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Susan Muñoz / For the Journal

The fun continues

More guests of the Clinton MayDays Festival carnival enjoyed a night out at the attractions.

Marina / from page A1

“And we don’t think we have time to properly meet with everyone and talk about the future of the marina ...the next five to 10 years.”

He said his committee brought it to the board instead of waiting until the end of summer so current projects could continue and the current management company, “could continue to invest in the marina.”

Matthews said marina managers were looking to hire a mechanic.

“It’s hard to get someone if they know they aren’t going to get more than three or four months,” Matthews said.

He added the management company had committed to additional improvements which already were under way.

The focus shifted then to Wickenhauser’s argument the county could get a larger percentage of the marina revenue under a new contract. Board member Aaron Kammeyer disagreed.

“How much more to you think you’re going to get,” Kammeyer asked. “At

most \$40,000.”

Board members debated whether they actually had an idea how much the county would or would not receive in additional revenue with a new contract.

Matthews spelled out what he felt was at issue.

“We have a good situation now. People who came out for the (land) auction were surprised how nice the marina is now,” he said. “They didn’t even know about some of the facilities that are offered are out there.”

Matthews said he did not feel the county could decide in 90 or 120 days its plan for the future of the marina. He said extending the county’s current contract for marina management would create time to complete projects planned and under way and discuss the future of the marina.

Conversation then veered to a claim by Wickenhauser the current management company breached its existing contract by allowing someone to stay in the marina apartment.

State’s attorney Dan Markwell said the contract prohibits marina management from allowing anyone to stay in the apartment as compensation. The apartment may be used by the management company or its contractors.

Other board members said compensation was not involved when the managers allowed someone to stay in the apartment, so it was not a violation of the contract.

Some board members felt this was a trivial matter.

“My concern is, there should be a new lease signed,” said Carter. “I’m not opposed to negotiating with the present people on the lease, but I think we have plenty of time.”

Board chairman Terry Ferguson said part of the board discussion about the marina’s future was to include whether the county wanted to continue using management companies or use county employees to manage the facility. Selling the marina also was to be part of the discussion.

“That’s why they wanted to extend it (the contract) for one year,” Ferguson said. “Part of the rationale was to take the next 14 months and evaluate what we wanted to do.”

“I think the current lease is a good lease,” Matthews said. “It was put together with a lot of thought.”

He also feared a shortage of companies willing to bid on the marina contract.

The board ultimately voted 7-5 to extend the current marina management contract for another year.

The board also voted to approve the following reappointments:

- Howard A. Hedrick to the Wapella Community Fire District for a term expiring on the first Monday in May 2025
- John Perring to the Waynesville Community Fire Districts for a term expiring on the first Monday in May 2025
- Robert F. Kuntz to the Clinton Community Fire District for a term expiring on the first Monday in May 2025.

Food / from page A1

The Farmers Market Permit Act, sponsored by state Sen. David Koehler, D-Peoria, and state Rep. Thomas Bennett, R-Gibson City, makes the permitting process simpler and waives permit fees for local farmers markets.

Ed Dubrik, a farmer in Iroquois County, wanted to sell at farmers markets in neighboring communities: Bloomington, Champaign and Kankakee. He needed different permits and was required to pay fees in each of those locations.

“They all had a different regulatory process and they all charged him a fee. It was cost prohibitive and it didn’t make sense,” Pickering said.

The Farmers Market Permit Act will make it easier for farmers like Dubrik by streamlining and standardizing the Illinois farmers market permitting process.

One positive effect of the law is that it will make it easier for consumers to buy eggs at Illinois farmers markets, Pickering said.

“One thing we are lacking at farmers markets in Illinois is eggs,” she said. “There are not that many egg vendors out there.”

Now that the permitting process is simpler and the fees have been eliminated, Pickering thinks more egg producers will start selling at state farmers markets.

The Illinois Stewardship Alliance is a farmer-driven organization that lobbies on behalf of farmers, Pickering said.

“Farmers identify the issues. They decide and prioritize the solutions they want to work on,” Pickering said. “It is all very much in the hands of the farmers.”

For years, farmers have been telling the Stewardship Alliance that they want to sell more local produce to Illinois schools, Pickering said. The Better School Lunch Act that passed the legislature this spring is the direct result of those conversations, she said. It eliminates the lowest price

bid requirement for school districts.

One urban farmer ran into a proverbial “brick wall” when she tried to sell her produce to a school that was two blocks away from her farm

“She really believes in providing high quality, nutritious food to students. And she was even willing to lower her prices to get her food into the school,” Pickering said.

But the sale was blocked by the lowest price bid requirement. The school district was under contract with a food service agency that was required to use “lowest price” as the key criteria for purchase.

When a school district is seeking value, the lowest price should not be the only consideration, Pickering said. Locally grown apples and fresh corn taste better and are more nutritious than canned corn and warehoused apples that are shipped across the country.

Taste, nutrition, keeping local dollars in Illinois

communities and buying from local farm businesses are important factors that need to be considered along with price, Pickering said.

The measure encourages school districts to make a good faith effort to buy local food from local providers – including businesses owned by minorities and women. State Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth, D-Peoria, and Sen. Ram Villivalam, D-Chicago, sponsored the bill.

“This was the first time that we built a coalition – getting everybody who was a stakeholder – all the school districts, environmental groups and food organizations – rallying together around this one bill,” Pickering said.



Exhibit / from page A1

On opening day, May 28, organizers plan to have a hot air balloon launch at the museum grounds. That will take place in the early morning, beginning sometime between 6:30-8:30 a.m., depending on weather and wind conditions. Visitors are invited to bring a lawn chair and enjoy the event.

At 11 a.m., there will be a balsa wood airplane contest. Kids are invited to come for a free balsa plane and fun competition. The balsa planes and

prizes are sponsored by local businesses.

There also will be a live remote radio broadcast taking place on the grounds from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The exhibit will be open for viewing from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. All events are free.

Prairie Flyers Exhibit admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for ages 11-under.

For more information, contact the C.H. Moore Hmestead DeWitt County Musuem at (217) 935-6066.

Caring for cookware

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. The cookware you save maybe your own. One bit more about aluminum cookware and then we can go onto stainless steel.

Oxidation of metal can cause damage. When iron rusts, the rust is ferrous oxide or iron oxide. This is when oxygen chemically reacts with iron causing a molecular change. It helps to know chemistry in order to understand how these things work. There is also aluminum oxide. If you leave water in an aluminum pot for days, you may notice whitish spots appearing. Yes, it is eating away at your metal. But what about salt?

Salt is Sodium chloride, NaCl. It appears to work like a catalyst. NaCl draws water and works like an electrolyte. As an electrolyte, it affects ions in water and metal to encourage chemical reaction. Not wanting to get too deep into this, the free ions attract bits of aluminum and oxygen to form aluminum oxidizes. It has been a long time since I had college chemistry but I think I got it right.

My suggestion is to not add salt as much as possible while cooking. Salt food after it comes out of the aluminum cookware. If you must add salt, do so toward that end of the cooking process.

Stainless steel is the top choice for metallic stability in cooking. Stainless steel has very little reaction with anything. It basically is impervious to most chemicals and many acids as well as oxidation. It is an ideal cookware for most any ingredient put into it. Because of its stability

and inert qualities, it is used in making surgical instruments. It would then ideally work as cookware with a few exceptions. Its advantages out weight the exceptions.

