

Judge rules against county in wind permit lawsuit

Directs building permit applications to go forward

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CLINTON — A judge has ruled the county has no authority to withhold building permits from the Enel Green Energy Alta Farms II wind energy project.

In his ruling issued last week, Sixth Circuit Court Judge Jason Bohm ordered the DeWitt County Zoning Administrator to process the 15 permit applications in question by September 13.

County board members voting in July to suspend further building permits for Alta Farms II said the action was to force the developer Enel Green Energy to prove it could shut down wind turbines during periods of severe weather, a process known as “curtailment.”

A second vote taken on August 19 to resume issuance of permits ended in a tie with one abstention.

Enel was suing the county, asking the court to order a resumption of building permits. The county issued about 30 building permits for the project before the board suspended the issuance of any more. About 26 permits still remained to be issued, including about a half-dozen that require drainage district approval.

Anti-wind project activists claim Enel has not provided evidence it could shut down wind turbines quickly during tornado warnings to prevent interference with weather radar or that the company has permission to do so from authorities.

In his ruling Judge Bohm wrote there “was no dispute that Alta Farms

has submitted all the required fees, information and documentation for the Zoning Administrator to complete her review of the permit applications.”

Bohm also wrote the only question in the case was whether the county board had the authority to prohibit the zoning administrator from issuing building permits.

“The answer to that question is ‘no,’” Bohm wrote.

He wrote that units of local government must follow their own ordinances, and those ordinances could be altered only through “the strict compliance with the requirements of Illinois law.”

“In this case, the county board did not amend the ordinances,” Bohm wrote. “Instead, it simply passed a motion prohibiting the zoning administrator from fulfilling her obligations under existing DeWitt County ordinances ...”

Bohm ruled the county board did not have the legal authority to take the action because a county board has “no power to suspend, even temporarily, their own ordinances.” He wrote the county already had the power to fine the wind energy company as part of its special use permit conditions, “but it was not entitled to interfere with the existing building permit obligations of the zoning administrator.”

He added, “Nothing in the record suggests that building permits for new turbines can be premised on the curtailment compliance of existing turbines.”

Bohm directed the county zoning administrator to process the 15 building permit applications to make her final decision on those permits by Monday this week.

Scooter’s Coffee coming to town, O’Reilly Auto Parts files site plan

CLINTON — A Bellevue, Neb.-based coffee franchise has obtained a building permit to raze the former Clinton Pizza Hut building to make room for a drive-through coffee and food franchise.

Scooter’s Coffee also has plans for stores in Decatur, Springfield and Taylorville. Scooter’s has locations throughout

Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin and Arkansas, with other locations in Florida, Utah and Arizona.

Also, the O’Reilly auto parts chain has filed a preliminary site plan with the City of Clinton. The proposed store would be located along W. Van Buren Street in the vicinity of the planned Scooters.



Courtesy of Susan Munoz

36th Kenney Festival

Area Kenney veterans’ organizations raised the U.S. flag and fired off some volleys to open the 36th annual Kenney Festival on September 10. **See more photos on page B2.**

Solar ordinance revamp continues

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CLINTON — Members of the county board land use committee continued Monday working to improve language in its commercial solar energy production ordinance. Recommended changes to the ordinance will eventually move on to the Regional Planning Commission (RPC).

State’s attorney Dan Markwell, who was not consulted in writing the original draft, helped the committee as members addressed some ambiguous passages in the draft ordinance. These included difficulty



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Members of the county board land use committee continues to rework language in its solar energy production ordinance.

in creating a definition of “prime farmland,” and how much authority the county could legally exercise

over the use of private property. Committee members agreed that language directing how landowners should move

or dispose of topsoil should be removed from the ordinance.

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Local 4-H projects selected as Reserve and Grand Champions at Illinois State Fair

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CLINTON — DeWitt County 4-H advanced 28 general projects for judging at the Illinois State Fair after the DeWitt, Macon, and Piatt 4-H general projects show in July. Seven projects were recognized with Inspire awards, three received Reserve Champion awards, and four were selected as Grand Champions.

The following 4-H members participated in the Illinois State Fair and are listed with their respective awards.

Barth, Chloe, Floriculture A, Inspire
Bruns, Elana, Corn, Inspire
Craft, Gideon, Animal Science, Inspire
Cunningham, Katie, Design Decisions-Beginning
Delby, Maya, Photography I
Drozs, Morgan, Foods Innovation, Champion
Drozs, Emily, Heritage Arts

Ebert, Rian, Electricity 2
Hawkins, Olivia, Beekeeping I
Howell, Preston, Animal Science
Howell, Davis, Veterinary Science
Major, Rachel, Scrapbooking-Beginning
Meier, Justeen, Computer-Generated Art
Meyen, Callia, Photography I, Inspire
Meyen, Adara, 3-D Design/Mixed Media, Champion
Meyen, Anton, Wildlife 2, Champion
Meyen, Tayanna, Rock Hounds 2, Inspire
Mills, Peyton, Design Decisions-Beginning
Nixon, Abram, Tractor B, Reserve Champion
Nord, Inga, Clay
Raines, Dawson, Forests of Fun 3, Champion
Rexshell, Owen, Woodworking 2, Inspire
Rhodes, Nolan, 4-H Cooking 101, Inspire
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Markwell also pointed out some contradictory passages in the ordinance requiring correction and clarified language regarding solar projects near aircraft runways and landing strips. They identified four rural landing strips in the county.

Committee members also agreed that much of the language addressing residential solar energy systems likely was outside the scope of enforcement generally assumed by the county. “This really seems like it’s on the borderline of building codes versus

zoning,” commented committee member Aaron Kammeyer. A discussion by the committee in July addressed primarily how the ordinance could safeguard field drainage tiles from installation of commercial solar projects.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Clinton Police Department

On 09/10/21 Clinton Police investigated a reckless driving complaint in the 600 block N. George. Clinton Police issued a citation for Reckless Driving to Destin T. Toohill 17, Lane. Toohill was released on a Notice to Appear in Court.

On 09/11/21 Clinton Police arrested Sean M. Dunlap 25, Clinton for Disorderly Conduct, Assault, and Possession of a Controlled Substance. Dunlap was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 09/11/21 Clinton Police arrested Karl D. Thorpe Jr. 68, Clinton for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol with a B.A.C. greater than .08. Thorpe was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 09/12 21 Clinton Police arrested Thomas L. Harris 53, Clinton for Domestic Battery and Assault. Harris was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

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Joshua Roberts, 65, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Speeding (75 mph in a 55 mph zone). Roberts was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Danessa Thomas, 19, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Speeding (80 mph in a 55 mph zone). Thomas was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Investigation into the scene of an accident which occurred at 1905 on 9/1/21 revealed that Taylor

Montrell 21, Broadview, was southbound on US Highway 51 in the passing lane. Wesley Lear, 33, Decatur, was also southbound in the passing lane, in front of Montrell. Montrell drove into the rear end of Lear. Lear stated he was driving the speed limit when he was rear-ended. Montrell stated he did not have time to slow down prior to crashing into the rear of Lear. Montrell’s vehicle had extensive damage to the front end. Lear had damage to the rear bumper and tailgate. Montrell’s vehicle was towed from the scene. Lear’s vehicle was driven from the scene. Montrell was issued a Citation for Failure to Reduce Speed/Accident. Montrell was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

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

The return of the potato

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. I had promised to walk you through the process of making a potato soufflé. Soufflé is a French word simply meaning to poof up. One day, I had suggested to our culinary instructor to make some potato soufflés as a snack item for an event we were hosting. He thought I meant the type that requires eggs and put into ramekins for baking. You know the kind. They poof up and are very delicate. The only kind of potato soufflé is a type of potato chip. There are some other potato delights that you might wish to make.

