettuce, fresh herbs and fresh mint leaves. Otherwise, the leaves would be packed down and sticking to each other not allowing the dirt to be rinsed away.

Fine straining as a form of forced separating. Do not get this mixed up with milling. If you are making cottage cheese, it is put into cheese cloth and the whey is squeezed out. Another form of straining is to press the back of a kitchen spoon against the particles left behind in a china cap or chinois to squeeze out every bit of the stock. This is still separating and therefore qualifies as straining. Milling is forcing food to recondition it as in make paste.

Until next time, peace to all.

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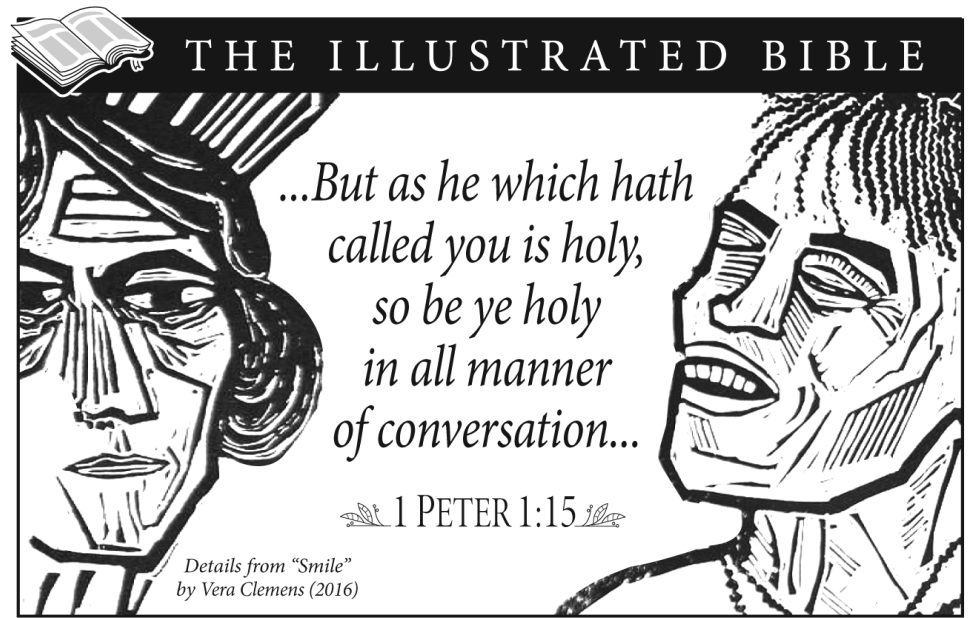
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# CLINTON Journal Sports

## CHS cross country athletes compete in state finals

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CLINTON — The Lady Maroons' and the Maroons' cross country teams had several individuals athletes go from Central Illinois Conference placings to qualifying for the state finals this season.

Those qualifying during the sectional race were Drew Moser (ending a 22-year state drought <23

years for individuals> for the boys team. Drew finished 12th overall, and was the #5 qualifier running a time of 15:57.02.

These three moved on to the state finals in Class 1A on Saturday, November 5. It was a Saturday with torrential rain and wind making running a challenge on a sloppy course. But, the Maroons battled through to make a good showing.

Girls and boys had 258 entrants. MaKayla Koep-

pel placed 67th in a time of 19:36.15. She was predicted to finish 85th and finished 92nd in last seasons run. Amerie Hemphill placed 110th with a time of 20:01.37. She had an incredible finishing kick passing over 10 runners to earn her place. Drew Moser placed 107th in a time of 17:07.36 making him the eighth highest boy finisher at the state finals in Clinton history.



Courtesy of Clinton High School

Amerie Hemphill, Drew Moser, and MaKayla Koepfel at sectional qualifier for state finals.

## CHS girls' swimmers travel to sectional meet in Champaign



CHAMPAIGN — On Nov. 5, five Clinton High School girls traveled to Champaign Centennial High School to compete in the Girl's High School Sectional swimming competition. The girls who competed are Freshman McKegan Morgan, Freshman Abi Moser, Junior Addie Koritz, and Seniors Chloe Barth and Lu Biamino.

The girls set a number of personnal best times.

<b>Results:</b>	Addie Koritz	200 Yard IM – 19th/time 2:57.59
	Addie Koritz	50 yd Free –17th/time 28.68
	McKegan Morgan	50 yd Free 24th/time 29.73
	McKegan Morgan	100 yd Fly 13th/time 1:18.36
	Lu Biamino	100 yd Free 28th/time 1:29.83
	Chloe Barth	100 yd Free 30th/time 1:36.71
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McKegan Morgan  
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Clockwise from above: MaKayla Koepfel, Amerie Hemphill, and Drew Moser.



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# SPORTS

## CJHS Lady Maroons 7th grade win, 8th grade loss to Olympia at home

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CLINTON — The CJHS Lady Maroons latest home outing was a partial win against the Olympia Lady Spartans. The Lady Spartans were up for a tussle and were a strong opponent.

