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### Center Street project nears completion

Leaf pick-up began this week

**Gordon Woods** 

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CLINTON The Center Street project is nearly completed, commissioner Buchanan said Monday during the city council meeting.

"We've got a little concrete work left to do and some landscaping," he said.

Buchanan landscaping probably would not be done until

A major portion of curbs and gutters were replaced along Center Street from Woodlawn to Van Buren, and S. Center Street was repaved from Adams Street to Van

Buchanan also said leaf pick-up was scheduled to begin this week. The city will begin pick-up with one leaf vac and then expand to two when part-time personnel start in November.

"I just ask everybody to, please, keep your leaves separated from brush," Buchanan said.

He also asked residents to be sure to pile leaves between sidewalks and curbs, not on the street, where they can be washed over the top of storm drains.

And, Buchanan reminded residents the city yard waste facility is open all year, and they can transport leaves and brush there themselves.

There is no streetside brush pick-up from December through February.

The city conducted fire hydrant flushing this week.

"Hopefully, they'll finish it up tomorrow (Tuesday), weather permitting," said commissioner John Wise.

Wise said the contractor would begin cleaning the lime lagoons at the water plant as soon as farmers are ready to accept the lime for use on their

"They've got two or three farmers they've made contact with to take the lime," he said. "As soon as they've got their crops out, they'll be here to do that."

Wise also reported that city well no. 10, located behind Clinton YMCA,

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went down last week.

"The alarm went off, and they went down ...shut the motor and everything down."

A company from St. Louis arrived the next day and discovered that the shaft that operates the pump broke. The pump was taken back to St. Louis to be rebuilt. Personnel also will

inspect the well and perform necessary maintenance. "We might as well go

ahead and get it all done at one time," Wise said.



Courtesy of Edvydas Cicenas

### Boy Scout flag ceremony

Local Boy Scouts recently held a ceremony to retire old flags. Scout Jacob Hewerdine carefully cuts out the field of stars as other BSA Scouts help hold the flag during the ceremony. See the story and more photos on page A9.

### What to know about the graduated tax amendment

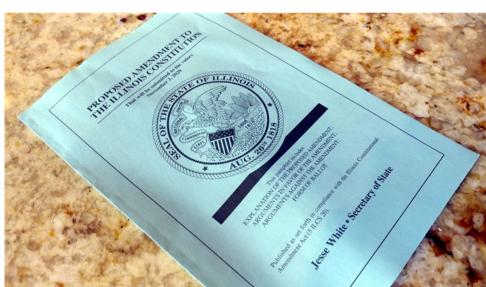
A look at the amendment language, proposed rates, and arguments for and against

**Jerry Nowicki** Capital News Illinois

One of the major questions Illinois voters will answer on Nov. 3 will be on the ballot statewide - whether to amend the state's constitution to allow for a graduated rate income tax.

Strictly speaking, the amendment removes a provision from the Illinois Constitution that requires any income tax to be levied at a flat rate on any level of income - the current rate is 4.95 percent. Passage of the amendment would allow lawmakers to apply different tax rates on varying levels of income. Of the 42 states that have an income tax, 32 and Washington, D.C., have a graduated rate structure, while Illinois is one of

nine that impose a flat tax. While the amendment itself does not set any tax rates, legislation already passed by lawmakers and signed by the governor would take effect in January if the amendment passes. The rates created by that legislation would



Pictured is a voter pamphlet distributed to Illinois households by Secretary of State Jesse White's office regarding the graduated income tax constitutional amendment.

apply to six tax brackets, ranging from 4.75 percent on income up to \$10,000 to 7.99 percent on all income for individual filers making more than \$750,000.

Here's a look the amendment, the accompanying rate legislation, some of the arguments being made and who is funding the advertising campaigns for and against it.

The amendment

Specifically, Article 9,

Section 3 of the Illinois Constitution would be amended if the ballot question passes. The new language would read:

"The General Assembly shall provide by law for the rate or rates of any tax on or measured by income imposed by the State. In any such tax imposed upon corporations the highest rate shall not exceed the highest rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5."

That would replace the current language, which

"A tax on or measured by income shall be at a nongraduated rate. At any one time there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations. In any such tax imposed *upon corporations the rate* shall not exceed the rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to

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### Graves' reopening after bout with virus

Store will reopen on Monday

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CLINTON — Doug Graves has been under the weather lately, his store, Graves' Stationers, closed since Sept. 11. But, he reported he's feeling better and plans to reopen on Oct. 26.

While someone's personal health is usually considered a private matter, Doug isn't shy about what laid him low, and he said he was glad it's over.

"I had the virus," Doug said. "I was in BroMenn for 17 days."

Doug said he was better but still didn't have much energy. On this day, he was in his store doing some work to get ready for opening later in October.

"The reason I haven't opened any sooner is because of that," he said. "When I walk through the door, I go straight to the back. I'm out of gas."

Doug will have some help at the store when he reopens.

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### Getting into the Halloween spirit

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By day, Mikah Maduzia, 26, of Clinton, is a softspoken injury claims specialist for State Farm Insurance, but at night, or on weekends, she may transform into a devil, a skeleton, a spiderweb, a witch or a superhero. Her own imagination (along with some Pinterest scrolling) appears to be her only restriction.

The Clinton graduate had a little experience with makeup from dance performances throughout her youth but says her makeup artistry unfolded from boredom.

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Weather......A10



Mikah as Cruella Deville.

### Board approves bus lease, discusses remote learners

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CLINTON The Clinton School Board of Education approved a three-year bus lease with Midwest Bus Sales for \$12,047.37 per year

during Tuesday night's meeting at Clinton High

School. Board members also discussed ideas to help some of the struggling remote leaders in the district.

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DANA SMITH, COUNTY CLERK DeWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

### "NOTICE

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CONSTITUTION BALLOT

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 1970 ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION

Explanation of Amendment

The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower income tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.

For the proposed amendment of Section 3 of Article IX of the Illinois Constitution.

O YES

### $\circ$ NO

### FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

### (Vote for one)

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(HOWIE HAWKINS (ANGELA WALKER

PARTY FOR

REPUBLICAN

GREEN

(GLORIA LA RIVA (LEONARD PELTIER (BRIAN CARROLL (AMAR PATEL

AMERICAN

(JO JORGENSEN

LIBERTARIAN

(JEREMY "SPIKE" COHEN

Write-in

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the General Election to be held on Tuesday, the 3rd of November, 2020, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of the County of DeWitt and State of Illinois.

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O YES

O NO

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

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COUNTY

FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY

(Vote for one) DEMOCRATIC No Candidate

DAN MARKWELL FOR CIRCUIT CLERK

> (Vote for one) DEMOCRATIC

REPUBLICAN MICHELLE VAN VALEY LIBERTARIAN NATHAN FLOREY

FOR CORONER

(Vote for one)

No Candidate RANDALL J. RICE

No Candidate

**COUNTY BOARD** 

### FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT A

(Vote for not more than three) DEMOCRATIC LEAH CAMILLE A. REDMAN

DEMOCRATIC LANCE M. REECE

CLARO "BUCK" CARTER AARON KAMMEYER

JAMIE PRESTEGAARD

### FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT C

(Vote for not more than three) SCOTT L. NIMMO

MEGAN MYERS

FREDERICK "JAY" WICKENHAUSER

DAVID NEWBERG

### LAW ENFORCEMENT

### **DeWitt County** Sheriff's Office

Oct. 9-16

Trenay Easton, Clinton, was arrested and charged and issued a Citation for Driving Under the Influence. Easton posted the necessary bond and was released.

Jose Alvarez, 22, Durand, was issued a Citation for Speeding (83 mph in a 65 mph zone). Alvarez was given a Notice to Appear and released.

Kitana Crayton, 23, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Speeding (85 mph in a 65 mph zone). Crayton was given a Notice to Appear and released.

Brian Sanderson, 24, Forsyth, was issued a Citation for Speeding (71 mph in a 55 mph zone). Sanderson was given a Notice to Appear and released.

Raekel Hudson-Terry, 18, Joliet, was issued Citations for Driving While License Suspended and Speeding (79 mph in a 55 mph zone). HudsonTerry was given a Notice to Appear and released.

Joseph Smith, 37, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Speeding (73 mph in a 45 mph zone). Smith was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

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### **JUDICIAL**

FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Thomas J. Difanis)

(Vote for one)

SCOTT A. LERNER JASON BOHM

> FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Albert G. Webber)

> > (Vote for one)

No Candidate

JEFFREY S. GEISLER

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JUDICIAL RETENTION

BALLOT FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES SEEKING RETENTION IN OFFICE

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RICHARD L. BROCH, JR. be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?

O YES

 $\circ$  NO

SHALL ROBERT C. (R.C.) BOLLINGER

be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?

YES O NO

**PROPOSITION** 

CITY OF FARMER CITY PROPOSITION TO LEVY A NON-HOME RULE MUNICIPAL RETAILERS' AND SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX

'Shall the corporate authorities of the City of Farmer City, DeWitt County, Illinois, be authorized to levy a Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax each at a rate of one (1%) percent for expenditures on municipal operations, expenditures on public infrastructure, or property tax relief?

YES

O NO

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Dana Smith, County Clerk

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### **NEWS/OPINION**

### Graves'

from page A1

"I'm going to wait, which gives me another week to get ready."

Doug said he felt better, but he also could tell someone what it felt like to go through coronavirus.

"A couple of times, I wasn't sure," Doug said. "Right before I got this, I was thinking, 'surely this thing is about over'."

Doug said he thought at that point the country about had the virus under

"But, of course, we didn't, and I found out that we didn't."

Doug said initially he went to Warner Hospital before transferring to BroMenn. He said he appreciated having Warner in town.

"I was glad to have a place (locally) to go," he said. "It could have been a difference in me still being here or not."

He now is about ready to reopen on Monday and said he will be happy to see his customers again. The store is ready for the season with a lot of nice fall items, Doug said. And, they still ship UPS packages.

"We're back open, and we're hoping people will stop by and see us."



**INCLUDES:** 

### **Wanda Mix**

CLINTON Wanda Mix, 86, of rural Clinton, went home to be with the Lord at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln, Ill., on Monday, October 19, 2020.

Wanda was born on November 15, 1933, in rural Wapella, a daughter of Albert and Violet (Rodgers) Bray. She married Roger Mix on November 12, 2005. He survives in rural Clinton. surviving Also

her four children, (Richard) Karr, of Clinton; Dawn (Don) Bushong of Francesville, Ind.; Tim Schnabel of Clinton; Jill (Rex Lamb) Proud, of Chippewa Falls, Wis.; 10 grandchildren; 19 greatgrandchildren; two greatgreat-grandchildren, with one on the way; two brothers, Thomas B. (Thora) Bray and Dennis (Carol) Bray both of Clinton; two sisters, Helen Wilson of Clinton; Norma (Ron) Brown of Bloomington; sister-in-law: Erma Bray, of Clinton, and several nieces and nephews.

Wanda was preceded in death by her parents, one son John Thomas Archer; two brothers Jack and Robert Dean Bray; one grandson, Joshua Bushong and one great-grandson: Brayden Pruitt.

Wanda did bookkeeping and secretarial work over the years at Revere Copper & Brass, Clinton Police, States Attorney Clement Toohill; Clinton Journal. recently, before retiring at the age of 82, she enjoyed serving her many clients while operating Voelker Tax Service. Several of her clients became longtime friends.

avid was an recording genealogist,

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family history clear back to King James of England. This was one of her most passionate accomplishments. The many grandchildren she had, from Texas to Wisconsin, Indiana and Illinois were the light of her life.

Wanda was a member of the DeWitt County Genealogy Society, American Business Women's Association; National Association of Tax Professionals; and Christ Lutheran Church of Clinton. She was a 35-year member of the American Red Cross.

She also enjoyed growing herbs, roses, and African violets.