Potatoes contain lots of water. The slices of potato will cause the oil to bubble violently. Be sure the oil is low enough to not cause a boil over. Try and keep the temperature at 350°F. No higher than 375°F. Cut the potato into a rectangular prism. The scrap potato peelings can be made into potato skin appetizers by seasoning them, and baking them with herbs and topped with cheese. The scraps could also be used in making stock, mashed potatoes, soup, or anything else where the size and shape does not matter.

I find that a block of potato that is squared off to 1¼ inch square and as long as possible works well. It would be fun to see what transpires with 1¼ inch by 1¾ inch as a crosscut measurement. Set a mandoline straight blade to slice at 1/8-inch thick. I will explain later why this thickness dimension is critical. With a mandoline, watch your fingers; especially

your thumbs. Blood does not make for a very good sauce.

It does not hurt for the oil temperature to be a little above 350°F. Once the potato slices hit the grease, the temperature will drop. But keep an eye on that thermometer throughout the frying process. Use a fry basket if you have many to fry. I prefer a slotted spoon or donut scoop for smaller batches.

First, blanch them and allow five minutes for cooling. Return them to the hot oil. The slices will sink to the bottom again. Once they begin to float and gain that golden brown look, they are done. Now, what happened and what was learned from this process? Then try and figure how it can be useful in other areas of cooking.

The blanching is the first step for creating the skin. The second frying creates that exterior tough skin. They remain in the oil to fully cook the interior. Because of the potato being so watery, it begins to build steam inside. The skin does not allow the steam to escape. The center is thus pulled apart (sides expanded). With the middle sides now thin, it becomes crisp like a potato chip. The ends are more like a French fry. Now you have what is truly a potato soufflé.

Until next time, peace to all.



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State’s verification system catches thousands of uninsured drivers

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SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Secretary of State’s Office is going after uninsured drivers with a new system of random checks.

Nearly 2,700 Illinois license plates have been suspended in the past two months since the program went into effect.

The state’s new system, called the Illinois Insurance Verification System, automatically verifies a vehicle owner’s insurance status at least twice a year at random intervals.

Several years ago, the Secretary of State’s office and the Illinois Insurance Association determined that several other states

were successful in getting a higher percentage of motorists insured when they used random electronic checks to identify uninsured drivers.

Prior the new system, the Secretary of State’s office randomly checked for insurance each year about 3% of the 10 million registered vehicles.

“The old system entailed mailing out to people randomly,” agency spokesman Dave Druker said. “We would do hundreds of thousands of them to people and ask them to respond, and to some degree, it put a burden on people to justify that they had insurance.”

Drivers identified as uninsured through the new system receive a letter with instructions on how


to obtain car insurance or prove they’re already insured. If they fail to do so, the vehicle’s registration is suspended and the vehicle owner is charged \$100 to reinstate it. About 7,000 have been sent out since July 1.

Motorists who get a letter from the Secretary of State’s office are asked to contact an insurance agent regarding car insurance. There is no need to contact the Secretary of State.

Some have raised concerns about the electronic verification system, saying it is equivalent to spying.

The state said the program is paid for by the insurance companies and puts no burden on Illinois taxpayers.

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Roy E. Coppenbarger

KENNEY — Roy E. Coppenbarger, 88, of Kenney, passed away on September 8, 2021, at Manor Court in Clinton.

Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at St. John's Catholic Church, Clinton, with the Rev. Fr. James Henning Celebrant. Burial with military honors will follow at Oak Park Cemetery, Clinton. Visitation will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton.

Roy was born on June 19, 1933, in Hallsville, the son of Marion Luther and Ida Cordelia (Brittin) Coppenbarger.

He graduated from Illinois State Normal University in 1958 and later earned a master's degree from ISU.

He married his wife of 62 years, Donna Frances Fitzpatrick, on June 28, 1958, and they lived in Kenney for 52 years. She passed away on August 1, 2020.

Roy taught drafting in Decatur and Springfield schools until 1975 and was an insurance broker in Kenney for 48 years. He raced motorcycles, enjoyed photography, traveling with his family and loved listening to audio books. He was a gifted mechanic and appreciated automobiles of all types. He was a member of the VFW and the Kenney-Hallsville American Legion Post



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He is survived by his daughter, Mary Frances Coppenbarger, of Bourbonnais, Ill. Also surviving are sisters-in-law Kathryn (Fred) Norman, of Springfield, Margaret Long of Pittsboro, Ind., Marilyn Fitzpatrick of Pawnee, Ill., Michele (Michael) Thompson, of Springfield, and brothers-in-law Dale (Peggy), of Effingham, James (Sue), of Wickenburg, Ariz., Robert "Willie" (Debbie) of Alva, Okla., and Jerry, of Franklin, sisters-in-law Jean Ann Fitzpatrick and Carole Fitzpatrick as well as numerous nieces and nephews, and his long-time caregiver, Bobbi Morse, of Kenney.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Wilbur (Barbara), Roger (Carol), Ronald, and Donald (Iva); brothers-in-law Joseph Fitzpatrick, Hershel Fitzpatrick, and Richard Long and sisters-in-law Dorothy and Wilma Fitzpatrick.

Memorials may be made to the Kenney Heritage Association.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Rev. C. Don Ferrill

CLINTON — The Rev. C. Don Ferrill was born, in Clinton, on June 23, 1931, to Charlie and Eva (Conn) Ferrill.

He went to be with His Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on September 7, 2021.

He was raised on a farm just west of Weldon Springs State Park, where he spent the first part of his life working as a farmer alongside his family. He also worked at Revere, making shell casings. Don received his call to ministry six years after high school. He quickly went to get his education at Eastern Illinois University and Evangelical Theological Seminary to become a local pastor.

Pastor Don served numerous churches across Central Illinois spanning 65 years of Christian ministry, which included: 1956 Oakley-Garver Brick EUB, 1963 Saybrook EUB, 1968 Peoria Grace UMC, 1976 Clinton UMC, 1988 Danville St. James UMC, 1997 Retired from UMC, 2000 Clinton Presbyterian, 2005 Decatur Grace UMC, 2013 Weldon UMC, 2019 Kenny UMC.

Don was married to the love of his life, Fran (Hall) Ferrill, for 52 years. Fran was not only his best-friend but a faithful and dedicated pastor's wife and ministry partner.