As usual, the evening started with the 7th grade game. The Lady Maroons took an early lead in the first two quarters. Then, in the second half the Lady Maroons took control of the game, defensively holding the Lady Spartans to only 6 points, while scoring 12 of their own.

The Lady Maroons won 21-14 and were led by Ozzie Goar (#34) with 11 points and Aubrey Peterson (#4) with 5 points.

Then it was time for the 8th grade game and this one was tough.

The Lady Maroons were missing several key players and this was evident as the game began and progressed. The first quarter was low scoring and even at 4 points each.

Then, the Lady Spartans found the holes in the Lady Maroons' defense and exploited to great success, outscoring the Lady Maroons in each of the final three quarters.

Although the results show a loss, the Lady Maroons came up respectfully, losing by only 7 points 27-20.

The Lady Maroons were led by Emilee Plummer (#22) and Audrey Toohill (#32) with 5 points each.



Photos Marc Rogers / Journal

Ozzie Goar (#34) came down with the rebound amid the Lady Spartans and put it back up for 2 of her 11 points in the 7th grade game.

## Volleyball scores wins vs A/O and Riverton, loss to Williamsville in regional

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CLINTON — The Lady Maroons Volleyball team has completed a fairly good year (12-20; 2-5 CIC). Senior night was tough, with a coach retiring and two players moving on after graduation, but the Lady Maroons hung tough and went into the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) regionals with guns blazing.

The Lady Maroons took down their first opponent, the Argenta/Oreana Lady Bombers (2-20; 0-9 conference) in two straight sets 25-22 and 25-6. Next in line were the River-

ton Lady Hawks (9-24; 3-6 conference), who also went down in two straight sets 25-10 and 25-18.

In their final match of the season the Lady Maroons faced the Williamsville Lady Bullets. Williamsville had a strong team this year (25-12; 9-0 conference) and proved it against the Lady Maroons. Williamsville won the match in two sets; 25-18 and 25-5, stopping the Lady Maroons season.

Williamsville went on through regional and sectionals, where they lost to the Pleasant Plains Lady Cardinals (35-5; 8-1 conference) in two sets 14-25 and 12-25.

## CJHS Lady Maroons win at home against Central A&M

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CLINTON — The evening was chilled with winds around 50 mph. that blew the Central A&M Lady Raiders in from the south. They were here to conquer the Clinton Junior High School (CJHS) Lady Maroons.

As the season has gone for the home team, that could have been a possibility, but not on this evening. The seventh grade game commenced with the Lady Raiders holding a slight lead from the tip off.

The visitors started with a press, however, the Lady Maroons would not go away and kept fighting through the Lady Raiders' defense to stay close, down 2 at the end of the one quarter and 3 at halftime.

The Lady Raiders did not seem to be able to capitalize on their pressing efforts. In the second half the Lady Maroons cut into the lead, outscoring the opposition in the third quarter to close within one point.

The final quarter saw the Lady Maroons continue their run to take the lead and hang on through a few final minutes where the

Lady Raiders had chances to tie or win, but failed to score, and left the home team with a 22-20 win.

The Lady Maroons were led by Ozzie Goar (#34) with 6 points, followed by Laney Brewer (#14) and Cali Simons (#20), each with 5 points.

The second game of the evening saw the Lady Maroons take the early lead and never look back. The home teams offense and defense seemed to have the Lady Raiders at a loss as what was happening to them.

They were held scoreless in the third, but had their

highest score in the fourth quarter. The only problem was, the Lady Raiders were riding solely on the shoulders of their center, who scored all of their 19 points.

The Lady Maroons spread out the scoring, led by Averie Fatheree (#2) with 16 points (including three 3-pointers), Emilee Plummer (#22) with 10 points (including one 3-pointer), and Kearington Hardwick with 6 points.

In all, the home team had 6 players score during the game. The Lady Maroons won 40-19.



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## 7th grade win, 8th grade loss for CJHS boys at home



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CLINTON — In their season home opener, the Clinton Junior High School (CJHS) Maroons basketball team had mixed results.

The evening's events against the Maroa/Forsyth Trojans began with the 7th grade teams taking to

the court. The Maroons came out on fire in the first quarter taking a slight lead, which they then gave up in the second quarter.

Returning to the floor after halftime, the teams played even basketball through the third quarter with the Trojans still in the lead. Then there was a change in the Maroons.

They turned the game

around, outscoring the opposition to retake the lead and hold on. The Maroons won 34-31. Clinton was led by Jaeden Bell (#2) with 16 points (including two 3-pointers).

The 8th grade game was quite different. The Maroons came out with four flat tires and a sputtering motor. They were missing three of their regulars and

were subbing in several players from the 7th grade game.

The Maroons were held to a dismal 6 points in the game, 2 in the first quarter, 2 in the second quarter, and 2 in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, the Trojans played ball as usual scoring at will. The Trojans ended the game and took the win with 38 points.







