

County could add zoning layer to GIS

Also, new building permit fee structure likely coming

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CLINTON — The county will have increased flexibility with its zoning if it approves a zoning mapping layer to its GIS (Geographic Information System) later this month.

The county board's land use committee discussed adding the GIS layer during its meeting on Monday, and the low cost of the addition played one part in their decision to recommend it to the county board.

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Clinton High School Prom Court 2022

The CHS Prom Court nominees joined their newly-crowned king and queen during the recent Clinton High School Prom. Front row, left to right: Taylor Bane, Kaitlyn Rauch, Queen Fuki Fujishima, Kylie Raymer, Grace Dempsey. Back row, left to right: Kyler Harris, Lios Mendoza, King Josh Carter, Kain Trimble, Max Johnson

Gasoline prices continue to increase in Illinois

Kevin Bessler
The Center Square

(The Center Square) — As families deal with rising prices on groceries and other household items, prices at the pump are once again flirting with record highs.

According to GasBuddy, gas prices in Illinois have increased nearly 20 cents a gallon in the past week. The average price in Illinois is \$4.60 a gallon,

but many stations in the Chicago area are well over \$5 a gallon.

In the latest report, the cheapest gas was priced at just under \$4 a gallon, while the most expensive was \$5.78 a gallon.

Molly Hart with AAA Illinois said you can blame the summer driving season with more motorists on the roads.

"We also make that change from the winter blend to the summer blend

and the summer blend is more expensive to make, so that is also adding into the cost, but really it is supply-and-demand that is making gas prices go up," Hart said.

Crude oil prices jumped \$10 per barrel last week. The Biden administration unleashed a record amount of oil from the country's emergency stockpiles, but industry analysts warned at the time the impact at the pump was fleeting and

relatively minor.

The national average for regular gasoline rose to \$4.32 a gallon Monday, according to AAA. That is a fraction of a penny shy of the all-time high of \$4.33 set on March 11.

Diesel fuel prices are spiking as well. Diesel powers the trucks that haul goods around the country and high transportation costs usually get passed down to consumers.

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City reappoints officials, places several items on file

Electronics recycling day Saturday, June 4

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CLINTON — The Clinton City Council recently reappointed some of its city officials for another year.

During the May 3 city council meeting, commissioners voted to reappoint city attorney Steve Myers, city clerk Cheryl Van Valey, city treasurer Clint Lichtenwalter, and public works director Steve Lobb, each to a new one-year agreement.

Commissioner Ken Buchanan reminded residents citywide clean-up continues. Residents must pick up a voucher at city hall that will permit them to deliver one pickup truck bed-sized

load to the landfill. Also, an electronics recycling event is scheduled for 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, June 4 in the city parking lot on E. Washington Street, next to Sorrento's.

The council also placed on file the following items for future action:

- Annual audit for FY22 by Floyd & Associates, CPAs for \$33,500 and single audit at \$4,300
- Annual audit of TIF funds for FY 22 by Floyd & Associates for \$2,500
- Emergency Management Agency (EMA) agreement city portion \$15,000
- Lease of municipal-owned real property/farmland to Brandon Houser
- Design engineering agreement for S. Madison Street and a section of E. Washington Street with Cummins Engineering Corp. for \$78,088.04.

Commissioners respond to complaints from resident

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CLINTON — Clinton resident Seth Redington returned on May 3 to the city council to again ask commissioners about what he feels are irregularities in city record keeping.

While Redington continued to express his frustration about what he says is a refusal by commissioners to answer his questions, two did respond during the meeting.

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Courtesy of Clinton Tree Commission

Arbor Day 2022 in Clinton

Arbor Day was celebrated on April 30 with a tree planting at one of Clinton's arboretums on East Washington Street following a ceremony to remember Edgar and Rheba Turner, parents of Clinton Tree Commission member Marilyn Black at Douglas Elementary School. Three generations of the family provided written remarks in honor of the Turners and many attended the event, along with Tree Commission members and Clinton Mayor Roger Cyrulik. See a second photo on page A3.

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GIS is used by 911 emergency call systems but also has other applications as well.

“This is something we’ve talked about for years but never really followed up on it,” said land use chairman Terry Ferguson. “But, we’ve found out it’s very reasonable.”

GIS used with land and data visualization technology can solve problems of assessing and interpreting zoning maps. “We can add this to our county mapping system and can be used for taxes, and we’ll have a layer to identify all the zoning for

each parcel of ground,” Ferguson said.

County administrative assistant and interim zoning administrator Dee Rentmeister said currently the county can look up where a zoning district is located, but the GIS map will show the visual details and locations of parcels.

“It will show where the special zones are and the ag zones,” Rentmeister said.

She said her office received several recent requests that could have been assisted by having a zoning mapping layer as part of the GIS.

The cost of adding the zoning layer to the county’s GIS through Sidwell would be \$1,134. The land use recommendation will next go to the full county board for approval.

Sidwell is a Charles, Ill.-based company that specializes in GIS technology. (www.sidwellco.com)

Land use committee members also decided the committee would begin examining revamping the county’s zoning fees.

“We’ve got some oddities in our fee structure with our permitting process for homes and machine sheds,

etc.,” Ferguson said.

He said the building permit for a home was a flat fee, while a building permit for a machine shed was based on square footage

“There doesn’t appear to be a lot of rhyme or reason,” Ferguson said.

