



Obituaries
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Memorial Day observance scheduled for May 31

CLINTON — This year’s Memorial Day observance is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 31. The event will be conducted in the Civil War Soldiers’ Plot, in Woodlawn Cemetery. The procession will form at 9:45 a.m. at the north end of the Civil War plot.

ADA sidewalk goes forward

City sales tax revenue up over same period last year

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CLINTON — On Monday, the city council approved a supplemental resolution to complete work to a sidewalk at the intersection of Webster and Center streets. The work involves meeting ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements.

When work was performed for the city on the length of Center Street last summer, city officials thought they could hold off reworking a small section of sidewalk at one intersection.

The steps are not ADA compliant, so the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) told the city the work couldn’t wait.

Since part of the work is paid for by federal funds, IDOT gives the final sign-off of the work.

Terry Fountain, project engineer with Cummins Engineering, said the sidewalk will be pulled closer to the street and angled. It also will be widened to 5 feet and meet ADA ramp requirements, and a section of sidewalk on the opposite side of the street also would be modified at the same time.

Fountain said he felt the design should address any complaints.

Fountain said the modification of a retaining wall with the property owners’ consent would save about \$12,000. The city will be liable for 20 percent of the final total with federal money covering the other 80 percent.

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Courtesy of Edvydas Cicenys



Courtesy of Jim Peck, CUSD 15

Children’s author Margaret Peterson Haddix visits Clinton schools

American children’s and young adult author Margaret Peterson Haddix last week visited students at Clinton Elementary School and Clinton Junior High School. Peterson Haddix is a New York Times best-selling author, whose most well known works are the two book series, *Shadow Children* and *The Missing*. She is a native of Ohio. Christina Soberalski, CES and CJHS librarian, invited Peterson Haddix to visit three years ago. Last week’s visit was originally planned as a virtual event, but eased COVID restrictions made her visit to the schools possible.

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C. H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum joins Blue Star Museum initiative

Museum to offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer

CLINTON — The C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum announced it will join museums nationwide in the Blue Star Museums initiative, a program that provides free admission to currently-serving U.S. military personnel and their families this summer. The 2021 program began on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 15, and end on Labor Day, Monday, September 6. Find the list of participating museums at arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

Blue Star Museums

Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and museums across America offering free admission to the nation’s active-duty military personnel and their families, including National Guard and Reserve.

“The C.H. Moore

Homestead DeWitt County Museum is proud to participate in the Blue Star Museums Program as a way to show our sincere gratitude to all who are currently serving in the military as well as their families,” said Museum Director Joey Long. “Being a museum of history, we also honor all of those who have served in our nation’s military throughout our history.”

“Like the resilience that military families demonstrate time and again, the C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum is an example of resiliency in the museum sector over the past year,” said Ann Eilers, acting chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. “We are grateful to the C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum for their leadership in strengthening community through their participation in the Blue Star Museums program this summer.”

Blue Star Museums include children’s museums, art, science, and history museums, zoos, gardens, lighthouses, and more, and hail from all 50 states, as well as

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the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

“We are thrilled to celebrate the launch of the Blue Star Museums 2021 program! Thank you to the C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum for participating in this impactful and highly anticipated program,” said Kathy Roth Douquet, CEO Blue Star Families. “Because of the C.H. Moore Homestead and DeWitt County Museum

and their counterparts in the museum community, military families have the opportunity to create special memories and experience the arts, science, and history again.”
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Peterson Haddix at Clinton schools

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The free admission program is available for those currently-serving in the United States Military—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard as well as members of the Reserves, National Guard, U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and up to five family members. Qualified members must show a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card for entrance into a participating Blue Star Museum.

Blue Star Families is the nation's largest grass-roots military family support organization, with a mission to support military families to improve military readiness.



Courtesy of Edvydas Cienas
Author Margaret Peterson Haddix talks to CJHS 8th grade student Maddi Leonard during a “meet and greet” held in the school library. Peterson Haddix talked to Maddi about how she developed the idea for one of her books.



Student group photos courtesy of Jim Peck, CUSD 15



Courtesy of Jim Peck, CUSD 15
Margaret Peterson Haddix with CES / CJHS librarian Christina Soberalski.

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Local students graduate from SIUE

EDWARDSVILLE — Southern Illinois University/Edwardsville completed 2021 spring commencement exercises for more than 2,325 eligible graduates during the first two weekends in May at both outdoor and indoor venues.

SIUE Chancellor Randy Pembroke bestowed

degrees upon students from the Graduate School, College of Arts and Sciences, and Schools of Business, Engineering, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Education, Health and Human Behavior.

Below is a list of area graduates:

- **Isaac Fabris**, Clinton - Mechanical Engineering
- **James Harrold**, Clinton - Electrical Engineering
- **Landon Wargel**, Clinton - Construction Management
- **Haley Sieg**, Heyworth - Speech Lang Path & Audiology
- **Derek Lopez**, Heyworth - Computer Science

Clinton students named to WIU spring dean's list

MACOMB — The following students were named to the spring 2021

dean's list at Western Illinois University.

- **Corrie L Ijams** (Sophomore)
- **Emma R Lux** (Junior)
- **Haley A. McKinsey** (Sophomore)

Local students on Olivet Nazarene University dean's list

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. — Five local students were named to the Olivet Nazarene University Dean's List for the spring 2021 semester.

a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

- **Olivia Earl**, of Clinton
- **Jonathon Kane**, of Kenney
- **Caleb Poindexter**, of Le Roy
- **Lucas White**, of Clinton
- **Millie White**, of Clinton

Memorial Day funeral scheduled for WWII vet

CLINTON — Memorial Day funeral is set for May 30 at 9 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery for World War II veteran John Ellis, formerly of Clinton.

restaurant west to Grant Street turning north onto Grant Street to North Center Stree, then turning left on North Center Street to Cromwell Drive turning left and entering the cemetery.

According to his wife, Memorial Day was her husband's favorite holiday, and he came back every year from New Jersey to attend the Memorial Day service in Clinton.

There will be a special event honoring Ellis. Residents are asked to stand along the funeral procession route, which will be from Subway

Anyone wishing to come out and support Mr. Eliss's family is encouraged to stand anywhere along the procession route with U.S. flags. The Clinton Fire Department will have a ladder truck ladder extended with the U.S. flag at the corner of Grant and Webster streets

Margaret Beasley King

MAROA — Margaret Beasley King, 97, of Maroa, passed away at 8 a.m. on May 11, 2021, at her home in Maroa.



Private graveside services will be conducted at Maroa Cemetery. A memorial service to celebrate Margaret's life will be held at Maroa Christian Church at a later date. The family entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Maroa, with arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to Maroa Christian Church.

Margaret was born on March 4, 1924, in Clinton, the daughter of Austin and Vey (Bird) Beasley. She married Wilbur W. King on March 15, 1942, in Maroa. He passed away on August 25, 1992.