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(3161125)

## LEGAL

**ADOPTION NOTICE - STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
County of DeWitt  
Michelle Van Valey,  
Circuit Clerk of  
DeWitt County

In the matter of the  
Petition for Adoption of

Zeikiel David Rose  
and Isaiah Sylvester North:

2022-AD-4

To whom it may  
concern and David  
Michael Rose,

Take Notice that a  
petition was filed in  
the Circuit Court Of  
DeWitt County, Illinois,  
for the adoption of a  
child named,

Zeikiel David Rose  
and Isaiah Sylvester  
North, MINORS

Now, therefore,  
unless you and all  
whom it may concern,  
file your answer to the  
Petition in the action  
or otherwise file your  
appearance therein,  
in the said Circuit Court  
of DeWitt, County,  
Room 122 in the City  
of Clinton, Illinois,  
on or before December  
13, 2022, a default may  
be entered against  
you at any time

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Clinton, IL 61727

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• www.theclintonjournal.com

## LEGAL

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEPHEN DUANE THOMPSON, DECEASED**

**NO. 2022-PR-33**

**CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION**

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

Letters of Office were issued on October 27, 2022 to Joseph B. Taylor, 216 South Center Street, Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois 61727 as independent administrator. The attorney for the estate is Joseph B. Taylor of Taylor & Lynch, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois, 61727.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washing-


ton Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the Representative, or both, on or before April 27, 2022. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the Claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

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

Dated this 31st day of October, 2022.

Joseph B. Taylor, Independent Administrator of the Estate of Stephen Duane Thompson, deceased

**JOSEPH B. TAYLOR 02803046 TAYLOR & LYNCH 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET**



### CLINTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOLS

VACANCY NOTICE NO. 11

Please apply on-line at [www.applitrack.com/Clinton/onlineapp](http://www.applitrack.com/Clinton/onlineapp) unless noted otherwise.

#### Clinton High School

1. PE/Health for the 2023-24 school year, application deadline December 02, 2022  
1. Chemistry/Physics Teacher for the 2023-24 school year, application deadline December 02, 2022  
1. Science Teacher for the 2023 - 24 school year, application deadline December 02, 2022  
1. Job Coach, at least 20 years old, High School Diploma/GED, Experience working with people with disabilities a plus. Will assist, support, and work closely with students in the school and community by providing vocational support to prepare students for employment. Will work with individual students or small groups of students with job skills, will assist the certified staff in devising special strategies for finding student strength and areas to work on in job setting, will input/chart specific individual job performances, serve as chief informational source for vocational coordinator, assist in bus loading, and work to maintain safe work environment. application deadline December 02, 2022

#### Clinton Junior High

2. Teacher Aide (s), please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license <https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals> , application deadline December 02, 2022

#### Douglas School

1. Teacher Aide (PRE-K.), please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license <https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals> , application deadline December 02, 2022

#### Athletics

1. Assistant Boys Track Coach at High School, please apply online or email letter of interest, resume, and letters of recommendation to Matt Koeppel, AD, at [mkoeppe@cUSD15.org](mailto:mkoeppe@cUSD15.org), application deadline December 02, 2022

#### Cafeteria

1. Kitchen Staff (8-1:30), application deadline December 02, 2022  
1. Kitchen Staff (7:30-1:30), application deadline December 02, 2022

#### Transportation

1. Sub Bus Driver, (\$23.85 per hour) Bus Drivers must have a CDL or be willing to obtain one.  
1. Sub Bus/Van Monitor, (\$15.00 per hour),  
1. Sub Van Driver, (\$21.74 per hour)

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**77.06 Acres, m/l**

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Soil Productivity Index - 141.1  
Excellent Quality Farmland*

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### Position Announcement: Resource Conservationist

The mission of the Piatt County Soil & Water Conservation District is to provide education, leadership, and assistance to people to protect and promote the wise use of our soil, water, air, plant, and animal resources. The Resource Conservationist will provide technical assistance to enrolled cooperators in the State led conservation programs. This position is about 40% in the field conducting field evaluations, surveys, and designs. Certifications are required to sign off on work independently and education will be provided by NRCS. You must be willing to complete NRCS course work for certification. The Resource Conservationist provides guidance to office staff and supports the admin coordinator in many conservation events throughout the year such as fish & tree sales, oil/tire recycling, electronics recycling events, & more. This job does qualify for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.

**Qualifications:**

- This position is full time with salary based on experience and education. A Bachelor's degree in Agriculture or Natural Resources preferred but not required.
- Strong interest in and knowledge of agricultural practices, best management practices, and water quality issues/concerns related to agriculture.
- Physically able to work safely under adverse environmental conditions such as climbing in and out of ditches and walking long distances.
- Must have and maintain a valid driver's license and insurance and satisfactory driving record.
- Must have a passion for conservation
- Must pass background check.

**What we are looking for:**

- Strong and effective communicator, both written and verbal.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, including ability to work with farmers and manage professional relationships.
- Proven ability to work independently as well as in a team environment.
- Ability to prioritize a heavy and varied workload, deliver results, and provide written board reports monthly on progress.
- Willing to travel for trainings, field days, and employee meetings.
- Proficient with basic computer software such as word, excel, outlook. ARCGIS experience is a bonus

**How to Apply:** Letters of application must be received by November 30th, 2022 for consideration. Send cover letter and resume to: Piatt County SWCD, Julie Chumbley, 1209 Bear Lane, Monticello, IL 61856, or email: [Julie.Chumbley@usda.gov](mailto:Julie.Chumbley@usda.gov) . Inquiries can be made to Wyatt Muse, Piatt Co. SWCD Board Director, at [Wyattmuse@gmail.com](mailto:Wyattmuse@gmail.com).