He felt that all building permit fees likely should be based on square footage.

Committee members agreed to continue research into the practices of other counties toward a goal of determining a new permit fee structure for the county.

Comparing the products

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. Let us learn more about cookware.

Some are concerned over using aluminum cookware for cooking foods. If that is your concern, then you are in trouble if you eat out a lot. Most commercial kitchens use aluminum cookware because they distribute the heat more evenly than stainless steel, retains the heat better and they are cheaper to buy. Whereas, one can get thick-walled saucepans, saucepots and stockpots with aluminum, but not with stainless steel. Besides, it is easier to find aluminum cookware that is approved by NSF. Commercial kitchens are to use only NSF approved cookware.

Salesmen peddling cookware from door-to-door or through T.V. commercials, will naturally give only praises while claiming all others to be insufficient in comparison. All I can say to that is to do your homework and get to know the advantages and disadvantages from those who are paid to know and not paid to sale. Words do not make the product or prove its efficiency and quality. And, do not always trust in what you see.

There are four basic types of cookware that I use; cast iron, aluminum, stainless steel and copper. Each has a quality that works well for certain types of applications. I like using aluminum for my general cooking and for making sauces. I must be careful not to use acidic foods in them. Cast iron is great for long slow cooking. Once again, I would not use acidic foods in them. I also use stainless steel a lot



The Culinary Corner

By Chef Roger Joss

for my general cooking especially with acidic foods. Copper is your best for sauces but very expensive. I would not invest in copper cookware just for making sauces on occasions. Copper must be tinned inside except for mixing bowls used for making whipped cream or meringue. Cream of Tartare must never be used with unlined copper bowls

Julia Child loved the nonstick aluminum skillet. As a rule, I agree with her views. However, I do not in this one. A lot of your applied nonstick finishes can flake off into the food due to age, heat and/or rough handling. In comparison, a well-seasoned cast iron skillet is nonstick if you handle it correctly. I have many highly polished stainless-steel sauté pans and skillets that work just as well as nonstick cookware. The above-mentioned cookware that I use can last over a lifetime.

When purchasing cookware that is stainless steel, be sure it is classed as type 18/8. Water used for cooking should never be soft water but hard. However, boiling hard water in your cookware will deposit minerals on the surface giving a grayish to black coating to stainless steel and glass or aluminum. The best way to avoid that is to splash a little vinegar into the water first. Less than 1% of vinegar in water will not affect the food or harm aluminum pots.

Until next time, peace to all.



Courtesy of Clinton Tree Commission

Clinton Arbor Day 2022

Clinton Tree Commission member Marilyn Black shovels soil around the burr oak tree planted on Arbor Day, April 30, in honor of her parents Edgar and Rheba Turner. Several members of the Turner family were on hand for the event at one of the city’s arboretums on East Washington Street.

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Adding insult to injury is the fact that Illinois has among the highest gas taxes in the country. The average savings from delaying the annual increase in the state budget that begins July 1 could be

two to three cents a gallon for six months before it’s set to increase on Jan. 1.

Hart doesn’t expect Illinoisans to cancel vacations because of rising gas prices.

“What they might do is

just make modifications to it and that could be a couple different things like stay at a less expensive hotel or not dine out,” Hart said.

There may be a bit of good news. The oil market,

which is a barometer for gasoline and diesel prices, fell sharply on Monday by over 6 percent, the steepest one-day decline since late March.

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“You asked me a while back about hearsay,” said commissioner John Wise. “I did not use hearsay, I went to the person that was involved.”

Wise’s comment involved a claim by Redington that commissioner Dan Ballenger had used city gasoline pumps to put fuel into his personal vehicle. Wise had said earlier it was his understanding the gas was recompense for Ballenger’s picking up a boat purchased by the fire department.

However, Redington pointed out the two events were a month apart and that Ballenger was on a fire call when he fueled his truck.

Other claims by Redington include pay Ballenger received in connection with the Apple ‘n Pork Festival and the Clinton Haunted

House.

“I asked him exactly what had happened,” Wise said May 3. “I gave you an answer on what I determined and what I looked at.”

Wise said he felt Redington had received answers to his questions, but “they don’t add up,” Redington said.

“You ask the same questions each and every

time you’ve been up here,” Wise said.

“Because I don’t get answers,” Redington said.

“If you’re going to accuse me of covering up or whatever, that’s bs,” Wise said.

Commissioner Tom Edmunds told Redington that pay Ballenger received in connection with the Apple ‘n Pork

Festival was repaid by Ballenger because he was a volunteer tram driver and had not performed fire department duties during the festival.

Edmunds said irregularities in money paid to fire department personnel during the Haunted House was due to a “convoluted” pay method that the city doesn’t plan to use again.

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The new fact sheet covers how you and your family members may qualify for benefits, including:

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The Family of

Thomas "Tom" Bray

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Albert W. Morgan

CLINTON — A celebration of life service will be held for Albert W. Morgan at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 21 at First Christian Church, Clinton. Albert passed away at Warner Hospital and Health Services on February 1, 2022.

See Albert's full obituary, which ran earlier, at www.theclintonjournal.com

Finding the cellphone that's right for you

When it comes to buying a phone, there are so many choices that the decision can be difficult. Much depends on what you want to do with it and how much you want to spend.

