

Resident questions records, conduct of commissioner

Issues involve use of city gas pumps, fire department pay

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CLINTON — A Clinton resident questioned the city council Monday about what he said were unexplained discrepancies with city gasoline usage and fire department pay involving a city commissioner.

It was the third time in recent weeks Seth Redington addressed the council about the matter, presenting records obtained from the city he claims show commissioner Dan Ballenger used city gasoline pumps multiple times to put fuel in his personal vehicle. Redington also questioned

Ballenger's collection of fire department pay, something he said he considered a conflict of interest.

Ballenger serves as commissioner of public health and safety, overseeing the fire and police departments.

Earlier, Redington obtained records from the city through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) showing the number of times during a one-year period in 2020 and 2021 Ballenger put gas in a vehicle recorded as a truck belonging to the fire department. The Clinton Journal requested the same records, which show Ballenger put gasoline from the city pumps into vehicle 9053 totaling 186.8 gallons during the period.

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Sangamon County judge rules on school COVID mask, vaccine mandates

Sangamon County judge says emergency rules were improper

Peter Hancock
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul and Gov. JB Pritzker's administration are asking a state appellate court to set aside a lower court order from late Friday that invalidated the mask and vaccine mandates that the state imposed last year for public schools.

On Friday, Sangamon County Circuit Judge Raylene Grischow granted a temporary restraining order blocking schools from enforcing those mandates, saying the mitigation rules amounted to a kind of "quarantine" and that the Pritzker administration overstepped its bounds by issuing those mandates through emergency rules.

"The judge's decision cultivates chaos for parents, families, teachers and school administrators across the state, and I've asked Attorney General Kwame Raoul to seek to

have the ruling overturned with all possible speed," Pritzker said during a news conference Monday.

Beginning in August 2021, Pritzker issued a series of executive orders related to the reopening of public schools. They included a requirement that schools enforce a mask mandate for all students, staff and visitors; that they require all school personnel either be vaccinated or submit to weekly testing, and that they exclude from school premises for specified periods of time any student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 or who has been in close contact with someone who has.

The Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education then issued a series of emergency rules to implement the executive orders.

Parents, students and, in some cases, teachers sued roughly 170 school districts across the state seeking to block those mandates. Those cases were eventually consolidated and transferred to Sangamon County.

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After the storm

City workers were busy Tuesday clearing the piles of snow from Mr. Lincoln's Square. DeWitt County received from 8-12 inches of snow during last week's storm, according to the National Weather Service.

Nettles responds to judge's COVID ruling

District returning to own COVID policy, for now

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CLINTON — Clinton Unit Schools superintendent Curt Nettles notified school families this week about a judge's ruling in Sangamon County dealing with the state's COVID mandated rules. The judge issued a temporary restraining order against the rules.

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Essentially, the judge ruled in favor of the 145 Illinois school districts and against Gov. J.B.

Pritzker, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

"Due to strong language from the judge in this case, it appear to us that it gives us the support to go back to our original plan for the school year," Nettles wrote in his message to families. "We also note that it is recommended by health organizations, so we want all of our families to know that masking in our schools for students and staff will be highly acceptable."

Nettles said mask-wearing would not be required until further notice but included a caveat.

"It is possible we could find ourselves in situations to increase our

mitigations at some point. However, those would be announced and explained to families, if necessary."

Policy from the state affecting schools removed most local school district controls regarding COVID mitigation, including the wearing of masks. School districts argued that circumstances varied from district to district, so they should be allowed to use their own mitigation plans.

Nettles said there would "be a lot of pressure" on school boards and staff around Illinois caused by disagreement with the judge's ruling.

"Our community and district should strive to be tolerant of others' opinions on the matter," he wrote in his message. "In regard to the student

we serve, our staff will continue to teach tolerance and all of the character traits that embody what a good CUSD 15 student and staff member should be."

He said the district would support students who wanted to continue wearing masks.

On Tuesday, Illinois Education Association vice president Al Llorens issued a statement recommending school districts wait for a ruling from the appellate court before making decisions about COVID safety measures.

IEA is the state's largest teachers' union.

Also on Tuesday, Gov. Pritzker announced an upcoming change in mask policy but did not give details.

GOP reintroduces crime reduction package; Pritzker touts public safety spending

Rising violent crime has become major campaign issue

Grace Kinnicutt
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Senate Republicans unveiled an updated package of crime bills this week that they say will help curb violent crime and provide a morale boost to law enforcement.

It's substantially similar to the package the GOP introduced three months ago during the fall veto session to little fanfare from Democratic supermajorities in either chamber of the General Assembly.

"We were here in October to offer reasonable proposals to help reduce crime, but the Democrats who control Springfield



Sen. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, speaks in support of a crime bill package aimed at supporting police officers and preventing violent crimes. Senate Republicans reintroduced the package at a news conference with law enforcement members. (Credit: Blueroomstream.com)

have refused to act since then," Sen. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, said at a news conference Tuesday.

"We're here again, demanding the Democrats take action to protect the people of Illinois from the violence on our streets."

The proposal includes a "Fund the Police Grant

Act" that would provide \$125 million in funding per year to local governments that will help with hiring, rehiring and retaining officers. Funding would help with the purchase of equipment and storage for body cameras along with other equipment designed to keep officers

and communities safe and provide additional training.

Grants would be administered by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.

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Is a Part B premium cutback coming?

By now we know just how much our Social Security checks are going to be for this year, after the deductions for Part B.

The average dollar increase is \$92 per month for singles. The Part B deduction has gone up \$21.60, mostly due to the price of the new Alzheimer's drug, Aduhelm, for a total of \$170 per month. The drug costs \$56,000 per patient per year. And we're all going to pay for it, whether we need it or not.

The news now is that the price of that drug has been cut in half, to \$28,200 per year, after pressure was brought to bear on the manufacturer when it was revealed that Medicare might not pay for it at all. Additional pressure came from doctors who were suspicious the drug didn't actually work and who wanted their own tests run on it. Since it must be given via IV in the hospital or doctor's office, it falls under Part B instead of the Part D drug plan.

Hot off the press is a proposal that Medicare

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

will cover the drug -- but only for those in randomized controlled clinical trials that will settle once and for all the question about whether the drug actually works. They'll likely have a decision on that proposal in April.

And what of our Part B costs, given the lowered cost of Aduhelm? Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra ordered Medicare to look again at the premium we're being charged for 2022. There is the smallest chance it might be lowered, which has never been done before.

Last year it was estimated that our Part B premium would be \$158.50 this year. If that \$170 is cut back to that amount, it would net us an extra \$11.50 per month. What shall we spend it on?