Stainless steel comes under various grades. I come from the old school that used such grade identifications as 18/8 and 18/10 in order to identify the two major grades of Stainless steel. The first number identifies the chromium percentage content and the second the nickel percentage content. Since there are several other grades in between, there is now the 300 series. For example, the 18/8 would be 301 and the 18/10 would be 316. To not bore you further, I will leave it at that.

Lower grades of stainless steel will cause eventual pitting. The oxygen will react more easily with the iron base and thus oxidize. Since the oxide dissolves away, there will be pits left behind.

I had worked for Revere Ware both in the tool room and in engineering. It was easy to note that their earlier products were of high quality. The cookware was of heavy gauge top quality stainless steel. I have never found any pitting in them. As other companies took over to make a fast profit, the quality suffered greatly. The metal pitted easily. A good way to test the quality is to put a magnet to it. If the magnet clings, do not buy it.

Until next time, peace to all.



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NEWS

Mary Colleen Stephens

CLINTON — A memorial service for Mary Colleen Stephens will be conducted at 11 a.m. on June 4, 2022, in the Family Life Center, at the First Christian Church, in Clinton, with Pastor Ernie Harvey officiating. Condolences may be sent to The family of Colleen Stephens, 27166 N 73rd St., Scottsdale, AZ 85266. Mary passed away on December 9, 2021 in Scottsdale, Ariz. Her full obituary appeared in the Clinton Journal on Jan.



28, 2022. Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, in Clinton, Little Galilee Christian Camp, or Second Chance for Pets, P.O. Box 243, Clinton, IL 61727.

Charles David Wilson

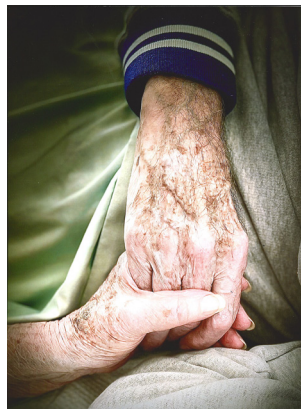
SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Charles David Wilson, 83, of Springfield, Mo., passed away on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Cox South Hospital, Springfield. A celebration of life was held at Phelps Grove Park, Springfield, Mo., on Monday, May 23, 2022. David was born on August 13, 1938, in Bloomington, Ill., son of Joe and Lois (Van Dyke) Wilson. Survivors include his wife, Jane, two children, James (Tonya) Wilson, Hartville, Mo., and Kristine Stamps, Springfield, Mo.; grandchildren, Rich Wilson, Linley Wilson, Eric Wilson, Allison (Maverick) Grimm, Christopher Stamps, and great-grandson, Malcolm Grimm; brother Steve (Karol) Wilson, and nephews, Brody Wilson and Brock Wilson,



Clinton. David attended Clinton High School and Illinois Wesleyan University. He retired from NCR and later from the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA), in Ponte Vedra, Fla. He was preceded in death by his parents. David loved golf and enjoyed his years with the PGA. He was his mother's son in that he never met a stranger and always enjoyed a good visit.

Robert 'Bob' Lee Cox

CLINTON — It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Robert Lee Cox, born and raised in Indiana, the second son of the Rev. James and Opal Cox. He is survived by his brother James (Tina) Cox and sister Virginia (Jerry) McCoy. Robert was married for almost 66 years to the love of his life, Lutricia "Tish" Mae. Robert is also survived by four daughters, Patricia Lynne (Oscar) Valdez, Janet Lee (Kevin) Boebert, Nannette Rene (Jerry) White and the amazing Wendy Sue West. Combined they have 10 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren with four great-great grandchildren. Robert was a man who loved to learn and to share his knowledge. His siblings spoke of him reading the encyclopedias as a teenager, and he continued reading for the rest of his life. He loved to play chess and bridge, even substituting in one of Tish's bridge clubs. Bob and Tish enjoyed bowling in leagues together for many years. They were a family that played together and sang together. Bob had a beautiful bass voice, and sang in the church choir and in a men's barber shop group and always around campfires. Bob served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. After the war, he attended DePauw University, majoring in chemistry and minoring in



philosophy. Bob enjoyed sharing his love of the outdoors with his family. They tent-camped together, and he also belonged to a hiking and backpacking club. Bob and Tish started their marriage in Illinois and then moved to New Jersey for work. Again, through Bob's work, he was transferred to Arizona and finished his career in Illinois. A service and celebration of life for Robert will be held at the Clinton United Methodist Church 308 E. Main St. Clinton, IL 61727 on June 17, at 11 a.m. The family asks that you consider donating to OSF Hospice Care or the Vespasian Warner Public Library in lieu of flowers. Condolences may be sent to Bob's Family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com

Local students named to WIU spring Dean's List

MACOMB/MOLINE, Ill. — A total of 1,080 undergraduate students enrolled at Western Illinois University were named to the 2022 Spring Dean's List. The total includes 107 students at the WIU-Quad Cities Campus. To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted (e.g., student teaching, internships). Listed are local students named to the Dean's List: Clinton Emma R Lux (Senior) Haley A McKinsey (Junior)



Questions & Answers

General

Question: I noticed that my date of birth in Social Security's records is wrong. How do I get that corrected? Answer: To change the date of birth shown on our records, take the following steps:

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

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

Question: I got married and I need to change my name in Social Security's records. What do I do?

Answer: If you change your name due to marriage or for any other reason, you'll need to report the change and get a corrected Social Security card with your new name. You will need to fill out Form SS-5. You can get a copy of this form by visiting www.ssa.gov/ss5doc or by calling our toll-free number 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778). You'll also need to provide the original marriage certificate showing your new and old names. You can mail or take the documentation to your local Social Security office. In some cases, we may need other forms of documentation as well. For more information, visit www.ssa.gov/ssnumber.

Retirement

Question: I've decided I want to retire. Now what do I do? Answer: The fastest and easiest way to apply for retirement benefits is to go to www.ssa.gov/retireonline. Use our online application to



apply for Social Security retirement or spouses benefits. To do so, you must:

- Be at least 61 years and 9 months old.
- Want to start your benefits in the next four months.

Live in the United States or one of its commonwealths or territories.

Question: What type of information will I need to provide if I'd like to apply online for Social Security retirement benefits?

Answer: Whether you apply for retirement benefits online, by phone, or in an office, we suggest that you have the following information at hand when you do it. This will make completing the application easier for you:

- Your birthdate, place of birth, and Social Security number.
- Your bank account number and your bank's routing number, for direct deposit.
- The amount of money you earned last year and this year. If you are applying for benefits in the months of September through December, you may also need to provide an estimate of what you expect to earn next year if you plan to continue working.
- The name and address of your employer(s) for this year and last year.
- The beginning and ending dates of any active military service you had prior to 1968.
- The name, Social Security number, and date of birth of your current and any former spouses.

Depending on your situation, you may need to provide additional documentation with your application. We'll give you instructions on how to mail or bring it to us. To get started, visit our Retirement Planner at www.ssa.gov/retire2.

Disability

Question: What is the waiting period for Social Security disability benefits?

