

Easing of COVID reflected in new hospital budget

Warner Hospital renovations also highlighted in CEO report

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CLINTON — Warner Hospital CEO Paul Skowron presented the hospital’s new fiscal year budget to the city council Monday. He referred to it as a “non-COVID resurgence budget.”

Skowron recapped the challenges the hospital faced during the two-year-long pandemic but said the proposed next fiscal year budget was based on the assumption COVID would continue to subside.

“If there is a serious resurgence, let’s hope that, once again, there’s some federal money to assist us,” Skowron said.

Skowron said the hospital had made the necessary expenditures during the pandemic to ensure the hospital had equipment for testing and supplies.

“And, our employees are well trained now,” he said.

Unless a new COVID surge were to prove major, Skowron said hospital staff was prepared to handle new virus cases.

The capital budget for the hospital in the upcoming fiscal year will be \$2.3 million. This includes the cost of replacing

aging equipment and plant combined with renovations to enhance patient safety, satisfaction and convenience.

Part of capital expenditures also include replacement of the 30-plus-year-old hospital roof.

Renovations include razing two houses the hospital owns to the west of the facility in order to build a parking lot. This would help create an entrance for the facility’s special clinic as well as an access point for patients and doctors to enter the west side of the building and would include wheelchair access.

“This is a big enhancement for patient safety,” Skowron said. “It’s part of the lesson we learned from COVID so patients don’t have to come through the hospital all the way and pass through med-surg, where patients who might have COVID or other infections are residing.”

The hospital projects revenue over expenses of approximately \$700,000 with \$37.7 million in gross revenue.

“It’s been difficult to be accurate with the budget for the past two years because of COVID, when we had a complete shutdown in March 2020,” Skowron said. “And, it was hard to predict how soon we could get volume back up to 100 percent. That took 10-12 months.”

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Courtesy of DeWitt NSDAR
Left to right, DeWitt Clinton Chapter historian Terri Lemme, Kelbey McMath, Betty Adcock, DeWitt Clinton Chapter regent Rosemary Parker.

DeWitt Clinton NSDAR presents awards for local efforts

CLINTON — At the April meeting of the DeWitt Clinton Chapter, NSDAR, presented the Excellence in Historic Preservation Award to Betty Adcock and the Outstanding American History Teacher Award to Clinton Junior High School teacher Kelbey McMath.

The DAR Excellence in Historic Preservation Award is given to recognize volunteer efforts that preserve important historical properties at the local, state and national levels.

Adcock is one of the founding members of the DeWitt County Genealogical Society and has worked to expand and organize its collections, helping to provide aid to hundreds of researchers over the past 40 years.

The Outstanding Teacher of American History Award goes to middle or high school teachers

having incisive knowledge of history, which they share with students in order to foster a spirit of patriotism and demonstrating the ability to relate history to modern life and events.

McMath created “The Cemeterian Project” to help his students learn local history, while helping to preserve gravestones at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Commisioners vote to extend golf cart hours to 10 p.m.

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CLINTON — Owners of the 25-30 golf carts in Clinton will be happy after the city council voted Monday to extend operating hours for carts to 10 p.m.

This is the second year the City of Clinton has

permitted residents to drive golf carts on city streets between the hours of a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset but no later than 7 p.m.

Commissioners continued a conversation that began during its last regular meeting after a request came from a resident to extend golf cart hours.

his department would continue to monitor conditions. He said as warmer weather approached, and golf cart drivers were out taking advantage of later operating hours, incidents of intoxicated automobile drivers also would increase.

“I do have a concern about nighttime hours, and these (golf carts) are slow-moving vehicles on the streets,” Lowers said.

vehicles might return to the council later to ask for more concessions.

Commissioners expressed they did not plan to permit the operation of “side-by-side” vehicles on city streets. “Side-by-sides” are all-terrain vehicles that can carry from two to four people.

Commissioners were reluctant to extend hours past 10 p.m., and, at one point, they entertained capping operating hours to no later than 9 p.m.

Clinton Police Chief Ben Lowers said, while the program had worked so far without incident,

Lowers said a 9 p.m. cut-off for golf cart hours might not always extend to a half-hour after sunset, so 10 p.m. might be more appropriate. He also was concerned, however, owners of unlicensed

The council felt they were too fast and too loud to permit on city streets.

Vehicles not licensed by the state, which includes golf carts and all-terrain vehicles, are not permitted to be driven on or across state roadways. This includes Van Buren Street (Rt. 54 & Rt. 10), and Grant Street (Bus. Rt. 51).



Courtesy of DeWitt County Sheriff’s Office

New deputies

Sheriff Mike Walker introduced recently two new DeWitt County deputies, Kristina Lashbrook and David Larsen. The two deputies graduated from the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center.

Annual Arbor Day celebration scheduled for April 30

CLINTON — The Clinton Tree Commission will conduct its 23rd annual Arbor Day Celebration at 10 a.m. on April 30 at the City Arboretum in the 1300 block of East Washington Street.

Volunteers will be on hand to plant a burr oak tree in memory of Edgar and Rheba Turner, parents of Marilyn Black, a member of the commission. The public is invited.

The tree commission works to improve the quality of life in Clinton by planting and maintaining the city’s trees. Donations of trees may be made to the local arboretum for memorial plantings.

Among the commission’s accomplishments are completion of an Urban Forestry Management Plan and Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan




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and a city tree inventory. The group also established the city’s arboretum.

Clinton Tree Commission members are John Baker, chairman, Marilyn Black, Diana Holl, Ken Buchanan and Edith Brady-Lunny.

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He said they were still working to urge patients who were reluctant to go out to return to using hospital services.

Gross revenue represents about a 5 percent increase over the current fiscal year.

Skowron pointed out that there was a limit to how much Medicare would pay the hospital over a year, creating a type of cap on revenue. Unfortunately, he said, “expenses are not so capped.”

COVID required the hospital to spend

additional money to retain qualified staff. Some agencies were paying healthcare workers as much as 50 percent more than they would earn at the hospital.

“So, these were challenges we dealt with,” Skowron said. “We now feel we have a very stable clinical staff. We’re very proud of our staff; they’ve done a wonderful job during COVID.”

Salaries and wages represent 40 percent of hospital expenses. The budget reflects a 14

percent increase in wages and benefits.

“This assumes that all positions will be filled,” Skowron said. “That’s never occurred before, but we always include in the budget assuming that all positions will be filled.”

The Family Medicine Clinic will get two new doctors, one starting on October 1. The hospital is recruiting for a second doctor it hopes will begin on January 1.

Professional fees represent 16 percent of the new fiscal year budget, up

15 percent. Skowron said competition for certain professions, such as Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) was keen, making it a challenge to recruit those people.

The hospital has good group purchasing for hospital supplies, but some shortages still would continue, Skowron reported.

He also reported the hospital had good multi-year contracts for services, including equipment repair.

First National Bank seeks memorabilia for 150th anniversary celebration

CLINTON — First National Bank & Trust, Clinton, is looking to borrow some FNB memorabilia to help celebrate its upcoming 150th anniversary.

They are looking for notebooks, coin holders, money bags, branded

swags, letterheads, photos and other First National-related items.