The Piatt County Soil and Water Conservation District does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, gender, age, marital status, veteran's status or disability. This policy covers all programs, services and procedures of the District, including employees.



### Piatt County Soil & Water Conservation District Foundation

1209 Bear Lane, Monticello, IL 61856 (217)-762-2146 x 3



P.O. BOX 478  
CLINTON, ILLINOIS 61727  
TEL: (217) 935-2183  
FAX: (217) 935-8219  
E-MAIL: attorney@dewittcountylaw.com

Legal 19621  
November 11, 18 and 25, 2022

LEGAL

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ROBERT E. MCKINNEY, Deceased.

22-PR-35

DEATH AND CLAIM DATE NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given of the death of the above named decedent; that Letters of Office were issued on the 3rd day of November, 2022, as Independent Executrix to KERRI RASMUSSEN, 77 Clearbrook Ln., Ash Flat, AR, 72513, whose attorney of record is Lamkin and Lamkin, P.C., 200 South Monroe Street, Post Office Box 597, Clinton, Illinois 61727.

CLAIMS against the estate must be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, 61727, on or before the 18th day of May, 2023, or on or before 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery of any Notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

MICHELLE VAN VALEY

DeWitt County Circuit Court

LAMKIN AND LAMKIN, P.C. ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
200 South Monroe Street  
Post Office Box 597  
Clinton, Illinois 61727  
Telephone: 217/935-3186

Legal 19623  
November 18, and 25, 2022  
December 2, 2022

LEGAL

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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 hearing on the Special Use will be held by the Planning Commission on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Clinton Planning Commission

Legal 19624  
November 18, 2022

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS CAUSE NO. 2022TX18: TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS (AND IF DECEASED, TO THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVEISEES), AND TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND TO ALL INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES THEREOF, INCLUDING AMONG OTHERS ILLINOIS DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPT OF HEALTHCARE & FAMILY SERVICES (PUBLIC AID) GENERAL COUNSEL AND DEWITT COUNTY CLERK, DEWITT COUNTY TREASURER, DEWITT COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, CITY OF CLINTON, AND TO OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE PARCELS HEREINAFTER NAMED:

Parcel Number	Owners/Parties Interested	Cert Number	Street Or Common Address
01-29-306-005	RYBURN, DAVID	201900001	507 N MAIN ST.
01-29-306-005	RYBURN, VIRGINIA	201900001	507 N MAIN ST.
01-29-328-008	DAWSON, CLINTON J	201900003	209 E 9TH ST.
01-29-328-008	DAWSON, LINDSAY	201900003	209 E 9TH ST.
04-35-000-014	TURNER MERCER TRUSTEE DEF-1	201900008	SEC 35
07-27-453-011	FATHEREE FAMILY TRUST	201900041	611 N QUINCY ST.
	C/O JEANA FATHEREE, TRUSTEE		
07-27-453-011	CITY OF CLINTON	201900041	611 N QUINCY ST.
11-15-319-002	RUSSELL, TODD CURTIS	201900073	413 E SHELTON ST.
11-15-319-002	COMIAN XV TAX LIEN FUND, LLC	201900073	413 E SHELTON ST.
11-16-404-002	BINKLEY, ROSE ANN	201900076	HOWARD ST.
11-16-404-002	ROBINSON, TERRA	201900076	HOWARD ST.
11-16-404-002	EDWARDS, CHRISTOPHER	201900076	HOWARD ST.
14-09-256-013	GRAHAM, BOBBIE	201900094	550 MAPLE ST.

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ABOVESAIID PARCELS WERE SOLD ON OCTOBER 21, 2020, FOR GENERAL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2019 AND PRIOR YEARS, AND THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM SUCH SALE EXPIRES MAY 2, 2023. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A PETITION FOR ORDER DIRECTING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEEDS HAS BEEN FILED IN THE ABOVESAIID CAUSE AS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED PARCELS BY DEWITT COUNTY, AS TRUSTEE, AND THAT ON JUNE 9, 2023 AT 9:00 AM [COURTROOM 1], SAID PETITIONER WILL APPLY FOR AN ORDER THAT A TAX DEED ISSUE AS TO EACH ABOVESAIID PARCEL NOT REDEEMED ON OR BEFORE MAY 2, 2023. /S/ DEWITT COUNTY AS TRUSTEE, PETITIONER.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK  
ADDRESS: 201 W. WASHINGTON ST, CLINTON, IL 61727  
TELEPHONE: (217) 935-7780

Legal 19627  
November 18, 2022

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE FOR WELDON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given by the President and Board of Trustees for the Weldon Fire Protection District of De Witt County and Piatt County Illinois as follows:

1. A public hearing to approve a proposed tax levy increase for the Weldon Fire Protection District of DeWitt County and Piatt County Illinois for 2023 will be held on the 28th day of November, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the firehouse located in Weldon, Illinois. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district, may contact Curt Utterback, 1317 Conner's Rd., Clinton, Illinois 61727.