What can we do on our phones? Depending on the type of phone (and our skill level), we can make calls, get voicemails, look at maps, write shopping lists and notes, roam the internet, play games, receive and send text messages, take photos, have face-to-face meetings and more.

Some of us, however, would rather keep it simple. We want to make and receive calls, period. If a phone comes with a few more features, that's fine, but we probably won't use them.

How to choose: Decide what you need the phone to do. Ask a lot of questions, especially of tech-savvy family members. Think about whether you want to pay upfront for your phone or have a long-term contract. Decide whether the phone is only for emergencies or if you'll use it daily.

There are a handful of

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

good phones out there if you search the internet for "phones for seniors." You'll find dozens of websites describing the various phones now available.

Visit the phone stores near you, if possible. You'll need to handle the phones to be sure you can read and press the buttons with ease. Smaller phones are lightweight, but aren't necessarily the best if you can't see the screen or the buttons are tiny. The bigger ones, on the other hand, might be too heavy. Look into the flip phones as well, the ones that fold in half for ease of carrying in a pocket.

Look for discounts. For example, you might get a discount if you're an AARP member. If you're on Medicaid or SNAP benefits, see if you qualify for the Lifeline discount.

And remember: Keep it charged!

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Lois E. Pasley

FORSYTH — Lois E. Pasley, 92, of Forsyth, passed away from this world on May 7, 2022.

Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 13, 2022, at Bellflower Township Cemetery, Bellflower, with Scott Marsh officiating. The family entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, she asked that memorials be made to the American Heart Association or the Economy Shop, an entity operated by Grace UMC, in Decatur.

Lois was born on November 6, 1929, in Farmer City, the daughter of Chester G. and Nina (Dennison) Johnson. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Fred Smith, Jr., in 1971, and James Pasley, in 1989. Her longtime friend, John Hooge, of Decatur, also preceded her in death.

Lois is survived by two sons, Mark and Phil Smith, three grandchildren and

Timothy 'Timm' Holt

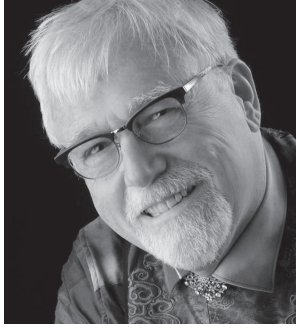
CHICAGO — Timothy "Timm" Holt 73, of Chicago, passed away unexpectedly on May 1, 2022, from heart failure.

Timm was a physician, entrepreneur, novelist, poet, playwright, activist, globetrotter, deacon, and father.

Timm attended Illinois Wesleyan University where he earned his bachelors in Sociology, followed by receiving his Masters of Policy Administration at Roosevelt University, and then a doctorate from Loyola University School of Medicine.

Timm is survived by his two children Jennifer and Jeremiah (Allison O'Brien) Holt, his sister Mary Ellen Torbert, his partner Dan Kuras, his friend and mother of his children Nancy Lewis, his nieces Kimberlee (Jeff) Toohill and Tara (Paul) Wanserski, and great nephew and niece Parker Toohill and Natalee Wanserski. He was preceded in death by his parents Joe and Mildred Holt, brother-in-law Jerry Torbert, great nephew Spencer Toohill, and partner Bill Munch.

Timm's funeral service will be held at St. James Cathedral at 65 E. Huron



St. in Chicago at 11 a.m. on Saturday May 14 with a festive reception immediately following at the cathedral. St. James Cathedral follows the Covid protocols of the City of Chicago, which at this writing is mask-optional for indoor spaces. The service will be live-streamed for those who cannot join in person via the St. James Streaming page at www.saintjamescathedral.org/stream-our-services.

Reduced-rate parking is available at ROW Parking Garage, 50 E Ohio Street, for \$15 for up to 18 hours on Saturday. Parking is also available at Ohio Ontario Self Park, 33 W Ontario, for \$11 up to 18 hours daily. Get a reduced-rate parking voucher from the St. James Commons reception desk.

The family suggests those who wish to express sympathy please consider making a donation in memory of Timm to St. Martin's Episcopal Church (memo line: Food Pantry) at 5710 W Midway Park, Chicago, IL 60644 or Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly at 355 N Ashland Ave, Chicago, IL 60607

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Bradley Rueger

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Grace and mercy took the hand of Bradley Rueger, 58, on Friday, April 15, 2022, to eternity after a very short illness with cancer.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at Clinton Assembly of God.

Visitation will be held prior to the service from 12:30-1 p.m.

Bradley was born to Carolyn and James Rueger, at Dr. John Warner Hospital on August 24, 1963.

He graduated from Clinton High School in 1981 and worked several jobs, including at Clinton China, Hardee's and maintenance man at a nursing home, where he always brought smiles and laughter.

Considered a gentle giant, Brad moved to Arcadia, Fla. in 2011 to be a comfort and help to his dearest friend, Michelle Julisson. He moved to San Antonio, Texas in 2015 to help his sister. He enjoyed long walks, the swimming pool and going to Circle K for cherry Pepsi. (He had the gallon jug for refills.)



Brad loved animals, especially Lacey, Zoey and Rooster. Brad was loving and kind. He loved sports, the Chicago Cubs (win for Brad), the Chicago Bears, the Spurs and Illini college games with his step-mom, Ida Rueger.

Brad also enjoyed working as a cook at McDonald's. He was a peaceful man, and he left us peacefully. Brad accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal savior.