Survivors include her son, Michael (Charla) King; three grandchildren, Angela Koonce, Kimberly King and Kristen (Trevor) Pachis; five great-grandchildren, Dalton and Tanner, Makenna,

Sebastian and Stella; one great-great granddaughter, Addalyn; and brother, Milton (Jan) Moomaw.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents and son, Richard "Rick" King, brother Rex Moomaw and sister, Audrey "April" Francis.

Margaret enjoyed many things in life, including spending time with friends and family, her grandchildren, laughing and dancing. She never knew a stranger.

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

Favorite foods missing from grocery shelves

You'd think that the grocery store shortages would be long gone by now. But no ... they never completely went away. Only the missing items have changed.

My neighbor and I laugh and compare notes about "the toilet paper of the month," recalling the long period when getting name-brand toilet paper was impossible around here. At this point, the missing item is a type of soup, which has been gone for nearly four weeks. A particular flavor of baked beans, gone. No-salt canned green beans, vanished. Jasmine rice, steel-cut oatmeal, low-sodium tuna ... no more. Even the tags are missing from store shelves in all three shopping locations here, and managers can't order them.

My neighbor and I weren't laughing today, however, when we realized it had been a full month since a certain chocolate bar had been seen on shelves in any store here. "We're in trouble," she said, and she's right. "Do we dare order it online?" she wondered? We're considering doing just

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

that.

The worst, though, was when I couldn't find the one cat food my elderly kitty is supposed to eat. For health issues, she can't have anything else. I finally called the manufacturer and was told that they were unable to produce it due to lack of ingredients. Eventually, and just in time, it became available and I ordered a three-month supply. But it's something I now track on a weekly basis.

Here's what I found after contacting a few food manufacturers: Many of them are cutting out, forever, products that were slow movers. If certain food items have vanished from your store's shelves, it might be time to do an online search. Look for "discontinued foods." You could discover that it's time to stop looking because those items just aren't coming back.

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Social Security honors our military heroes

Jonna Reno
Social Security district manager, Bloomington



On Memorial Day, our nation honors military service members who have given their lives for our country. As Former President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men [and women] have died to win them." This is why families, friends, and communities come together to remember the great sacrifices of our military members and ensure their legacies live on.

The benefits we provide can help the surviving families of deceased military service members. For example, widows, widowers, and their dependent children may be eligible for Social Security survivors benefits. You can learn more about those benefits at www.ssa.gov/survivors.

We also offer support to our wounded warriors. Social Security benefits protect veterans when injuries prevent them from returning to active duty or performing other work. Both the Department of Veteran Affairs and Social Security have disability programs. You may qualify for disability benefits through one program but not the other, or you may qualify for both. Depending on your situation, some members of your family, including

your dependent children or spouse, may be eligible to receive Social Security benefits.

Wounded military service members can receive expedited processing of their Social Security disability claims. If you are a veteran with a 100% Permanent & Total compensation rating from the Department of Veterans Affairs, we'll expedite your disability claim.

Want more information about how we can help? Visit www.ssa.gov/woundedwarriors for answers to commonly asked questions or to find information about the application process.

Thinking about retirement or know a veteran who is? Military service members can receive Social Security benefits in addition to their military retirement benefits. For details, visit our webpage for veterans, available at www.ssa.gov/people/veterans.

Please share this information with the military families you know. We honor and thank the veterans who bravely served and died for our country and the military service members who serve today.



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In other business, commissioner Tom Edmunds said, based on local sales tax revenue numbers, he felt the local economy was looking up. "Our sales tax receipts were \$25,000 more than they were this time last year," Edmunds said. "So, it's a good indication here on the economy." In April, city treasurer Clint Lichtenwalter gave his annual budget brief to

the council, saying city finances were in a good position. "We're up in a very good position," Lichtenwalter said. "I'm not hearing the same from a lot of other communities." He said many other area communities were hit hard by falling sales tax revenue resulting from business closures during COVID-19 restrictions. "We're in a unique

position in that we've stayed strong." Lichtenwalter said this would be the seventh consecutive fiscal year the city would be able to add to its reserves in the general fund. The council approved the annual audit by Floyd & Associates at a cost of \$31,500, financial audit at \$4,025, and TIF funds audit at \$2,750.

Illinois lawmakers consider lowering small trailer license fee

Grace Barbic
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – In 2019, the fee for licensing a small trailer in Illinois jumped from \$18 to \$118. Lawmakers are now looking for a solution to lower that fee without causing major drops in infrastructure funding. The \$100 fee increase was included in Gov. JB Pritzker's 2019 Rebuild Illinois capital infrastructure plan, which funds road, bridge and building projects throughout the state. A House Revenue and Finance Committee on Thursday discussed what steps could be taken to lower the fee amid a bipartisan push to do so.

House Bill 36, sponsored by Rep. Katie Stuart, D-Collinsville, would lower the small trailer fee back to \$18. The committee discussed but did not vote on the matter Thursday.

"I've been talking to constituents and folks, getting emails and phone calls about how the massive increase has really hurt some small businesses and local drivers," Stuart said.

She said a lot of residents use their trailers "maybe two or three times a year when they're doing yard work cleanup or to move a boat out of storage," and "they feel that the fee really is out of line with how much use people get out of their trailer."

She said she expected the state to "continue to see the revenues from this fee decline as people decline to register their trailer." Stuart noted that according to the secretary of state, Illinois had 150,000 fewer trailer license applicants in 2020 compared to the previous year.

"There's been allegations that the fee increase was done by mistake, regardless of what the intention was that \$118 is really just not a reasonable fee on people and on small businesses," Stuart said. "I think this is something we can fix, I'm hoping that we can come together in a bipartisan way, get the feedback to something that is more appropriate."

House Bill 636, sponsored by Rep. Avery Bourne, R-Morrisonville, is a similar bill that has enough cosponsors to pass with a simple bipartisan majority, but it's been blocked in committee.

But the Transportation for Illinois Coalition – a group of statewide and regional business, organized labor, industry, governmental and nonprofit organizations which lobbied for the capital bill's passage in 2019 – warned that lowering the fees would take revenue away from state construction and infrastructure projects.

Kevin Burke, executive vice president of the Asphalt Pavement Association and co-chair for the coalition, testified against the bill. He said the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the revenue sources that are used to fund Rebuild Illinois, and decreasing the fee would impose revenue challenges for construction projects included in the capital plan.

For example, he noted motor fuel usage saw a 30-40 percent decline from April to June of 2020. Although the usage has since recovered, Burke said it is still about 10 percent lower than pre-pandemic levels. Taxes on motor fuel are one of the major contributors to revenue needed to fund Rebuild Illinois projects.

Burke said ensuring that these projects are funded is critical to the state's economic recovery from the pandemic as the projects would create thousands of jobs and support Illinois' critical highway infrastructure.

Burke said the coalition would support reducing the small trailer fee as long as the lost revenue is replaced by other user fees protected by the Safe Roads Constitutional Amendment, a measure passed by voters in 2016 to prohibit the state legislature from using transportation funds for non-transportation related projects.

"If the existing small trailer fee of \$118 was reduced to \$36, the certificate of title fee could be raised by \$5 to ensure the needed revenue is available for Rebuild Illinois," Burke said. "The certificate of title fee is only paid when titles are transferred for registered vehicles."

