

CJHS Scholastic Bowl Team finishes impressive season



The Clinton Junior High School Scholastic Bowl Team competed recently in a meet against two area schools. Clinton won against a team from Argenta-Oreana, 270-85. At the same meet, Clinton also defeated Monticello, 270-65. Clinton finished the season with a 13-3 record. Their three losses were against teams they beat earlier in the season. **CJHS team members**, front row, left to right: Gretchen Olichwier, Braden Finch, Asher Hitchings, Alex Barringer, Layne Miller. Back: Paislea Brown, who sat out this match.

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City plans ADA upgrade to intersection

Federal funds pay about 80 percent of cost

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CLINTON — 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. That was until someone filed a complaint. At the intersection of N. Center Street and Webster, a couple of steps on the northeast corner leads pedestrians onto the sidewalk. City supervisor of public works Steve Lobb and Terry Fountain, of Cummins Engineering, said they were under the impression they could wait to change that small element until later, but a resident filed a complaint. The steps are not ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) 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. But, the issue wasn’t necessarily that simple.

“We’ve done our best to meet ADA regulations,” Lobb said of the plan to fix the steps. It turned out, however, to be a much longer process than the city imagined to get their plan approved because it took IDOT so long to respond to their questions, Lobb told the city council on Monday. Lobb said after several months trying to get a response from IDOT, the agency finally answered. An IDOT representative responded to Lobb that the city’s plans appeared to meet all ADA requirements ...unless someone filed a complaint. “That to me wasn’t a satisfactory answer,” Lobb said. Lobb told the council

the problem was in how different people could interpret the various parts of the ADA rules. 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. 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 would address any complaints. Lobb emphasized that this type of work was expensive. The estimate for the job is about \$88,500. Fountain said the modification of a retaining

wall with the property owners’ consent would save about \$12,000. The city will be on the hook for 20 percent of the final total with federal money covering the other 80 percent. There also was the question of a fiber optic cable that runs through the area, which will have to be avoided, and a residential water line that might need rerouting. Lobb said if the water line needed to be moved, the city could do that at minimal cost. Lobb said the city has had a difficult history with the intersection over the years. “This intersection has had some bad karma,” Lobb said.



Gordon Woods / Journal
The city will make this step ADA compliant, matching the sidewalk directly to the south at the intersection of N. Center and Webster streets.

Clinton Community School District 15 Teacher of the Year nominees

Clinton Community District 15 announces the Teacher of the Year candidates for the 2020-21 school year. These candidates have exemplified excellence in and out of the classroom. The following candidates are: Haley Bevans—Clinton Junior High, Monica Kessinger—Clinton Elementary, Phyllis Marquis—Clinton Junior High, and Sheila Wayne—Clinton Junior High. Letters of recommendation are due no later than Friday, April 1. If you would like to write a letter on the behalf of any of these teachers, send them to: TOY Committee c/o Jessie Peterson Clinton Elementary School 701 Illini Drive Clinton, IL 61727 jpeterson@cusd15.org

Haley Bevans is currently teaching 6th Grade science at Clinton Junior High. She is a Clinton native, graduating in the CHS class of 2005. Haley attended Illinois State University in Normal, receiving her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 2009. She was hired in the fall of 2009 to teach 6th Grade at Chiddix Junior High School in the Unit 5 School District. She earned a Master’s degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Illinois State University and added 48 additional hours specializing in middle school courses. Haley spent six years as a 6th grade teacher in Unit 5 and later hired at Clinton Junior High for the 2015-2016 school year. The 2020-2021 school year marks her 12th year of teaching. She met her husband, Jake Bevans, owner of BEVCO construction while attending ISU.

Together they reside in Clinton and have three children. Brylee is currently a second grader at CES, Gunnar is 5 years old and Raelyn is 3 years old. Haley coached softball and basketball at Chiddix Junior High for three years. She currently serves on a variety of committees including the CJHS PBIS team, IAR planning team, CEA building representative and CEA American Education Week chair. Haley loves spending time with her family, attending church, traveling and spending time outdoors during the summer months. Haley is proud to be teaching in the community where she was born and raised and is excited to watch her children grow up in the Clinton School District

Monica Kessinger is a 4th Grade teacher at Clinton Elementary School. Monica grew up in California and graduated from Fairfield High School in 1996. She attended U.C. Davis and graduated in 2000 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a minor in Human Development. Monica and her husband, Jayson, moved to Illinois with their infant son in 2002. She then went on to earn a Master of Arts in Education from the University of Phoenix in February of 2006. Monica substitute taught in local school districts for two years before beginning her career in Clinton as a 5th Grade teacher at Webster Elementary School.

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‘American Pickers’ show to film in Illinois in May

ILLINOIS — The “American Pickers” show announced it will return to Illinois this year. They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout the area in May. “We understand that with the proliferation of COVID-19, we are all facing very uncertain times,” producers said. “We at American Pickers are taking the pandemic very seriously and will be following all guidelines and protocols for safe

filming as outlined by the state and CDC. While we plan to be in Illinois this May, we will continue to reschedule if conditions change for the worse. Regardless, we are excited to continue to reach the many collectors in the area to discuss their years of picking. “American Pickers” is a The History Channel documentary series that explores the world of antique “picking.” The show follows skilled pickers in the business as



Courtesy of American Pickers
Michelle and Mike.

they hunt for America’s most valuable antiques. As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on

a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics.

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Kessinger continued
This will be her 13th year in our district and her 12th year teaching 4th grade. During her time at Webster and Clinton Elementary, Monica has served as B.U.G. Awards Coordinator, CCEF liaison, RTI Coordinator, CEA Scholarship Committee member, and Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Awards evaluator. Monica lives in Heyworth with her husband, a McLean County Sheriff's Deputy, and her two sons, Jacob (18) and Lucas (16). Outside of school, Monica enjoys spending time with her family, cuddling with her dogs, and reading as much as she possibly can.

Phyllis Marquis is a Physical Education and Health teacher at Clinton Junior High School. Phyllis graduated from St. Teresa High School in Decatur, and then attended Millikin University, where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and graduated in 1990. Phyllis then earned her Masters of Science in Health Education at Illinois State University in 2005. She started teaching in Wapella in the fall of 1990 and then became part of the Clinton Junior High Staff in 1994 after the consolidation of the two districts. The 2020-2021 school year is her 31st. year of teaching. She is married to Phil Marquis, who is retired from Caterpillar. Together they have one son, Beau who is currently a freshman at Illinois State University, and they reside in Warrensburg. She is a lover of sports and enjoys watching students participate in various activities. Over her 31 years of teaching, Phyllis has served on a number of various building and district committees, held coaching positions, and is active in the CEA at Clinton. She also has served as a volunteer

and has had various roles on committees in the community in which she lives and goes to church.

Sheila Wayne teaches mathematics at Clinton Jr High. She is a Clinton native, graduating in the CHS class of 1988. Sheila attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, receiving her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She was hired in the fall of 1992 to teach remedial math at CJHS, while continuing her education. She earned a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Illinois State University and added 48 additional hours specializing in middle school mathematics. Much has changed over her 28 years in the district. She helped implement 6th grade team teaching and enjoyed many years teaching math, science and English. She was involved with moving from the old jr. high to the current building, where she taught mathematics to 6th graders until the fall of 2011 when she moved to 8th grade. Thanks to some staff at CHS, Sheila met and married Jerry Wayne, now principal at CHS. They have two children. Victoria is currently in her first year at Mizzou Veterinary School, and Garrett is a freshman at Eureka College, majoring in chemistry and minoring in mathematics. Sheila has served on a variety of committees including the building leadership team, CEA building representative, RTI committee, CEA audit committee, CEA membership chair, and CEA vice-president to name a few. Sheila is very proud to be teaching in the community that she is from and lives in. Along with her husband, she has made great friends and built strong bonds with the students and takes joy in seeing them succeed in life after graduation.

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Along the way, they want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way. The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them. The American Pickers TV Show is looking for

leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to: americanpickers@cineflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST. facebook: @GotAPick AMERICAN

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Clinton Police Department

On 03/11/21 Clinton Police investigated Hit & Run Accident in the 800 block W. Main St. A vehicle owned by Stephen Bradd was parked and unoccupied. The vehicle was struck and the driver left the area. Officers located the vehicle in the 200block N. Mulberry St. Officers issued citations to Michelle D. Whitehouse 41, Clinton for Driving while license Suspended, Leaving the Scene of an Accident with vehicle damage, and Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Whitehouse was released on a Notice to Appear in court.

On 03/12/21 Clinton Police arrested Stacy L. Lane 44, Clinton for Criminal Tresspass to Property. Lane was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 03/12/21 Clinton Police arrested Trenton M. Wright 19, Beason on a DeWitt County Warrant and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Wright was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and re-leased to Corrections.