Brad will be greatly missed by his brother Brian, of Clinton, sister Cindy, of San Antonio, and all those who knew this gentle giant.

If it is in your heart, memorials should be sent to the Clinton Assembly of God rebuilding fund.

Blood drive at 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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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.

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Clinton Police Department

Arrests:

On May 7, 2022 Clinton Police arrested Brandon M. Hardy, 32, Clinton, for the offense of Domestic Battery. Hardy was transported to the Dewitt County Jail where he was turned over to corrections personnel for processing.

On May 7, 2022 Clinton Police arrested Deangela M. Davenport, 29, Clinton, for the offense of No Valid Driver's License. Davenport was transported to the Dewitt County Jail where she was turned over to corrections personnel for processing.

On May 7, 2022 Clinton Police arrested Annette M. Crockett, 33, Decatur, IL, for the offense of Driving While License Revoked. Crockett was transported to the Dewitt County Jail where she was turned over to corrections personnel for processing.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Tonetia Cox, 39, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Speeding (86 mph in a 55 mph zone). Cox was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Iris Leahy, 23, Normal, was issued a Citation for Speeding (70 mph in a 45 mph zone). Leahy was given a Promise to Comply and was released.

Shannon Prechodko, 40, Bloomington, was arrested and charged with DUI-Alcohol Concentration in Blood or Breath 0.08 or More, DUI Under the Influence of Alcohol. Prechedko was also issued Citations for 2 counts of Driving Under the Influence. Prechodko posted the necessary bond and was released.

Joshua Livingston, 40, Waynesville, was arrested and charged on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with DRIVING RVK/ SUSP DUI/SSS 2nd. Livingston posted the necessary bond and was released.

Cole Hanes, 22, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Speeding (70 mph in a

45). Hanes was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Nicholas Welch, 30, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Driving While License Suspended. Welch was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Joseph Toohill, 39, Wapella, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with Theft/ Unauthd Con/<\$500. Toohill posted the necessary bond and was released.

Joseph Toohill, 39, Wapella, was issued a citation for DL expired greater than 1 year. Toohill was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Jason Blom, 41, Mt. Pulaski, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with Domestic BTRY/Physical Contact. Blom posted the necessary bond and was released.

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

Robert E. Swearingen

CLINTON — Robert E. Swearingen, Jr., 57, of Clinton, passed away at 3:50 a.m. on May 4, 2022, at his family residence.

Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2022, at Randolph Township Cemetery, Heyworth, with Pastor Spencer McPherson officiating. There will be no visitation. Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be directed to St. Louis University Transplant Unit.

Robert was born on September 2, 1964, in Clinton, the son of Robert E. and Dorothy V. (Charlton) Swearingen, Sr. He married Susan M. Maltby in 1983.


Survivors include his children, Anthony Michael Swearingen, Clinton, and Amber Michelle Awtry, Clinton; siblings: Roberta Stephenson, Westville, Ill.; Mary



Ann (Earl) Nicholson, Clinton; Rebecca Palmiter, Clinton; Connie (Mark) Staples, Clinton; Bobby Lee (Tammy) Lowe, Clinton; Beverly (Bill) Burke, Maroa; Tina (Joe) Cummings, Florida; Randy (Lisa) Lowe, Clinton; and Janet (Lebob) Sloat, Clinton; aunt, Marion (Paul) Schweizer, McLean; and special friends, Betty and Marsha.

He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter, Ashley Marie Swearingen.

Robert was a U.S. Army Reserve veteran. He will be remembered as a hard worker, social, and very kind.



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1912 - Royal Flying Corps was established in England.

1913 - Igor Sikorsky flew the first four engine aircraft.

1917 - Near Fatima, Portugal, three peasant children reported seeing a vision of the Virgin Mary.

1918 - The first airmail postage stamps were issued with airplanes on them. The denominations were 6, 16, and 24 cents.

1927 - “Black Friday” occurred in Germany.

1940 - Winston Churchill made his first speech as the prime minister of Britain.

1949 - The first gas turbine to pump natural gas was installed in Wilmar, AR.

1954 - U.S. President Eisenhower signed into law the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Act.

1958 - French troops took control of Algiers.

1958 - U.S. Vice President Nixon’s limousine was battered by rocks thrown by anti-U.S. demonstrators in Caracas, Venezuela.

1968 - Peace talks between the U.S. and North Vietnam began in Paris.

1975 - Hailstones the size of tennis balls hit Waverlyville, TN.

1982 - The Chicago Cubs became the first major league baseball team to win 8,000 games.

1985 - Tony Perez became the oldest major league baseball player to hit a grand slam home run at the age of 42 and 11 months.

