

City council gets a double-barrel of residents’ questions

Two residents grill commissioners about concerns

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CLINTON — The city council faced fire from both barrels Monday as two residents questioned some city practices. During the council’s regular meeting, now held on Tuesday nights, resident Robert Kreitler criticized a shed erected by the hospital. Kreitler lives in the vicinity of the hospital, which is city-owned. He said maintenance workers built the shed over a weekend, but a building permit was not issued for the structure. “This thing looks like a deck that somebody just put some sides on,” Kreitler said. Kreitler produced photos for the council

he said showed four extension cords going into the shed for power. “Who on Earth thought that was going to be a safe idea to run on a building,” Kreitler asked. “Especially on a hospital-owned building the taxpayers are responsible for.” Kreitler also asked if the city was required to solicit bids for those types of projects, use certified workers and comply with requirements, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). In response to the building permit, commissioner Tom Edmunds said, since it was a hospital project on city property, a building permit wasn’t necessary. “The city doesn’t issue building permits to itself,” Edmunds said.

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Edith Brady-Lunny with a mannequin representing pioneer flyer Amelia Earhart. The mannequin is part of the upcoming local exhibit *Prairie Flyers: A Century of Aviation in DeWitt County* at the DeWitt County Museum.

Aviation exhibit nears May 28 opening

Exhibition will chronicle DeWitt County flyers

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CLINTON — One of the most ambitious exhibits to ever be presented at the DeWitt County Museum

is taking shape and set to be ready for public viewing in about a week. *Prairie Flyers: A Century of Aviation in DeWitt County*, is the cooperative effort of John Warner and the C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum, as well as a long list of volunteers and donors to the project. Local writer Edith Brady-Lunny and photographer, designer, author Denis Hambucken are busy putting the finishing touches on the exhibit set to run May 28-July 3 in the museum barn. Starting in February, Warner, Hambucken, Lunny and museum manager Joey Long



began pulling together the artifacts and stories that will make up the exhibit. Hambucken’s experience in designing museum displays has been an important factor in developing the exhibit and also has resulted in a book accompanying the project.

“Some of the pieces are extraordinary,” Hambucken said. “Like the Norden bombsight.” The Norden bombsight revolutionized the effectiveness of Allied bombers during World War II.

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Wes Harrold signing his letter of intent for Millikin University.

CHS athletes sign to play in college

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CLINTON — A couple of Clinton High School student athletes signed recently with colleges to continue their academic and athletic careers at the next level. First to sign was Clare Holland, daughter of Sean and Suzanna Holland. Clare has signed her letter-of-intent with Heartland Community College in Normal. She will continue her track career for the Hawks as well as her academic studies. The second person to sign was Wes Harrold, son of Hillari and Jeff



Courtesy of Clinton High School
Clare Holland signing her letter of intent for Heartland College.

Harrold. Wes signed his letter-of-intent to attend Millikin University, in Decatur. Wes will

continue his baseball career as a catcher for the Big Blue and also study exercise science.

Memorial Day observance moving to Mr. Lincoln’s Square this year

CLINTON — Woodlawn Cemetery has held the annual event for many years, but as more and more veterans have aged, it became painfully obvious that it needed a better location that would be accessible for all veterans, and their families regardless of disability. The past few years have brought complaints that some residents could no longer navigate Woodlawn Cemetery, forcing them to skip the service honoring those veterans who have passed away. Others noted they had a very hard time hearing the service. The movement to the Square brings easier access, paved surfaces, and an area designed for an audience to hear those making the presentations. “Memorial Day is a day of honoring Veterans who have passed. Woodlawn cemetery was a perfect

location because of the number of veterans buried there. But, when many cannot attend a service honoring those who have passed, it diminishes the meaning of service, as people will skip what they cannot attend,” event organizer Krystal Cicenase said. Clinton Police Officer and Marine Corps veteran Mike Bennett will deliver the keynote address this year, with Nelson Thorp as the Master of Ceremonies. The Clinton High School band volunteers will provide music for the occasion. Veterans from the AMVETS, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars along with many civic organizations will help with different parts of the service as has been traditional. The service will start at 10 a.m. with the traditional procession of

flags by veterans and BSA Scout troops. For those attending, please leave the parking near the Square for those in need. Take advantage of the multiple parking lots off the main square area. Calvert Funeral Home of Clinton will help provide seating for those attending, but attendees also are encouraged to bring their own chairs. All veterans who would like to take place in the flag raising and the processional should report to the flagpoles on the square at 9:25 a.m. Those who will be involved in the setup should arrive at 9 a.m. There will be a luncheon at the American Legion after the service; more information will follow. Questions may be directed to Krystal at chiefcicenase@gmail.com. Rain location TBD.

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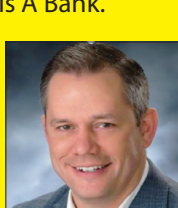
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Some of the gear donated for the Prairie Flyers exhibit.

Some of Hambucken’s and Lunny’s favorite parts of the upcoming exhibit involve the women aviators of DeWitt County, the discrimination they faced in the early days of flight and their subsequent successes.

Local aviator Donna Groves was accepted into the Women’ Flying Corps program by famed aviation

pioneer Jacqueline Cockran only to be denied the opportunity before entering the program. Male military pilots protested working with women pilots, and the government cancelled the program.

Local aviators Henry Kleemann, Ernest Thorp, Red Irvin and others also are highlighted in the

exhibit, which includes civilian as well as military aviators from World War II through contemporary conflicts.

The approximately month-long exhibit is expected to be especially popular. Lunny said they are hearing from groups, such as The Flying Farmers, who plan to make special trips to see

the exhibit.

“A group of about 20 of them (Flying Farmers) are coming from across the country,” Lunny said.

<https://www.facebook.com/Prairie-Flyers-A-Century-of-Aviation-in-DeWitt-County>

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Kreidler also claimed hospital employees were driving a side-by-side, utility vehicle on city streets as well as on Grant Street, which is a state highway. While the city has authorized the permitting of electric golf carts for use on city streets, the council specifically agreed it would not permit side-by-side vehicles.

Neither golf carts nor any other vehicle not licensed by the state are permitted on state roadways.

Resident Seth

Redington, who has addressed the council over the past several meetings about what he feels are city record-keeping irregularities, followed Kreidler during the petitions and communications portion of the meeting.

He addressed again an issue in which the number of hours firefighters reported for duty they served during the Clinton Chamber Haunted House did not match the number of hours they were paid.

He questioned whether fire personnel received double time or exactly how much they were paid.

“That was to cover benefits,” Edmunds said.

Edmunds is commissioner of accounts and finances.

“That’s why the police department, when they did it, they got double time to cover basic salary plus, most of theirs was at time and a half, and then the balance was to cover things like insurance, social security, Medicare,

things like that,” Edmunds said.

“But, didn’t employees get paid that hourly rate,” Redington asked.

“No,” Edmunds said.

“If they were eligible for time and a half, they got time and a half.” But not Medicare or Social Security.

Redington said, however, the way the time was recorded, “it doesn’t add up.” He claimed procedures for reporting extra hours were not being followed.

From aluminum to stainless

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. More needs to be said about aluminum cookware and then we can go onto stainless steel.



The Culinary Corner
By Chef Roger Joss

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.

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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 to it, do not buy it.

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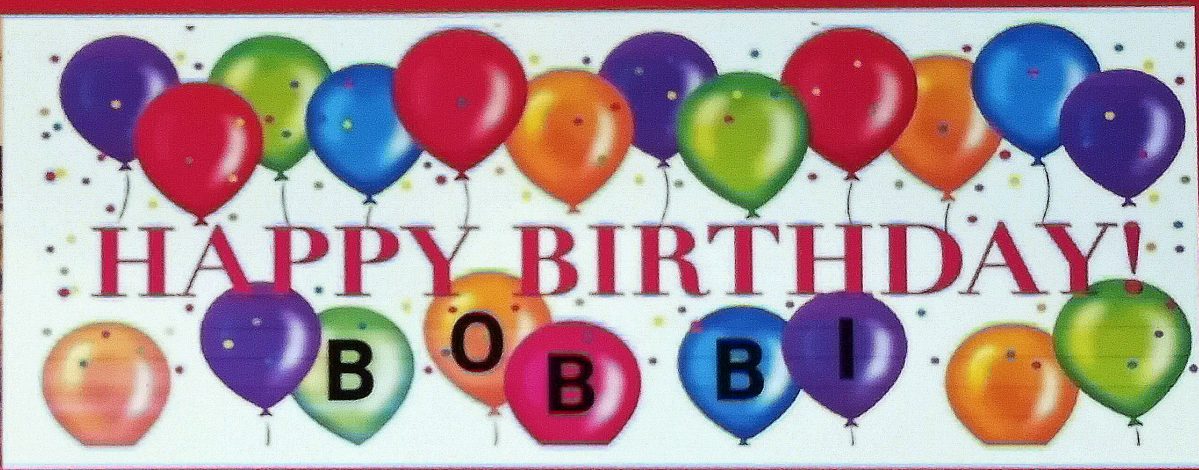
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Robert Nathaniel Burton

WELDON — Robert Nathaniel Burton, 63, of Weldon, passed away at 8:04 p.m. on May 15, 2022, at the Warner Hospital and Health Services, Clinton.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, May 23, 2022 at the Crossroads Church, Monticello, with Senior Pastor Brian Raynard officiating. Burial will follow at Weldon Cemetery, Weldon.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, 2022, at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton.

Memorials may be directed to Crossroads Church Worship Department or the Weldon Fire and Rescue.

Robert was born on February 5, 1959, in Taylorville, the son of Warren and Leva (Roberts) Burton. He married Carla Gaither on November 17, 1979 in Atlanta, Ill.

Survivors include his wife, Carla Burton, Weldon; children, Carilyn (Keith) Smith, West Union, Ill., and Holly (Dave) Brenneman, Bethany,



Ill.; grandchildren, Ava, McKenzi, and Axel Smith; and Lynden, Ethan, Olivia, and Kolton Brenneman; and siblings, Essel Burton, Charlene Bailey, Waylon Burton, and Verlin Burton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Brandon Lee Burton.

Robert was a member and elder at Crossroads Church, where he was active on the worship team. Robert retired from the U of I water station. His biggest passion was music. Robert was a loving husband and father who adored his grandchildren.