On 03/12/21 Clinton Police arrested Elli M. Alvis 24, Bloomington for Driving Under the Influence, Improper Lane Usage and Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Alvis was released on a Notice to Appear in Court.

On 03/14/21 Clinton Police arrested Miguel Guerrero 38, Clinton for Violation of Order of Protection. Guerrero was transported to the DeWitt

County Jail and released to Corrections.

DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

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Jordan Thomas, 22, Nevada, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with Criminal Damage to Government Supported Property/FTA. Thomas posted the necessary bond and was released.

Johnathon Gregory, 31, OH, was issued a Citation for Speeding (79 mph in a 55 mph zone). Gregory was given a Promise to Comply and was released.

Samantha Betoure, 30, Bradley, was issued a Citation for Speeding (73 mph in a 55 mph zone). Betoure was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Gary Setterlund, 67, Germantown Hills, was issued a Citation for Speeding (78 mph in a 55 mph zone). Setterlund was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Joshua Millmore, 24, Bloomington, was issued a Citation for Speeding, 35+ mph over the limit. Millmore was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Nathaniel Kramer, 29, Decatur, was issued a Citation for No Valid Driver's License. Kramer was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

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

Are men
better cooks?

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. It has been said that "a watched pot never boils." It was also said that "if you drop food on the floor but pick it up within a few seconds, it will not be contaminated with bacteria." It is also said that "men make better cooks." Are these statements true?

Waiting upon water to boil is based upon perception. Of course, we know that the cliché is not true. Because bacteria are not visible to the naked eye, some might believe that the second cliché is true. Common sense tells us better. Maybe the third and last cliché is true.

Do men make better cooks than women? This statement is not necessarily based upon sexist views. I have heard women say this. Regardless who says it, it proves nothing. The proof of this matter is dependent upon observation, which can be tested. Since I am not intelligent enough to know how to test it, I must rely upon my observations. Label me opinionated if you wish.

As a very young boy, I enjoyed watching my grandmother cook. She lived with us after her husband and my mother's husband both died. Grandmother grew-up on a farm and became a farmer's wife. She had to cook for her family plus all the farmhands. In the kitchen, she had little time for measuring ingredients and even less time for getting it on the table. But she managed to serve it hot and on time. Just watching her work was watching poetry in action.

At the Green Tap in Clinton, Margret was their cook. At the age of



The Culinary Corner
By Chef Roger Joss

five, I had a discerning pallet. Her cooking was wonderful. For a church event, I had to turn down doing a luncheon. I asked a dear friend of mine to replace me. Being a committee woman, she had her duties. But she kindly agreed. Feeling guilty, I later arrived to offer any assistance. She told me to go home and take care of myself. I remained long enough to observe her techniques and taste the results. Although I was a chef, I would be hard pressed to do any better. She cooked like a farm wife. She confessed that she learned it from her mother. As a result, she did very little measuring. It was delicious.

Men do not necessarily make better cooks. It is an individual matter. Those with a passion for cooking, be they male or female, will make the best cooks. Gender has nothing to do with it. Passion or the love of cooking does. Therefore, the cliché that men make better cooks lacks credence. How could such a fallacy originate?

Long ago, only men were allowed to be chefs and women were recognized only as housewives. Even after the suffrage movement, women were still treated shamefully. Even Julia Child was not welcomed in culinary school. Life back then was as biased as the cliché.

Until next time, peace to all.

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NEWS

Advocates, lawmakers look to restore regulatory oversight of gas utility surcharges

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SPRINGFIELD — Advocates and lawmakers have reintroduced legislation that would end a special gas utility surcharge that allows companies to raise customer bills in order to pay for infrastructure development with limited regulatory oversight.

The gas utility surcharge, known as the Qualified Infrastructure Plant, became law in 2013 after similar formula rate legislation that benefited utility giant Commonwealth Edison was passed.

House Bill 3941, sponsored by Rep. Joyce Mason, D-Gurnee, and accompanying Senate Bill 570, sponsored by Sen. Ram Villivalam, D-Chicago, would phase out the surcharge by the end of 2021. It is otherwise not set to expire in 2023.

By ending the program, the legislation would restore traditional oversight of rate hikes. Advocates say the existing QIP charge allows for gas utility companies such as Ameren Illinois, Nicor Gas and Peoples Gas to bring in revenue at a faster pace than it would with traditional regulations.

Before QIP was implemented, utility companies would spend money on their

infrastructure and have to go before regulators that would approve the spending before the utility companies could start collecting it back from customers.

Now with the surcharge in place, a company can begin collecting costs before having to justify the rate increases to regulators.

“The costs have just gone out of control,” Abe Scarr, state director of Illinois Public Interest Research Group, said. “The utilities have incentive to spend as much money as they can because it’s basically a guarantee that they’ll get it back and guaranteed profits, and they like that. So, what we’re seeing over time is these three utilities are spending way more money through this surcharge than was originally planned.”

While advocates such as PIRG claim the program allows utilities to bypass regulators, utility companies say the program pays for necessary infrastructure.

“These structural improvements facilitated by QIP are a major part of how we have been able to serve our customers through some of the most dangerous and trying periods of inclement weather over the past several years, and specifically over this past year,” Jennifer Golz, spokesperson for Nicor

Gas, said in an interview.

Danisha Hall, spokesperson for Peoples Gas, said there is already strict accountability to the Illinois Commerce Commission, which oversees utility spending.

Natural gas utilities are subject to an audit on the previous year’s spending. There’s a 4 percent cap on yearly spending and they are required to file quarterly reports of spending and other details on infrastructure development, Hall said.

“The ICC can look at the spending and reconcile what was spent with anything that they find to be unnecessary or not well spent,” Hall said. “They can literally require us to refund that money to customers. So, there is a lot of built-in oversight in the law as it exists today.”

Hall said ending the QIP would increase customer costs by requiring borrowing for infrastructure projects.

But according to a report by PIRG, Peoples Gas, which distributes natural gas to most of the Chicago area, had some of the largest surcharges, and 29 percent of the company’s customers were behind on their bills as of January.

The 818,289 residential customers of People Gas carried more than \$146 million of debt to the utility company as of January 2021, while ComEd’s more than 3.7 million customers had just \$120 million in debt.

Mason introduced a similar bill in March 2020, but it stalled as the pandemic canceled most of the legislative session. Last year, she said, the General Assembly was told in 2013 by Peoples Gas that the program would cost about \$1.14 per month on a consumer bill. But Scarr said at the end of 2020, Peoples Gas customers were spending close to \$11 per month, nearly 10 times the predicted average, on a cost that is independent of the customer’s energy use.

Advocates of the new bill are concerned that Peoples Gas is not actually spending that money on safety measures and instead using this program for a “huge system overhaul.”

Unlike Ameren and Nicor who have already replaced all of their cast iron pipe, Scarr said Peoples Gas is far behind in replacing old pipes.

“One of the main safety issues that this (surcharge) was supposed to be about is replacing old cast iron and ductile iron, that’s kind of old pipe material that’s relatively brittle and will fail, which can cause all different types of problems,” Scarr said. “Peoples Gas still has a lot of that left in its system.”

David Schwartz, another spokesperson for Peoples Gas, said that the QIP charge is essential to ensuring these pipes get replaced.

“Look at what happened in Texas last month because of underinvestment in natural gas infrastructure,” Schwartz said. “We have pipes in service that are antiquated and deteriorating and are at the very end of their lifespans, some are from the 1800s, we cannot ignore that.”

In early March, about 1,300 Peoples Gas customers in Logan Square in Chicago were without heat for a few days as main gas lines that were more than 100 years old stopped working.

A newly released PIRG analysis of data from reports the utilities file with state regulators shows that Logan Square ranks 10th out of all neighborhoods under Peoples Gas for the number of gas main breaks or cracks from 1981 through 2018.

“Despite these indications of relatively high risk, Peoples Gas is not planning to conduct its pipe-replacement program in the neighborhood until 2032-2036,” according to the coalition’s news release.

Schwartz said the company has other high-risk neighborhoods as well.

“The reason we haven’t gotten to it yet is because there’s so many other neighborhoods, 82 of them with a higher risk factor, a higher level of urgency,” Schwartz said. “That doesn’t mean that Logan Square is not urgent. They’re criticizing us for doing the program they want to get rid of and then they’re saying, ‘hey, hurry up, move faster on the program.’”

William (Bill) Darrel Chamberlain

MOUNTAIN HOME, Ark. — William (Bill) Darrel Chamberlain, 80, of Mountain Home, Ark., has gone to be with our Lord and Savior on March 11, 2021.

Bill was born and raised in Clinton. He married his high school sweetheart and raised a family there. Bill owned and operated Chamberlain Radio and TV for over 20 years. He loved playing fast pitch softball and basketball. Bill retired to Mountain Home, Ark. in 1980. He was preceded in death by his parents, Darrel and Naomi Chamberlain and daughter, Lisa (Chamberlain) Gill.

