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Residents recently cheered CHS graduating seniors during a parade around Clinton escorted by local emergency services.

Multiple plans readied for upcoming school year

School district preparing for a variety of scenarios to anticipate state of COVID-19 in August

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Clinton CLINTON — Superintendent Schools Curt Nettles spoke to Clinton Rotary members Tuesday afternoon via a Zoom meeting and explained the district currently has three options being established for the start of the fall school session. Nettles said people are wondering what school will look like in the fall, to which he said, "I'm wondering too."

The state board of education has not yet informed school districts and the governor's office has not informed the state board of education.

"The powers that be don't have definitive plans."

"What we're doing is discussing possibilities," said Nettles. "I call it Plan A, Plan B and Plan C."

Plan A, said Nettles, is the plan everyone is hoping for which is a return to school as usual in the fall, albeit with some changes.

"Realistically, I don't know that that's going to happen."

Some changes have already been made, Nettles said. Rugs and soft furniture, "things that made school more like home," have been removed for now because of issues in keeping the items clean.

Plan B would be a combination of remote learning and students in the buildings on different days.

Nettles explained if school districts are told they can have no more than 50 percent of the students in the schools in one day, "then we're going to have to work out varying schedules and when you're not in the building you're doing your work remotely. And, this time the fall remote learning would look different than what we had this past several weeks."

Nettles said everything sent home via remote learning will be expected to be done and returned.

"There won't be any 'freebies' so to speak, like we kind of had with remote learning these past several weeks."

"If we have any remote learning in the fall, it's going to be beefed

up," with many more expectations from the students.

Plan C would be

everyone at home doing remote learning. "Nobody wants that,"

said Nettles.
"We're going to plan

for (Plan) A," he said, "and then we will pivot off that when we're told we have to."

Other work underway in the district includes the resurfacing of the high school track and the junior high air conditioning project.

High school graduation, said Nettles. will be held the evening of June 28, although its exact format is still to be determined. Students and their families will be notified when plans are finalized.

Permit opponents against virtual meeting for vote

Internet access, pandemic, open meetings act cited as some reasons

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CLINTON — Nearly 20 people signed up to speak May 21 against a scheduled virtual meeting vote on the Alta Farms II wind energy permit application June 2.

The May 21 county board meeting held via Zoom began with comments about the planned June vote. A litany of reasons was cited by those who felt a virtual meeting was a bad idea.

The June vote using an online platform was scheduled after board members discussed in April the uncertainty about the future of COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings.

Tradewind Energy representatives said at that time they were in favor of a virtual meeting to avoid postponing the vote.

But residents opposing the Tradewind special use permit application said they preferred waiting until social-distancing restrictions were lifted.

"I want to thank you for listening to us tonight," Kathy Evans told board members. "What I would like is for you to not have a June meeting ..."

Evans said she felt holding the meeting via Zoom made it more difficult for people to participate or listen.

Two of the complaints about virtual meetings included lack of or poor

Internet service, and difficulty sometimes in hearing what people say.

Evans' voice, in fact, was

garbled during some of her comments in the May 21 meeting. Others were clear.

Roy Taylor, whose voice

was clear throughout his comments, also thanked the board for listening to those people scheduled to speak.

"It's a very important

topic to the citizens of DeWitt County," Taylor said. Taylor said he opposed a

Taylor said he opposed a virtual meeting to take the wind energy vote because of the pandemic.

"I would think that the

"I would think that the board has more pressing matters to be tending to during the worst pandemic to ever hit the United States in 100 years, he said

Taylor also felt the Tradewind application was incomplete, an opinion shared by many opposing the application, and that a virtual meeting might be a violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act if not everyone had access to the Internet or own a computer or digital device.

He also cited the lack of support for the permit application from the zoning board of appeals and regional planning commission.

Taylor said he has lived in DeWitt County for 17 years and lives within the footprint of the proposed project.

Mary Pat Killian said conducting a virtual vote on the application in June did not, "constitute essential business during this COVID-19 pandemic."

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Republican rep. begins attempt to remove Pritzker from office

Crystal Lake lawmaker would need support of 15 Democratic colleagues, hundreds of thousands of voters

Rebecca Anzel Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD

An Illinois lawmaker dissatisfied with Gov. JB Pritzker's handling of the large number of COVID-19-related unemployment claims is calling on his colleagues to support an effort to remove the governor from office.

Republican Rep. Allen Skillicorn, of Crystal Lake, said lack of staffing at the Illinois Department of Employment Security and its website's disclosure of sensitive information is evidence of Pritzker's "continued inaction."

After issuing a news release notifying residents of his initiative, Skillicorn told reporters in a video news conference Tuesday he "would actually prefer to avoid coverage."

"This is a nonpartisan issue. This is about the people of Illinois," he said. "This is not my voice, it's the voice of over 1 million people in Illinois that are now unemployed. ... It's not about me. It's not about my party."

The representative, who said his constituents contact him daily about their challenges in getting unemployment claims processed, said he will drop his effort to recall Pritzker if the governor better secures IDES's website and hires more call center agents.

But Pritzker on Tuesday said it is not that easy.

No one could "possibly anticipate that we would have a number of unemployment filings that was an enormous multiple of that which occurred during the Great

Recession" in 2008, he said during his daily COVID-19 press briefing in Chicago. Those claims coupled with decades of IDES being "left behind" in the state budget meant officials were unprepared to handle complications caused by the pandemic.

The department's website was designed 10 years ago, the governor added. The state since hired Deloitte, a third-party private firm, to upgrade its capabilities "as quickly as we could."

On May 15, officials detected a security

issue — the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance portal had a "glitch" that allowed one resident filing a claim to view personal information of more than 32,000 Illinoisans.

"In typical Chicago Democrat fashion, the governor decided the best way to fix the website was to hand out a lavish nobid contract," Skillicorn said in a written statement. "Now secure data has been unleashed into the public domain. It is an epic failure."

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The department and Deloitte worked to "quickly correct the issue and conduct an investigation and analysis," according to a news release.

And the number of call center agents was increased "modestly," the governor added, due to restrictions implemented by the federal government. Those who process unemployment claims over the phone must receive rigorous training because those agents handle private information.

Skillicorn accused the governor of "minimizing" the IDES issues.

Pritzker, in a response to a reporter's question Tuesday, said he is "glad to hear that the representative ... apparently believes that we need to fund state government instead of hollow it out the way he has voted over the course of his career."

Illinois' Constitution provides an avenue for lawmakers and voters to recall a governor. It was added to the governing document in 2010 and was an initiative of former Gov. Pat Quinn, said Ann Lousin, a professor at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago who helped draft the Constitution five decades ago.