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Characteristics of cast-iron cookware

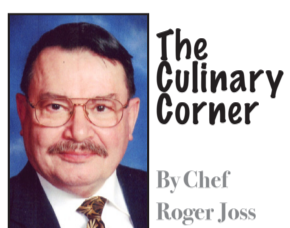
Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. In my last article, I compared the cast-iron frying pan or skillet to an electrical capacitor. I wish to continue on from there and explain some advantages and disadvantages.

The cast-iron also works best on a wood burning stove. The fire is shielded from the wind and can be regulated with a damper and vents. The fire is still erratic enough for making it difficult for modern sheet metal pans to work efficiently. However, the added advantage is that these wood burning stoves have a very thick iron cooking surface. Therefore, your thinner modern pans will work but with some loss of efficiency.

In different ways, even your modern cookware tries to mimic the advantages of cast-iron. Revere Ware came out with the copper clad bottom for their cookware. It was not just for frying pans but also saucepots and stockpots to mention only a few out of many.

Then, Revere Ware, and many other companies, improved the cookware with incapsulated disks on the bottom. In rare cases, it would be a thick disk of pure copper. In most cases, it would be a disk of aluminum with a thin sheet of stainless steel over that. The stainless sheet would then be fused to the pan body using tremendous pressure.

A steam locomotive weighing over 80 tons can flatten a coin. It takes more pressure to fuse metal. The selling point for such pans is the retention and even distribution of the heat; “No hot spots.” This



would also be the selling feature for aluminum cookware. French saucepots are made of pure thick copper for that very reason; to control the heat.

One other type of design was used. Salad Master® had pots and pans that sealed oil between the outer and inner stainless-steel jackets. Back in about 1970, I bought a set. They worked out very well and I still have them. Looking back, it seems they were overpriced.

I look back at an embarrassing moment in my life. I lectured how one can evaluate good cookware. I covered some of the sales gimmicks used for selling inferior products. In the audience, an elderly man asked me; “Young man, what would you say those prices were for those fancy pans?” I gave him some ballpark figures. They were not cheap. He laughed and said, “Then why don’t we just buy cast-iron if it does all you say?” For the most part, he was correct. But I will cover the disadvantages.

They need to be seasoned properly and many people do not know how. They are very heavy and difficult for the elderly and arthritic sufferers to handle. Acidic foods should never be put into them. They can rust easily if left wet. They really should not be washed but fully wiped clean. This would not go over well with the health inspector.

Until next time, peace to all.



Courtesy of Prairie Flyers
John Warner and Edith Brady-Lunny at Vespasian Warner Public Library show one of the flying gear diplays from the upcoming Prairie Flyers exhibit and a poster promoting the event.

Prairie Flyers have landed in Clinton

CLINTON — Two local businesses and the Warner Public Library greeted representatives of the upcoming *Prairie Flyers* exhibit on Friday as the first aviators landed in Clinton ahead of the May 28 opening event at the C.H. Moore Homestead and DeWitt County Museum.

Prairie Flyers: A century of aviation history in DeWitt County features the stories of a variety of aviators with ties to DeWitt County. World War II and Vietnam War pilots, military mechanics, commercial aviators, women pilots and crop dusters are among those included in the exhibit.

An early aviatrix reminiscent of Amelia Earhart is on display at Shear Paradise Salon on the west side of the Clinton square and Donna Anderson Gross, who lived in the Kenney area after she learned to fly at age 14, can be seen at the Harvest Mercantile on the north side of the square.

The Vespasian Warner Public Library is hosting Col. Gordon E. Hall, a World War II pilot from Wapella.

All the mannequins are dressed in period uniforms and clothing.

These three *Prairie Flyers* will join the other DeWitt County aviators at the museum for the

May 28 public opening of the exhibit. Several of the mannequins will be wearing the actual uniforms and gear that they wore while aloft, now on loan from the pilots themselves or their family members. An extensive collection of aviation and personal memorabilia will also be on display.


In association with the exhibit at the museum, the Vespasian Warner Public Library will host a weekly speaker event each Thursday during the month of June. The events will include a panel discussion with Vietnam veterans, an evening with a female member of the Illinois Air National

Guard and a talk on the legacy of Red Irwin and his Hooterville Airport.

Special aviation-related activities are planned on weekends during the exhibit.

The museum is collaborating with local aviator John Warner and professional historian Denis Hambucken, a New Hampshire author, photographer and exhibit designer. Stories for the exhibit are being compiled by local author Edith Brady-Lunny.

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Please encourage your friends and family to create their personal my Social Security account today at www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

Thomas B. 'Tom' Bray

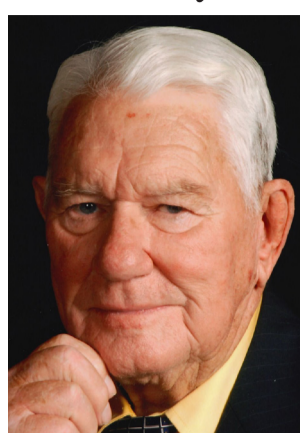
CLINTON — Thomas B. "Tom" Bray, 92, of Clinton, formerly of Wapella, passed away at 1:58 p.m. on April 18, 2022, at Manor Court, Clinton.

Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 22, 2022, at the Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with Pastor Darrell Howard officiating. Burial will follow at Sugar Grove Cemetery, Wapella. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Clinton United Methodist Church or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or a charity of the donor's choice.

Tom was born on September 9, 1929 in Albion, Ill. the son of Albert and Violet (Rodgers) Bray. He married Thora E. Watson on December 25, 1949, in Clinton.

Survivors include his wife, Thora E. Bray, Clinton; son, Bob (Martha) Bray, Wapella; grandchildren, Sarah (Scott Filipiak) Ehrmantraut, Cincinnati, Ohio; Cade Bray, Clinton; great-grandchildren, Chelsi Cline, LeRoy;



McKenna Ehrmantraut, Boston, Mass.; one great-great grandson, Bentley Cline, LeRoy; siblings, Helen Wilson, Clinton; Dennis (Carol) Bray, Clinton; Norma (Ron) Brown, Bloomington; daughter-in-law, Karen (Denny) Rosenberger, Westcliff, Colo.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents; son, William Thomas Bray; brothers, Robert Dean Bray, Harold "Jack" Bray and sister, Wanda Mix.

Tom was an agribusinessman and a lifetime resident of DeWitt County. He was a member of the DeWitt Masonic Lodge AF & AM for 65 years and the Clinton Kiwanis Club for 24 years. He enjoyed traveling and flying his airplane.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Steven M. Rubenacker

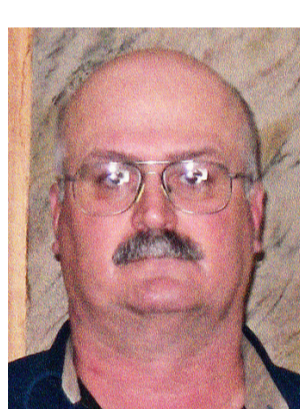
MIDLAND CITY — Steven M. Rubenacker, 64, of Midland City, passed away at 6:50 p.m. on April 15, 2022, at his family residence.

No services are planned at this time. Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, assisted the family with cremation rites.

Memorials may be directed to Farmer City BMX (Prairie Winds Youth Sports).

Steven was born on March 29, 1958, in Clinton, the son of Gilbert and Marilyn (Clark) Rubenacker.