Bill is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary Ann Chamberlain; son William Chamberlain and Nola, of Okla.; daughter, Ann (Chamberlain) Thompkins and Mike,



of Okla., daughter, Rachel (Chamberlain) Uchtman and Everett of Mountain Home; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; a brother, John Chamberlain and Cinda, of Forsyth, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are private under the direction of Conner Family Funeral Home & Cremation Center.

The online guestbook and obituary are available at www.connerfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Douglas R. Hopper

CLINTON — Douglas R. Hopper, 58 of Clinton, passed away at 9:04 p.m. on March 12, 2021, at Carle BroMenn Medical Center, Normal.

Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 18, 2021, at Weldon Cemetery, Weldon, with Ernie Harvey, Jr. officiating. The family entrusted Calvert Funeral, Clinton, with cremation rites.

Memorials may be directed to the Douglas R. Hopper memorial fund.

Douglas was born on November 23, 1962, in Clinton, the son of Bill and Erma (Followell) Hopper, Sr.

Survivors include his mother, Erma Hopper; daughter, Kristen Hopper Ryman and her children, Carson (Michaela) Alexander and his daughter, Payton;



Macy Alexander; Aiden Alexander; daughter, Britany Hopper and her son, Reed; brother, Billy Hopper; sister, Lee Ann Price.

He was preceded in death by his father and sisters Tina Hopper and Tonya Hopper.

Douglas was a superintendent for ADM and a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Clinton.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Dean Wesley Scarbrough

FARMER CITY — Dean Wesley Scarbrough, 96, of Farmer City, passed away at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 6, 2021, at home.

Private services are being held at a later date. Calvert-Belangee-Bruce Funeral Home of Farmer City is assisting the family with arrangements.

Dean Scarbrough was born on Dec. 20, 1924, to Alva Raymond and L. Pearl Wheeler Scarbrough in Farmer City. He married Norma M. Heape on June 7, 1947. They were married for 56 years.

Dean is survived by sisters, Anna Lamb Farmer City, Helen McKay Kermit, Texas, and sister-in-law Judy Scarbrough Rochester, Ill. His surviving children, Raymond (Connie) Scarbrough Mahomet, Donna Scarbrough Farmer City, William Scarbrough Calgary, Canada, Robert Scarbrough, Dana (Maurie) Bettinger, Farmer City. Along with 12 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren



and one great-great-grandchild. He also has lots of nieces and nephews.

Dean was a proud World War II combat veteran, machine gunner, foreman of McKinley rodeo, livestock truck driver, ran Maple Grove Cemetery and then retired from Santa Anna Township Assessor. He also was a member of Knights of Pythias and Joe Williams American Legion.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife, (Nonny) his daughter Dena and daughter-in-law Lorraine, five sisters and two brothers, granddaughter and great-grandson.

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DeWitt County Friendship Center in March

Mar. 2 – arts & crafts
Mar. 4 – Walmart and Freddie’s / 9 a.m.
Mar. 8 – Alzheimer’s support group / noon
Mar. 9 – Hearing aid clinic / 9:30-11 a.m.
St. Patrick’s craft session / 9:30 a.m.
Mar. 11 – Hornet’s Nest lunch / 11 a.m.
Mar. 16 – arts & crafts
Mar. 18 – Walmart and Pizza Ranch / 9 a.m.
Mar. 20 – Beef House dinner and show / 4:15 p.m.
Mar. 23 – Hearing aid clinic / 9:30-11 a.m.
Mar. 24 – Birthday cake & ice cream
Mar. 25 – Judy’s kitchen / 10:30 a.m.

Friendship Center Daily Activities

• Social hour every day at 8 a.m.
Mondays
Senior yoga class / 10 a.m.
Dominoes / 12:30-3 p.m.
Color conversation coloring group / 1-3 p.m.
Tuesdays
Billiards / 12:30-3 p.m.
Cards & games / 12:30-3 p.m.
Wednesdays
BINGO / 12:15-1 p.m.
Cards / 1-3 p.m.
Thursdays
Bean bag toss / 1-3 p.m.

Fridays
Billiards / 12:30-3 p.m.
Cards & games / 12:30-3 p.m.
Next Week’s Friendship Center Menu
Mar. 22
Breakfast casserole
Warm fruit compote
Fruit juice
Cinnamon roll
Craisins
Mar. 23
Shepherd’s pie
Harvard beets
Dinner roll
Fresh fruit
Mar. 24
Fried chicken
Mashed potatoes w/ gravy
Spinach
Whole grain wheat
Pears
Mar. 25
Beef stew w/potatoes, carrots and onions
Tangy Cole slaw
Dinner roll
Warm bread pudding w/ fruit
Mar. 26
Salmon loaf
Frosted sweet potatoes
Buttered Midori
Vegetables
Whole grain wheat
Chunky applesauce

Farm Credit provides special \$10 million to farm members

MAHOMET — In response to last year’s unprecedented conditions faced by agriculture and the overall economy, the Farm Credit Illinois (FCI) Board of Directors declared a one-time \$10 million preseason patronage distribution being delivered this week to the cooperative’s farm family members. Additionally, \$30 million will be paid to members the week of June 14, as the traditional annual cash patronage. FCI will also distribute \$2.7 million of patronage separately to qualified loans in its Capital Markets Group agribusiness loan portfolio – bringing the cooperative’s total patronage to \$42.7 million. This represents 48.5% of the Association’s 2020 net earnings returned to borrower-members in 2021.

Patronage is distributed equitably based on the business value each borrower contributed to the cooperative in 2020. “This year’s special preseason patronage recognizes the unusual circumstances and challenges members faced in 2020,” said Eric Mosbey, FCI Board Chair. “Cash patronage is a tangible demonstration of the value of cooperative membership.” “As farmers prepare for a new crop year, FCI celebrates cooperative participation by delivering two separate patronage payments in 2021,” says Aaron Johnson, FCI President and CEO. “Even through volatile economic times, FCI is positioned to fulfill its mission of Helping Farm Families Succeed through cash patronage.”

Farm House Fraternity offers scholarships to incoming University of Illinois students

URBANA — Scholarships range from \$500-\$5,000. To be eligible you must be a male student who will attend the University of Illinois for the first time during the next fall semester. All majors are encouraged to apply. Applications are due by April 1. You can find out more about the scholarship and apply at their website <https://farmhouse.web.illinois.edu/wp/new-student-scholarship/>. FarmHouse Fraternity, at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, is offering multiple scholarships to incoming students of all majors that will attend the university next fall. In 2020, the Illinois Chapter gave out over \$20,000 in scholarships to incoming students. In 2021, they plan to give out more, depending upon a qualified pool of candidates.

Benefit for Juanita Mitchell-Bryant May 15 at Breakers

CLINTON — A benefit for Juanita (Renee) Mitchell-Bryant will be held starting at 1 p.m. on May 15 at Breakers Bar & Grill. The band will be “Glass Highway.” Food will be available starting at 1 p.m. until it runs out. All donations will go toward her funeral costs. A donation can be located at Clinton Pantry Marathon. Money should be placed in sealed envelopes with your name written on the outside. Donations also may be given to Renee’s husband Billy Bryant or to her daughter Cassandra (Sam) Mitchell or sent to reenk66@yahoo.com on PayPal.

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Please RSVP for either the 8 am service or the 10:30 am service by April 1st. Call 217-935-6178 or email us at secretary@clintonpresbyterian.org.

Or enjoy the service from home on FB live <http://facebook.com/clintonpresbyterian/live/>

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402 N. Center St.
Clinton, IL 61727
217-935-6178

Joy at Easter
Clinton United Methodist Church
308 E. Main Street in Clinton
217-935-5869
Pastor Darrell Howard

Holy Week Worship Schedule
Palm Sunday, March 28
9:00 am Worship in Sanctuary & online
10:30 am in Great Hall (Reservation Req)
Maundy Thursday, April 1
7:30 pm in sanctuary & online
Good Friday, April 2
6:00 pm C.A.M.A Community Worship available online only
Easter Sunday, April 4
9:00 am Worship in sanctuary (Reservation Req) & online
10:30 am in Great Hall (Reservation Req)

Go to www.clintonumcil.org or call 935-5869 for info on online worship and to make reservations.

Catholic Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday
7:00pm at St. John’s
502 N. Monroe St., Clinton

Good Friday
3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at St John’s, Clinton
5:30pm Stations & Veneration at St. John’s, Clinton
6:00pm Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion at Sacred Heart, Farmer City

Easter Vigil
7:15pm Mass at Sacred Heart,
612 N. Plum St., Farmer City

Easter Sunday
8:30am Mass at St. John’s, Clinton
10:30am Mass at Sacred Heart,
Farmer City

Easter Service
Please join us Sunday, April 4th at 10 am for Easter Worship

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OPINION

HISTORY ALMANAC

1909 - Russian troops invaded Persia to support Muhammad Ali as shah in place of the constitutional government.