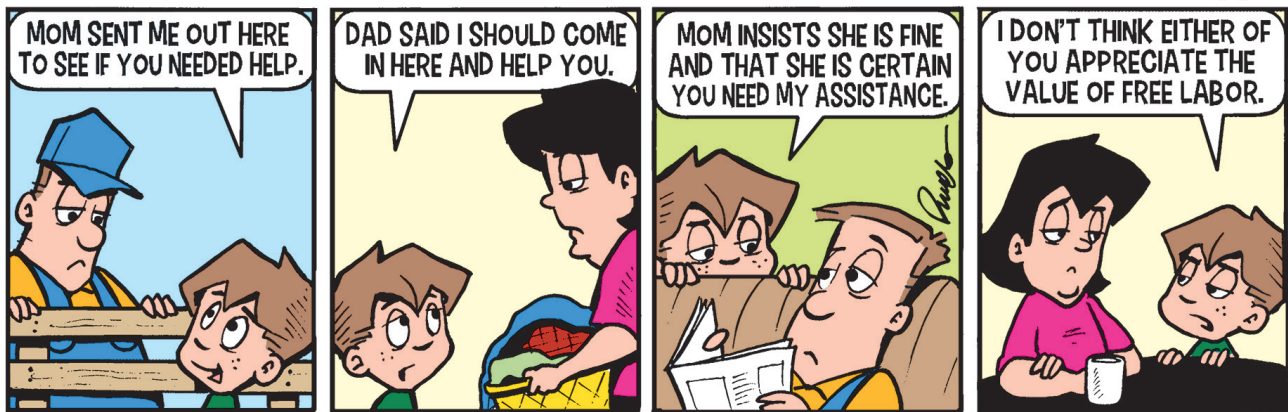
1985 - A confrontation between Philadelphia authorities and the radical group MOVE ended as police dropped an explosive onto the group’s headquarters. Eleven people died in the fire that resulted.

1998 - India did a second round of nuclear tests. The first round had been done 2 days earlier. Within hours the U.S. and Japan imposed tough economic sanctions. India claimed that the tests were necessary to maintain India’s national security.

1999 - In Moscow, the impeachment of Russian President Boris Yeltsin began.

2003 - The U.S. government unveiled a newly designed version of the \$20 bill. It was the first to be colorized in an effort to stop counterfeiters.

Amber Waves



The leak

Having prostate issues, I simply couldn’t let pass the opportunity to write on the latest leak in Washington.

The Mississippi legislature passed a law that banned abortions after 15 weeks. As one would expect on a hot political issue, the case was appealed to the Supreme Court, which did in fact hear the case.

At this time there is no formal opinion filed by the Supreme Court, but a “leaked” draft opinion written by Justice Alito was provided to media outlet Politico by some unknown source. The draft opinion portends the reversal of Roe v. Wade. That is a major news event in today’s world.

The Supreme Court has the tightest internal security of any branch of our government. Opinions are never known by the public, or the litigants, until the opinion is officially published. It has been decades since the secrecy of the court has been breached. The leak was so significant that Chief Justice Roberts felt compelled to address the issue.

Justice Roberts acknowledged the authenticity of the draft and then stressed that it was not the final decision of the justices. It is fairly

obvious from the draft that at least 5 of 9 justices are willing to overturn Roe v Wade, and that is truly legally significant. My concern here is with the leak itself.

The source of the leak is most probably a clerk that works for a Justice. Whether it was a conservative or liberal is immaterial as both spectrums could have political reasons to leak the document. What is concerning is not so much the content, but that the leak occurred. We have now reached a point where the public seems to believe that all government must be totally transparent.

The Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information statutes all advocate openness in government. That is to be commended. The problem with any aspect of government is what are the unintended consequences of openness? Sometimes government and the courts simply need to flesh an issue out. That is often best done in private.

This case was argued in an open courtroom with both the public and the press in attendance. Briefs were filed in support of and in opposition to the Mississippi law. Those briefs were and are public records. The justices queried the litigants and



observers could certainly get an inference as to which way the court was leaning.

The justices then had an informal meeting with a polling of their impressions and one justice was assigned to write the initial majority opinion and another justice to write a dissenting opinion. Those draft opinions are then circulated to the other justices and modifications are made to the opinion. After viewing the initial draft opinion, it is not uncommon for a justice to change his/her opinion or to seek greater clarity in the opinion. It is a draft, not a final opinion.

Every court in this country is supposed to enforce the law as the court understands it to be. The court is not to be influenced by public opinion. It is the legislative branch and the executive branches that concern themselves with public opinion. Whoever leaked the draft violated the trust of the court and has created turmoil in this country. The pro-

by Dave T. Phipps

choice group is now demonstrating in front of the justices personal residences and the pro-life group is cheering what they perceive as an absolute victory. Neither side needs to be doing anything as nothing has been formally decided. Let the Court do its job. Whoever the leaker is should be terminated and barred from the practice of law for this violation of trust.

Of note, if Roe is overturned, abortions are not banned as part of federal law. What will happen is that the subject matter of abortions will be referred to the state legislatures. We will have a multitude of differing laws. Some states will be very restrictive and some very liberal. But it becomes a state’s rights issue and not a federal issue.

It is interesting to note that many liberal scholars, including Ruth Bader Ginsberg have over the years voiced that Roe was poorly decided. Ginsberg certainly favored the conclusion, but she questioned the foundation of the decision. If the leaked draft, or something close to it, is the final decision then the ball moves from the court to the legislature and the battle will continue.

Second chance for incarcerated veterans

We recently had Second Chance Month, courtesy of a presidential proclamation. Its goal was to “provide meaningful redemption and rehabilitation for formerly imprisoned persons.” It requires, per the proclamation, a holistic approach that eliminates long sentences, and provides job and education training during incarceration plus opportunities to enter the workforce after release.

What that means for veterans is that the Department of Veterans Affairs is taking action to help vets rejoin society after they’ve been in prison. In a mutual help program, the Bureau of Prisons, the Social Security Administration and VA benefits will work to ensure that the VA is notified within 30 days of release.