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Marvin Eugene Harris

CLINTON — It is with deep sorrow that Mrs. Judith Kay Martin Harris announces the death of her beloved husband, Marvin Eugene Harris, 76. Mr. Harris passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 5, 2022.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with burial to follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Clinton, with military honors. The family will receive friends prior to the service, from noon-1 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to the Wounded Warrior Project,

P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

Marvin was born on June 20, 1945, in Clinton. He was the son of the late Marvin Byron Harris and Norma Jean Long Stiles.

He loved his wife of 53 years and loved being a family man with great pride, and he loved his children and grandchildren — anything to make them happy.

He worked many jobs, including at Caterpillar as



a machinist, to teaching classes at Florence-Darlington Tech in his retirement. Being able to teach the values of hard work to the next generation brought him great joy.

He enjoyed many hobbies, including traveling with his wife, fishing, car shows, one of his favorites, model trains, and train shows with his son.

He is survived by his loving wife, Judith Kay Martin Harris; sons, Martin E. Harris, Christopher P. Harris, Jereme W. Harris; brothers, Clarence Stiles; sisters, Patricia Kochman, Darlene Root; grandchildren, Mitchell Harris, Weylan Harris, Austin Harris, Ashton Harris.

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Donna Jane Langford-Gamley

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Donna Jane Ganley went into the presence of her Lord on Thursday morning, February 3, 2022, at approximately 3 a.m., at the Veranda of Pensacola, Florida.

Born Donna Jane Barnett on March 6, 1923, in Clinton, DeWitt County, Ill., she was the only daughter of Frederick McClelland Barnett and Lillian May Poynter. Donna's mother died of birthing complications when Donna was 2 years old. She was then raised by her two aunts, Alberta R. Barnett and Mamie Jane Hall, in Hallsville, Ill.

Donna graduated from Kenney High School and attended Illinois State Normal University, where she met James Robert Langford. They were married while he was serving in the U.S. Navy during WWII. They continued to move around the United States and Japan with Navy assignments, until retiring in 1965 to Pensacola, Fla.

Following Cdr. (ret.) Langford's death in 1986, Donna met and married Chief Petty Officer (ret.) Robert Ganley in 1992. Both Donna and "Bob" were active in home groups, senior women's groups, and musical/nursing home ministries at Liberty Christian Church. Donna enjoyed homemaking, playing the piano and singing, and participating in various



church activities.

Donna is loved and survived by her daughters, Roberta Jane Jonkers and Barnett J. Langford; her grandchildren, Barbara Jane Quinn (Gary Quinn) and Brett James Lewellyn (Sibyl); her great-grandchildren, Jordan Marks, Alexander Quinn (Brittney), Jacob Quinn, Connor Quinn, Kate Lewellyn, and Mallory Lewellyn, as well as five great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 10, at Liberty Church on Blue Angel Parkway, followed by burial at Barrancas National Cemetery.

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Jonna Reno
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A gizzard
taste treat

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. In this article, I will show you how your past knowledge from my articles can help you improve upon recipes. Fried chicken gizzards would be a good one.

Basic procedures go without saying; salt, pepper and flour the gizzards. Place in preheated oil, enough to come halfway up the gizzard pieces, and fry. For deep-frying, the gizzards are breaded and submerged into 350°F oil. But we can do much better than this.

In my past articles, you already know what type of oil is best for this. You have also learned several methods for properly flavoring meat and tenderizing meat. Let us now put it to work.

Add minced aromatic vegetables; such as onion, celery and garlic into chicken stock. Include one tablespoon each of salt and brown sugar per gallon of water or stock. Allow the gizzards to marinate overnight in order to flavor and tenderize the meat internally.

Boil the gizzards in this marinate liquid for about two hours. Boiling also tenderizes meat. however, boiling can remove some of the natural flavors from the meat. As you learned in past articles, stovetop cooking can dry out the meat if one is not careful. And it does not tenderize. Now, think back on my articles regarding stock and pressure cooking.

We need to ensure tenderness while retaining their natural flavors and moister. In order to do that, they go into a pressure cooker. Place a pound’s worth in a bowl with enough chicken stock. vegetable stock or your marinating liquid to cover. Place that bowl



The Culinary Corner
By Chef Roger Joss

into the pressure cooker. Bring it up to ten pounds pressure. Cook for thirty minutes. Remove from cooker and drain off the stock. Reserve the stock. Taste a small piece for flavor tenderness and doneness.

The breading can be prepared while pressure cooking the meat. Again, refer to my past article for breading procedures. For gizzards, add half teaspoon each of black pepper and dried Italian herb seasoning, quarter teaspoon cumin and teaspoon of seasoned salt. In the one third cup of reserved stock, mix half teaspoon of hot sauce. Thoroughly mix this into the above dry ingredients. You could mix in a pinch of celery salt and garlic powder per taste. Incorporate the gizzards mixing them around with a fork until well coated and refrigerate overnight in tightly closed container allowing the juices to congeal.

Remove from refrigerator when ready to fry. Coat liver pieces with plain flour. Place into a deep frier at 350°F until golden brown. Let cool and taste. If too dry and/ or too crispy, don’t sweat it. Let them sweat. That is to say, a few minutes on the stove.

Notice; I referred to several past articles. This is what I meant when I said, “I write these articles to educate so that you can invent and/or improve upon existing recipes.” To just parrot off recipes does not necessarily teach.

Until next time, peace to all.

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OPINION

HISTORY ALMANAC

1929 - The Lateran Treaty was signed. Italy now recognized the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City.

1936 - Pumping began the process to build San Francisco's Treasure Island.

1937 - General Motors agreed to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union, which ended the current sit-down strike against them.

1938 - "The Big Broadcast of 1938" was released.

1943 - General Dwight David Eisenhower was selected to command the allied armies in Europe.

1945 - During World War II, the Yalta Agreement was signed by U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin. (Today in World War II History)

1958 - Ruth Carol Taylor was the first black woman to become a stewardess by making her initial flight.

1960 - Jack Paar walked off while live on the air on the "Tonight Show" with four minutes left. He did this in response to censors cutting out a joke from the show the night before.

1968 - The new 20,000 seat Madison Square Garden officially opened in New York. This was the fourth Garden.

1972 - McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. and Life magazine canceled plans to publish an autobiography of Howard Hughes. The work turned out to be fake.

1975 - Margaret Thatcher became the first woman to head a major party in Britain when she was elected leader of the Conservative Party.

1979 - Nine days after the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini returned to Iran (after 15 years in exile) power was seized by his followers.

1982 - ABC-TV presentation of "The Winds of War" concluded. The 18-hour miniseries cost \$40 million to produce and was the most-watched television program in history at the time.