1917 - At the start of the battle of Gaza, the British cavalry withdrew when 17,000 Turks blocked their advance.

1937 - Spinach growers in Crystal City, TX, erected a statue of Popeye.

1942 - The Germans began sending Jews to Auschwitz in Poland.

1945 - The battle of Iwo Jima ended.

1953 - Dr. Jonas Salk announced a new vaccine that would prevent polio-myelitis.

1958 - The U.S. Army launched America's third successful satellite, Explorer III.

1969 - The TV movie "Marcus Welby" was seen on ABC-TV. It was later turned into a series.

1971 - Sheikh Mujibur Rahman declared East Pakistan to be the independent republic of Bangladesh.

1973 - Women were allowed on the floor of the London Stock Exchange for the first time.

1979 - The Camp David treaty was signed by Israel and Egypt that ended the 31-year state of war between the countries.

1981 - In Great Britain, the Social Democratic Party (SDP) gained official recognition.

1982 - Ground breaking ceremonies were held in Washington, DC, for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

1996 - The International Monetary Fund approved a \$10.2 billion loan for Russia to help the country transform its economy.

1997 - The 39 bodies of Heaven's Gate members are found in a mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, CA. The group had committed suicide thinking that they would be picked up by a spaceship following behind the comet Hale-Bopp.

1998 - In the U.S., the Federal government endorses new HIV test that yields instant results.

1998 - Unisys Corp. and Lockheed Martin Corp. pay a \$3.15 million fine for selling spare parts at inflated prices to the U.S. federal government.

1999 - The macro virus "Melissa" was reported for the first.

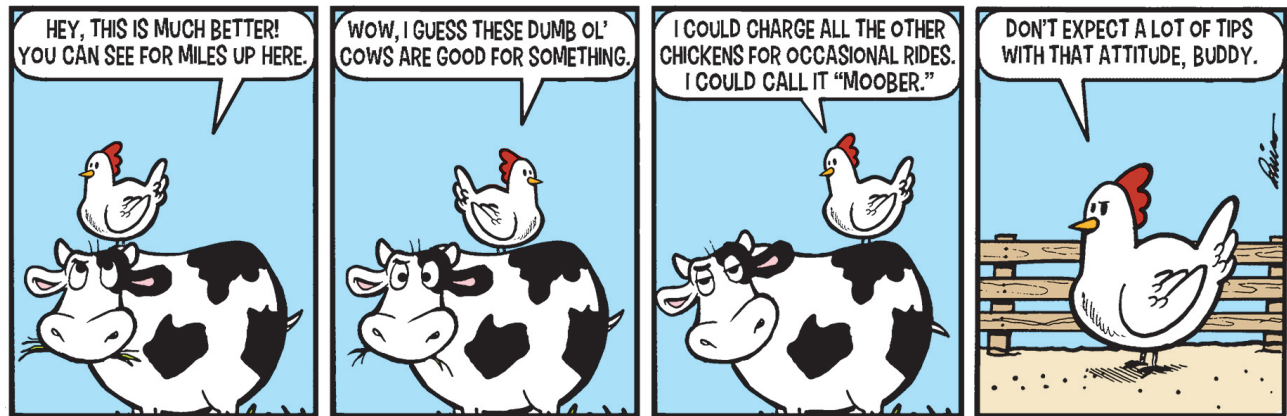
1999 - In Michigan, Dr. Jack Kevorkian was convicted of second-degree murder for giving a terminally ill man a lethal injection and putting it all on videotape on September 17, 1998 for "60 Minutes."

2000 - The Seattle Kingdome was imploded to make room for a new football arena.

2000 - In Russia, acting President Vladimir Putin was elected president outright. He won a sufficient number of votes to avoid a runoff election.

2007 - The design for the "Forever Stamp" was unveiled by the U.S. Postal Service.

Amber Waves



Biden update

President Biden has been in office almost 60 days as this column is written. Usually Presidents can feel safe for their first 100 days in office. It is the honeymoon period and the President is in his newly elected glory. Let's take a look at the last two months. There certainly has been political movement.

President Biden took full control of the Presidency on January 20 and immediately put his pen to paper with executive orders. That is his legal right and the people voted him into the office.

One of his first orders was to stop oil and gas leases on federal land and stop the Keystone pipeline. The energy industry took a body blow. Look at gas prices. There seems to be a very positive correlation between the increased cost of gasoline at the pump and when Biden signed the orders.

Add to this, the lost jobs for pipeline construction. The U. S. had turned the energy corner and had become energy independent in the past four years.

The President wants renewable energy, which is a valid goal. The issue is at what cost. To reach the goal of renewable energy, we are going to have to have immense increases in windfarms and solar. Again, the goal may be

admirable, but when the sun doesn't shine and the wind doesn't blow, all we have are expensive monuments dotting the landscape.

The U.S. needs a combination of energy platforms (nuclear, coal, natural gas, wind, solar and water) and to simply make massive deviations from that creates economic uncertainty for the nation.

Next, President Biden reversed the Trump border wall construction and expressed a desire to enlarge immigration. While Biden's executive orders did not actually open the border, his public statements indicated a new openness to immigration.

If you are an impoverished person/family from Guatemala or Mexico, all you heard was an open invitation to enter the U.S. President Biden's administration has already admitted the wording was a problem. Today, border communities in Texas and Arizona are calling the influx of illegal immigrants a crisis.

The Biden administration takes offense at that language and calls the situation a "challenge." Call it what you want, there is no denying the mess on our southern border. To help those in need has always been an attribute of this nation. However, we cannot give



away the store because then no one benefits.

President Biden encouraged the current COVID stimulus bill, which passed at a cost of 1.9 trillion dollars with almost no bipartisan support. Biden, Pelosi, and Schumer were certainly acting within their legal rights as elected officials when they pushed the legislation through Congress.

From a political science point of view, it was a masterful display of political power and organization. Much of the bill is positive in that it assists many of those in this country who have been unduly impacted by the pandemic. The question for the public is, again, at what costs.

This bill passed with over 1 trillion dollars of the Trump stimulus bill yet to be spent. Much of the bill appears to be a bailout for states and political paybacks. No where in the bill was there a discussion about how the bill was going to be paid for. This is public debt, and we as the public will have to pay for it.

by Dave T. Phipps

President Biden needs to personally address the public with his plans for the nation. We have seen the photo ops and those are fine. Photo ops simply do not inform the public. Presidents of both parties have traditionally spoken to Congress in a joint session usually by the end of February in their first year of office. Such a speech affords the President the opportunity to present his roadmap for the nation to Congress and the public at large. To date Biden has chosen to ignore that Presidential tradition.

More concerning to many is Biden not having conducted a press conference. Presidents have traditionally conducted a press conference within 35 days of taking office. We will pass 60 days by this weekend. President Biden's press secretary can certainly answer questions from the press, but she is not the President.

The President needs to publicly respond to the press and its inquiries. The issues outlined above deserve a response from the President who executed the orders or signed the legislation into law. Our President needs to be seen and heard by the American public in an open forum.

When you visit the debt management page, be sure to click the plus (+) signs. They open up much more information under each question.

If you need help from the Debt Management Center, call them weekdays at 800-827-0648, 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. ET. They're apparently slammed with calls and suggest you call Tuesday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to noon, or from 2:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET.

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VA: More good news on debt repayments

The Department of Veterans Affairs, which recently announced an extension of home loan forbearance (delaying collections until June 30), has now added to the list of available financial help.

Due to the pandemic, debt collection of VA benefits overpayments and medical copayments has been suspended until Sept. 30 for those debts incurred after April 1, 2020.

The VA will notify veterans of the status of their debt, as well as any options, but while you wait on that communication from the VA, the particulars can be

found online. Go to www.va.gov/manage-va-debt/ and sign in with your DS Logon, My HealtheVet or ID.me accounts. If you don't have an ID.me, you can create one right there on the page.

Once logged in, you'll be able to check on debts for GI Bill or other education benefits, disability compensation or veteran pension. (Family members cannot use this tool.) You'll find information on the amount and status of the debt, what you can do about it and any letters the VA has sent you.

Once the payment suspension is lifted at



the end of September, repayment will be made as painless as possible. You'll have four choices: 1) monthly offsets (they hold back a certain amount of your benefits), 2) small monthly payments (if you don't get benefits), 3) you make a compromise offer and pay a smaller amount, or 4) the debt is waived. For the last two, you'll need to fill out a Financial Status Report (VA Form 5655).