Don had two sons, Timothy James (Mindy) Ferrill and Peter Andrew Ferrill. He has eight grandchildren, Irellyn, Landyn, Layne, Kieran, and Drayden Ferrill, Hope Ferrill, Hayden (Sidney) Maurice, and Laurenn Maurice. He has one great-grandchild Tate Maurice. Don has one older sister, Marjorie (Joe) Shearer, of Villa Grove, and one younger brother



Ross (Dorothy) Ferrill, of Argenta. He has one sister-in-law, Beverly (Don) Swanstrom, of Gibson City, and one brother-in-law, Dr. Samuel Hall, of St. Paul, Minn. Don has countless nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Pastor Don's greatest passion and purpose in life was being a witness to others in our world for Jesus Christ. He loved God, the church, local pastors, and gave his life for the mission of telling others about Jesus. His life and ministry have impacted countless thousands of lives with the good news of the Gospel of hope, healing, salvation, and victory through faith in Jesus Christ.

His visitation will be held from 9-11 a.m. followed by his Celebration of Life service from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. noon, on Saturday, September 11, 2021, both located at the Clinton United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to The Tabernacle Church, located at 1845 W. Hovey Ave. in Normal, or any church of your choice.

Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, assisted the family with cremation rites.

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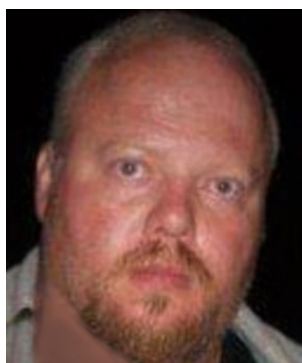
Shaune Lee Matheny

FOX LAKE, Ill. — Shaune Lee Matheny, 52, of Fox Lake, Ill.; and a former resident of Clinton, passed away on August 15, 2021, at his home.

Family has requested private graveside services.

Shaune L. Matheny was born on October 23, 1968, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Harold and Barbara Matheny (Musick); and son of Rose Matheny (Wilham).

Survivors include his daughter, Loretta Ann Matheny; grandson, Brian Thomas Lee Hernandez; parents, Harold (Barbara) Matheny, Rose Matheny; sisters, Michelle (Dan) Monaghan, and Tara



(Greg) Chapman.

He was preceded in death by his long time partner, Loretta Moriarty, and sister, Crystal Matheny.

Shaune enjoyed the outdoors. He loved to fish and garden, but most of all, he loved his daughter and grandson with all his heart.

Recreation center shuttered again

Well, that certainly didn't last long. My town's recreation center opened last week for indoor walking only -- no classes, no basketball, no anything else -- then shut down again just as quickly.

It seemed like it would be safe: only a certain number allowed into the building at one time, no walking with a buddy, walking by yourself in one lane on the track, enter the building at your designated time and leave when your time is up. What could go wrong?

What went wrong was the Mask Police.

We're supposed to be able to exercise without a mask. Except, cried the Mask Police, we would be exercising indoors. Indoors equals need for masks.

I hear it was a very heated board meeting, with those on opposing sides quite vocal in presenting their cases. The anti-mask contingent was adamant that it was dangerous to ask us to mask up while exercising. The Mask Police insisted that COVID-positive people would be exhaling germs all over the rec center. They even brought charts and graphs. In the end, the rec center supervisor

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

threw his hands in the air and declared the center closed for the foreseeable future.

Meanwhile, there's a bright spot on the horizon for this winter. The local senior center is once again hosting the Senior Health Fair. The purpose of the annual event is to link seniors with resources in the area. Companies and providers sign up to showcase their wares and offerings, including housing, products aimed at seniors, fitness, legal help, the fire department, senior-living retirement communities, the YMCA, medical services, at-home nurse visits and much more.

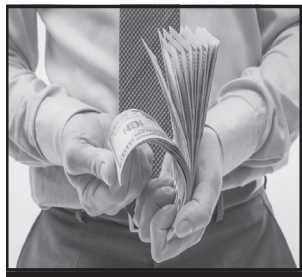
This year, however, like last year, it will all be online. Each exhibitor will have videos and "live" online events that seniors can "visit" via computer. There will be entertainment, but unfortunately, no snack tables.

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NEWS

Merle A. 'Sonny' Mearida

HENRY, Tenn. — Merle A. "Sonny" Mearida, 79, of Henry, Tenn., formerly of Wapella, passed away at 7:20 a.m. on September 5, 2021, at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital, Jackson, Tenn.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 11, 2021, at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with Jerry Hunter officiating. Visitation will be held from 10–11 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Burial with military honors will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021, at the Danville National Cemetery.

Memorial may be directed to Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

Merle was born on July 16, 1942, in Wapella, the son of Merle C. "Buddy" and Rosa (Lowery) Mearida. He married Sharon Lehman on March 2, 1963 in Atlanta, Ga.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Mearida, Henry, Tenn.; children, Janet (Rob) Wick, Bloomington; Susan (Mike) Freed, Roberts,



Ill.; Beth (Bradlie) Mennenga, Irving, Texas; and Kenneth (Kylene) Mearida, DeWitt, Ill., seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild; siblings, Ronald (Vicki) Mearida, Wapella; Nancy Scott, Bloomington; and Barbara (Allen) Pence, Wapella.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Billy.

Sonny was a truck driver and was the owner of S&S Pallets, in Wapella. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving his country during the Vietnam Conflict. Sonny enjoyed spending winters in Rio Grand Valley, Texas, and eating with friends and family. He loved his dogs, Cody and Khloe, and was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Roberta Marie Jaspers

KENNEY — Roberta Marie (Cutright) Jaspers, 71 of Kenney, passed away at 9:45 a.m. on September 9, 2021, at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington.

Private graveside services will be conducted on Thursday at Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Kenney, with Angie Cosgrove officiating. There will be no visitation. Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to Kenney Fire Department, Second Chance for Pets pet adoptions or DeWitt County Animal Shelter.

Roberta was born on April 20, 1950, in Lincoln, the daughter of Orville James and Hazel Pauline (Centers) Cutright. She married Jay Jaspers on June 2, 1990, in

Bloomington. He passed away on September 2001.

Survivors include her siblings, Barbara (Richard) Johnson, Kenney; Sharon Greenslate, Kenney; Paula (Randy) Kelly, Kenney; and Orville H. (Linda) Cutright, Kenney.

Roberta was preceded in death by her parents, and siblings, Lois Summers, Mary Rohrscheib, Charles Cutright and Betty Cutright.

Roberta enjoyed making Christmas and Easter cards for church, photography, and collecting car paraphernalia. She was a member of the Good News Gospel Trio and loved animals. Roberta had a nursing career spanning more than 30 years.

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Clinton High School



Lisa Hacker
Special Education Resource Teacher,
Clinton School District



Kami Hefner
First Grade Teacher



Katherine Hicks
First Grade Teacher,
Douglas School



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Third Grade Teacher,
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'Fall Farm Day' Sept. 19 at Gail's Pumpkin Patch

BEASON — Gail's Pumpkin Patch, Beason, will host "Fall Farm Day" on Sunday, September 19, from noon to 5 p.m. Visitors can enjoy free barrel train rides and free popcorn wagon rides.

Admission will be free. Nuthatch Hill BBQ will sell food. They serve award winning BBQ.

Lincoln native Jeff Cordes will provide special music.