Survivors include his children, Amy Rubenacker, Clinton; Greg (Dana) Rubenacker, Hallsville; father, Gilbert Rubenacker, Midland City; grandson, Jace Rubenacker, two step-grandchildren, Mya and



Autumn Bartell; siblings Jeff Rubenacker, New Holland, Ill., and Lori Rubenacker, Midland City.

Steven was preceded in death by his mother Marilyn Rubenacker.

Steven was a welder and pipefitter for 30 years. He enjoyed camping, dirt biking and attending amateur and professional motor cross events.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Ronald Walter Webb

CLINTON — Ronald Walter Webb, 82, passed away on March 31, 2022, in Clinton.

Ronald, also known as "Ronnie Rocket" and "R.W." to many, was born on June 11, 1939, in Clinton, to John Wesley and Vera Webb of Clinton.

Ron joined the U.S. Navy at 17 years of age and served aboard the U.S.S. Lexington. He returned to Clinton and later started his own successful paint contracting business, R.W. Webb Painting & Papering, for over 50 years, and continued to work into his 70s. One of his greatest joys was hanging out with his friends at his paint shop, where the door was always open for friends to share a good story and a beverage together with R.W.

Loved by all and the best storyteller one could meet, Ron had the greatest sense of humor and enjoyed his family and his friends, a cold beer, and listening to old school country music at Whitney's Cove. He loved playing cards, collecting coins, and had a passion for antique cars, car shows, and building model cars at his shop.

He was quick-witted, an avid reader, and a history buff. Not only was he street smart, but Ron was extremely intelligent and watched "Jeopardy" every day, often beating out the champion each and every time. Ron always modeled the importance of working hard, putting your best effort forward,



and living life to its fullest.

His one and only child, Courtney, was the apple of his eye and his absolute pride and joy.

Ron is survived by his devoted wife of 61 years, Loretta, his daughter, Courtney, and his two grandchildren, Nolan and Elle, who will continue to honor his legacy every day. He also leaves behind a friend and someone who he considered family, David Waters, who stood by him until the very end.

Visitation was held on Friday April 8, 2022, at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at the funeral home with Ernie Harvey Jr. officiating. Burial with military honors followed at Memorial Park, Clinton.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com.

Elkhart's 'Spring Fling' scheduled for April 30

ELKHART — Elkhart's Spring Fling day-long event, scheduled for April 30, will feature activities that include guided bird and nature walks, a plant sale, antique tractors, live music, and vendors, all set up on main street.

The event is focused on bringing communities together, connecting neighbors, and highlighting the charms of small rural communities.

Attendance helps support community projects through the Elkhart

Community Works NFP, where this year's initiative is to contribute towards upgrading the Village of Elkhart's welcome sign.

Elkhart's Spring Fling is a collaborative effort by the Village of Elkhart, the downtown merchants, and the Elkhart Historic Society.

The public is invited to attend on Saturday, April 30, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in the heart of downtown Elkhart on Governor Oglesby Street.

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Shirley Diane Lester

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Shirley was born on July 26, 1949, to Raymond and Ethel (Elliott) Wolfe in Hammond Ind., the youngest of four children. She married Richard Alan Chandler on January 30, 1970. He passed away on June 3, 1984.

Survivors include beloved daughter Lisa (Lee) Peacock of Clinton; grandsons Ryan (Bree Lane) Peacock and Connor Peacock, brother Lewis “Gene” (Judy) Wolfe, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her sister Helen Duke, and her brother Francis “Frank” Wolfe. Shirley was a lifelong Lansing resident.

She graduated from Thornton Fractional South High School, in



Lansing. Shirley worked for Sherwin-Williams, in Chicago, for her entire career, retiring in 2015 after 48 years of service. Shirley loved spending time with her family, reading (actual physical books – never a tablet!), shopping (especially a good sale!), and Damiani’s pizza.

A private family service will be held at Oak Glen Cemetery, in Lansing.

Schroeder-Lauer Funeral Home, in Lansing, has been entrusted with Shirley’s arrangements, and condolences may be made on Shirley’s online obituary at www.schroederlauer.com.

Bradly L. Rueger

SAN ANTONIO, Texas— Bradly L. Rueger, of San Antonio, Texas, joined his family and friends in heaven at 1:03 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2022.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Carolyn Hutchinson, and father, James C. Rueger.

He leaves his sister Cindy Smith, of San Antonio, his brother James Brian and step-mom Ida Rueger, of Clinton.



Arrangements are incomplete.



Courtesy of DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

Morgan Drozs wins Sheriff's Association scholarship

DeWitt County Sheriff Mike Walker congratulates ISA 2022 Scholarship Award recipient Morgan Drozs, of Farmer City. Drozs is a Senior at Blue Ridge High School and plans to attend Eastern Illinois University in the fall.

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Arrests:
On April 15, 2022 Clinton Police arrested David Delmonico, 46, Clinton for the offense of Residential Burglary. Delmonico was transported to the DeWitt County Jail where he was turned over to corrections personnel for processing.

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Friends of Warner Library book sale April 29 & 30

CLINTON — The Friends of Warner Library will host its spring book sale on Friday, April 29 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The sale will take place in the Revere Ware Room, located on the lower level of the Vespasian Warner Public Library, in Clinton. Shoppers will find

bargains on books, movies and more. The popular \$1 bag sale will also return on Saturday. All shoppers should plan to bring their own bags to the book sale.

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1915 - At the Second Battle Ypres the Germans became the first country to use poison gas.

1915 - The New York Yankees wore pinstripes and the hat-in-the-ring logo for the first time.

1918 - British naval forces attempted to sink block-ships in the German U-boat bases at the Battle of Zeeburgge.

1930 - The U.S., Britain and Japan signed the London Naval Treaty, which regulated submarine warfare and limited shipbuilding.

1931 - Egypt signed the treaty of friendship with Iraq.

1931 - James G. Ray landed an autogyro on the lawn of the White House.

1944 - During World War II, the Allies launched a major attack against the Japanese in Hollandia, New Guinea.

1952 - An atomic test conducted in Nevada was the first nuclear explosion shown on live network television.

1954 - The U.S. Senate Army-McCarthy televised hearings began.

1967 - Randy Matson set a new world record with a shot put toss of 71 feet, and 5 1/2 inches in College Station, TX.

1970 - The first “Earth Day” was observed by millions of Americans.

1976 - Barbara Walters became first female nightly network news anchor.

1987 - The American Physical Society said that the “Star Wars” missile system was “highly questionable” and would take ten years to research.

1993 - The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum was dedicated in Washington, DC.

1997 - In Lima, Peru government commandos storm and capture the residence of the Japanese ambassador ending a 126-day hostage crisis. In the rescue 71 hostages were saved. Those killed: one hostage (of a heart attack), two soldiers, and all 14 rebels.

1999 - The Watson Family received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

2000 - Elian Gonzalez was reunited with his father. He had to be taken from his Miami relatives by U.S. agents in a pre-dawn raid.

2000 - ABC-TV aired a small portion of the Clinton-DiCaprio interview.

2002 - Filipino President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo ordered a state of emergency in the city of General Santos in response to a series of bombing attacks the day before. The attacks were blamed on Muslim extremists.

2010 - The Boeing X-37 began its first orbital mission. It successfully returned to Earth on December 3, 2010.

