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DAR honors former state regent

The State Organization of The Daughters of the American Revolution held its 125th State Conference April 22-25 2021. A grave marking was held for DeWitt Clinton NSDAR member Joyce Schafer Hinshaw who was state regent 2001-2003. Joyce joined the chapter in 1978 and served as regent, treasurer as well as other state offices and committee chairmen. Those attending from DeWitt Clinton were Regent Rosemary Parker, Carole Wylder, Jane Waddock, Lynne Gray, and Joyce Smiley. Also pictured is District III director Julie Woller from Champaign. Other members attended virtally.

Illinois lawmakers question recent Exelon audit

Report calls for millions in subsidies to keep two northern Ill. nuclear plants open

Hastings, D-Frankfort, worked almost two years deal to keep the plants open.

County board debates oversight of wind project

Begins search for third zoning official in just over a year

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CLINTON - As the Alta Farms II wind energy project moves closer to construction, county board members varying with views on the role of zoning administrator continue to debate the role of that job and others connected to the project.

Board members who oppose and support the wind project also now find themselves scrutinizing a plan to build a large, commercial

solar energy project near Weldon. This has prompted the board to approve an expedited review of the county's solar energy ordinance.

The current status of the wind energy project dominated the board's Apr. 22 meeting.

Engineer Terry Fountain, with Cummins Engineering Corp., Springfield, gave lengthy overview to county board members during the meeting about his firm's functions in regard to the Alta Farms II special use permit.

Cummins has dealt primarily with roads and bridges but also has more recent experience with wind energy projects.

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School board discusses local land acquistion

its May meeting.

Katy O'Grady-Pyne kpyne@theclintonjournal.com

CLINTON At Monday night's monthly school board meeting, Superintendent Curt Nettles told board members the district was approached by Michael Killian about acquiring the three one-acre lots behind the First National Bank building across from the high school at no cost to the district. "I know at least a couple of you (board members) have interest in (acquiring the land)," said Nettles who added he had mentioned the offer to board members earlier in either an email update or verbally. The board needs to decide if they want to take the land and move forward with a plan for it, said Nettles. The superintendent said he would speak with the city leaders to determine what restrictions that land might have and then the board could brainstorm ideas for its use. Board president Dan Matthews said he didn't see why the district would not accept the land. "We'll figure out something to do with it."

Summer school Invitations to summer school have been distributed to selected students at all levels.

Douglas, Lincoln and Clinton Elementary school invites were mailed April 15 with a deadline of April 29. Clinton Junior High invitations were mailed last week with a May 7 deadline and high school students were invited in mid- March with a mid-May deadline. CES principal Sacha Young said she is pleased with the response and if the seats are not full on April 29, she will offer the session to more students. "I only had seven teachers say they would teach summer school and I want to keep my numbers between 10 and 12 in each classroom." High school principal Jerry Wayne said the high school will offer math and social studies in summer school. "I haven't gotten a lot of response back, but honestly, I'm not surprised. Most of my parents start worrying about summer school, and where they can get access, about the last week of school."

Peter Hancock

Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD

Members of a state Senate committee sharply criticized a recent audit of Exelon's nuclear power plant operations that suggested ratepayers may need to subsidize two of those plants by as much as \$350 million over the next five years.

Gov. JB Pritzker's office and the Illinois **Environmental Protection** Agency commissioned the audit last year, at a cost of \$208,000, after Exelon announced in August that it plans to shutter its Byron and Dresden power plants later in 2021.

The audit, by the consulting firm Synapse Energy Economics Inc., was released in redacted form on IEPA's website Aug. 14.

But Sen. Michael

who chairs the Energy Public Utilities and Committee, criticized many of the redactions and insisted lawmakers be given complete copies of the report.

"As my mom would say, son, you have more degrees than a thermometer," Hastings said. "And you expect me to make some sort of determination based off of a report that's halfway redacted. I expect more of us, and I expect more of our government in terms of a report. And I find it just very troubling."

Sen. Sue Rezin, R-Morris, the ranking Republican on the committee, also criticized the handling of the report, noting that the governor's office provided a quote for a news report about the audit that appeared online several hours before the report was given to lawmakers.

"So the governor's office felt compelled to release this report to the media and actually give the media a quote before any member who has

on this topic received the report, which we received at 10 o'clock that night," she said.

Deputy Gov. Christian Mitchell, who testified during the hearing, said the report had been redacted to protect company trade secrets, but he said lawmakers would be provided unredacted copies upon request.

He said also the governor's office responded media to inquiries because it began receiving inquiries about the report soon after it was delivered to Exelon, and because information about it was "out in the universe," the governor's office wanted "to make sure that we could get our side out."

Shutting down the two plants would be a huge setback for Pritzker's goal of transitioning Illinois' power industry to 100 percent renewable carbon-free energy or production by 2050, and the governor's office has already signaled its support for some kind of

But Mitchell said Thursday the administration has no intention of approving an agreement like the one made in 2016, as part of the Future Energy Jobs Act, that provided Exelon with subsidies totaling \$235 million a year for 10 years, "with no yearover-year review, or even midpoint review of the subsidy."

"At no point during that effort was Exelon forced to publicly open their books and demonstrate to ratepayers of Illinois that their subsidies were rightsized or necessary to keep the plants open," he said.

He also noted that Exelon's utility subsidiary Commonwealth Edison has been the target of a long-running probe by the U.S. Attorney's office in Chicago, "leaving the confidence of Illinois citizens and lawmakers at an all-time low after their admitted misconduct."

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"It's a win-win (with) possibilities," added vice president Rodney Rogers. The board will take action on the property at

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"Our main clientele is counties," Fountain said. "Working through the county engineers, we also have done a number of projects for townships."

Fountain said Cummins also performs work for private municipalities, companies and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

Cummins has worked with wind energy projects in Macon, Logan and Mason counties, and now in DeWitt County.

"Of those five wind projects, this will be my three and a half wind projects," Fountain said.

Cummins is in charge of managing the road agreement for the project in addition to working with the county zoning office to ensure requirements for the Alta Farms II special use permit are met. Cummins contract is with developer Enel Energy.

"When I talked to chairman Ferguson (county board chairman) and Dee Dee Rentmeister (board administrative assistant) about what we were doing; it looks like we're going in the same direction," Fountain said.

Fountain attended earlier county meetings at which board members discussed the scope of an engineer's responsibilities in relation to the wind project.

"At that time, I wanted to make sure the county board was very clear that we were there to serve the county," Fountain said. "Even though we have that agreement with Enel, and they're paying for it, we wanted to ensure we are working for the county, and we have the best interests of the county foremost."

During those discussions toward the end of 2020, county board some members opposing the wind project questioned whether it was possible a firm working for Enel would be open and forthright with county officials. "We're still working on that premise, because once this project is over, we still want to have that working relationship on future projects that may occur within the county or with the townships," Fountain said. Fountain has been in regular contact with county highway engineer Mark Mathon and, until recently, zoning administrator Aaron Paque'. Ferguson mentioned during the meeting that Paque' had tendered his resignation a few days earlier. Paque' was zoning administrator for about a year, replacing Angie Sarver, who served the county through two contentious public hearing periods for the wind project special use permit. Mathon said he had worked with Terry Fountain since Fountain's days at IDOT and since with Cummins. "I have no reservation in that recommendation in selecting them to help us out with that part of the

process," Mathon said. After Fountain briefed the board about what Cummins was doing, the floor was opened for questions from board members.

Board member Aaron Kammeyer cited drainage and road issues with the Macon County wind project, asking Fountain if his firm had learned any lessons from that work.

"Yes," Fountain said. Fountain said in Cummins' experience with the Hilltopper wind project in Logan County, they visited some sites of the project several times to have issues, such as grading along roadways, corrected. He said similar issues on the Whitney Hill project also arose.

Enel Energy and White Construction were the companies building those projects as well as the Alta Farms II project.

Fountain said Enel and White also had learned from previous projects and adjusted their best practices.