In an unrelated news conference on Thursday, Rep. Michael Zalewski, D-Riverside, who chairs the House Revenue and Finance Committee, said he is committed to working with his Republican colleagues, who have been strong advocates for lowering the fee.

"We've asked stakeholders to come up with a matrix of fee increases that make up the revenue while still not hitting our constituents in the pockets overly hard," Zalewski said. "It sounds like they've come up with some reasonable approaches like the certification of the title."

Zalewski said he is hopeful this is something that will be accomplished before the May 31 session deadline.

Clinton Police Department

Arrests:
On May 11, 2021, Clinton Police arrested Austin J. Wood, 22, Clinton, on Dewitt and McLean County arrest warrants. Wood was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and turned over to corrections personnel for processing.

Citations:
May 10, 2021
Bobbi J. Bray, 49, Clinton, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle

Arrests:
On May 13, 2021, Clinton Police arrested Raven C. Jones, 25, Zion, IL, for the offense of Driving While License Revoked. Jones was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and turned over to corrections personnel for processing.

On May 13, 2021, Clinton Police arrested Sapphire Ramos, 32, Clinton, for the offense of Driving While License Suspended. Ramos was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and turned over to corrections personnel for processing.

Citations:
May 12, 2021
Raven C. Jones, 25,

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Zion, IL, Driving While License Revoked
Sapphire Ramos, 32, Clinton, Driving While License Suspended
Saayliyah F. Leggions, 20, Normal, IL, Speeding 77/55

Arrests:
On May 13, 2021 Clinton Police arrested Stacy L. Lane, 44, Clinton, on a DeWitt County arrest warrant charging her with Criminal Trespass to Land. Lane was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and turned over to corrections personnel for processing.

On May 13, 2021 Clinton Police arrested Kayla L. Acevedo, 22, Clinton for the offense of Battery. Acevedo was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and turned over to corrections personnel for processing.

Citations:
May 13, 2021
Shane A McCurdy, 50, Clinton, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle

DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

May 7-14
Ladonna Chambers, 38, Farmer City, was issued Citations for Operating Uninsured Vehicle and No

Valid Driver's License. Chambers was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Cain Stauffer, 24, Clinton, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with DRUG Under Influ of Alcohol/FTA. Stauffer posted the necessary bond and was released.

Torey Lancaster, 29, Lincoln, was arrested on DeWitt County Warrant charging her with Possession of Meth<5 Grams/FTA. Lancaster being unable to post the necessary bond remains lodged in the DeWitt County Jail.

Jasmine Adams, 25, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Operating Uninsured Vehicle. Adams was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Dalton Meade, 25, Clinton, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with Agg DUI/No Valid DL/FTA. Meade posted the necessary bond and was released.

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HISTORY ALMANAC

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1906 - Louis H. Perlman received his patent for the demountable tire-carrying rim.

1922 - The cartoon, "On the Road to Moscow," by Rollin Kirby won a Pulitzer Prize. It was the first cartoon awarded the Pulitzer.

1924 - Fourteen-year-old Bobby Franks was murdered in a "thrill killing" committed by Nathan Leopold Jr. and Richard Loeb. The killers were students at the University of Chicago.

1927 - Charles A. Lindbergh completed the first solo nonstop airplane flight across the Atlantic Ocean. The trip began May 20.

1929 - The first automatic electric stock quotation board was used by Sutro and Company of New York City.

1929 - William Henry Storey registered the trademark for the board game Sorry! in the U.K. (U.K. number 502898)

1934 - Oskaloosa, IA, became the first city in the U.S. to fingerprint all of its citizens.

1947 - Joe DiMaggio and five of his New York Yankee teammates were fined \$100 because they had not fulfilled contract requirements to do promotional duties for the team.

1956 - The U.S. exploded the first airborne hydrogen bomb in the Pacific Ocean over Bikini Atoll.

1961 - Governor Patterson declared martial law in Montgomery, AL.

1968 - The nuclear-powered U.S. submarine Scorpion, with 99 men aboard, was last heard from. The remains of the sub were later found on the ocean floor 400 miles southwest of the Azores.

1970 - The National Guard was mobilized to quell disturbances at Ohio State University.

1980 - The movie "The Empire Strikes Back" was released.

1982 - The British landed in the Falkland Islands and fighting began.

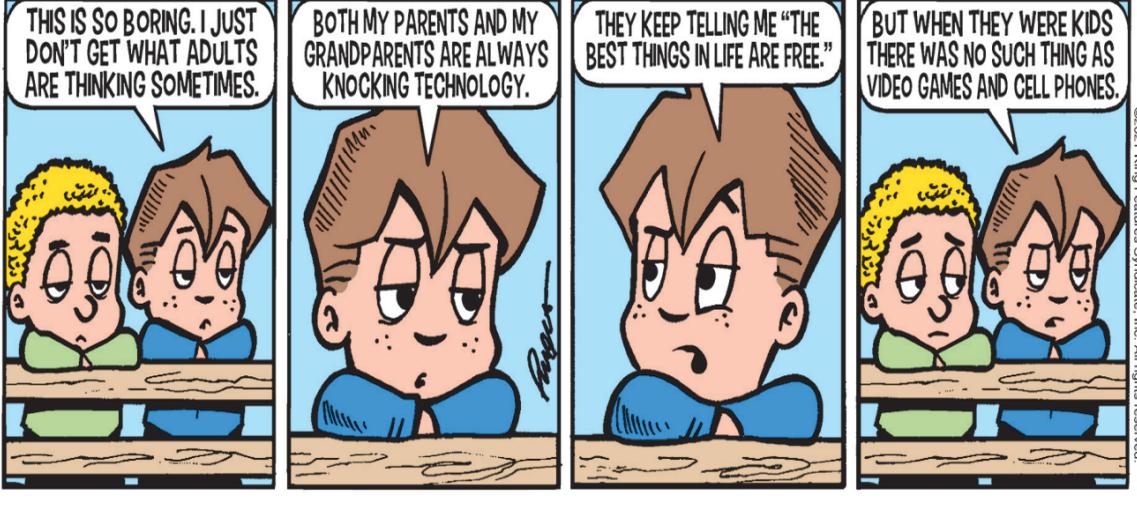
1991 - In Madras, India, the former prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi was killed by a bouquet of flowers that contained a bomb.

1998 - An expelled student, Kipland Kinkel, in Springfield, OR, killed 2 people and wounded 25 others with a semi-automatic rifle. Police also discovered that the boy had killed his parents before the rampage.

1998 - Microsoft and Sega announced that they are collaborating on a home video game system.

1998 - In Miami, FL, five abortion clinics were hit by an butyric acid-attacker.