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Mark in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Genesis 8:4, where did Noah’s ark rest after the great flood? Dead Sea bottom, Mountains of Ararat, Near Garden of Eden, Atop Mt. Sinai
3. What kind of physical problem did Timothy have of which Paul advised a little wine? Back, Stomach, Head, Legs
4. How many days was Jesus on earth after His resurrection? 3, 40, 100, 346
5. From Acts 8, who baptized the Ethiopian eunuch? Isaiah, James, Philip, Paul
6. How old was Abraham when he died? 70, 175, 202, 256

ANSWERS: (1) New; (2) Mountains of Ararat; (3) Stomach; (4) 40; (5) Philip; (6) 175 (Genesis 25:7)

Hardcore trivia fan? Visit Wilson Casey’s subscriber site at www.patreon.com/triviaguy.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

1 Timothy 2:5-6

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Answers

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8:15 a.m.-Sunday worship
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school
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Clinton Church of Christ
Bus. Rt. 51 south, Clinton
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9 a.m.-Sunday morning Bible study
10 a.m.-Sunday morning worship
1 p.m.-Sunday worship
7 p.m.-Wednesday evening Bible study

Clinton Church of God
720 E. Woodlawn Street, Clinton
clintoncog.org
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9:30 a.m.-Sunday school
10:30 a.m.-Sunday morning worship
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7 p.m.-Wednesday service

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10:30 a.m.-Sunday school

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220 Illini Drive, Clinton
(217) 935-2032
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John Roberson, pastor
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school
10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship
5 p.m.-Sunday evening worship
7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week prayer meeting

First Christian Church
100 N. Jackson Street, Clinton (W. Main & N. Jackson)
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Mike Cahill, lead minister
Services at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
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Nursery available at each morning service.

First Church of the Nazarene
Rt. 51 and Kleemann Drive, Clinton
Michael A. Taylor, pastor
8:30 a.m.-Sunday prayer around the altar
8:45 a.m.-continental breakfast
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school / Bible study
10:30 a.m.-morning worship
7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week service

Kenney Christian Church
213 W. Benjamin Street, Kenney
(217) 944-2275
Ernie Harvey, minister
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school (pre-K-adult)
10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship
10:30 a.m.-Sunday children’s church (pre-K-5th grades)
10:30 a.m.-nursery
5 p.m.-Sunday youth group (junior high and high school)

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10 a.m.-AMPED Jr. (birth-K)
7 p.m.-AfterShock teen church, 6th-12 grades
6 p.m.-Wednesday, Strategic Disciple
6:30 p.m.-Thursday, DIVE

teen Bible study
7 p.m.- Thursdays, 1st & 3rd, Empowered Women / 2nd & 4th, Frontline Men

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
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4 p.m.-Saturday mass
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St. Patrick Catholic Church
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10 a.m.-Sunday worship
6 p.m.-Sunday evening worship
6 p.m.-Wednesday prayer meeting

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112 N. Monroe St., Clinton
(217) 464-0780
9:30 a.m.-Saturday, Sabbath school
11 a.m.- worship with pot luck afterwards
6 p.m.-Mondays, “Great Controversy” study and Pathfinder events throughout the year.

Wapella Christian Church
101 N. Poplar
(217) 731-4404
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Wapellacc.com
9 a.m.-Sunday school
10 a.m.-worship
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P.O. Box 70, Waynesville
61778
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1 SAMUEL 17: 4-7



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High 58



Thursday
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Weather History

March 19

1948: Illinois' 6th deadliest tornado on record affected areas in and just east of the St. Louis metropolitan area. The tornado traveled from Alton east to Bunker Hill, in farsouthern Macoupin County. 33 people lost their lives, and 449 were injured. Half of Forestburg and 80 percent of Bunker Hill was damaged or destroyed. The parent storm-produced another violent tornado further northeast, from near Litchfield to Moweaqua. Much of the damage from this storm was 3 miles northwest of Litchfield and 3 miles southeast of Morrisonville. No deaths were reported from this particular tornado.

March 20

1976: A violent tornado carved a 63 mile long path of destruction across east central Illinois. The tornado first touched down just southeast of Decatur and moved east-northeast to near Danville. The worst damage occurred at Sadorus, in southwestern Champaign County. 13 houses and 7 mobile homes were destroyed, and another 25 houses were damaged beyond repair; total damage was estimated at \$2 million. The tornado then destroyed several homes in Philo. Downtown Ogden took a direct hit from the tornado, with \$1 million damage reported.

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BY THE NUMBERS

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More Clinton sports on B2

Tough night for CHS varsity teams, falling to Knights at home

Marc Rogers
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CLINTON — On Tuesday, March 9, the Knights of Arthur/Lovington/Atwood/Hammond (ALAH) invaded the Maroons' homeland, Vance Gymnasium, with conquest in mind. And that they did.

The match-ups were with both the girls varsities and the boys varsities, with the ladies playing first. But prior to the game, senior ladies of the Clinton M-Squad dance team were presented with their families in recognition of their athletic endeavors at Clinton High School.

The Lady Maroons came out strong in the first two quarters to head into the locker room with a three-point lead at halftime. The ALAH coaches must have found a chink in the Lady Maroons' armor as they went on a 10-4 run. The Lady Knights then added more to their lead in the final stanza to take down the Lady Maroons 43-35. The Lady Maroons were again led by Mallory Cyrulik with 12 points and Kaitlyn Rauch with 11 points.

Then, it was the time for the varsity boys challenge. This round of play was a hard fought battle with the Maroons taking the first quarter and the Knights taking the second, to tie the game at 29 at halftime. The Maroons then lit up the evening with 20-15 run to retake the lead.

However, the Knights found their rhythm and took the lead and win in the fourth quarter on a 20-6 run.

The ALAH Knights won the finale 64-55. The Maroons had three players in double figures. They were Zeke Hickman with 18 points, Dawson Graves with 14 points and Nick Feather with 12 points.

#MaroonStrong/#MaroonPride



Lyric Griffith / M-Squad



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Karlie Pruser / M-Squad

Lady Maroons finish regular season 13-3



Gordon Woods / Journal
Kaitlyn Rauch (#11) scores two of her game-high 20 points for the Lady Maroons on Saturday in their win over the Lady Bulldogs of St. Teresa.

Marc Rogers
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CLINTON — The Lady Maroons varsity began last week by destroying the Lady Blue Devils at home before dominating the St. Teresa Lady Bulldogs on Saturday to wrap up their regular season play with a 13-3 record

Monday, March 8, saw the Villa Grove/Heritage Blue Devils come to play basketball against the Lady Maroons. The outcome of this match-up was apparent from the start with the Lady Maroons commanding the game with a 16-4

first quarter.

At halftime, the home team was leading 33-7 and using all their players in rotation. The only Lady Maroon not scoring was point guard Bethany Overby who, along with the coaches, orchestrated an effective game plan.

Coming onto the floor after halftime, the Lady Maroons took the third quarter with a 23-3 run. The home team then slowed the pace, holding the Lady Blue Devils to no points while dropping in 11 more points of their own.

The Lady Maroons took this outing 67-10.

The Lady Maroons were led by Kaitlyn Rauch with 19 points followed by Mal-

lory Cyrulik with 14 points.

The Lady Maroons popped five 3-point shots spread among 3 players, Raya Swartz (3); Alaina Soberalski (1); and MaKayla Koepfel (1).

On Saturday, the varsity sent the Lady Bulldogs home limping. Lady Maroons' offense and defense controlled the game throughout against the 5-7 St. Teresa team.

Lady Maroons won 57-24.

Lady Maroons' Kaitlyn Rauch led Saturday scoring with 20 points. Raya Swartz had 15 points, while Mallory Cyrulik contributed 14 points.

#MaroonStrong #MaroonPride



Gordon Woods / Journal
Raya Swartz (#3) for the Lady Maroons moves the ball down court during her team's Saturday win over the St. Teresa Lady Bulldogs. Swartz scored 15 points in the game.

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SPORTS

Maroons varsity falls to Bulldogs

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CLINTON — The 8-4 St. Teresa Bulldogs might have been a little nervous Saturday as they headed into halftime in their game against the Clinton Maroons varsity.

With a minute to go in the second period, the Maroons had closed the scoring gap to just two points, 36-34 Bulldogs. The Bulldogs did manage to hit for two more points just before the teams headed for the locker room, but still not a commanding lead.

Whatever the Bulldog's coach told them during the

break, though, St. Teresa players emerged for the second half to play a completely different game.

St. Teresa scored first and pushed their lead to 8. This still was not an insurmountable lead, but Clinton had trouble hitting shots at this point. The Bulldogs' lead kept growing in spite of a strong defensive effort by the Maroons.

By the time the score reached 50-35, Bulldogs, late in the third period, the Maroons' dry spell was putting chances of a comeback further out of reach.

St. Teresa missed a free throw, while Clinton finally picked up another basket, 52-37 with 3:10 left in the

period. A couple of lay-ups for both teams added to the scoring but did little to change the final outcome.