"So, hopefully, those things they'll just do because they know it works," Fountain said. "It makes the county, the township and Cummins Engineering а little happier because it's done the way it should have been done."

Kammeyer zeroed-in on some of Fountain's language, questioning if the county could have confidence in what was promised being delivered. "You're using words like 'recommend' and 'maybe'," Kammeyer said. "I really hope we're looking to restore the county to the state it was prior to about two weeks ago," referring to the setup of the lay-down yard for the Alta Farms II project. The lay-down yard, located about a mile north of Hallsville, has social media buzzing with comments from people opposing the wind project, many whom will live in the vicinity of the wind turbines. The job of zoning administrator soon came into the sights of some board members. Kammeyer referred Fountain to portions of Cummins' contract. "It basically says you're taking directions from the zoning officer and what things you should be looking at, what things you need to be reviewing," Kammeyer said. "I'm troubled by that a little bit because, as you probably well know, most likely, being a zoning officer that actually has the acumen to interpret what you need to be looking at, all facets of that operation, is kind of an ambiguous situation." Kammeyer pointed out the county now was temporarily without a zoning officer.

project that most zoning administrators really don't walk into."

Fountain said his make firm would recommendations, "and it will be up to whoever the zoning administrator is to actually sign-off on those building permits."

The board appointed Dee Dee Rentmeister interim administrator zoning until a new permanent administrator is hired.

Fountain said he had made an effort to ensure he was versed on the county's requirement for the permits.

Board chairman Terry Ferguson said he had no reservations with respect to Cummins working for the county.

Kammeyer said he felt, since Cummins was taking advice from the county's zoning administrator, "we have somebody competent in that position to provide instruction."

Ferguson if said Cummins recognizes something in the project that is not in compliance they have the option to handle it themselves or refer it to the county zoning office.

Kammeyer said he didn't doubt Cummins' knowledge or capacity but felt the county needed "the appropriate resource that truly can fulfill the role as zoning administrator."

"I think they've got a good handle on what they need to do right now," Ferguson said.

Kammeyer continued to return to the subject of the zoning administrator.

"Do they not take direction from the zoning office," Kammeyer asked.

"If it's something they can handle themselves (Cummins) ...they're going to go ahead and take care of it," Ferguson said. He said issues that come up during the project would be identified and dealt with. Enel has a procedure to provide the county monthly with anv complaints that arise and how they were resolved. "And, I think this is where Cummins can assist the county," Fountain "We're working said. with zoning to get a daily report of any complaints along with resolutions." Ferguson has been reluctant to criticize former zoning administrator Aaron Paque', publicly supporting the job Paque' Kammeyer later did. commented he was not criticizing Paque' but was concerned about having a zoning official with little experience with wind energy projects. During the April land use committee meeting, Paque' came under sharp questioning by some committee members when they were caught by surprise by the appearance of the lay-down yard for the wind project a few days earlier.

require a building permit," Ferguson said. "Aaron (Paque') made the call that it did meet the criteria for the special use permit."

During that meeting, Paque' said a letter issued to Enel officials was clear that approval of the lay-down yard "did not absolve them of meeting the other conditions."

Paque' said his office would not issue permits unless it was certain Enel had met all conditions.

"That's the reason the permit (for the lay-down yard) was submitted on March 1 but didn't get approved until March 23," Paque said. "We wanted to make sure every bit of it was in order."

Land use committee members concluded they wanted more frequent communications from the zoning office with regard to the wind project.

During the public comment portion of the April 22 board meeting, former board member Lance Reece had harsh words for board members he felt were simply trying to delay progress of the wind project.

He suggested many of the board members? comments were grandstanding.

Reece said he felt a motion listed on the agenda about transparency contained "buzz words but they don't have any substance."

"The board is not the project manager," Reece said.

He said the wind project was the responsibility of the developer and the contractor.

"If there's a safety issue, absolutely, the county needs to be made aware of it, and it needs to be rectified," he said. "But, after listening to some of the comments about a zoning administrator, I would think it's going to be difficult to find somebody who wants to work in that environment."

A most important commodity

elcome to my little corner of culinary delights. Before getting into blanching with water, one should first know the basic functions of water.

Water is probably one of the most important elements on this planet. Science states that life could not otherwise exist. Legend holds the premortal ooze responsible for beginning life. Even the Holy Bible equates everlasting life to the waters of life. I am no scientist or theologian but a chef. So, let's cook.

Most vegetables are made up of 75 percent water. The human body is made-up of about 90 percent. Much of what we do in culinary is done with water. Water serves as a cooking medium, as an ingredient and for making beverages.

Conversely, it is desirable to extract excess water from things such as potatoes and onions for use in casseroles. Dehydrating foods for storage purposes is to remove as much water as possible. Water is a medium for boiling potatoes and cooking pasta. It works well as a solvent for blending flavors and seasonings as well as for rinsing foods and cleaning dishes and floors. Let us not forget its usefulness in steaming and canning foods.

Water, in pure form at sea level, freezes at 32° F / 0° C and boils at 212° F / 100° C. That is simple straightforward physics. higher altitudes, At water boils at a lower temperature. It is a fallacy to think that water boils faster if salt is added. The boiling point of water is slightly raised whereas the freezing point is lowered if salt or sugar is added.



By Chef Roger Joss

As a rule, in good cooking, salt is added toward the end of the cooking process or after. The same is generally true for sugar. Heat affects foods in such ways that one must be vigilant and careful. One should know what can be done with water and how to do it well.

In cooking, the best way to get the water boiling is to fully raise the heat and keep the pot covered. A covered pot helps to trap the heat allowing it to build quickly in this enclosed area. However, do not increase the flame so high that the flames lap over the sides of the pot. That causes lost heat and thus unnecessary waste.

Once the water begins to boil, turn down the heat to simmer. Reaching the boiling point is dependent upon the BTU amount. That would be the British thermal unit. It indicates the amount of energy required to rise one cubic centimeter of pure water to one degree centigrade.

The PH level of water has importance. PH measures the acidic or alkaloid level. In pure water, the PH level is at seven. Any reading above seven indicates an alkaline or base solution. Conversely, a reading below seven indicates an acidic solution. The PH level slightly affects flavor, texture and even the nutritional quality of the foods being cooked. Culinary involves various sciences. Until next time, peace to all.

"And most likely, the one we did have would not have known to maybe know all of the questions to ask," Kammeyer said. "This is a sizable

Ferguson defended the zoning office.

"Our ordinance is pretty specific that construction of lay-down yards don't

He said zoning administrators generally were not professional engineers," and that's why Cummins Engineering was hired."

"I'm a little concerned that the board is sending the message that the county anti-development," is Reece said. "Examples of this are in the agenda this evening."

Reece said all of the appointments to the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) on the agenda for action were "self-proclaimed anti-wind advocates." He said the same was true for previous appointees of the current board.

RPC members Bob Thomas and David Steward, both of whom served multiple terms on the board, recently sent their resignations to the county. The board appointed Mark Nunnery, Joe Whitte and Mariah Anderson to fill seats on the RPC.

All three seats filled were for unexpired terms.

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Shirley Anne Gregory

CLINTON On Saturday, April 10, 2021, Shirley Anne Gregory passed away at the age of

She was born on January 17. 1930, in Streator, Ill., to Lester and Maude King. Shirley graduated from Streator High School, in 1948, and then attended Minnesota Bible College, in Rochester, where she earned a degree in Music Ministry.

After touring nationally as the gospel duo "The King Sisters" with her sister, Betty, Shirley relocated to Clinton, to become secretary of the First Christian Church, of Clinton, where she served as choir director, song leader, and adult Bible school teacher for many years.

Shirley married Philip F. Morin, of Clinton, and they had a daughter, Louanne. After Philip lost his life to cancer, she later married Charles H. Gregory, also of Clinton, who had three children from his previous marriage, Suzanne, Katherine, and John.