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

Graduation

At the beginning of the 2020-21 school year there were serious doubts that the senior class would have a traditional graduation. COVID was running rampant in the state, and we as a community were in a shut-down mode. How were the kids going to go to school, and would we even have classes? Pandemics change all of the dynamics. Schools in this country are designed for in-classroom instruction. Yes, accommodations were made for those students who were ill or disabled who needed some classwork at home, but that was the exception. Virtual learning/distance learning was coming into being at the college level but not at the public schools. Schools stressed the need for students to have the classroom experience and many tried to dissuade students from taking outside classes online. That all changed with COVID. Fear of the contagion shut down our school systems across the country. An educational system that was designed to have a certain percentile

of the population in each class was put on hold. Educational facilities from grade schools to colleges were simply not prepared to deal with the realities that a pandemic brings. The subject of what to do with an infectious disease was a hypothetical discussion for educators in early 2020 and was focused on isolated hot spots. By mid-2020 the hypothetical turned into a reality. I doubt if any school district in the nation was prepared for the advent of COVID. The Clinton schools were no different. The questions were there. What is safe for students, teachers and staff? How does the school deliver its educational services to students? Does the school have the technology to support virtual learning on a school wide basis? Are the teachers trained to provide virtual classrooms? Those are very heavy questions. Making the situation more difficult was the factor that school was ongoing in theory, but the classroom was not available. Students certainly lost classroom



learning at the start of the COVID shutdown. To CUSD's credit, it responded to the situation. The key to leadership is the ability to confront the unknown and the unexpected. The public needs to acknowledge the tremendous efforts that Superintendent Curt Nettles and his staff made to provide educational services to the students of Clinton. The administration took a step back and evaluated what technology they had and what was needed. Staff and teachers were given as much training as possible with limited time to develop remote learning experiences for their students. Was it pretty as it rolled out? Nope, but the school, students and teachers all adapted and made it work. The school's learning venue went from almost all remote, to limited classroom, to what looks

like traditional classrooms next school year. Has it worked for all students in Clinton? The unfortunate answer in no. Some students have had great difficulty in the remote learning experience. The plus side is that it did work most students. Under the circumstances the school district did a great job for students of Clinton. Some students will need some additional assistance to get caught up as they did not react well to remote learning. The good news is that is fixable situation. High school graduation is here and the students will be graduating. Those who are graduating deserve to be congratulated for their efforts under a very adverse COVID situation. In the same fashion Supt. Nettles, Principal Wayne, the teachers and staff need our thanks on behalf of their efforts to provide the educational services to the children of Clinton. Congratulations graduates, and thank you Superintendent Nettles, teachers and staff of CUSD.

Once-homeless vets test job market

In the month since the homeless veterans had moved into the attic dormitory, three of them had gotten jobs of one kind or another. Sarge had gone banging on doors up and down the main street, looking for available work within walking distance. The accountant-to-be, he of the formerly long hair and a face hidden by an immense beard, was keeping books and answering phones afternoons at a real estate office, wearing a clip-on tie and a collared shirt with the sleeves rolled down to cover the tattoos on his arm. Another veteran was

only working three nights a week washing dishes at a restaurant. "But he's trying," said Sarge. "He was out on the streets a long time, has PTSD, and a noisy restaurant kitchen is hard on him. He goes outside a couple times each shift and does breathing exercises with the stress app on his phone. He's really trying. Restaurant owner loves him." The third dormitory veteran was working the building supplies pro desk at the hardware store, quietly mulling his options. "Store manager called me," said Sarge as we stood outside the



coffee shop's back door. "Asked if I knew my veteran had once owned a construction company. I did not know that." Sarge had looked the guy up online and found an old website full of what he said were the most beautiful, high-end kitchens he'd ever seen, along with additions and custom playhouses. "And our boy was the company owner. He never said a word. Never says much of

anything." "But here," he said, pulling some pages out of his pocket and handing them to me. "I found these drawings in the trash." The sketches were floor plans for tiny homes with storage built-ins and loft bedroom space. At the top of the pages was the notation Veterans Village. The veteran's initials were penciled in the lower corner. Sarge smiled. "At least we know what he's thinking about." (c) 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

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2. Who did the people of Malta think was a god when he was unaffected by the viper's bite? Job, Paul, Timothy, Stephen
3. To whom did Naaman the Syrian ask forgiveness after worshipping the god Rimmon? Saul, Christ, Elisha, Darius
4. From John 3, who was a Pharisee and ruler among the Jews? Zacchaeus, Nicodemus, Judas, Peter
5. Who was known as the "Supplanter"? Aaron, Moses, Jacob, Hosea
6. What was the name of David's first wife? Rachel, Priscilla, Michal, Ruth

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Paul; 3) Elisha; 4) Nicodemus; 5) Jacob; 6) Michal

"Test Your Bible Knowledge," a book with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in stores and online.

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Weather History

May 21

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

a destroyed restaurant in Palestine; one body was retrieved from a tree.

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

More blanching

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. There is much that can be said on blanching. My purpose is not to give it all but to give what I think is most helpful.

I wrote on how water blanching is primarily for preparing certain foods by removing their skins. This will not work on all thin-skinned items. Based upon what I wrote, I must include an item similar in structure but resistant to blanching and/or peeling. That would be your bell pepper, other peppers and



The Culinary Corner
By Chef Roger Joss

similar food items.

The procedure is to roast the pepper on the end of a fork by oiling it and then rotating it slowly over an open flame. The internal moisture causes the skin to blister. You can then rub it off.

Blanching foods in water to prepare them for freezing has several wonderful advantages. The advantages are so numerous that this feature

should not be ignored or minimized.

From the health aspect, blanching in water dissolves undesirable from vegetables and fruits. Such as insecticides, dirt and harmful bacteria. We wish to preserve food without harmful properties. Blanching sets the color, preserves vitamins and prevents premature deterioration. It also sets the starches and sugars that preserve the structure of the food item. Without blanching, your end results can be mushy as well as flavorless with less nutritional value.

Enzymes are of particular

concern in this. Enzymes are protein and work like a biological catalyst. This produces a chemical reaction that changes the chemistry or molecular structure. Enzymes are abundant in fruits and vegetables from start to finish. They mature the plant and also bring it to spoilage (over maturation). This condition can continue under freezing conditions. It is therefore necessary to destroy enzyme activity (bio-activity) prior to freezing. The enzyme called polyphenol oxidase is the one that causes maturing leading on to putrefaction of fruits and

vegetables.

Each and every vegetable has certain levels and types of enzymes. It is therefore necessary to get the timing exact for blanching. The type and size for the food product must also be taken into account in the timing. To blanch for too long of time will cause foods to start cooking and this will reduce overall quality. Insufficient time in blanching is worst since it can stimulate enzyme activity. Follow the recommendations from a good book on freezing techniques or contact the National Center for Home Food Preservation for the

proper blanching times.

Water is probably your best medium for blanching. Steaming is good for broccoli and items having a squash structure such as pumpkins and sweet potatoes. I definitely would not recommend a microwave for much of anything. You could even buy a blanching pot but that is totally unnecessary. A fry or wire basket or a perforated insert would work very well. Plunge the basket into the boiling water. Then simply lift it out. On a few small items, I use a slotted spoon.