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HISTORY ALMANAC

1930 - Construction on Boulder Dam, later renamed Hoover Dam, began in Black Canyon, near Las Vegas, NV.

1937 - At Mount Rushmore, Abraham Lincoln's face was dedicated.

1939 - The Soviet Union invaded Poland. Germany had invaded Poland on September 1.

1947 - The first U.S. Secretary of Defense, James V. Forrestal, was sworn in to office.

1955 - "The Perry Como Show" moved to Saturday nights on NBC-TV.

1961 - The Minnesota Vikings were debuted as the new National Football League (NFL) team.

1962 - U.S. space officials announced the selection of Neil A. Armstrong and eight others as new astronauts.

1976 - NASA unveiled the space shuttle Enterprise in Palmdale, CA.

1983 - Vanessa Williams, as Miss New York, became the first black woman to be crowned Miss America.

1984 - 9,706 immigrants became naturalized citizens when they were sworn in by U.S. Vice-President George Bush in Miami, FL. It was the largest group to become U.S. citizens.

1984 - Gordon P. Getty was named the richest person in the U.S. His fortune was \$4.1 billion.

1984 - Reggie Jackson hit his 500th career home run. It was exactly 17 years from the day he hit his first major league home run.

1988 - Lt. Gen. Prosper Avril declared himself president of Haiti after President Henri Hamphy was ousted.

1991 - The United Nations General Assembly opened its 46th session. The new members were Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, North and South Korea, Micronesia and the Marshall Islands.

1992 - Lawrence Walsh called a halt to his probe of the Iran-Contra scandal. The investigation had lasted 5 1/2 years.

1995 - Hong Kong held its last legislative election before being taken over by China in 1997.

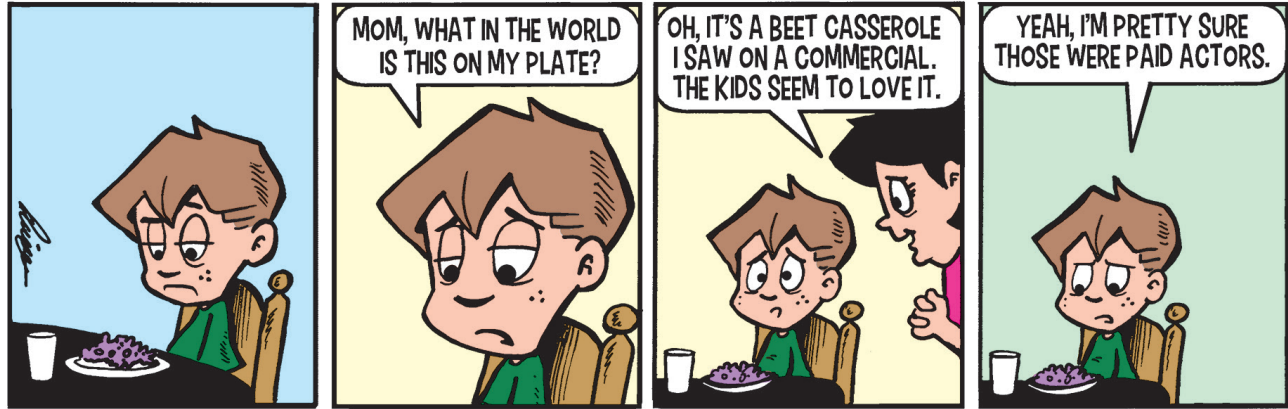
1997 - Northern Ireland's main Protestant party joined in peace talks. It was the first time that all of the major players had come together.

1998 - The United States government offered a reward for the capture of Haroun Fazil for his role in the U.S. bombing in Kenya on August 7, 1998.

1998 - The U.S. announced a plan that would compensate victims in the Kenya and Tanzania U.S. Embassy bombings on August 7, 1998.

2014 - The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at an all time high of 17,156.

Amber Waves



Today in DeWitt County

Several events in DeWitt County caught my attention this past week and simply deserve some retelling. Each warrants more space than I can give them, but each is worthy of consideration from a community standpoint.

Rev. C. Don Ferrill—When one thinks of ministers in DeWitt County, one must acknowledge the 60-plus years of ministry Rev. Ferrill engaged in. A farm boy from the Weldon Springs area, Don felt the call to be a minister, first with the United Brethren Church and then with the United Methodist church when the denominations merged.

Don preached throughout central Illinois. Here in DeWitt County he ministered at the Clinton United Methodist Church, Kenny United Methodist Church, Weldon United Methodist Church and to prove his ecumenical spirit he also pastored the Clinton Presbyterian Church while they were between ministers.

I knew Don from the Kiwanis Club and came to respect and appreciate him. Don was a gentle man who loved God, his wife Fran and children, and all things doing with livestock and farming. Don was a friend to all and an excellent speaker. Don always sought to do what he thought was best for God, his family and this community. Don will be missed by all who met him. Go in Peace.

IGA cookouts—Kirby Foods and Clinton IGA have for years afforded local non-profits space on Fridays and Saturdays to sell ribeye and porkchop sandwiches as a fundraiser.

This past weekend it was the Clinton Kiwanis that was the fundraising

beneficiary. I was the cashier for much of this time. (Please, no more jokes about attorneys being trusted with the money.) It is not unusual for an individual to order \$18, pay with a twenty, and say keep the change. That act of kindness is always appreciated by the local non-profits. However, Friday evening was special.

A lady walked out of IGA with her groceries and stopped to buy a pork chop sandwich. The sandwich cost \$5 and she paid for it with a \$50 bill. I went to give her change and she said to keep it for the club. I then thought she had mistakenly given me a fifty thinking she had given me a twenty. I told her she had given me a fifty. She acknowledged that and again said keep it, you guys give back to the community. That lady made all of us feel great. It also demonstrated that Clinton and DeWitt County is a giving and caring community. That feeling was priceless. Thank-you madam.

Windfarm zoning ruling—The County had declined to issue permits for the erection of some of the towers that Alta Farms planned to install. Alta Farms then sued the County asking that the County be directed to issue the permits.

This past Wednesday, Champaign County Circuit Judge Jason Bohm ruled for Alta Farms and directed the County to engage in issuing the permits.

Pragmatically on both the state and national levels, clean energy is now the favored means of producing electricity. That means that wind and solar production will receive favored treatment



by the state and federal government. The current subsidies are enormous and should give concern to farmers who produce corn for ethanol. The energy game plan is rapidly changing. Locally, it is time for all sides to work together and make the windfarm work for all as litigation is simply too expensive.

C o u n t y / C i t y Administrators—Both the County and Clinton have current administrators who are nearing retirement. City Administrator Tim Followell's retirement is rumored to occur at the end of this year. County Administrator DeeDee Rentmeister is rumored to be considering retirement, but no timeframes have been made public. Both administrators are very skilled and knowledgeable in their positions. Both are longtime residents with deep loyalties to their respective governmental units.

Similar communities and counties pay in the low six-figure range for these positions. Neither of these individuals make anywhere near that sum. So, what's the problem? The problem is there does not appear to be a defined succession/replacement plan in place for either governmental unit. Each of these governmental units has distinct nuances that are not learned overnight.