Preceding Shirley in death were both her sister, parents, and both husbands. Those left to cherish memory include: her Louanne Reynolds, of Dallas, Texas.; Suzanne Smith of Christiansburg, Va., Katherine Westfall, of Antioch, Ill., and John Gregory, of Alexandria, Va., as well as grandchildren, Preston



Reynolds, of Denver, Colo., Mark Smith; of Christiansburg, Va., Josh Westfall, of Bloomington, Ill.; Ashley Bishop-Courtney, of Elizabeth City, N.C., and Cody Gregory, of Alexandria, Va.

Shirley had a lifelong passion for animals and supported Best Friends organization her entire adult life. She will always be remembered for her exceptional singing voice and enthusiasm leading the choir but mostly in her unwavering faith in her Lord.

Due to travel restrictions and COVID, the family has decided a celebration of her life will be announced at a later date. Condolences may be sent to 701 W. Jefferson, Clinton, IL. 61727, or if you wish to send a donation in her honor, please visit www.support. bestfriends.org. To learn more about her life or to share a personal memory, please visit her online memorial:

shirleyannegregory@ forevermissed.com.



Bonnie Fay Moran

CLINTON - Bonnie Fay (Adams) Moran, age 69, of Clinton, passed away peacefully at her residence surrounded by family on April 10, 2021. Bonnie was born at Alton Memorial Hospital on April 22, 1951. She was the daughter of William Freeman and Ruby (Carter) Adams. Bonnie went on to be a 1970 graduate of Bunker Hill High School and later moved to Clinton.

Bonnie enjoyed spending time with her family at St. Joe State Park "Flat River," where they camped, went fourwheeling and more. She dedicated also many years to working at Dr. John Warner Hospital. Ultimately, family and faith were two of Bonnie's favorite things. She enjoyed being able to watch her grandchildren grow up and always expressed to them how proud they made her.

Bonnie is survived by her children, Tina Russell, Frankie Russell, Sheila Russell and Michelle Lambert, as well as her siblings, Dasda Baremore, Billy Adams, Carl Adams, Calvin Adams and Terry Adams. She is also survived by her eight grandchildren, Aundraya Rodas, Rebecca Russell, Isaiah Nichols, Kevin Rodas, Jasmin Lambert, Hannah Lambert, Sarah Russell and Faith Lambert. Something many may not know about Bonnie is that she had twins. The family is comforted knowing that Bonnie and Theresa Russell are reunited once again. She

also was preceded in death

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by her siblings, Joann Adams, Mike Adams, Jay Adams, Timmy Adams and Les Adams.

Bonnie was a beloved mother, grandmother, friend and follower of Christ. Something she always expressed to her children and grandchildren is that there are always angels protecting them. Keeping her favorite song, "One Day at a Time," in mind, the family now has an angel they know protecting over them every day.

The family would like to express great thanks to Pastor Scott Marsh, of Texas Christian Church, in Clinton, as well as everyone who has given kind words, cards, prayers and much more over the past five months. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Texas Christian Church at 8301 Texas Church Rd., Clinton, IL, 61727. Condolences may be sent to 1419 E Washington Street, Clinton, IL, 61727. A celebration of life will be at a later date.

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

Online condolences may be made at www. calvertmemorial.com

Bobbie L. Long

CLINTON - Bobbie L. Long, 85 of Clinton, passed away at 8:07 p.m. on April 21, 2021, at his family home in Clinton.

Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2021, at Mausoleum Park Cemetery, Clinton, with Ernie Harvey, Jr. officiating. The family entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to The Wounded Warrior Project.

Bobbie was born on November 20, 1935 in Estancia, N.M., the son of Harry and Eliza (Dial) Long. He married Joyce C. Foster on June 29, 1953, in Ottumwa, Iowa.

Survivors include his wife, Joyce C. Long,



Clinton; son, Dale Lee (Penny) Long, Clinton; grandson, Tyler and (Lynne) Long, Clinton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

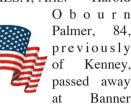
Bobbie worked for The Illinois Central Railroad as a carman for almost 30 years.

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returning. This assignment comes with a huge sign-on bonus, a reunion with family and friends, especially his son Wayne Harold Palmer. He left detailed instructions with his wife and daughter who were present when he accepted this assignment to celebrate and not mourn the completion of his long and happy mission here.

Harold was born on July



on February 5, 1961, in Clinton.

Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Beverly Palmer, Mesa, Ariz.; and daughter Kimberly Palmer, also of Mesa.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, Alma and Roy, son Wayne, brother Howard, and stepmother Irene.

Harold was proud to have served his country in the United States Navy, serving on the USS Midway, his state, in Department of Corrections as Lieutenant at the Logan County Correctional Facility, and community, which his he called home for over 40 years as a volunteer fireman, village marshal and village trustee. Due to personal situations, services will be planned at a later date. This obituary will be updated once a date has been determined. Memorials can be made to the Kenney Fire Protection District. Letters of condolences can be mailed to Beverly Palmer at 650 N. Hawes Road, Lot 3401 in Mesa, AZ 85207.



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Ladora Ann 'Dody' Thomason

KALAMAZOO, Mich. – Ladora Ann "Dody" Thomason, 82, of Kalamazoo, Mich., formerly of Clinton, passed away at 1:12 a.m. on April 24, 2021, at Friendship Village, Kalamazoo.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-noon on Friday, April 30, 2021, at the Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton. A memorial service will follow at noon at the funeral home with Ernie Harvey, Jr. officiating. The family requests masks and social distancing.

A private graveside service will be held at Willmore Cemetery, Clinton. Friends and family may later view the memorial service at www. calvertmemorial.com/ obituaries/Ladora--Dody-Thomason?obId=

20890611#/obituaryInfo Memorials may be directed to First Christian Church, Clinton, Warner Hospital and Health Services, Clinton, or Friendship Village, of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Ladora Ann was born on March 14, 1939, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Charles and Alma (Goldhammer) Autry. She married Gary Alfred Thomason on June 22, 1957, in Lincoln. He passed away on November 19,2003.



Dody was also preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her children, Kevin (Cindy) Thomason, Kalamazoo, Mich., and Susan (Mark) Gray, Hamilton, Ga.; grandchildren, Chelsea (fiancé, Michael Parr) Thomason, Sarah (Mark) Woods, Rebecca (fiancé, Tyler Warfle) Thomason, Melissa Gray, Adam Gray; and her dear friend John Veirs.

Dody was a member of the First Christian Church, DeWitt County Museum and the Dr. John Warner Hospital Auxiliary. She was a medical assistant for 35 years at the Myers, Veirs and Heath Medical Office, Clinton. She enjoyed flower gardens and birds. She was an awesome cook. She especially enjoyed playing the piano and accompanying others. Online condolences may be made at www. calvertmemorial.com

'Firehouse' coming to Gibson City Harvest Fest Sept. 11

GIBSON CITY - The Gibson City Harvest Fes, along with the Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services, announces rocker band "Firehouse" is coming to the 2021 Harvest Fest on September 11. Jack Russell's Great White will kick-off the GibsonCityHarvestFest. event.

The concert will take downtown place in Gibson City. General Admission to the concert is free. There will be a party pit option this year, which is the section closest to the stage. These tickets are on sale now at

Schools / from page A1

Junior High principal Jim Peck said he has seven teachers and two classroom aides available and is working with those students who may need help advancing to the next grade level.

In other news, the board: Learned the district has between 0 to 2 cases of Covid. "We're still status quo on all of our protocols," said Nettles.

Approved the support staff compensation package for fiscal year 2022. Matthews said he "felt good about moving this forward."

Approved two math intervention specialist positions for the 2021-22 school year. "The help (these positions) would provide is undeniable," said Nettles.

Plants / from page A1

In announcing its plan to close the plants, Exelon said even though they were licensed to continue operating for another 10-20 years, they had become economically unviable due to declining energy prices and new market rules that allow fossil fuel plants to underbid nuclear plants in capacity auctions.

The company also said its LaSalle and Braidwood nuclear plants were at "high risk for premature closure."

Synapse audit The largely confirmed Exelon's statements about the Byron and Dresden plants, although it disputed Exelon's claim that the LaSalle and Braidwood plants were in danger of losing money, at least over the next five years.