But there are many big hurdles to getting a recall question to voters.

First, 30 legislators —

20 representatives and 10 senators, half from each party — must sign an affidavit supporting the motion to remove a governor from office. Once officials from the State Board of Elections certify that notice to circulate a petition, voters may weigh in with their signature.

At least 636,825 residents — or, 15 percent of the votes cast in the gubernatorial election — have 150 days to sign the petition for it to be successful. There also must be at least 25 counties with 100 signatures among those on the petition.

If those requirements are met, a special election on whether to recall the governor must be held within 100 days of the petitions' certification. special election with candidates from "established" political currently, parties only Democrats and Republicans — would also occur concurrently.

The Constitution provides that once a governor survives a recall vote, there may not be another challenge during "the remainder of the current term of office."

Skillicorn said Tuesday he began the process to gain lawmaker support. He said he already secured three representatives' support and "fully (plans) to be able to get the full 30 we need."

Recommendation for cookbooks

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. I was asked if I would recommend "The Professional Chef" cookbook by The Culinary institute of America to others. The answer is that; I would and would not. As with anything else, it depends upon the individual's expertise. A frustrated beginner can learn to hate cooking if they exceed their level. "The Professional Chef"

was one of the textbooks required in college. I studied from it long before taking culinary classes. Prior to that, I learned from its predecessor, "Food Preparation for Hotels, Restaurants, and Cafeterias" by Robert G. Haines. Therefore, I was well prepared before I began taking culinary schooling. I simply had a propensity toward learning culinary. is not very likely that household cookbooks sufficient will give instructions on finite cooking, methodology, high-end dining etc. The professional cookbooks cover information that non-professional varieties rarely do. There is much to learn in culinary and even more to discover.

I would recommend "The Professional Chef" cookbook to professional chefs as a reference book. It has great recipes designed for high volume cooking. It might have a recipe designed to serve 80 to 100 people. I would most certainly recommend it to many who call themselves chefs so they can learn what a true chef needs to know. It has excellent information, instructions and series of "step-by-step" pictures of procedures. Guidelines are included for instructing the wouldbe chefs. It is complete with details for enhancing the understanding. Can



you recognize the four different grades of roux; describe their qualities and list their various applications? Simplistic cooking is not the forte of such cookbooks.

Such skills as knife

skills can be explained and discussed. Pictures of the various cutes can be shown. However, it is a different matter to do it. A chef can right away spot a person holding their knife wrong or using the wrong feeding technique or type of cut. The roll action of the blade cannot be seen in a picture, or the technique necessary for sharpening the blade. **Improper** sharpening can ruin a two-hundred-dollar knife. At McCormick Place in Chicago where they hold the "National Restaurant Association", I witnessed demonstrations were that totally amateurish. It therefore requires a serious nature in one wanting to learn. This is not possible without a certain amount of humility in taking instructions from professionals.

good beginner's cookbook would be Betty Crocker, Better Homes and Garden, and others of that sort. Do not knock them. I started with a Betty Crocker cookbook and see where I am now. Your next level would be "The Joy of Cooking". My best recommendation would be to go to the library or to a bookstore and see which best fits your needs and expertise. If you like it and think you can handle it with room to learn more, then get it. It is like anything else; you must want to work for it.

Until next time, peace to all.

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Killian felt the vote should not take place until the state begins again to permit public gatherings of more than 100 people.

"It appears we will have this virus with us until the population is vaccinated," she told the board. "If you approve this wind project on June 2 in a virtual meeting, construction will begin immediately in order for Tradewind Energy to take advantage of the government credits that expire at the end of 2020."

Killian wondered if workers coming to the county to work on the project might bring coronavirus with them.

"Board members, I would like you to put yourself in the shoes of county residents who are forced to live within the footprint of this industrial complex," Killian said. "They're the ones who have to put up with shadow flicker, red lights flashing at night and the construction trucks on their roads."

County resident Chris

Shaffer touched on a subject that arose early in the Tradewind application process, the aircraft warning lighting system.

warning lighting system.

Shaffer said the county zoning administrator in August 2019 concluded Tradewind had not applied with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for such a system.

"So Tradewind has not pursued ADLS technology," Shaffer said. The technology cited would activate lights only

if aircraft were within the vicinity of the wind towers.

The June 2 virtual vote on the wind energy

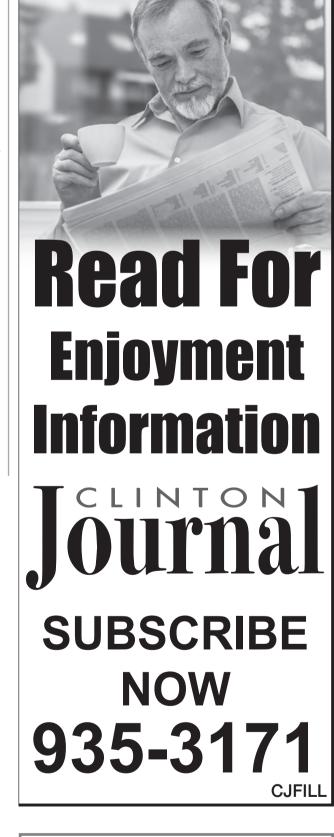
application is scheduled to

begin at 6 p.m.

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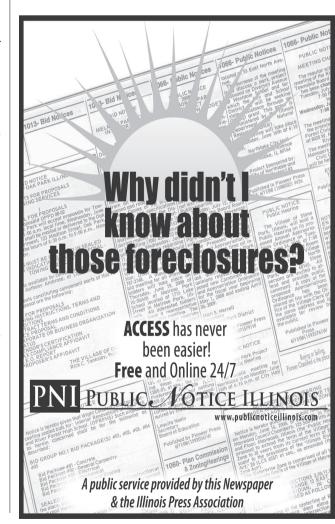
knowledge to see how you're doing.

The VA has a few other helpful apps as well. Look for CBT-I Coach if you're battling insomnia. Try Stay Quit Coach if you've quit smoking and need help staying quit. MOVE! Coach is an app for weight management, with lots of information and places to store your results. See Life Armor for help on 17 different topics, such as relationships, PTSD, depression and more. Use it to track your symptoms.

Cruise over to the Apple store for Apple products or the Google Play store for Android and check the apps. You can find more information about them on VA.gov.

Meanwhile, if you're hunkered down and feeling the stress of it all, take things slowly, one day (or even one hour) at a time. We'll get through this and come out the other side, proud of how we handled things.