2. The corporate and special purpose property tax extended for the fiscal year of the district ending June 30, 2022 was \$109,460.73. The proposed corporate and special purpose tax levy for the district to be levied for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 is \$118,800.00. This represents a 7.87 percent increase over the previous year.

3. That the property tax extended for the debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 was zero. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2023 is zero. This represents a zero percent increase over the previous year.

4. The total property taxes extended for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 were \$109,460.73. The estimated property taxes to be levied for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 are \$118,800.00. This represents a 7.87 percent increase over the previous year.

Legal 19631  
November 18, 2022

LEGAL

Ordinance No. 22-3 AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TAX PURSUANT TO 75 ILCS 16/35-5(b), FOR VESPASIAN WARNER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF DeWITT, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 – BUILDING EQUIPMENT AND

MAINTENANCE PURPOSES

**BE IT ORDAINED**, that the Vespasian Warner Public Library District of the County of DeWitt and State of Illinois shall levy an additional tax of .02% of the value of all taxable property within said District, for building, equipment and maintenance purpose, subject to the right of the electors in said District to petition and require an election concerning the imposition of

such additional tax, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/35-5(b). **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption of the Ordinance, it shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Vespasian Warner Public Library District and it is effective immediately upon adoption. **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we have hereunder set our hands in Clinton, Illinois this

9th day of November 2022.

Jonah Kolb  
President of the Board of Trustees of Vespasian Warner Public Library District

ATTEST:  
Becky Adams  
Secretary

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Voters may sign a Petition requesting that the question of the adoption of this Ordinance be submitted to the electors of the District. The deadline to file a Petition is within thirty (30) days of this publication. At least seven hundred and ten (710) registered voters must sign the Petition. If a valid Petition is filed, the prospective Referendum will be at the Consolidated Election, April 4, 2023. Becky Adams Secretary of the Board of Trustees

of Vespasian Warner Public Library District

c/o Vespasian Warner Public Library District  
310 North Quincy Street  
Clinton, Illinois

Legal 19625  
November 18, 2022

LEGAL

ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-3

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL OF THE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES OF THE WELDON COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF THE COUNTIES OF DEWITT AND PIATT,

IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING July 1, 2022, AND ENDING June 30, 2023.

WHEREAS, there has been prepared, in tentative form a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Weldon Community Fire Protection District of the Counties of DeWitt and Piatt in the State of Illinois.

SECTION ONE

That the fiscal year of the Fire Protection District be, and the same is hereby fixed ad declared to be from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

SECTION TWO

That the following budget, containing an estimate of the cash expected to be received by the Fire Protection District during



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FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION

BIDDING CLOSSES: MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022  
STARTING AT 10:00 AM<sup>CT</sup>


PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 1630-2080 ST., LINCOLN, IL 62656



INSPECTION: FRI., DEC. 2 & SAT., DEC. 3 • 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

HIGHLIGHTS: '97 Agco Allis 9815 MFWD tractor, 4,339 hrs.; '08 Agco RT155A MFWD tractor, 4,349 hrs., one owner; Kubota L5740 MFWD tractor, 573 hrs., one owner; '13 JD S550 2wd combine, 1,577 eng./1,031 sep. hrs., one owner; '10 JD 606C 6 row 30" corn head, one owner; '14 JD 625F 25' Hydraflex platform; Unverferth HT25 25' head cart; '11 Kinze 3600 12/24 planter; Clarks Easi-Load 2-box seed tender; Case-IH Tiger-Mate II 32.6' field cultivator; Brillion Land Commander II 5-shank disk ripper; International 496 24' disk, 7.5" spacing; Case 5-bottom plow; Killbros 1035 grain cart; (4) Unverferth 530 gravity wagons; Rem 2100 grain vac; Mayrath 10"x62' swing away auger; '20 Woods BW15.50Q 15' batwing mower; Woods BrushBull 720 6' 3-pt. rotary cutter; Soil Mover 35RF 3.5 yard dirt scraper; Garfield 10' pull-type box blade; Allis-Chalmers 7' 3-pt. blade; 8' pull-type cultimulcher; 7'x14' barge wagon; Older hayrack on running gear; Wooden flare box wagon; '12 JD GS3 2630 display; '17 JD StarFire 6000 receiver; JD ATU 200 universal steering wheel; '13 Rice 20' flatbed trailer; Clark 5,000 lb. forklift, showing 1,823 hrs.; Farmall H tractor; Woods Du-Al 3-pt. forklift; 1,000 gal. fuel tank w/ pump; 500 gal. fuel tank w/ pump; 3-pt. post hole digger; Cat III quick hitch; Cat II quick hitch; Craftsman 2,500 PSI pressure washer; Assorted gates & panels


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STARTING AT 10:00 AM<sup>CT</sup>


PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 1110 2550TH ST., EMDEN, ILLINOIS 62635