That analysis was

Approved the hiring of Jake Bevins, assistant bass fishing coach for 2020-21; Kami Heffner, Douglas first grade teacher for 2021-22; Amanda Taylor, teaching aide at Lincoln for 2021-22; Megan Birk, teaching aide at Douglas for 2021-22; Jordan Dennis, CHS custodian; Lisa Hacker, CES second grade special education teacher for 2021-22.

Approved the transfers of Elizabeth Riley to CES third grade for 2021-22; Judy Reeves to CHS business teacher for 2021-22; Nichole Barber to CHS special education teacher for 2021-22; and Rachel Wood to Douglas kindergarten education/ special interventionalist for 2021-22.

at transitioning Illinois toward a clean-energy Whatever economy. measures lawmakers take to address nuclear energy policy will likely be included in one of those bills, or in a combined bill.

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On 04/24/21 Clinton

Police arrested Fletcher

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and Kaden A. Roberts

18, Decatur for Illegal

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a Minor. Both subjects

were released on a Notice

Nathaniel Goforth, 34,

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(92 mph in a 65 mph

zone), Speeding 26-34

over. Goforth was given a

Notice to Appear and was

Alex Fane, 26, Decatur,

was arrested on a DeWitt

County Warrant, charging

him with Burglary/FTA.

Fane, unable to post the

necessary bond remains

lodged in the DeWitt

Decatur, was issued a

Citation for Speeding

(100 mph in a 55 mph

zone). Ackles was given a

Notice to Appear and was

Lincoln, was issued a

Citation for Speeding

(88 mph in a 55 mph

zone). Carrol was given a

Notice to Appear and was

Springfield, was issued

White,

Carroll,

43,

27,

20,

Joshua Ackles,

to Appear in court.

DeWitt County

Sheriff's Office

April 2-16

released.

County Jail.

released.

Patrick

released.

Joshua

Department

a Citation for Speeding (94 mph in a 55 mph zone). White was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Dashun Avery, 26, Springfield, was issued Citations for Driving While License Suspended and Speeding (88 mph in a 55 mph zone). Avery was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Darius Woods, 25, Decatur was issued a Citation for No Valid Driver's License. Woods was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Joshua Boulet, 42, Clio, Michigan, was issued a Citation for No Valid Driver's License. Boulet was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Lambert, Tara 42, Kenney, was issued Citations for Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Cause Bodily Harm to Another; 2 counts for Driving Under Influence; Failure to Reduce Speed/ Accident. Lambert was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Taylor Walters, 18, Bement, was issued Citations for Operating Uninsured Vehicle and Speeding (79 mph in 55 mph zone). Walters was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

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

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Questions & Answers

General

Question:

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Answer:

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Question:

How do I schedule, reschedule, or cancel an appointment with Social Security?

Answer:

For many things, you don't need an appointment to transact business with Social Security. For



example, you don't need an appointment to file for benefits or appeal a disability decision. You can file for the following benefits online at www.ssa. gov:

- Retirement.
- Medicare.
- Spouses.
- Disability.

If you don't want to apply for benefits online, or if you need to speak to us for any other reason, you can schedule, reschedule, or cancel an appointment by one of the following options:

Calling us at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) between 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Contacting your local Social Security office. (www.ssa.gov/locator)

based on a number of assumptions about future energy prices, as well as Exelon's actual operating costs. But many lawmakers on the committee challenged those assumptions.

In particular, Hastings noted that information supporting many of the assumptions was part of the material that had been redacted.

"And then when you look at the pages that are actually redacted, 34 of those pages actually have redactions in them," he said to Synapse's Max Chang, one of the coauthors of the report. "The information in those redactions is essential for me and other members of the General Assembly to make a public policy decision on what we do moving forward here."

Lawmakers are considering several major pieces of energy legislation this year. Those include the Clean Energy Jobs Act and the Climate Union Jobs Act which are both aimed



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1952 - Mr. Potato Head became the first toy to be advertised on network television.

1953 - The British West Indian colonies agreed on the formation of the British Caribbean Federation that would eventually become a self-governing unit in the British Commonwealth.

1964 - The FCC ruled that all TV receivers should be equipped to receive both VHF and UHF channels.

1968 - U.S. Marines attacked a division of North Vietnamese in the village of Dai Do.

1970 - U.S. troops invaded Cambodia to disrupt North Vietnamese Army base areas. The announcement by U.S. President Nixon led to widespread protests.

1972 - The North Vietnamese launched an invasion of the South.

1973 - U.S. President Nixon announced resignation of Haldeman, Ehrlichman, and other top aides.

1975 - Communists North Vietnamese troops entered the Independence Palace of South Vietnam in Saigon. 11 Marines lifted off of the U.S. Embassy were the last soldiers to evacuate.

1980 - Terrorists seized the Iranian Embassy in London.

1984 - U.S. President Reagan signed cultural and scientific agreements with China. He also signed a tax accord that would make it easier for American companies to operate in China.

1991 - An estimated 125,000 people were killed in a cyclone that hit Bangladesh.

1993 - CERN put the



READERS' LETTERS

Join us to continue improving Weldon Springs

Dear Community,

This has been a hard year with closures that altered jobs and lives. Weldon Springs opened in June and has remained an outdoor haven throughout the shut-down. The schoolhouse and town hall were opened in the summer, staffed by Foundation members. COVID these In times, no state staff was hired. Late fall saw the schoolhouse, outhouses, shed and town hall sporting new roofs. These roofing projects were very expensive because they were done as historical buildings requiring wooden shingles and enhanced underlayment. The new roofs were a state project.

The Boy Scouts have worked on improvements and were joined by many volunteers. Nothing has been easy during these times, but these projects have broken all records for being almost impossible to complete. We owe an incredible amount of gratitude to the Boy Scouts Troop 1142, their leaders, and those who have had a hand in getting this project off the ground and headed toward completion.

Kim and Bob Pakidis refused to give up and spent countless hours pushing to finalize the project in a year when there were many roadblocks. We also must thank donors, such as Dr. John Veirs, Dan Caulkins and Dave Bowman, who raised and contributed their own funds for this enormous expense, as well as many in the community who have made donations and supported the project through various Scouts fundraisers.

The foundation has funds to continue improvements to Weldon Springs. We need input and ideas. We also need volunteer help keeping the buildings open to be used by the children of Clinton.

Please give some thought, come to the meetings and tell us where you would like to see money spent. We are sure that this season will be more productive than last. Our planning meeting will be held at the schoolhouse at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 7. Please join us, and share your ideas.

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movements sometimes simply get ahead of their goal, which may ultimately destroy them and their goal. Black Lives Matter might be in that posture today.

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Political

The goal of BLM appears to have the American public give more credence and value to Black youth whose lives have been marginalized. Especially those who have been harmed by law enforcement via unwarranted police violence. The goal on its surface sounds great. It is the application that creates the failure. As a nation we have condemned unwarranted police brutality. The key word is "unwarranted".

Slowdown

by returning the gunfire. The offender may be killed by the police. The action is brutal and totally warranted. In reverse fashion if the police respond to a shoplifting case and the offender simply makes a benign movement, there is no justification, for the offender to be harmed by the police. The facts of the situation determine what is warranted. This is what the American legal system is designed to address in a courtroom, not on the streets in a riot. At this moment in history, we seem to be advocating for mob rule and not the rule of law. Even President Biden suggested the jury in the Chauvin case needed to render the right verdict. Congresswoman Maxine Waters even said if Chauvin was acquitted the public would have to



confront the police in the streets. Those remarks only incite turmoil and riots. Even the liberal mayor of Portland is now on record saying the protestors in his city have gone too far and need to be restrained.

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simply not justice.

Whenever emotion controls facts, turmoil will ensue. Cooler heads need to prevail and open a dialogue with all concerned. Race should have no place in how an officer responds to a situation. In like fashion, those who protest an officer shooting need to look at the totality of the situation. That is lacking today. A review of the back stories reveals the

World Wide Web software in the public domain.