1982 - France nationalized five groups of major industries and 39 banks.

1990 - Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in captivity.

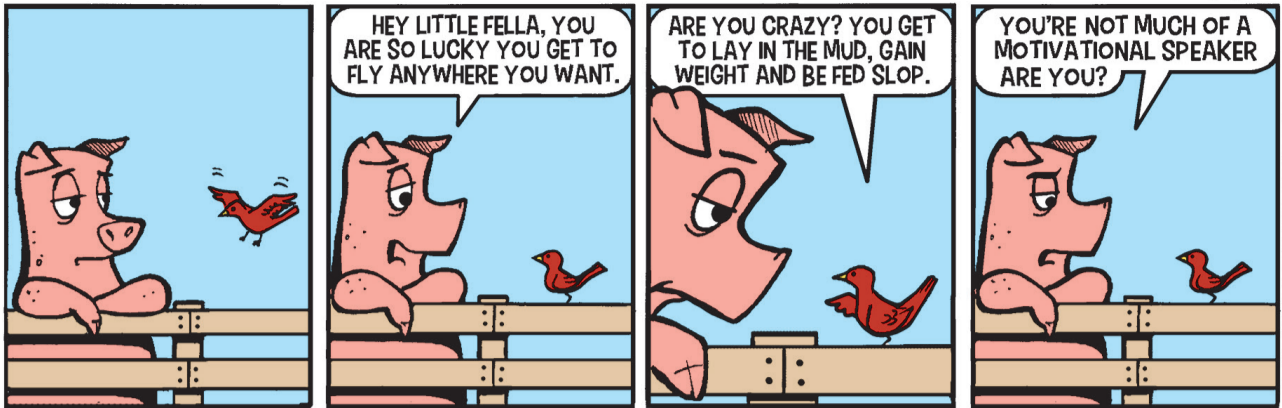
1990 - In Tokyo, Japan, James "Buster" Douglas knocked out Mike Tyson in the tenth round to win the heavyweight championship.

1993 - Janet Reno was appointed to the position of attorney general by U.S. President Clinton. She was the first female to hold the position.

2000 - The space shuttle Endeavor took off. The mission was to gather information for the most detailed map of the earth ever made.

2002 - The six stars on NBC's "Friends" signed a deal for \$24 million each for the ninth and final season of the series.

Amber Waves



Criteria: Black and female

Our Constitution doesn't provide any real criteria by modern standards for what qualifications a justice on the Supreme Court must possess. In theory, one doesn't even have to have a law degree.

Historically, Presidents have appointed individuals with extensive experience in the law. Most appointees have been appellate court judges on the federal bench for many years. Most Supreme Court nominees come from Ivy League schools, which in all honesty subjects the Court to accusations of elitism.

Most appointees have some political background and support of the party in office. Rarely is a Supreme Court Justice nominated from the state courts. While the pool of candidates is nation wide, the advantage goes to those who live and went to law schools in northeast part of the nation. Ivy League schools and the Washington D.C. appellate court are the true training grounds for Supreme Court Justices.

The above background is provided as Justice Stephen Breyer announced his retirement from the bench effective at the end of the Court's term late this spring. Most Supreme Court judges leave office by death or by submitting a letter to the President advising the President of their resignation. That

Justice Breyer chose to make his announcement at the White House with the President present on January 27 is interesting.

Breyer certainly knows the political situation his resignation entails. Breyer is a consistent member of the liberal wing of the Court who is deeply respected by all members of the Court for his intellect, friendship and desire to keep the Court unified.

The progressives in the Democratic Party have been imploring him to resign ever since President Biden took office. With the Senate split 50/50 they fear another nominee stall in the Senate if the Republicans regain control of the Senate. There is certainly some merit to their concerns, but Breyer took great offense at the thought of him being forced out of office before his choosing. Breyer wants the decorum of the Court to prevail while understanding what his vacancy will entail.

During the Presidential primary Joe Biden was losing ground before the Georgia primary and debates. Biden needed assistance and James Clyburn, Congressman from South Carolina, was a key to that assistance.

Clyburn wanted a Black female to be appointed to the Supreme Court and was withholding his endorsement of Biden



until he got that pledge. In that debate, Biden stated he would nominate a Black female as his first nominee to the Supreme Court. Then, next day Clyburn announced his support for Biden as the Democratic nominee for President.

Biden's political position was immediately improved and he became our President. Upon Breyer's resignation, President Biden has clearly stated he is going to nominate a Black female as his nominee this month. It certainly appears that Biden will keep his political pledge.

Let me be brutally blunt, I do not care what race, gender or ethnic persuasion the nominee comes with. The nominee can be conservative or liberal as that balances out over time. The choice is the President's, alone, subject to Senate confirmation. Ronald Reagan in his presidential campaign stated he would nominate a woman. He did and Sandra Day O'Connor went on to be a very well respected member of the Supreme Court until her retirement.

Why then am I

concerned with the criteria being black and female? The optics. With Reagan 50 percent of the population had a chance of nomination. With Biden that chance is now 6 or 7 percent.

Using classical terms, this is true affirmative action at its basic definition. The nominee must be black and female to even be considered. National polling indicates that 75 percent of the Americans question the criteria. I do not doubt that President Biden can find a competent black female to be his nominee. There are many black females who deserve and warrant consideration for the nomination. I question the end game and the fairness to the nominee and the nation and ultimately to all black females.

No matter how qualified and competent the nominee is there will now always be the criticism that you got the appointment only because you are black and female. Her qualifications and skills will take second chair to that complaint. That is a terrible burden that our next Supreme Court Justice will carry with her for her entire tenure in office.

President Biden's nominee will have to have a tremendous backbone and thick skin to survive the personal attacks that are sure to come. I wish her the best.

Inclusivity at the VA

The Department of Veterans Affairs now has a cultural transformation action plan with an 18-member task force created last year under a presidential executive order. That task force (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access, or I-DEA) made 20 recommendations and 60 subrecommendations to be considered over the next four years. Per their mission statement, the goal is to ensure that all employees, veterans, families, caregivers and survivors have equitable treatment and experiences when interacting with the VA.

The task force initially focused on existing policies and programs,

barriers, gaps and institutional access points. One of the first things it accomplished was to raise the Pride flag at the VA Central Office. Another was to address the rule-making process to modify the Code of Federal Regulations to expand the VA's gender-affirming care and benefits for veterans.

Additionally, the task force has changed the Veterans Experience Office (VEO) Trust Surveys to include questions about gender identity and sexual orientation, and medical records choices were added that include transgender male, transgender female, non-binary, other and "does



by Freddy Groves

not wish to disclose." The Veterans Health Administration's LGBT and Related Identities health program is now called the LGBTQ+ Health Program.