Then, the Bulldogs went on an offensive run the Maroons were unable to keep up with.

At the end of the third period, 63-41 Bulldogs.

In the fourth period, the Bulldogs continued to pad their lead, scoring 16 points to the Maroons' 4 and taking the win 79-47.

Maroon's high scorer was Dawson Graves with 14. Tyler Ward scored 9 points with Zeke Hickman scoring 8.

The Maroons finished the season with a 2-15 record.



Gordon Woods / Journal

The Maroons' Nick Feather (#14) hits the boards hard during Clinton's loss to St. Teresa on Saturday.

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GAMES

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HERO OR ZERO

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♥ A52			♥ J643
♦ K72			♦ QJ3
♣ AJT62			♣ Q74
♠ K3	North		
♥ KQT8	West	East	
♦ T986			
♣ 853	Declarer		
♠ AQJ942			
♥ 97			
♦ A54			
♣ K9			

Both Vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

4♣ is an iron-clad contract, and the play is simply a battle for overtricks. Not a big deal if you are playing rubber bridge, but in the world of duplicate bridge, overtricks are important. You are West, do something brilliant!

All the West players led the ♥K (nothing brilliant there), won by Dummy's Ace, after which it was a routine matter for Declarer to lose the Spade finesse. West cashed a Heart, and Declarer won the Diamond shift in her hand. Trumps were drawn, then came the ♠K, the ♠A and the ♠J. When the ♠Q tumbled down, Declarer had 11 tricks.

The resulting -650 was the standard E-W score around the room, except at one table, where West did something wickedly clever. Yes, no doubt you spotted it right away, West ducked the ♠K on the first round of trumps! Of course, Declarer had no way of knowing that West now had the unprotected King, so she crossed to Dummy's ♠K and repeated the finesse. West won the King, cashed a Heart, and shifted to a Diamond and, although Declarer had made her contract, there were no overtricks and her score of +620 was worth zero matchpoints. That diabolical duck by West had persuaded Declarer to waste a valuable Dummy entry on a futile finesse.

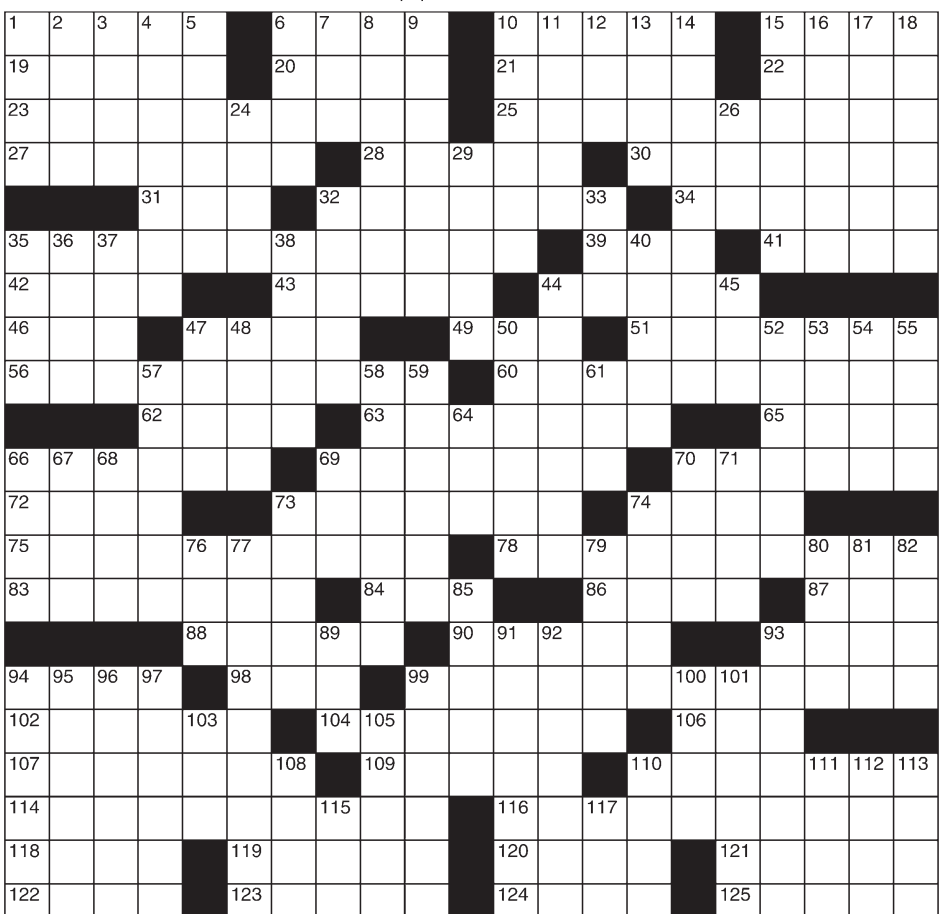
However, West's play was not without risk, and he would hardly have been a hero if his Partner's trumps were, for example, Jx or JT_x. But, if that had turned out to be the case, then at least he would have had an amusing story to tell on himself later. And he could no doubt count on Partner's legendary sense of humor as they ruefully scored -680 and zero matchpoints.