Services to celebrate Wanda's life will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Friday,October 23, 2020, at Christ Lutheran Church in Clinton, with visitation from 1-2 p.m. on Friday at the church. Wanda will be laid to rest in Sugar Grove Cemetery, in Wapella. A dinner will be served following burial.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Christ Lutheran Church American Association.

The family of Wanda Mix has entrusted Graceland/ Fairlawn Funeral Home, Decatur with her funeral arrangements. Please view her obituary and share memories and condolences at www.gracelandfairlawn.

### **ELECTION LETTERS**

### Board incumbents understand the big picture

Although I consider my time as a county board member an honor and privilege, I will regrettably be leaving my board position in December. However, I appreciate and thank those who have supported me.

I still believe that the incumbents are the proper choice in this election, and in the strongest terms possible, I will show my support for them.

During my time being associated with these members, I discovered what it means to serve the public in an honorable manner.

Chairman Newberg and vice chairman Redman took their valuable time to mentor me about all of the operations involved as to how the county operates. They enlightened me about the courage it takes to be the best board member I could be. And, I thank them for that time.

Mr. Reece, Mr. Nimmo and Mr. Wickenhouser were always receptive to an open conversation about any issue and always treated me with the upmost respect without any political overtones.

The character and integrity of each of these public servants is beyond reproach. The intense desire to be the best board member possible was always present.

I am troubled that the reason those opposing these incumbents is a single issue. It bothers me that they aren't looking at the big picture and don't understand the complexities of public service but are only looking to advance their own agenda. This concern by itself should be reason enough to vote for the

incumbents!

The time it takes to perform the duties associated with these positions, besides the once-a-month meeting, is time most people don't understand. The phone calls, texts and e-mails consume time not accounted for on any time sheet. Following up on concerns of the public can run into multiple location visits and conversations/meetings with those who might be able to help. This time should be expected and gladly spent in an effort to resolve such concerns. The incumbents have shown that ability.

Economic development should be explored and welcomed by board members. The incumbents have shown that they believe in growth. However, the challengers have all shown that they disagree with that philosophy by opposing a major development coming into the county.

It was a pleasure to serve with these people, and they deserve to continue to serve the citizens of De Witt County.

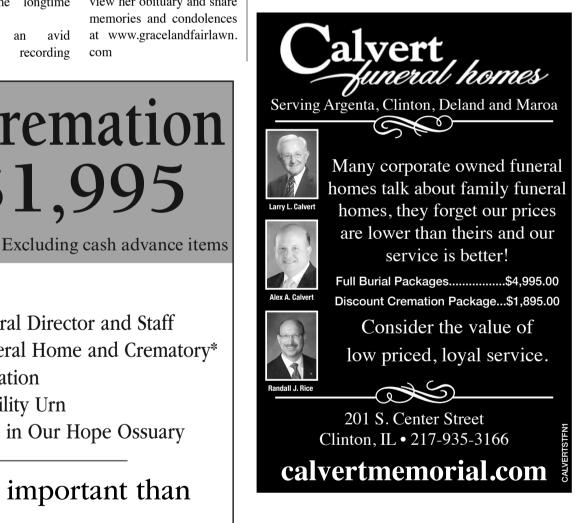
Camille Redman, Lance Reece, Dave Newberg, Scott Nimmo and Jay Wickenhouser have earned your vote, and I sincerely hope you also see that when you vote.

Please cast your vote for integrity, dedication, and growth! Elect Newberg, Redman, Reece, Wickenhouser, and Nimmo.

> Respectfully, **Cole Ritter** Hallsville

### **Memorial service for** Duane Austin October 24

CLINTON — There will be a memorial service for Duane Austin at the Clinton Church of God, 720 E Woodlawn Street at 1 p.m. on Oct. 24. Everyone is welcome.



### **Schools** from page A1

Superintendent Curt Nettles said the district had discovered some pre-K to fifth grade students were struggling to keep up with their work while learning on the remote plan. The

remote education program

is a service hired by the district to teach its remote learners. Monday, Nettles announced Clinton High School would be closed the remainder of this week with only remote learning for students due to a high number of exposures to coronavirus and the

will resume on Monday at the high school unless notified students are differently. In other action, the board: Heard presentations

from each of the school

requirement to quarantine.

As of Wednesday, Nettles

said in-person learning

principals. Approved employment of Rebecca Haydu, CES aide, and Krystal Cicenas, CHS aide.

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### **OPINION**

### **HISTORY**

### **ALMANAC**

1910 - Blanche S. Scott became the first woman to make a public solo airplane flight in the United States.

1915 - Approximately 25,000 women demanded the right to vote with a march in New York City, NY.

1929 - In the U.S., the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged starting the stock-market crash that began the Great Depression.

1942 - During World War II, the British began a major offensive against Axis forces at El Alamein, Egypt.

1944 - During World War II, the Battle of Leyte Gulf began.

1946 - The United Nations General Assembly convened in New York for the first time.

1956 - NBC broadcasted the first videotape recording. The tape of Jonathan Winters was seen coast to coast in the U.S.

1958 - Russian poet and novelist Boris Pasternak was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature. He was forced to refuse the honor due to negative Soviet reaction. Pasternak won the award for writing "Dr. Zhivago".

1962 - During the Cuban Missile Crisis, the U.S. naval "quarantine" of Cuba was approved by the Council of the Organization of American States (OAS).

1962 - The U.S. Navy reconnaissance squadron VFP-62 began overflights of Cuba under the code name "Blue Moon."

1971 - The U.N. General Assembly voted to expel Taiwan and seat Communist China.

1973 - U.S. President Richard M. Nixon agreed to turn over the subpoenaed tapes concerning the Watergate affair.

1978 - China and Japan formally ended four decades of hostility when they exchanged treaty ratifications.

1989 - Hungary became an independent republic, after 33 years of Soviet rule.

1992 - Japanese Emperor Akihito became the first Japanese emperor to stand on Chinese soil.

1995 - Russian President Boris Yeltsin and U.S. President Bill Clinton agree to a joint peacekeeping effort in the war-torn Bosnia.

2000 - Universal Studios

Consumer Products
Group (USCPG) and
Amblin Entertainment
announced an unprecedented and exclusive
three-year worldwide
merchandising program
with Toys "R" Us, Inc.
The deal was for the
rights to exclusive "E.T.
The Extra-Terrestrial"
merchandise starting in
fall 2001. The film was
scheduled for re-release
in the spring of 2002.

2001 - NASA's Mars Odyssey spacecraft began orbiting Mars. In 2010, it became the longest-operating spacecraft ever sent to Mars.

### **ELECTION LETTERS**

### Should we support board candidates who are suing the county?

After hearing the news that the DeWitt County anti-wind group is suing the County, I feel the necessity to speak out!

We are about to conclude an election which will determine who will be our next representatives on the DeWitt County Board. We must seriously consider who our best choices are.

Idon't think that the four challengers running for these positions are a

wise choice! These folks have the backing of the anti-wind group and they have all endorsed the anti-wind group's cause. Do we really want to elect board members who are presently backing a lawsuit against the county to make future decisions for the people of DeWitt County?

I THINK NOT! Of course, the true irony would be to elect them to sit on a board that they are in favor of suing.

I ask you to support and elect the following five non-partisan incumbents.

Newberg, Nimmo, and Wickenhauser in District C.

Redman and Reece in District A.

Respectfully,
Roger Fatheree
Clinton

### Incumbent board members deserve our support on Nov. 3

It's time for the American people to have a say in something! Election Day is just around the corner. It's time for us to look back on the job being done by the people in office to see if they deserve another term.

I would like to share my opinion of the local DeWitt County Board members that are serving the county now.

Over the past few years, DeWitt County has had many hard decisions that have needed to be made. They have worked hard to find answers to problems that benefit all of us that live in DeWitt County. Their experience and knowledge is priceless and has proven their value to those of us who live within this county.

Camille Redman and Lance Reece from District A, Christy Pruser from District B, and David Newberg, Jay Wickenhauser, and Scott Nimmo from District C have all worked with the other board members to decide on issues that have greatly benefited the entire county.

I have had the opportunity to sit in on some of the board meetings and have been impressed with the willingness and commitment that have been shown in the way the meetings have been conducted. It is good to see them weigh the pros and cons after many hours behind the scenes studying the proposals that have needed to be decided.

Many members of various boards are not willing to put in the time and effort to thoroughly understand the way each and every vote affects the county as a whole.

Please help me show our appreciation for the current county board members by voting for them to continue the good work they have done and will continue to do for us!

Sonna Hoke Clinton

### Experience counts when voting for county board candidates

There are five candidates running for DeWitt County Board who are honest, hardworking and are currently responsible members of the DeWitt County Board. They believe in DeWitt County and understand the duties that go along with being a responsible board member.

They are for economic growth, against increasing tax burdens, have been active members of our community and will continue to do a great job for DeWitt County.

Vote for Camille Redman and

Lance Reece in "District A" and Dave Newberg, Scott Nimmo, and Jay Wickenhouser in "District C" Experience counts!

Steven Paddock Clinton

### Reelect incumbent board members for the good of the county

As a current DeWitt County Board member, I would like to share some of my observations of the incumbents running for reelection.

Dave Newberg, as chairman, and Camille Redman as vice chairman, have been two of the best leaders of this board in a long time. They pay attention to what needs to be accomplished and prioritize what needs the board's immediate attention.

They are knowledgeable of the pitfalls of bad decisions and steer the board in a more positive direction. With their leadership the board has been a productive and responsible body with no drama or confusion.

I am the vice chairman of the Public Safety Committee with Lance Reece as its chairman, and I can say with confidence that his performance in resolving ambulance service for my district was an example of dedication to the citizens of DeWitt County. This was a critical care issue that had consequences for over 2,000 residents.

He handled the problem with a sense of urgency, spent many hours resolving roadblocks as they appeared, and always kept his eye on ensuring that the citizens were protected! Because of his leadership, those citizens are now protected and can rest well at night knowing they have ambulance service.

I have watched Jay Wickenhauser as chairman of the Marina Committee spend an enormous amount of time and effort to make the marina a more inviting and enjoyable recreational area. Under his guidance, the marina is surely to become a "destination"

spot" for many Illinois residents. This will not only bring exposure to DeWitt County, it will also increase revenue to make it an even a better destination.

Because of their performance and abilities, they should be retained to continue the forward-looking vision for the county and its residents. Your vote for these candidates is needed for the good of the county.

Vote for Camille Redman and Lance Reece, in District A, and Dave Newberg, Scott Nimmo and Jay Wickenhauser in District C.

> Thank you, **Christy Pruser** County Board Member District B

### Incumbent board members out of touch with their constituents

I would like to share my support for DeWitt County Board candidates in District A-Buck Carter, Aaron Kammeyer, and Jamie Prestegaard and in District C Megan Myers.

I'm thankful they have stepped up to the plate to challenge the incumbents in this very important race for our county's future. It's candidates like them who truly have the best interests of their constituents in mind, that can make a difference in DeWitt County.

The incumbents are facing legal action after not being able to fulfill the simple task of following county law when voting 'yes' to grant a special use permit to a wind energy

company. This company came in with a set of demands that the incumbents granted with such ease, even when it was proven time and time again that they did not meet our standards that every other company must follow.

The incumbents buried their heads in the sand and ignored the recommendations made by their own appointees on the RPC and ZBA, who strongly agreed the permit did not meet our standards and would be setting a dangerous precedent for future permits.

But most disheartening, the incumbents disregarded the desire of their constituents to not be burdened

by the proven noise issues, shadow flicker, and major safety issues that wind turbines have when placed too close to a home-as those in the permit have been placed.

This disregard shows the incumbents have lost touch with their local constituents and when given many opportunities to listen and consider those needs chose instead to ignore and side with a foreign company.

It's time to VOTE FOR CHANGE.