One of its goals (on the list of 20) is to integrate I-DEA into hiring, position management, talent development and executive coaching. Allied with that is their goal of evaluating "institutional symbols, mottos, expression of values displayed and used by VA to ensure inclusiveness and diverse

representation." One of the guiding principles is to deliberately and consciously embed I-DEA into the institutional memory and organizational culture of the VA. To ensure that this happens, overseeing all this will be a proposed I-DEA Office and Chief Diversity Officer (DCO) position that will report directly to the Secretary of the VA.

To read the rest of the task force's 20 recommendations, go to: www.va.gov/ORMDI/docs/VA_I-DEA_Action_Plan-SIGNED.pdf.

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by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 18:9-11

He **parted** the **heavens** and came **down**; dark **clouds** were **under** his **feet**. He **mounted** the **cherubim** and **flew**; he **soared** on the **wings** of the **wind**. He **made** darkness **his** covering, his **canopy** around him—the dark **rain** clouds of the **sky**.

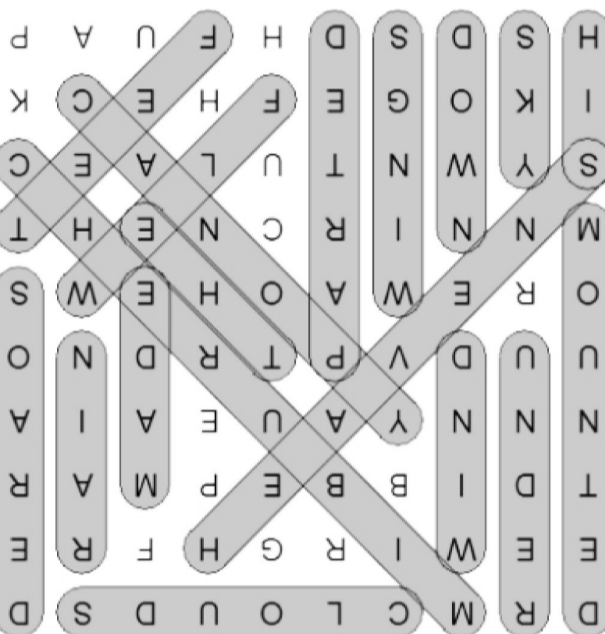
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Answers

BIBLE WORD SEARCH



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And when she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

EXODUS 2:6



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2. From Genesis 8, what was the mountain upon which Noah's Ark rested? Sinai, Zion, Ararat, Ebal
3. Laban, who tried to swindle Jacob, was what relationship to him? Brother, Father-in-law, Friend, Father
4. In Matthew 10, Jesus instructed the apostles to go among the ...? Heathen, Gentiles, Blind, Israelites
5. What happened to Moses' rod when he cast it on the ground? Broke in two, Spoke to him, Became a serpent, Blazed up
6. From Job 20, what sort of men suck the poison of asps? Wicked, Aged, Tribal, Leper

Wicked
Became a serpent; 6)
in-law; 4) Israelites; 5)
(2) Ararat; 3) Father-
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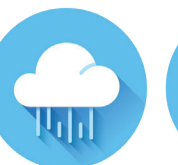
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High 22



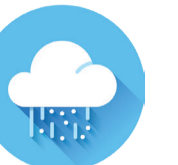
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High 26



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High 37



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Chance of rain
High 47



Thursday
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High 38

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Lady Maroons' teams win big over Meridian on Senior Night

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CLINTON — The Meridian Lady Hawks were in town Feb. 7 to challenge the Lady Maroons. The cold weather, plus the fact it was Senior Night in Clinton, must have worked some magic spell for the Lady Maroons.

The junior varsity (JV) teams started the festivities with a slow-moving struggle as neither team seemed to be able to put the ball into the basket. At the end of the first quarter the Lady Hawks led 2-0.

The second quarter saw a better outcome, at least for the home fans, as the Lady Maroons went on a 13-0 scoring run to totally deflate the Lady Hawks.

But, there must have been some reinflating words said at halftime because the opposition hit the floor running to outscore the home team by 3 points but not

enough to cause concern as the Lady Maroons mustered a 12-4 run of their own in the fourth quarter to easily down Meridian 32-16.

Alaina Soberalski (#24) led the Lady Maroons with 10 points (including two 3-point buckets). Lanie Helfand (#20) also had two 3-pointers (8 points total) and Regan Filkin (#3) added another 3-pointer with 7 points total.

The first game was just a warm up to the ensuing varsity match up. The Lady Hawks had fresh players with only a few from the JV team. Clinton, however, had the whole JV team playing with the leadership of three seniors in their final regular season game of their high school careers.

The Lady Maroons varsity hit the floor running, taking a 17-2 lead into the second quarter. The Lady Hawks fluttered around and were able to add 6 points in the second quarter, while

the home team laid in another 17 points.

Coming out after half-time, the opposition had its best quarter, scoring 7 points. Unfortunately for them, the Lady Maroons added 14 more points to their score.

The fourth quarter was the final shot that brought the Lady Hawks to the ground as they scored no points, while the home team added another 10 to their score.

The final tally was Lady Maroons 58, Lady Hawks 15.

The Lady Maroons were led by none other than the exiting seniors. Mallory Cyrulik (#4) led the way with 21 points, followed by Kaitlyn Rauch (#11) with 17 points (including four 3-pointers) and Kylie Raymer (#34) with six points on two 3-pointers.

Cyrulik and Rauch complete their careers at Clinton High School (CHS) as members of the 1,000 point club (Mallory has the highest number of points scored during a CHS career) and Cyrulik is also a member of the 1,000 rebound club.



CJHS Maroons' wrestlers take 2nd in home meet

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CLINTON — On February 1, the Clinton Junior High School (CJHS) Maroons' grapplers hosted a meet with the LeRoy Panthers and the Ridgeview Raptors.

The first round of wrestling had the Raptors and Panthers clawing away at each other, hopefully wearing each other down before facing the Maroons. LeRoy took the first five matches 24-0 and didn't look back.

The Panthers grounded

the Raptors to the score of 88-18.

In the next match-up, the hometown Maroons faced the just-defeated small squad of the Raptors. This was a close run as the Raptors still had plenty of fight in them.

Coming into the final match, Ridgeview had the 15-12 advantage and was set to take the win, but the Maroons came through with a quick pin in the first round to secure the win for the home team 18-15.

As the Raptors packed their gear to depart, having completed their matches;

the Maroons and Panthers took to two mats for the final match.