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CLINTON Journal Sports

J's Dance Studio event Saturday

HEYWORTH — Local Students from J's Dance Studio of Heyworth will perform an outside spring performance "Dancing in the Streets" on Saturday, May 22 with two performances at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Jeanette Wey-Wissmiller is the owner/director of J's Dance Studio, 210 E. Main Street. Heyworth. The event will take place in front of the studio.



Marc Rogers / Journal
Ashley Armstrong (#5) pitches a complete game for the win.

Lady Maroons softball scores win vs Sullivan

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CLINTON — The pandemic season has not been kind to the Lady Maroons, but they continue to hang-in there.

The varsity players hadn't been able to win a game, and the junior varsity (JV) hasn't even had a game available to play. The JV is still gameless, but the varsity took their situation in-hand on May 10.

The Sullivan Redskins came to town looking for an easy encounter with a losing team but miscalcu-

lated on this day.

The Redskins led off with a run in the top of the first inning but were topped by the Lady Maroons bringing home 2 runs of their own in the bottom of the inning on a home run by Heidi Humble. The home team continued with 2 more runs in the second on a couple of hits, a walk, and a batter hit by a pitch.

Each team scored a pair of runs in the fourth inning, but the fifth inning was all Lady Maroons with 4 runs on five hits (including a triple by Humble) and another hit batsman and 10 Clinton batters going to the

plate.

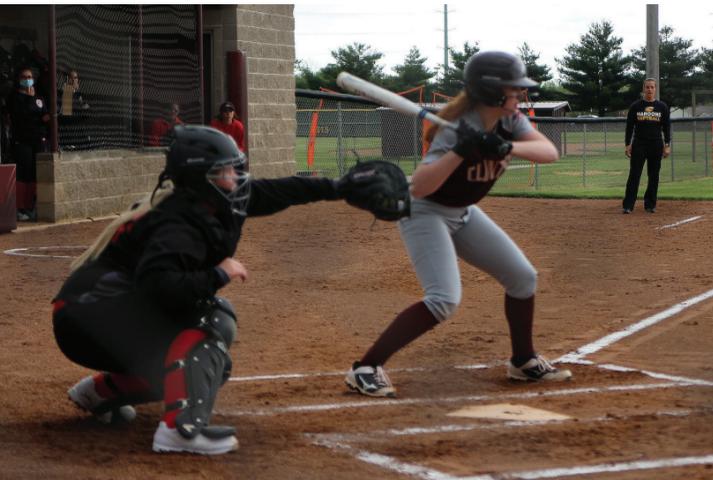
The opposition plated one run in the sixth and then rallied for three runs on a single, a double and a home run in the seventh but then fizzled out, leaving the Lady Maroons in the lead and with the win, 10-7.

The Lady Maroons were led by Heidi Humble with 3-5 at the plate (including a double, a triple and a home run and six RBIs), Chloe Griffin with 3-5 and 4 RBIs, and Savannah Clifton at 3-4 and 3 RBIs.

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Marc Rogers / Journal
The smiles and fist bumps of a winning team, a long time coming.



Chloe Griffin (#10) at the plate.
Marc Rogers / Journal

Box Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Final
Clinton	2	2	0	2	4	0	0	10
Sullivan	1	0	0	2	0	1	3	7



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SPORTS

Lady Maroons celebrate 'Senior Night'

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CLINTON — The Lady Maroons' softball team celebrated Senior Night on May 12 with the team's only senior this year, Savannah Clifton.

Savannah was honored with a reception as well as announcing her virtual signing to attend Illinois Central College (ICC) in East Peoria to play softball for the Cougars.

Savannah is the daughter of Brandy and Del Clifton and plans on a two-year degree from ICC and then a transfer to a larger school to finish her four-year degree. Savannah began playing organized softball in 2013 and is going strong, playing on the BNGSA (Bloomington/Normal Girls Softball Association) Angels travel team when not in school. She has a golden/doodle for companionship and likes photography as well as softball. She is active in the community working at the Clinton Y in the Y-zone program.

The Lady Maroons faced the Lady Rams, of Shelbyville, on Senior Night.

The first inning began with the Lady Maroons taking a 3-1 lead, which they added to in the third inning. Then the game heated up in the fourth, with Clinton scoring 7 runs and the Rams adding 8 runs, still leaving the home team in the lead 12-10.

Clinton then added its final two runs in the fifth inning, while the opposition added one, a slim 14-11 lead in the balance.

The balance then went awry in the last two innings, when the Lady Maroons failed to score, and the Lady Rams exploded for 8 runs in the sixth and six runs in the 7th inning.

The Lady Rams left with the 25-14 win over Clinton. There were several bright spots for the Lady Maroons throughout the game. Maddie Scott caught a flaming line drive at third to save the opposition from scoring more runs, and Alayna Soberalski caught a couple of line drives at second base.

Chloe Griffin made several outstanding plays at short-stop, Savannah Clifton cut down a couple of the opposition trying to steal second from her catchers position.

On the offensive side, Heidi Humble had a triple and a home run (w/3 RBI's), as did Kianna Easton (w/4 RBI's). And several players got on base with walks and forced errors.

Ashley Armstrong took the loss for the Maroons and was relieved in 5th inning by Brook Reeves.

Box Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Final
Lady Maroons	3	0	2	7	2	0	0	14
Lady Rams	1	1	0	8	1	8	6	25



Marc Rogers / Journal
Senior Savannah Clifton (and ICC commit) with her parents.

Lady Maroons track & field athletes set personal bests

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RANTOUL — On Saturday, May 8, the Lady Maroons traveled eastward to participate in the Rantoul Invite Track and Field Meet.

The team ended the day in fifth place out of 11 teams entered. The Lady Maroons had a bundle of athletes who performed beyond their previous

bests. MaKayla Koeppel had a couple of personal records placing third in the 3200 meter run (13.08.74 for #8 all time best in school history) and then finishing 8th in the mile with a personal best time that placed her at #10 on the all time best at Clinton High School (CHS), and she's still a freshman.

Alayna Earle had a personal best in the long jump and in the shot put, where she improved

to number #9 on the all time best list (CHS) and taking 4th place.

Makenna Rauch took 7th in the 100 meter dash while Elizabeth Deavers and Karlee Pruser had a personal bests in the same 100 meter dash.

Autumn Brinkoetter placed fifth in the 400 meter dash with a personal best and also reached a personal best in the 200 meter dash.

Aliza Dennison also reached

a personal best in the 400 meter dash, while Chloe Barth reached a personal best in the 1600 meter run (dropping 16 seconds).

Kylie Barton placed 8th in the 100 meter hurdles.

Addie Koritz had personal records in three different events placing 4th in the 300 meter hurdles, 3rd in the long jump and a personal record (PR) in a 4x400 split.

Bella Downs had PR's in the

300 meter hurdles and discus and placed 7th in each while Savannah Burton placed 8th in the pole vault.

The 4x100 meter team (Deavers, Rauch, Burton, Brinkoetter) placed 5th while the 4x400 meter team (Koritz, Barton, Harris, Barth) took 7th place.

Mac Reeser placed 5th in shot put while Leah Foehr had a PR in the same event.