Andrea Rhoades resident in Dist. A

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### **ELECTION LETTERS**

### What does 'acceptable loss' mean?

What does "acceptable loss" mean? Also known as "acceptable damage," it's a military euphemism used to indicate casualties or destruction inflicted by the enemy that is considered minor or

During the Special Use Permit for Alta Farms II vote, this phrase rang loud for me. Seven county board members considered families like mine and the impacts we will suffer as an acceptable loss. I felt betrayed by my elected leaders. Would we have moved here if we had known that we were considered to be acceptable losses of the community?

Absolutely not.

Would anyone?

I don't think so.

An industrial wind project isn't promised to keep my friends, family and community safe OR healthy. The night of the vote, I heard many people say they are considering moving. Nobody wants to be in a place where they feel unsafe. People especially have a right to be safe in their own homes. These are 599-foottall industrial wind turbines that will cause hours of shadow flicker on homes and produce noise that doesn't even meet the Illinois Pollution Control Board regulations!

If I knew my decisions were going to hurt my neighbors, I'd be stricken with grief. Why would an elected leader ignore so much evidence when it will cause so many people distress? They had the power to protect people, but instead they disregarded evidence, disregarded their advisory boards, disregarded overwhelming opposition from community and disregarded the very real impacts on very real families like mine.

That's why incumbent county board members need to be voted out. We can't trust them to take care of us. We have been shown that in their eyes, we are all acceptable losses. I urge my community to vote for Megan

Myers in District C, and for Buck Carter, Jamie Prestegaard and Aaron Kammeyer in District A.

> Thank you, Your Neighbor Joie Ocheltree Clinton

### Myers will bring diversity of thought to board

DeWitt County will undoubtedly have many challenges and difficult decisions ahead as a result of the economic hardships caused by a global pandemic. Our recovery and eventual growth will require leaders with new ideas and a vision for the future. It will require leaders who treat others with respect and compassion, and who will listen to and advocate for the residents and employees

Megan Myers is a servant leader with all of these qualities and more, and she is running forDeWitt County Board in

When the pandemic first hit and businesses were forced to close, Megan was out distributing "We Will Prevail" and "In It Together" yard signs. She shows empathy and works to build

Megan has experience in leadership

Foundation Board, and she currently serves as a board member of the Clinton Community Educational Foundation, sitting on the Dual Credit and Finance Megan will bring diversity of thought to

positions, having served on the 4-H

a county board that is 75 percent male, with District C being the only district that is currently represented 100 percent by

If you live in DeWitt County District C, which includes Creek and Texas Townships, as well as the southeastern portion of Clinton in Clintonia Township, I respectfully ask that you consider voting for Megan Myers for DeWitt County Board.

> Joe Witte Waynesville

### **Amend** / from page A1

On the ballot, voters will see the question worded as follows:

"The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower income tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution."

They'll be able to vote "yes" or "no," and the amendment has two paths to passage. If it receives 60 percent of the vote from those voting on the question, it passes. But if it fails to reach the 60 percent threshold for those voting on the question but still musters "yes" votes from more than half of those voting in the election, it would still pass.

### The rate structure

The proposal to put the amendment question on the ballot was approved with support from only Democrats, as was Senate Bill 687, the accompanying legislation to set graduated rates beginning in January 2021, should the amendment pass. Again, the current rate is 4.95 percent on any taxable income.

The new rate structure would create six tax brackets, with rates applying to margins of taxable income instead of every penny of an earner's income, except for those in the top bracket. The rates would be:

- 4.75 percent on single or joint filers' first \$10,000 of taxable income • 4.9 percent on single or joint filers'
- income from over \$10,000 to \$100,000
- 4.95 percent on single or joint filers' income from over \$100,000 to \$250,000 • 7.75 percent on a single filer's
- income from over \$250,000 to \$350,000 and joint filers' from over

\$250,000 to \$500,000

- 7.85 percent on a single filer's income from over \$350,000 to \$750,000 and joint filers' from over
- or joint filers exceed \$1 million, the top rate of 7.99 percent will apply at a flat apply.

Those rates effectively mean anyone graduated structure, while those earning above that amount would pay higher

Replacement tax of 1.5 to 2.5 percent which already exists in current law.

per-child tax credit for joint filers earning less than \$60,000 annually and single filers earning less than \$40,000 annually. The tax credit would decrease by \$5 per child for every \$2,000 of income a filer has above those amounts.

In estimates released before the

Neither the amendment nor the accompanying legislation would change the level of authority lawmakers have to raise tax rates. A simple majority vote from both chambers in the General Assembly and a signature from the governor is all that is needed to raise rates currently, and that would remain the case

### WHAT DO THEY KNOW THAT WE DON'T???

You see it in the newspapers. One of the counties surrounding us is starting construction on another wind farm. Why would they do that when the DeWitt County Residents Against Wind Turbines and their candidates claim wind turbines are so harmful?

DeWitt County sits in the middle of four very conservative counties with republican control of their County Boards, but yet they have eleven wind farms built or under development. In fact, three wind farms are being planned along DeWitt County's east, west, and northern boundary lines. These four counties have a total of eight universities or colleges amongst them and know the information fed to our residents from the Dewitt County Residents Against Wind Turbines is not true. Over the last 3 years the anti-turbine group did not bring any medical doctors or lawyers to appear before the County Board to testify about safety or health issues.

**Additionally,** have you ever read about property values going down in the counties around us? That's just more misinformation. By the way, you've never heard the anti-winders talk about budget issues. Why? Because they don't want you to know what's coming - much higher taxes!

What is true is that the sand is running out of the hour glass when it comes to our nuclear power plant. DeWitt County must start now to build a tax base! See the official record below from the Mclean County Treasurer and Tax Collector of what Mclean County has done to bring in property tax dollars instead of dramatically increasing their resident's property taxes for schools and other county services.

McLean County Wind Farm Property Tax Collections Prepared by the McLean County Treasurer & Tax Collector

			Established	E	stablished			Established						App	roximate
		Т	Y 2007/ 2008	Ту	2008 / 2009		Т	Y 2011 / 2012				Total		Ben	efit to County
<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Payable</u>	High	Trail Wind Farm	Old T	<u>Trail Wind Farm</u> <u>White Oak Wind Farm</u> <u>Tax Year</u> <u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Collect</u>		White Oak Wind Farm		<u>Collections</u>	Schools @ 65%					
2007	2008	\$	47,851	\$	-		\$	-	2007	2008	\$	47,851		\$	31,103
2008	2009	\$	1,773,732	\$	2,019,199		\$	-	2008	2009	\$	3,792,930		\$	2,465,405
2009	2010	\$	1,763,090	\$	2,130,767		\$	-	2009	2010	\$	3,893,857		\$	2,531,007
2010	2011	\$	1,799,049	\$	2,041,982		\$	-	2010	2011	\$	3,841,031		\$	2,496,670
2011	2012	\$	1,817,391	\$	2,114,657		\$	987,456	2011	2012	\$	4,919,504		\$	3,197,677
2012	2013	\$	1,737,825	\$	1,981,329		\$	1,437,814	2012	2013	\$	5,156,967		\$	3,352,029
2013	2014	\$	1,617,580	\$	1,746,505		\$	1,488,521	2013	2014	\$	4,852,607		\$	3,154,195
2014	2015	\$	1,565,377	\$	1,703,521		\$	1,448,980	2014	2015	\$	4,717,879		\$	3,066,621
2015	2016	\$	1,546,720	\$	1,660,058		\$	1,411,123	2015	2016	\$	4,617,901		\$	3,001,636
2016	2017	\$	1,462,204	\$	1,588,598		\$	1,355,804	2016	2017	\$	4,406,607		\$	2,864,294
2017	2018	\$	1,397,660	\$	1,524,040		\$	1,319,229	2017	2018	\$	4,240,930		\$	2,756,604
2018	2019	\$	1,330,279	\$	1,453,648		\$	1,453,648	2018	2019	\$	4,237,576		\$	2,754,424
2019	2020	\$	1,272,191	\$	1,421,982		\$	1,269,915	2019	2020	\$	3,964,089		\$	2,576,658
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Arrowsmith Twp	51
Dawson Twp	51
Total	102

Parcels Per Twp	
Arrowsmith Twp	65
Dawson Twp	1
Cheney's Grove	46
Total	112

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Parcels Per Twp	
Dry Grove	26
Hudson	10
White Oak	56
Normal	9
Total	101
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- \$350,000 to \$1 million Once a single filer exceeds \$750,000
- rate to every penny of income. For all other earners, the previous brackets earning \$250,000 or less will pay the same or lower income tax rates under the

The measure also raises the corporate tax rate to 7.99 percent from 7 percent and does not change the Corporate Property

It also raises the property tax credit from 5 percent to 6 percent, and creates a \$100

COVID-19 pandemic, the governor's office said the graduated tax is expected to bring in about \$1.2 billion for the current fiscal year as it would be in place for only part of it, and \$3.4 billion once it is in place for a full year.

with the passage of the amendment.

See AMEND / A7

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### NEWS

### ${f Amend}$ / from page A6

### The fiscal picture

For proponents of the measure, the amendment and the rates approved are all about raising more revenue without increasing rates on middle-income earners or making drastic budget cuts to state services, education and public safety.

Pritzker frequently notes he inherited a state government "hollowed out" by budget cuts from previous administrations and a two-year state budget impasse during which the state spent roughly \$5 billion more than it took in each year, driving a backlog of unpaid bills up to \$16 billion.

Pritzker has estimated the budget shortfall for the current fiscal year at \$6.2 billion, as the COVID-19 pandemic has blown a hole in state finances. Without the graduated tax, which would be in effect for only half of the fiscal year, the shortfall could reach \$7.4 billion, he said in April.

To fill that gap, the governor has left open the option of borrowing billions from the federal government and has lobbied for greater aid to states in another federal stimulus package.

But even before the pandemic, Pritzker pegged Illinois' structural, year-after-year budget deficit at \$3.2 billion, and he has framed the graduated tax debate as a choice between 15 percent across-the-board cuts to

state government, a 20 percent flat tax hike or passage of the graduated rates.

On Sept. 24, Lt. Juliana Stratton Gov. said lawmakers "will be forced to consider raising income taxes on all Illinois residents by at least 20 percent, regardless of their level of income" if the graduated income tax fails. That would push the current tax rate to about 6 percent, and would require a simple majority vote in a Legislature dominated by Democrats with or without the passage of the amendment.

But opponents argue that without spending reforms, particularly to unfunded state pension obligations which exceed \$137 billion, voters should not consider sending the state more revenue. They also note both graduated tax measures are devoid of any meaningful immediate property tax reforms. Property taxes are levied and collected locally, not by the state, and they fund such things as schools, local governments, fire departments and libraries.

Those in favor of the amendment argue the added revenue could make it easier to fully fund the evidence-based funding formula for K-12 schools, which – years down the line, they say – could alleviate property tax pressures by shifting funding responsibility from local taxes to the

But opponents are skeptical of what the added

revenues would be used for, as the amendment and accompanying legislation contain no guarantees and the state's pension burden continues to increase.

Opponents also point out that Illinois' combined total tax burden including state and local sales taxes, income taxes, property taxes and others - is the highest in the country, according to the personal finance website Wallethub. The graduated tax would only add to that, they say, claiming that it might drive highearning residents from the state. Pritzker has said it is middle-income earners who have thus far been more likely to leave the state because, he says, the tax burden is "unfairly" distributed.

**Proponents** of the amendment, including Pritzker, cite a breakdown which shows the bottom 20 percent of Illinois earners pay 14.4 percent of their total income to state and local taxes, while the top 1 percent of earners pay 7.4 percent of their income in taxes. That's according to a report by the left-leaning Washington D.C.-based Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy.

### Other arguments

Opposition, led in large part by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, has centered on what the tax would do to businesses and what lawmakers might do in the future if voters give them the opportunity to

levy taxes on portions of the electorate at any one time, rather than on every taxpayer at once.