Clinton took an early, but brief, lead of 24-9. From there the Panthers dug in and showed their grit, allowing the Maroons only 12 more points while amassing a total of 76 points themselves to the Maroons 36.

The LeRoy Panthers took the meet 2-0, with the hometown Maroons in second at 1-1, with the Ridgeview Raptors end at the bottom with an 0-2 record.



The Maroons had early success against the LeRoy Panthers .



Photos Marc Rogers / Journal

Regan Filkin (#3) put in 7 points for the JV team and had several steals.



The exciting seniors and their families at the pregame recognition ceremony (L-R, Raymer, Rauch, and Cyrulik).

Maroons' freshmen over Redskins 39-26

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CLINTON — On Saturday, February 4, the Clinton High School Maroons freshman team hosted the Sullivan Redskins to a basketball game in Vance Gymnasium.

The game began sluggishly, being extremely cold outside and a little chilly inside. And, there were not many fans to heat up the morning air.

The Maroons were able to chisel out an 11-6 lead in the first quarter on a three pointer by Walker (2) and several free throws by Harris (5).

The second quarter was much the same as the first with the Maroons adding another 3 points to their lead for a score of 24-15 at the halftime break.

The Maroons then fired out of the locker room to

blast into a 10-0 run in the third quarter for a substantial lead, or so they thought. In the fourth quarter, the Redskins came back with an 11-5 run to



The Maroons controlled the jump ball, and three of the four quarters.

Go Maroons!

GAMES

BRIDGE BITES

A TRUMP DEMOTION

If you've been following this month's series of articles, then by now you are familiar with trump promotions. They are not so difficult once you get the hang of them, but it takes real talent to organize a trump *demotion*! Observe this tragic E-W performance:

	♠ T64 ♥ T832 ♦ 3 ♣ AQJ87	
♠ ♥ AK ♦ Q97652 ♣ T9432	North West East Declarer	♠ QJ3 ♥ QJ976 ♦ AJT ♣ 65
	♠ AK98752 ♥ 54 ♦ K84 ♣ K	

E-W Vulnerable			
West	North	East	South
Pass	2♠	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Looking just at N-S, playing in 4♠, you can see 3 top losers in the red suits. Of course, when tackling the trump suit, Declarer plays the ♠A first. Most (89%) of the time trumps will be 2-1 and there will be 10 easy tricks. But this deal is in the unlucky 11%, and so Declarer is destined to go down one.

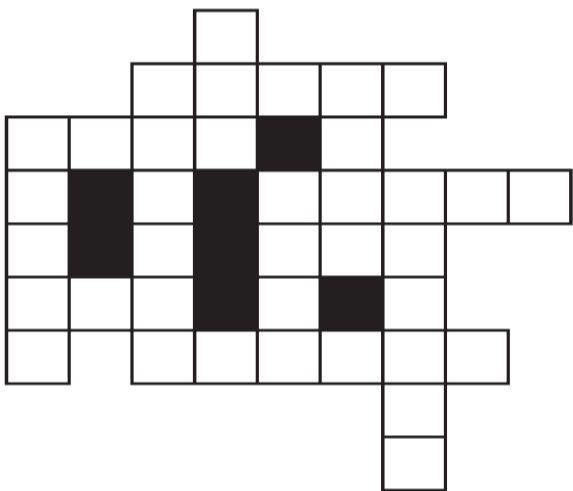
But, no! Here come E-W, galloping to Declarer's rescue! West's opening lead is the ♥K, followed by the ♥A. This sequence of plays cleverly shows a doubleton in the E-W methods (with a longer suit, this pair would lead the Ace first). Then a Diamond switch is won by East's Ace, and a Heart comes back. Declarer ruffs resignedly with the Nine and, when that unexpectedly holds, the jig is up! Declarer now has no trouble working out the trump position, and crosses to Dummy (twice if necessary) to finesse East out of his ♠QJ3. Making 10 tricks!

It was not too smart of West to advertise a doubleton Heart when he had no trumps with which to ruff the third round. And East, knowing the trump situation, might have done better not to play that third round of Hearts (although a suspicious Declarer would surely have smelled a rat if East had *not* done so). So, there you have it, the dreaded trump demotion!

For bridge games or lessons, please contact Mike Tomlianovich by phone: 309-825-5823 or by email: mjtomla@gmail.com



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

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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

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DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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Super Crossword

DOWNSIZING

ACROSS

- 1 Unicellular swimmer
7 Fold in a skirt
12 Jolie of film
20 The "R" of 33-Down
21 Actor Cox
22 Prepared for storage, as a hose
23 Endlessly repeating programming problem
25 Fashion designer in "The Incredibles"
26 Hwy. felony
27 Man-mouse middle
28 What iPads run on
30 "Boston Legal" actor James
31 Higher, spiritual level of awareness
38 Get a whiff of
40 Lift to check the weight of
41 Gig hookup
42 PC key abbr.
43 Elicitor of a major "Whew!"
46 Zodiac ram
48 Truckload
51 Basso solo, e.g.

- 52 Eligible for Soc. Sec.
53 Head honcho
57 Some hole menders
59 Force unit
60 Bouffant, e.g.
61 Pipe joint
62 — Yello (Coca-Cola brand)
64 China's Zhou —
68 Sharon of "Cagney & Lacey"
69 M114 howitzer, e.g.
72 Prickly shrub
75 Occurrence
76 — d'Or (Cannes award)
77 G-man, e.g.
80 Cousin's mommy
82 Actresses Carrere and Mowry
84 "Look here as well," in a reference book
86 1931 crime film starring Edward G. Robinson
90 — Juan
91 Late hours, in ads

- 92 Minneapolis-Montreal dir.
93 King of CNN
94 1971 Elton John song
97 CD- — drive
100 Comical Costello
101 Just OK
102 Microwaves
103 Bacterium, e.g.
109 Blissful
110 "General" of Chinese cuisine
111 Miracle- — (plant food)
112 Vocalist Sumac
115 Not together
118 2, for helium
123 Like rags
124 Follow, as a pointer
125 Join a force
126 Evaluates
127 Partner of Cheech
128 Chinese system of callisthenics