Maroons baseball falls at home and on the road

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CLINTON — Monday, May 12, saw the Clinton Maroons face the Shelbyville Rams at home on Evans Field.

The Maroons watched the game slip away early, as the Rams scored 5 runs in the first inning. The scores came on an error and three singles for the Rams. And the Rams didn't stop there, continuing the onslaught with 5 more runs in the third inning, 3 in the fourth and 1 added run in the fifth inning to take the win 14-0.

Clinton used four pitchers but to no avail. Brooks Cluver pitched one inning and suffered the loss, Ben Atkins pitched two innings, and Caiden Rich and Zeke

Hickman each pitched an inning.

Box Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Clinton	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	0	0	4
Shelbyville	5	0	5	3	1	x	x	14	10	0

WARRENSBURG — Next on the agenda for the struggling Maroons was an away game against the Warrensburg/Latham Cardinals.

The Maroons took a short-lived lead in the top of the first inning, but the Cardinals came back in the second-inning to tie the game.

From that point on the Cardinals were in control, allowing no more runs to cross the plate for the Maroons even though the Maroons had tallied 6 hits in the game. The Cardinals added four insurance runs in the third inning to seal their win 5-1.

Dominic Thayer had a double and the only Maroon RBI and came on in relief for the Maroons, while Caiden Rich had a triple.

This puts the Maroons at 2-5 for the season and 2-5 in conference play.

Box Score	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Maroons	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	3
Cardinals	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	5	6	1

Some good individual efforts in Moweaqua meet

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MOWEAQUA — The track & field teams of Clinton High School traveled to Central A&M for a quintangular meet (five teams involved). Clinton did not fair well, team-wise, the boys team entering only 8 of 18 events.

On the boys side, they ended in last place, while the girls team took fourth place in their team standings.

For the boys, Dawson Graves took 5th place in the 200-meter

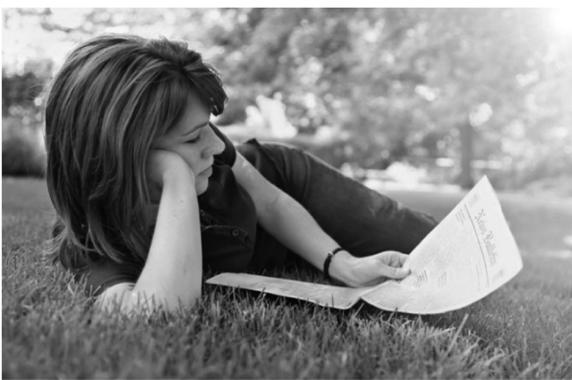
dash, while Ethan Black and Drew Moser finished 1st and 5th respectively in the 1600 meter run. Aiden Shanks and Drew Moser placed 3rd and 4th in the 3200 meter run, respectively, while Noah Dalton was first in the 300 meter hurdles. The Clinton 4x400 meter team (Graves, Shanks, Black, Dalton) took fourth place and Noah Dalton ended fourth in the pole vault. The last events involving the Maroons were the shot put with Isaac Webb 2nd and Nick Feather 4th while Feather and Webb also competed in the dis-

cus placing 2nd and 4th, respectively.

On the girls side, the Lady Maroons did well individually, although the team points didn't add up to enough for more than 4th place. Mac Reeser continues to shine in the shot put taking first place while 5th in the discus. Carly Reynolds had a lifetime best run in the 200 meter dash. Kyndall Taylor had lifetime bests in the 100 meter dash (taking fifth), pole vault, and the 200 meter dash. She also was the peer elected athlete of the meet for the Lady Ma-

roons. MaKayla Koeppel had life time bests in the 800 meter run (taking 2nd place) and a best split in the 4x400. Clare Holland was fourth in the 800 meter run and a season best 4x400 meter run with Koeppel while Jessie Wertz also had a lifetime best 800 meter run and 4x400 split. Chloe Barth and Aliza Dennison had season bests in the 800 meter run. Kylie Barton ran a lifetime best in the 100 meter hurdles while Savannah Burton placed fourth in the pole vault. Autumn Brinkoetter her best ever splits in the 4x200

and 4x400 with Addie Koritz running her best split also in the 4x400. Lifetime bests were achieved by Leah Foehr in the 200 meter dash and in discus while Alayna Earle also had a lifetime best discus (taking third), and took 4th overall in shot put. Bella Downs and London McFeeters both had lifetime bests in the shot put. Makenna Rauch rounds out the girls team feats by running a personal time best in the 4x400 split in her first high school competition.



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TENTATIVE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE KENNEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR MAY 1, 2021 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2022

On May 15, 2021, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Kenney Fire Protection District, the said Trustees adopted as a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Kenney Fire Protection District for the period of May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022, the

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1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 \$253,668.62
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(NAPS)—More Americans suffered extended power outages in 2020 than any year since Superstorm Sandy struck the New York area in 2012, according to Generac, owners of Power Outage Central, a real-time outage tracking service that monitors outages throughout the United States.

"In 2020, more than one out of three Americans experienced a power outage, and the U.S. power grid suffered more outage hours than it has in years," said Russ Minick, chief marketing officer for Wisconsin-based Generac. "With people still working, learning and shopping from home, everyone must prepare earlier for outages that accompany severe weather."

Outages are statistically much more common than many other threats to the home, according to Generac's data. In fact, while about 12% of homes are at risk of flooding according to the First Street Foundation's flood database¹, every home is at risk of losing power. Unlike with floods, however, there are multiple ways to safeguard against loss of electrical power.

"There are three key paths to protecting power supply, said Simon Allen, president of Allied Energy, a backup power solution provider in San Diego, Calif. "These include portable generators, which are a short-term solution; home standby generators; and solar energy storage systems. Solar energy storage systems and home standby generators are permanently installed and can provide secure sources of power for longer periods."

Each system requires advance planning, including local permitting and installation, said Allen, but secure power is worth it.

"Life gets very primitive and dangerous when the power is out. With outages lasting longer and occurring more often, all against the backdrop of people working and learning from home, our customers are turning to Generac home standby generators and PWRcell battery storage systems. Effectively, they're making their homes a sanctuary against Mother Nature's threats."

Picking the correct solution varies for every homeowner, said Stephen



A solar energy storage system can be permanently installed in your home to protect your family and possessions from power outages.



A permanently installed home standby generator can power the home for extended outages, running on natural gas or propane.

Cruise of Generator Supercenter, a Texas-based provider of power solutions. "A generator will run nearly indefinitely on propane or natural gas," he said. "With correct power management, a solar energy storage system can also power the whole home for extended periods. It comes down to preference, local codes and budget. The best place to start is finding a great local installer who can help make the decision easy."

"Authorized dealers and installers know local codes and are factory trained," said Minick. "They're experts in local needs and can provide a one-stop solution for every homeowner."

All the resources needed to acquire and install backup power are available at www.generac.com. Prices fit most budgets and vary depending on factors such as the size of home, the electricity needed for backup and preference for solar or generator-based options.