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Marie was born on October 28, 1920, in Palmyra, Mo., a daughter of Henry A. and Catherine Vogelpohl Lugering. She married Roy (Bubby) W. Riegel, Jr. on November 4, 1941, in Palmyra. He preceded her in death in 2013 after 73 years of marriage.

She is survived by her children, three sons, Melvin R. (Linda Sue) Riegel of Clinton, Gary J. (Trudi) Riegel of Clinton, and Michael B. (Susan) Riegel of Granite Bay, California, and three daughters, Patricia D. (Lance) Reece of Clinton, Sandra K. (Carol) Riegel of Fairfield, Iowa, and Debra M. (Craig) Patrick Bloomington; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents, one granddaughter, two sisters, and two brothers.

Marie, a woman of strong faith, was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Clinton. Throughout

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her many years, she sang in the choir and loved arranging flowers decorate the church.

She had a contagious smile and a hearty laugh, uplifting those around her. She was a decorator for every holiday, especially Christmas, and loved her family with all her heart. Her home was a hub for the chaos of large family life. Her favorite pastime was trying to beat Bubby at croquet and other games, and dancing with Dad to the song, Kansas City.

On behalf of her children, we express our heartfelt gratitude for the loving notes we have received. We will deeply miss her and know she is laughing and smiling on us now.

Her memorial mass will be at a future date at St. John's Catholic Church of Clinton. Memorials may be directed to St. John's Catholic Church of Clinton.

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Vernon Wayne Wilson

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Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, private services will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with Jim Kilson officiating Burial will follow at DeWitt Cemetery, DeWitt.

Memorials may directed to the Lane Christian Church Little Galilee Christian Assembly.

Vernon was born on November 7, 1945, in Russell Springs, Ky. the son of Avery V. and Alena (McQueary) Wilson. He married Linda White on July 1, 1967 in Clinton. Survivors include his

Linda Wilson, Daniel DeWitt; sons, Wayne Wilson, DeWitt, Joseph and Alan



Wilson, DeWitt; three grandchildren, Kayla Wilson, Farmer City; Gracie Wilson, Hartsburg, Ill.; and Ryan Wilson, DeWitt.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

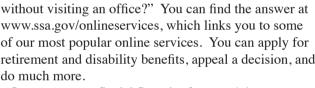
Vernon retired from the Clinton Power Station in 2000. He enjoyed fishing especially and loved spending time with his grandkids and watching them play sports.

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became the first black coach in major league baseball when he accepted the job with the Chicago Cubs.

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1973 - Tom Bradley was elected the first black mayor of Los Angeles.

1974 - U.S. President

Nixon agreed to turn over 1,200 pages of edited Watergate transcripts.

age stamps were raised from 13 cents to 15 cents. 1981 - The U.S. per-

1978 - In the U.S., post-

formed a nuclear test at the Nevada Test Site.

1985 - Thirty-nine people were killed and 400 were injured in a riot at a European Cup soccer match in Brussels, Belgium.

1986 - Colonel Oliver North told National Security Advisor William McFarlane that profits from weapons sold to Iran were being diverted to the Contras.

1988 - U.S. President Reagan began his first visit to the Soviet Union in

1988 - NBC aired "To Heal A Nation," the story of Jan Scruggs' effort to build the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

1990 - Boris Yeltsin was elected president of the Russian republic by the Russian parliament.

Indonesia, Golkar, won the Parliament election by a record margin. There was a boycott movement and rioting that killed 200 people.

1997 - The ruling party in

1999 - Space shuttle Discovery completed the first docking with the International Space Station.

2000 - Fiji's military took control of the nation and declared martial law following a coup attempt by indigenous Fijians in mid-May.

2001 - In New York, four followers of Osama bin Laden were convicted of a global conspiracy to murder Americans. The crimes included the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa that killed 224 people.

2001 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that disabled golfer Casey Martin could use a cart to ride in tournaments.

2015 - The Obama adminstration removed Cuba from the U.S. terrorism blacklist. The two countries had severed diplomatic relations in January of 1961.

Readers' Letters

I hope the board respects the hard work of the ZBA

I have served as a public servant in DeWitt County on the zoning board of appeals for 35 years. I have witnessed many different situations throughout my time on the board, but none as unique as I have in recent months with the coronavirus. I am invested in all issues in DeWitt County but especially at this time, when the community is focused on the industrial wind project proposed by Tradewind.

I knew there was a regular county board meeting on May 21. I wanted to listen in to that meeting. I was told I could call and listen to it or try to watch it on my computer. I followed all sorts of instructions to try to do this when the time of the meeting came, but I couldn't figure it out. I tried and tried. I tried on my phone and had trouble with that. I tried on my computer and had more trouble. I tried for so long that I missed the entire meeting. It was very frustrating and disappointing.

I've served this county for 35 years and missed only one ZBA meeting. Now, I try to serve my county by listening to an important meeting, but I was completely unable to do that.

I'm sure there are other people who had trouble like I did. I've been following this issue for a long time, and I want to hear how it turns out. I'm worried I won't be able to do that on June 2. I don't believe the county board should have the final vote for Alta Farms II at a time when people like myself can't participate.

Also, on the morning of May 22, I decided to call the state's attorney in order to tell him about the trouble I had hearing the May 21 county board meeting. When I phoned Mr. Markwell's office, I was told that he was not taking any complaints. No one could talk to the state's attorney about their complaint. It's our tax dollars that pay his salary. He works for us, and he should not refuse phone calls about trouble with a county board meeting.

The ZBA sat and listened to 51 hours of testimony cross-examination about Alta Farms II. Unless you were there, you just can't get the same full picture that we got. After lots of discussion, personal research board deliberation, we voted not to recommend that the full board approve Tradewind's special use application. This is the second time we've come to this conclusion.

I hope the board respects all of our time and hard work by listening to that recommendation. were appointed to do this job. We did it well and deserve for that hard work to be respected.

> **Andy Hedrick** Wapella

Why not DeWitt County first?

In all my life, and I suspect the majority of the folks on this call tonight, I have never experienced a time of so much uncertainty. It most definitely has had a profound impact in the way we go about our lives, and the spectrum of emotions that each of us in DeWitt County have endured over the past

couple of months. For some the emotions spawn from the fear that they themselves and/ or their loved ones may contract the COVID19 virus, which in some cases

would be life threatening. Each day that passes in Illinois under the dictatorship through the executive orders from the governor of Illinois, our friends and families are more disfranchised with the unknown, our government and how much of our lives may be permanently altered once we return to the new normal.

There have been many shining examples come to light in the recent days from surrounding counties and local governments that are taking a stance for their residents. These county officials have been working hard to make sure that they are protecting the interest of their counties.