They also point out the added revenues would not cover state budget deficits amid the pandemic and would require further tax hikes in the future, which could mean adjusting the brackets to raise rates on middle-income earners.

The idea, according to much of the advertising against the amendment, is that giving Springfield politicians the authority to raise taxes on just a small group of taxpayers at any one time makes it easier politically to raise taxes, even though the simple majority vote threshold remains unchanged.

Opposition groups also point to June comments from Treasurer Michael Frerichs, a Democrat who has no role in setting tax rates, who said it was "worth a discussion" to consider taxing retirement income on certain brackets.

While the graduated tax would make it possible to implement taxes on highearning retirees without taxing all retirees, Pritzker has said he and Democrats in the General Assembly oppose taxing retirement income, and the idea remains widely unpopular in Illinois – one of 12 states that do not tax retirement income. Of those 12, nine do not levy income taxes at all.

The senior advocacy group AARP held a news conference earlier this month noting

added revenue from the graduated tax could make lawmakers less likely to tax retirement income in order to fill budget gaps. But opponents continue to point to Frerichs' comments, although the treasurer has since said he does not support a retirement tax.

While those against the measure say the increase to the corporate tax rate will hit job creators hard at a time when the pandemic is already making it difficult to remain afloat, proponents note businesses structured as pass-through entities such as S corporations, sole proprietors others who claim business income on personal taxes will see taxes decrease if they earn less than \$250,000 annually in taxable income.

Opponents also take issue with the amendment's removal of language which states "there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations," claiming the removal of the language allows for tax bills such as "education surcharges" or other such fees on top of the regular income tax.

Those in favor of the bill, however, say the prohibition on levying multiple income taxes was simply a companion to the requirement for a single flat tax rate. The framers' inclusion of the language, proponents say,

was aimed at stopping lawmakers from creating a multi-tiered tax structure through a series of limited flat taxes on different levels of income. Allowing for a graduated tax renders the language moot, they argue.

### The funding

The omnipresent TV and social media advertising regarding the amendment has largely been funded thus far by two billionaires whose combined donations top \$100 million.

The first is Gov. JB Pritzker, who has donated \$56.5 million of his personal fortune to the Vote Yes for Fairness ballot initiative committee.

The other is Kenneth Griffin – Illinois' wealthiest person, founder of the hedge fund Citadel and former major donor to former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner – who has donated \$46.75 million to the Coalition to Stop the Proposed Tax Hike Amendment, a business-tied group led by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

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by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

JOHN 14:23

<u>Jesus replied</u>, "<u>Anyone who</u> loves me <u>will obey</u> my <u>teaching</u>. My <u>Father</u> will <u>love</u> them, <u>and</u> we will <u>come</u> to <u>them</u> and <u>make our home with</u> them."

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### BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of 1 Peter in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. From Matthew 13, what baking item did Jesus compare to the kingdom of heaven? Eggs, Milk, Salt, Yeast
- 3. In Genesis 6:3, how many years did God set as mankind's age limit? 120, 490, 612, 969
- 4. Where does one go to find balm, according to Jeremiah? Corinth, Joppa, Derbe, Gilead
- 5. Which of these women wore a nose ring? Esther, Mary Magdalene, Rebekah, Martha
- 6. Who tested the will of the Lord with a fleece? Jehu, Gideon, Amos, Ahaziah

Rebekah (Gen 24:47); 6) Gideon

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Yeast; 3) 120; 4) Gilead; 5)

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412 S. Monroe Street, Clinton (217) 935-8627 10 a.m.-Sunday school 10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship 7 p.m.-Mondays family prayer 7 p.m.-Wednesday Bible study

### Christ Lutheran Church & preschool

701 S. Mulberry

Street, Clinton
Office (217) 9355808
Preschool office
(217) 935-4675
8:15 a.m.-Sunday
worship
9:30 a.m.-Sunday
school
Preschool Tues.,
Wed. and Thurs.
morning and afternoon sessions.

### Clinton Church of Christ

Bus. Rt. 51 south, Clinton (217) 935-5058 Stephen R. Bradd, Gospel preacher AudioEvangelism. com Clinton CofC.com 9 a.m.-Sunday morning Bible study 10 a.m.-Sunday morning worship 1 p.m.-Sunday worship 7 p.m.-Wednesday

### Clinton Church of God

evening Bible study

720 E. Woodlawn
Street, Clinton
clintoncog.org
Jeffrey DeLaughter,
pastor
9:30 a.m.-Sunday
school
10:30 a.m.-Sunday
morning worship
6 p.m.-Sunday night
service
7 p.m.-Wednesday
service

### Clinton Presbyterian Church

402 N. Center Street
Office hours: 8:30
a.m.-12:30 p.m.,
Mon.-Fri.
Tel. (217) 935-6178
Fax (217) 935-6128
Pastor-Paul Stroup
clintonpresbyterian.
org
9:15 a.m.-Sunday
school
10:30 a.m.-Sunday
worship with nursery
available
Senior high youth
group meets twice a

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### Become Clinton United Methodist Church

308 E. Main Street Rev. Darrell Howard, pastor (217) 935-5869 Email clinton.methodist@ frontier.com clintonumcil.org Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Mon.-Fri. 5 p.m.-Saturday evening service 9 a.m.-Sunday service 10:30 a.m.-Sunday school

### First Baptist Church 220 Illini Drive, Clin-

ton
(217) 935-2032
firstbaptistchurch3@
frontier.com
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) clintonfcc.com Charlie Welke, interim minister Services at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Church for 3-yearolds, beginner church (4 yrs.-k), junior church (1st-5th grades) Nursery available at each morning ser-

### First Church of the Nazarene

vice.

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

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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

children's church (pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> grades) 10:30 a.m.-nursery 5 p.m.-Sunday youth group (junior high and high school)

Lane Christian Church

(217) 935-2557 www.lanechurch.org Jim Kilson, preaching and teaching minister Nick Tuttle, youth and family minister 9 a.m.-Sunday school 10 a.m.-worship 5:30 p.m.-youth group "We're ordinary people helping each

### Lifebridges Church

other become faithful

followers of Jesus."

200 S. Alexander Street, Clinton (217) 570-0105 www. lifebridgeschurch.com Pastors-Jonathan and Dana Taylor 10 a.m.-Sunday celebration 10 a.m.- AMPED Kids for ages (1-5 grades) 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

502 N. Monroe Street, Clinton (217) 935-3727 Rev. James Henning, pastor 4 p.m.-Saturday mass 8:30 a.m.-Sunday mass

### St. Patrick Catholic Church 308 S. Locust Street,

Wapella
(217) 935-8510
Office hours: 10 a.m.3 p.m., Tues.
Father Geoff Horton,
administrator
9 a.m.-Sunday mass

### Texas Christian Church

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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

### The Blessed Hope Seventh-Day Adventist Church

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
Josh Gorrie, minister
Wapellacc.com
9 a.m.-Sunday
school
10 a.m.-worship
"Celebrating our
150th year"

### Waynesville United Methodist Church 202 S. Isham Street

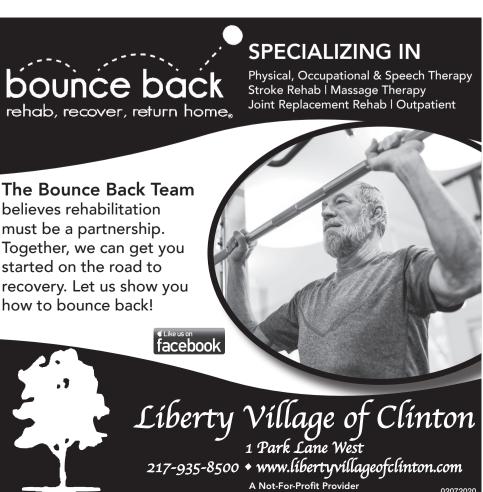
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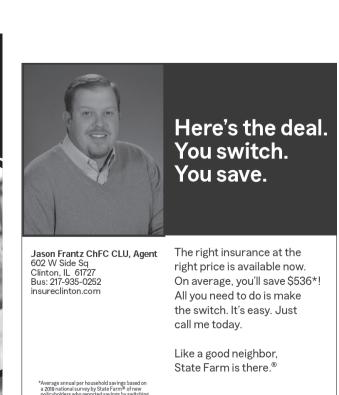
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Tami
Worschey-Kessinger,
pastor
9:15 a.m.-church
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10:30 a.m.-Sunday
school 6:30-8:30
p.m., Mondays quilting
7-8:30 a.m.-Wednesday community
coffee
8:45 a.m.-Wednesday morning Bible
study
7 p.m.-2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays,

comfort and care



BIBLE WORD SEARCH







### NEWS



Photos courtesy of Edvydas Cicenas A line of BSA Scouts, Cub Scouts and Venturing Crew wait to retire the old flags into the flames.

### Scouts conduct COVID-safe flag-retirement cermony

Edvydas Cicenas Boy Scouts 1142

Covid-19 slowed but has not stopped Clinton Troop 1142 from the traditional flag retirement ceremonies, held Weldon Springs.

Scouts, AmVets others gathered Chautauqua to dispose of the old, tired American flags.

The ceremony traditionally held twiceyearly for the troop, but this year only one session was possible. More than 100 flags are normally retired during the special

In America, per U.S. Code, Old Glory is not to be tossed into the garbage when it becomes worn and tattered. Collection boxes at the AmVets, American Legion, Ace Hardware and other local spots serve as gathering locations

for the battered colors. This special ceremony, developed more than 100 years ago by the Scouting movement, properly disposes of the flags.

Scouts remove the field of stars with scissors and then cut up the stripes thereby rendering it no longer a US flag. Once cut, the cloth is then retired in a blaze of flames. The ashes, once cooled, are also buried to finish the special ceremony.

This year brought a smaller crowd than usual, wearing masks and keeping numbers down to keep people safe. BSA Scout Alec Barringer narrated the ceremony with other Scouts helping out with the organizing,

cutting and burning. The ceremony lasted nearly an hour with the flames leaping as high as some of the adults. AmVet Marc Rogers had a

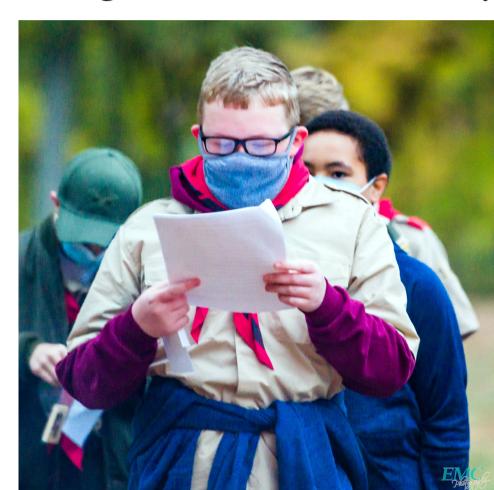
continuous streams of flag facts and questions for the Scouts as they waited for the flames to lessen between piles of flags. He tested their knowledge about how the U.S. flag is to be handled, folded, when the national anthem was written and more.

Many of those gathered were fascinated by all the different facts.

Spectators left special impressions from the night, for some it was their first time attending. Clinton Junior School principal Jim Peck was one of those watchers.

"This was one of the most beautiful fires I've ever seen. The intensity of it matched the importance

of ceremony," said Peck. Folks are encouraged to continue dropping off flags as they are replaced with any of the listed locations.



Second-class BSA Scout Alec Barringer narrates the evening ceremony.

### **Spirit** / from page A1

"It was probably about two years ago, I was at my mom's and I was bored," said Mikah. "She had a lot of make-up, so I started

playing with it." Her creativity and

necessity. You see these

commercials with an

actor struggling with the

old method or a "chef"

demonstrating how well

the item cooks food fit for

a king. Many embellish

frown and gritting teeth,

they scrape or scrub. With

things never to be used in

a kitchen, they show the

indestructability of their

product. They might use

steel wool on a frypan's

non-stick surface. Such

things as hard candy or

burnt-on cheese or even

rubber being melted in the

skillet demonstrates how

it will not stick or harm

A person

the surface.