¹www.firststreet.org data indicates that 14.6 million U.S. households are at risk of flooding out of 122.8 million nationally

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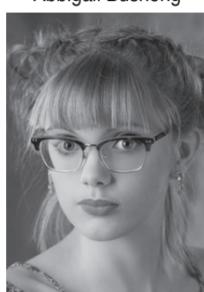
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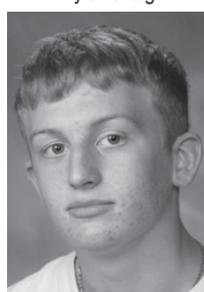
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Congratulations, Bree Barger!

Bree, We are so very proud of you and your ambition to be successful at whatever you do! Keep up the good work and keep working hard for your dreams. Remember reach for the stars and anything is possible.

Love
Mom, Braxton, Brian,
and Grandma Ulanda

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Congratulations, Abigail Bushong!

In a world full of roses, be a sunflower. Congratulations! Can't wait to see how you will grow from here.

Love Mom & Randy

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Congratulations, Ady Maple!

Congratulations Ady! The next chapter of your life is going to be fantastic! Never stop chasing those dreams. BREAK A LEG!!!

Love - Mom, Dad
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Congratulations, Alaxis Shanks!

Happy Graduation Alax Shanks! You will do great things.

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Congratulations, Alexa Torbert!

We are so incredibly proud of you, Alexa. Can't wait to see what the future has in store for you!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Jake

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Congratulations, Brennen Wolfe!

We are so proud of all that you've accomplished in your high school career and can't wait to see what the future holds. Congratulations and Best of Luck as you begin your next chapter!

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Congratulations, Dylan Johnson!

Congratulations Dylan! We Love You!

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Congratulations, Hannah Humble!

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Congratulations, Jayda Blankenship

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Congratulations, Jonah Stauffer

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Congratulations, Kaile Beck,

We are so you proud of you and all your accomplishments. As this chapter ends in your journey in life, we are excited to see what the next chapter brings. We love you beyond words.

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Congratulations, Kigan!

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Congratulations, Olivia Peterson

You make me proud everyday. Keep reaching for the stars! Congratulations!

Love, Mom

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Congratulations Andrew Pagel on graduating from Clinton High School.

We are very proud of you! Good luck at University of Illinois.

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Mom & Dad

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Congratulations, Reece Hooker

We are so proud of the smart, caring, talented, and humble young man you have grown into. You can do anything you set your mind to. Congratulations, buddy! We love you!

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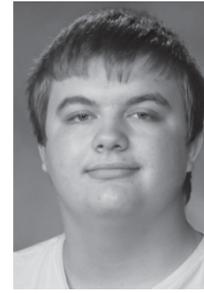
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Congratulations, Reece Hooker

Congratulations Reece!
Always stay humble and kind.

Love,
Dad

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Congratulations, Savannah Clifton!

Congratulations! We are so proud of you, Savannah!

Love you,
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Congratulations, Zack Raymer!

Congratulations! Can't wait to see what your future holds.

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Congratulations, Robert Pakadis!

We are so proud of you and know your future holds great things!
Love you lots,

Mom & Dad

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Congratulations, Tejen Boyer!

We're so proud of you. We love you so much. Way to go on your sports achievements in cross country and football while keeping great grades and working at Monicals and mowing yards. Thanks for being the best son parents can ask for.

Happy graduation!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Rebecca and Mike

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Congratulations, Kailei Johnston!

Congratulations Kailei on a job well done. After all the obstacles you have been through, you've not only managed to graduate but graduate a year early. I am so very proud of you! Looking forward to the next chapter.

I love you with my whole heart,
Mom



Congratulations, Seth Constance

We are so proud of your accomplishments, but even more proud of the man you are becoming. Enjoy the next chapter in your life and never forget the amazing potential you have!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Luke & Wyatt

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Congratulations, Vince Baldassari

I'm so proud of the young man you've become and can't wait to see what your future holds.

Love, Mom

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Congratulations, Bryson Mock-Williams!

We are so proud of you, Bry! You overcame things this year that brought you down, but you still got back up! That's my boy! Now get out there and do great things! You're young, and the world is yours! I'll always be here for you!

Love, mom & ALL of us!



Congratulations, Trenton Sanders

Good luck in your future endeavors!
We are so proud of you!

Mom, Dad, and Dalton

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HAPPY GRADUATION



Olivia Petersen

Having a granddaughter like you is priceless! It's been a pleasure watching you grow into a beautiful young woman. We wish you all the success and happiness the world has to offer!

We love you and we are so proud of you!

Class of 2021
Grandpa Steve & Grandma Jan

Remember This Moment

Here's hoping your Graduation Day is unforgettable in every way. May it find you surrounded by good friends and good times that last straight through the summer.



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Congratulations, Zackary Raymer!

We are so proud of you. Your future is waiting for you, go and achieve your dreams

Love, Mom, Nick and Kylie

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Best wishes in all your future endeavors! We love you always in whatever journey you choose to travel.

Love
Grandpa and Grandma Ateberry

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Robert Pakidis, Jr.

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Trenton Sanders

Carson Schmid

Frankie Shaffer

Haven Shaffer

Alaxis Shanks

Emily Smith



Kasey Smith

Sierra Spaugh

Clayton Stapleton

Denton Stapleton

Jonah Stauffer

Jaidah Strocher

Raya Swartz

Lydia Taylo



Kadence Taylor

Morgan Thrasher

Deston Toohill

Alexa Torbert

Caiden Turner

Juan Valencia

Tyler Ward

Mackenzie Willoughby



Hadley Wilson

Joseph Winebrinner-Dodd

Brennen Wolfe

Evan Woods

Cordell Workman

Skylour Wright

Cole Young

Baylee Zombro

Clinton High School graduates not pictured: Austin Akers, Josie Boyer, Sebastian Casarez, Brett Foffel, Hailee Hawkins, Madison Hilst, Brianna Horsley, Alexander Johnson, Israel Millian, Cynara Misthal, Hayden Ooms, Alajah Ornelas, Desiree Smith, Valin Smith, Austin Sugg, Zachary Witt.

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Congratulations, Sierra Spaugh!

We are so proud of you! Congratulations!

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Congratulations, Evan Woods!

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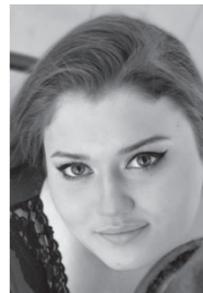
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CHS graduates allowed eight guests, school will live-stream ceremony on YouTube

CLINTON — The Unit 15 Schools district office has set 2 p.m., Sunday, May 23 for Clinton High School graduation.

In a letter sent to parents sent out toward the end of April, CHS principal Jerry Wayne set out this year's plan for the graduation ceremony.

"Last year, I was unable to provide a traditional graduation for our seniors due to the pandemic," Wayne wrote. "This year, I plan to do everything I possibly can to keep that from happening to our 2021 graduates."

He reminded parents, however, that circumstances not within his control could change plans.