Amber Waves



Biden: Some positives

I tend to be a little harsh with my reviews of President Joe Biden. A recent Quinnipiac poll of registered voters has Biden getting a 35 percent approval rating and 55 percent disapproval rating with 10 percent undecided.

Those are terrible scores and give credence to a Republican victory in the midterms. The question then is, what is the President doing that may improve his standing with the voters? There were three things that Biden did this week that did show some leadership and common sense.

Ukraine—British Prime Minister Boris Johnson made a secret trip to Kyiv, Ukraine to meet with Ukrainian President Zelensky on April 9th. The optics were great. Zelensky is the most popular politician in the west at this time. The meeting boosted his

stature and gave Johnson a political lift in Britain. The press then started asking the President and his administration if he would also be making a similar trip.

While such a trip may give a politically ailing President a rise in the polls, it is a security risk beyond compare. The United States has no troops in Ukraine and does not have any air power in the skies. The risk factors are simply too great to justify the exposure. We do not need a President being killed on another nations soil. Biden made the right decision.

Infrastructure—This week the President entered a new regulation that American infrastructure projects (roads, bridges, internet towers) must be made with American manufactured steel and not foreign imports. (There is an exemption if our steel plants cannot produce the



product.)

This is great news for American workers and for security buffs. We have outsourced so much of our basic manufacturing needs that we no longer have manufacturing capacity.

This regulation puts this nation first and provides a degree of independence that we have not had in steel for a long time. Biden showed common sense and a desire to promote American goods over those of our competitors, ie China. Biden earned some basic appreciation with this decision.

Oil and gas leases—In a move that upset Biden’s environmental base, Biden opened up federal lands for new oil and gas leases.

by Dave T. Phipps

Again, this is a common sense move. America has the oil and we should have no reason to ever import from Russia or the far East. America is strong when she is independent and not dependent on foreign energy resources.

This is a move that hurts Biden’s political base. It is also a move that helps the nation. Biden should be commended for the move.

The nation still needs to be concerned about the illegal immigration on its southern border and the runaway inflation we are experiencing. Perhaps, President Biden will see the success of the three above decisions and rethink his positions on these topics.

If we can ever get our political leaders to put the nation first, and not their own political agendas, that will be a blessed day. I’m hoping.

More VA scammers nabbed by OIG

The Department of Veterans Affairs investigative arm has been busy.

Thanks to the VA’s Office of Inspector General, a group of Georgia men have been convicted of stealing monthly Social Security and disabled veterans benefits and diverting them to their own accounts, starting in 2012. Some of the cash was put on prepaid credit cards and mailed to the creator of the scheme in Jamaica. Using personal information gathered from their victims, the scammers contacted the VA and Social Security to have the monthly benefit money redirected to their

own accounts.

In all, 18 thieves were nabbed, and so far, they’ve been sentenced to over 600 months in prison. Several of them will be paying back \$1 million apiece in restitution. The maximum penalty for each could have been 30 years in prison. Unfortunately, it wasn’t.

Then there was the Rhode Island woman (a VA employee) who held herself out as being a wounded Marine Corps veteran and ... you guessed it, a Purple Heart recipient. When will they ever learn? Genuine Purple Heart recipients are known. This particular thief forged military discharge



by Freddy Groves

documents (DD-214) and committed wire fraud for the purpose of cashing in on the benefits and help that would come to her. She used her personal VA email account to order a Purple Heart, which she wore on a Marine Corps uniform.

Then she started in on her cash collection endeavors, which included \$207,000 from the Wounded Warrior program; \$18,472 from another group for mortgage payments and a gym membership;

and \$4,700 from a web fundraising for her alleged cancer, which she claimed she got from burn pits in Iraq.

Meanwhile, as her schemes and scams unfolded, she served as commander at the local VFW, wearing her uniform (and the Purple Heart) at many events. She was tripped up when she asked for more money from another organization, and someone thought to (finally) check her info in the VA database. Nope, it didn’t exist.

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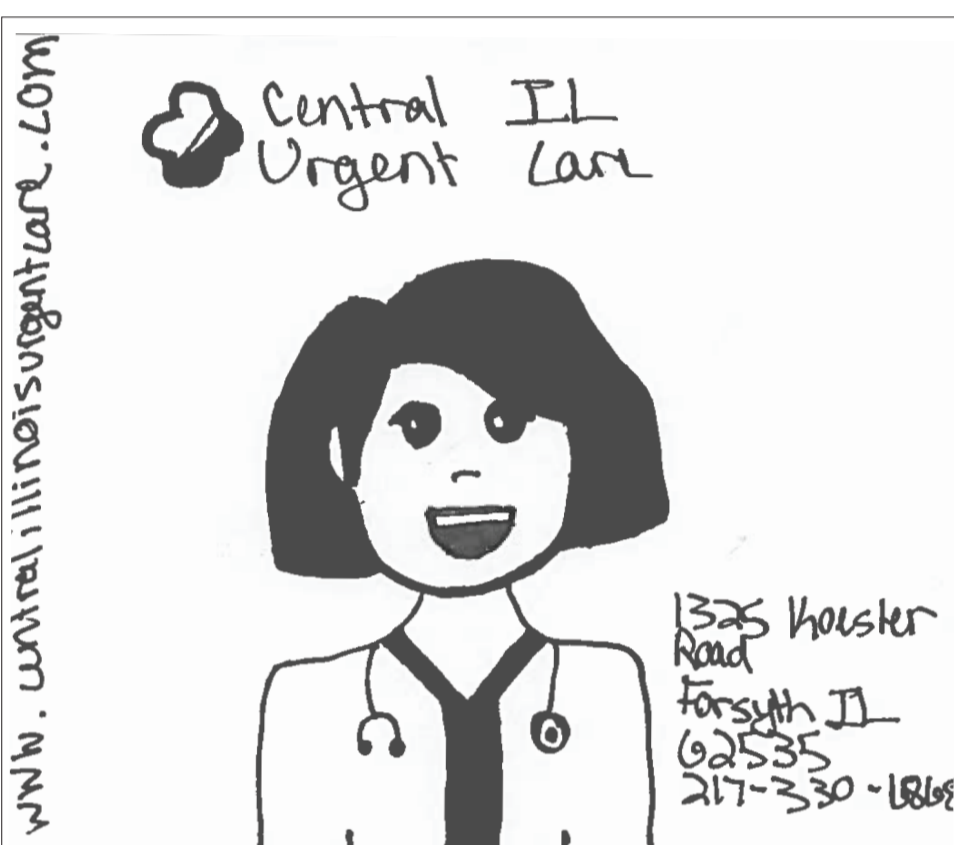
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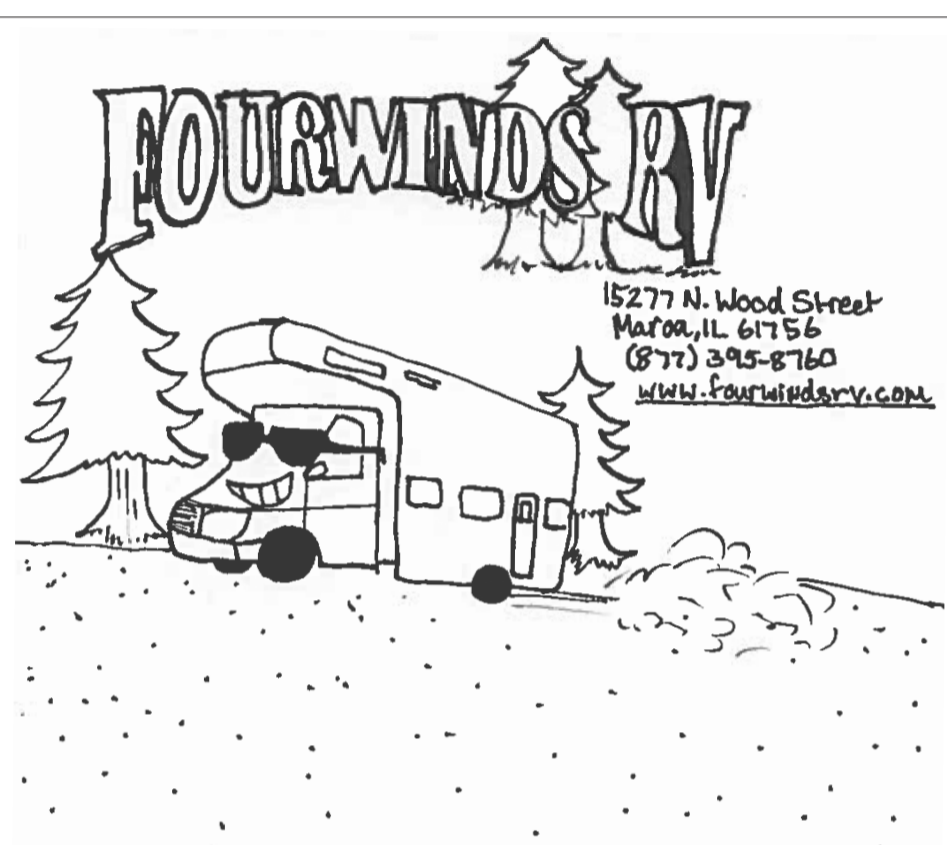
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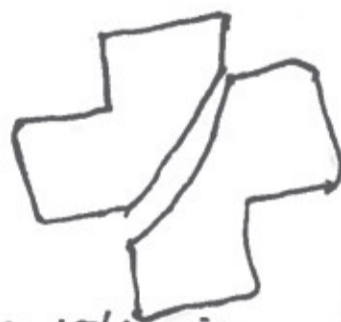