Answer: The law states Social Security disability benefits can be paid only after you have been disabled continuously throughout a period of five full calendar months. Social Security disability benefits begin with the sixth full month after the date your disability began. You are not able to receive benefits for any month during the waiting period. Learn more at www.ssa.gov/disability.

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NEWS

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Clinton Police Department

Arrests:

On May 19, 2022 Clinton Police arrested Brett A Wilson, 25, Clinton, for the offenses of Domestic Battery and Unlawful Restraint. Wilson was transported to the DeWitt County Jail where he was turned over to corrections personnel for processing.

DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

May 13-20

Trevor DeWeese, 25, Weldon, was arrested and charged with Aggravated Domestic Battery. DeWeese unable to post the necessary bond remains lodged in the DeWitt County Jail.

Investigation into the scene of an accident which occurred at 20:14 on 5/13/22 revealed that Heraquio Bernal Sanchez was traveling north on Friends Creek Road approaching the curve at Springfield Street in DeWitt. Kyle Irvin, 21, Clinton, was traveling east on Springfield Street approaching the curve onto Friends Creek Road. Bernal Sanchez drove north onto Springfield Street, failing to yield to oncoming traffic. The yield sign was located at the North bound intersection of Friends Creek Road and Springfield Street. Irvin was negotiating the curve on Springfield Street when Bernal Sanchez made contact with Irvin. Bernal Sanchez' vehicle sustained heavy damage

to the front passenger side fender, windshield, and front passenger side tire. Bernal Sanchez had front airbag deployment as a result of the crash. Irvin's vehicle sustained heavy frontend damage along with the front passenger side fender. DeWitt County EMS and Clinton Fire were on scene. All involved parties were accessed by DeWitt County EMS and refused medical treatment. Bernal Sanchez received Citations for Disobey Yield Sign and Failure to Reduce Speed/Accident. Bernal Sanchez was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

William Houter, 51, Morton, was issued a Citation for Speeding (76 mph in a 55 mph zone). Houter was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Devin Stephenson, 25, Clinton, was issued a Civil Citation for Possession of Cannabis, not more than 10 grams. Stephenson was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Investigation into the scene of an accident which occurred at 05:49 on 5/16/22 revealed that Jayden Taber, 26, Monticello was traveling westbound on IL-10, W of Friends Creek Rd. Taber stated he looked down briefly and when he looked up, he rear ended Jerry Shaw, 42, Weldon. Shaw, in front of Taber was traveling westbound in the same lane, when he felt the impact of Taber's vehicle. Taber's vehicle had significant damages to the front end of the vehicle and windshield with airbag deployment. Shaw had

significant damages to the rear of the truck including a bent bumper, tailgate, and signs of a bend in the middle of the bed. Shaw stated they were wearing their seatbelt. Both vehicles were towed from the scene. Taber was issued Citations for Failure to Reduce Speed/Accident and Poss of Adult Use Cannabis in Vehicle. Taber was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

David Biggs, 24, Lincoln, was issued a Citation for Speeding (70 mph in a 55 mph zone). Biggs was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Lisa Park, 28, Bloomington, was issued a Citation for Speeding (75 mph in a 55 mph zone). Park was given a Promise to Comply and was released.

Jeffrey Burton, 38, Weldon, was issued a Citation for Speeding (88 mph in a 55 mph zone). Burton was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Shelbi Bateson, 35, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Speeding (76 mph in a 55 mph zone). Bateson was given a Promise to Comply and was released.

Richard Heuermann, 36, Farmer City, was issued a Citation for Speeding (79 mph in a 55 mph zone). Heuermann was given a Promise to Comply and was released.

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



Gordon Woods / Journal

Fire destroys garage

Firefighters and other emergency personnel responded at about 9:30 p.m. on Monday to a garage on fire in the 300 block of S. Quincy Street. No word yet on the cause.

Vespasian Warner Library events in June

CLINTON — The Vespasian Warner Public Library District will partner with the C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum to offer a series of speaker events related to the Prairie Flyers: A Century of Aviation in DeWitt County exhibit.

Events are scheduled every Thursday in June from 6-7 p.m. at the library and are free and open to the public. Call the library at (217) 935-5174 to register. Learn more about the Prairie Flyers exhibit at <https://chmoorehomestead.org/>.

- June 2 – Meet the Vietnam War Veterans
- June 9 – Meet the Authors: David Henard and Denis Hambucken
- June 16 – Meet Ken Shaffer: A Pilot with 25,000 Hours of Flight Time
- June 23 – Meet Illinois Air National Guard Chief Master Sergeant Jennifer Aurora
- June 30 – The History of Hooterville Airport and Red Irwin

June Calendar of Events

The library will continue

to offer a variety of other events each month. All library events are free and open to the public, but advance registration is required for events marked with an asterisk (*). Visit the library's website at www.vwarner.org, Facebook page @ VespasianWarner, or call 217-935-5174 to learn more.

- Summer Reading: Oceans of Possibilities (All Ages) Begins Wednesday, 6/1
- June Grab 'n Go Kit: Fabric Pots (All Ages) Begins Wednesday, 6/1
- Children's Storytimes (Ages 0-5) Every Wednesday and Friday at 10am
- Nature Photo Wall (All Ages) All Month
- Master Gardener Help Desk (Adult) Saturday, 6/4, 10am-12pm and Thursday, 6/23, 3-5pm
- *Swashbuckling Pirate Hats Children & Family) Monday, 6/6, 3:45pm
- *Dungeons & Dragons 101 (Teen 12-18) Monday, 6/13, 3-5pm
- *Dungeons & Dragons: The Joy of Extradimensional Spaces

(Teen 12-18) Tuesday, 6/14, 1pm

• *Floating Boat Challenge (Children & Family) Thursday, 6/16, 5:30pm

• *4-H Food Science Fun (Youth Entering Grades 3+) Tuesdays, 6/21 & 6/28, 10:30am

• *Book Club (Adult) Tuesday, 6/21, 6pm

• *Mermaid Sugar Scrub (Teen 12-18) Thursday, 6/23, 4pm

• *Dungeons & Dragons: The Book of the Raven (Teen 12-18) Tuesday, 6/28, 1pm

• Family Movie Night (Children & Family) Wednesday, 6/29, 5pm

The library is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Hours are subject to change.

The library will be closed on Monday, June 20 in honor of Juneteenth. For more information about the event above or any library services, visit www.vwarner.org or call (217) 935-5174.

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1933 - Walt Disney's "Three Little Pigs" was first released. Disney movies, music and books

1937 - In California, the Golden Gate Bridge was opened to pedestrian traffic. The bridge connected San Francisco and Marin County.

1941 - U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed an "unlimited national emergency" amid rising world tensions.

1941 - The German battleship Bismarck was sunk by British naval and air forces. 2,300 people were killed.

1942 - German General Erwin Rommel began a major offensive in Libya with his Afrika Korps.

1960 - A military coup overthrew the democratic government of Turkey.

1964 - Indian Prime Minister Jawaharla Nehru died.

1969 - Construction of Walt Disney World began in Florida.

1977 - George H. Willig was fined for scaling the World Trade Center in New York on May 26. He was fined \$1.10.

1982 - Japan announced the elimination of tariffs on 96 industrial goods.