1993 - Monica Seles was stabbed in the back during a tennis match in Hamburg, Germany. The man called himself a fan of second- ranked Steffi Graf. He was convicted of causing grievous bodily harm and received a suspended sentence.

1998 - NATO was expanded to include Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic. The three nations were formally admitted the following April at NATO's 50th anniversary summit.

1998 - United and Delta airlines announced their alliance that would give them control of 1/3 of all U.S. passenger seats.

1998 - In the U.S., Federal regulators fined a contractor \$2.25 million for improper handling of oxygen canisters on ValuJet that crashed in the Florida Everglades in 1996.

2002 - Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf was overwhelmingly approved for another five years as president.

2012 - One World Trade Center became the tallest structure in New York when it surpassed the height of the Empire State Building.

2015 - NASA's Messenger spacecraft crashed into the surface of Mercury. The space probe sent back more than 270,000 pictures to earth. If the police respond to a crime scene and the offender shoots at them, the police will probably respond in a brutal fashion BLM purports to want to save Black lives. Unfortunately, BLM may in fact be endangering those it wants to support. Valid protest marches quite often devolve into riots. Mobs take on an identity of their own and I have yet to see a mob that wants to discuss the facts of its aggrievement. The only thing a mob wants is vengeance, which is offender often escalated the situation and the officer responded to the escalation.

Our system of jurisprudence does a pretty good job, but it is rarely fast. Riots tend to be fast but, do a horrible job of resolving the problem at hand. The system does work if we only slow down and let it do its job.

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All vets now eligible for COVID vaccine

With the SAVE Act (Strengthening and Amplifying Vaccination Efforts), the Department of Veterans Affairs is opening the doors to vaccinating all veterans, spouses and caregivers. This is a major step forward from the previous rules of only vaccinating certain groups of veterans employees. and The numbers of those now eligible has gone from 9 million to 33 million.

First on the list are veterans who use VA health care, veterans who never enrolled but use care and medical services in the first 12 months after separation and the



caregivers for those veterans.

Under the new rules, the following will then be eligible to receive the vaccine:

* Veterans who can't enroll in VA health care;

* Veterans who are eligible for hospital care, medical services and nursing homes abroad in the Foreign Medical Program;

* Beneficiaries who are eligible for care due to a specific disability or death of a veteran;

* Caregivers of veterans participating in the VA's Medical Foster Home Program, Bowel and Bladder Program,



by Freddy Groves

Home-Based Primary Care Program or Veteran Directed Care Program;

* Spouses of veterans. If you can't make it to the VA and can't find federal or state vaccination sites in your town, keep an eye out for VA-organized pop-up vaccine clinics. I recently went to an allveterans pop-up clinic held in my town, one of eight rural locations that were opened in my state. It was impressive. The event had been widely announced

on the news, on Facebook, in the newspapers. Somebody did a good job of spreading the word.

To sign up for the vaccine, whether you currently get care through VA or not, go here: www. va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine. Scroll down to read how you'll be contacted when your group is eligible. You don't want to miss the phone call, email or text message. And keep an eye on your local facility's web page for updates.

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Emboldened by God's declaration, which Old Testament king went into battle with singers leading the army? Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh, Jehoshaphat From 1 Chronicles 29, how many years did David reign over Israel? 7, 33, 40, 57

4. The prophecy of Obadiah is basically about what nation? Shem, Edom, Tabor, Nebo

5. What was Aquila's profession in Corinth? Tentmaker, Harp player, Mapmaker, Servant

6. David was what relation to Boaz? Brother, Son, Grandson, Great-grandson

Tentmaker; 6) Great-grandson (c; mob3 (4; 3) 40; 4) Jehoshaphat; 3) 40; 4) Edom; 5)

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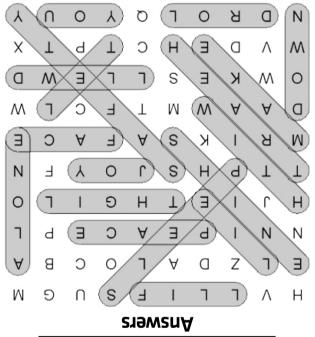
8301 Texas Church Road, Clinton (217) 454-6846 www. Texaschristianchurch. org Scott Marsh, minister 9 a.m.-Sunday school 10 a.m.-Sunday worship 6 p.m.-Sunday evening worship 6 p.m.-Wednesday prayer meeting

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Plenty going on in May at Warner Library

CLINTON May promises to be an exciting month at the Vespasian Warner Public Library District, in Clinton. Library staff members have planned a variety of in-person events, grab 'n go kits, and other activities to enjoy.

Three in-person events will be offered in May. Please note that space is limited and advance registration is required for in-person events by calling (217) 935-5174. Masks are required for all participants and social distancing will be observed. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in any library event, please call the library.

• Secret Identity Savers: Make a Superhero Mask! – Thursday, May 13 at 2:30 p.m.: Do you want to be a superhero, but don't want your secret identity to get out? Then have we got the program for you! Come make your own superhero mask and keep your identity a secret while

fighting crime! All ages. • Create Your Own Beeutiful Bee Skep - Saturday, May 22 at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m.: Did you know that the term for a straw or wicker beehive is a skep? Design and make your own mini decorative bee skep to take home. Suggested age is 12-up due to hot glue use.

• Springtime Rain Stick Fun! – Thursday, May 27 at 2:30 p.m.: Are you missing the sound of all those April showers? Come make a rain stick and you can hear that wonderful sound whenever you'd like! All ages.

Grab 'n go crafts and kits will also be a blast for the whole family! All grab 'n go kits are available on a first come, first served basis while supplies last. RSVPs are not necessary. One of each kit per person, please.

• A Handprint Bouquet for Mother's Day - Begins May 3: (Children & Family) Shhh! Don't tell mom! Children of all ages can come to the library to grab supplies for a unique Mother's Day gift mom will never forget! All ages.

• Mental Health Wellness Kits – Begins May 7: & (Children Family) May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Learn more and pick up a free kit with items like a resource card, bookmark, bubbles, feelings chart, and more. Kits for adults and children will be available. Thank you to Heritage Behavioral Health Center for providing the kit materials. All ages.

• BoHo Planter Pot – Begins May 17: (Teen) Grab all the supplies you need to decorate a chic BoHo style planter pot! Suggested age is 12-up.

Library staff have two additional activities planned during the month of May for everyone to enjoy. These activities do not require an RSVP and are open to all ages.

 Building Addition Groundbreaking 30th Anniversary – May 18: The Vespasian Warner Public

Library broke ground to build its addition, now the main library building, on May 18, 1991. Celebrate this milestone with a library scavenger hunt and earn a Party in a Bag kit to take home! Kits are available to the first one hundred people who complete the scavenger hunt during library hours on May 18.

• Draw a Flower - All Month in May: Come up to the children's floor and library staff will get you set up to draw a unique flower! We need your help to fill up our flower field on the bulletin board!

The library is open for browsing and the community is encouraged to stop in and check-out books, movies, and more. Current hours are Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Hours are subject to change.

For more information about the programs above or any library services, visit www.vwarner.org or call (217) 935-5174.

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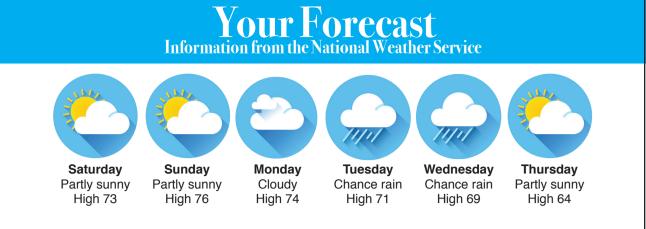


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Schedule a FREE 30 minute introductory session with Mykenzie to see if one-to-one coaching might be a good fit for you. Email or call Mykenzie at mykenzie.green@warnerhospital. org/ 217-937-5275.