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Wes Harrold (#3) connects for a hit and an RBI.

Maroons start strong, then falter in 11-7 loss to Redskins

Marc Rogers
jmarre@frontier.com

CLINTON — The Clinton Maroons were home again on April 7 to play the Sullivan Redskins. This started as a turning point in the Maroons falter-

ing season as they started with a bang in the bottom of the first inning with 4 runs. In the second, the visiting Redskins decided to add to the fun by plating three runs of their own. The third inning saw both teams add 2 runs each, still leaving the

Maroons on top 6-5. After a slow fourth inning, the hometown Maroons added another run to take a 7-5 lead. Then, the train derailed when the opposition was able to score 2 runs in the sixth inning as the Maroons looked to their relief pitchers.

The Redskins unleashed their bats for 4 runs in the 7th inning. The Maroons had nothing left in their tanks and went scoreless in the 6th and 7th innings. Sullivan took the 11-7 win. The Maroon offence was led by Wes Harrold hitting

2-3 with 2 RBI's, Mason Walker hitting 2-4 with two doubles, and Josh Carter hitting 2-4. The Maroons used three pitchers; Mason Walker with the start, Brooks Cluver in relief received the loss, and Jaxson White came on in relief to finish the game.

Maroons capitalize on Raiders' pitching trouble with 3-2 win

Marc Rogers
jmarre@frontier.com

CLINTON — April 11 saw the Maroons taking the diamond against the Central A&M Raiders. The Raiders wasted no time in getting on the board with a run in the first inning. Then, in the third in-

ning, the opposition added another run to seemingly be on the way to a win. The Raiders' pitching held the Maroons scoreless through 6 innings. But the 7th inning proved fatal for the Raiders. After walking one Maroon and hitting three other batters, one run had crossed the plate. With two out, catcher

Wes Harrold (#3) stepped to the plate and hit a game winning single, driving in 2 more runs for the Maroons' 3-2 win. Josh Carter (1-0) got

the win going all seven innings. Harrold led the offense with a 2-4 outing at the plate, including the game winning single.

Box Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
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Errors and low scoring yield 5-1 loss for Maroons vs Rams

Marc Rogers
jmarre@frontier.com

CLINTON — The Shelbyville Rams came to town looking for greener pastures and easy pickings. The Maroons could not do much to stop them. The Rams started with a run in each of the first two in-

nings. The Maroons were able to tally in the second to narrow the lead but were unable to follow through. Both teams were scoreless through the next four innings, when the Rams broke through the Maroons defense for 3 runs in the seventh inning. Clinton had no response.

The Rams won this outing 5-1. The Maroons defense committed 6 errors on the day. The home team was led by Dominick Thayer

(#24) with a double and an RBI. Clinton had only two hits in the game. This game leaves the Maroons at 2-4 on the season and 2-3 in conference play.