With a

and over act.

constantly

artistry took on a life of their own and Mikah began to create the different looks "for myself."

Typically, Mikah will post her designs in both still photos and videos on social media.

painting.

"I do it for myself," she

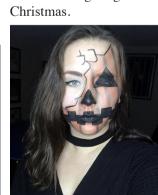
said. "It's fun!" Mikah said she has always liked to draw and in college she began

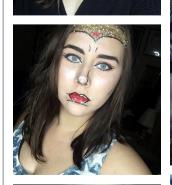
Now

makeup, she gets to do a

little of both. "I'm getting a little faster," she said of her creations Some an hour, while others take two hours or

Mikah anticipates creating a couple more designs for Halloween and hopes to create a few for Thanksgiving











### It is only hot air



Culinary Corner **By Chef** 

Roger Joss

could write a book about the gimmicks and tricks used for selling products. But I like reality.

A psychologist friend of mine had asked me if I own or have used an air fryer. She heard that they are more efficient, faster and healthier to My answer had to be "No I have not tried one." I gave the matter no more thought. However, another friend in Decatur asked what I think about them. I began to see a need to give my views based upon what I know. This would require knowledge regarding culinary equipment, methods and physics. If you have questions about this, then read on.

First off, to call it an air fryer is a misnomer; it is deceptive since to fry food requires oil or grease used as the medium. To then apply the word "air" implies a better way over that of frying with oil. In the truest sense of the word, you do not fry using air. What you have is basically a very small convection oven with a deceptive title. All they are doing is blowing a lot of hot air. What are then the comparative differences? In this we must get into physics. A deep fryer has the oil

heated at or above 350°F. Taking meat for example, when it is submersed into the intensely hot oil, meat immediately That creates a sears. skin that helps prevent oil from soaking in and

the natural juices from easily escaping. The meat will cook throughout and produce delicious foods. If on the other hand, the meat is breaded, then you will have oil soaked into the breading. This will be true with shallow frying as well. Shallow frying pertains to skillet frying and sautéing.

As I stated above, air frying is not actually frying. Nor has it the same qualities as oil frying. The food is dependent upon hot air circulation. As such, the surface begins to slowly cook and gradually penetrate. As a result, the surface is not seared and the natural juices are not as well preserved. I have basically described the actions of a forced air oven; convection oven.

Until next time, peace to all.

### WEATHER/NEWS

Reminders for our

### COVID TESTING TENT.

We are open Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm. You must bring or have faxed to the hospital the following items:



1. A Doctor's Order 2. Insurance Card

3. ID Card

Our fax number is 217-937-5210.

We are **not** a drive through testing facility. If you would

like one of those, please see IDPH's website listed below.

https://dph.illinois.gov/testing



WARNER HOSPITAL & Health Services

### This Week's Local Forecast



**SATURDAY SUNDAY** 

54/43

Precip Chance: 20%

10-15 mph NNE

**Mostly Cloudy** Few Showers 60/47

Precip Chance: 45% 10 mph ESE



**Few Showers** 

55/39

Precip Chance: 50%

10-15 mph N

**MONDAY** 

**TUESDAY** 

**Few Showers** 

51/34

Precip Chance: 45%

10 mph NW

Sunny

46/31

Precip Chance: 0%

10-15 mph SW



51/34

5-10 mph WSW

**FRIDAY** 

10-20 mph NW

**Mostly Cloudy** Cloudy 45/30 Precip Chance: 0% Precip Chance: 0%

### **In-Depth Local Forecast for CLINTON**

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high of 54°, humidity of 63%. North northeast wind 10 to 13 mph. The record high for today is 80° set in 1921. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers, overnight low of 43°. East northeast wind 10 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 41°. The record low for tonight is 27° set in 1930. Sunday, skies will be cloudy with a 45% chance of showers, high of 60°, humidity of 86%. East southeast wind 7 to 10 mph.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

### **Weather Trivia**

What was the name of the first weather satellite?

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY

Answer: Tiros 1.

### **Weather History**

Oct. 24, 1988 - Strong winds circulating around a deep low pressure center produced snow squalls in the Great Lakes region, with six inches reported at Ironwood, Mich. Wind gusts to 80 mph were reported at State College, Pa.



### **RE-ELECT MICHELLE VAN VALEY**

**CIRCUIT CLERK OF DEWITT COUNTY** 

REPUBLICAN

- 눚 Implementation of Civil E Filing
- Established On-Line public accessibility for Fine and Fee payments
- Streamlined the Circuit Clerk's department to minimize County budget
- Adopted new resolutions of scheduled filing fees
- Collections Agency revenue has increased with responsible leadership



**VAN VALEY NOVEMBER 3, 2020**  **Megan Myers** were recruited to run for the County Board by the DeWitt County Residents Against Wind Turbines and now Arcosa, Inc. is permanently

Buck Carter, Aaron Kammeyer, Jamie Prestegaard and

laying off 148 of our fellow residents. This group harassed the company by putting up a billboard that said NO WIND TURBINES IN DEWITT COUNTY for all the Arcosa employees to pass on their way in to work. They constantly took pictures of and followed the towers as they went down the highway and then criticized them. Their Facebook page was a continuous bashing of the wind towers that were being produced by our neighbors. They placed NO WIND TURBINE signs in the yards right next to Arcosa employees' homes. Arcosa is our 2nd largest employer and this will have a dramatic effect not only on these families, but also economically for the county and city. If Buck, Aaron, Jamie and Megan didn't care about these 148 families, ask yourself, do they care about you and your family?

Excerpts from the official Arcosa Inc. notice:

September 16, 2020

Re: Notice of Pursuant to the Federal Worker ing Notification Act ("WARN Act") and the and Refraining Notification Act ("Illinois WAR

This correspondence is to notify you in advan layoff of employees at the Arcosa Wind Tow located at 10000 Tabor Road, Clinton, IL scheduled to commence and be completed

Paid for by James Hull & Diogenes

In meetings with the DeWitt County Board in 2018, representatives of Tradewind Energy, developers of a wind project in DeWitt County, said the Clinton Arcosa plant did not build towers compatible with the turbines planned for the project.



Tradewind Energy is part of Enel Green Power, the world's largest private operator of renewables and leading owner and operator of more than 70 successful renewable energy plants in rural communities all across the United States, including right here in Illinois.

EGP is committed to providing long-term stability for the entire community and working together to build a project that everyone benefits from for generations to come.



We are better together, **DeWitt County.** 





Send us by mail or email a photo of yourself or your favorite Veteran or military person for The Journal's recognition of Veterans Day. Include a short biography of their service history from past or present (limit 50 words, please.) Use the handy form below to mail your photo or email your photo and information to Katy Pyne at kpyne@ theclintonjournal.com.

Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, Reserves or Merchant Marines.

Our special section featuring your own local heroes will be published on

November 6th.

Deadline for submitting Photos/ Information is Fri., Oct. 30, 5 pm

A aboy High School Class of 1966 Retired letter carrier, USPS Wife Laura, 3 children, 5 grandchildren.



Donald H. Schamberger,
Amboy
Army Signal Corps-Corporal
Trained: Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.
May 27 '953 to May 27, 1955
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i. is.on of the Army Signal
School as a ballistic meteorologist and air traffic controller.
He received Good Conduct
Medal and National Defense
Service Medal.



Donald C. Wittenauer, Amboy
Air Force Airman First Class
Trained: George AFB, Victorville Ci

Name:	
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Rank:	
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Tours of Duty:	
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Photos may be picked up at The Clinton Journal office after November 6th, or send us a self-addressed stamped envelope and your photo will be returned.

HERE ARE SOME WAYS TO CONTACT US DEWITTCOUNTYWIND 217.937.9189

FRIDAY, OCT. 23, 2020

# Sports Journal Sports

### CHS cross country performs well in CIC Tournament

Marc Rogers jmarre@frontier.com

CLINTON — The Clinton High School (CHS) cross country (x-country)

team performed well in the recent Central Illinois Conference (CIC) Tournament. The girls' team took

second place in the team standings and the boys' team finished in fourth place overall.

Individually, the Maroons had four athletes who placed well in the tournament. For the boys,

senior Ethan Black continued his season's domination of the x-country field by taking the CIC Championship with fellow senior Brennan Wolfe taking 10th place.

For the girls, freshman MaKayla Koeppel took fourth place overall in a time of 19:54 minutes, which puts her in 6th place on the all-time best times for CHS x-country runners. Junior Clare Holland finished the run in 8th place with a lifetime personal best of 20:10 minutes.

#Maroon Strong



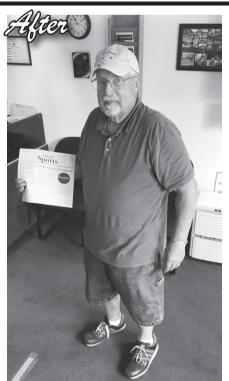
Courtesy of CHS cross country coaches

# GO MAROONS!

Girls and boys runners, left to right, MaKayla Koeppel, Clare Holland, Ethan Black and Brennan Wolfe.

# www.theclintonjournal.com





### Clinton Journal sportswriter Marc Rogers loses 110 lbs!

Clinton resident Marc Rogers topped the scale at 330 pounds when he tried losing weight on his own with little success.

Less than two years later and he's down 117 pounds thanks to the nutrition program he started with Farmer City Chiropractic.

"I feel so much better," said Marc. "I have more energy and I'm doing things I haven't done in years. It's so worth it!"

Marc's improved health has allowed him to stop one of his diabetic medications and reduce another by 2/3 of what it was.

Marc attributes his sucess to the upbeat attitudes fo the people at Farmer City Chiropractic. "They're very motivating!"

### Be like Marc!

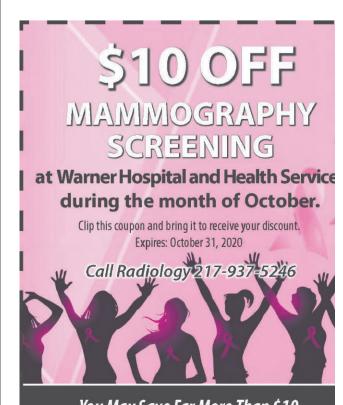
Get started with Nutrition Response Testing at Farmer City Chiropractic!



1401 W Clinton Ave. Farmer City, IL (309) 928-2222







# IHSA COVID rules eliminate Maroons golfers from tournament

Marc Rogers
imarre@frontier.com

CLINTON — Although the Maroons' golf team did not qualify for the regional tournament, three players did, according to the normal qualifying regulations.

In a normal year, the top three teams in the region would be in the fray along with the top 10 players in the region not on the qualified teams. This season, the Maroons had two freshmen and a junior who would have normally qualified.

However, due to the IHSA changes in rules on sports owing to the the coronavirus pandemic, under advisement from the Illinois Department of Public Health, these three athletes were not in the tournament.

This season, the IHSA took only the top two teams and the top four individual players, eliminating the Maroons.

### Reporter's note:

If you see Brooks Cluver, Drew Milton and Mason Walker, be sure to congratulate them on a good year and encourage them for the coming years as they improve their skills. All the freshmen on the team played well, helping the team to win several meets late in the season.

#Maroon Pride

GO MAROONS!

**CITY** 

**SCRAMBLE** 

84 Gas in signs

85 Pasting stuff

(worry-free)

military gp.