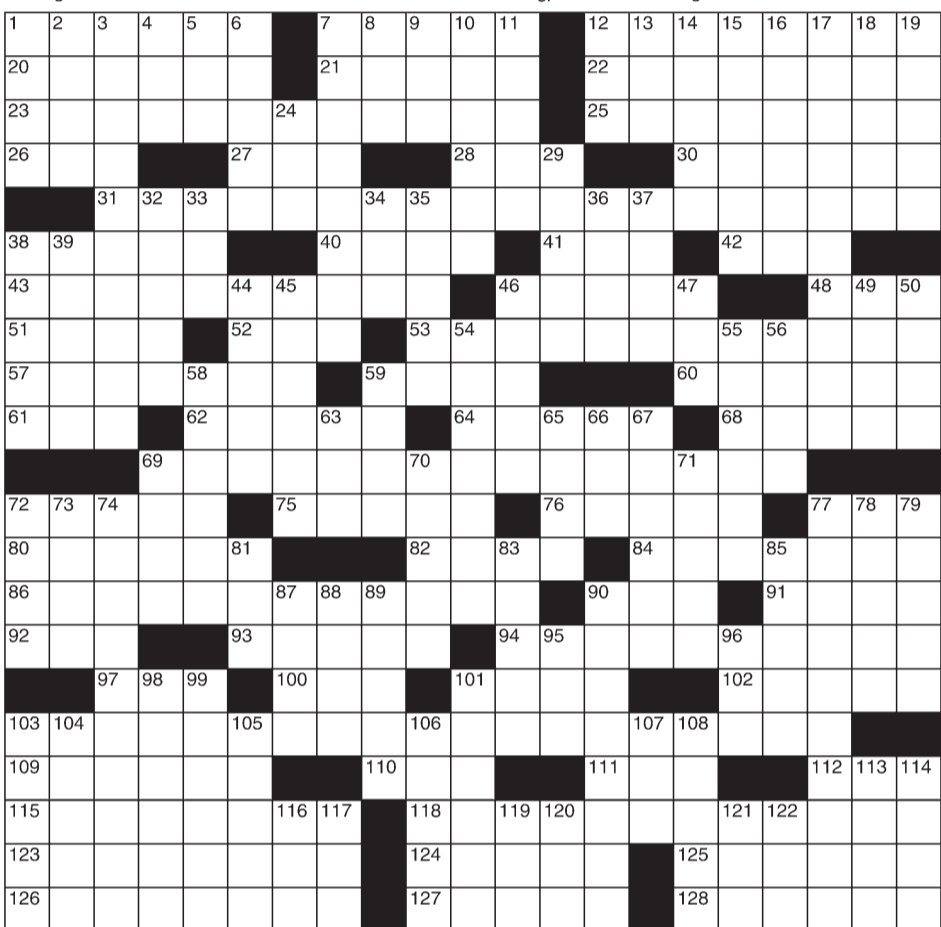
- 6 Universal truth
7 "Amen, pastor!"
8 Online chuckle
9 Roxy Music's Brian
10 Put holy oil on
11 Manuscript mistakes
12 King beater
13 Nonverbal "yes"
14 Knife of old infomercials
15 Pass, as time
16 French racing city
17 "Upon my word!"
18 "David" and "The Thinker"
19 Imitating sorts
24 Prefix with state
29 Make afraid
32 Fake fat in some chips
33 Kind of camera, in brief
34 Just-OK grade
35 — a mile (not even close)
36 "Yes, sign me up"
37 14-member oil gp.

- 38 Color
39 Wall painting
44 Did it wrong
45 "Gigi" star Caron
46 G-man, e.g.
47 "Quiet down"
49 Chances
50 New Mexico skiing spot
54 Lethargy
55 "You got that right!"
56 Floral symbol of purity
58 Former "Top Chef" judge
59 Rounded roof
63 "P.S. I — U" (old TV show)
65 They may be glossed over
66 Carte lead-in
67 "You got that right!"
69 "Joey" star LeBlanc
70 Anxious
71 Make revisions to
72 Farm bundle
73 Lay waste to
74 Picks off, as a pass
77 Lighter catchphrase in old ads
78 Lauder of fragrances

- 79 Active types
81 Sometimes-jellied fish
83 — "Detoo (sci-fi droid)
85 Latin for "year"
87 Trig is a prereq for it
88 Ending for buck or stink
89 Spew lava
90 Being amorous, to Brits
95 Jerusalem's nation: Abbr.
96 Darth Vader, as a kid
98 Rococo
99 Watery silks
101 Whiskey type
103 Political hostess Perle
104 Thoughts
105 Injury marks
106 Singer Hayes
107 Bow's shape
108 Tune for nine
113 Fit together
114 Beginner's painting class
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117 Mag staff
119 Western tribe
120 Sun.-Tue. link
121 Article in Argentina
122 1,051, in old Rome

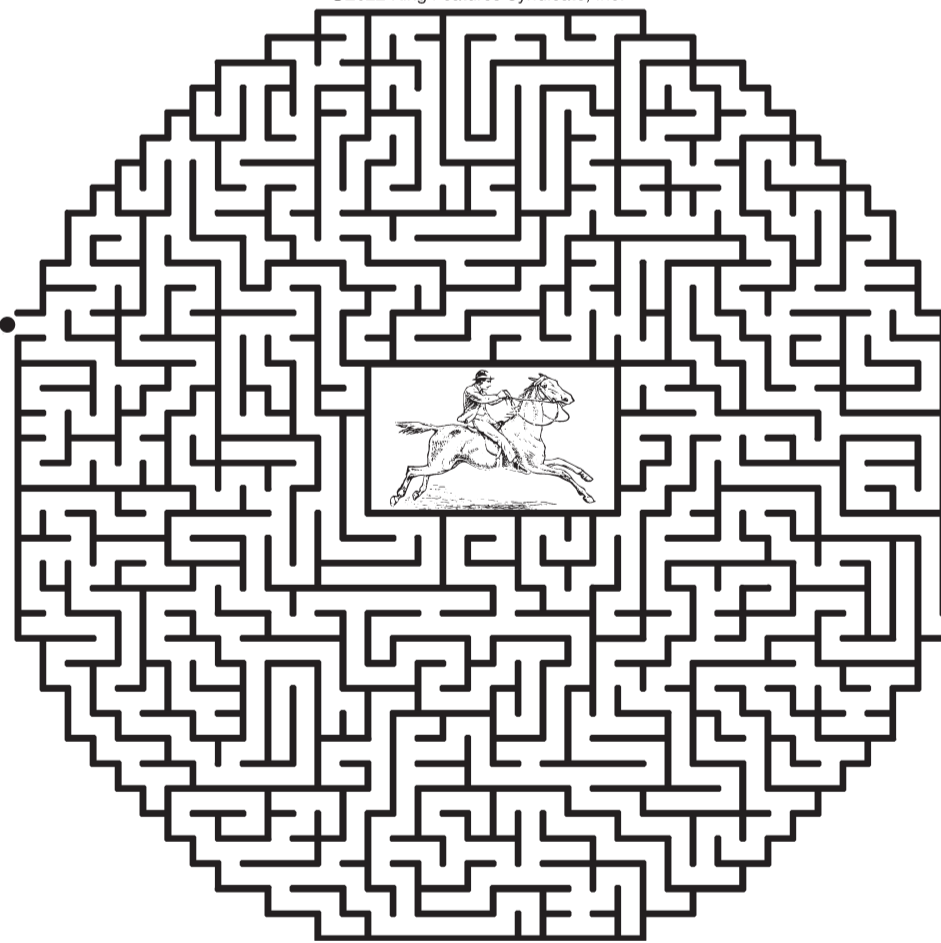
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- 1 Quite dry
2 Bill of fare
3 She may be a gofer
4 Wallach of "Lord Jim"
5 Actor Affleck