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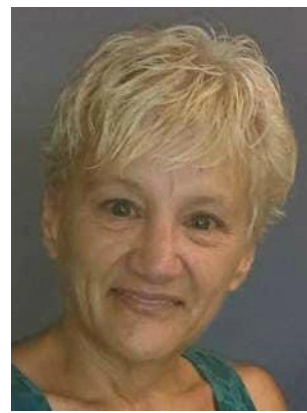
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Carri L. Ellis

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Carri L. Ellis, age 57, passed away on May 4, 2022, in Cleveland, Ohio.

She was loving mother of Autumn White, Amber Ellis, and Cody Ellis; grandmother to nine special grandchildren; daughter of Gary Thompson, Clinton; and sister to five siblings.

Carri loved spending time with her family (especially her grandbabies), listening to music, painting, coloring,



and gardening. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Private family services.

Larry K. Phillis

CLINTON — Larry K. Phillis left for his heavenly home on January 15, 2022, where his body and hearing were fully restored, and he could hear the blessed sounds of the heavenly angels singing.

Larry was born on January 17, 1948, in Pontiac, Ill., a son to Keith and Betty (Jacobs-Kuster) Phillis.

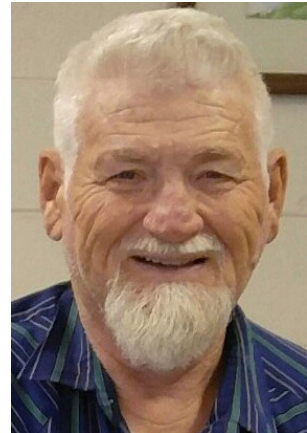
His parents and nephew Robert Mayo preceeded him in death. He is survived by his sisters Linda (Kenny) Carter, Nancy (David) Pool, and brother David (Brenda) Phillis, nephews Michael Mayo, Luke Pool, and nieces Andrea Fugitt and Jill Smith.

He attended Fairchild School (Metcalf) Normal, Ill. in 1953. In 1958, he enrolled in Illinois School for the Deaf (ISD) in Jacksonville, where he graduated in 1966. Larry was very close to his friends there, and they became his second family. Larry played on the football team at ISD and was a member of ISD Alumni Association.

He was an avid Chicago Bears and Cubs fan. During summer vacation, Larry enjoyed working on his grandparents' farm in Chenoa.

After graduation, Larry worked at Watlington-Anderson Inc., in Bloomington. He later moved to Rockford, and worked at Rockford Products for 20 years.

He had a love for animals and worked at a veterinarian office for a few years. He suffered a stroke and relocated to Clinton, to be closer to his



family.

A celebration of life service will be held at Eastview Christian Church, 1500 North Airport Road, Normal, on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at noon, with a visitation prior to the service at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, also at the church. Interpreting services will be provided for the hearing impaired.

The family would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to Eastview Christian Church for providing interpreters for the deaf through the years; making it possible for Larry to worship his Lord and Savior with all his heart.

Like a majority of us; Larry was baptized as an infant in a small-town, Lutheran church. Five years ago, Larry wanted to make a public confession of his faith as an adult, and recommit his life and love of Jesus Christ. Pastor Mike Baker and the ministry team at Eastview Christian Church lovingly washed him in the waters of baptism giving Larry a true peace.

The family suggests that memorial contributions in Larry's name be directed to Eastview Christian Church, Normal.

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Teddy K. Schanafelt

Teddy K. Schanafelt, 85, of Kenney, passed away at 11:06 a.m. on May 10, 2022, at Decatur Memorial Hospital, Decatur

Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Paradise Cemetery, Salem, Ill., with the Rev. Christine Cunningham officiating followed by military honors. The family entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with arrangements. Memorials may be directed to American Diabetes Association.

Teddy was born on August 14, 1936, in Salem, the son of Keith and Erma (Shanafelt) Schanafelt. Survivors include his children, Denise (Rick) Johnson, Kenney; Bryan (Robyn) Schanafelt, Scottsdale, Ariz.; Sheila (Steve) Taylor, Miss.; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and sister, Dixie (Jerry) Graham, Salem. He was preceded in death by his parents, and



one sister, Kay Fyke. Teddy was a graduate of Southern Illinois University (SIU) in engineering and a member of the U.S. Army Reserves. He formerly wrote sports stories for the Pantagraph, was a member of the Wapella Christian Church, past president of the Bass Club, in Bloomington, coached for the Canton Redbirds women's softball team, and was an originator of the Khoury League, in Wapella. He enjoyed fishing, duck hunting, Cracker Barrel, fried chicken and camping. He was also an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan. Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Jerry H. Whitehead

CLINTON — Jerry H. Whitehead, 84, of Clinton, passed away at 6:15 a.m. on May 15, 2022, at his residence in Clinton.

Graveside services with military honors will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at Texas Township Cemetery, Clinton, with Scott Marsh officiating. There will be no visitation. Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be directed to the Texas Christian Church. Jerry was born on May 24, 1937, in Decatur, the son of Harvey and Gladys (Dodson) Whitehead. He married Katherine A. "Katie" Sprague on December 25, 1960, in Clinton. Survivors include his wife, Katherine A. "Katie" Whitehead, Clinton; children: Valarie Collup, Fordland, Mo.; Stacy (Ed)



Meyer, Bonfield, Ill.; and Jay Whitehead, Clinton; four grandchildren: Amanda (Michael) Reilly, Cassie (Brandon Pister) Collup, Travis (Ashley) Meyer, and Brady (Shelby Ballard) Collup; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Jerry was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Texas Christian Church. He had worked for Revere Copper & Brass, in Clinton, along with driving a semi-truck, and he enjoyed sports. Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Clinton Police Department

On 05/13/22 Clinton Police arrested Dalton A. Baker 21, Clinton for Retail Theft. Baker was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and turned over to Corrections.

On 05/13/22 Clinton Police arrested Walker L. Sturgeon 25, Clinton for Criminal Trespass to Property and Steven W. Moore 20, Clinton for Criminal Trespass to Property and a McLean County Warrant. Both subjects were transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 05/13/22 Clinton Police arrested Dillon J. West 30, Clinton for Criminal Trespass to Property and Tiffany N. Akers 25, Clinton for Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer. Both subjects were transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 05/16/22 Clinton Police arrested Cynthia M. Taylor 29, Clinton for Domestic Battery. Taylor was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 05/16/22 Clinton Police arrested Mateen Y. Martineau 27, Urbana for Unlawful Possession of Firearm and Firearm Ammunition. Martineau was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

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Kevin Diamond, 28, Plano, was issued a Citation for Speeding (72 mph in a 45 mph zone). Diamond was given a Promise to Comply and was released.

Tiffany Akers, 25, Clinton, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging her with Theft/Unauthd Con/<\$500/FTA. Akers posted the

necessary bond and was released.

Michael Welch, 40, Bloomington, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with Driving on Suspended License/FTA. Welch posted the necessary bond and was released.

Christopher Barker, 38, Bloomington, was arrested on a Department of Corrections Warrant. Barker being unable to post the necessary bond remains lodged in the DeWitt County Jail.

Josh Fatheree, 34, Clinton, was arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance. Fatheree being unable to post the necessary bond remains lodged in the DeWitt County Jail.

Devin Kemp, 26, Clinton, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with 9 counts of forgery/issue/deliver document/FTA. Kemp posted the necessary bond and was released.

Kristopher Haley, 37, Jacksonville, was issued a Citation for Driving on a Suspended License. Haley was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Steven Welch, 58, Waynesville, was issued a Citation for Operating Vehicle when Registration Suspended. Welch was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Richard Rodd, 20, Kenney, was issued a Citation for No Valid Driver's License. Rodd was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Jeffrey Granda, 45, Lincoln, was issued a Citation for Speeding (73 mph in a 55 mph zone). Granda was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Hadley Wilson, 18, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Speeding (75 mph in a 55 mph zone).

Wilson was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

James Daniels, 24, Lincoln, was arrested and charged with Unlawful Possession of Title or Registration Documents, Unlawful Display of Stolen Registration Sticker. Daniels posted the necessary bond and was released.

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I read an article the other day encouraging seniors to make plans to age in place. Aging in place means to stay in our own homes as we get older so we can maintain our independence. Planning for it means making whatever changes are necessary to ensure that our homes are safe. Planning also can include surrounding ourselves with a network of people and services for support. My first thought was, "that's what we've been doing for the past two years, and we certainly didn't have time to plan for it before COVID sent us all into lockdown. Yet here we are; we survived." And how did we do that? We created our own

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

little support networks, mostly by phone since our meetings were canceled. We checked in with each other when the store finally stocked long-missing items. We baked and left cookies on the porches of those we knew would appreciate them. We learned Zoom and other online video conference programs so we could have face-to-face meeting with family and friends. We beefed up our computer skills, at least enough to enable us to place to-go grocery orders at the store or arrange for delivery and to make

purchases that Amazon could bring to our door. We roamed YouTube in search of exercise videos for seniors and took free classes of all types. We took up the scatter rugs that could cause trips and falls because we knew that the EMTs who came to our rescue would be leery of COVID and come through the door fully outfitted in biohazard suits. We dared to ask questions and learned that the library will deliver books and the pharmacy will mail prescriptions. All in all, we survived our forced aging in place just fine. We seniors are a tough bunch. (c) 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

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1927 - Charles Lindbergh took off from New York to cross the Atlantic for Paris aboard his airplane the “Spirit of St. Louis.” The trip took 33 1/2 hours.

1930 - The first airplane was catapulted from a dirigible.

1932 - Amelia Earhart took off to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. She became the first woman to achieve the feat.

1939 - The first telecast over telephone wires was sent from Madison Square Garden to the NBC-TV studios at 30 Rockefeller Center in Manhattan. The event was a bicycle race.

1939 - The first regular air-passenger service across the Atlantic Ocean began with the take-off of the “Yankee Clipper” from Port Washington, New York.

1941 - Germany invaded Crete by air.

1942 - Japan completed the conquest of Burma.

1961 - A white mob attacked the Freedom Riders in Montgomery, AL. The event prompted the federal government to send U.S. marshals.

1978 - Mavis Hutchinson, at age 53, became the first woman to run across America. It took Hutchinson 69 days to run the 3,000 miles.

1980 - The submarine Nautilus was designated as a National Historic Landmark by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior.