Weather History

April 30

1962: A squall line moved from St. Louis northeast to Chicago. The area from Hardin to Springfield to Hoopeston was greatly affected, as was the area from Pontiac to Joliet to Chicago. The southern end of the squall line experienced winds of 55 to 90 mph, while

the northern end had winds of 65 to 110 mph with unofficial gusts to 135 mph. At Rantoul, two people were killed by falling debris. In Springfield, a boy was killed when a chimney fell through a school roof.

1997: A line of severe thunderstorms moved across Illinois

during the afternoon and evening hours. Several tornadoes, most of them weak, were produced, as well as strong winds gusts as high as 70 mph. The most damaging tornado occurred in Fulton County, when two separate thunderstorms merged. In the town of Fairview, several homes were damaged, with two people injured. In Middle Grove, the tornado destroyed two mobile homes and damaged 25 houses. The tornado then took an intermittent northeast track across Fulton, southeast Knox, western Peoria, and Stark Counties. Other tornadoes touched down in Macon, McLean, Adams, Hancock, and Montgomery Counties.

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Journal Sports

Mackenzie Reeser signs with Lincoln College

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CLINTON — On Thursday, April 15, Mackenzie (Mac) Reeser, the daughter of Stephanie and Brian Reeser, signed her letter-of-intent to be a student athlete at Lincoln College in Lincoln.

Mac has been in several sports at Clinton High School (CHS), but lately has focused on her shot put and discus skills. This will be her main athletic emphasis as a Lincoln Lynx. Mac's main goals are to further her education and continue to participate in

track and field, specializing in shot put and discus. She said she loves to throw. She also is fascinated with law enforcement and is pursuing a criminal jus-

tice degree in college. Mackenzie thanked her CHS coaches for all the help they had given her. #Maroon Pride



"Mac" with CHS coaches Rachel Sosama (L) and Darren Moser (R).



"Mac" with Head Track/Field coach of the Lynx (L), CHS coach Sosama (back), and her mom, seated, right.

CLARIFICATION

A couple of weeks ago, this reporter wrote a story on an exceptional young lady named Makayla Koeppel who, among other things, is the kicker for her high school football team. Makayla's parents were not named in the story. They are Missy and Matt Koeppel, of Clinton. They are also very active in the community.



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Clinton Junior High Lady Maroons finish 2021 basketball season on top

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CLINTON — The Clinton Junior High School (CJHS) basketball teams had fun this year and carried #Maroon Pride well.

Their last two games were a win, a loss (an away game to Mahomet/Seymour), and a win (against Our Lady of Lourdes [OLOL]). This gave the 7th graders a 12-1 season and the 8th graders a 13-1 season, while under Covid restrictions.





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Along the way, the teams each captured their conference championships with perfect 9-0 records in the Junior High OKAW Conference. The future of Lady Maroons basketball looks promising as the high school coaches are taking notice of the teams. In the final game of the year, the 7th grade Lady Maroons scored 30 points in the first half to put the game out of reach for the opposition, as OLOL could only muster single digit scores in each of their quarters. Even the subs out scored the opposition in the final two quarters.



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Reagan Filkin (#4) appears from under the basket after scoring a break-away lay-up.

Clinton won 40-10. The seventh graders were led by Avery Smith with 10 points.

On the 8th grade side, their final game at CJHS, the score was amazingly the same, although the 8th graders had their spurt in the middle two quarters of the game and then held the opposition scoreless in the final quarter.

Clinton won this game 40-10.

The Lady Maroons 8th grade team was led by

Reagan Filkin and Alaina Helfand, each with 18 points.

As each of the 8th graders left the court for the final time they did a cartwheel in front of the bench to celebrate their time playing at CJHS and the outstanding season, and moving on to the next level of play in high school. That was the extent of 8th grade recognition day due to Covid restrictions. Good luck Lady Maroons. #Maroon Pride, #Maroon Strong

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SPORTS

Lady Maroons' volleyball hosts Lady Hawks

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CLINTON - On April 15, the Meridian Lady Hawks flew into Vance Gymnasium planning on routing the home Lady Maroons, who have had a rough go of things this season.

The Lady Maroons had a different plan for the night. First on the schedule was the freshman match. The first set went to the home team with some ease and no major breaks 25-13.

The second set became a tussle for superiority with the teams neck and neck throughout, exchanging points to try to eke out a sustainable lead. Even though the Lady Maroons had a 6-point run early, Meridian fought back.

Finally, at 20-18, the home team made a final run of five points to take the second set 25-18, and the match 2-0.

Next on the schedule was the Junior Varsity (JV) match, which would prove to be the highlight of the evening.

The first set was again a back and forth ordeal with some excellent and longwinded volleys. However, the Lady Hawks were flying high and gained control to win the set 25-19.

Next came a set for the

record books. The Lady Maroons were not about to give up without a fight and kept the score close

Neither team seemed to be able to finish off the other in an epic battle. Volleys again were intense. However, Clinton finally found a soft spot in the Lady Hawks underside and dealt the finishing blow to end the set at mind boggling 31-29 score.

This tied the match at one set each and led to a third Unfortunately, the set. second set wore down the home team more than the opposition and the third set went to the Lady Hawks in more normal fashion, 25-16 for a Meridian 2-1 match win.

the varsity match.

The first set was a normal back and forth match until it was tied at 16. Then the home team gained a second wind and the opposition had the wind taken from under their wings, thus falling short while the Lady Maroons took the set 25-22.

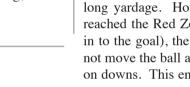
The Lady Hawks never really regained flight as the were downed 25-16 in the second set for a varsity win of 2-0 in the third match of the night.

#Maroon Strong, #Maroon Pride



throughout the set.

Now bring on the finale,



The second quarter started with another Raiders TD and EP just one minute into the quarter. Then, about three minutes in, the Maroons again fumbled the ball away. The Raiders were not able to move the ball on this possession as the home team defense held to regain the ball. Then with 4:22 left in the quarter, the Maroons attempted a long pass which was bobbled and caught by the Raiders defense, which ran it back for another TD/EP.

Then, with 4

minutes remaining in the half, CAM recovered their kickoff to the home team and in 30 seconds scored again. The Maroons then lost possession on downs with one minute left, and the Raiders again took advantage of the situation, scoring again. At halftime Central A&M was leading 35-0.

Coming out from halftime the Maroons kicked off to the Raiders who, you guessed it, took the ball in for another score. The Maroons took over and made several fourth down plays to stay alive but finally turned over the ball on downs to set up the Raiders last scoring drive.



The fourth quarter saw no scores and was ended with the seniors of both teams being brought off the field one at a time with substitutions being sent in to give them a last spotlight of recognition.

The Maroons played tough but met their match on this evening. Central A&M won 49-0 to give them a perfect 6-0 record while the Maroons finished to 2-4.

Box Score	1	2	3	4	Final
Maroons	0		0	0	0
Raiders	7		14	0	49

Maroons football ends with Senior Night loss



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CLINTON - On Friday night, April 23, under the lights, the Clinton Maroons played their final game of the season and the final game of their high school career for the seniors.

It was a bittersweet evening for the Maroons as their chances for a breakeven season evaporated in the face of the visiting Central A&M (CAM) Raiders, who were going for an undefeated season. There were 24 seniors from CHS band, M-Squad, and football recognized.

The game began with the Maroons receiving the first kickoff and moving down the field only to fumble the ball. The Raiders took advantage of this and scored their first touchdown (TD) and extra point (EP) with 6:45 left in the quarter.

The Maroons then got the ball back and made several good plays for long yardage. However, when they reached the Red Zone (20 yards and in to the goal), the home team could not move the ball and lost possession on downs. This ended the first quarter.

CJHS Maroons host home wrestling meet

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CLINTON - The Clinton Junior High (CJHS) wrestling season has begun with some home meets.

Being limited to three teams per meet makes for a quicker meet, but thins the competition base. Also, new this Covid season; there is no official scoring. The coaches keep track of the wrestlers and scores and weight classes.

There are no rosters, and everyone gets a chance to wrestle with no forfeits. The young Clinton team is adjusting well to the situation as they have performed well at home.