It would behoove both units to have their current administrators stay in office for a significant period of time after the

by Dave T. Phipps

new person is hired to assist that person in being acclimated to the position. Both current administrators have a wealth of knowledge they can pass on to their respective successors. That knowledge doesn't get passed on by osmosis and it certainly doesn't get passed with a short job description memo. It takes time.

Some may say that the administrator's job functions can be done by the elected officials as that is what they were elected to do. That is certainly a fair observation and a good question to ask. The problem is that the elected officials, city council and county board, are all part time positions and those officials hold down full-time jobs.

A d d i t i o n a l l y , government has become highly regulated and it takes enormous time and energy to keep up with all the regulations and just the day to day activities of government. I urge both the city council and county board to develop a comprehensive plan to replace these positions upon their retirements.

On a differing perspective, any applicant must consider that these appointments are political in many respects and have no job security. Both the city and county will be having elections in the near term and the new board/council may have differing opinions of what they want in an administrator.

Both the County and City need to give some serious and immediate thought to preparing for a new administrator when their current administrators retire.

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Are you getting all your VA benefits?

Are you taking advantage of all your veterans' benefits? The Department of Veterans Affairs recently launched a program to bring awareness of the benefits that elderly veterans might be missing. Per the VA's notice, only 189,800 wartime veterans and 139,800 surviving spouses are using all the pension benefits they could receive.

Here are a few benefits, available through the Pension and Fiduciary Service:

- * The Survivors Pension is a monthly payment to qualified surviving spouses and unmarried dependent children of wartime veterans, but only those who meet certain income and net-

worth limits. There's an additional benefit for surviving spouses who are housebound or need aid and attendance from someone else.

- * The VA Pension is for wartime veterans who are permanently and totally disabled because of nonservice disability, or those who are over age 65 and meet income and net-worth limits.

- * The Special Monthly Pension is an additional payment for qualified veterans who are housebound, need aid and attendance for daily activities, have limited sight or are in a nursing home.

- * Surviving Spouses of Blue Water Veterans (who served between Jan. 9, 1962, and May 7,



by Freddy Groves

1975) might be eligible for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, even if they were previously denied.

- * Funeral and Burial Benefits are available whether the death was service or nonservice related. Additionally, there are benefits such as the burial flag, a headstone or marker and Presidential Memorial Certificate. See the National Cemetery website for much more information [www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits] and to check eligibility in advance.

For details about

benefits, go to benefits.va.gov/benefits. Click on Apply to find instructions and forms.

Those seeking help in filing claims need to beware. Be sure who you're trusting with your information. Look for a VA-accredited Veterans Service Organization (VSO) representative -- they are characterized and have to pass an exam. Search for accredited representatives at www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation by filling in the information, or call 1-800-827-1000 to ask for someone in your area.

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8:45 a.m.-continental breakfast
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school / Bible study
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- 1. Is the book of Corinthians in the Old Testament, New Testament or neither?
 - 2. In Matthew 5, how many Beatitudes did Jesus mention in His Sermon on the Mount? 4, 6, 8, 10
 - 3. From Luke 2, what village was known as the "City of David"? Damascus, Jerusalem, Jericho, Bethlehem
 - 4. In 1 Kings 17, who ate a poor widow's last meal? Amos, Elijah, Matthew, Daniel
 - 5. To what tribe of Israel did Paul belong? Asher, Benjamin, Issachar, Reuben
 - 6. From Genesis 4, who built a city called Enoch? Adam, Moses, Noah, Cain
- ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) 8; 3) Bethlehem; 4) Elijah; 5) Benjamin; 6) Cain
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GENESIS 37: 32-34

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High 80



Thursday
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High 75

Weather History

September 18

1886: A tornado moved along the Des Plaines River in northeast Illinois, hitting Joliet. The tornado destroyed 20 homes, 10 barns, two factories, and a grain elevator; a bridge was moved intact for two blocks. 20 people were injured, but the loud roar of the approaching tornado allowed residents time to take shelter, so no one was killed.

September 19

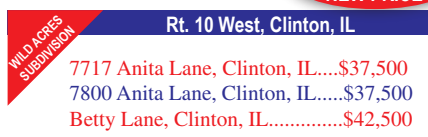
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Maroons over Bombers at home 37-0

Strong performance in loss to Rams

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CLINTON — The Clinton Maroons have returned with a new season, a new coach, and, hopefully, down the road, a lot of wins. Coach Ron Bass did not promise a winning season to start but is building the team for the future.

The team’s first outing (an away game at Lincoln against the Railers) was a tough loss to start a new season. However, the team came home to Sprague Field and handily took the second game from the Argenta/Oreana Bombers.

Clinton kicked off to the Bombers to start the game and then pushed all the way back to the goal line in several plays and scored 2 points on a touchback. From there, it was basically all Maroons who had a touchdown (TD) in the first quarter to go with the touchback, two TD’s in the second quarter, one Td on an interception in the third quarter and a final TD in the last quarter.

With this 37-0 win, the



Photos Marc Rogers / Journal
The Maroons carried and posted “13” flags for those lost in a bombing.

team was 1-1 on the season. At this game, Trevor Willis (#13) was presented with the “Rodney Goodwin Award” and the accompanying #49 jersey for the season.

The teams third outing (another home game) was a 40-29 loss to the Shelbyville Rams. Many said it was another runaway game, but the Maroons lost by only 11 points. That’s just a TD, a 2-point conversion and a field goal from

a tie.

The Maroons were clicking well early in the game and answered every Rams score with one of their own. Wyatt Martin (#1) kept the Maroons in the game with two kickoff returns in the first half, the first 85 yards and the second 90 yards.

The Rams scored a touchback late in the first half to lead 16-14 at the half.

To start the third quarter the Maroons took the lead on a TD pass to Aid-

en Schlesinger. The Rams then popped off three straight TD’s in the third quarter to put Clinton in the lurch for a bit. In the fourth and final quarter the Rams scored a field goal while the home team missed one, to put them up 40-21.

The Maroons rallied and scored one final TD with a 2- point conversion to finalize the score at 40 Rams and 29 Maroons.



Trevor Willis (and family) Receiving the “Rodney Goodwin Award.”

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The Maroons and their families that are graduating to high school.

Rain stops play, but Maroons remain at 10-2 going into regionals Saturday

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CLINTON — The Clinton Junior High School (CJHS) Maroons baseball team had a last home stand on September 7 against the Williamsville Bullets.

Prior to the game, the team was 10-2 heading into regionals with a good outlook. However, the only bright spot of the evening turned out to be the recognition ceremony for the 8th graders moving on to high

school.

As the game progressed, it was easy to see that Clinton would probably not win this outing. The Bullets began with two runs in the first inning and continued to add two runs in each of two innings to take a 6-0 lead.

The Maroons were scoreless with only two hits when the sky opened up, first with thunder, then lightning, followed by a deluge of rain drops.

The game was called on account of rain, and the

Maroons remained at 10-2.

But, a happy result of the game, the Maroons went through three pitchers in the unfinished game and the offense was stifled.