So it's with these a for ementioned statements about all the concerns and uncertainties of all our local hard working residents, along decisions around postponement of ZBA and RPC meetings, it has me

wondering. What was the criteria, the rationale, the thought process that went into determining that special board meeting to simply vote on the approval of a Special Use Permit on June 2 for a foreign owned energy conglomerate, superseded, and took priority over working together as ONE Dewitt County to figure out how we get back to our new normal as soon as possible?

The DeWitt County Board, the elected servant leaders for DeWitt County owe a response to the residents. Why not DeWitt County first?

> **Aaron Kammeyer DeWitt County** resident

Use of power to protect, not profit

have attended accumulation hundreds of hours of meetings, heard countless presentations, witnessed interactions and gained first-hand knowledge of the issues surrounding the construction of an industrial wind complex in DeWitt County.

I write not in opposition to the proposed wind project, but in opposition to falsehood and in support of honesty; with disdain over lies and an endorsement of truth; in opposition to deception and as an advocate of wisdom. The Word of God is clear about these principles, and that has been the foundation upon which I have evaluated all aspects of this issue.

There is an underlying theme that is highly visible when one pays close attention. The wind developer's spreading of false propaganda, manipulation of the truth and failure to "tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth" is cause for alarm. There is not room here to detail supporting examples. When you experience darkness, greed, and deception, the first thing you do is say, "I want no part in that". Then you work hard to guard and defend against it.

Do not let your hearts be deceived, DeWitt County. You will not detect this pattern by reading weekly advertisements, listening to news clips or taking the wind company's word for it. Heed the warnings of other counties who have suffered the aftereffects of being mistreated by the wind industry. Hear the pleas of residents who are alerting the public of this concern.

To the members of the DeWitt County Board, I believe some you know this truth in your gut, but the voice of the enemy is loud. In hopes that these reflections would be taken to heart, here are some important questions I think are pertinent for our leaders to consider:

- 1. Is the wind industry trustworthy?
- Can we count on all their promises being fulfilled?
- Have they been compliant thus far?
- 2. Do I know enough to vote against the RPC and ZBA who after hearing over 50 hours of testimony cross-examination, did recommend not approval?
- They have each twice recommended

against approval. Is my knowledge to the extent that I can overturn their decision with merit?

• Have I read through the entire Special Use Application?

• Did I attend the ZBA hearings or have I read through every page of the ZBA transcript? If I only read the transcript, is this as informative as seeing accompanying slides, hearing crowd reaction, witnessing tone of voice and body language, etc.?

3. What's my personal responsibility to constituents?

- Am I fully confident that residents will be safe in severe weather? Do I want to doubt my role in their safety each time I hear weather sirens?
- Is my vote based on confident research or just a desire to "get it over with"?
- How would I want someone to protect my family if our future was in their hands? 4. Am I prepared to
- shoulder the outcome and ripple effect of this decision for the next 30-40 years? • If the vote solely depended on me, am I
- confident enough about all the outcomes to take responsibility for them? Which decision reflects honesty, integrity, and truth, thereby inviting the blessings of the Lord

who promises to bless

those who walk in His

ways? • Have I received wise and godly counsel on the matter or is any portion of my decision based on self

interest?

Board members, citizens of this county deserve for you to use your power to protect. Those living in the footprint are subject to the consequences of these decisions for the next 30-40 years of their life; use your position of public service to protect them.

Long-term blessings from God are far more profitable than short-term failed promises from evil. You NEVER go wrong abiding by the Word of God, and His Word is clear on matters of virtue. DeWitt County is counting on you to not be deceived, but to exercise wisdom. In the end, that's all that matters. I am in your corner, praying for you to bravely apply these principles as you deliberate!

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Clinton Church of God

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First Christian Church Facebook Live

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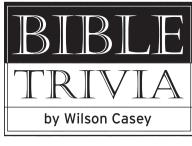
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- 1. Is the book of Ezekiel in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. Who had 900 iron chariots and made 20 years of life unbearable for the Israelites? Tobiah, Pilate, Sisera, 3. How did God evaluate His work
- after six days, as all He made was ...? Heavenly divine, Righteous sake, Thine image, Very good 4. Who was the father of Apostles
- James and John? Zacchaeus, Zebedee, Zebulun, Zechariah 5. 27,000 men were killed when
- what city's walls fell on them? Sechem, Sodom, Aphek, Jericho 6. Who burned his son alive as a sac-

rifice? Achan, Ahaz, Moses, Shimei ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Sisera; 3) Very good; 4) Zebedee; 5) Aphek; 6)

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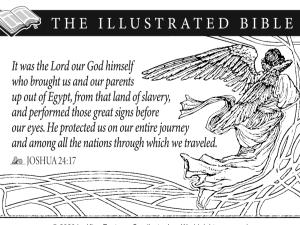
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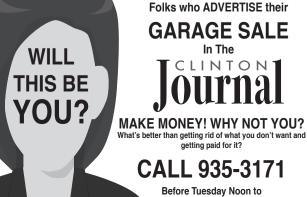
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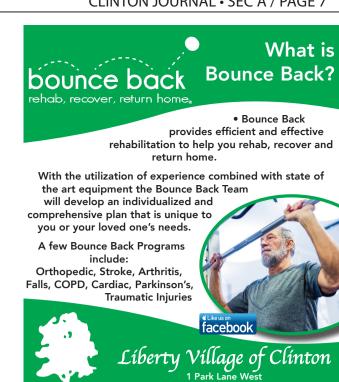
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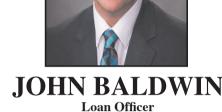


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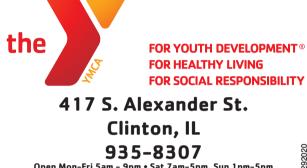


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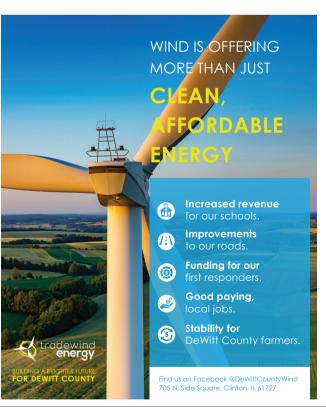
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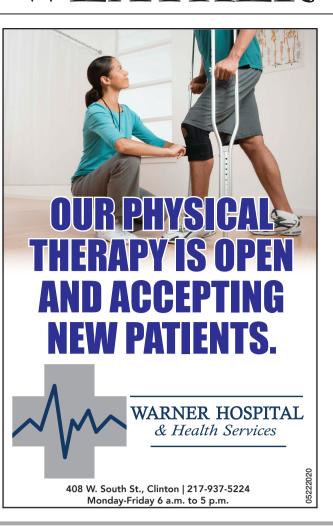
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Readers' Letters

Virtual vote could violate open meetings act

On June 2, 2020 the DeWitt County Board is reconvening a special meeting to vote on the Tradewinds Wind Farm Special Use application. I question the expediency this, given that DeWitt County Zoning Board (ZBA) and Regional Planning Committee (RPC), entities whose very mission is to advise the Board on such projects, voted down the Special Use Permit on two different occasions.