1985 - The Dow Jones industrial average broke the 1300 mark for the first time. The Dow closed at 1304.88.

1985 - The FBI arrested U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer John Walker. Walker had begun spying for the Soviet Union in 1968.

1990 - The Hubble Space Telescope sent back its first photographs.

1996 - The U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Colorado measure banning laws that would protect homosexuals from discrimination.

1999 - At Heritage High School in Conyers, GA, a 15-year-old student shot and injured six students. He then surrendered to an assistant principal at the school.

2010 - Scientists announced that they had created a functional synthetic genome.

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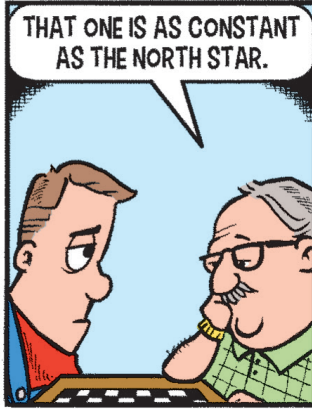
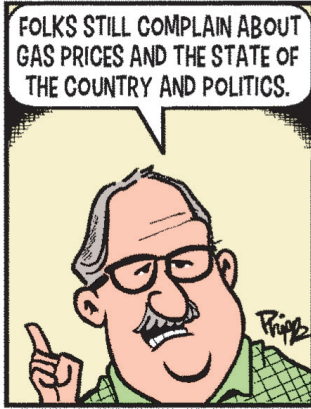
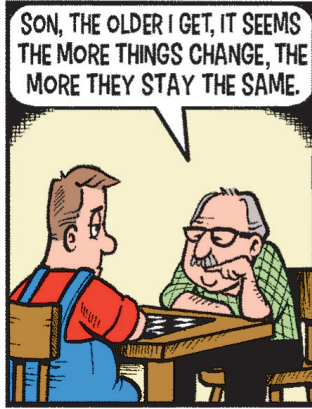
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Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

The bill

As many of you know, I have had some rather extensive treatment for prostate cancer over the winter and spring. With that treatment comes a bill. A bill that, without insurance, Medicare or Medicaid, has the real potential to bankrupt the average American.

The liberals in Washington tell us that the United States should have universal coverage for all paid for by the government. The conservatives tell us that we need to adjust the insurance industry and that each individual or family should be able to choose their insurance provider.

No surprise to the American taxpayer, neither group has been able to articulate a viable health care plan for the country. The liberals seem to ignore the costs and conservatives seem to ignore the poor amongst us. Both sides play to their base and seem to forget about the need for medical care, something that is needed by almost all of us at some point in our lives.

In the past year, I have spoken with two very reputable surgeons in central Illinois who have entirely different views of medical care. One surgeon is a hospital employee and he loves not having to manage a medical practice. He loves his

hours and benefits and not having to chase clients for payment. The downside with this type of practice is when the market becomes saturated with patients and not enough doctors, there are inherent delays in treatment. This is very similar to the models used in Canada and Britain. Both countries have decided delays in providing services and a form of rationing has evolved.

The other surgeon is purely self-employed. He wants nothing to do with what he views as socialized medicine. This surgeon works long hours and expects to be paid for his time. Now, I know this surgeon has done free work for some in need, it was his choice. The problem with this model is that if the patient has no funds, the patient may well receive no treatment.

This brings us to THE BILL. My bill at Barnes Hospital from November 9 through May 5 was \$257,566.00. That bill included a biopsy, consultations, and 44 radiation sessions. A serious, but not unusual treatment for a man of my age. There are a few reductions in fees for my Medicare, but remember standard Medicare assumes the patient will pay 20 percent of the bill.

Medicare advantage plans normally have



deductibles and the patient pays that amount and the insurance plan pays the balance. I happen to have a Schedule F supplement plan. I pay more for my premiums than most other Medicare supplement plans. The difference is that I have no out of pocket deductibles and the plan pays 100 percent of Medicare approved procedures. To date I have had to pay nothing beyond my premiums and the travel expenses to St. Louis. My wife and I count that as a blessing.

What caught my eye was that bill of \$257,566.00. Only the very wealthy could afford to pay that bill without insurance and even those with insurance may well be paying \$50,000. That medical bill could well bankrupt many American families, or place them in debt for years.

We have a serious medical and mental health situation in this country. A growing number of Americans can simply no longer afford to pay for medical and mental health treatment under the current models.

I look at my bill and see

what may be a solution, based on a Medicare premium model. If all taxpayers simply paid a small percentage of their income into a medical plan pot with the federal government which would guarantee a certain amount for medical care for each citizen then basic needs would be met.

The individual or his/her employer could purchase additional coverage at their expense for expanded coverage. That is essentially what my Medicare plan does. I have paid into Medicare over the years, and now have a basic premium taken out of my social security check.

On top of that I have purchased the Schedule F supplement, which literally paid the balance of my bill. People with a lot more smarts than me could then adjust premiums and coverages to make this model work.

This model provides the universal coverage that my first surgeon wants and provides incentives that my second surgeon believes are needed to assure quality of care.

Medical care is a leading, if not the leading, cause of bankruptcies in this country. Republicans and Democrats need to work on a model that serves all citizens and one that is affordable to the public.

The VA releases its Equity Action Plan

In response to Executive Order 13985, the Department of Veterans Affairs has now released its Equity Action Plan.

The order, signed in January 2021, was intended to bring equity to underserved communities, such as Blacks, Latinos, Native Americans, Asian Americans and others, as well as lesbian, transgender, LGBTQ+ and gay persons, as well as those who live in rural areas. The role of the White House Domestic Policy Council was to formulate and implement the administration’s policy objectives and embed them across federal government. Hence the VA’s newly released Equity Action Plan.

The VA’s highest priorities are to provide all veterans with world-class health care, ensure that veterans and their families can access benefits and honor veterans with a final resting place as a tribute to their service.

And it must be done in a fair and impartial way, with tools and resources for all veterans, by eliminating barriers and creating opportunities. To ensure this, the VA will:

-- Develop data for equity strategy (capture the demographics so women, LGBTQ+, Blacks and others can be identified),

-- Improve access (reduce barriers by “creating institutional pathways for underserved vets to



by Freddy Groves

increase awareness” of VA benefits and services),

-- Increase contract awards to women-owned businesses and small disadvantaged businesses,

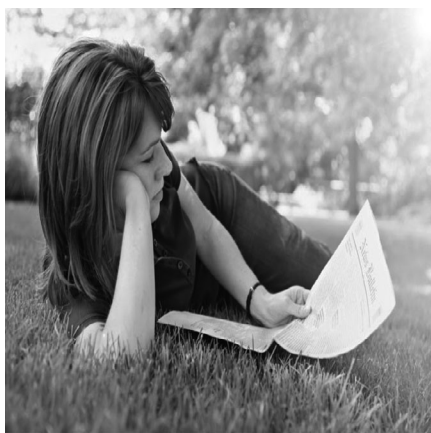
-- And address health equity for underserved veterans (which is impacted by race, gender, income, education and more).

VA officials already have started taking steps. For example, they have expanded the gender-affirming care and benefits package for LGBTQ+ veterans. (The VA provides all medically necessary

gender-affirming care to transgender veterans, short of surgical interventions.) Additionally, they’ve instructed VA adjudicators to classify as eligible for benefits any veteran who was discharged due to sexual orientation, gender identification or HIV status. Medical records now display the patient’s birth sex, self-identified gender identity, sexual orientation and preferred pronouns.

To read the details of the plan, go to www.va.gov/ORMDI/docs/EO13985-VA_Final_Equity_Action_Plan.pdf

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Special events planned during Prairie Flyers aviation exhibit

CLINTON — A variety of special events are coming to the CH Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum during the month-long Prairie Flyers exhibit.

Prairie Flyers: A century of aviation history in DeWitt County will feature local aviators and those who worked in the field of aviation. The stories represented in the exhibit include Red Irwin, owner of the county’s oldest airfield known as Hooterville Airport, renowned stunt pilot Lee Gehlback, crop duster and hot air balloonist Jack Holland and flight attendant Sara Smith Esch. On May 28, opening day for the exhibit, the museum will host a hot air balloon from Lincoln. Weather permitting, the balloon will arrive on the grounds around 6:30 a.m. and remain for several hours.

Also on May 28, kids



will compete for a trophy and prizes at 11 a.m. in the balsa wood glider competition.

On June 4, area HAM radio operators will host special event station N9A at the museum to share the Prairie Flyers exhibit with listeners around the world. Anyone interested to HAM radio is invited to watch the station’s operations.

Families are invited to bring their kites to the museum on June 11 at

2 p.m. for kite flying. The event honors former Weldon pilot and aviation enthusiasts Lee Baker, of Weldon.

Drone racers from Illinois Multirotor will be on hand June 26 at 1 p.m. to show off their racing skills.

In addition to weekend events at the museum, the Vespasian Warner Public Library will host speakers with a connection to the exhibit at 6 p.m. each Thursday during the

month of June. A panel of Vietnam veterans who piloted helicopters and served as mechanics will share their stories June 2, followed by a book signing June 9 with authors David Henard and Denis Hambucken. Henard wrote a book on the Vietnam War and Hambucken, designer of the local exhibit, authored a book on the Battle of the Bulge.

On June 16, Air Force pilot Ken Shaffer of Waynesville, with talk about his experience refueling planes and his career as a UPS pilot.

Illinois National Guard Chief Master Sgt. Jennifer Aurora will talk on June 23 about her work as a woman in the military and the mission of the Air Guard in Illinois. John Warner rounds out the month June 30 with his talk on the history of Hooterville Airport and Red Irwin.

Area students graduate from the UI Springfield

SPRINGFIELD — A conclusion of the spring semester on May 14, total of 1,129 students earned degrees from the University of Illinois Springfield at the pending completion of university requirements.

The following area students receiving degrees:

- Clinton / Lacey Ayers, B.S. Information Systems Security - Cum Laude
- Warrensburg / Brenna Marie York, B.A. Political Science - Summa Cum Laude

Blood drive scheduled at Warner Library May 21

CLINTON — Vespasian Warner Public Library will host a community blood drive from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 21 at 310 N Quincy St, inside the Bloodmobile.

All presenting donors get a voucher for a gift card or bonus points in ImpactLife’s online store.