INSPECTION DATE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 & SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM EACH DAY



HIGHLIGHTS: 2011 Massey Ferguson 8680 MFWD tractor, 1,410 hrs; 2013 Massey Ferguson 7624 MFWD tractor, 2,176 hrs; 2010 Agco RT180A MFWD tractor, 2,255 hrs; 1976 White 2-105 2wd tractor, 6,224 hrs; 1972 Oliver 1855 2wd tractor, 3,973 hrs; 2014 Massey Ferguson 9540 2wd combine, 1,507 eng./1,015 sep. hrs; 2016 Massey Ferguson 3308 Command 8 row 30" corn head; 2022 Gleaner 9335 35' flex draper head; 2014 White 9816 16 row 30" planter; 2013 Clarks Ag Supply Easiloat Seed Systems 4-box seed tender; 2015 Sunflower 6631 31' vertical tillage tool; Landoll Tilloll 876 30' soil finisher; DMI 500 7-shank 3-pt. inline ripper; Case-IH 1830 16 row 30" 3-pt. cultivator; Yetter 3541 41' 3-pt. rotary hoe; Remlinger 500 28' harrowgator; 2020 Brent V1000 grain cart; (5) 2014 Brent 657 gravity wagons; Westfield MK100-61 10"x61' swing away auger; Westfield MK100-61 10"x61' swing away auger; 1994 Ford L8000 dump truck, 141,064 mi.; Topcon Horizon display Topcon AG14 receiver; (2) Topcon AGI-3 receiver; Topcon ADS universal steering wheel; Topcon ASC-10 controller; 2020 Woods BW15.50 15' batwing mower; 2010 Big Dog 11 yd. dirt scraper; 8'x5' flatbed trailer; Bradco 8' 6-way dozer blade; Shop built tractor mover 1,000 gal. fuel tank; 500 gal. fuel tank; 300 gal. fuel tank; Cat III quick hitch; Agco suitcase weights; Wheel weights; (2) 460/65R22.5 tires on 10-bolt wheels; 425/65R22.5 tires on 10-bolt wheel; Implement tires and wheels; Northern Industrial oil barrel caddy; DEF system w/ AgSmart 12-volt pump; Roughneck oil drain w/ pneumatic pump

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such fiscal year from all sources, and an estimate of the expenditures contemplated for such fiscal year, and a statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of said Fire Protection District for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

1. Cash balance, beginning of the year \$191,933.67

2. Portion of taxes from prior year \$-0-

3. Estimated amount that will be received from collections on 2022 levy before end of fiscal year \$109,460.74

4. Estimated receipts from fire insurance tax, and other sources \$600.00

5. Total estimated receipts \$301,994.41

Total of estimated expenditures for fiscal year \$157,700.00

Estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year \$144,294.47

SECTION THREE

That the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of the said Weldon Community Fire Protection District herein specified for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023:

1. ADMINISTRATION AND OFFICE EXPENSES FUND

(a) Office supplies and materials \$1,000.00

(b) Publication expenses \$600.00

(c) Attorney's fees \$2,000.00

(d) Utilities at fire house \$7,500.00

(e) Illinois Association of Fire Protection District dues \$600.00

(f) Miscellaneous supplies and materials \$2,000.00

(g) Repairs and maintenance of office equipment \$1,000.00

(h) Convention expenses \$400.00

(i) State of Illinois and Federal taxes \$2,000.00

TOTAL \$17,100.00

2. FIRE EQUIPMENT AND FIRE-FIGHTING SUPPLIES FUND

(a) For purchase of firefighting equip./trucks \$76,000.00

(b) For repairs and maintenance of firefighting equipment \$15,000.00

(c) For repairs and maintenance of fire

house \$8,000.00

(d) For fuel for fire trucks and other vehicles \$3,000.00

(e) For training and education of firemen \$3,000.00

(f) Firefighter's PPE \$5,000.00

(g) Maintenance Tools \$1,000.00

TOTAL \$111,000.00

3. BUILDING FUND

(a) For expenses of new building \$0

TOTAL \$0

4. SALARY FUND

(a) For salaries of Trustees and Fire Chief \$5,000.00

(b) For salaries and wages of employees and firefighters \$10,000.00

TOTAL \$15,000.00

TOTAL OF ALL OF ABOVE FUNDS \$143,000.00

5. INSURANCE FUND

(a) For Worker's Compensation Insurance \$3,000.00

(b) For liability insurance \$6,000.00

(c) For unemployment insurance \$200.00

(d) For fire and theft insurance \$4,000.00

(e) For life insurance \$1,000.00

TOTAL \$14,200.00

6. ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING FEES FUNDS \$2,500.00

TOTAL \$2,500.00

TOTAL OF ALL ABOVE FUNDS \$159,700.00

SECTION FOUR

That the funds derived from sources other than 2022 tax levy may be allotted by the Board of Trustees to such appropriation and in such amounts, respectively, as by such Board may be determined, within the limits of said appropriations, respectively.

SECTION FIVE

That the unexpected balance of any item or items of any appropriation made by this ordinance may be expended in making up any deficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation made by this ordinance.