Help for imprisoned veterans includes: -- Expanding outreach into prisons to let veterans know about the services they can use and hook up with while still in prison. -- A web-based program that prison staff can use to identify veterans who will need VA services when they get out. The prison staff will need the veteran’s name, Social Security number, date of birth and so on to access the site: Veterans Reentry Search Service. -- Finding “justice-involved” veterans (through outreach

by specialists) and encouraging them to access VA services. Those can include pre-release assessments and links to care for social, mental, medical and employment services.

To learn more about the health care services available to veterans released from prison, check the VA website at www.va.gov/homeless/reentry.asp. Scroll down to watch videos about supporting and assisting incarcerated veterans, second chances for incarcerated veterans



by Freddy Groves

and suicide prevention. Further down the page are email links for the specialists in each state.

Once they’re released from prison, veterans are at risk for homelessness, death from drug overdoses and suicide. Per a U.S. Sentencing Commission study, 67 percent of incarcerated veterans had mental health problems, and 55 percent had served in a combat zone. Of those, 41 percent reported post-traumatic stress and 67 percent had used illegal substances, yet 62 percent had separated from the service with an honorable discharge.

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 Ephesians 4:32 

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720 E. Woodlawn Street, Clinton
clintoncog.org
Mark Cooper, pastor
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school
10:30 a.m.-Sunday morning worship
6 p.m.-Sunday night service
7 p.m.-Wednesday service

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402 N. Center Street
Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
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Fax (217) 935-6128
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220 Illini Drive, Clinton
(217) 935-2032
firstbaptistchurch3@frontier.com
John Roberson, pastor
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school
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8:45 a.m.-continental breakfast
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10:30 a.m.-morning worship
7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week service

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(217) 944-2275
Ernie Harvey, minister
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10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship

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(217) 935-2557
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6 p.m.-Wednesday, Strategic Disciple
6:30 p.m.-Thursday, DIVE teen Bible study
7 p.m.- Thursdays, 1st & 3rd, Empowered Women / 2nd & 4th, Frontline Men

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4 p.m.-Saturday mass
8:30 a.m.-Sunday mass

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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Psalm 18:35-37

You **make** your **saving** help my **shield**, and your **right hand sustains** me; your **help** has made me **great**. You **provide** a broad **path** for my **feet**, so that my **ankles** do not give **way**. I pursued my **enemies** and overtook them; I did **not turn back** till **they were destroyed**.

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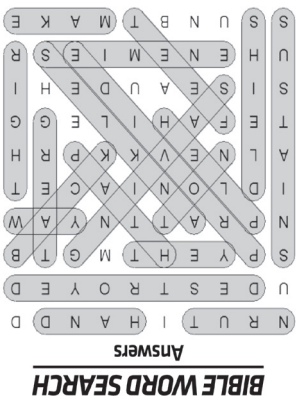
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by Wilson Casey

- Is the book of 1 Timothy in the Old Testament or New Testament or neither?
- Who saw an angel with a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem? David, Jonah, Paul, Delilah
- From Joshua 14, which spy was awarded a piece of Canaan? Gaddi, Ammiel, Sethur, Caleb
- In what body of water was Jesus baptized? Dead Sea, River Jordan, Sea of Galilee, River Cherith
- Shifting your debts is robbing Peter to pay whom? Piper, Paul, John, Levi
- What’s the last word of the Old Testament (KJV)? Father, Amen, Forgiveness, Curse

(Malachi 4:6)
Jordan; 5) Paul; 6) Curse
David; 3) Caleb; 4) River
ANSWERS: 1) New; 2)
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2022 Clinton MayDays Festival

Thursday, May 19, 2022

5:00pm - 10:00pm Conner Family Amusements
Ticket Booths manned by Second Chance for Pets volunteers
5:30pm Flag Ceremony @ flagpole, Mr. Lincoln's Square
Prayer
National Anthem
Flag Ceremony by DeWitt County Veterans: American Legion Post #103, AmVets Post #14, VFW Post #4168, Clinton Fire Dept. Tower 3 Fire Engine & Boy Scout Troop
6:00pm - 8:00pm Clinton Sing Off
Sponsored by Clinton High School Thespian Troupe 3151
6:00pm - 8:00pm Photo Frame Fun

Friday, May 20, 2022

8:00am - 5:00pm Poppy Day by American Legion Auxiliary Unit #103
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5:00pm - 10:00pm Conner Family Amusements
Ticket Booths manned by Second Chance for Pets volunteers
5:00pm - 10:00pm Food / General / Non-Profit Vendors
7:00pm - 10:00pm Live Music featuring Catching Hickory on Mr. Lincoln's Square Stage
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Saturday, May 21, 2022

11:00am - 10:00pm Food / General / Non-Profit Vendors
Noon - 10:00pm Conner Family Amusements
Ticket Booths manned by Second Chance for Pets volunteers
2:00pm Clinton Fire Department Waterball Competition
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7:00pm - 10:00pm Live Music featuring Captain Rat and the Blind Rivets on Mr. Lincoln's Square Stage
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Sunday, May 22, 2022

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1961: A tornado tracked from near Quincy to Macomb, injuring 8 people. Another tornado touched down in western Sangamon County, moving from New Berlin to near Pleasant Plains, destroying several buildings.