It was voted down, in part, because the Tradewinds special use application does not have a decommissioning plan. It's easy to understand why Tradewinds doesn't want to sign off on one. Tradewinds is owned by an Italian Company called Enel Green Power. They build the structures and then sell them. They're not planning on being around in 5-10 years when Obama era wind subsidies are gone and the turbines are obsolete. We could be stuck with the costs associated with decaying littering turbines our county.

As a taxpayer I'm subsidizing an Italian

corporation with federal tax dollars. That corporation wants to put a 600-foot turbine (that's as big as the St. Louis arch, folks) as close as 2,000 feet from my home. So, now I'm paying federal taxes dollars to have my health and well being disrupted on property that I pay local taxes on. When the turbines are no longer profitable, whoever the current owner is may have an opening to leave their mess behind.

A decommissioning plan is standard operating procedure. This is the kind of stuff you get in writing before a project begins, not after.

I also question the timing of the special meeting. We are in a global crisis, yet Tradewinds is at the forefront of the board's mind. Why? The Illinois Open Meetings Act is very specific about how meetings need to be conducted. Governor Pritzker has suspended some of the criteria due to COVID-19, but I think a legal argument can easily be made that government entities are to take care of essential business under the new COVID-19 OMA

guidelines. It shouldn't be used as a loophole to push through a pet project before newly elected county board members take their seats. When asked if this was considered essential business, the County Board Chairman stated "all county business is essential". Perhaps, but this action shows a clear inability to prioritize during a crisis.

The county board is opening itself up to probable Open Meetings Act lawsuits. OMA is a law, not a mandate. Electronic meetings, in regard to the Open Meetings Act, can be dicey in the best of times. If audio is dropped, it is no longer an open meeting. There are other unforeseeable technical difficulties that render a meeting in violation of OMA. In the library world, the second OMA was violated, the meeting was over. Libraries don't have the funds to cover OMA lawsuits.

I don't think DeWitt County does either.

Joan Rhoades Kenney







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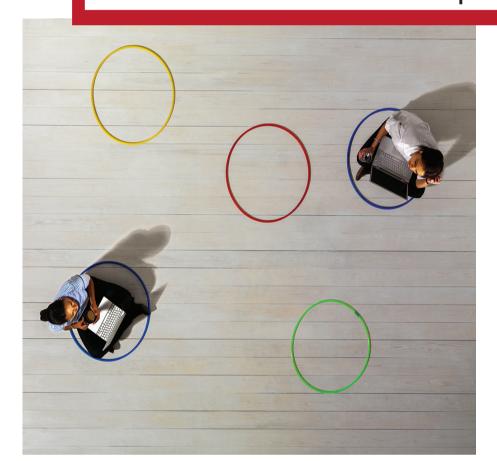
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- Carry disinfectant wipes to clean the cart or basket handle before touching it.
- Remain at least six feet away from other customers and store employees.
- Make a list, and get in and out of the store as quickly as possible.
- Avoid touching any part of your face or face covering until after you have washed your hands or used an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
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Physical isolation from other people can be difficult emotionally and mentally, and health organizations are emphasizing the importance of staying socially connected.



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Maria Van Kerkhove

Infectious Diseases Epidemiologist World Health Organization (WHO)



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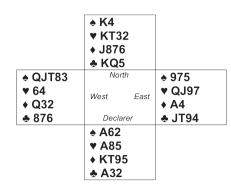




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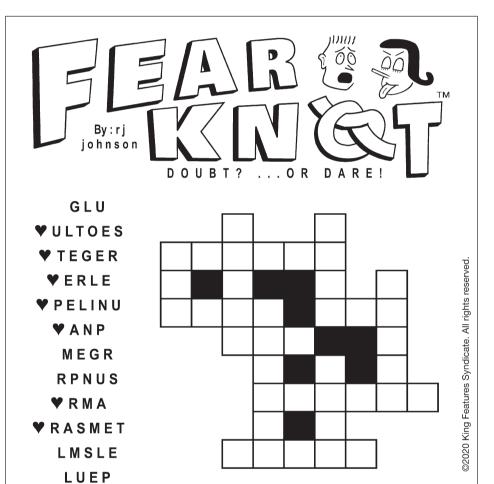
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A combined 27 HCP is usually plenty for a 3NT contract, but here the N-S hands did not fit well together. Even so, East needed to keep his wits about him if he was to beat the contract. But, sadly for E-W, East's wits deserted him at the crucial moment. See if you can

Against 3NT West led the ♠Q which held the trick. Dummy's King won the second Spade, the Diamond finesse lost to West's Queen, then back came another Spade, won by Declarer's Ace. Now, when Declarer conceded a trick to the ♦A, East was out of Spades, so West's Spade winners were useless and Declarer romped home with 9 tricks.

Declarer played her part well by holding up on the first Spade, in an attempt to disrupt the E-W communications, but East overlooked an effective countermeasure. With South opening a 15-17 1NT, East knew that his partner had a maximum of five HCP, and three of those had already shown up in the Spade suit. West's only possible entry to the long Spades was the ♦Q, and it was East's job to protect that entry for use later in the hand, when the Spades had been established. The way to do that was to disregard the old adage of "second hand low" and to grab the ♦A on the first round of the suit. Now, after the ♠A is knocked out, it is West who wins the second round of Diamonds and can cash his Spades for down one. Alert play by those Easts who hopped up with the ♦A!

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



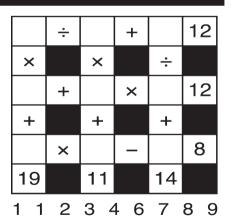
Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across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

GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

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New Program Lowers Costs, Identifies Healthy Options in the Store

(NAPS)—Good nutrition is important at any age. But for older adults on a tight budget, regular access to nutritious foods can be limited—and expensive.

A new program aims to change that by making it easier to get healthy foods at the local grocery store for an affordable price. With Healthy Savings® powered by AARP Foundation, shoppers pay a small fee of \$4.99 per calendar year for a card that can save them up to \$200 a month on groceries.