To donate, contact the Blood Center at 800-747-5401 or visit www.bloodcenter.org and use code 71115 to locate the drive. Appointments and masks required.

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Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available through www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 pounds. A photo I.D. is

required to donate. For questions about eligibility, call ImpactLife at (800) 747-5401. Donors who last gave blood on or before 3/26/22 are eligible to give at this drive.

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State senator wants special session to cap Illinois’ sales tax on gas

Scot Bertram
The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD — A Republican state senator is pushing for a special legislative session in Illinois to address high gas prices across the state.

As of Monday, according to AAA, the average price for a gallon of gas statewide was \$4.83. In Chicago, the average price reached \$5.11 per gallon. The average price nationally is \$4.48.

State Sen. Dave Syverson, R-Cherry Valley, said his legislation to cap the state’s sales tax on motor fuel at 18 cents per gallon could provide real relief to consumers.

“Illinois is one of just seven states that charges a sales tax of 6.25% on top of the regular gas tax,” Syverson said. “As the price of fuel goes up, so does the tax. A state that used to be getting sales tax

based on \$2.80 a gallon, and now they’re getting sales tax based on \$5.00 or more a gallon. They’re reaping an increased profit of 13 to 15 cents per gallon.”

In addition to the sales tax, Illinois also assesses a motor fuel tax of nearly 40 cents a gallon after doubling it in 2019.

Syverson says the sales tax on top of the gas tax adds up to about \$2.5 million more each day going into the state’s coffers than before the price surge began.

“All we’re saying is you didn’t plan on this money, so let’s roll the sales tax back to where it was last year,” Syverson said. “Let’s cap it and let’s leave that money in the taxpayer’s hands and not give it to government.”

He says the gas tax, by law, has to go to local and state roads and can’t be used for any other

purpose. However, the sales tax on fuel enters into the state’s general fund and can be spent any way deemed appropriate.

The legislation to cap the sales tax amount, Senate Bill 4195, has been adopted by the full Senate Republican caucus. It was introduced in March, but lawmakers instead agreed to delay until January 2023 the state’s automatic annual increase of the gas tax tied to inflation, which amounts to about a two-cent increase per gallon.

Syverson argues the delayed two-cent a gallon increase is not much relief for drivers and the increased cost of filling up is a big deal for Illinois communities located near other states.

“The majority of population lives close to the border,” Syverson said. “When you charge a sales tax and our surrounding states don’t, that extra 15

cents makes our prices even more dramatic. When it gets to be more than 50 cents a gallon difference, consumers will drive a few miles to buy that gasoline. Truckers will fill up in other states. Then the state of Illinois loses all those revenues.”

He argues capping the sales tax on fuel could mean up to \$1 billion of relief to consumers over the next year and keep more gas sales and ancillary purchases inside the state.

“We can do this within a couple of days,” Syverson said. “The governor could call special session. We could be down there within 48 hours. We could pass my bill and the governor could sign it. The tax could be rolled back by this weekend, and consumers could be saving.”

Partners Conservation Program sign-up through June 1

CLINTON — The DeWitt County Soil and Water Conservation District is conducting a signup going on now through June 1, 2022 for the Partners for Conservation Program.

This is a conservation cost share opportunity providing assistance for the installation of conservation practices

such as cover crops, grassed waterways, terraces, and grade stabilization structures.


All applications are ranked based on identified resource concerns and the expected conservation benefit of planned practices. Contact the DeWitt County Soil and Water office at 217-935-2181 Ext 3.

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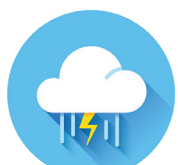


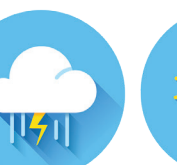
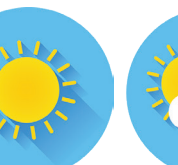
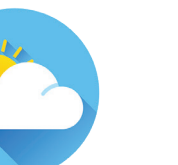
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1949: South central Illinois was affected by several tornadoes during the late afternoon hours. One affected areas around Mount Sterling, destroying several barns and unroofing many homes. A violent tornado crossed the Mississippi River from the St. Louis area into Wood River, then to Roxanna. This tornado damaged or destroyed 300 homes in these two towns, killing 5 people. Another violent tornado in southeast Illinois caused significant damage in Palestine, before the storm moved into Indiana. Four people were killed in a destroyed restaurant in Palestine; one body was retrieved from a tree.

2014: Severe thunderstorms in east central Illinois produced hail of tennis ball to grapefruit size, in parts of Douglas and Piatt Counties. The largest hail was in Tuscola, where 4-inch diameter hail broke out car windows, and caused severe roof damage to many buildings. Damage estimates in Tuscola were reported to be as much as \$100 million.

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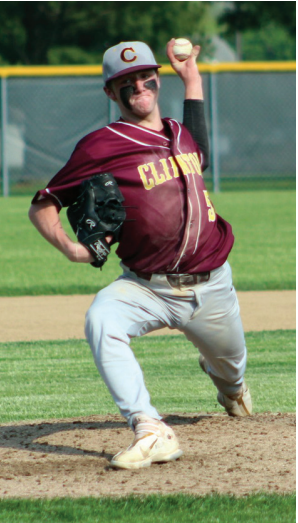
Sports

More Sports on A5

Clinton Maroons two for three in recent games

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CLINTON — The Clinton Maroons have been playing a lot of baseball these days trying to make up for rainouts and playing other makeup games. The week of May 9 saw the team start away at Shelbyville. This proved to be a tough road trip for the Maroons. Fortunately the game will be replayed



Mason Walker pitched a complete game shut out against Tuscola,

at a later date after it was called at the end of the third inning due to weather.

The Maroons then returned home to play against the Tuscola Warriors.

This was a turn-around from the day before as the Maroons took a small 1-run lead in the first inning. Then, the next two innings were a pitching duel with no one able to score.

In the fourth inning, the Maroons were able to add another run to add to their lead. In the fifth inning the Maroons unleashed on the Warriors' pitcher for 4 more runs before he was relieved.

In the sixth inning, the Maroons found their groove with the relief pitcher and added 3 more runs to end the scoring. The Warriors had no response in the seventh and the Maroons won 9-0 before the hometown crowd.

Mason Walker (4-1) pitched the complete



Marc Rogers / Journal
One of 11 Warriors to strike out against Mason Walker.

game shutout win. Payton Cross led the Maroons batting .500 with a double in for good luck.

The home team's run next took them to Macon Meridian to face the Hawks.

This game also began well for the Maroons as they plated 4 runs in the top of the first inning. As in their previous game, the second and third innings were scoreless. The Maroons then tallied another 2 runs in the fourth inning followed by one run in the fifth.

The Hawks were able to plate a one-run rally of sorts in the seventh inning,

but the Maroons came out on top with the 7-1 victory.

Dominick Thayer (2-2) pitched a complete game win for the Maroons. Offensively the Maroons were led by Payton Cross (3-4) with a double, Brooks Cluver (3-4), Wes Harrold (2-3) with 2

RBI's, and Mason Walker (3-5) with 2 doubles. The Maroons are now 7-7 in overall play and 7-6 in conference play.

Box Scores	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Maroons	0	0	1	X	X	X	X	1	2	1
Rams	2	7	7	X	X	X	X	16	14	1
Warriors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Maroons	1	0	0	1	4	3	X	9	5	0
Maroons	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	7	13	1
Hawks	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	3

Lady Maroons play recent flurry of games, begin regional play

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CLINTON — The Lady Maroons have played a marathon of games working on wrapping up the season. This past week it was five games in five days, and the strain on the players was apparent.

The team also started regional play at home on Monday, May 16.

The first game of the past week was a home match-up against the Central A&M Lady Raiders. This game was a close, low-scoring bout.

The Lady Maroons were able to capitalize on errors from the other side as they drew first blood in the bottom of the first with an opposition error, a walk and a double by Morgan Fortune (#2). Another run was added by the home team in the second inning on two singles and another error by the Lady Raiders.

Then, the wheels came off the bus for a moment and the Lady Raiders scored 2 runs in the fourth to tie the game. The pitching and fielding kicked in again allowing no more opposition runs.

In the sixth inning, however, the home team got a double from Ashley Armstrong (#5) and a single by Alaina Soberalski (#27) to push across the winning run for the Lady Maroons.

The Lady Maroons were led by Cloe Griffin (#10) hitting 2-2, Alaina Soberalski (#27) hitting 2-3, and Armstrong (#5) hitting the decisive sixth inning double.

The next evening saw the Lady Maroons at home again to face the Warrens-

burg/Latham Lady Cardinals. Another tough battle was at hand, unfortunately the ending was different.

The Lady Maroons again took the lead in the first inning with 2 runs. Then, it was a pitchers' duel until the fourth inning when each team scored a run.

In the fifth inning, the Lady Cardinals were able to plate 4 runs to take a 5-3 lead, which the home team cut into in the bottom of the fifth with one run.

Unfortunately, scoring stopped there with the opposition taking the 5-4 win. The Lady Maroons could muster only 3 hits in the game.

After the two-game home stand, the Lady Maroons hit the road to first face the Shelbyville Lady Rams.

The game started well for the Lady Maroons taking a 3-0 lead in the second inning. However, the Lady Rams had other ideas and tallied 4 runs in the third inning. Clinton was able to tie the game in the fifth, but the opposition made a final blast in the sixth inning of 5 runs to take the lead and the game 9-4.

The Lady Maroons were led by Brooke Reeves (#19) hitting a double and

a single and Heidi Humble (#27) with a triple and a single. The Lady Maroons left 7 runners stranded.

The Lady Maroons then returned home to face the ever-tough Tuscola Lady Warriors. This game was an almost no-show for the Lady Maroons as they produced just three hits, no runs and drew only one walk.

The Lady Warriors on the other hand were all about playing ball. They accrued 10 runs on 17 hits with their pitcher (Pierce) throwing the complete game shutout.

The final game of the week was held at Macon Meridian, home of the Lady Hawks. The Lady Hawks took the early lead in the second inning and added to it in the third inning.

In the top of the fifth inning the Lady Maroons got their first tally to cut the lead in half, but the Lady Hawks answered in the bottom of the inning with one and added 2 more runs in the sixth inning to win the game by a score of 7-2.

For the second game in a row the Lady Maroons had very few hits (four in this game). They also committed 4 errors.