1985 - In Beijing, representatives of Britain and China exchanged instruments of ratification on the pact returning Hong Kong to the Chinese in 1997.

1988 - The U.S. Senate ratified the INF treaty. The INF pact was the first arms-control agreement since the 1972 Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT I) to receive Senate approval.

1994 - Nobel Prize-winning author Alexander Solzhenitsyn returned to Russia. He had been in exile for two decades.

1996 - Russian President Boris Yeltsin negotiated a cease-fire to the war in Chechnya in his first meeting with the leader of the rebels.

1997 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the sexual harassment suit filed by Paula Jones could continue while President Clinton was in office.

1998 - Michael Fortier was sentenced to 12 years in prison for not warning anyone about the plot to bomb an Oklahoma City federal building.

1999 - In The Hague, Netherlands, a war crimes tribunal indicted Slobodan Milosevic and four others for atrocities in Kosovo. It was the first time that a sitting head of state had been charged with such a crime.

2010 - Universal Studios reopened its backlot. The area had been destroyed by a fire two years before.

2017 - Pandora - The World of Avatar opened at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

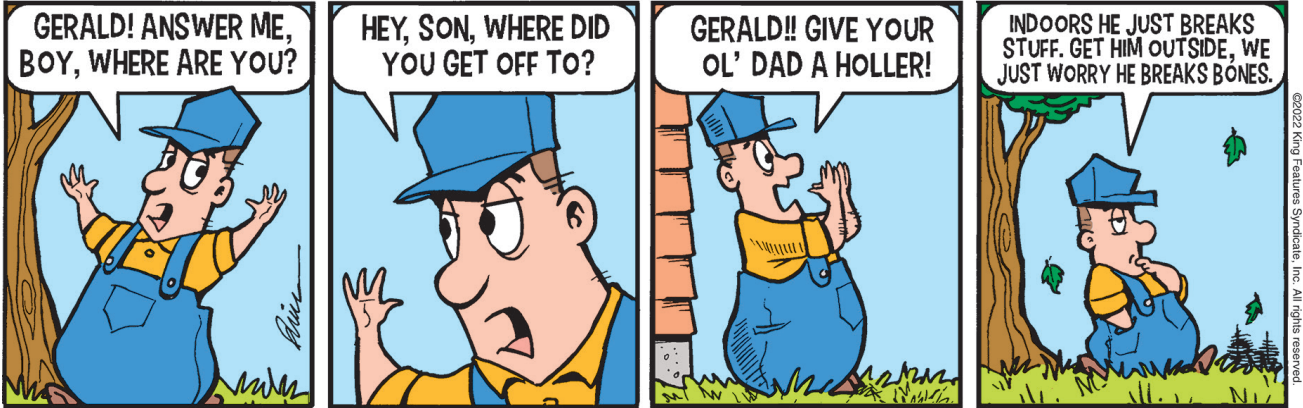
A message about this year’s Memorial Day observance

As announced recently in the Clinton Journal, this year’s Memorial Day observance will be held on Mr. Lincoln’s Square to make access to the event easier.

Parking on the square will not be closed, but organizers of the observance ask residents to help reserve square parking, particularly the inside square parking spaces, for disabled guests and older people who find it more difficult to navigate long walking distances.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 30.

Amber Waves



Affirmative Action

We rarely hear the term “affirmative action” anymore. The term “white privilege” seems to have taken its place.

As a young white male entering the professional work force in the 1970s, I would come face-to-face with those concepts. According to the press, white males were privileged and always got the good jobs and thus females and minorities needed assistance in obtaining employment.

I didn’t spend a whole lot of time thinking about affirmative action until one day I decided to apply for a state position that basically wanted five years experience and a master’s degree. I had both and made the application. I made it to the final interview and thought I was in the home stretch. Then came reality.

The manager told me he couldn’t hire me because he needed to meet his quota. He was going to hire a black female with a brand new bachelor’s degree since she would then give him two minority slots. I appreciated his honesty, even as he told me he would deny every

word he had just said if I ever raised the issue. I got the message and went to law school, where I believed I would create my own employment agenda. By and large that decision has worked out well for our family.

I admit that experience in Springfield left a very sour taste in my mouth. Move forward a few years and I have three daughters to go with my wife. I certainly don’t want an old boys network to stymie their pursuits, but neither do I want them to be given a preference simply because of their gender. I simply want them to have a fair and equal shot at the job they aspire to have. In any event, these life experiences have led me to watch labor trends and last week was extremely interesting.

I went to OSF for a medical check-up. The first desk inside the door was staffed with a female. The receptionist was female. The person who took my vitals was female. The nurse who gave me my second COVID booster was female. The physician assistant was female. In all honesty, the



only males I saw at the OSF office were patients like me.

I just spent three months going to Barnes Hospital in St. Louis for daily treatments. The professional staff that I observed was 50/50 male/female. My primary doctor in St. Louis is a male, but I have seen his female counter part when he was on vacation. The medical community appears to be gender neutral in its employment opportunities.

I am also on federal jury duty in Springfield this month. As I sat in the jury assembly room last week, I was surprised that the woman I was sitting beside was from north of Wapella. We didn’t know each other, but new several of the same people. What really intrigued me was that all three of the deputy clerks that attended to us were female.

While that is not

unusual, the courtroom itself showed some new developments. The court clerk was female, as was the court reporter. Again not that unusual. The judge was female as was her law clerk. (Please note: Local county judges do not get paid law clerks to do their research.) This was a civil rights case from a prison setting. The plaintiff inmate was white and represented by two white female attorneys. The defendant was a black correctional officer represented by two female attorneys. One Black and one White. The armed marshal during jury selection was female.

Affirmative action served a purpose in that it forced America to look beyond gender and race. The above fact situations seem to clearly indicate that race and gender are no way near the employment issues they were 45 years ago. This country has made some marked progress in race and gender issues. Perhaps now is the time to simply say it is merit that counts, not gender or race.

Letters

We must prevent any U.S. President from abusing his power

Republicans and Democrats should be able to agree that no president, regardless of party, should be able to obstruct and undermine the will of the American people or exploit weaknesses in our political system for personal gain. That’s where the

Protecting Our Democracy Act comes in. If passed, it would prevent future abuse of presidential power and corruption, increase transparency and ensure presidents of either party would be held accountable. Strengthening the guardrails on presidential

power is just common sense. If the average person used their office for personal gain, they’d go to jail. If the average person could pardon themselves, there would be no rule of law. No president should be above the law. That’s why I’m urging Congress to

pass the Protecting Our Democracy Act. We must prevent future presidents of any party from abusing the power of their office.

Sincerely,
Martha J. Lancaster
Bloomington

A jumble of wait times for VA medical care

A recent audit by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of the Inspector General outlined what so many of us already knew -- that it’s difficult to understand the wait times for appointments and medical care at the VA. It seemed to some of us that the rules changed day by day, that our appointments were at the whim of whatever program was being followed at the time and that there was no transparency about how those dates were calculated. Turns out that we were right all along.

In a perfect world, wait times at the VA always

begin with an accurate starting point. If, for example, a veteran wants to seek civilian care because the wait is too long at the VA, he doesn’t qualify for that outside care until he’s waited a certain amount of time. Precisely when that period of time begins is at the heart of the problem.