SECTION SIX

That should any clause, sentence, paragraph, or a part of this ordinance be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

SECTION SEVEN

This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance 2022-3.

SECTION EIGHT

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage, approval and publication, in accordance with the law.

/s/Danny R. Ferguson  
President of the Weldon Community Fire Protection District

PASSED this 24 day of October, 2022

ATTEST:  
/s/Curt V. Utterback  
Secretary of the Weldon Community Fire Protection District

Legal 19626  
November 18, 2022

LEGAL

Notice of Public Sale is hereby given that an auction will be held online on [www.lockerfox.com](http://www.lockerfox.com) beginning on December 8, 2022 at 12:00pm ending December 15, 2022 at 12:01 pm to sell the following individuals' articles to enforce lien against such articles, for storage furnished at Storage Unlimited, 1506 Route 54 East, Clinton IL 61727, (217) 935-3200 under a rental agreement with:

12:01 pm, Jeremy W. Mitchell, occupant of space 1111

items: desk, dressers, coffee table, mattresses, boxes, bags and misc.

Legal 19628  
November 18 and 25, 2022

LEGAL

PRE-FILING NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the office of the City Clerk will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning December 12, 2022 through Dec. 19, 2022 5:00p.m. for the purpose of accepting candidate petition or certifications for the General election to be held on April 4, 2023 for the following offices.

LIST ALL OFFICES TO BE VOTED UPON:

Mayor  
Commissioner of Accounts & Finances  
Commissioner of Streets & Public Improvements  
Commissioner of Public Property (Water)  
Commissioner of Public Health & Safety

/s/Cheryl A. Van Valey

Legal 19629  
November 18 and 25, 2022

LEGAL

NOTICE

The City of Clinton, Illinois, will hold a public hearing at 6:45 p.m., on Tuesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 118-120 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, for the purpose of hearing written and oral comment from the public concerning the proposed annual levy.

A copy of the proposed annual levy is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays at City Hall, 118-120 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois.

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

Legal 19630  
November 18, 2022

LEGAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Clinton Community Fire Protection District, in the County of DeWitt, in the State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, will

be on file, and conveniently available to public inspection at the Clintonia Township Road District Office, that office being located at 9240 Township Road, Clinton, in the County of DeWitt and State of Illinois, in said Fire Protection District, from and after the 20th day of November, 2022.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 8:00 a.m., Central Standard Time, on the 20th day of December, 2022, at 9240 Township Road, in the City of Clinton, in the County of DeWitt and State of Illinois, in said Fire Protection District, and that the final Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be adopted by the Board of Trustees of said Clinton Community Protection District, at the meeting thereof to be held at 8:00 a.m., Central Standard Time, on the 20th day of December, 2022, at 9240 Township Road, in the City of Clinton, in the County of DeWitt and State of Illinois, in said Fire Protection District.

By Order of the Board of Trustees of said District.

Dated this 14th day of November, 2022.

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BY: CHARLES W. ATTEN, Secretary

Legal 19632  
November 18, 2022

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# Holiday Hints

## Tips for a Stress-Free Holiday Season

### TIPS FOR A STRESS-FREE HOLIDAY SEASON

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Following a few simple steps can make it easier for you to send out gifts this holiday season.

by Jonathan Castillo

(NAPS)—The holidays are right around the corner and sending your mail and packages with the U.S. Postal Service has never been easier or more reliable. With a little planning and the right tools, you can ensure that the perfect gift reaches everyone on your list.

Here are seven tips to make your holiday shipping stress-free:

- 1. Visit USPS online:** Visit the USPS website at usps.com. You'll have access to tools like ZIP Code lookup, Find Your Local Post Office, Hold Mail, Click-N-Ship, Schedule a Pickup, and more. It's open 24 hours a day.
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- 3. Visit the Postal Store online:** From stamps to supplies and even gift ideas, usps.com/store has everything to make holiday gift shipping—and shopping—easier than ever. Need free boxes? They've got those too. It also never closes.
- 4. Check the U.S. Postal Inspection Service website:** At uspis.gov you'll find tips to protect packages and prevent fraud, along with information on items that are prohibited or restricted.
- 5. Get Informed Delivery:** When you sign up at informedelivery.usps.com, not only can you get a preview of your daily mail and packages, you can also customize your delivery before your carrier arrives. Want to leave instructions to deliver your package to a specific location on your property? Now you can! You'll even get notified the moment your package is delivered.
- 6. Visit USPS Operation Santa online:** Get all the news and information you need at uspsoperationsanta.com. Find information on adopting a letter, getting your ID verified, shipping your gift and more. Letters to Santa will be posted beginning Nov. 28.
- 7. Join the conversation on social media:** Stay "in the know" with the latest USPS news via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube. There's also the official podcast of the United States Postal Service, "Mailin' It," taking you behind the scenes with USPS.

It pays to be prepared. With these tips from the Postal Service, you'll be ready to make this year's holiday season the best yet!