In their first triangular meet, the Maroons took on the Heyworth Hornets and Warrensbug/Latham the Cardinals. The home crew stung the Hornets 60-0, while clipping the wings of the Cardinals 48-19. In the third match of the day the Cardinals beat the Hornets 44-12.

For the meet, the Maroons had a 2-0 record, the Cardinals were 1-1, and the Hornets were kept in the hive with a 0-2 record.

Next up at home, the Maroons faced the Monticello Sages and the Olympia Spartans. These matches were a little closer in scoring (unofficial score) than the first meet. The Sages



Marc Rogers / Journal A pin for the Maroons.

first match with the Sages eking out an 18-12 win. Next was the home crew battling the Sages, but the meet pitted the Maroons Maroons again went 2-0, roon Pride

challenge as Clinton won 45-6.

and Spartans fought the Sages were not up to the against the Spartans, which while the Sages were 1-0 The home team hung on for The final match of the a 36-24 win, though. The

proved to be a bigger battle. and Olympia trailed at 0-2.

#Maroon Strong, #Ma-

Clinton hosts chilly track & field meet



Marc Rogers / Journal

The Clinton Junior High Maroons had a cold evening track and field meet with the Maroa/Forsyth Trojans and the Meridian Hawks. The results can be found online on the high school's sports web page.



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WORST-CASE SCENARIO

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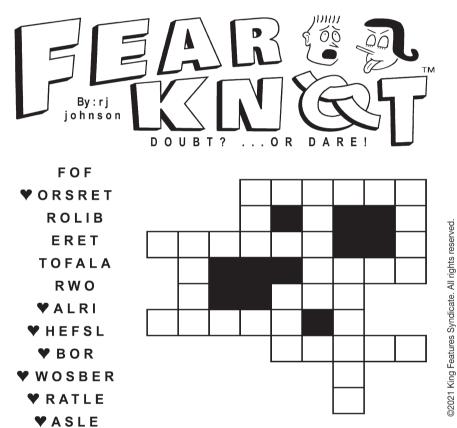
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Many Declarers would jump right in, grabbing the ♥A, and rattling off the Diamonds. But, as it happens, they don't rattle and the 5-1 split derails the contract. Declarer cannot cash four Diamonds, that would set up the defense's sixth trick ... and if he cashes only three Diamonds there is no way to come to eight tricks.

When things look easy, Declarer is advised to consider the worst-case scenario. In this case it is a bad Diamond break, giving Declarer only seven top tricks. Can Declarer do something about that? Yes, before going all-in with the Diamond suit, Declarer can hedge his bets by playing Clubs first, building a trick there just in case the Diamonds misbehave. The defense can take their three Hearts and two Clubs but that is all they get. Did you play on Clubs before Diamonds? Well done if you did!

One more point. Did you win the Heart at Trick 1? Or did you duck, planning to win the second Heart, in case the suit was 5-1? It's safe to win the first trick, the Hearts cannot be 5-1. East played the King, so he denies the Queen and cannot have five in the suit ... and if West had QJT87 he would no doubt have led the Queen. So, it's OK to win the first trick and play on Clubs, safe in the knowledge that the defense cannot cash six tricks. If you cautiously ducked the first Heart then it would be just your luck for the defense to find the killing Spade shift.

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



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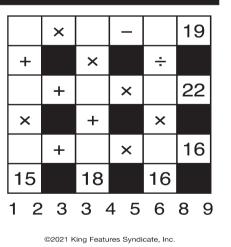
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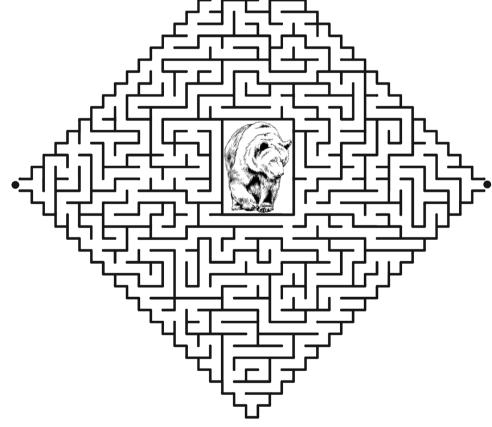
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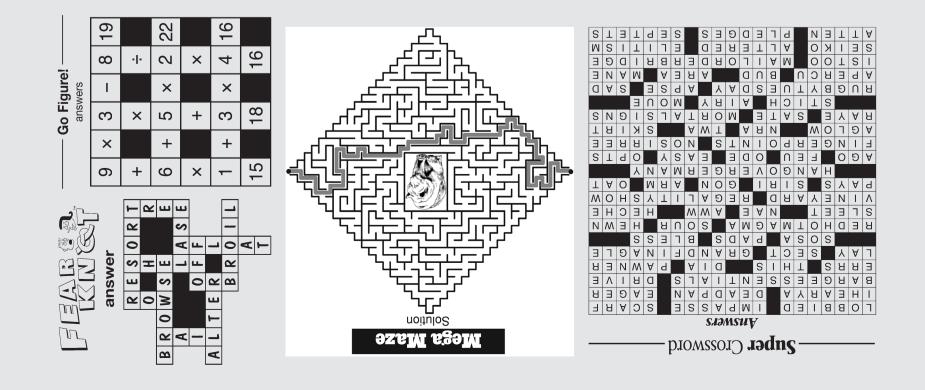
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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Monday, April 12, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conductina and transacting the business known as:

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Dated: Monday, April 12, 2021

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Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner 6114-913911

Legal 19206 April 23 and 30, 2021 May 7, 2021

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TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 201700127

TO: Megan Poole, Spouse of Megan Poole, Occupant, Megan Poole, Spouse of Megan Poole,

Administration were issued April 15, 2021 to Maurice D. Mathais, Jr. Notice is further given that the estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 [755 ILCS 5/28-4(1992 State Bar Edition)] Any interested person may terminate independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Court, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 23, 2021, 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 14th day of April, 2021.

Kevin Hammer Attorney for the Estate of Margaret L. Guimond 219 East Main Street Clinton, IL 61727 217/935-7063 Legal 19198 April 23 and 30, 2021 May 7, 2021

STATE OF ILLI-NOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT **DEWITT COUN-**TY, ILLINOIS - IN PROBATE **DEATH AND** CLAIM NOTICE Estate of MARC ALAN MATHIAS, Deceased, No. 2021-P-17

Notice is hereby given of the death of the above and that Letters of

Marion County Horizon Center

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Seller: John W. Schumacher & Catherine Lobb Attorney: Taylor & Lynch-Joseph Taylor-Clinton, IL

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No. 2021-148 \$17.00, additional

Dana Smith **COUNTY CLERK**

Legal 19197 April 16, 23 and 30, 2021

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STATE OF IL-LINOIS IN THE **CIRCUIT COURT** OF THE SIXTH JU-**DICIAL CIRCUIT** COUNTY OF DE-

WITT Estate of:

Margaret L. Guimond Deceased. CASE NO. 21-P-16 NOTICE BY PUBLI-

CATION OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given to

the creditors of the death of Margaret L. Guimond, of 6075 Park Rd., Clinton, Illinois 61727. Letters of Office were issued on April 12, 2021, to Deborah Tippet, Independent Administrator, 6229 Hallsville Rd., 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

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TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 201700011

TO: Vona Ladew, Vona Ledew, Estate of Daniel Ladew, Vona Ladew, Estate of Daniel Ladew, Occupant,

PNC Bank, National Association, Sheldon Ladew

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of **DEWITT County**, III. as Case No. 2018TX1

The Property is located at: 103 E. Fifth, Waynesville, IL

Property Index Number: 01-29-354-001

Said Property was sold on 10/24/2018 for Delinguent Real Estate Taxes and/ or Special Assessments for the year

Christopher Followell

> Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of DEWITT County. III. as Case No. 2018TX1

The Property is located at: 25 Lynn St., Weldon. IL

Property Index Number: 14-09-405-007

Said Property was sold on 10/24/2018 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/ or Special Assessments for the year 2017.