Box Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
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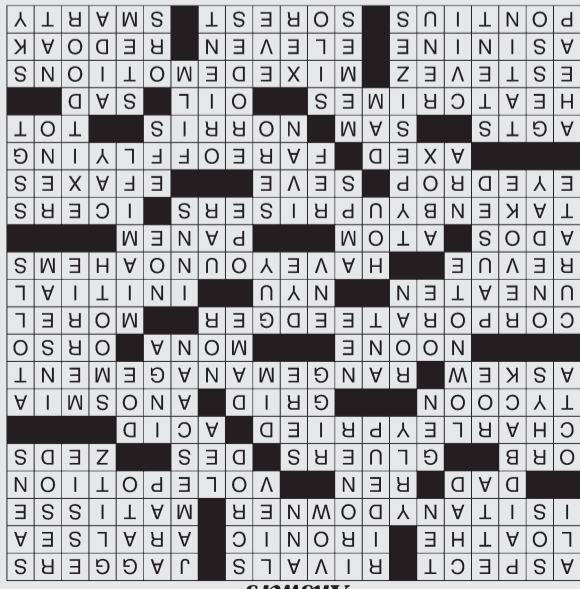
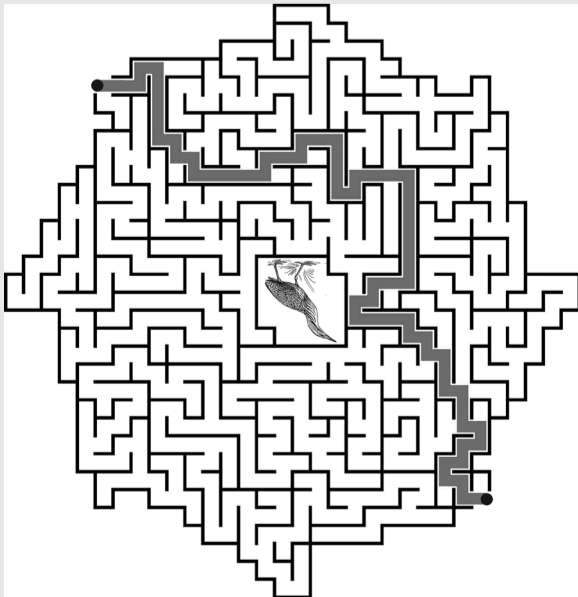
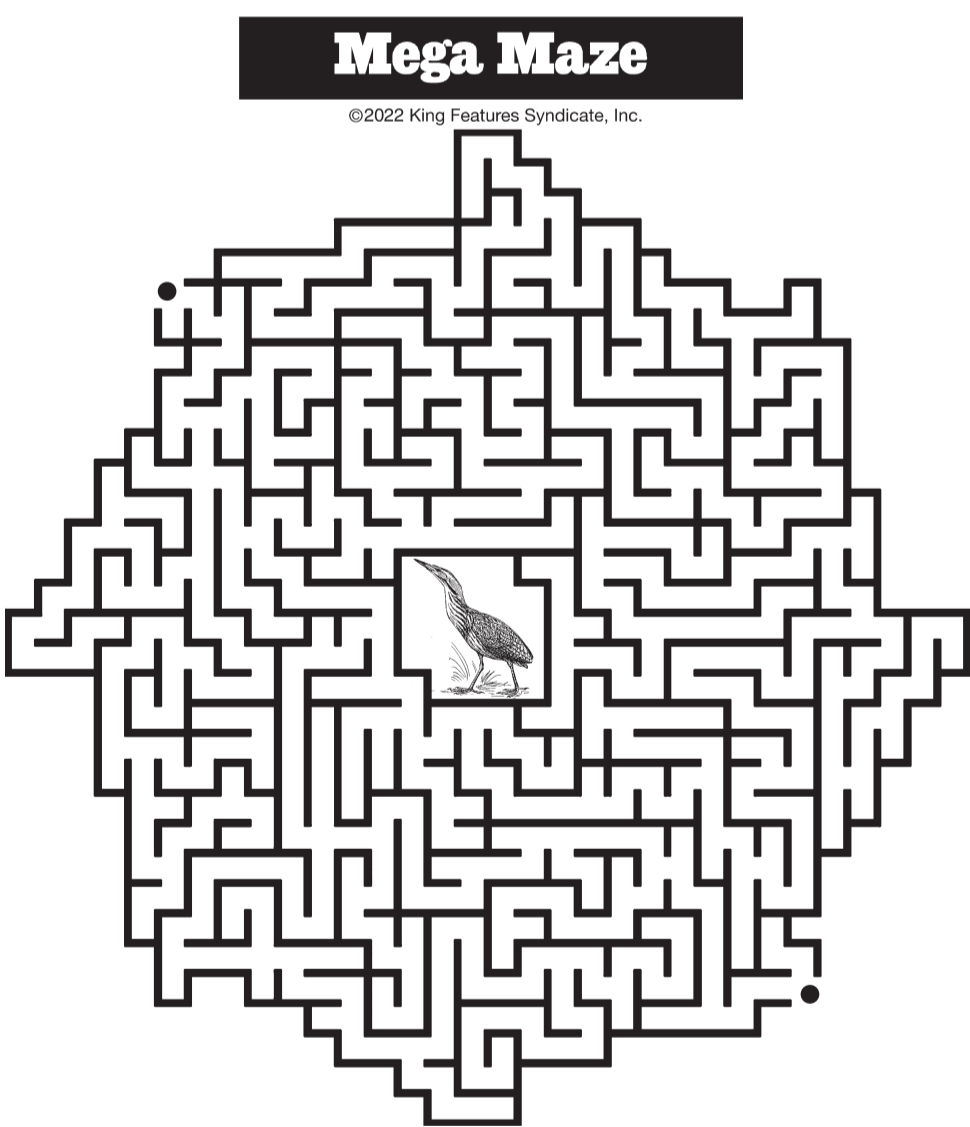


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N. Main St., Farmer
City, IL 61842,
whose attorney is
Kevin Hammer,
219 E. Main Street,
Clinton, Illinois
61727. The estate
will be administered
without court super-
vision unless under
Section 28-4 of the
Probate Act (755
ILCS 5/28-4) any
interested person
terminates indepen-
dent administration
at any time by mail-
ing or delivering a
petition to terminate
to the clerk.
Claims against the
Estate must be
filed in the office of
the Clerk of DeWitt
County Circuit
Court, DeWitt
County Courthouse,
201 W. Washington
St., Clinton, Illinois
61727, or with the
representative, or
both, on or before
October 8, 2022, or,
if mailing or delivery
of a Notice from the
representative is
required by Section
18-3 of the Probate
Act, the date stated

in the Notice. Any
claim not filed on
or before that date
is barred. Copies
of a claim filed with
the Clerk must be
mailed or delivered
by the claimant to
the representative
and to the repre-
sentative's attorney
within ten days after
it has been filed.

Dated this 1st day
of April, 2022.

Kevin Hammer
Attorney for the Es-
tate of Jo A. Burris
219 East Main
Street
Clinton, IL 61727
217/935-7063

Legal 19453
April 8, 15 and 22,
2022

LEGAL

ASSUMED NAME
PUBLICATION
NOTICE

Public Notice is
hereby given that
on Friday, April 1,
2022, a certificate
was filed in the
Office of the County
Clerk of DeWitt
County, Illinois,
setting forth the
names and post-of-
fice addresses of
all the persons
owning, conducting
and transacting the
business known as:

R & R HANDYMEN
& HOME IM-
PROVEMENT INC
PO BOX 132
301 CHICAGO ST
DEWITT, ILLINOIS
61735.

{SEAL}

Dated: Friday, April
1, 2022

No. 2022-174

/s/Dana Smith
COUNTY CLERK

Legal 19454
April 8, 15 and 22,
2022

LEGAL

ASSUMED NAME
PUBLICATION
NOTICE

Public Notice is
hereby given that
on Thursday, April
7, 2022, a certifi-
cate was filed in the
Office of the County
Clerk of DeWitt
County, Illinois,
setting forth the
names and post-of-
fice addresses of
all the persons
owning, conducting
and transacting the
business known as:

FARMER TAN &
SPA LLC
308 S MAIN ST
FARMER CITY, IL
61842.

{SEAL}

Dated: Thursday,
April 7, 2022

No. 2022-175

/s/Dana Smith/klh
COUNTY CLERK

Legal 19459
April 15, 22 and 29,
2022

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE
SIXTH JUDICIAL
CURCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY
- IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE
OF
LOIS L. WEST
DECEASED

No. 2022-PR-13

**CLAIM DATE
NOTICE - INDE-
PENDENT ADMIN-
ISTRATION**

Notice is given of
the death of the
above named dece-
dent:

Letters of office
were issued on
April 5, 2022 to
Michael F. West,
69 Kirkwood Drive,
Clinton, IL 61727 as
independent exec-
utor. 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
representative, or
both, on or before
October 5, 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 representa-
tive and to the attor-
ney within 10 days
after it is filed.

The estate will
be administered
without court
supervision, unless
an interested party
terminates indepen-
dent 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 Inde-
pendent Administra-
tion may be opened
from the clerk of the
court at the above
address.

Dated this 6th day
of April, 2022.