Based on current virus restrictions, each graduate may

have up to eight guests attend the graduation ceremony. That's twice as many as originally planned. Eased restrictions allowed for the increase in guests. Graduates will receive eight tickets, and only guests with tickets will be allowed to enter the building on graduation day.

To help make up for the restriction in the number of guests permitted inside the school, the school plans to stream the ceremony live on YouTube.

Guests with tickets to the graduation ceremony will be required to wear face masks at all time and observe social distancing from people not in their group. Seating will be available on a first come, first served basis, and

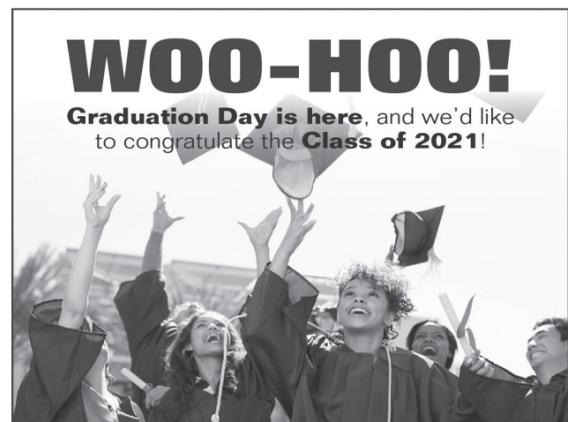
seating for handicapped guest "will be provided to the greatest extent possible," Wayne wrote.

Anyone who will require handicapped accessible seating should contact Missy Koeppel at (217) 935-8337 in advance so the school can plan.

Wayne wrote he hopes to be able to allow graduates to remove their masks for photos as they cross the stage for their diplomas. Once the ceremony is completed, guests are asked to exit the building immediately.

Graduates will meet their families at their cars or at home after picking up their official diplomas in the library.

Blue Ridge High School graduation ceremony scheduled for Sunday, May 23, from 2-4 p.m.

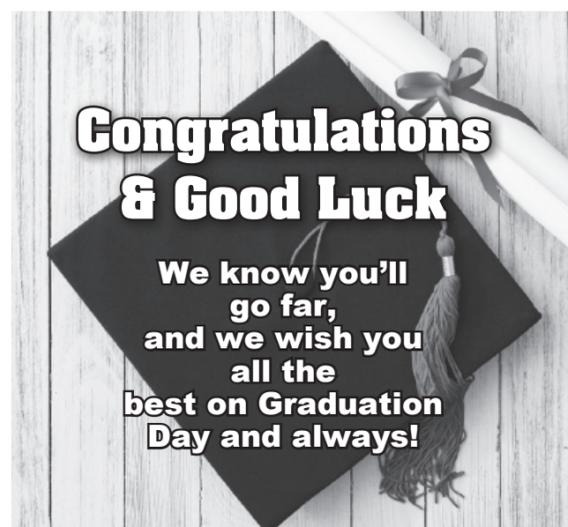


WOO-HOO!
Graduation Day is here, and we'd like to congratulate the **Class of 2021!**

We wish you much success in your future endeavors, and we hope you find great happiness along the way.



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We hope your graduation day is filled with good friends, good times and good memories, and may it be the start of many more great things to come. We know you have worked hard to earn your diploma, and that dedication proves you have what it takes to succeed. We're proud of you.

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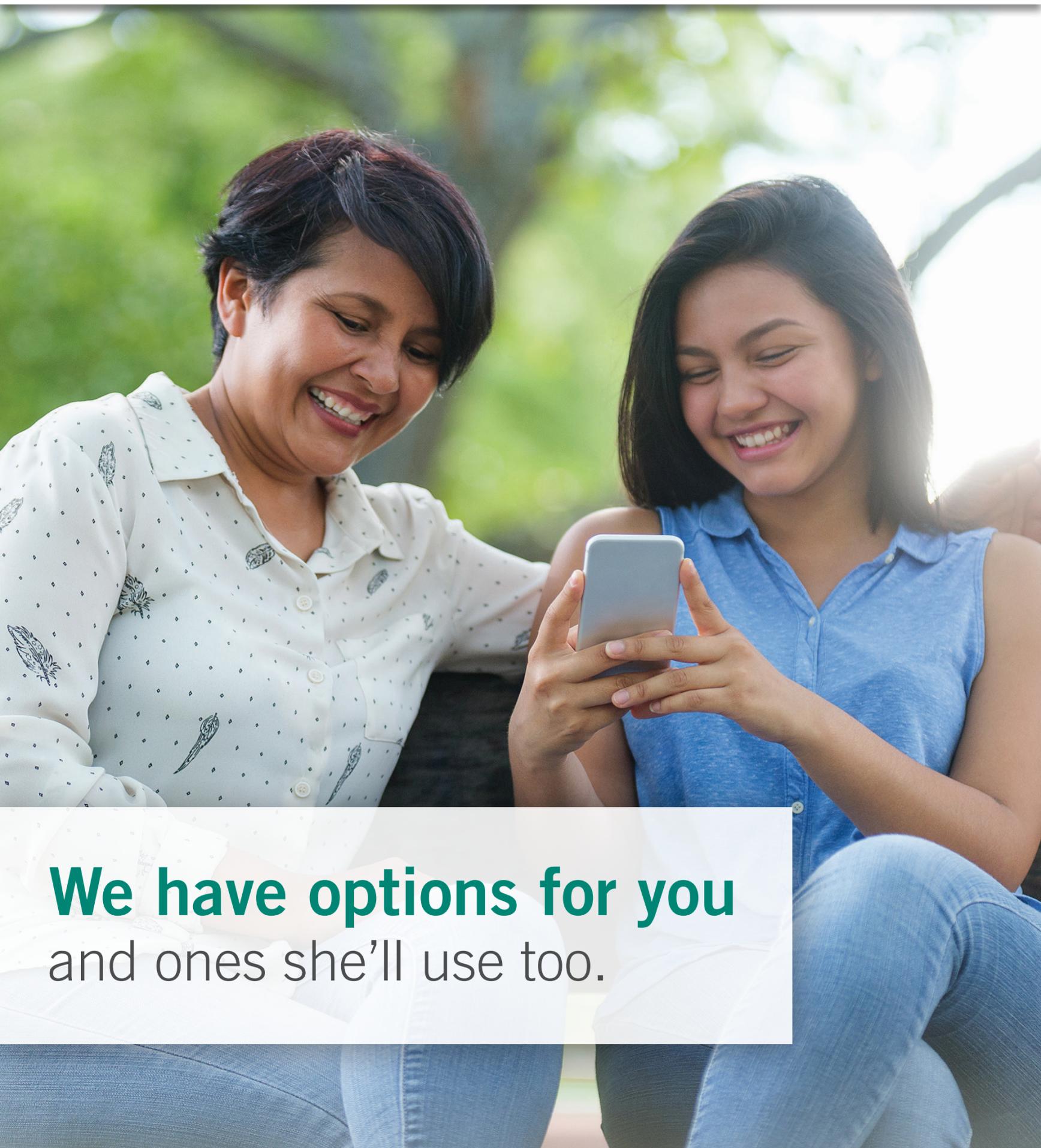
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