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

Super Crossword

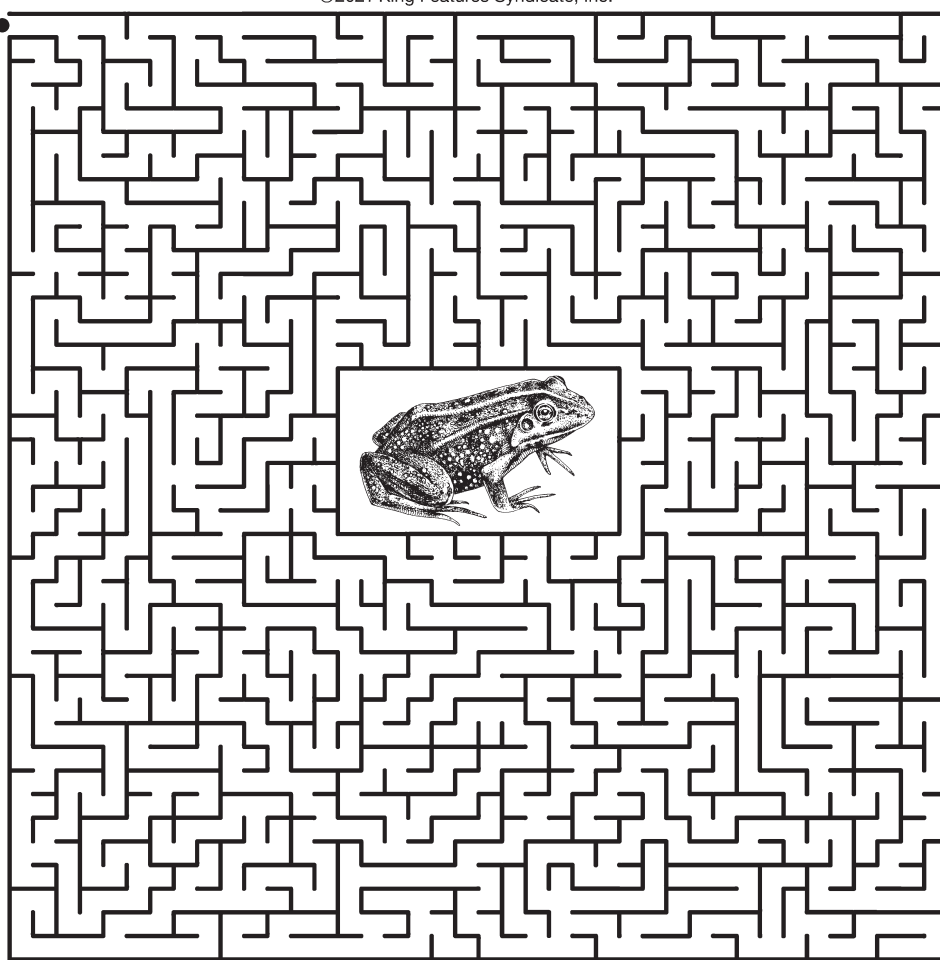
JUMBLE OF TREES

- ACROSS**
1 Item in a place setting
6 Duffels, e.g.
10 Grand tales
15 Hence
19 Boundary
20 "— Three Ships"
21 — Park (Edison's home)
22 Took off
23 Really big tree?
25 Fundamental tree?
27 Longs for
28 Franz who composed "The Merry Widow"
30 Early settler
31 "Erin Burnett OutFront" channel
32 Passes on, as a story
34 French brandy
35 Chinese ideology centered around a tree?
39 Actor Mahershala
41 "Family Guy" creator MacFarlane
- DOWN**
1 Pleased
2 Citrus fruit
3 Hi-fi parts
4 Microchip material
5 Ships' rears
6 Slant
7 Viper variety
8 Old warship
9 Deary
10 Prepare for a pyramid
11 Oyster bead
12 People with clout
13 Applaud
14 Asked for
15 Nasal singing tones
16 Curtis of cosmetics
17 Overthrow
18 Potato stuff
24 Suvari of Hollywood
26 Ghostly cry
29 "Siddhartha" novelist
32 Soul music is a form of it
33 — soda (cleanser)
35 Singer Cohn
36 Jimmy Durante's "— Dinka Doo"
37 "Park" a ship
38 Central Georgia city
40 Gets bested
44 Vivid crimson
45 Egg pouch
47 Slender woodwind
48 CBS military law show
50 Fez dangler
52 Small and 70-Across
53 Chief Norse god
54 Talk wildly
55 Deuce taker
57 Hackneyed
58 Grid of fine lines in an eyepiece
59 Franklin of soul
61 — -de-sac
64 See 71-Down
66 Splinter group
67 Laugh sound
68 Golf coups
69 Thurman of Hollywood
70 Funny Carvey
71 With 64-Down, hostile swarming insect
73 Suit fabric
74 Old computer language
76 Entertainer Zadora
77 Gift for a drawer, perhaps
79 Dealt (out)
80 In — of (replacing)
81 Gas leak giveaway
82 Zilch
85 Suburb of Dallas
89 Hack (off)
91 Prohibits
92 High crime
93 Bird feathers
94 Gaps
95 Mammal's fur
96 Comic Tracey
97 Roly-poly
99 Cavalry soldier
100 Actor Ruck
101 Talked like Cindy Brady
103 Alert at sea
105 Car contract
108 As is fitting
110 Joke
111 About
112 — -do-well (idler)
113 Punta del —
115 1,000 G's
117 Luau bowlful



Mega Maze

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

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

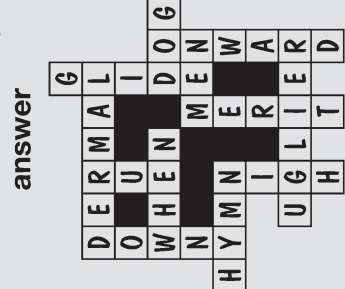
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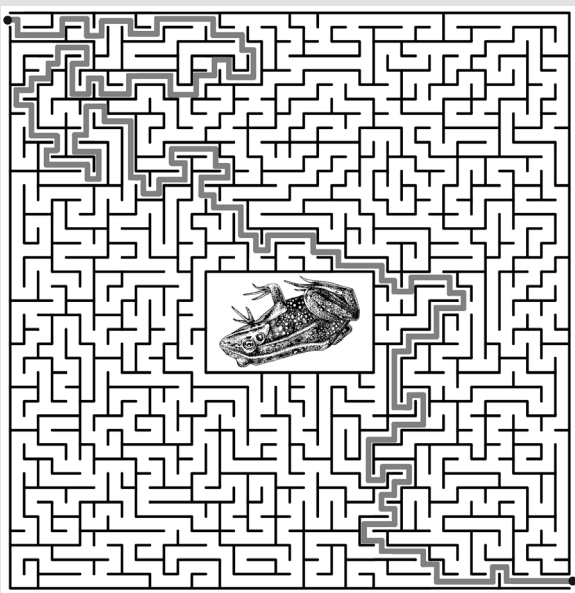
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★ Moderate ★★ Difficult
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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"THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE" W19-1280 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DE WITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS Community Loan Servicing, LLC; Plaintiff, vs. Lawrence R. Savage, Jr.; Susan S. Savage; United States of America; Defendants. Case No. 20 CH 5 Judge Presiding NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a judgment heretofore entered by the said court occurred in the above entitled cause, Sheriff of De Witt, Illinois, will on April 14, 2021, at the hour of 11:00 AM at Dewitt County Sheriff's Office, 101 W. Washington St., Clinton, IL 61727, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate in the said judgment mentioned, situated in the County of De Witt, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy such judgment to wit: C/K/A: 5777 Business US 51, Clinton, IL 61727 PIN: 12-03-127-001 The person to contact regarding information regarding this property is: Sales Dept., The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540, Chicago, IL 60603. Any questions regarding this sale should refer to file number W19-1280. The terms of the sale are Cash. 10% at time of sale, with the balance due within 24 hours. The property is improved by single family home: . The Property is not open for inspection prior to sale. The real estate, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and tenements,

hereditament and appurtenances thereunto belonging shall be sold under such terms. The Wirbicki Law Group LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1540 Chicago, IL 60603 Phone: 312-360-9455 W19-1280 pleadings.il@wirbickilaw.com I3165165

Legal 19152RE March 12, 19 and 26, 2021

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

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No. 2021-144

Dana Smith
COUNTY CLERK

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LEGAL

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF

PAUL M. HANNON, Deceased.

2021P9

NOTICE OF DEATH AND CLAIM PERIOD

Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of **PAUL M. HANNON**.

Letters Testamentary were issued on February 26, 2021, to **CHRIS E. BUCKLES**, as Independent Executor, whose attorneys are Foltz & Rupiper, 114 East Washington Street, Monticello, Illinois 61856.

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 executor at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Piatt County Courthouse, Monticello, Illinois 61856, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 15, 2021, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Amy M. Rupiper Attorney at Law Foltz & Rupiper 114 East Washington St. Monticello, IL 61856

Legal 19150 March 12, 19 and 26, 2021

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IN THE CIRCUIT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY E. SHAW, DECEASED

NO.: 21-P-10

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

Notice is given of the death of the above named decedent;

Letters of Office were issued on February 26, 2021 to Jerry L. Shaw, 103 S. Alexander Street, Kenney, Illinois 61749 as Independent Administrator. The attorney

for the estate is Joseph B. Taylor of Taylor & Lynch, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois 61727.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 30, 2021. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed for delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested party terminates Independent Administration by filing a Petition to Terminate under Section 28-4 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4). A form of a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration may be opened from the Clerk of the Court at the above address.

Dated this 2nd day of March, 2021

Jerry L. Shaw, Independent Administrator of the estate of Mary E. Shaw, Deceased

JOSEPH B. TAYLOR 02803046 TAYLOR & LYNCH 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, IL 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183 FAX: (217) 935-8219 E-MAIL: attorneys@de Wittcountylaw.com

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NOTICE

AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT TEST

Notice is hereby given that the "Testing of the Automatic Tabulating Equipment" required by 10 ILCS 5/24A-9 or 24B-9 will be held on MAR 31, 2021 at 10am, at the DeWitt County Building, Room 109.

As prescribed by the Election Code, this test is open to representatives of the political parties, the press and the public.

Dated: Mar 19, 2021

Dana Smith DeWitt County Election Authority

Legal 19163 March 19, 2021

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING-- NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Tunbridge in the County of DeWitt and State of Illinois, that the **Annual Town Meeting** of said Town will take place on **Tuesday, April 13 Year 2021** at the hour of 6:15 p.m. at the Tunbridge Township Building, 412 E. Crosley St., Kenney, IL for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting. Dated March 9, 2021 Lois Johnson, Town Clerk.

Legal 19164
March 19, 2021

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Annual Town Meeting Notice is hereby given

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To the legal residents of the Town of Texas in the County of DeWitt and State of Illinois, that the **ANNUAL MEETING** of said Town will take place on **Tuesday, April 13, 2021**, being the second Tuesday of said month.

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The Town Meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 6 o'clock p.m. on said day at Texas Town Hall, 9670 Revere Road, Clinton, Illinois, will proceed to hear and consider such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting.

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The regular monthly meeting for April usually held on the second Wednesday of the month will be held immediately following the annual meeting.

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Dated this 11th day of March, 2021.

Leslie Cyrulik, Town Clerk

Legal 19165
March 19, 2021

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Invitation to Bid

Texas Township, DeWitt County, Illinois, is accepting bids for the mowing of Texas Cemetery and Hill Cemetery for the year 2021. The bid must be for both cemeteries. The bid will include mowing and trimming around trees, structures, fences, and headstones for each cemetery on a monthly basis from April to October. The bid will be held for the year 2021 only. Please contact Leslie Cyrulik, Texas Township Sexton, at 217-836-4854, with any questions.

Bids can be mailed to Texas Township, c/o Leslie Cyrulik, P.O. Box 506, Clinton, Illinois 61727.

The bids will be opened at the April 13, 2021, meeting of the Texas Township Board, 9670 Revere Road, Clinton, Illinois at 6:15 p.m.

The board has the right to refuse any and all bids.