Those moving on are Reynolds (#2), Wilson (#27), Pine (#46), Parker (#18), Miner (#18), Fentress (#10), and Curtis (#23) (as pictured).

The team’s first regional game will be at home on Saturday, September 18, starting at 10 a.m.

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SPORTS

CJHS Lady Maroons over Lady Redskins and Runnin' Reds



Grace Gates scoring a run while the opposition looks for someone to tag.

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CLINTON — On Saturday, Sept. 4, The Lady Maroons of Clinton Junior High School (CJHS) took on the Lady Redskins of Sullivan Junior High in their last regular home game.

This was also the Lady Maroons' 8th grade recognition game. They will lose nine players from the team and, for those who don't know, the team fields nine players at a time.

Sullivan started with a bang with one run in the first on two hits. The Lady Maroons were up to the task of the day and responded in the bottom of the inning with a run of their own. Then the Lady Maroons exploded for three more runs in the second inning to take a lead they would not relinquish.

The home team then added 2 runs in each of the 3rd and fifth innings to lead 8-1.

The Lady Redskins tried to make a move in the sixth inning but could score only one run, leaving the Lady Maroons with an 8-2 win.

Aliviyah Haynes got the win throwing 5 strike outs. There was good fielding behind her to help stifle the opposition.

The offense was led by Avery Smith (#22) with 2 hits in 4 at bats.

Many Lady Maroons got on by walks and then scored on stolen bases. The 8th graders moving on are (#4) Lilah Cluver, (#9) Aliviyah Haynes, (#14) Joleena Stewart, (#15) Mabrey Schick, (#18) Madison Cole, (#19) Anelise Thompson, (#21) Grace Gates, (#22) Avery Smith, (#24) Riley Fentress. The B team followed with a 7-0 win with Mylie Alwood (#20) on the mound.

The Lady Maroons then returned to their home field for the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) Regionals. The opponent for this game was the Stephen Decatur "Runnin' Reds" from Decatur.

This game would prove to be a stumbling block for the opposition in a bid for moving on in the play-offs. The Lady Reds advanced only 11 players to the plate with no scoring. The Lady Maroons were on point with this game, scoring 9 runs in the bottom of the first inning and added seven more in the second inning for 17 runs, ending the game at 3 innings due to the 15 run rule.

Aliviyah Haynes (#9) and Mylie Alwood (#20) combined to pitch the one hit shut out, striking out 6 of the eleven opponents. The Lady Maroons scored on 4 hits, 13 walks and two hit batters.



An Honor Guard of batters for the 8th graders.

Scenes from 36th Kenney Festival



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GAMES

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DUMMY REVERSAL

♠ 8642 ♥ KQ9 ♦ KJ6 ♣ AKQ			North			♠ K97 ♥ 6 ♦ 9873 ♣ J9853		
♠ AQJT53 ♥ 542 ♦ T42 ♣ 4			West			East		
			Declarer					
			♠			♥ AJT873 ♦ AQ5 ♣ T762		

E-W Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1♥	2♠	3♠	Dbl
Rdbl	Pass	4NT	Pass
5NT	Pass	7♥	All Pass

N-S do well to reach 7♥. North's 3♠ said "Good hand with Heart support", South's Redouble showed a control in Spades, 4NT asked for Aces, and the 5NT response said "Two Aces and a void". That void was clearly in Spades, so North took a shot at the grand slam.

Trusting that the ♠A was not cashing, West led a trump, at which point Declarer could see 12 top tricks. The 13th might come from the Club suit (if the Jack would come down in three rounds), or, if trumps were 2-2 then the 13th trick would come from a Club ruff in Dummy. As you can see, both these lines of play were doomed to failure, but there was a another line available, in the form of a so-called dummy reversal. Instead of counting six trump tricks in her hand plus maybe a single (Club) ruff in Dummy, Declarer reversed her thinking and went for no fewer than four Spade ruffs in her own hand.

Here's how the play started: opening trump lead won in Dummy, Spade ruff, trump to Dummy (East showing out, and putting paid to any ideas of a Club ruff in Dummy) and another Spade ruff. Back to Dummy with a Club, another Spade ruff, back to Dummy with the ♦J, and a fourth Spade ruff. Declarer had negotiated all the required ruffs but still had to get back to Dummy to draw that last enemy trump. As there were more Diamonds out than there were Clubs, Declarer reckoned that returning to Dummy with Diamonds was less likely to run into a defensive ruff. And so it was, with the dummy reversal bringing in 13 tricks.

P.S. If trumps had been 2-2 then Declarer would have abandoned the dummy reversal, counting up to 13 tricks with six trumps plus six side-suit tricks plus one ruff in the short hand. But when the dummy reversal became necessary the arithmetic changed to only three trump tricks (in Dummy) plus six side-suit tricks plus four ruffs in the long hand.

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

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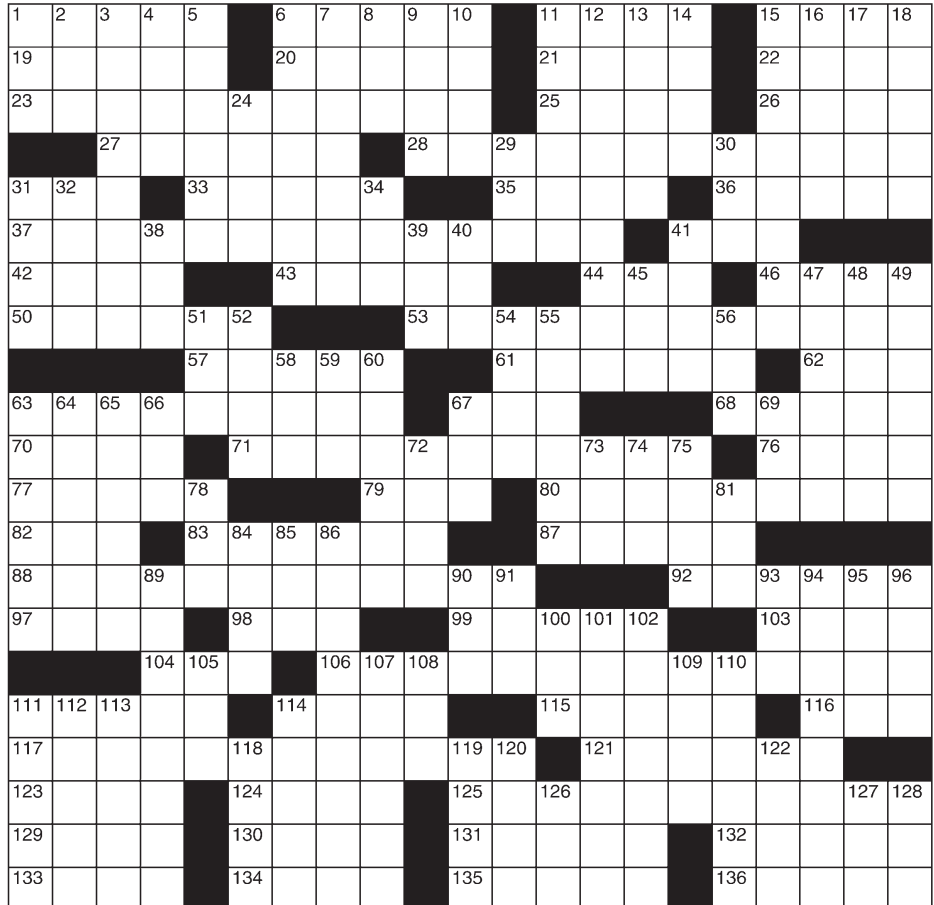
ON A FIRST-NAME BASIS