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Dominant pitching leads Illinois to sweep over Miami Ohio

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Illinois Fighting Illini baseball completed the sweep of Miami (OH) with a 6-2 win at Illinois Field Sunday afternoon. With the win, the Illini improve to 26-19 (12-6 B1G) while Miami is now 19-29 (14-18 MAC). This weekend marks the third series sweep of the season for the Illini.

Ryan Kutt entered the game in relief of Jack Crowder, throwing

5.1 innings and allowing just one run on six hits while striking out three. At the plate, Cam McDonald extended his on-base streak to 56 games in his second at bat, just one shy of tying Ben Troike’s Illinois record of 57. McDonald went 2-for-4 on the afternoon while also driving in two runs. Danny Doligale, Branden Comia, and Brody Harding each registered two-hit games on the afternoon.

Miami jumped on the board first with runs in the first and third innings before the Illini responded with a five-run fourth inning to take a 5-2 lead. Illinois added one more run in the bottom of the eighth to take 6-2 lead into the final inning.

Ryan Kutt earns the win to improve to 3-2 on the season while Miami’s McLean drops to 1-1 with the loss. Tommy Green

earned his fourth save of the season, entering with two outs in the ninth inning to record the final out of the game.

Illinois returns to Illinois Field next weekend and is back to Big Ten play, hosting Nebraska for the final home series of the season before traveling to Penn State (May 19-21) to wrap up the regular season slate.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY ELLEN JUNKERT, DECEASED

NO. 2022-PR-16

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Letters of Office were issued on April 18, 2022 to Christopher T. Junkert, 2342 Timber Grove Drive, Valrico, Florida 33596 as Independent Executor. The attorney for the estate is Bryce A. Lynch of Taylor & Lynch, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois, 61727.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, IL 61727, or with the attorney for the estate who also acts

as the registered agent for the executor, said agent and attorney being Bryce A. Lynch of Taylor & Lynch, for the services of claims or other designated matter, or both, on or before October 18, 2022. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the Claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

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

Dated this 19th day of April, 2022

Christopher T. Junkert, Independent Executor of the estate of Mary Ellen Junkert, Deceased

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

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April 29, 2022
May 6 and 13, 2022

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE OF RALPH GERALD BORN, AN ADULT,

NO. 2022-MR-2

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

IN RE: RALPH GERALD BORN, AN ADULT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 11, 2022, I filed a Petition For Change of Name in the DeWitt County Circuit Court requesting to change my name from Ralph Gerald Born, an adult, to that of Jerry Born, pursuant to the statutes in such case made and provided. You are hereby notified that the hearing on the Petition For Change of Name has been scheduled for June 15, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 2022.

BY: JERRY BORN, an adult

BRYCE A. LYNCH 6297077
TAYLOR & LYNCH 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET
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CLINTON, IL 61727
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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Friday, April 22, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County

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No. 2022-176

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/s/Dana Smith/klh
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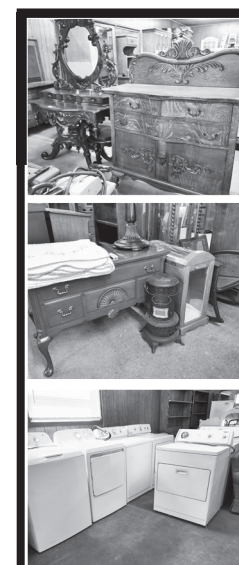
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Sealed Bids will be accepted by mail and will be opened at the May 18, 2022 7:00 pm Village Board Meeting.

Mail sealed bids to:

Attn: Sealed Bids Village of Wapella PO Box 148 Wapella IL 61777

The Village Board reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Wapella Village Board Street Department

Legal 19481
May 6 and 13, 2022

LEGAL

STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT DEWITT COUNTY

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

Newspaper Announcement for Timely & Meaningful Meeting

On Tuesday, May 17 at 10:00 am, a meeting conducted via Google Meet at the following web address <https://meet.google.com/ujp-hcmy-ope> or via phone by calling (US) +1 484-306-3942 PIN: 308 094 044#.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2022-23 school year. If you are the parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Clinton CUSD 15, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting,

please contact Kari Veldman, Special Education Administrator, 815-216-5972.

Legal 19483
May 13, 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 ARDC #06229494 Livingston, Barger, Brandt & Schroeder, LLP 115 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 400 Bloomington, IL 61701 (309) 828-5281 tjennings@lbbs.com

Legal 19484
May 13, 20 and 27, 2022

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LEGAL NOTICE

CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT

THE governmental body desires to fully and completely comply with the Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1. et. sec.) and assist the public in being knowledgeable of regular meeting dates of the Clinton Sanitary District;

1. That the following regular meeting dates of the Clinton Sanitary District Board of Trustees are established for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 2022 and ending May 31, 2023 as follows:

All Clinton Sanitary District Board meetings shall take place at the office of Lamkin & Lamkin, 200 South Monroe Street, Clinton, IL. All Clinton Sanitary Board meetings

shall begin at the hour of 6:00 p.m. local time. Regular meetings and dates of the Clinton Sanitary District Board are as follows:

Tuesday, June 7, 2022
Tuesday, July 5, 2022
Tuesday, August 2, 2022
Tuesday, September 6, 2022
Tuesday, October 4, 2022
Tuesday, November 1, 2022
Tuesday, December 6, 2022
Tuesday, January 3, 2023
Tuesday, February 7, 2023
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
Tuesday, April 4, 2023
Tuesday, May 2, 2023

2. The Clerk shall post this notice at the principal office of the Clinton Sanitary District and the location and at the building where the meetings are held if such a place is not the principal office. The Clerk shall provide a copy of this notice to any news media that has filed or does file an annual request for such notice.