Box Scores	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Clinton	1	1	0	0	0	1	X	3	8	2
Central A&M	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	9	1
Clinton	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
Warrensburg	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	5	7	0
Clinton	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	8	3
Shelbyville	0	0	4	0	0	5	X	9	11	2
Clinton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
Tuscola	3	0	0	0	1	2	4	10	17	1
Clinton	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	4	4
Meridian	0	3	1	0	1	2	X	7	9	1

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GAMES

BRIDGE BITES from The American Contract Bridge League

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♠ J92 ♥ J94 ♦ J652 ♣ J62		North WestEast Declarer		♠ AQT8 ♥ K7532 ♦ T84 ♣ 9	
		♠ 76 ♥ Q86 ♦ KQ3 ♣ AKQT7			

By: Brian Gunnell

Both Vulnerable

South West North East
1NT Pass 2♣ Pass
2♦ Pass 3NT All Pass

3NT is the normal contract and 9 top tricks are available. But this event was duplicate bridge where it's not always enough just to make your contract, it's also important to make overtricks. So, the question for you South players is "How do you make 10 tricks after an opening Diamond lead?"

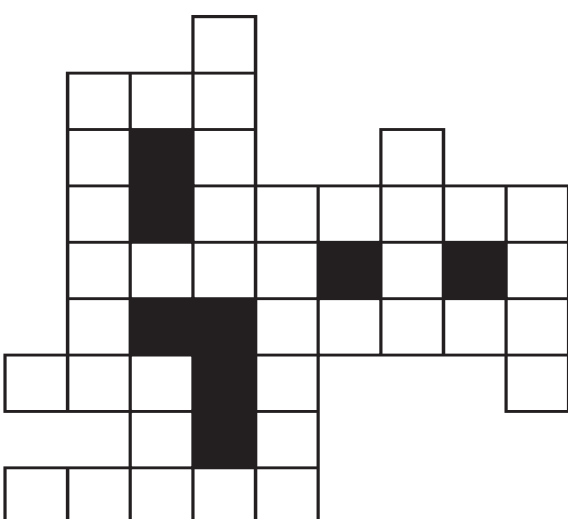
Hearts are the best place to get that extra trick and there are two ways to tackle the suit ... either finesse the Ten hoping that West has the Jack ... or lead towards the Queen hoping that East has the King. As you can see both plays work and will earn that valuable overtrick. But playing East for the ♥K is dangerous! If it turns out that West has the King then he can shift dramatically to the ♠J and South's cold contract is down one! The correct play is to win the opening lead in hand and finesse the ♥T, forcing East to win the trick. On this deal, East is the "safe hand", the one that cannot make the deadly Spade shift through Dummy's King.

Post Script When Declarer led a Heart towards Dummy's AT West could have made a brilliant and spectacular play! If he rises majestically with the Jack then Declarer will fear that West started with the King as well. If that's the case then the 10th trick cannot be developed without letting the danger hand gain the lead and the play of the ♥J might persuade a nervous (aka chicken) Declarer to settle for 9 tricks. But a bold Declarer will go for the gusto, playing a second round of Hearts and risking the contract for the precious overtrick.

For bridge games, classes, or seminars, contact Mike Tomlianovich by phone: 309-825-5823 or by email: mjtomlia@gmail.com



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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.

DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

	+		x		24
x		÷		x	
	x		+		17
+		x		+	
	x		-		27
26		24		29	

1 2 3 4 5 6 8 8 9

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Super Crossword

COUNTRY MUSIC

ACROSS

1 Chartbusters
8 Farthest point in an orbit
14 Uncommon
20 Salary reductions
21 Child raiser
22 Add insult to injury, maybe
23 Question in 1 Corinthians 15:55
26 Europe-Asia border river
27 Wood splitter
28 Ski lift part
29 Prefix with lock
30 Supplicate on behalf of
35 — polloi (commoners)
37 Sermon topic
38 Suffix with Sudan
39 Massage
40 Old booming jet, for short
41 "— changed man!"
43 Designer Geoffrey
45 Salon colorists
47 "Is this actually happening?"
50 Oviedo locale
53 Situated over
56 Brine source

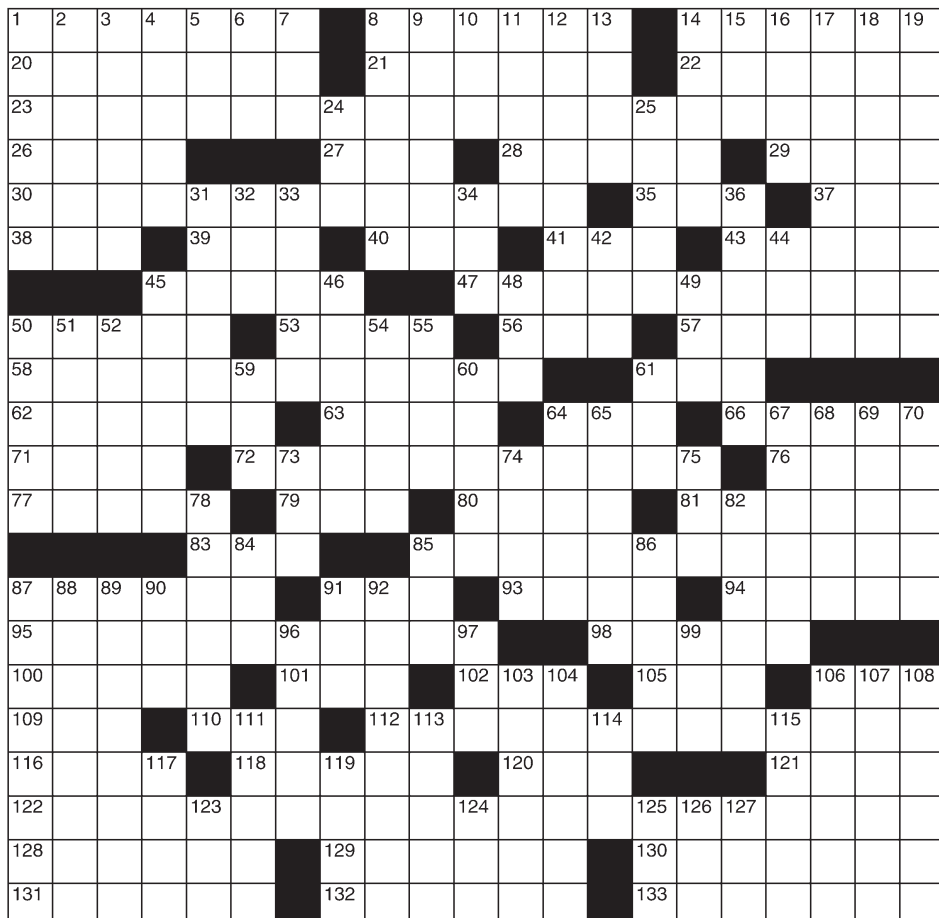
57 New Hampshire academy
58 "I'm going through the same thing!"
61 Shipping charge, e.g.
62 Steering part on a ship
63 Long (for)
64 Vikings' org.
66 Refusing to be cheerful
71 Regarding
72 Agree
76 Pop's mom
77 Actress Amy
79 SSNs, e.g.
80 Pressing tool
81 Fig treat from Nabisco
83 Seeming eternity
85 DNA-studying partner of James Watson
87 "My turn is coming right up"
91 He Ko'd many rivals
93 Ball— hammer
94 Forrest Gump player
95 "Quantum Leap" actor
98 Bend down
100 Abrupt
101 Body pouch

102 Secretive U.S. gp.
105 She bleats
106 Part of UCLA
109 33rd prez
110 Restaurant bill addition
112 Crucial component
116 Long (for)
118 Boyfriends, in Paris
120 Dir. opposite 7-Down
121 Viking org.
122 Tune whose opening lyric, and lyricist, begin eight answers in this puzzle
128 Motion detector part
129 Agee of the old Mets
130 Small eating alcove
131 Waiters take them
132 Like training at the location itself
133 Occupy fully

4 La — (Milan opera house)
5 Crude abode
6 Biblical verb suffix
7 NYC-to-Miami dir.
8 High points
9 Peeling tools
10 Raw metal
11 Allstate rival
12 Put into a hall of fame
13 Kett of old comic strips
14 — Gyra (jazz fusion band)
15 Prefix with gender
16 Utah ski spot
17 Slide in again
18 Go on with
19 Train operator
24 Barn feed
25 Cymbal pair in a drum kit
31 Nathaniel Hawthorne's Hester
32 Feel remorse over
33 James — Garfield
34 Consumer protection agcy.
36 Wild Alpine goats
42 Soccer great Hamm