ACROSS

- 1 Father
6 Gather
11 No. on a car lot sticker
15 Quaint letter salutation
19 Pool table fabrics
20 Large town, in Italian
21 Burn slightly
22 Purple fruit from a palm
23 Candid bow wielder? [Anne]
25 Green Homet's valet
26 Lisa formerly of "The View"
27 Bread eaten at Passover
28 Gallic senior citizens? [Victor]
31 Subside
33 Earnest and solemn
35 D.C. VIPs
36 Four doubled
37 Ebony-colored card given on February 14? [Karen]
41 Stable scrap
42 Writer Ayn
43 Houston site
44 Little bit
46 A Great Lake
50 Cry of worry
53 Precious gem that formed just recently? [Neil]
61 Boot leathers
62 Chi preceder
63 Hueless Focus or Fiesta? [Betty]
67 Self-help writer LeShan
68 Butts in
70 Long-eared hopper
71 Undersized carriage with a fold-down top? [Martin]
76 Prefix with plane
77 University of Maine's town
79 Reply to "Are you?"
80 Annoyed small songbird? [Christopher]
82 PD alert
83 Mutiny
87 Pioneer in graph theory
88 Sweetheart prone to sulk? [Ron]
92 Sailor who flew on a roc
97 Absorbed by
98 Follower of "Co." often
99 Little bit
103 The last Mrs. Chaplin
104 Showery
106 Robust artisan working in precious metal? [Oliver]
111 Venue
114 Byte lead-in
115 Brand of fake fat
116 Wee, in brief
117 British noble who feels no affection? [Patty]
121 Quartets doubled
123 Oratorio solo
124 "Der —" (nickname for Konrad Adenauer)
125 Clear quartz fashioned to look like a suitor's flower? [Billy]
129 Mets' clubs
130 In tatters
131 Tickle pink
132 Long-term con
133 Louver strip
134 ERA or HRs
135 Quick
136 Up to now

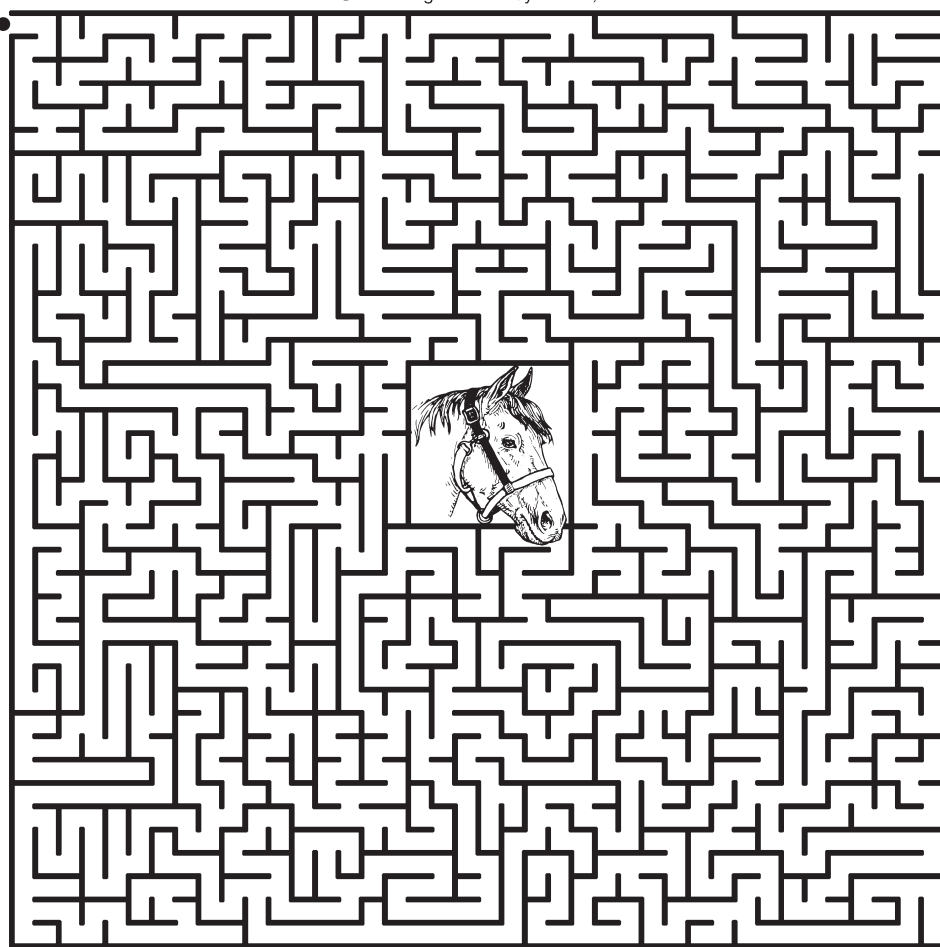
DOWN

- 1 Very close bud
2 Eternally, in poetry
3 "Glitter rock" group
4 Sicilian spewer
5 "For shame!"
6 Circus tumbler
7 "Glee" actress Lea —
8 Pt. of NCAA
9 Pear waste
10 Actress Gilbert
11 Poet Rod
12 Razor feature
13 Hotel listing
14 U. lecturer "wizard"
15 Slashed-price product
16 Pastry bag fill
17 Cowboy's workplace
18 Vision
24 127-Down between Russia and Ukraine
29 Prefix with plane
30 Stephen of the screen
31 Spanish river
32 Boring
34 T. —
38 B-F linkup
39 "No" vote
40 General on Chinese menus
41 Stage prize
45 Total up
47 More stringy
48 Possible follower of "Psst!"
49 Menlo Park "wizard"
51 Grow mellow
52 Ring arbiters
54 Meat stamp
55 Subtlety
56 Horned viper
58 Osaka drama
59 "— y plata"
60 "This is not —!" ("Red alert!")
63 Self-reflective question
64 Talk about ad nauseam
65 1950 Asimov classic
66 Five doubled
67 Elegant tree
69 With 109-Down, unprocessed facts
72 "Mon Oncle" star Jacques
73 Actress Joanne
74 MSN rival
75 Employs
78 Suffix with audit or arm
81 — Lanka
84 Revise copy
85 Ryder vehicle
86 A maestro conducts it
89 In Maine
90 Doze off
91 Dude
93 — de plume
94 Removes via very hot water, as impurities
95 "No" voter
96 Writer Roald
100 Oxfam or Amnesty Intl.
101 Huge statues
102 Voted in
105 Twisty fish
107 Gung-ho
108 Writer Santha Rama —
109 See 69-Down
110 Fishhook
111 Hefty slices
112 Deep pink
113 Madonna musical
114 Groove for a letter-shaped bolt
118 Ingests
119 Old Chrysler
120 Bombeck of humor
122 Sextet halved
126 "I reckon so"
127 Body of water
128 Drop the ball