Mannheim

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104 Consent (to)

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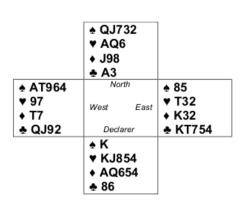
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### **GAMES**

### **BRIDGE BITES**

### WHAT'S YOUR PLAN B?



E-W Vulnerable

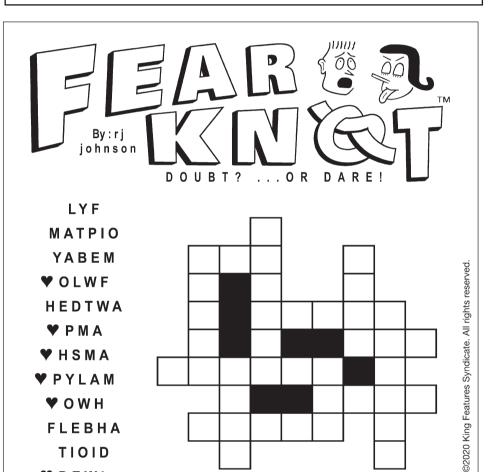
South West North East 1♥ Pass 1♠ **Pass Pass** 4₩ **All Pass** 

West leads the &Q, won in Dummy. You are playing a duplicate event, meaning that an overtrick will be well rewarded in the scoring. What is your Plan A for making as many tricks as possible? When Plan A doesn't work, you'll need to follow up with a wellreasoned Plan B.

Plan A must surely be to set up the Spades. If Declarer can lose a Spade, ruff a Spade, and draw trumps ending in Dummy, then there are 10 tricks (assuming that Spades are 4-3 and trumps 3-2), with a valuable overtrick in the offing if the ♦K is onside. But Declarer cannot draw trumps before playing on Spades, she needs the ♥A and ♥Q as later entries to the board. So, Declarer loses the ♠K to West's Ace, after which West cashes the ♣J and exits a trump, won in Dummy. Declarer ruffs a Spade, cashes a high trump and crosses to Dummy's last trump. But that well-timed play comes to naught when Spades turn out to be 5-2.

Goodbye Plan A, hello Plan B. This requires playing Diamonds correctly, with Dummy's ♦J98 opposite Declarer's ♦AQ6, and with ♦KT732 somehow distributed between the defenders. There are two certain tricks here, but what's the best play for three? Should you finesse the \Q and cash the Ace, hoping that East has ♦Kx? ... or should you lead the ♦J, playing for East to have Kxx and West to have ◆Tx? As West has the long Spades it makes sense to play for East to have the longer Diamonds. With that in mind, Declarer plays East to hold ◆Kxx rather than ◆Kx, which means that leading the ◆J from Dummy is the route to the coveted overtrick.

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



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

### **GO FIGURE!** by Linda Thistle

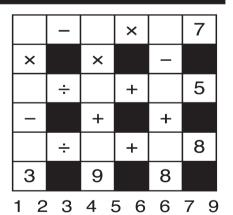
The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each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

♥ DEWL

**DIFFICULTY:** ★★★

### ★ Moderate ★★ Difficult

★★★ GO FIGURE!



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### **Super** Crossword

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6 In pursuit of

7 "The Chase"

star Marlon

8 One nabbing

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"Moneyball" **45** Denounce 48 Plundered an Ohio city? 51 Big lug

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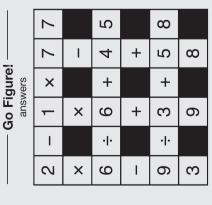
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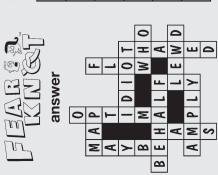
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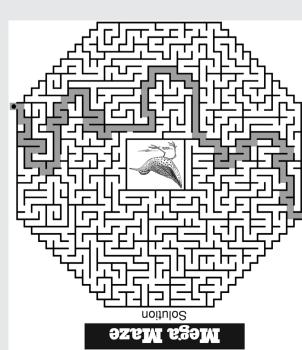
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**REAL ESTATE** 

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE **6TH JUDICIAL** CIRCUIT

**DEWITT COUN-**TY - CLINTON, **ILLINOIS** 

Home Point Financial Corporation

**PLAINTIFF** 

Vs.

Jennifer K. Young; et. al.

**DEFENDANTS** 

2020CH13

NOTICE OF SHER-IFF'S SALE OF **REAL ESTATE** 

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 09/23/2020, the Sheriff of DeWitt County, Illinois will on November 18, 2020 at the hour of 10:00 AM at Dewitt County Sheriff Lobby of Sheriff's Office 101 West Washington Street Clinton, IL 61727, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale. County of DeWitt and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described

real estate: PIN 07-35-110-004

Improved with Single Family Home

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 620 E Main St Clinton, IL

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Prop\$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the ceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four

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special assessments, or special said real estate and is offered for sale without any quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to

confirmation by the

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after ers other than the Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1)

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle

**Piatt County Nursing Home is** 

currently seeking an individual or

organization to remove snow this

season from our facility.

Would be required to remove snow of

2" or more inches during the season.

The ability to salt the parking lots. This

would include half of the front drive and

all the rear parking lot.

**Interested candidates please submit** 

your bid to:

**Scott Porter, Executive Director** 

**PO Box 410** 

Monticello, IL 61856

Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each purchaser not to ex-(24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, taxes levied against representation as to

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

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-20-02119.

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FREON WANTED: We pay \$\$\$ for cylinders and cans. R12 R500 R11 R113 R114 Convenient. Certified Professionals. Call 312-598-1758 or visit

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erty Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1.000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE any tenants or other **6TH JUDICIAL** CIRCUIT

> TY - CLINTON, **ILLINOIS** Quicken Loans,

**DEWITT COUN-**

**PLAINTIFF** 

Prospective bidders

Jason H. Schorn;

**DEFENDANTS** 

2019CH30

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IN THE CIRCUIT

**6TH JUDICIAL** 

**DEWITT COUN-**

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Quicken Loans,

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**DEFENDANTS** 

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**PLAINTIFF** 

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INFORMATION **EXAMINE THE** COURT FILE OR CONTACT PLAN-TIFF'S ATTORNEY, BRYCE A. LYNCH, 216 SOUTH CEN-TER STREET, P.O. **BOX 478, CLIN-**TON, ILLINOIS, TELEPHONE NO. proved with a single (217) 935-2183. Respectfully submitted this 7 day of October, 2020. for inspection of the James Durbin, the sale. This prop-Plaintiff By: Taylor & Lynch open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to

Illinois. The sale will be conducted by the Sheriff of DeWitt County. g) The terms of the sale are:

within twenty-four hours. The mortgage lien holder.

1) 10% cash on

of the sale price

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be permitted to bid the debt owed to it by the mortgagor in the same manner and with the same affect at and subsequent to such sale as if cash had been bid in the same amount. A third party Buyer will be required to pay the bid balance including the judicial sale fee for abandoned residential property municipality relief fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1.00 for each \$1,000 or

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REAL ESTATE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY,

ILLINOIS JAMES DURBIN, Plaintiff,

VS. RICK GHARRETT and CINDY GHAR-

RETT N/K/A CINDY

L. THRASHER

NON RECORD CLAIMANTS, UN-KNOWN OWNERS and POSSIBLE TENANTS IN POS-SESSION,

Defendants. NO. 2019-CH-25 NOTICE OF

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COURT SALE Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by this court on June 3 2020, the property hereinafter described or as much

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**ACCORDANCE** WITH § 15/1701 (C) OF THE ILLI-**NOIS MORTGAGE FORCLOSURE** LAW. FOR FURTHER

IF YOU ARE THE

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1612 East Wash-

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c) The legal de-

Lot 7 in Block 3

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Subdivision of the

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Parcel No.: 07-35-

d) A description of

the improvements

on the real estate

The property is im-

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e) The judgment

does not provide

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f) The time and

The sale will be

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THE ILLINOIS

**FORECLOSURE** 

For information: Ex-

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Associates, P.C.,

15W030 North

Frontage Road,

Suite 100, Burr

Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876.

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By: /s/Bryce A. Lynch Attorney for Plaintiff BRYCE A. LYNCH 6297077 **TAYLOR & LYNCH** 216 SOUTH CEN-TER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, ILLI-NOIS 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183

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ILLINOIS.

following described 44-2/9 FEET OFF OF THE FULL EAST SIDE OF LOT 3 IN BLOCK 3 IN ARGO'S AD-DITION TO THE CITY OF CLINTON, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DE-WITT & STATE OF Frontage Road,

to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all informa-IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE **FORECLOSURE** LAW. For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North

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Clerk of the Court, DeWitt County Buliding, 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, on or before the 14th day of April, 2021, interest community, or on or before 3

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number 14-19-KNOWN AS: 401 N 13157129 Legal 19022 October 2, 9 and 16, 2020 **LEGAL** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DE WITT COUNTY IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER

OF THE ESTATE

AGNES J. "BON-

NIE" DAVIS, De-

20-P-49 **DEATH AND CLAIM DATE NO-**TICE NOTICE is hereby given of the death of the above named

ceased

decedent; that Letters of Office were issued on

the 30th day of September, 2020 as Independent Executrix, to DEBRA K. STROKIRCH, 302 E. Webster St., Clinton, IL 61727, whose attorney of record is Lamkin

estate must be filed

in the Office of the

without court supervision, unless an interested party terminates indepen-& Lamkin, P.C., dent administration 200 South Monroe by filing a petition Street, Post Office to terminate under Box 597, Clinton, Section 28-4 of Illinois 61727. the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS CLAIMS against the

> nate independent administration may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court at the above address Dated this 5th day

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- IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER

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HARRIET L.

DECEASED

NO. 2020-P-8

<u>CLAIM DATE</u>

<u>ISTRATION</u>

dent:

NOTICE - INDE-PENDENT ADMIN-

Notice is given of

above named dece-

the death of the

Letters of Office

were issued on

1053 W 300 N,

October 2, 2020 to

Jeffery R. Kunce,

Anderson, Indiana

46011 and Greg-

ory R. Kunce, 210

W. Race Street,

Portland, Indiana

47371 as indepen-

dent co-executors.

The attorney for the

estate is Joseph B.

Taylor of Taylor &

Lynch, 216 South

Center Street, P.O.

Box 478, Clinton,

Illinois, 61/2/.

Claims may be

filed in the office

of the Clerk of the

Court at the DeWitt

County Courthouse,

201 West Washing-

ton Street, Clinton,

Illinois, 61727, or

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or before April 5,

2021. Any claim

period is barred.

not filed within that

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filed with the Clerk

of the Court must

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ered to the attorney

for the estate which

registered agent for

the estate, Joseph

B. Taylor of Taylor

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of such mailing or

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be administered

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for the estate who

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OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CUR-CUIT COUNTY OF **DEWITT** 

**LEGAL** 

STATE OF IL-

LINOIS IN THE

CIRCUIT COURT

Estate of: Larry L. Helton Deceased.

CASE NO. 20-P-52 NOTICE BY PUBLI-

CATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Larry L. Helton, of 19 West-

wood St., Weldon,

Illinois 61882 Letters of Office were issued on

October 7, 2020, to Gail A. Helton. Independent Administrator, 19 Westwood St., Weldon, Illinois 61882,

whose attorney is Kevin Hammer, 219 E. Main Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727. The estate will be administered without court super vision unless under Section 28-4 of the

Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the Estate must be filed in the office of the Clerk of DeWitt Court, Devvitt

County Circuit County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 16, 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

Dated this 7th day of October, 2020. Kevin Hammer Attorney for the Estate of Larry L. Helton 219 East Main Street Clinton, IL 61727 217/935-7063

30, 2020 **LEGAL** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL

Legal 19029

October 16, 23 and

CIRCUIT DE WITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**CLAIM NOTICE** 

ceased.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGIANA HOUSER, De-

Case No. 2020-P-

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.

1) 10% cash on

of the sale price

within twenty-four

hours. The mort-

gage lien holder,

be permitted to

bid the debt owed

gagor in the same

manner and with

the same affect at

and subsequent to

such sale as if cash

had been bid in the

same amount. A

third party Buyer

will be required to

ance including the

judicial sale fee for

dential property mu-

nicipality relief fund,

which is calculated

at the rate of \$1.00

for each \$1,000 or

fraction thereof of

the purchaser not

to exceed \$300,

in certified funds

which is due within

twenty-four hours.