The period of redemption will expire on 8/13/2021. On 09/02/21 at 09:30 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner 6114-913912

Legal 19207 April 23 and 30, 2021 May 7, 2021



The Independent Administrator's attorney of record is Handegan Law Office, Post Office Box 467, Decatur, Illinois, 62525-0467. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727 on or before November 1, 2021. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the court must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the independent Administrator and to his attorneys of record within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Furthermore, the claimant shall file with the court proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

Maurice D. Mathais, Jr., Independent Administrator of the Estate of Marc Alan Mathias, deceased

By /s/Nathan D. Handegan Nathan D. Handegan, one of his Attorneys

Handegan Law Office Nathan D. Handegan

FRIDAY, APR. 30, 2021

Attornev No. 6325654 Attorney at Law Post Office Box 467 Decatur, Illinois 62525-0467 (217) 422-2420 Nathan@handeganlaw.com

Legal 19209 April 23 and 30, 2021 May 7, 2021

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PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Proposed Tariff Changes Gas Service Sched-

ule III. C. C. No. 2 To the Gas Patrons of Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois:

Ameren Illinois (or Company) hereby gives notice to the public that on April 8, 2021, it filed with

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enCIPS service termerce Commission ritory), Rate Zone II (formerly the AmerenCILCO service territory) and Rate Zone III (formerly the AmerenIP service territory); revenues and costs and may result pany's Purchased in changes in its rates and charges with respect to gas delivery services connection with the throughout the Company's gas service territory in through December Illinois. The changes in rates and evidence is applicacharges will take effect after hearble to Rate Zone I (formerly the Amerings and after the

its final Order. The Commission docketed the filing as Docket No. 20-0875. A copy of the evidence may be inspected at the Ameren Illinois offices located at 300 Liberty Street, Peoria, Illinois or online at www.icc.illinois.

Commission issues

All parties interested in this matter may obtain information with respect thereto

gov/e-docket/.

either directly from Ameren Illinois or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62706.

AMEREN ILLINOIS COMPANY d/b/a Ameren Illinois

By: Richard J. Mark, President & CEO

Legal 19210

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April 30, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section

17-40 of the Prop-

erty Tax Code (35

ILCS 200/17-40),

the percentage to

assessed valuation

of locally assessed

than that assessed

under Sections 10-

110 through 10-140

be added to the

property other

May 7, 2021

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and 10-170 through 10-200 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200) in DeWitt County as certified by the Department of Revenue for the assessment year 2020 is 0.00% by the application of an equalization factor of 1.0000.

David Harris Director of Revenue

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May 7 and 14, 2021

Clinton, IL 61727

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April 30, 2021

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Legal 19211 April 30, 2021

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, April 22, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting the

TRULY SOUTH-ERN GIRL 1447 IL ST RT 54 CLINTON, IL 61727.

business known as:

{SEAL}

Dated: Thursday, April 22, 2021

No. 2021-149

Dana Smith/sw **COUNTY CLERK**

Legal 19212 April 30, 2021 May 7 and 14, 2021

LEGAL

STATE OF IL-LINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JU-DICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF DE-WITT

Estate of: Gary Wayne Hoke Deceased. CASE NO. 2020 P 42

NOTICE BY PUBLI-CATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Gary Wayne Hoke, of 923 N. Cain St., Clinton, Illinois 61727

Letters of Office were issued on

October 13, 2020 LEGAL to Marci Patterson. Independent Exec-**ADVERTISEMENT** utor, 1222 S. Madi-FOR BIDS son St., Clinton, Illinois 61727, whose attorney is Stepha-

Time and Place of Opening Bids:

Public notice is hereby given that 61727. The estate will be administered Warner Hospital & Health Services without court supervision unless under (hereafter some-Section 28-4 of the times referred to as "Owner") invites contractors to submit sealed BIDS for an offer to perform terminated indepenwork to complete dent administration the project NORTH at any time by mail-PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS. petition to terminate

> Sealed bids are to be received at the offices of Chastain & Associates LLC, 5 N. Country Club Road, Decatur IL 62521, no later than <u>10:00 a.m.</u> local prevailing time on Thursday, May 20, 2021, and will thereafter be publicly opened and read. Bids are to be sealed and marked **NORTH PARKING** LOT IMPROVE-MENTS on the outside lower lefthand corner of the envelope. Details for attending the bid opening virtually may be requested no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, by emailing jmarler@chastainengineers.com.

Description of Project:

The proposed Dated this 22nd day improvement is officially known as: NORTH PARKING Stephanie L. Scoles Attorney for the Es-LOT IMPROVE-MENTS tate of Gary Wayne

> The proposed project herein specified and described includes the following work:

The removal and replacement of the existing parking lot pavement, some curbing, and electric snowmelt system. Improvements will

include pavement and subbase removal; parking lot pavement. curbing, and electric snowmelt system removal and replacement; pavement striping and minor utility adjustment. This project will have two bid forms: Base Bid 1: PCC Paving Option and Base Bid 2: HMA Paving Option.

Instructions to Bidders:

1. An optional Pre-bid Meeting will be held on Thurs-<u>day, May 6, 2021</u>, at **10:00 a.m.** at the project location north parking lot. In the event of inclement weather. the meeting location will be moved to the Hospital Cafeteria. Attendees shall park in the parking lot on the northwest side of the intersection of White St. and US Business 51/Grant Ave. (north of the hospital).

2. Plans, specifications and proposal forms may be obtained from Chastain & Associates LLC, 5 N. Country Club Road, Decatur IL 62521, (217) 422-8544.

3. Payment of \$20.00 per plan set shall be made to Chastain & Associates LLC for the cost of the plans and specifications, by BANK CASHIER'S CHECK, BANK DRAFT, CERTI-FIED CHECK or COMPANY CHECK made payable to Chastain & Associates LLC. No refund will be made for the plans, specification, or proposal forms returned. An electronic version of the plans, specifications and proposal forms may be requested from jmarler@

chastainengineers. com at no charge. Plans and specifications are available for viewing at the following location:

Chastain & Associates LLC 5 N. Country Club Road Decatur, Illinois 62521

5. Warner Hospital & Health Services will not release the Engineer's Estimate of Cost in advance of the scheduled time and date of the bid opening.

6. All proposals must be accompanied by a BANK DRAFT, ČA-SHIER'S CHECK, OR CERTIFIED CHECK made payable to Warner Hospital & Health Services in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, or BID BOND in the same amount.

7. Prior to award, the top three (3) bidders shall provide a copy of their Workers Compensation Experience Modifier or equivalent documentation for the current year and the previous two (2) years with explanation for any year's Experience Modifier that is not a credit.

All contracts for this project are subject to the Illinois **Prevailing Wage** Act (820 ILCS 130 et seq.). All work under this contract shall comply with the Employment of Illinois Workers on Public Works Act (30 ILCS 570 et seq.) and the Illinois Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Act (820 ILCS 265 et seq.).

9. Bids are sub-

mitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission. The owner reserves the right to waive any informality in the bids received. to determine the lowest responsible bidder, or reject any

10. Special attention shall be given to the construction schedule listed in the Special Provisions.

or all bids.

Rejection of Bids:

Warner Hospital & Health Services reserves the right to accept, negotiate, or reject any or all proposals and to waive any variance from the requirements of the instructions for bidders. At the discretion of the Owner, required items may be submitted after the bid opening if there is sufficient compliance with instructions at the time of the bid opening to permit the Owner to determine the price bid.

Paul Skowron, CEO Warner Hospital & **Health Services**

Legal 19214 April 30, 2021

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE **APPLICATION**

The Village of Kenney, DeWitt County, IL is submitting an application for financial assistance to USDA Rural Development to construct wastewater improvements to serve the Village of Kenney.

Open discussion will be held on May

14, 2021 from 6:45tacting the Mayor at 7:00pm. 217-944-2485.

Additional information may be obtained by conLegal 19215 April 30, 2021

FRIDAY, APR. 30, 2021



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