Mega Maze

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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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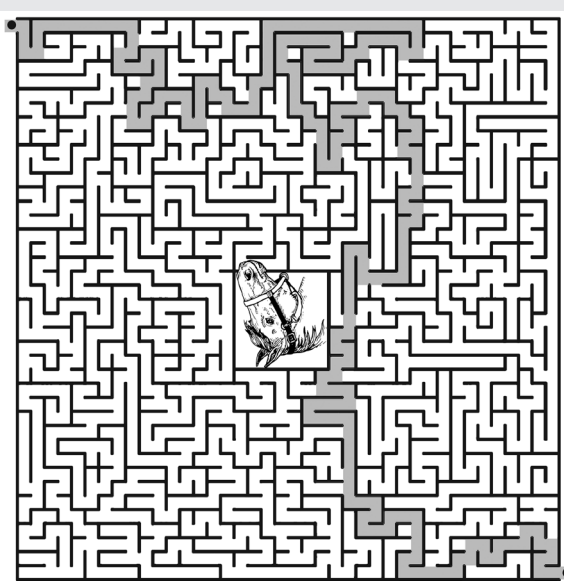
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answer

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Solution



Super Crossword

Answers

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Estate of: David M. Bailey, Sr. Deceased. CASE NO. 2021-P-35

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to the creditors of the death of David M. Bailey, Sr., of 216 S. East St., Clinton, Illinois 61727. Letters of Office were issued on August 24, 2021, to Barbara L. Weis, Independent Executor, 216 S. East St., Clinton, Illinois 61727, whose attorney is Kevin Hammer, 219 E. Main Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing 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, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 3, 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 representative's attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2021.

Kevin Hammer Attorney for the Estate of David M. Bailey, Sr. 219 East Main Street Clinton, IL 61727 217/935-7063

Legal 19296 September 3, 10 and 17, 2021

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Legal 19299 September 10 and 17, 2021

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Dated: Friday, September 3, 2021

No. 2021-156

Dana Smith
COUNTY CLERK

Legal 19301 September 10, 17 and 24, 2021

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From the office Clintonia Township Clerk-Debra Coale

Let the public be informed that the annual audit preformed by Striegel Knobloch & Company, L.L.C for the fiscal year starting April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021 conducted for the government entity of Clintonia Township is available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk at 9180 Township Road, Clinton, Illinois, during the business hours of 9am until 12pm and 1pm until 4pm Monday through Wednesday and Friday. The office is open on Thursdays from 9am to 12pm and may be closed to observe legal holidays.

Legal 19303 September 17, 2021

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Legal 19304 September 17 and 24, 2021
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DEWITT COUNTY

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE V-339-2021

Notice is given that a request for a variation has been filed with the above named Board. Steve Mayfield is requesting a variance from \$155.097(B) of the DeWitt County Code. Said variance request is to build a second residence with the reduction of road frontage on the following described property:

S35 T20 R1, Pt N1/2 Sec - Beg 1799.05S & 2375W NE Cor, NW874.8, W738.27, N270.36, E737.44, E864.43, S346.08 to POB, situated in the County of DeWitt, State of Illinois

The named property is zoned RD-2, and is commonly known as 6724 Astor Road, Clinton, IL. Parcel No. 06-35-100-002.

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that a public hearing on the above-mentioned request will be held on the 4th day of October 2021 at 7:15 P.M., or as soon thereafter as is possible. Said hearing will be held in the DeWitt County Building, at 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, IL.

Andy Hedrick, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

Legal 19305 September 17, 2021

LEGAL

DEWITT COUNTY

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE V-338-2021

Notice is given that a request for a variation has been filed with the above named Board. Kenney Christian Church, Richard Randall and Scott Baum, is requesting a variance from \$155.096(B) (1) of the DeWitt County Code. Said variance request is to extend stairs approximately 2 feet onto existing sidewalk on the following described property:

Lot 8 in Block 22, Second Addition in the Village of Kenney, situated in the County of DeWitt, State of Illinois

The named property is zoned R-2, and is commonly known as 213 W Benjamin St, Kenney IL. Parcel No. 11-16-431-011.

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Five Ways To Treat Your Pet To A Spooky, Safe Halloween

by Darris Cooper, CPDT-KA (NAPS)—It's no secret that pets are like family—holiday traditions included. This Halloween bring your pups in on the spooky fun by decking them out in a scary cute costume and training them to be the most polite trick-or-treater on the block.

From fun costumes to virtual and in-person dog training, Petco has everything a pet parent needs to make Halloween a howling good time for the whole family. Whether your family is planning to trick-or-treat or celebrate at home, here are five surefire ways to help prep your pet:

- **Plan Your Pet's Look:** Petco's latest "Bootique" collection features an array of ready-to-wear Halloween apparel, accessories, matching costumes and more. Dogs can play a different role in the animal kingdom as a shark or cow or even twin with their human as tigers. From easy-on options to full-body costumes, the "Bootique" is full of costumes designed with care so all types of pets and preferences can find their match.
- **Take Precautions:** Once the whole pack has picked their costumes, have a pre-Halloween dress rehearsal so your pup can get used to the outfit and accustomed to everyone else's. Before any festivities begin, triple-check your pet's costume for any hazardous materials that could be chewed or cause choking. To stay safe after sundown, every Halloween look should also include reflective gear and proper pet identification.
- **Learn the Training Basics:** Basic skills such as "sit" and "stay" can make all the difference for dogs when it comes to safely interacting with trick-or-treaters and helping your pet navigate the Halloween commotion. "Drop it" or "leave it" are additional key training cues in case your curious pup sniffs or picks up any human treats—such as chocolate—that could be toxic to dogs. Preemptive Petco positive dog training can be helpful to teach your pet proper Halloween etiquette and keep the holiday fun for all.
- **Offer Treats in Moderation:** Although it's tempting to indulge pets around the holidays, it's important to remem-



You and your pets can enjoy a happy Halloween in cute matching costumes.

ber that no more than 10% of a pet's daily calorie intake should be from treats. Help keep pets energized for the Halloween festivities by giving them protein-packed treats, such as Wholehearted stick treats for dogs or new freeze-dried treats for cats, or find other ways to celebrate the season with them through fun seasonal toys such as a plush pumpkin spice latte or rope toy. To help keep pets feeling their best year-round, give them the ultimate treat of Vital Care for just \$19 a month to enjoy savings on grooming, vet exams and more.

- **Create a Spook-Free Safe Haven:** Between constant doorbell rings, unknown trick-or-treaters and spooky costumes, Halloween festivities can add to pets' anxiety. The best way to help your pet is by learning to identify their anxious behavior and which calming tactics work best for them. Petco offers an array of calming aids, chews or oil diffusers to help keep pets at ease. Background noise from either music or the TV can help drown out unusual sounds, but it's also a good idea to give pets a quiet room away from the action.

For more tips on how to safely celebrate Halloween with the whole family—cats, bearded dragons, and guinea pigs included—check out a Petco pet care center or petco.com/halloween.

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