Since 2014, the OIG discovered, the VA has used various methods of calculating wait time and figuring out when the criteria is met to seek civilian care. The rules for those calculations were in writing back to 2014. But without following those



by Freddy Groves

rules consistently, wait times varied and wandered all over the place. It didn’t help that the website gave misleading information about how dates were to be calculated, with differences between wait times for new patients and what was written in the scheduling directive.

Enter the OIG, with its excellent investigators who always leave no stone unturned. While the recent audit doesn’t assign blame

(which the OIG won’t hesitate to do when it’s called for), the VA knew about these problems. The OIG has officially asked the VA to respond and let them know what steps they’re going to take to fix this.

To read the details, go to www.va.gov/oig/pubs/VAOIG-21-02761-125.pdf. Don’t miss the timeline on the cardiology patient whose provider wanted him seen pronto. There was a 66 day wait.

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DeWitt County Museum part of Blue Star Museum program

CLINTON — The C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum is participating in the Blue Star Museum program.

Blue Star Museums is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in collaboration with Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and participating museums nationwide.

“The C.H. Moore Homestead DeWitt County Museum is proud to participate in the Blue Star Museums Program as a way to show our sincere gratitude to all who are currently serving in the military as well as their families.” Said Museum Director, Joey Long. “Being a museum of history, we also honor all of those who have served in our nation’s military throughout our history. Our upcoming, limited-time exhibit Prairie Flyers: A Century of Aviation in DeWitt County (which will have a limited run from May 28-July 3), features a selected few of the many military-related stories of our county’s aviators through the years.”

“Like the resilience that military families demonstrate time and again, the C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum is an example of resiliency in the museum sector over the past year,” said Ann Eilers, acting chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. “We are grateful to the C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum for their leadership in strengthening community through their participation in the Blue Star Museums program this summer.”

Blue Star Museums include children’s museums, art, science, and history museums, zoos, gardens, lighthouses, and more, and hail from all 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

“We are thrilled to celebrate the launch of the Blue Star Museums 2022 program! Thank you to the C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum for participating in this impactful and highly anticipated program,” said Kathy Roth Douquet, CEO Blue Star Families. “Because of the C.H. Moore Homestead and DeWitt County Museum and their counterparts in the museum community, military families have the opportunity to create special memories and experience the arts, science, and history.”

The free admission program is available for those currently-serving in the United States Military—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard as well as members of the Reserves, National Guard, U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and up to five family members. Qualified members must show a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card for entrance into a participating Blue Star Museum.

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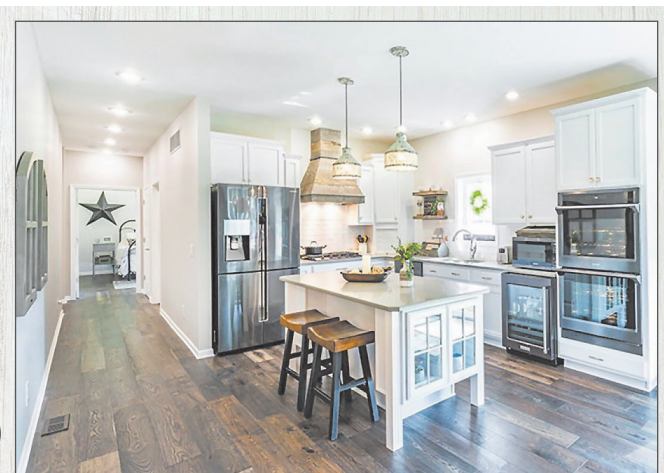
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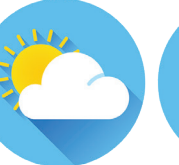
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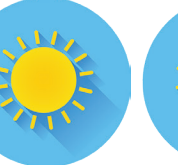
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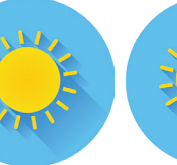
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Wednesday
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High 88



Thursday
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High 79

Weather History

May 28
2014: A landspout tornado developed along a weak boundary north of Bloomington. While highly visible, it remained in open areas and caused no damage. A second landspout occurred southeast of Bloomington near Le Roy.

May 29
1982: Two major tornadoes occurred in southern

Illinois. The more severe of the two touched down northeast of Carbondale, then moved through Marion. The tornado, ranked as an F4, had multiple vortices within the main funnel. Extensive damage occurred at the Marion airport. A total of 10 people were killed, with 181 injured. 648 homes and 200 cars were damaged or destroyed, with total damages around \$100 million.

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CLINTON Journal Sports

Lady Maroons 7-1 over Lady Broncos in Regional

Fall to Lady Trojans in semi-final

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CLINTON — The Lady Maroons entered the Illinois High School Association's Regional playoffs with a home game against the Cerro Gordo/Bement Lady Broncos.

The Lady Maroons have had some struggles this season but began winning some games, while keeping others close.

This was a good match-up. The Lady Maroons scored first in the first inning on a triple by Heidi Humble (#27). Then, in the second the home team got a single and then another triple, this one by Mea Kivlehan (#7) to plate another score.

The opposition then scored one run in the third to cut the lead in half. The Lady Broncos were then shut down by the Lady Maroons pitching and fielding. The Lady Maroons added two more runs in the 4th on 2 singles and 2 doubles, two runs in the fifth on a double and 2 singles, and concluded their rally with a single run in the sixth inning on a walk



Marc Rogers / Journal
CHS Catcher Heidi Humble (#27) hangs on to the ball as the Lady Bronco is called out on strikes.

and a double.

The Lady Maroons won 7-1 and moved on to the IHSA regional semi-finals at Illinois Wesleyan University against the Maroa/Forsyth Lady Trojans.

In the semi-finals, the Lady Maroons hung tough

for all seven innings but managed only two hits in the game. The Lady Trojans jumped to an early lead with two runs in the first inning and then added two more runs in the third inning before the Lady Maroons shut them down.

Unfortunately, the damage already had been done, and the opposition moves on with the 4-0 win, while the Lady Maroons end another season.

Brooke Reeves (#19) and Mea Kilehan (#7) each had a hit for the Lady Maroons.

Box Scores	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Lady Broncos	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	7	4
Lady Maroons	1	1	0	2	2	1	X	7	11	2
Lady Maroons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Lady Trojans	2	0	2	0	0	0	X	4	9	0

Maroons over Cardinals 8-3, end season with Regional loss to Spartans

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CLINTON — The Clinton Maroons' regular season ended with a home game against the Warrrensburg/Latham Cardinals.

With a win, the Maroons would go over .500 for the season and in conference play.

The game began with the opposition scoring 2 runs in the top of the first inning on two doubles and a single, and then adding another run in the top of the second on a home run.

The day looked gloomy for the home team. Then, in the bottom of the second inning, the Maroons came alive with a walk and four singles to score 5 runs.

With a new pitcher on the mound starting in the third inning, the Maroons held the Cardinals scoreless for the remainder of the game. While doing this, the Maroon bats again came alive in the sixth inning for another 3 runs on a single, a walk, a fielders choice and

an error.

This gave the home team an 8-3 win, third place in the Central Illinois Conference with an 8-6 record. Josh Carter was the Maroon starter with Brooks Cluver (1-1) coming on in relief and getting the win.