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March 19 and 26, 2021

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TREE TRIMMING ACTIVITIES IN Unincorporated DeWitt County AND NEARBY AREAS

TO THE PATRONS OF AMEREN ILLINOIS:

Please be advised that Ameren Illinois will trim trees and other vegetation in and around the town(s) of Unincorporated DeWitt County Illinois. Our qualified utility arborists will trim trees and vegetation that could interfere with electric lines that run from pole to pole and elsewhere. This work is necessary in order to minimize the likelihood of outages and safety hazards. There is no charge to you for this service.

If you have any questions about this work, please call 1-800-755-5000 or visit our website at MySafeTrees.com. You may address your concerns in the manner specified on our website. You may also call the Consumer Services Division of the Illinois Commerce Commission at 1-800-524-0795. Maps have been provided to the mayors and the county board chairpersons of the affected areas.

Sincerely,
Ameren Illinois Forestry Department

Legal 19167
March 19, 2021

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Tariff Changes Electric Service Schedule III. C. C. No. 1

To the Electric Patrons of Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois:

Ameren Illinois (or Company) hereby gives notice to the public that on February 26, 2021, it filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC or Commission) evidence (direct testimony) regarding the reconciliation of revenues collected from its electric customers under the Company's Hazardous Materials Adjustment Clause (HMAC) Rider, with actual and prudent associated costs from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The HMAC Rider is applicable to Rate Zone III only (formerly Illinois Power Company d/b/a AmerenIP service territory). This reconciliation may result in changes to the Company's rates and charges with respect to electric delivery services in the Company's Rate Zone III service area in Illinois. The changes in rates and charges will take effect after hearings and after the Commission issues its final Order. The Commission docketed the filing as Docket No. 21-0096. A copy of the evidence may be inspected at Ameren Illinois' offices located at 300 Liberty Street, Peoria, Illinois or online at www.icc.illinois.gov/e-docket/. All parties interested in this

matter may obtain information with respect thereto 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

Legal 19168
March 19 and 26, 2021

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CIRCUIT COURT - 6th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, IL

ESTATE OF:

TRISTAN BRANNIN, DECEASED.

No. 21-P-6

Notice is given that Tristan Brannin died December 31, 2020. The Administrator of the Estate is Shannon A. Brannin, whose attorneys are Hatch Law Firm, 100 N. Chestnut St., #200, Champaign, IL 61820. Claims against the Estate may be filed on or before September 30, 2021. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.

Legal 19169
March 19 and 26, 2021
April 2, 2021

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DEWITT COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE S-253-2021

Notice is given that a request for a Special Use Permit has been filed with the above named Board. Rick and Denise Johnson have requested to have a travel trailer camp and mobile home park to allow travel trailers and Mobile homes permanently on the property.

S10 T19 R2, SE SW EX 12.81A & EX 54 N SD & EX, 4A & EX .13A & EX 9.57A R.A., 3RD & EX .07A & EX .26A HWY,

Property is zoned RD-2 and is located at 4094 Ridgeview Road, Clinton IL 61727. PIN Number: 12-10-380-022.

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that a public hearing on the above-mentioned request will be held on the 5th day of April, 2021 at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as is possible. Said hearing will be held virtually.

To attend:
Dial-in number (US): (425) 436-6388
Access code: 1758339#
International dial-in numbers: <https://fccdl.in/i/apaque>
Online meeting ID: apaque
Join the online meeting: <https://join.freeconference-call.com/apaque>

Andy Hedrick, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

Legal 19170
March 19, 2021

Tips for starting your spring garden off strong

URBANA – Cloudy, cold winter days may seem endless, but as the weather warms, bulbs will bloom and grass will green, giving way to sure signs of spring.

“Grab you trowel and get ready,” says Ron Wolford, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator. “Spring is just days away.”

Wolford recommends gardeners keep in mind how last year the pandemic saw new gardeners flood garden centers and increase demand for products sold by online seed companies.

“Buy your summer-flowering bulbs, seeds and transplants early,” Wolford says. “Last year, many seeds and transplants were in short supply or out of stock. This spring, order your seeds early and purchase your transplants as soon as they are available.”

When starting seeds, it’s important to avoid damping-off disease. Damping-off will cause seedlings to wilt and die. Use a pasteurized soil-less medium. Keep the temperature around 65 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit for best germination and provide bottom heat if possible. Most of all, avoid overwatering.

Prepare soil before planting. This means removing rocks and debris. Dig in a 2- to 4-inch layer

of organic matter, which helps to breakdown heavy clay soils and improves drainage.

Never work soil when it is wet. Doing this will cause it to dry into concrete-like clods. Pick up a handful of soil before digging and squeeze. If it crumbles easily, it is ready to be dug. If it doesn’t, it is too wet. Allow the soil to dry for a few more days and test again before digging.

Be prepared for late spring frosts. Cover tender plants with row covers, cardboard, blankets, hot caps, or newspaper. Do not use metal or plastic for protection, because these can conduct cold to plants.

“We have had frost close to Memorial Day in Illinois,” says Wolford. “The latest spring frost occurred in Rockford on May 27, 1992.”

The growing season between the last spring frost and the first fall frost ranges from around 160 to 190 days from northern to southern Illinois.

Buy healthy transplants. Leaves and stems should be green and healthy without any signs of yellowing or browning. Gently remove transplants from their pot and check the root system. Roots should be white with visible soil. Check for insects such as white

flies or aphids.


Harden off transplants. Before exposing transplants to cool, spring temperatures, wind and sun, gradually introduce them to the outdoor environment over a 10-to-14-day period. At first, place the transplants in a shaded area for a few hours. Gradually increase their exposure to sunlight each day until they are outdoors for 24 to 48 hours before planting.

Divide perennials. Dig around the plant and lift the clump out of the ground. Break the clump into sections. Larger sections will re-establish quicker than smaller sections. Keep the clumps moist until ready to plant.

Cut back ornamental grasses to about 4 to 6 inches. Failing to remove foliage delays the warming of the plant’s crown and slows new growth. Ornamental grasses should be divided in the spring if the center of the plant has died out or if it has become overgrown.

For more information, check out Illinois Extension resources at go.illinois.edu/BulbInfo or go.illinois.edu/StartingSeeds.

SOURCE: Ron Wolford, Horticulture Educator, Illinois Extension



Spring Lawn Equipment: Get Ready for Backyarding in High Style This Year

(NAPS)—Backyarding is the new trend that’s emerged during the pandemic. Our backyards are where we eat, work, play, relax and socialize, and the green spaces around our homes have proven to be vibrant places for connection and vital to maintaining mental health.

So how do you get ready for lots of springtime backyarding? You organize your yard and ready your landscaping.

“Take some time to plan out your yard with your family. Once you know the purpose you want it to serve, it’s time to start working with it,” said Kris Kiser, President and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), an international trade association representing outdoor power equipment, small engine, utility vehicle, golf car and personal transport vehicle manufacturers and suppliers.

“A well-cared for lawn and landscape provides the canvas for a year-round backyarding lifestyle. You’ll want to get out there with your outdoor power equipment, like your lawn mower and trimmers, as soon as spring arrives, and you want to do it safely,” said Kiser.

He offered the following tips to get lawn equipment ready for spring:

Refresh your knowledge. Read your equipment owner’s manuals and follow all manufacturer’s guidelines. If you find a manual online, save a digital copy for future reference.

Look over equipment. Lots can happen in a garage or storage shed over the winter. Check the air filter, oil level and gasoline tank. Watch for loose belts and missing or damaged parts. Replace any parts needed or take your equipment to a qualified service representative. Check to be sure that you have the appropriate batteries if needed.

Drain fuel tanks. If you didn’t empty the gasoline tank before storing equipment, drain it now. Fuel should never sit in outdoor power equipment for more than 30 days. Untreated gasoline (without a fuel stabilizer) will deteriorate, which may cause starting or running problems or damage the fuel system.

Protect your power. Use only E10

or less fuel in gasoline-powered outdoor power equipment. Most manufacturers recommend a fuel stabilizer be used, especially if you don’t use up all the fuel in the tank right away. Any fuel containing more than 10 percent ethanol can damage small engine equipment not designed for it.


Store fuel safely. Label fuel cans with the date of purchase and ethanol content of the fuel. If you don’t know the date of purchase, dispose safely of the fuel and buy fresh gasoline. Always store fuel out of the reach of children or pets and in approved containers.

Don’t mix up your battery packs. For battery-powered equipment, use only the charger specified by the manufacturer. A charger that is suitable for one type of battery pack may create a risk of fire when used with another. Follow all charging instructions and do not charge the battery pack or tool outside the temperature range specified in the instructions.

Stash batteries safely. When the battery pack is not in use, keep it away from other metal objects, like paper clips, coins, keys, nails, screws or other small metal objects, that can make a connection from one terminal to another. Shorting the battery terminals together may cause burns or a fire.

Tidy up. Clean equipment will run more efficiently and last longer. Clean equipment and store it in a dry place. Remove dirt, oil or grass. Never store equipment in a place that is damp or wet.

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