The program is part of AARP Foundation's work to help people over 50 with limited income eat more nutritious foods, ultimately improving their well-being. Research shows that more than 10 million older adults don't get enough nutritious food on a daily basis, most often because they can't afford it.

Eating healthy is about more than affordability, however. Not only does Healthy Savings reduce costs, it also identifies healthy options in the store. All products available through Healthy Savings are scored against the USDA's Healthy Eating Index to make sure they qualify as nutritious. The index makes it convenient to choose the healthiest foods, which include lean meats, eggs, yogurt, whole grains, and a wide range of other options.

The typical over-50 diet scores low in key food groups like whole grains and dairy. By encouraging the purchase of more of these nutrients through coupon discounts, Healthy Savings can help older adults:

• Lose weight or maintain a healthy weight.



Older shoppers can save big on groceries with a new program that lowers costs and identifies healthful options right in the store.

- · Reduce the risk of developing chronic diseases such as high blood pressure, diabetes and heart disease.
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Shoppers who sign up for Healthy Savings receive a card in the mail and can download a mobile app, both of which can be used at 22,000 grocery stores across the U.S. for instant savings at checkout. The savings come on top of any from store loyalty cards and manufacturers' coupons (so long as coupons don't add up to more than the price of the item).

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More information, including recipes and tips for shopping smart, is at aarpfoundation.org/save.

Use safe, tested methods for preserving food

DECATUR, Ill. - Canning, freezing, and drying are methods of preserving fruits, vegetables, and other foods. Illinois residents can preserve at home with these methods, adding days and months to the quality of nutrient-rich foods.

Farmers markets may provide abundance of locally-sourced fruits and vegetables even if home gardens are not yet producing.

Canning is a process in which food is placed in jars and then processed for a specified amount of time in either in a boiling water bath or a pressure canner. Through the canning process, oxygen is removed from jars and harmful microorganisms are destroyed.

Freezing decreases temperatures of foods to levels that reduce action of enzymes and microorganisms. Dehydration, or drying, reduces water in foods to inhibit the growth of microorganisms.

For all three types of preserving, the first step is to find an up-to-date, research-tested recipe. A tested recipe is research-backed to ensure the safety of the product. Find free, tested recipes from the "USDA Complete Guide to Home Canning" or the National Center for Home Food Preservation.

Be aware that both old-

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er and recently published recipes may not use safe preserving practices or equipment. This is why it is important to use tested recipes. Unsafe canning practices include the "open kettle method" and canning using microwaves, ovens, and other unapproved equipment. For canning jars, do not use paraffin wax, onepiece lids, and jars with wire bails to seal jars or recipes that call for them. Do not reuse mayonnaise or pasta sauce jars, as these are not designed for home canning.

With a tested recipe in hand, the next step is to gather equipment, such as water bath and/or pressure canners, lids and rings, canning jars, jar lifters, funnels, and more. Canning at home can be done with either a boiling water bath canner or a pressure canner. Note that a pressure canner is different from a pressure cooker. Water bath canning is used for high-acid foods, including fruits and acidified tomato products. Pressure canning is used for low-acid foods, such as meats and vegetables. When canning only use two-piece lids and rings

and never reuse lids.

When using a dial-gauge style pressure canner, it is critical to ensure the gauge is reading accurately. If the gauge does not read correctly, over- or under-processing occurs. Over-processing negatively impacts the quality of the food, while under processing impacts the safety of the food. When food is under-processed, the risk of botulism, a potentially deadly foodborne illness, increases. University of Illinois Extension recommends users of pressure canners test dial gauges every year. Contact your local office to learn more.

Extension is hosting free, weekly online webinars around several food preservation topics. Registration is required.

For more about canning, freezing, and drying at home, visit the National Center for Home Food Preservation from University of Georgia Cooperative Extension and Food Preservation Resources from University of Illinois Extension.

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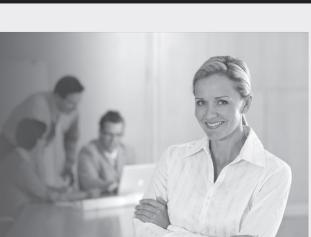
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Protecting Your Ability To Drive Safely For As Long As Possible

(NAPS)—Driving a car means maintaining independence for many older adults. Driving allows you to shop, see friends and family, keep up with medical appointments, and avoid social isolation. But sometimes staying safe behind the wheel as you age can be a challenge.

Age-related physical and mental changes can affect your ability to drive safely. If you're alert to these changes and manage them carefully, you may be able to continue driving safely for some time.

To keep your skills as sharp as possible, consider following these suggestions from experts at the American Geriatrics Society (AGS), healthcare professionals dedicated to improving the health, independence, and quality of life of older people:

Check your eyesight to keep it as sharp as possible by getting a complete annual eye exam once you turn 60. Test yourself to monitor your vision:

- Do you have problems reading street signs?
- Are you having difficulty seeing road or pavement markings, curbs, or other vehicles or pedestrians, especially at dawn, dusk, and nighttime?
- Is glare from oncoming headlights making it hard to see when driving at night?

Assess your physical fitness to drive by asking yourself:

- Can I comfortably turn my neck to see over my shoulder when I change lanes?
- Can I easily move my foot from the gas pedal to the brake? Can I easily turn the steering wheel?
- During the past year, have I fallen one or more times?
- Do I regularly walk more than a block a day?
- Can I raise my arms above my shoulders?

Perform a reality check on your attention span and reaction time:

- Are you overwhelmed by signs, traffic signals, and car and pedestrian traffic, especially at busy intersections?
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- Do you take any medications that
- make you sleepy, dizzy, or confused?Do you feel less confident about driving at highway speeds?
- Do you react slowly to cars entering your roadway, or to cars that have slowed or stopped in front of you?

Pay attention to changes and warnings:



It may be the safest, wisest course to get help with your driving before you have to give it up.

- Have friends or family members expressed worries about your driving?
- Have you ever gotten lost on familiar routes or forgotten how to get to familiar destinations?
- Has a police officer pulled you over to warn you about your driving?
- Have you been ticketed for your driving, had a near miss, or a crash in the last three years?
- Has your healthcare provider warned you to restrict or stop driving?

Consider Getting a Professional Driving Assessment

If you've experienced driving problems like these or are worried about your ability to be a safe driver, consider getting a professional assessment of your skills.

Occupational therapists trained as driving rehabilitation specialists can evaluate your driving skills and strengths, as well as any physical, visual, and cognitive challenges you may face. They can also evaluate your ability to operate a vehicle safely and, if needed, recommend ways to reduce your risks.