The offense was led by Cluver hitting 2-4 with a double, Mason Walker hitting 2-4 with a double, and Colton Walker going 3-3 at the plate while getting 2 RBI's.

The Maroons then entered the Illinois High School Association Regionals at Olympia High School facing their home team, the Olympia Spartans.

The Spartans were rated #1 in the Regional with Clinton ranked #9.

The Maroons gave the Spartans all they could

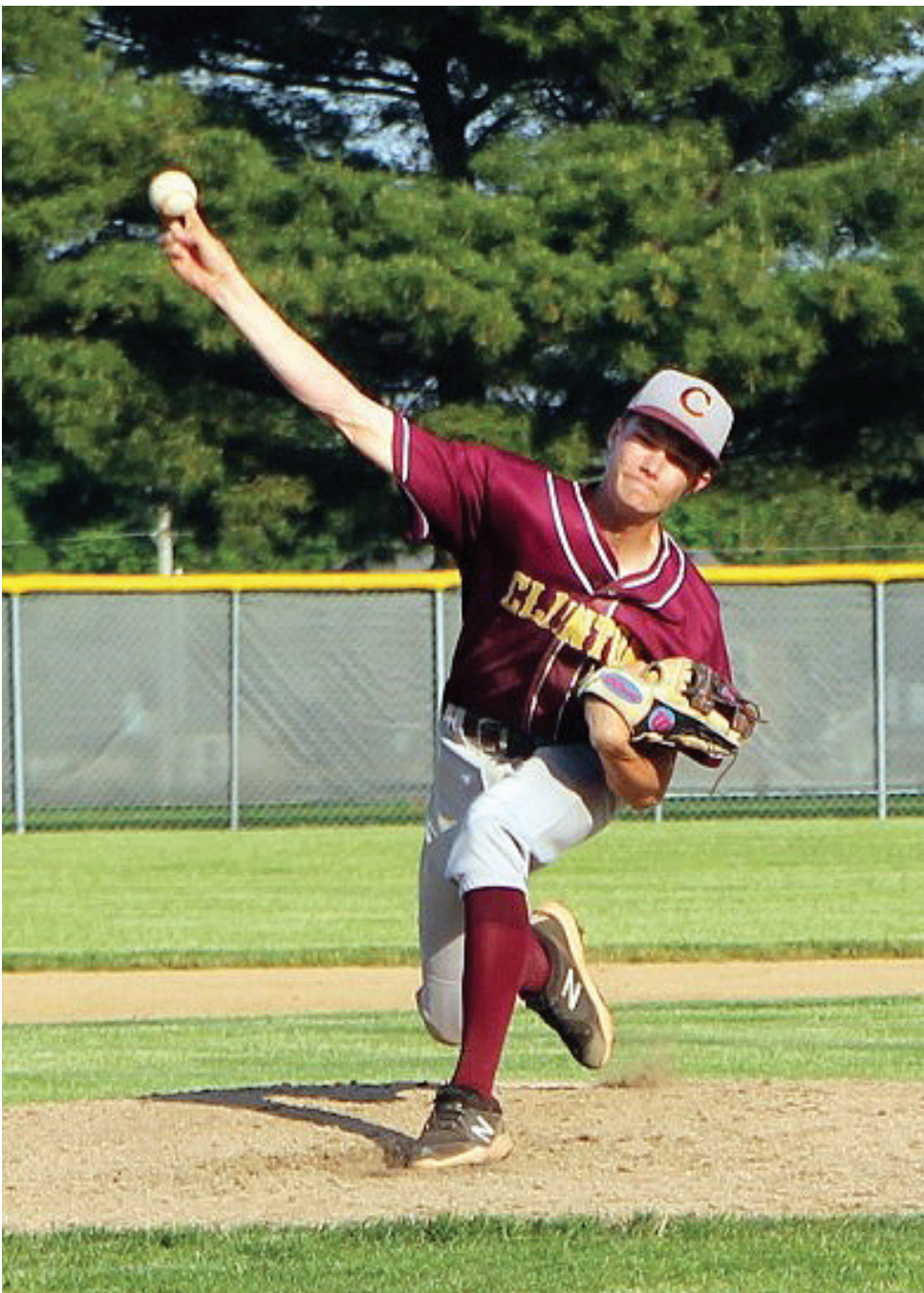
handle through the entire game. The first five innings were scoreless, a real pitchers duel and very good fielding on the part of both teams.

Finally, in the sixth inning the Spartans were able to tally 2 runs, only to have that matched by two runs by the Maroons in the top of the seventh.

However, in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Spartans were able to score the game-winning run to win 3-2, ending the Maroons season.

The Maroons end the season with an 8-8 record. Caiden Rich Singled in the 7th inning to score the Maroons tying run to keep them alive for a short time longer.

Box Scores	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Cardinals	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	3
Maroons	0	5	0	0	0	3	X	8	10	1
Maroons	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	6	1
Spartans	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	5	2



Marc Rogers / Journal
Brooks Cluver (#17) came on in relief to shut down the Cardinals.

GAMES

from The American Contract Bridge League

By: Brian Gunnell

"Second hand low" is common advice, but this is a hand where it pays to ignore that recommendation.

	<p>♠ K</p> <p>♥ 96</p> <p>♦ AJT98</p> <p>♣ J9764</p>	
<p>♠ JT98</p> <p>♥ 432</p> <p>♦ K6</p> <p>♣ K853</p>	<p><i>North</i></p> <p><i>West</i> <i>East</i></p> <p><i>Declarer</i></p>	<p>♠ A762</p> <p>♥ JT87</p> <p>♦ Q75</p> <p>♣ QT</p>
	<p>♠ Q543</p> <p>♥ AKQ5</p> <p>♦ 432</p> <p>♣ A2</p>	

South West North East
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North saw no reason to mess about showing the minors, so she jumped straight to game in the most likely contract. West had the obvious lead of the ♠J, won by East's Ace. Back came a Spade and Declarer could see 9 tricks if she could bring in the Diamonds. She finessed the ♦J, losing to the Queen. The defense cashed

their Spades, but Dummy's Diamonds were good. Declarer's 9 tricks were a Spade, three Hearts, four Diamonds and a Club. Somebody goofed, who was it?

Yes, indeed, West was the goofster. We are always told “second hand low, third hand high” but (as usual) there are exceptions and this was one of them. When Declarer led that first round of Diamonds, West must hop up with the King! This alert play makes it impossible for Declarer to bring in the Diamonds for four tricks. If she takes the ♠A on the first round then East will duck the second round of Diamonds ... and if Declarer ducks the first round then the best she can do is to score three Diamonds, which is not enough.

It's a recurring theme. Dummy has AJTx or AT9xx or some such holding ... Dummy has no side-suit entries ... West has the Queen or the King ... and the winning play by West to play "second hand high" in order to jam Declarer's communications.