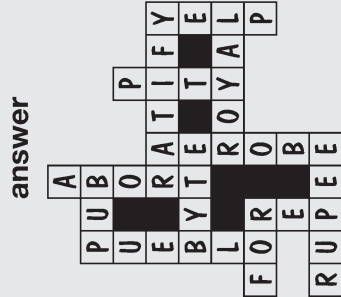
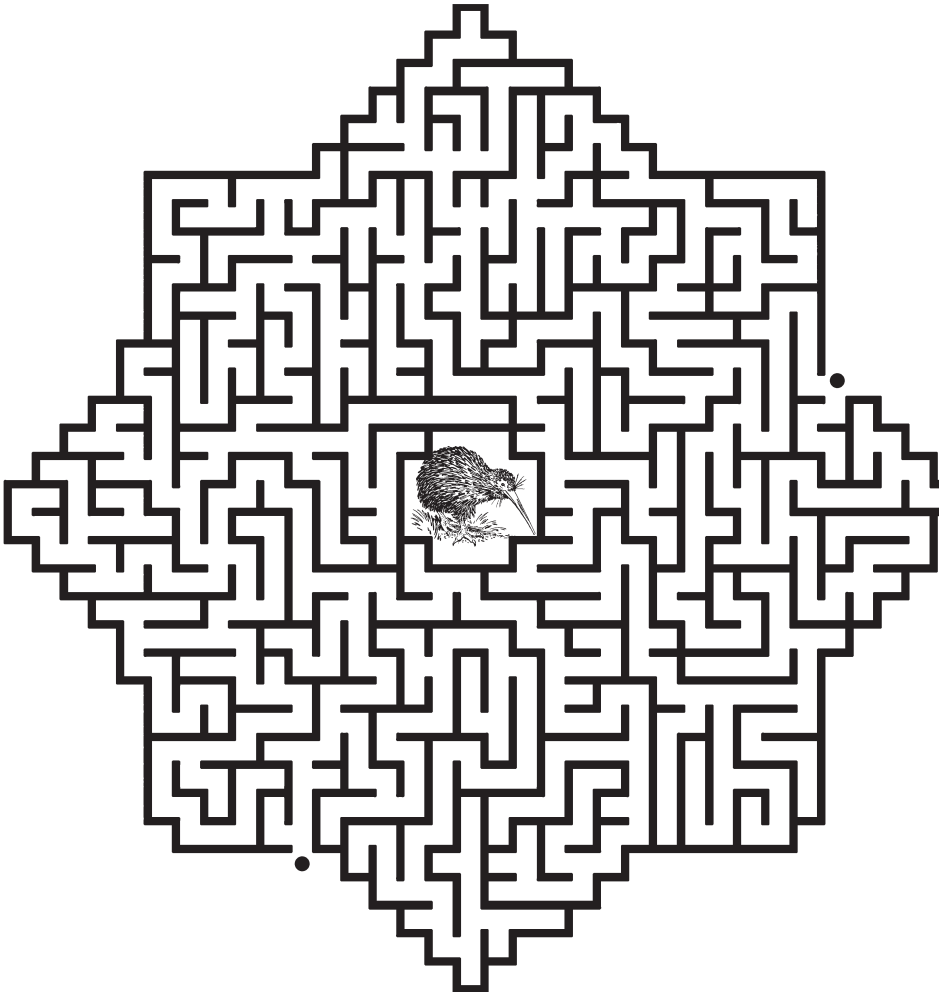
44 Summer, in Soissons
45 Royal crown
46 Worried
48 E-cig's lack
49 Busy insect
50 Its capital is Damascus
51 16 ounces
52 Lindley of "The Ropers"
54 NYC stage awards
55 Small bunch of flowers
59 Spock and Seuss: Abbr.
60 Alternative to "his" or "her"
61 Go by plane
64 Nary a soul
65 Backyard borders
67 Open, as a present
68 Language of "mea culpa"
69 Be a rapper?
70 BoSox rivals
73 Freud's "one"
74 Ensnare
75 "Cannon" has three
78 The Brady kids, e.g.
82 Restated
84 Gambling parlor, briefly
85 Chick— —A
86 Prefix with lock
87 "No kidding?"

88 Artist known for illusions
89 Boston area with the Paul Revere statue
90 UFO crew
91 Alias abbr.
92 Find by chance
96 In line with
97 One or more
99 Be indebted
103 "Belt out that tune!"
104 She founded the U.S. Shakers
106 Crude abode
107 First phases
108 Long looks
111 Letter-shaped girders
113 PSATs, e.g.
114 "No kidding!"
115 Deep-seated
117 To be, to Claudius
119 Regarding
123 Blue Jays, on scoreboards
124 Abbr. for someone with only one given name
125 34th prez
126 Firewood box
127 Repub. west of Zambia



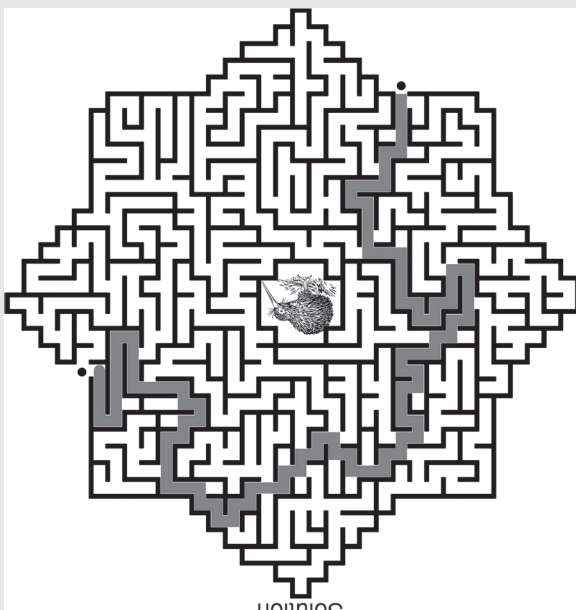
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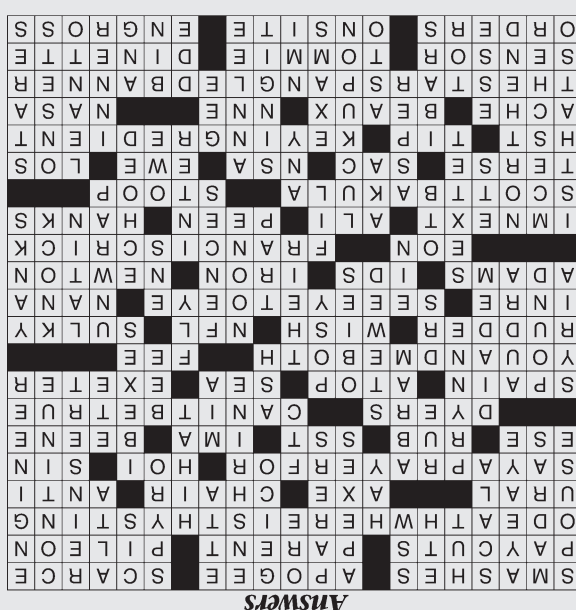


Go Figure!

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x			+					
6	÷	1	x	4	24			
+		x		x				
2	x	9	+	8	26			



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PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT)

Request of: David Lee Dengel

2022 MR 000003P0001V001

There will a court date on my Request to change my name from: David Lee Dengel

to the new name of: Darlene Lee Dengel.

The court date will be held: June 6th at 11 a.m., at 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, DeWitt in Courtroom #B

/s/David Lee Dengel
David Lee Dengel

Legal 19482
May 6, 13 and 20, 2022

LEGAL

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

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, Ma-roa, 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 representative 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
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Livingston, Barger, Brandt & Schroeder, LLP
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Bloomington, IL 61701
(309) 828-5281
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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Case S-254-2022

Notice is given that a request for a Special Use Permit has been filed with the above named Board. Jordan and Carol Kaase have requested a special use permit to provide animal assisted therapy, host weddings/business events, Airbnbs/VRBO, and community activities such as llama and alpaca visits, lavender picking, harvest host, and educating on farm ownership and livestock.

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Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that a public hearing on the above-mentioned request will be held on the 6th day of June 2022 at 7:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as is possible. Said hearing will be held in the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, IL.

Andy Hedrick, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

Legal 19488
May 20, 2022

LEGAL

NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners of the DeWitt Special Drainage District, 56-TX-169, filed their 2020-2021 Annual Financial Report covering the last fiscal year for the District with the Clerk of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, DeWitt County, Illinois. Any owner of land within the District may file an objection to said Report with the Clerk of the Court within (10) days of the publication of this Notice.

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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.

Unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, in the office of the Circuit Clerk, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois on or before June 15, 2022, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PETITION FILED HEREIN.

Date 5/9/2022

Seal

/s/Michelle Van Valey CIRCUIT CLERK

Angela Boley, Attorney for Petitioner Land of Lincoln Legal Aid 302 N First Street Champaign IL 61820 (217) 356-1351 aboley@lincolnlegal.org efileERO@lincolnlegal.org

Legal 19490 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

Prepared By:

John T. Wozniak Wozniak & Associates 108 E. Anthony Drive, Suite A Urbana, IL 61802 Phone: (217) 367-1647 E-mail: john@jtwozlegal.com Registration No. 6238391

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PUBLIC NOTICE CLINTON CUSD #15 TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2021-2022 AMENDED BUDGET The Clinton Board of Education will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on June 21, 2022 on the adoption of the 2021-2022 Amended Budget. The tentative budget will be available for public inspection beginning May 20, 2022 and is available at the Unit Office located at 1210 West Route 54, Clinton, Illinois 61727 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

Legal 19492 May 20, 2022

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INVITATION TO BID

Parking Lot Improvements – 1230 Georgerock Drive at Family Health Care Clinic

The City Clerk of the City of Farmer City will receive sealed bids for the reconstruction and expansion of the concrete parking lot

Bids will be opened at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2022 in the City Council chambers, 105 S Main Street Farmer City.

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Angie Wanserski City Clerk

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Magnolia blooms, beetles are nature's spring flower odd couple

Ryan Pankau University of Illinois Extension

URBANA, Ill. – Every spring, magnolia trees across the Midwestern landscape offer some of the most spectacular flowering displays of any woody plant. These beautiful ornamental trees, native to Asia, are some of the first landscape plants in our area to deliver such a showy display; truly one of the most endorsing signs that spring is finally here.

Most of Illinois' native, deciduous trees are primarily wind pollinated and many bloom even earlier than magnolias, although often unnoticed by many of us says University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator Ryan Pankau. Their strategy is to produce a lot of pollen in the hopes that wind dispersion will spread their genes far and wide. Wind pollinated species do not need a showy display to attract pollinating animals or human attention. They typically lack aroma and nectar which, along with color, are the primary means plants use to attract pollinators to their flowers.

"Since most of our native trees, like oak, ash, and maple, evolved flowers for wind

pollination, they are largely unnoticed during flowering," Pankau says.

Their smaller, low-key flowers are not designed to be colorful or attractive, but rather to allow tons of pollen to freely float away on the wind. Their pollen producing structures, called anthers, are often loosely attached, and hang down to dangle in the wind.

Magnolias evolved a different strategy for pollination. Their flowers are quite showy, produce nectar, and have fragrance, all in the effort to attract insects. They invest more energy in these insect-attracting traits than pollen production, generating much less pollen per flower than their wind-pollinated cousins.

The interesting twist with magnolias is that their genus Magnolia is quite ancient, evolving very early in the plant family tree, earlier than our native flowering trees. They are considered to be among the oldest of the flowering plants.

"At the time of their evolution, many common pollinators we think of today, such as bees, butterflies, and moths had not evolved yet," Pankau says. "As a result, magnolias developed flowers for pollination by bee-

flies and flies, which were the primary insect pollinators 100 million years ago."

Magnolia flowers are relatively simple when compared to other, more specialized flowers. Pollen structures are arranged so that insects searching for a nectar reward will haphazardly bump into them and subsequently spread pollen as they amble from flower to flower.