Driving rehabilitation specialists are trained to evaluate older drivers for:

- Muscle strength, flexibility, and range of motion
- Coordination and reaction time
- Judgment and decision-making skills
 Ability to drive with special devices that adapt your vehicle to your needs

The specialist may recommend ways for you to drive more safely after the evaluation. Suggestions may include getting special equipment for your car or helping you sharpen your skills.

Not sure how to find a driving rehabilitation specialist? Talk to your healthcare provider or contact the American Occupational Therapy Association for a directory. You can also visit the AGS's public education website, https://www.healthinaging.org/driving-safety, for more safe driving resources for older adults and caregivers.



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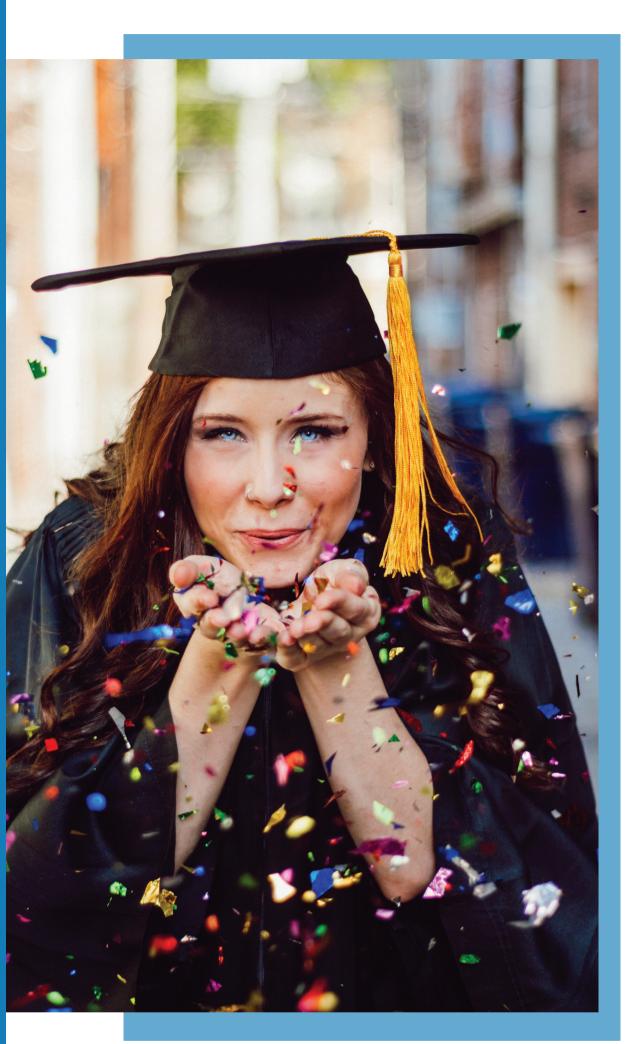
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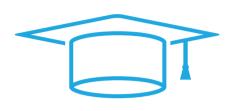
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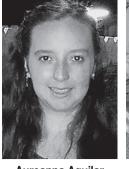
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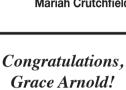


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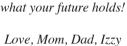


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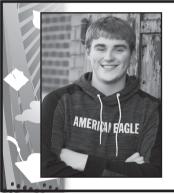


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Congratulations, Aryn Scott!

Congrats Aryn! We are incredibly proud of you! May God bless you on the journey ahead! Love you infinity x infinity! Mom and Trevor



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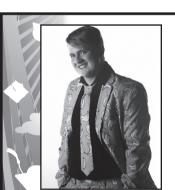
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Congratulations on your major accomplishment!!! We look forward to seeing you shine in your future. Love you!

Love, Mom and Dad 05152020



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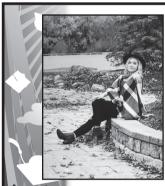
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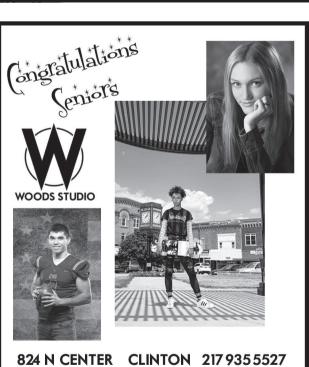


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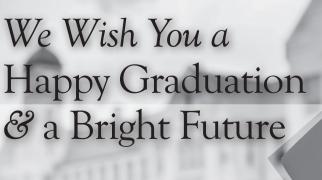
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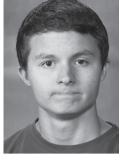
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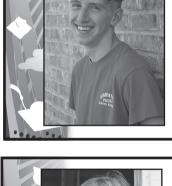
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Congratulations, Sierra Mason!

Congratulations to our daughter!! You have accomplished so much!! We couldn't be more proud as parents!! You are are such an amazing gift and now you can accomplish your dreams!! Love always, Mom, Dad!!

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Love-Mom & Dad

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Congratulations, Kara Montgomery!

We love you and are very proud of all you have accomplished. Looking forward to your future success.

Love, Mom, Dad, Allison, Teddy and Tundra



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My little boy has grown into an incredible young man. I am so proud of you and all you have accomplished already in life. I am beyond proud of you for joining the Army National Guard. I know you will do amazing things as you begin this journey starting college for your career and serving your country. I cannot wait to see what the future holds for you! Congratulations on your graduation! It is an accomplishment to be proud of! Always continue to follow your heart and dreams. Thank you for your service.

I love you. Love always, Mom.



Congratulations, Elizabeth Maier!

Take pride in how far you have come and have faith in how far you can go. We are so incredibly proud of you Elly! Congratulations! Love,

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Congratulations, Michael Oswald!

Someday everything will make

perfect sense, so for now laugh at the confusion, smile through the tears, and keep reminding yourself everything $happens\ for\ a\ reason.$ Love you and so proud of you Michael.Love Dad, Mom, and Allison



Congratulations, Spaulding!



Congratulations, Emily Wade!

Congratulations Emily! We could not be more proud of you and your accomplishments in High School. Continue to chase your dreams and reach for the stars. May God bless you always. Love, Mom, Dad & Jake

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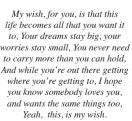
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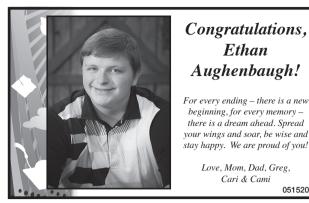
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Congratulations,

Ethan Aughenbaugh! For every ending - there is a new beginning, for every memory -

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Love, Mom, Dad, Greg,



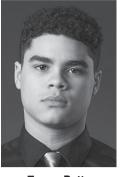


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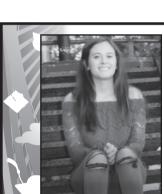
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Congratulations, Garett Wayne!