Michael F. West,
Independent Exec-
utor of the Estate
of Lois L. West,
Deceased

BRYCE A. LYNCH
6297077
TAYLOR & LYNCH
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Legal 19461
April 15, 22 and 29,
2022

LEGAL

Notice of Public
Sale is hereby
given that an
auction will be held
online on www.lockerfox.com
beginning on May
12th at 12:00pm
ending May 19th ,
12:01 pm to sell the
following individ-
uals' articles to
enforce lien against
such articles, for
storage furnished
at Storage Unlim-
ited, 1506 Route
54 East, Clinton IL
61727, (217) 935-
3200 under a rental
agreement with:

12:01 pm, James
Howell, occupant of
space 1M11, items:
desk X 2, rocking
chair, bed frame,
misc furniture,
misc kitchen items,
boxes, totes, bags
and misc.

Legal 19462
April 15 and 22,
2022

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF THE
SIXTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
DEWITT COUNTY,
ILLINOIS - PRO-
BATE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE
OF:

DONNA J. SWEAR-
INGEN,

DECEASED

2022-PR-15

**PUBLICATION NO-
TICE AND CLAIMS
NOTICE**

Notice is given of
the death of the
above named dece-
dent:

Letters of Office
were issued on
April 8, 2022, to E.
Jeanine Rowbot-
tom, P.O. Box 5541,
Lakeland, Florida
33807, as Inde-
pendent Executor.
The attorney for the
estate is Jerry A.
Johnson, Attorney
at Law, 32 Manorhill
Drive, P.O. Box
571, Clinton, Illinois
61727.

Notice is hereby
given to William
Huskey and un-
known heirs, who
are heirs or lega-
tees in this cause,
and whose names
and/or addresses
are not stated in the
Petition to Admit
Will and for Letters
Testamentary, that
an order was en-
tered by the Court
on April 7, 2022,
admitting the Will
to Probate. Within
42 days after the
effective date of
the original order
of admission, you
may file a petition
with the Court to
require proof of the
Will by testimony of
the witnesses to the
Will in open court,
or other evidence,
as provided in
section 6-21 of the
Probate Act of 1975
(755 ILCS 5/6-21).
You will also have
the right, under the
Probate Act of 1975
(755 ILCS 5/8-1), to
contest the valid-
ity of the Will by
filing a petition with
the Court within
6 month after the
admission of the
Will to probate.

Claims may be filed
in the office of the
Clerk of the Circuit
Court at the DeWitt
County Courthouse,
201 West Washing-
ton Street, Clinton,
Illinois 61727, or
with the Indepen-
dent Executor, or
both, on or before
October 21, 2022.
Any claim not filed
within that period is
barred. Copies of
the claim filed with
the Clerk of the Cir-
cuit Court must be
mailed or delivered
to the Independent
Executor and to
the Attorney within
10 days after it has
been filed.

The estate will
be administered
without court
supervision unless
an interested party
terminates Indepen-
dent Administration
by filing a Petition
to Terminate under
Section 28-4 of the
Probate Act of 1975
(755 ILCS 5/28-4).
A form of a Petition
to Terminate Inde-
pendent Admin-
istration may be

obtained from the
Clerk of the Circuit
Court at the above
address.

Dated this 11th day
of April, 2022.

E. Jeanine Rowbot-
tom, Independent
Executor of the
Estate of Donna
J. Swearingen,
Deceased

Jerry A. Johnson,
Attorney at Law
Attorney # 6185567
32 Manorhill Drive
P.O. Box 571
Clinton, Illinois
61727
Telephone: (217)
935-3335
E-mail: jajlaw-
yer1@gmail.com

Legal 19463
April 15, 22 and 29,
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:

2022MR2

**PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF
NAME**

NOW COMES the
petitioner, Ralph
Gerald Born, by his
attorneys, Taylor &
Lynch, and pursu-
ant to 735 ILCS
5/21-101 respectful-
ly states as follows:

1. The petitioner
is currently named
Ralph Gerald Born.

2. The petitioner
desires to change
his name to Jerry
Born.

3. The petitioner
resides at 225
North Street, Wel-
don, Illinois 61882
and was born in
the City of Decatur,
County of Macon,
State of Illinois on
March 13, 1954.

4. The petitioner
has never been
adjudicated or con-
victed of a felony
or misdemeanor in
Illinois or any other
state for which a
pardon has not
been granted.

5. The petition-
er has not been
arrested and there
are no pending felo-
ny or misdemeanor
charges.

6. The petitioner
has never been
convicted or placed
on probation for
identity theft, aggra-
vated identity theft,
or any crime which
requires registration
as a sex offender in
Illinois or any other
state.

7. The petitioner
has resided in the

State of Illinois
continuously for
the last two years.
WHEREFORE, the
petitioner prays as
follows:

A. That this petition
be set for hearing
after Publication
of Notice for three
consecutive weeks
after filing, the first
insertion to be at
least six weeks
before return day
upon which the pe-
tition is to be heard
pursuant to 735
ILCS 5/21-103.

B. That the
petitioner's name
be changed from
Ralph Gerald Born
to Jerry Born.

C. That this court
grant any such
further relief as it
deems just and
equitable.

Dated this 11 day of
April, 2022.

BY: TAYLOR &
LYNCH

BY: /s/Bryce A.
Lynch
Bryce A. Lynch

CERTIFICATION

Under penalties
as provided by law
pursuant to Section
5/1-109 of the Code
of Civil Procedure,
the undersigned
certifies that the
statements set
forth in this instru-
ment are true and
correct, except as
to matters therein
started to be on
information and be-
lief and as to such
matters the under-
signed certifies as
aforesaid that she
verily believes the
same to be true.

/s/ Jerry Born
Jerry Born

BRYCE A. LYNCH
6297077
TAYLOR & LYNCH
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Legal 19466
April 22 and 29,
2022
May 6, 2022

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT FOR THE
SIXTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
DEWITT COUNTY
- IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE
OF MARY MALIN-
DA EVANS,
DECEASED

No. 2022-PR-14

CLAIM DATE
NOTICE-INDEPEN-
DENT ADMINIS-
TRATION

Notice is given of
the death of the

above named dece-
dent:

Letters of Office
were issued on
April 7, 2022 to
Melanie L. Purga-
torio, 12919 Hadley
Court, Ft. Myers,
Florida 33913 as
Independent Exec-
utor. 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 Coun-
ty Courthouse, 201
W. Washington St.,
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 services
of claims or other
designated mat-
ter, or both, on or
before October 7,
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 deliv-
ered to the Repre-
sentative and to the
Attorney within 10
days after it is filed.

The estate will
be administered
without Court
supervision, unless
an interested party
terminates Indepen-
dent 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 Inde-
pendent Administra-
tion may be opened
from the Clerk of
the Court at the
above address.

Dated this 12th day
of April, 2022.

Melanie L. Purga-
torio, Independent
Executor of the
estate of Mary
Malinda Evans,
Deceased

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Legal 19467
April 22 and 29,
2022
May 6, 2022

LEGAL

Supervisor's State-
ment of Financial
Affairs
General Assistance
Fund

I, Daniel Enos,
Supervisor of Harp
Township, DeWitt
County, Illinois,
being duly sworn,
depose and say
that the following
statement is a cor-
rect report for the
fiscal year begin-
ning 4-1-2021 and
ending 3-31-2022.