3. Public notice of any special meeting except a meeting held in the event of a bona fide emergency, or of any rescheduled regular meeting, or of any reconvened meeting, shall be given by the Clerk at least 48 hours before such meeting, which notice shall also include the agenda for the special, rescheduled, or reconvened meeting. Notice shall be provided as indicated in above paragraph 2.

4. The requirement of public notice of reconvened meetings does not apply to any case where the meeting was open to the public and (1) it is to be reconvened within 24 hours, or (2) an announcement of the time and place of the reconvened meeting was made at the original meeting and there is no change in the agenda.

5. Notice of an emergency meeting shall be given as soon as practicable, but in any event prior to the holding of such meeting to board members, any news medium which has filed an annual request for notice, and to the public by posting at the principal office of the Clinton Sanitary District and the location and at the building where the meetings are held if such place is not the principal office.

6. If a change is made in regular meeting dates, at least 10 days' notice of such change shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the area in which such body functions by the Clerk. The Clerk shall also provide notice of the change as indicated in above paragraph 2.

7. The clerk shall post an agenda for each regular meeting at the principal office of the Clinton Sanitary District and the location and at the building where the meetings are held if such place is not the principal office at least 48 hours in advance of the holding of the meeting.

Legal 19485
May 13, 2022

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CLINTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #15 IS SEEKING MILK BIDS FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR. MILKS BIDS ARE DUE FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2022 AT 10:00AM CST. THE SCHOOL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS. PLEASE SEND BIDS TO THE ATTENTION OF BETH TETRICK FSD AT THE CUSD UNIT OFFICE 1210 STATE ROUTE 54 WEST CLINTON, ILLINOIS 61727

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Legal 19486
May 13 and 20, 2022

Passed and approved by the Clinton Sanitary District this 3rd day of May, 2022.

/s/Steve Schafer
Steve Schafer,
President of the Clinton Sanitary District

ATTEST:

/s/Ben Whitted
Ben Whitted,
Clerk/Treasurer of the Clinton Sanitary District

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May 13, 2022

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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May 13 and 20, 2022

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Notice is hereby given that Tentative Budgets and Appropriation Ordinances for the Corporate Town and Road District of Clintonia Township, DeWitt County, for fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023 are available for public viewing at the 9180 Township Road, Clinton, IL 61727. Hours to view the budget are: M, T, W, F 9 am-12 pm and 1-4 pm and Th from 9 am to 12 pm. They can also be viewed on the Clintonia Township website: clintonia-township@frontier.com. Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budgets and Appropriation Ordinances will be held on June 21, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. at the Clintonia Township Office. Final Action on the ordinance will take place at the public hearing.

Clintonia Township Clerk
Debra Coale

Legal 19487
May 13, 2022

Photo by David J. Stang. The unique branching and twisting features of the Salix genus curly willow not only adds visual interest to the winter landscape but it can also be harvested and used for unique decorative arrangements

Grow curly willows for an artistic twist in the landscape, winter flower arrangements

Christina Lueking
Horticulture Educator
Illinois Extension

URBANA, Ill. – Willow trees are most well known for their long, draping branches that give them a refined and graceful appearance. That is unless it is a corkscrew willow.

The unique branching and twisting features of the Salix genus curly willow not only adds visual interest to the winter landscape but it can also be harvested and used for unique decorative arrangements says University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator Christina Lueking.

“Curly willow has beautifully curled branches that have led to some crazy common names such as corkscrew willow, twisted willow, and snake willow,” Lueking says.

Woody varieties generally prefer fertile, well-drained soil and full sun throughout the day. However, willows are a perfect fit for filter strips between annual crops or wet areas with their mature branches that are upright with a few sweeping younger branches that droop until they become more mature. These trees are easily propagated and can have a long lifespan as a sculptural element in the landscape or a garden bed.

The fall leaves turn a golden yellow color before dropping to show off the brilliantly colored burgundy or golden stems. Prune these stems to 3-foot-long sections and use the results in winter decorations.

“These sturdy bundles can be molded into round wreaths, heart-shaped designs, or even free flowing sculptures in vases with white lights,” Lueking says. “Have fun enhancing your décor or arrangements with this unique willow.”

Harvest of branches can range from a few feet on shrubs to several feet on mature trees. Branches can be used as a fresh or dry product in floral arrangements. Remember to mold stems while they are pliable and bundle them with wire before they dry. It is harder to shape stems if they are completely dried.

Pests that like to feed on the leaves of the willow are aphids, spider mites, mealy bugs, lace bugs, caterpillars, willow leaf beetles. The willow borer drills into the trunks and creates tunnels and the adults emerge to feed on the tissue of the branches.

Scout willows to spot infestations that can be controlled by pruning the heavily infested areas and disposing of the cuttings. The areas can then be sprayed with neem oil or insecticidal soap.

“Willow trees do have a couple of disease issues including crown gall and willow scab,” Leuking says. “But with scouting and mulching you can be proactive in controlling these issues.”

For more information on tree care, connect with your local Illinois Extension county office at go.illinois.edu/Extension-Office.

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