No title insurance is

being provided with

respect to the sale

of the property and

the property will be

2) Subject property

will be conveyed

general real estate

taxes which may

be a lien upon

the real estate,

but have not yet

become due and

payable, and spe-

cial assessments.

if any, easements

and restrictions of

in possession.

by the court.

record, and tenants

3) The sale is sub-

ject to confirmation

The sale may be

subject to the rights

of redemption and

possession of the

mortgagor which

extinguished or for

have not been

subject to all

sold in an "as-is"

condition.

the amount paid by

abandoned resi-

pay the bid bal-

to it by the mort-

James Durbin, shall

the date of the sale

and the remainder

NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN of the death of GEOR-GIANA HOUSER formerly of Atlanta, Georgia, who died on September 6, 2020 owning an interest in real property located in De Witt County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued to SARAH H. GREER, JOHN R. HOUSER and DAVID E. HOUSER on September 30, 2020. The attorney and designated registered agent for the estate is Thomas A. Jennings of Livingston, Barger, Brandt & Schroeder, LLP. 115 West Jefferson Street, Suite 400,

61701. Claims against the estate may be electronically filed via Odyssey eFileIL with the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, De Witt County, Illinois in Clinton, Illinois or with the designated registered agent, or both, on or before APRIL 16, 2021. If filed with the Clerk, the claimant must mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the designated registered agent and file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery within ten (10) days after a claim has

Bloomington, Illinois

Dated: October 8, 2020

been filed.

SARAH H. GREER, JOHN R. HOUS-ER and DAVID E. HOUSER, Co-Executors

By: Thomas A. Jénnings, Attorney at Law ARDC #06229494

Livingston, Barger. Brandt & Schroeder, LLP 115 W. Jefferson Street, Suite 400 Bloomington, IL 61701 (309) 828-5281 tjennings@lbbs. com

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### **LEGAL**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY. **ILLINOIS** 

JAMES DURBIN,

Plaintiff,

RICK GHARRETT and CINDY GHAR-RETT N/K/A CINDY L. THRASHER NON RECORD CLAIMANTS, UN-KNOWN OWNERS and POSSIBLE TENANTS IN POS-SESSION,

Defendants.

NO. 2019-CH-25

### **NOTICE OF COURT SALE**

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by this court on June 3 2020, the property hereinafter described or as much therefore shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

a) The name, address, and telephone number of the person to contact for informa-

tion regarding the

real estate:

James Durbin 6 Delmar Drive Clinton, IL 61727 (217) 935-3401 b) The common

estate is: 1612 East Washington Street, Clin-

address of the real

ton, DeWitt County, Illinois 61727 c) The legal de-

scription of the real estate is:

Lot 7 in Block 3 in William Fuller's Subdivision of the City of Clinton, situated in the County of DeWitt, in the State of Illinois. Parcel No.: 07-35-229-004

the improvements on the real estate

d) A description of

The property is improved with a single family residence.

e) The judgment

does not provide for inspection of the real estate prior to the sale. This property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all informa-

f) The time and place of the court sale are:

The sale will be held November 18. 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the DeWitt County Sheriff's Office, 101 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois. The sale will be conducted by the Sheriff of DeWitt County.

g) The terms of the sale are:

which the time prescribed by statute has not yet lapsed.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchasers shall receive a certificate of sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a judicial deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale by the court. IF YOU ARE THE

**MORTGAGOR** (HOMEOWNER) YOU HAVE THE **RIGHT TO RE-**MAIN IN POS-**SESSION FOR** THIRTY (30) DAYS **AFTER ENTRY OF** AN ORDER OF **POSSESSION IN ACCORDANCE** WITH § 15/1701 (C) OF THE ILLI-**NOIS MORTGAGE FORCLOSURE** LAW.

FOR FURTHER **INFORMATION EXAMINE THE COURT FILE OR CONTACT PLAN-**TIFF'S ATTORNEY, **BRYCE A. LYNCH,** 216 SOUTH CEN-TER STREET, P.O. **BOX 478, CLIN-**TON, ILLINOIS, TELÉPHONE NO. (217) 935-2183.

James Durbin, Plaintiff

Respectfully sub-mitted this 7 day of

October, 2020.

By: Taylor & Lynch

By: /s/Bryce A.

Lynch Attorney for Plaintiff BRYCE A. LYNCH 6297077

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### LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

**DEWITT COUN-**TY-IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONNA R. WEAVER, DE-CEASED

NO. 2020-P-51

**CLAIM DATE NO-**<u>TICE- INDEPEN-</u> <u>DENT</u> <u>ADMINISTRATION</u>

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

Letters of Office

were issued on **OCTOBER 2, 2020** to Mark Weaver, 2727 E. Portico Court, Spokane, Washington 99223 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 attorney for the estate who also acts as the registered agent for the executor, said agent and attorney

being Joseph B. Taylor of Taylor & Lynch, for the services of claims or other designated matter, or both, on or before April 5, 2021. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the attorney for the estate which also acts as the registered agent for the estate, Joseph B. Taylor of Taylor & Lynch and file with the clerk proof of such mailing or

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.

delivery within 10

The estate will

days after it is filed.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2020.

Mark Weaver, Independent Administrator of the estate of Donna R. Weaver, Deceased

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### **LEGAL**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

**DEWITT COUN-**TY-IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUNE G. BLUE, **DECEASED** 

NO. 2020-P-53

CLAIM DATE NO-TICE- INDEPEN-DENT **ADMINISTRATION** 

Notice is given of

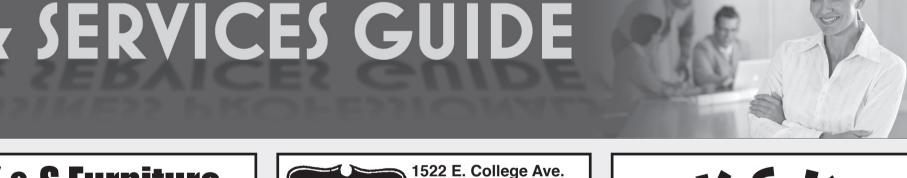
the death of the

above named decedent; Letters of Office were issued on the 7 day of October, 2020 to Joni Lynne Newberg, 16244

State Highway 10, Clinton, Illinois 61727 as independent executor. 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 April 7, 2021. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk of the court must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed

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### LEGAL

Notice of Public Sale is hereby given that an auction will be held online on <u>www.lockerfox.</u> com beginning on November 12, 2020 at 12:00pm ending November 19,2020, 12:01 pm to 12:13 pm to sell the following individuals' articles to enforce lien against such articles, for storage furnished at Storage Unlimited, 1506 Route 54 East, Clinton IL 61727, (217) 935-3200 under a rental

agreement with:

12:01 pm, Virginia Mitchell, occupant of space 1E14, items: bike, fishing equipment, assorted tools and misc. 12:04 pm, Christopher Daniels, occupant of space 1126, items: Electric fireplace, furniture, laptop and misc 12:05 pm, Geraldine Blades, occupant of space 1N05, items: Household goods and misc. 12:06 pm, Toni Plotke, occupant of space 1H15, items: Mini fridge, sofa, cabinet and misc. 12:08 pm, Jackie Howard, occupant of space 1H25, items: Bicycles, safes, riding lawnmower, furniture, tools and misc. 12:09 pm, Jason Moyer, occupant of space 1E24, items: mattress and misc

clothing. 12:10 pm, Cody Ackerson occupant of space 1P10, items: front door, wheelbarrow and 12:11 pm, Adreana

Leblanc occupant of space 1F14, Items: mattress, TV, furniture, pots, pans and misc. 12:12 pm, Skylar Witt, occupant of space 1I14, items: elliptical machine, rocking horse, baby swing, pack and play and misc. 12:13 pm, Harry Gray, occupant of space 1N08, items: Guitar, Schwinn bicycles, leather

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jacket, and misc.

### LEGAL

In the Circuit Court of the 11th Judicial Circuit Logan County, Illinois

In the Matter of the North Branch Lake

Fork Special Drainage District in the Counties of Logan, Macon and DeWitt, State of Illinois, and Sub-Districts 2, 3, 4

### 1957MC888

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 17, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., the Commissioners of the above captioned Drainage District will hold an Annual Meeting of the District at the law office of Thomas L. Van Hook, 1226 Broadway St., Lincoln, IL.

At said time and place the 2020 Annual Financial Report will be available and the Maintenance Levy payable in 2021 will be discussed and adopted and the Commissioners shall conduct any and all other pertinent business which may come before the meeting.

Any interested landowners in the District may attend the meeting.

Robert L. Maske Darin M. Stoll J.E. Stoll **Drainage Commis**sioners

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Katy O'Grady-Pyne / Journal

### Keeping the plumbing clean

City workers flushed water mains around town this week. Work was expected to be completed by Tuesday, Oct. 20.

### University of Illinois Extension

### When to worry about needle drop on white pine trees

deciduous maple, oak, and dogwood neighbors, evergreens sign of something more seri-

Plant Clinic frequently receives many white pine tree samples with symptoms pointing to decline, a condition caused by environmental stress.

"Though adaptable species, white pines seem to grow with intermittent success in Illinois," says Illinois Extension Specialist in Plant Pathology Travis Cleveland. "White pine decline is a dropped during fall," says result of stress, especially for trees planted outside the species' requirements."

latest issue of the Home, Yard yellow, brown, or reddish-tan manage decline since it's diffi- nator, Illinois Extension

and Garden Pest Newsletter.

URBANA, Ill. - Like their include yellowish-green or browning needles that drop prematurely and thin out the tree's from top to bottom. If entire trees drop some of their foliage canopy. Bark on the branches branches or needles at the tips in the fall. But, needle drop in appears shriveled or wrinkled. of branches begin to die, if the white pine trees can also be a Underground, the tree's roots pattern is not uniform through usually are sparser and finer the tree or if drop happens at than healthy trees. In some cas-The University of Illinois es, a single tree in a group may be the only one affected.

> White pine decline is different than seasonal needle drop that happens in the fall in response to shorter days and considered an cooler temperatures. Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator Ken Johnson says while is normal this time of year.

"Only the oldest needles are Johnson, who wrote a blog Cleveland wrote an article er needles on the inside of the ate extended dry spells." Early symptoms of decline dropped from the tree."

formly throughout the tree other times of the year something else is happening and warrants a closer inspection.

White pine performs best in moist, sandy loam soils. Many of the samples submitted were from trees growing on sites with heavy clay soils, often with high pH levels. "An overall trend toward wet-

needle drop may be alarming, it ter spring climate may also be a contributing factor," Cleveland says. "Excessive rains saturate soils resulting in a lack of oxygen and impaired root develabout fall needle drop. "Just opment that later damages the like in deciduous trees, the old- tree more when it cannot toler-

when it is their turn to be cult to reverse once it begins. Plant white pines on sites and

Fall needle drop occurs uni- in soil conditions suited to the

Afflicted trees do not pose a threat to surrounding trees and immediate removal is not nec-

Watering during dry periods and adding a 3- to 4-inch layer of a natural mulch over the root system can help. Applying an acidic fertilizer specifically for pines or acid-loving plants may also help.

More information about white pine decline and other pest issues is available at hyg ipm.illinois.edu.

SOURCES: Travis Cleveland, Illinois Extension Specialist, Plant Pathology; Ken Johnson, Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator

WRITER: Emily Steele, Meabout white pine decline in the tree canopy will begin to turn Prevention is the best way to dia Communications Coordi-

### Exfoliating bark trees add great appeal

plenty of ornamental features to get excited about when it comes to trees, but one interesting feature often gets overlooked: exfoliating bark.