BEGINNING BAL-
ANCE 4-1-2021
\$62,890.87
REVENUES
Interest Income
\$54.02

TOTAL REVENUES
\$54.02

EXPENDITURES
TOTAL EXPENDI-
TURES
\$0

ENDING BALANCE
3-31-2022
\$62,944.89

Legal 19468
April 22, 2022

LEGAL

Supervisor's State-
ment of Financial
Affairs
Town Fund

I, Daniel Enos,
Supervisor of Harp
Township, DeWitt
County, Illinois,
being duly sworn,
depose and say
that the following
statement is a cor-
rect report for the
fiscal year begin-
ning 4-1-2021 and
ending 3-31-2022.

BEGINNING BAL-
ANCE 4-1-2021
\$55,736.40
REVENUES
Property Tax
\$47,800.31
Replacement Tax
\$16,904.69
Interest Income
\$37.15
Miscellaneous
Income
TOIRMA Ins. Re-
fund
\$1,080.00

TOTAL REVENUES
\$65,822.15

EXPENDITURES
Administration
\$38,793.35
Cemetery
\$3300.00
Audit
\$2965.00
Insurance
\$1885.00
Social Security
\$6784.92

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Moss Auction Team LLC, Online bidding available & more info:
Paris, IL - 217-465-4545 www.mossauctionteam.com

A black and white photograph of a woman in the foreground, smiling and looking towards the camera. She has her arms crossed and is wearing a light-colored, button-down shirt. Her hair is pulled back. In the background, which is out of focus, there are three other people in an office setting. One person is standing and leaning over a desk, while two others are seated at the desk, one of whom is using a laptop. The overall atmosphere is professional and positive.

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Wapella, IL 61777-0267**



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A black and white photograph of a woman in the foreground, smiling and looking towards the camera. She has her arms crossed and is wearing a light-colored, button-down shirt. In the background, two other people are visible but out of focus; one person appears to be standing and leaning over a desk, while another is sitting and working on a laptop. The setting is an office or professional environment.



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2022 Annual Water Quality Report



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CITY OF CLINTON
WATER DEPARTMENT HOURS
MONDAY-FRIDAY
7:00AM-4:00PM
(217) 935-3679 (WATER PLANT)
(217) 935-6511 (MAINTENANCE)

2022 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Clinton's Water Department is very pleased to provide you with this Annual Quality Water Report. Although the Safe Drinking Water Act requires us to provide an annual report, we want to take the opportunity to keep you informed about the water and services we have delivered to you over the past year.

Our goal is, and always has been, to provide you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We currently have 4 operators on staff. These Operators are updating their training to keep abreast of all available products, information and regulations, to better protect our valuable water supply. We obtain our water from wells placed in the Mahomet Aquifer. Wells are located in the city limits of Clinton.

If you have any questions about this report or concerns about your water quality, please contact the facility manager, Lloyd Francis, at the Water Plant office (217/935-3679). If you would like to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled council meetings. They are held on the first and third Monday of each month at City Hall, beginning at 7:00pm. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.stat.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>. This report is also available at City Hall, this report will not be mailed.

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Contaminants

Contaminants that may be present in source water include: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. Pesticides and herbicides which may come from a variety of sources such agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses. Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking Water

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. The source of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) includes rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals, and in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Water Safety

In order to insure that water is safe to drink, the Department Of Environment Management and the EPA prescribe regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for the public health.

For Your Health

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general Population. Immuno compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice about the drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800/426-4791.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking and cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Monitoring

The City of Clinton Water Department routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period January 1 - December 31, 2021. We have learned through our testing and monitoring that some constituents have been detected. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk, and the EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents we have provided the following example. A person would have to drink two liters of water every day at the maximum MCL level for a life time to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Source Water Assessment Availability

A Source Water Assessment summary is included for your convenience. The City of Clinton (Facility Number 0390050) obtains its water from four community water supply wells. Wells #10, #11, and #12 (Illinois EPA #00394, #00395, and #01962 respectively) provide an average of 873,000 gallons per day to 3,200 services or a population of 7,400. To determine Clinton's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, a Well Site Survey, published in 1990 by the Illinois EPA, and a potential source inventory conducted by the Illinois Rural Water Association, was reviewed. Based on the information contained in these documents, forty-one potential sources of groundwater contamination are present that could pose a hazard to groundwater pumped by the Clinton community water supply wells. These include eleven below ground fuel storages, four auto repairs, three warehouses, a construction/demolition co., two manufacturing/processing of chemicals, two pesticide/fertilizer commercial applications or warehouses, a hardware store, tow machine shops/sheds, two stores/sales, a foundry/metal working, an equipment/vehicle washing, a fertilizer handling, two auto bodies, an above/below ground fuel storage, two vehicle sales, a mortuary, a manufacturing process, a laundry, and two above ground fuel storages.

The Illinois EPA has determined that Clinton Wells #10, #11, and #12 are not susceptible to IOC, VOC, or SOC contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydrogeological data for the wells. The Illinois Environmental Protection Act provides minimum protection zones of 200 feet for the City of Clinton's wells. These minimum protection zones are regulated by the Illinois EPA.

To further minimize the risk to the city's groundwater supply, the Illinois EPA recommends that four additional activities be assessed. First, the city should develop a source water protection program. An approved program may allow the city to receive a monitoring waiver that will reduce the frequency of VOC and/or SOC monitoring. The reduced monitoring frequency may save the city considerable analytical costs. Second, the city may wish to enact a "maximum setback zone" ordinance. These ordinances are authorized by the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and allow county and municipal officials the opportunity to provide additional protection up to a fixed distance, normally 1,000 feet, from their wells. Third, the water supply staff may wish to revisit their contingency planning documents. Contingency planning documents are a primary means to ensure that, through emergency preparedness, a community will minimize their risk of being without safe and adequate water.

Finally, the water supply staff is encouraged to review their cross connection control program to ensure that it remains current and viable. Cross connections to either the water treatment plant (for example, at bulk water loading stations) or in the distribution system may negate all of the source water protection initiatives provided by the community and circumvent the natural Protection provided to the aquifer.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions:	The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.
Avg:	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
Level 1 Assessment:	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment:	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
na:	not applicable.
mrem:	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
ppb:	micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
ppm:	milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
Treatment Technique or TT:	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	12/31/2021	2.2	2 - 2.4	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Halooacetic Acids (HAA5)	2021	2	2.1 - 2.1	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2021	3	3.4 - 3.4	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic	2021	4	3.57 - 5.14	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	2021	0.0215	0.0215 - 0.0215	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2021	0.47	0.47 - 0.47	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2021	1	1.01 - 1.35	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrite [measured as Nitrogen]	2021	0.34	0.34 - 0.34	1	1	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	2021	93.1	93.1 - 93.1			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits. Used in water softener regeneration.

Lead and Copper

Definitions:
Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.
Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	07/28/2020	1.3	1.3	1.19	1	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

Source Water Information

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
WELL 10 (00394)	GW	Active	E WELL IN KIWANIS PARK SOUTH OF YMCA
WELL 11 (00395)	GW	Active	W WELL IN KIWANIS PARK E OF RR
WELL 12 (01962)	GW	Active	N WELL IN KIWANIS PARK

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