Flightless beetles were the primary constituents of magnolia flowers millions of years ago as they evolved and are often considered "dumb pollinators." These poor insects get a bad rap because they cannot perform more advanced behaviors of butterflies and other pollinators that evolved later as the plant-pollinator relationship became more complex. Butterflies and other "smarter" pollinators can perform advanced tasks, such as extraordinary feats of flower manipulation, to harvest pollen.

The lowly beetle, which receives a ton of credit for the early development of magnolia flowers, is left to dumbly wander from flower to flower. The process of co-evolution between flowering plants and insects is considered one of

the most intricate multi-species evolutionary processes on earth. When plants evolved flowers, it was a game-changer for plant reproduction. So, there is no reason to totally discount beetles as "dumb" since magnolia flowers would not be possible without these grunts of the pollinator world.

Consequently, magnolias evolved to accommodate their "less educated" pollinators with some specially tailored adaptations. Beetle mouthparts are made primarily for chewing, not pollen collection from delicate flower parts. Thus, other plant parts are often consumed in the process of harvesting pollen or nectar from the flowers.

"Magnolia flowers have leathery, thick leaves along with seeds that are well protected to handle this kind of sloppiness," Pankau says.

Magnolias and their beetle friends are certainly an odd couple in the plant and insect world. However, their relationship has worked out wonderfully to produce some of our most exquisite flowering ornamental trees.

Spring shopping for yard equipment: What to know

(NAPSI)—Warm weather is here, and you are ready to get outside and make your yard both beautiful and functional.

Maybe you're aiming to have the best yard on the block, want to install an outdoor family room or outdoor office, or want to expand your space for entertaining. Perhaps your kids or pets could use a better space for play. Regardless of need, now is the time to get "backyard ready" for outdoor living this spring and summer. What tools do you need?

"Completing big outdoor jobs is always easier with help from outdoor power equipment," said Kris Kiser, President and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI). "The right mowers, trimmers, edgers, blowers, pruners, chainsaws and more can help you get the work done faster, and can help you safely maintain your yard." Here are some

tips from Kiser to help you select the machinery you need to get the job done.

Plan your needs. Draw a sketch of your yard. Include any major features such as trees, bushes, an herb or vegetable garden, flower beds, lawn furniture, play or sports equipment, an outdoor patio, or bird bath. Note where maintenance may be required. Will bushes need to be trimmed back from your home or garage? Do you want to put in some flowering bushes or a tree? Are you planning to install a fence and more grass?

Consider equipment needed. Visit your garage or shed and find your lawn and garden tools and equipment. Get out your mower and other equipment. Look them over and make a list of what is needed or could be upgraded. Repair anything that needs attention or identify where a newer or

better machine is required. If you have a large vegetable garden, you may need a cultivator or tiller. If you have a large lawn, an upgrade to a zero-turn mower might make managing grass easier. A string trimmer might make caring for bushes or trimming grass near a fence line easier. A pole pruner can help trim back limbs that are too high to reach safely with a saw, and a leaf blower can clear leaves faster than a rake. Chain saws make quick work of tree work and more.

Research equipment online before you buy. Think about efficiencies of scale. The right equipment can mean more time for other activities and make doing yard work more enjoyable, too. Doing online research in advance will help you pick the right type and size of equipment needed for the job. Outdoor power equipment can be gas, solar, propane, electric

or battery powered and technology is rapidly impacting product design. Today, there are even robotic lawn mowers available.

Ask questions. Talk with the staff at the store or ask online about the equipment. In the store, ask to pick up and hold equipment to determine its "fit" for you. Discuss safety features and ask about manufacturer fueling and care instructions. Find out how often equipment may need to be serviced.

Make a plan for storage and maintenance. Store your equipment in a cool and dry place. It also should typically be serviced at the end of the fall and the beginning of the spring. Put service dates on your calendar with a reminder. Find or download the owner's manual to have on hand, as well.

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Lady Maroons' softball celebrates Senior Night (afternoon)

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CLINTON — On May 9, just before their softball game with the Central A&M lady Raiders, the Clinton Lady Maroons celebrated Senior Night, afternoon, in this case. The Lady Maroons will lose four senior players this year to graduation.

First on the list is Kylie Chrispen, daughter of Dawn and Justin Chrispen. She has been on the softball team for two years and has also participated in band, scholastic bowl and student council. Kylie plans to attend Richland Community College to study to be a Certified Medical Assistant.

Next is Kianna Easton, daughter of Michelle and Paul Akeman. She has been a four-year member of the softball team and also was on the volleyball team. Kianna plans to attend Greenville College, in Greenville, Ill.

The third senior is Morgan Fortune, daughter of Michelle and Andrew Fortune. She has been a four-year member of the softball team, participated in cheer-



Lady Maroon graduating seniors and their families, (l-r) Chloe Griffin, Morgan Fortune, Kylie Chrispen, and Kianna Easton.

leading and student council. Morgan also participated in the National Honor Society, where she was a Hope School officer. Morgan is

going to attend Heartland Community College and then transfer to a nursing school to become a Pediatric Oncology Nurse.

The final senior on this year's team is Chloe Griffin, daughter of Mark and Shalane Griffin. She was also a four-year member of

the softball team. Chloe also was a member of the volleyball team, basketball team, the National Honor Society and the student council.

Chloe is also going to Heartland Community College and then will transfer to a nursing school to become a CNRA.

CHS track athletes qualify for State

CLINTON — Clinton Maroons Dyllon Wright, Brock Wilson and Keagan Daugherty qualified recently for state in the 4x400-meter relay, with a time of 3:57.42.

Luther Fitch, Brock Wilson, Keaton Graves and Dyllon Wright qualified for state in the

4x200-meter relay with a time of 1:42.68.

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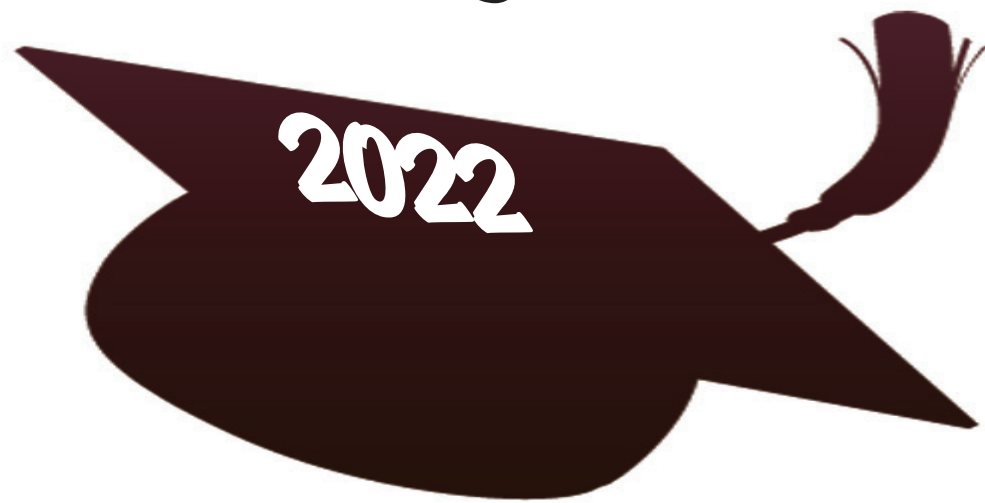
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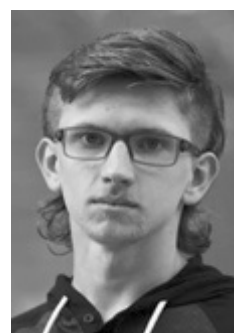
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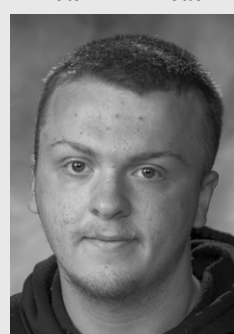
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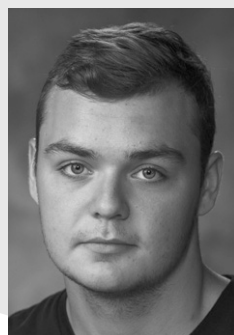
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Congratulations graduates!




**Congratulations
Aiden Shanks!**

Congratulations Aidan! We know you'll do great things.

Love, Mom and Dad

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**Allison Cox,
We are proud of
you!
We love you!
Mom, Teddy &
Ashley**

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**Congratulations
Blake Followell!**

We are so proud of you and keep reaching for your goals.

You've got this Bud!

*Love,
Mom, Paul, Tinley and Nala*

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**Congratulations
Brice Duncan!**

Congratulations!

More precious than any diamond or pearl. They broke the mold when you came in this world.

Love, Mom, Dad, Nevaeh and Aspen

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**Congratulations
Grandson
Blake Followell!**

We are so proud of you and wishing you all the best of luck at MTI.

*Love you much!!!
Grandma and Grandpa Vogel*

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**Congratulations
Caleb Atten!**

We are so proud of you! Work hard and follow your dreams!

*Love,
Dad, Mom, Brandon, and Emily*

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**Congratulations
Cameron Phillips!**

Congratulations, Cameron!

We're excited for your future!

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**Congratulations
Chloe Loreen
Griffen!**

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**Congratulations
Corinne Karr!**

Corinne, we are so very proud of you and can't wait for all the adventures waiting for you at ISU & on the Redline Dance Team!

*Love,
Mom, Logan, Jordan, Sabrynn, & Dad*


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**Congratulations
Cortney Sue
Osgood!**

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**Congratulations
Damien Clymer!**

Congratulations and best wishes!

Cheri, Terry, Shawna, Kailea, and Jean

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**Congratulations
Ella Bateson!**

Congratulations, Ella! We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. Continue to strive for excellence but remember to have some fun along the way! Let your next adventure begin... We love you!

Mom, Dad, Hannah, Libby and the rest of the crew

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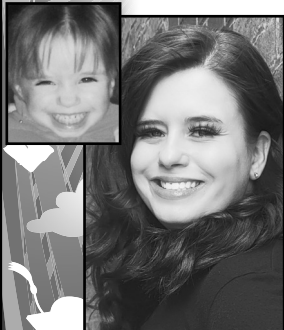


**Congratulations
Damien Clymer!**

Congratulations Damien on all your hard work, you did it! We are all proud of you!

Love Mom and Dad and Lee

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**Congratulations
Emily Elizabeth
Cyrulik!**

We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom & Lauren.