"Exfoliating bark is amazing all year long," says Andrew Holsinger, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator. "And some varieties of trees have an amazing color

some trees. Weather influences this process, including how much of bark is shed in a sea-

peeling or exfoliating bark is layers of bark.

URBANA, Ill. – There are not a good sign for trees that don't naturally exhibit this bark characteristic and can be a sign of problems.

> tification characteristic when scape. identifying trees," Holsinger trees with exfoliating bark inbald cypress, ironwood, and eastern red cedar."

The bark of most young trees thicker, protecting the tree. The outermost layer of bark dies with exfoliating trees, this lay-A word of caution though: er peels and reveals the inner

state, Holsinger says, the exfoliating bark is a nice feature that can add to the uniqueness "Bark can be a helpful iden- of the home or urban land-

says. "Some Illinois native a great home for bats. Many of bat species native to Illinois clude sycamore, river birch, use trees with exfoliating bark for summer roosting and maternity colonies.

Some exfoliating bark spe-The process of shedding bark, is smooth and thin. As the tree cies are fire resistant. The bark or exfoliating, is normal for matures, the bark becomes acts somewhat like an insulator protecting the tree. The following trees have ex-

and naturally sloughs off, but foliating bark characteristics er, Horticulture Educator, Illiand can create a focal point for nois Extension your landscape:

Bald Cypress (Taxodium dis-

Even in the actively growing tichum), Birch (Betula spp.) Black cherry (Prunus serotina). Dawn redwood (Metasequoia glyplostroboides), Eastern red cedar (Juniperus virginiana). Ironwood/hophornbeam (Os-Exfoliating bark trees provide trya virginiana), Lacebark elm (Ulmus parvifolia), Paperbark maple (Acer griseum), Redbud (Cercis canadensis), Scotch pine (Pinus sylvestris), Shagbark hickory (Carya ovata). Sycamore (Platanus occidentalis) and Zelkova (Zelkova

SOURCE: Andrew Holsing-

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ger, Bloomington

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To the Electors of the State of Illinois:

The Illinois Constitution establishes a structure for government and laws. There are three ways to initiate change to the Illinois Constitution: (1) a constitutional convention may propose changes to any part; (2) the General Assembly may propose changes to any part; or (3) a petition initiative may propose amendments limited to structural and procedural subjects contained in the Legislative Article. The people of Illinois must approve any changes to the Constitution before they become effective. The purpose of this document is to inform you of proposed changes to the Illinois Constitution and provide you with a brief explanation and a summary of the arguments in favor of and in opposition to the proposed amendment. Proposed changes in the existing constitutional amendment are indicated by underscoring all new matter and by crossing with a line all matter which is to be deleted.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IX – REVENUE

(a) The General Assembly shall provide by law for the rate or rates of any tax on or measured by income imposed by the State. A tax on or measured by income shall be at a non-graduated rate. At any one time there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations. In any such tax imposed upon corporations the

highest rate shall not exceed the highest rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5. (b) Laws imposing taxes on or measured by income may adopt by reference provisions of the laws and regulations of the United States, as they then exist or thereafter may be changed, for the purpose of arriving at the amount of income upon which the tax is imposed.

### **EXPLANATION**

The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.

### ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Illinois' current tax system unfairly benefits millionaires and billionaires and this amendment will set things right for middle-class and working people. Currently, it is unfair that billionaires pay the same tax rate as regular people.

Voting "yes" on the amendment means that the State will enact a new tax structure where only those making above \$250,000 a year will see their taxes go up. This amendment is simply upgrading Illinois' old tax system to a graduated system which is how the federal government and the majority of other states do it.

Approval of this amendment would enact a fair system that allows the state to tax wealthy people at higher rates and lower income people at lower rates, replacing Illinois' current unfair tax system, in

which wealthy people pay the exact same tax rate as lower and middle income people. Illinois' current tax system unfairly benefits millionaires and billionaires, and approval of this amendment will set things right for the middle class and working people.

This amendment will help small business owners by creating a stable economic environment for their businesses to thrive. While others try to mislead you, under the current tax system in Illinois, policymakers already have the authority to set any tax rate and to change tax rates at their will. The current system forces policymakers to charge the same tax rate to everyone, regardless of how much money they make. If this amendment passes, the State will have the ability to tax higher income earners at a different rate. In fact, upon passage of this Amendment, a new tax structure will go into effect where 97% of taxpayers will pay the same or less, while only those making more than \$250,000 a year will see a tax

This amendment does not tax retirement income.

This Amendment Would Make Illinois' Tax System Fair.

The Federal Government and Most States Use the Graduated Tax System Proposed in this Amendment, Not the Unfair System Currently Used in Illinois.

Illinois is among a minority of states that do not utilize graduated tax rates because the Illinois Constitution requires a "flat tax" that penalizes middle-class and working people and benefits higher

A majority of states and the federal government already use the kind of graduated income tax system proposed in this amendment to ensure that wealthy people pay their fair share of taxes. Nearby states including Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin are among the majority of states that have graduated tax systems

Illinois' Current Income Tax System Relies on Taxes from Middle and Lower Income Earners, While a Graduated System Would Lower that Burden and Fund Critical Programs such as Education and <u>Human Services</u>.

While some states have fair tax rates in which the highest income earners pay the highest tax rate, Illinois' "flat tax" rate continues to rely unfairly on taxes from middle and lower income earners. Under Illinois' "flat tax" structure, a nurse making \$50,000 per year pays the same tax rate as an executive making \$4 million per year. A graduated tax rate would have the executive pay more. Because of the way our current tax system is set up, the bottom fifth of Illinois taxpayers (those making below \$21,800) contribute 14.4% of their income to state and local taxes, compared to 7.4% for

If this Amendment passes, the State has already enacted a new graduated tax structure where 97% of taxpayers will pay the same or less.

Under the new tax structure, only the top 3% of Illinois income earners would pay more in income taxes. Everyone who makes \$250,000 or less a year would pay the same or less.

Over 95% of small businesses earn \$250,000 or less a year in profits, and their owners will not see a tax increase under the new tax structure. This change will generate additional revenue each year that can help address Illinois' budget deficit and fund critical programs, including the State's education system, public safety, and social services

like mental health and substance abuse treatment and domestic violence shelters. After the COVID-19 Pandemic, We Need to Do All We Can to Help the Economy and Middle-Class and Working People.

Working people and essential workers like nurses, first responders, and grocery store clerks should not pay the same tax rate as the wealthy. Nurses making \$50,000 a year should not pay the same tax

rate as an executive making \$4,000,000 a year.

Having wealthy people pay more would reduce the burden on working families. This is money that middle and lower income people need for housing, groceries, medicine, and essentials. When the wealthiest people pay more, middle and lower income earners can pay less while the State funds critical services that our essential workers rely on.

### ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

- The Amendment gives the Legislature power to increase taxes on any group of taxpayers with no limits and no accountability and without any requirement to use the additional revenue to fund
- essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety. Taxes and spending are out of control. The Legislature should not be allowed to keep raising taxes until they get their spending under control.
- In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the worst possible time for a massive tax increase

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The proposed amendment would give the Legislature unlimited new authority to increase income tax rates on any group of taxpayers at will, including low-income and middle-income families and small business owners. There would be no limit on the number of tax brackets that could be created and no limit on how high tax rates could be increased on individual taxpayers. In addition, this proposed change will pave the way for a tax on retirement income.

Nothing in the amendment requires the Legislature to do anything to control spending. Nor does it require funds to be spent on essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety. It would simply give the Legislature a blank check to spend billions of dollars however they want, with no accountability.

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Illinois already has some of the highest property taxes and sales taxes in the nation. And the Legislature has increased Illinois income tax rates twice in the past decade to try to deal with the out-of-

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, our state had a huge and growing multi-billion-dollar budget deficit, and the unfunded pension liability skyrocketed to over \$137 billion. That's because the Legislature has continued to increase state spending instead of eliminating government waste, corruption, and abuse

Because they refuse to control spending or pass major reforms, the Legislature will just continue to raise taxes on everyone in Illinois, and middle-class families will be their next target. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the worst possible time for a massive tax increase.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused layoffs, unemployment, bankruptcies, and closures. As small businesses and local employers struggle to rebuild, this is the worst possible time to impose huge new tax increases. Even before the COVID-19 crisis, many residents and businesses were leaving the state because of the high tax burden. If the Amendment passes, it would be the last straw for thousands of small businesses, causing more jobs to leave the state, and making Illinois lose out on investments to rebuild our economy. This would mean fewer jobs and less opportunity for Illinois families.

For the proposed amendment of Section 3 of Article IX of the NO Illinois Constitution.

### FORM OF BALLOT

Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution

The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois

Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower income tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.

Due to COVID-19, all 2020 General Election voters are encouraged to cast a ballot prior to Election Day, either by mail or during early voting. Voting by mail is an easy option for voters and you can request a vote by mail ballot through email, mail, or in person. An application is available from your local election authority or at: https://elections.il.gov/electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx. To register to vote or check your registration status, visit: https://ova.elections.il.gov.



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I, Jesse White, Secretary of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Proposed Amendment, the Explanation of the Proposed Amendment, Arguments in Favor of the Amendment and Arguments Against the Amendment and a true copy of the Form of Ballot for this call as the regularly scheduled general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, as set forth in compliance with the Illinois

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, Done in the City of Springfield, this first day of June, 2020

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### HOME

### Five seasonal DIY home improvement projects

(Family Features) The calendar pages may be turning fast, but it's not too late to do some work around the house. Now is the time to wrap up home improvement projects before the weather turns too

Consider these five easy DIY tasks that can set you up for a warm, safe and pest-free fall:

Perform routine HVAC maintenance. Heating and cooling systems need regular service to op-erate at peak efficiency. Some tasks are best left to the pros, but there is plenty you can do on your own to minimize expenses and ensure your unit maintains its performance level. With the breaker and gas off, wipe the exterior of your furnace with a damp rag then remove the access door and vacuum the burners, base and blower compartment. Remove and clean the blower with a vacuum and small brush then use a drinking straw to blow dust off the pilot. Also inspect the flame sensor, drive belt and air filter, and clean or replace as needed.

Air seal drafty areas. The gaps around windows and door frames give unwanted air an open invi-tation into a home. However, you can quickly and easily block the flow of air for greater comfort and lower energy bills. If the doors and windows are already finished, start by removing the trim. Prep the area by

removing dust and debris. Using a quality sealant like Great Stuff Window & Door Insulating Foam Sealant, apply the foam to fill in about 50% of the gap around the window or door and framework, allowing room for the foam to expand. Wipe away imperfections and let sit 10-15 minutes until it's no longer tacky. Gently press the expanded foam into the gap using a putty Check for damage to

hardscaping. Walkways, patios and decks are all susceptible to wear that can lead to tripping hazards or allow rain, snow and ice to seep in and create larger problems. Take time to thoroughly assess these hardscape features and identify issues like loose stones and cracks in concrete that need repairs. Securing materials, filling cracks and patching problem areas can help prevent further damage during the colder months while restoring aesthetic appeal.

Inspect your home's exterior. Many elements of your home serve essential roles in protecting your safety, regulating your home's efficiency and preventing damage. It's important to regularly check your roof for signs it needs repaired, such as missing or cracked shingles or noticeable sagging. Gutters can also accumulate a great deal of debris from falling leaves. Clearing these before

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cooler temperatures set in can help ensure rain has a clear path away from your house, protecting the walls and foundation. Also pay attention to other elements like paint that may require periodic updates to maintain its protective func-

Eliminate entry points for pests. When temperatures start dropping, you're likely to see some movement with creatures who want to enjoy the comfort of your home. Make it clear they're not welcome by sealing up places they may be creeping in. A solution like Great Stuff Pestblock Insu-lating Foam Sealant lets you fill gaps and openings with a quick bead of foam. If a rodent has an established pathway, try using a combination of steel wool and the foam

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