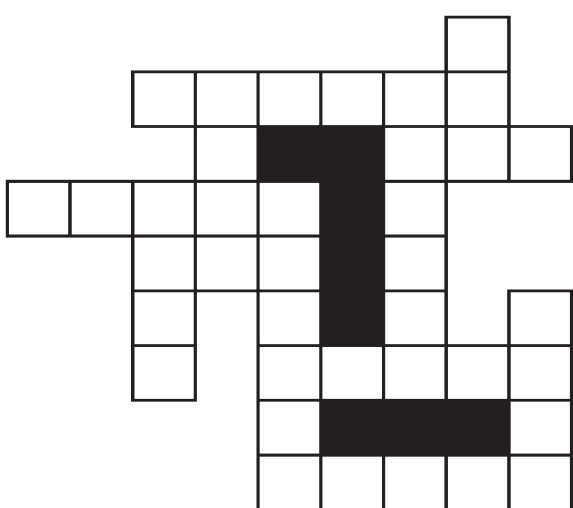
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FEAR KNOT™

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ... OR DARE!

- ♥ EAP
SPOGLE
♥ TASPR
ETER
STEAPE
♥ ELA
♥ DRIA
♥ DERGE
♥ PLA
GATNIE
NOLEA
PLOA



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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ **RATHE** becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART**). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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Super Crossword

PRIZEWORTHY

ACROSS

- 1 Classic Pabst
beer brand
7 Place
for hay or
a choir
11 Facial mask
offerers
15 Barter
19 Retort to "Am
so!"
20 "La Traviata"
solo, say
21 Many a
smartphone
message
22 By way of, for
short
23 He played
V in "V for
Vendetta"
[sci-fi writing]
25 Domain
26 German "a"
27 The, in Tours
28 Tamish
29 Galahad's
title
30 Tina of pop
32 Mogadishu
resident
33 "Rags to
Riches"
singer
[Broadway]
35 Capital of
Italy, in Italy
38 Golfers'
positions
40 Built on
41 Jungian inner
self

- 43 Stallion, e.g.
44 Yellow shade
46 "Little Birds"
actress
[Canadian
music]
49 Longtime
member of
the Four
Tops [off-
Broadway]
54 Fred dancing
in films
55 Tile locale
57 Fly of Africa
58 Rice dish
61 Walton who
wrote "The
Compleat
Angler"
63 Leaves port
64 Rub roughly
68 Ventriloquist
with the
dummy
Charlie
McCarthy
[mystery
writing]
71 Horse pace
72 "Incredible!"
74 Delight in
75 Bus stop
77 She's asked
to "peel me a
grape" in film
79 Call to a pig
81 1982 Dustin
Hoffman film
86 "Shameless"
actress
[television]

- 88 "The Picture of Dorian Gray" novelists
[film]
91 Panache
92 La — Tar Pit
93 "The Piano" actor Sam
94 Remits in advance
98 Kids' racers on tracks
101 Lyric verses
102 American labor leader [French film]
105 Verbalized
107 Go — (no slo—)
108 Cager's hoop
109 Went flat
110 Be in arrears
113 Blind as —
114 Uncork, e.g.
116 What any of the eight people featured in this puzzle should be?
118 Dust particle
119 Blu-ray Disc producer
120 Work benefit
121 Puts into law
122 Squeezed (out)
123 Circus barker
124 Actress Harper
125 Least refined

- DOWN**
- 1 Witty Mort
 - 2 Like facts
 - 3 Rules, for short
 - 4 1969 Beatle bride Yoko
 - 5 "— I love thee?"
 - 6 Cooks, as asparagus
 - 7 Kitschy 1960s light
 - 8 First
 - 9 High-quality
 - 10 Gift label
 - 11 Tarnish
 - 12 "Firework" singer Katy
 - 13 Tree topper
 - 14 Governor's fiscal concern
 - 15 "Tristram Shandy" author Laurence
 - 16 Complained childishly
 - 17 Actor Will of "30 Rock"
 - 18 — Rico
 - 24 Amo, amas, —
 - 29 Distress call
 - 31 Strip down
 - 32 Island group near Fiji
 - 33 Summer shi
 - 34 Tiny toddler
 - 35 Indian royal
 - 36 Big burden

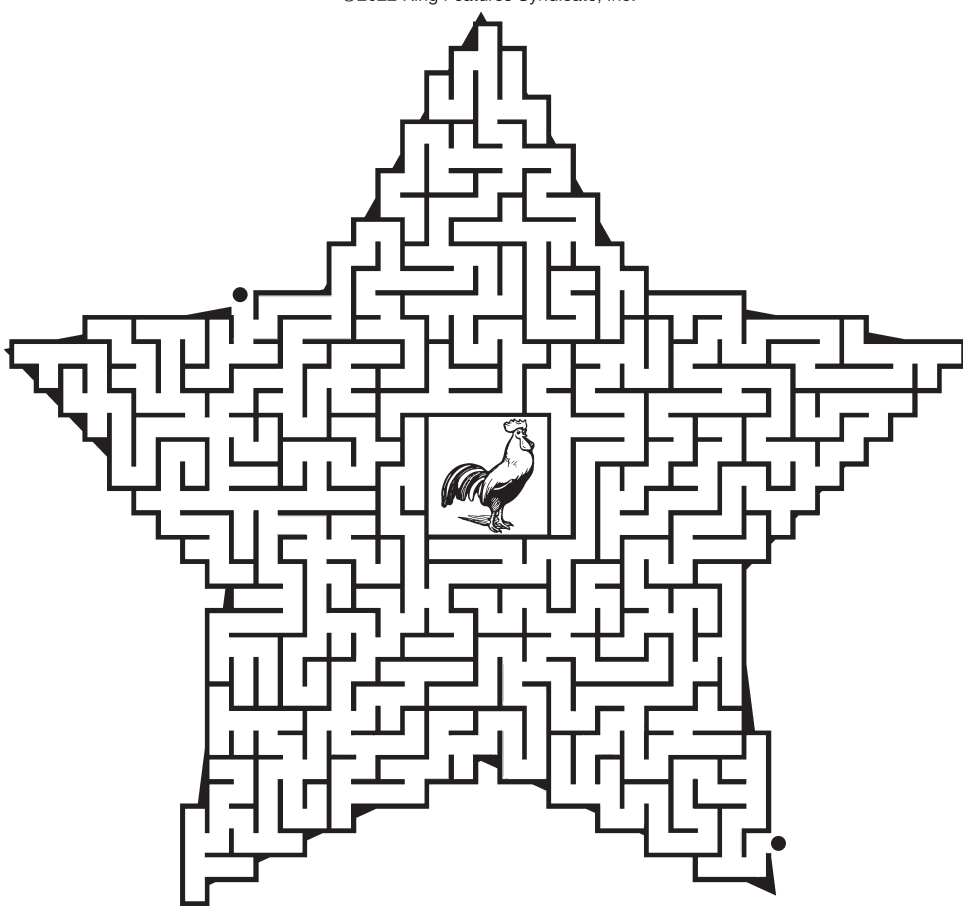
- 37 Breath
fresher —
39 Treble —
42 "Take — from
me"
44 On the train,
e.g.
45 Illusion on a
hot road
47 Sandusky's
lake
48 Merges
49 Seep out
50 In good order
51 Move a bit
52 Capital of
Norway
53 Sticky home
56 Cuba — (rum
cocktail)
59 Tennis
champ Andre
60 Courteous
act, to a Brit
62 — secret
(didn't blab)
64 Judge's wear
65 "Pardon me"
66 Done the
backstroke,
e.g.
67 Prefix with
104-Down
69 House unit
70 Jordanian
queen
dowager
73 Major comba
76 Word before
hall or crier
78 Jesuit colleg
in Worcester