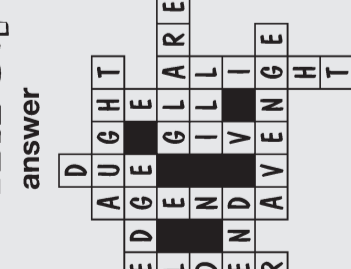


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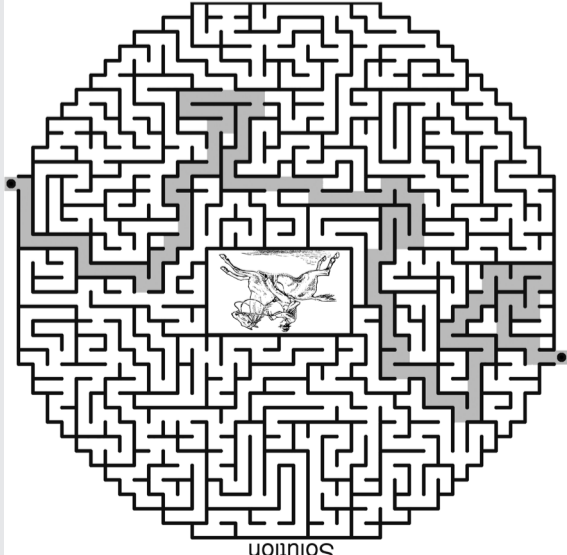
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Mega Maze

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Answers

Super Crossword

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FREE!

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201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

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305 GARAGE/ RUMMAGE SALES

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REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ILLINOIS SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES 2006-1 TRUST, HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

LINDA S SCOTT; VILLAGE OF KENNEY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

DEFENDANTS.

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107 SOUTH FULLER STREET KENNEY, IL 61749

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE

UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and

Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on October 27, 2021, will on 03/02/2022, in DeWitt County Courthouse (Main Door), 201 West Washington St., Clinton., IL 61727, at 10:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of DeWitt, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

TAX NO. 11-15-313-005

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 107 South Fuller Street

Kenney, IL 61749

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has no garage. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is white. The gas is off. The water is off. The property does not have a fence. The property is vacant.

The Judgment amount was \$35,473.90.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity

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• Tuesdays at 5 p.m.

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• www.theclintonjournal.com

Call for pricing that starts at \$19.00 for private party ads and \$30 for commercial business ads and \$15 for garage sale ads.

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of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/

expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF

POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 21-074781L

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT,

Our law firm is now hiring for the position of **legal assistant**. The legal assistant will work closely with our attorneys, Joe Taylor and Bryce Lynch, as well as other staff members to provide the best legal service to our clients. The right candidate can expect to work with the attorneys in the practice areas of **Estate Planning through Wills and Trusts, Estate and Trust Administration, Real Estate, Drainage Law, Business Formation, Contracts, Civil Litigation, Banking, Evictions, and Family Law.**

The legal assistant position involves **drafting legal documents, attorney dictation, notice of hearings, scheduling hearings and appointments and performing such tasks as are needed by the attorneys on behalf of our clients.**

Strong critical thinking, typing, writing, and communications skills are necessary for the right candidate. A familiarity with Word, Outlook, and WordPerfect is also helpful.

The benefits for this position include up to two weeks paid time off after the first twelve months, traditional holidays off, and salary is based upon experience.

If you would like to apply for the position, please send a resume and cover letter to **attorneys@dewittcountylaw.com**.

Taylor & Lynch

DAVID & SHARON VANNICE
5275 Brush College RD, Clinton, IL 61727

PUBLIC CLOSING OUT AUCTION

OF 42 ACRE MINI FARM-RANCH STYLE HOME-LARGE SHED
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT



SAT. FEBRUARY 26
10:00 AM-MACHINERY
10:30 AM-REAL ESTATE
Auction location on site



Very nice home site-rolling land-pasture-hunting
BE ON TIME!!

Property Description-Selling a unique property located only 2 miles east of Clinton on Rt 10 to Taft Rd-go south and follow the road 1 mile to Brush College Rd-go south 1/4 mile to property. 42 acres M or L of rolling pasture and woods-ideal for horses, livestock or hunting. Clinton school district. Great country living with large ranch style home with full finished basement with walkout. Kitchen with island-family room with fireplace-large living room and dining room combination-3 bedrooms-2 baths-laundry area-all appliances stay. Finished basement has large open room with walkout-2 bedrooms-large bath-kitchenette-storage room-some office furniture-pool table and benches stay with house. 2 car attached garage and nice back enclosed porch. Very nice large steel constructed machine shed with concrete shop area and large cold storage area.

ONLY 5 MINUTES FROM CLINTON!!

OPEN HOUSE

MONDAY JAN. 31, MONDAY FEB. 7, MONDAY FEB. 14 3 TO 5 PM
OR BY APPOINTMENT

TERMS: 10% down day of sale with balance due in 30 days. Successful buyer will be required to enter into a written contract day of sale. Seller has the right to reject any and all bids.. More information available day of sale.

MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT

John Deere 4430-cab-very clean-4600 hours-dual hydraulics-3pt-front weights-just checked over and ready to go.

John Deere 4020 diesel w/wide front end-148 loader 72" bucket-1127 hours showing-just checked over and ready to go.

JD Mod 350 sickle mower, Kubota B2620 diesel compact only 700 hours with 72" finish mower (sells together), Kubota FL1000 rear tiller-3pt, bale movers, hay rack, DR 3pt chipper, 3pt seeder, Hustler Raptor 60" Zero Turn mower-690 hours, JD Mod 694 planter, JD Mod 1250 planter, generator, misc. shop tools, rear blade, yard roller, 1 bottom horse drawn plow, 500 gal fuel tank, rear blade, some scrap machinery, 16' tandem utility trailer, plus more.

AUCTIONEER NOTE: The Vannice's have already moved to Iowa and are not coming back here. They are highly motivated to sell-don't miss out on this opportunity to purchase this quality property in the country!