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**Congratulations
Emily Fought!**

Emmy!

Best of luck at Carl Sandburg! Knock 'em Dead!!!

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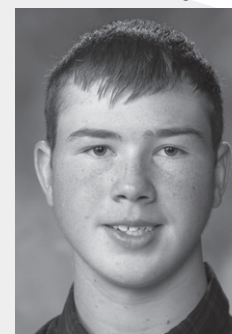
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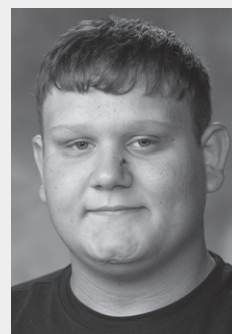
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Trista Plotke

Congratulations graduates!



Congratulations, Emma Culbertson!

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Love, Mom

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Congratulations, Emma Holt!

Wishing you the very best on your graduation day and beyond. Congratulations, we are so proud of you!

Love, Garrett, Shelby, Brycen & Kyleigh

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Congratulations Emma Thomas!

Congratulations Emma! May all your dreams come true! We love you and are so very proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad and Fam.

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Congratulations Ethan Boyer!

We are beyond proud of you! Big things will be coming in your future! Congratulations!

Love,
Your Family

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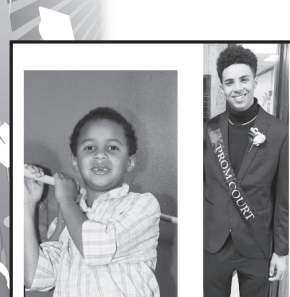
Congratulations Jacob Sterr!

We are very proud of you and all your accomplishments. You are going to do great things.

We love you very much!

Mom, Dad, Julia & Kayla

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Joshua Carter

Josh,
From the time you started school, until now, you have managed to accomplish anything. Continue to strive and make wise choices, and you will accomplish even more. Always remember that I will always be your biggest fan. I am so proud of you, Petunia. Congratulations!

Love you big,
Aunt Angela

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Congratulations Kaedyn Sloat-Shannon!

This is the beginning of yet another journey in your life. I pray that you pursue your dreams and know that you are capable of anything. I am beyond proud of the man you have become. Congratulations on your graduation KK! I love you!

Love, Mom

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Congratulations Kailea Golden!

You made us so proud. You worked hard to get where you are! Congratulations

Love,
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Congratulations Kairi Tull!

Could not be more proud of your accomplishments!

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Congratulations Kailea Golden!

*Kailea,
Congratulations on your graduation
I'm so proud of you.*

Love,
Grandma R

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Congratulations Kaitlin Burton!

We are so Proud of You!!

Love Your Family!!

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Congratulations Kaitlyn Mahoney Mallory Cyrulik!

Congratulations Kaitlyn & Mallory!

Love you both...

Grandma & Grandpa

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Congratulations Kaitlyn Mahoney!

*Congratulations Kaitlyn!
Enjoy the next chapter!*

Love you lots...
Grandma & Grandpa

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Congratulations Kaitlyn Rauch!

We love you and we are very proud of you!!

Mom and Dad

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Congratulations Kailea Golden!

*Kailea,
To a beautiful and smart young lady. Congratulations on your graduation. Good luck and best wishes to my youngest granddaughter.*

Love you,
Grandma Ina Golden

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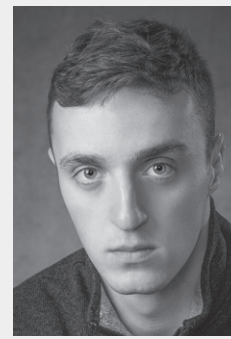
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Congratulations graduates!



Congratulations Madelyn Fought!

Congrats Maddy!

EIU Bound!

*Off to your Adventure in the
Great Wide Somewhere!*

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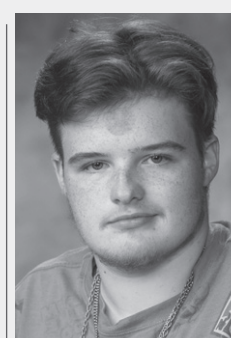


Congratulations Payton Cross!

*Congratulations Payton!!
We are so proud of the young
man you have become and
can't wait to see what the next
chapter brings for you!*

Love, Dad and Mom

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Caleb Zook



Congratulations Mallory Cyrulik!

*Super proud of you and your
accomplishments!*

Love Dad, Vicki and Ava

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Congratulations Taylor Anne Osgood!

*And will you succeed? Yes! You
will, indeed!" – Dr. Seuss*

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Congratulations Kylee Kinyan Moore!

*"IF YOU CAN IMAGINE IT,
YOU CAN ACHIEVE IT, IF
YOU CAN DREAM IT, YOU
CAN BECOME IT."*

*CONGRATULATIONS, KYLEE!
LOVE MOM, MARIAH, & JOHN*

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Congratulations, Wes Harrold!

*We are so very proud of all you've accomplished this far
and look forward to seeing what your future holds. Stay
fierce! Work hard! Make good choices! We love you!*

Love, Mom and Dad



Congratulations Adam Kroeger, Caleb Atten and Blake Followell!

*We have loved watching the 3
of you over the years and can't
wait to see what the future
holds for each one of you!*

Best of Luck to All of You!

Paul and Angela Reid

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Congratulations, Wyatt Martin!

*Congratulations, Wyatt!
We are so proud of your
accomplishments!
Have fun at ISU and keep being
kind!*

Love, Mom and Dad

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Congratulations Kylie Raymer!

*Congratulations, Kylie!
Proud of you! Now on to the
next chapter SIUE!*

*Love Always,
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Congratulations Maranda Henry!

*Every day you make me proud,
but today is the day I can tell
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Love you, Mom.

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Congratulations Mathis Westbrooks!

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another journey!*

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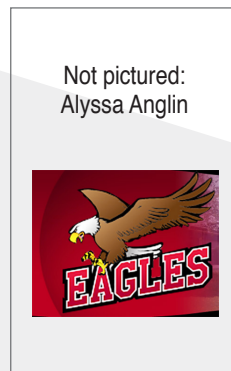
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Not pictured:
Alyssa Anglin***Congratulations
Trevor Willis!****Never stop growing,
challenging or believing in
yourself.**Best of luck at ISU!**Love Mom & Dad*

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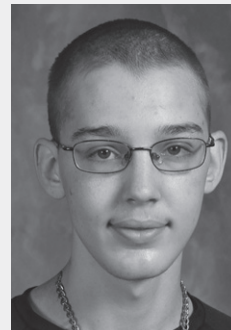
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Tatem Madden



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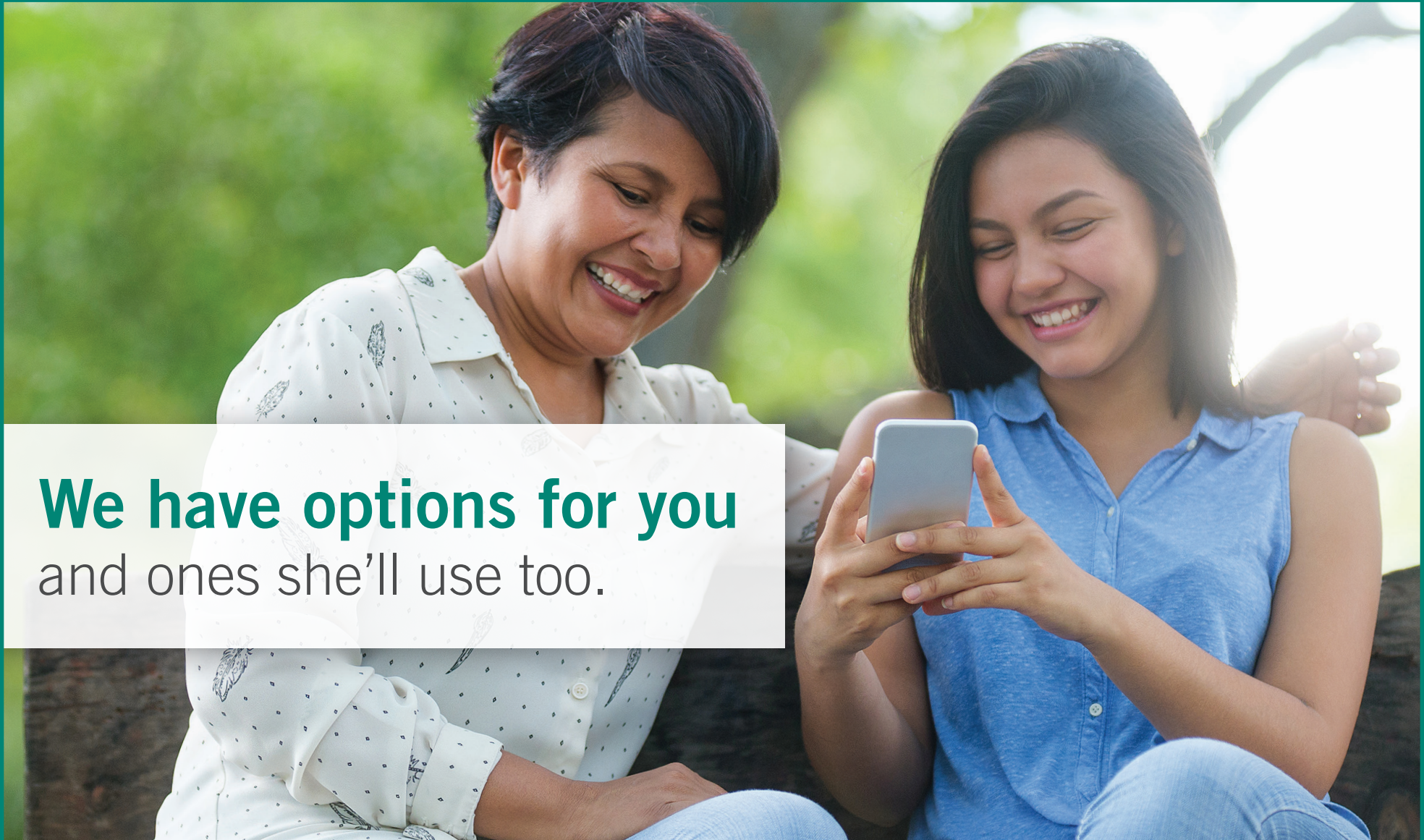
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