- 80 Part of NYSE
82 Attach with
laces, say
83 Lost traction
on the ice
84 Waste time
85 Bioelectric
fishes
87 Tiara
go-with
89 Five-armed
echinoderms
90 Lots to leave
autos in, to
Brits
92 "Lowdown"
singer
Scaggs
94 World of
Warcraft,
e.g.
95 Nike rival
96 Grand home
97 Touched
comfortably
98 Jewel
99 Blabbed
100 Meet sticker
103 Boxing venue
104 Plastic for a
waterbed
106 Suburb of
Minneapolis
109 "Pea
110 In time past
111 Makes moist
112 Word before
while
115 "The Raven"
poet
116 Inclined
117 Rustic denia

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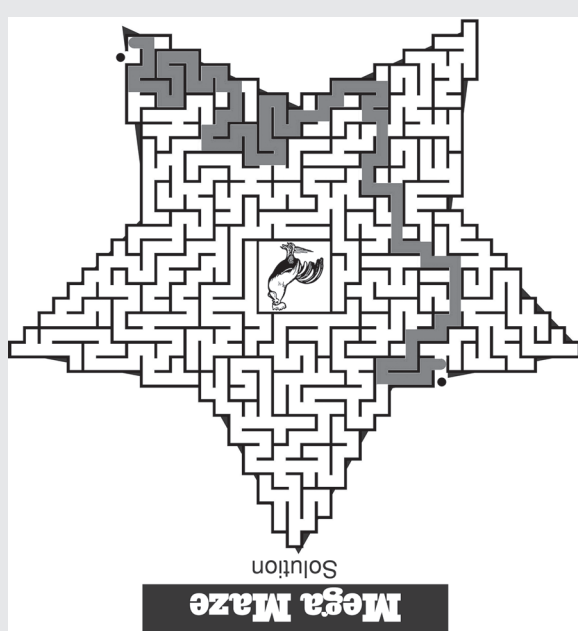
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS B. BRAY, Deceased.

Case No. 2022-PR-000018

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the death of THOMAS B. BRAY, formerly of 50 Somerset Drive, Clinton, Illinois, who died on April 18, 2022. Letters of Office were issued to ROBERT A. BRAY of Post Office Box 49, Maroa, Illinois 61756 on May 3, 2022. The attorney for the estate is Thomas A. Jennings of Livingston, Barger, Brandt & Schroeder, LLP, 115 West Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Bloomington, Illinois 61701.

Claims against the estate may be electronically filed via Odyssey eFileLL with the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, DeWitt County, Illinois in Clinton, Illinois or with the representative, or both, on or before NOVEMBER 13, 2022. If filed with the Clerk, the claimant must mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the personal represen-

tative and to their attorney and file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery within ten (10) days after a claim has been filed.

Dated: May 6, 2022

ROBERT A. BRAY, Executor

By: Thomas A. Jennings, Attorney at Law
ARDC #06229494
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115 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 400
Bloomington, IL 61701
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tjennings@lbbs.com

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May 13, 20 and 27, 2022

LEGAL

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

IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:

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Petitioner,

AND

JASON MICHAEL PARK
Respondent.

2022DN15

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NOTICE is given you, JASON MICHAEL PARK, Respondent, that this cause has been commenced in this court against you asking for the dissolution of marriage and further relief.

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Date 5/9/2022

Seal

/s/Michelle Van Valey
CIRCUIT CLERK

Angela Boley, Attorney for Petitioner
Land of Lincoln Legal Aid
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Champaign IL 61820

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May 20 and 27, 2022
June 3, 2022

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

THE ESTATE OF JORENE R. MEIER,

Deceased.

Case No: 2022 PR 17

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Jorene R. Meier. Letters of Office were issued on May 3, 2022 to Mary Ellen Weaver, 1009 West William Street, Champaign, Illinois 61821, as Executor whose attorney of record is John T. Wozniak, Wozniak & Associates, 108 East Anthony Drive, Urbana, Illinois 61802.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Probate Division, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative, or both, by November 21, 2022. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Mary Ellen Weaver, Executor

By: /s/John T. Wozniak
John T. Wozniak
One of Her Attorneys

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Slow stormwater, prevent floods with rain friendly landscaping

Emily Swihart
University of Illinois Extension

URBANA, Ill. – Life does not exist without water. Gardens don't grow without water. But what happens when there is too much of a good thing? Or when that good thing is mismanaged and becomes a misfortune. Or when there are prolonged periods of drought?

"The tale of stormwater is more frequently a story of feast or famine," says Emily Swihart, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator. "Managing this resource onsite can have ripple effects downstream and throughout the watershed."

Before Illinois was settled, it was covered in diverse ecosystems of prairies, woodlands, and wetlands. These features were connected through a vast network of river valleys and stream corridors. When rain fell, nearly all the water was absorbed into the soil where it was available for plant use or slowly percolated into groundwater.

Water that travels through the soil profile does so at a slower rate than water flowing on the surface. Water is cooled and filtered while traveling through the ground on its way to being discharged in a natural spring. The water that did exit the site as surface runoff, did so slowly, having to weave in and out of the stems of plant materials, minimizing the potential for erosion and flash flooding.

As human populations grew, large portions of natural ecosystems were converted into impermeable surfaced areas of rooftops, roads, and parking lots. Stormwater that falls on these areas cannot infiltrate into the soil, nor does it leisurely travel downslope. Stormwater on impermeable surfaces is quickly whisked away, traditionally toward a storm sewer.

"In large storm events, communities with combined storm and sanitary sewer systems can become overwhelmed and flood," Swihart says.

Managing stormwater by channeling it can help minimize local flooding or water ponding but can compound challenges downstream. Furthermore, stormwater that is removed is no longer available

during dry weather.

"Green infrastructure" systems more effectively manage stormwater and can help reduce runoff and capture rainwater onsite or close to where it falls. Many of these systems are beautiful and can easily be incorporated into existing landscapes. Multiple systems can be utilized for increased effect.

Rain gardens are a depression or shallow basin planted with native species to capture runoff from an identified source and hold it temporarily until the water slowly filters out. Most native plant species have vast root systems that penetrate deep into the soil profile and encourage water infiltration. Properly designed and installed rain gardens do not hold water for long periods of time. Rain gardens can be beautifully designed and can incorporate steppingstones for access, sculptures for aesthetic appeal, or a wide variety of plant forms for a personalized effect.

Bioswales, or stormwater swales, are similar to rain gardens. These shallow channels move water offsite. By design, the low slope and intentionally selected plant material move water slowly over the surface, increasing infiltration and filtering out contaminants prior to reaching a stream or storm sewer.

Permeable pavement or pavers allow water to move through the hardscape into a gravel layer beneath. Water can be stored in the gravel until it is evaporated back into the atmosphere, it can move through the subsurface slowly before discharging into a storm sewer or can be removed from the site through a pipe into a rain garden or bioswale.

Rain barrels and cisterns are containers that capture and store stormwater. Retained water is available for use during dry periods, typically to water landscape plants.

Incorporating green infrastructure into a home landscape is an excellent way to enhance aesthetic appeal while helping to better manage water resources. For more information, get in touch with horticulture staff at your local Illinois Extension office at go.illinois.edu/ExtensionOffice.

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