Attorney-Stephen Myers-Clinton, IL

EMAIL: haycraft@frontier.com

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THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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February 4, 11 & 18, 2022

LEGAL

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois, setting for the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as:

HEARTLAND COONHUNTERS CLUB
11320 OCEAN TRAIL
OAKLEY, IL 62501

{SEAL}

Dated: Wednesday, January 19, 2022

No. 2022-170

/s/Dana Smith (klm)
COUNTY CLERK

Legal 19399
January 28, February 4 and 11, 2022

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107 SOUTH FULLER STREET KENNEY, IL 61749

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE

UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on October 27, 2021, will on 03/02/2022, in DeWitt County Courthouse (Main Door), 201 West Washington St., Clinton., IL 61727, at 10:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of DeWitt, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

Lots 1, 4 and 5 in Block 10 in the Original Town, now Village of Kenney, situated in the County of DeWitt, in the State of Illinois.

TAX NO. 11-15-313-005

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Kenney, IL 61749

Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has no garage. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is white. The gas is off. The water is off. The property does not have a fence. The property is vacant.

The Judgment amount was \$35,473.90.

Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If this property is a condominium unit,

the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosure-sales.mrpillc.com>.

Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 21-07478IL

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale.

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LEGAL

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

DAVID W. TORBERT
Deceased

2022 PR 3

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to you of the death of DAVID W. TORBERT, who died on February 15, 2021. At the time of his death, DAVID W. TORBERT was a resident of Wapella, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on January 19, 2022, to RACHEL

A. TORBERT, Independent Administrator, whose address for service is 13325 Autumn Road, Wapella, IL 61777, and whose attorney is NATHAN B. HINCH, Meyer Capel, a Professional Corporation, 202 N. Center Street, First Floor, Bloomington, IL 61701, phone (309) 829-9486.

Claims may be filed on or before August 19, 2022. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, P.O. Box 439, Clinton, IL 61727, or claims may be filed with the Independent Administrator, or both. If filed with the Clerk, claimant must within 10 days mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Independent Administrator and to their attorney and file with the Circuit Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

DATED: February 4, 2022.

/s/Rachel A. Torbert
RACHEL A. TORBERT
Independent Administrator

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February 4, 11 and 18, 2022

LEGAL

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

Donald E. Judd,
Deceased.

No. 2022-PR 5

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of **Donald E. Judd**. Letters of office were issued January 28, 2022 to Sarah Faye Judd whose address is P O Box 195 Strasburg, IL 62465. Her attorney is William R. Scott of Allen & Korkowski & Associates, 123 North Garrard, Rantoul, Illinois 61866. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W Washington St, Clinton, Illinois, 61727 or with the representative, or both, on or before August 4, 2022 and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Prepared By:
ALLEN & KORKOWSKI & ASSOCIATES
Attorney for Representative
123 N. Garrard
Rantoul, Illinois, 61866
217/893-1401

Legal 19403
February 4, 11 and 18, 2022

LEGAL

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

GALEN LEE REEDER,
Deceased.

NO. 2022PR2

DEATH AND CLAIM DATE NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Galen Lee Reeder of DeWitt, Illinois, on July 18, 2021. Letters of office were issued on January 28, 2022, to Jason Reeder, 600 Lawyer Court, LaVergne, Tennessee 37086, Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is Jon D. Robinson, Bolen, Robinson & Ellis, LLP, 202 South Franklin, Decatur, Illinois 62523.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, except any creditor to whom the Independent Administrator is required to mail or deliver notice by the provisions of Section 5/18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/18-3) may file a claim on or before the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before the applicable date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney of record within 10 days after it has been filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision unless, under Section 28-4 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) of the Illinois Probate Act, any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition to Terminate to the Clerk.

Jason Reeder, Independent Administrator
By Bolen, Robinson & Ellis, LLP
By Jon D. Robinson, His Attorney

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Legal 19404
February 4, 11 and 18, 2022

LEGAL

Notice of Public Sale is hereby given that an auction will be held online on www.lockerfox.com beginning on March 10th at 12:00pm ending March 17th, 12:01 pm to 12:05 pm to sell the following in-

dividuals' articles to enforce lien against such articles, for storage furnished at Storage Unlimited, 1506 Route 54 East, Clinton IL 61727, (217) 935-3200 under a rental agreement with:

12:01 pm, Erika Tyler, occupant of space 1F06, items: treadmill, wooden trunk, bed frames X 2, hand saws, circular saw, kitchen table, assorted totes/boxes and misc.

12:02 pm, Michael Howell, occupant of space 1E10, items: craftsman 60 gallon air compressor, 2 window Air conditioning units, 2 tires/rims, engine, assorted totes/boxes and misc.

12:03 pm, Allissa Collins, occupant of space 1L36, items: electric fireplace, couch, mirror, kitchen items, kids clothes and toys, totes/boxes and misc.

12:04 pm, Randall Ayers, occupant of space 1B44, items: vacuum, shop vac, lamps, work bench, walker, assorted totes/ boxes and misc.

12:05 pm, Carl Taylor, occupant of space 1F21. Items: Rocking chair, upholstered chair, shelves, decorations, totes/boxes and misc.

Legal 19405
February 11 and 18, 2022

LEGAL

Wapella Township is now accepting bids for the mowing of four cemeteries in Wapella Township. For bid information contact Lindsay Donovan, township clerk at 217-855-1942. Mail bids to Wapella Township, 704 Walnut Circle, Wapella, IL 61777. All bids along with proof of insurance must be received by March 7, 2022. Bids will be opened March 8, 2022 at 7 pm in the Wapella Community Center. Wapella Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Lindsay Donovan,
Township Clerk

REQUIREMENTS FOR MOWING CEMETERIES IN WAPELLA TOWNSHIP

1. Cemeteries to be mowed are Sugar Grove, Long Point, Crum and St. Patricks.
2. Cemeteries must be mowed and trimmed on a weekly basis during the months of April, May, June, July, August, September, and October or as needed in those months.
3. All grass and debris must be removed from all headstones after each mowing.
4. Payment will be made one time a month on the second Tuesday of each month.
5. Three year contracts are encouraged.
6. Proof of insurance must be provided with bid.
7. Mail bids to Wapella Township/Attn: Lindsay Donovan, 704 Walnut Circle, Wapella, IL 61777
8. Bids must be received by March 7, 2022 to be considered.

Legal 19406
February 11, 18 and 25, 2022

LEGAL

The Village of Kenney is now accepting Garbage Contract bids. Current contract expires April 2022. There are approximately 155 accounts, must provide totes for each account. Bids must be sealed and received by March 4, 2022 to Village of Kenney, P.O. Box 166, Kenney, IL 61749.

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