# HOLIDAY HINTS

## Tis the Season for Streaming! Holiday Movie Tool Simplifies Movie Night

New movie tool makes it easier to find and stream trending holiday content

(NAPS)—The next few months will be filled with holiday cheer—not just in spirit, but on our screens. From Thanksgiving hits to Christmas classics, there's no shortage of holiday movies to snuggle up with during the coziest time of the year.

But if you're like us, you might be suffering from the never-ending scroll brought on by content choice overload. You're not alone—a whopping 49% of



From now through Christmas and beyond, a new database makes it easier to find and stream trending content.

viewers say they find it hard to know what content is on which streaming service. Meaning, we're all spending a lot of time clicking through what to watch, and where to watch it. While the luxury of streaming has made entertainment more accessible than ever before, it comes with the potential downside of spiraling into indecision.

**An Answer**

Enter the Holiday Movie Discovery Tool, just in time for the festivities. You can now explore the best movies of the holiday season all in one place.

Not only will you be able to find top-rated films for any mainstream holiday in seconds, you can also narrow the search based on rating and genre. Plus, you can instantly see where to stream your movie of choice.

Family-friendly, familiar or new, the Holiday Movie Discovery Tool is designed to connect viewers with trending movies for each season:

- Thanksgiving
- Hanukkah
- Christmas
- New Year's
- Valentine's Day
- St. Patrick's Day
- Easter
- Mother's Day
- Father's Day
- The 4th of July

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# Protect trees from winter's wrath with a few preventive steps

**Sarah Vogel**  
University of Illinois  
Extension

URBANA, Ill. — Winter is hard on trees. Wind, ice, and cold temperatures can harm trees through sunscald, branch-breaking ice loads, or winter burn on evergreens. Taking preventative measures in the fall can help minimize winter injury to trees in the landscape.

Boxwood, arborvitae, and other evergreen species have leaves and needles that transpire water all year long, even in winter. When water exits the plant faster than it is absorbed, winter burn occurs in desiccated needle and leaf tissue. Water loss happens more quickly in windy or sunny conditions, even in low temperatures. Without wind protection, more damage may be noticed on the windward side of the plant, typically the south or southwest.

"When autumn doesn't provide enough rainfall, deep watering before winter increases moisture to the roots before the ground freezes," says Sarah Vogel, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator. "You can provide water during brief thawing on warmer days in winter to further lessen winter burn."

A ring of mulch around the base of the plant provides a layer of insulation that helps maintain moisture, reduce drastic soil temp fluctuations, and prevent frost heaving. Mulch should stay a few inches away from the trunk.

Burlap or canvas windbreaks may reduce injury from wind, however, if injury is sustained year after year this greatly impacts the overall health of a plant, and different species may be considered for the site. High levels of stress, such as repeated winter injury, increase susceptibility to biotic pests and pathogens. Anti-desiccant sprays help retain moisture and protect plants from some fungal diseases. Prune away any damaged tissue before new growth emerges in spring.

Large spiral frost crack on Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*) Photo: Joseph OBrien, USDA Forest Service, Bugwood.org.

Another issue is sunscald and frost cracking. Frost cracking occurs when the sun warms bark and outer wood, causing it to expand. In the absence of sunlight,

temps cool, and that same tissue will contract. These sudden temperature fluctuations result in vertical fractures along the trunk, called frost cracks.

Sunscald is a result of the same conditions, but causes a different type of damage. Tree cells enter dormancy during winter months. Dormancy can be disrupted by direct sunlight warming cells, only for temps to drop again and kill tree cells.

These phenomena occur in young, thin-barked species such as maple, ash, linden, apple, and peach. Young trees with no barrier from elements are more susceptible. Providing adequate water through fall and winter will help prevent sunscald.

Planting trees where they will be protected from the late afternoon sun helps to prevent sunscald and frost cracking. If using tree wrap, apply wraps in November and be sure to remove them in April. Leaving wraps on all year can cause damage or restrict growth.

Winter often brings snow, ice, and high winds which puts branches at risk of breaking. Removing snow loads by shaking branches is not recommended. In fact, it can lead to further damage in frozen, brittle branches. Gently remove snow by using a broom and sweeping upward, but do not stand under the branch. It is best to wait for a warm-

er day or until the ice melts.

Some trees are more susceptible to broken branches in winter conditions, like multi-stem trees, upright evergreens, and especially trees with included bark from co-dominant stems or narrow branch angles. Prevent storm damage before the risk of breakage is present by pruning deciduous trees while they are young. Remove codominant stems and promote an appropriate scaffolding structure. Avoid pruning late in summer as it promotes new growth that cannot harden off before winter. This can lead to frost damage die-back on branch tips.

If branches break in young trees during a storm, prune them back to the main branch or trunk. Seek help from tree care professionals to prune limbs of larger trees.

Trees are a large part of any landscape and keeping them healthy by using good cultural practices is the best preventative measure against pests, pathogens, and natural disasters. Use these methods to prevent winter damage and protect health of your trees. For more information, review this Trees and winter storm damage article.

*For more research-based information on tree care, connect with your local Illinois Extension county office at [go.illinois.edu/ExtensionOffice](http://go.illinois.edu/ExtensionOffice).*

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