Congrats, Garrett! Best of Luck at Eureka!

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Congratulations, Erica Rose Smith!

We wish you all the blessings on this new and exciting chapter in your life. Hold true to who you are and always stand up for what you believe in! Find your passion and run with it because you can make a difference! Your mon and brothers are so very proud of YOU!! Love ya!

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Haleigh Robbins!

Congratulations, we are very

proud of you!

Mom & Mike

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Congratulations, **Grant Wilson!**

Well done, Grant! You're the best! We are so proud of you and we look forward with love and support to your next adventure. May God continue to bless you and direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6 Love, Papa Doc and Grandma Rene Whitney

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Love, Mom, Chris

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You've come a long way, and we're very proud of your achievements. Keep up the great work, and we know you'll go far. Best wishes today and always!



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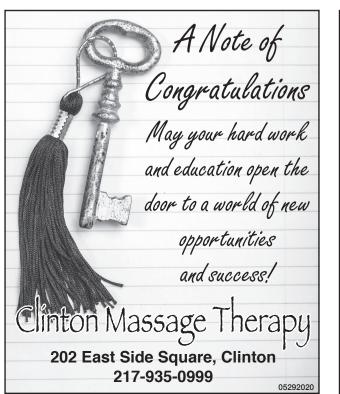


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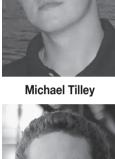


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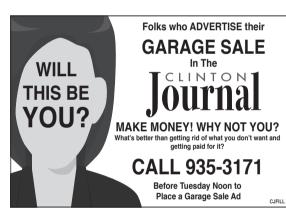


Congratulations, Jacob Phillips!

Congratulations Jacob! We are so proud of you!

Love, Mom and Dad

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Congratulations, Hunter Martin!

We are proud of you and know you will accomplish great things. Excited to see where life takes you! Love, Mom and Dad

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Congratulations, Ian Hale!

Congratulations, Ian Hale! We are so proud of you and are excited to see where your adventures take you! Love, Mom, Dad and Melissa



Congratulations,

Jaleigh Oliver! Congratulations Jaleigh! You have made us Congratulations Jaleigh! You have made us all proud; you've worked hard to achieve your goals and now you're on your way to seek out new potential, dream new dreams, embark on who you are, embrace life with passion and keep reaching for your star. I believe you can fly! The sky is your limit; because you are an achiever. Chasing a dream requires efforts, passion and hard work. You are now in the half way. Keep up your good work and continue to strive. Go for it! Congratulations Graduate.

I love you.

With Love, Gramma Teri





Congratulations, Joseph Wright!

 $"Congratulations\ Joseph!$

We are proud of you and can't wait to see what the future holds. Good luck at Lincoln Technical Institute in Indianapolis!"

Love, Mom and Dad 05152020



Congratulations, Jaleigh Oliver!

We are so proud of you! We love you, support you, and wish we could be there to see you throw your hat up in the air for earning this graduation. Go big, girl, you are amazing and are already on the sure road of success! Love, Aunt Christy, Uncle Pat, Lexi & Dylan

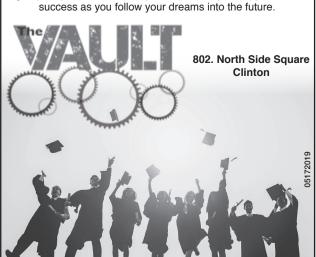


Congratulations, Kaela Overocker!

Congratulations Kaela

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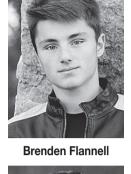
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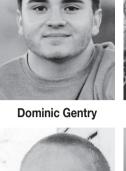














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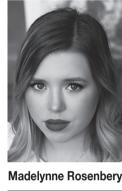
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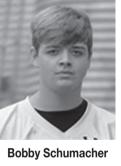
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Congratulations, Allison Kalmer!

It seems like just yesterday you were a little girl starting pre-school. It's been our joy to watch you grow through the years. Hope you know how proud we are and how much we love you.

Love, Dad, Mom, Hayley, and Jake



Congratulations, Kole Weiss!

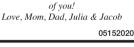
Congrats Kole-We are so proud of you! Keep working hard and doing what you love. Love~ Dad, Mom, Kolby, Kloe & family

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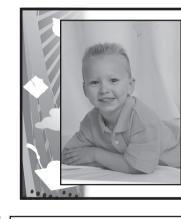
Kayla Sterr! Congrats Kayla! We are so proud of all your accomplishments in high school, from Sunday school teacher to drum major to theater productions to 1 of 6 valedictorians. We love you and are so proud





Congratulations, Krayton Carter!

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Congratulations, Krayton Carter!

We are very proud of you! Love You Lots, Papa & Booka 05152020



Congratulations, Alexis Kemplin!

Congratulations!! You've overcome so much in the last year. I am beyond proud of you.

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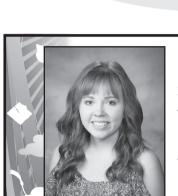
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Congratulations McKayla Even though graduation is going to look different for you, the achievement is still the same. You've put in the same hard work and graduated with honors. You've learned and graduated with honors, fou ve tearned and grown so much over the years. And we couldn't be prouder. Always remember that you are braver than you believe, stronger you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and loved more than you'll ever know. We are beyond proud of you and how much you have accomplished! This is just another milestone to your dreams and whatever you decide to do. We know you will CRUSH

nything you put your mind to. Congrats
we love you! ~ Mom, Dad, Rowen & Tobias Jeremiah 29:11

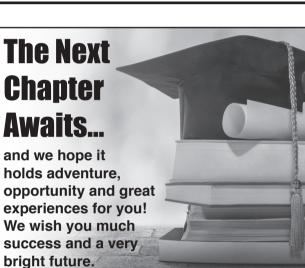
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Macy, Who knew that this was the way your high school career

would end? You worked hard and that will never go unnoticed by anyone that knows you. This is just the beginning. Baby girl, you will move mountains! We are so proud of you! Congratulations!

Love, Mom and Becky



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Congratulations to a awesome young man Travis Quinn. Your future hasn't been written

yet so make it a good one.

Love, Race & Loretta Quinn, Shirley Quinn, Dawn & David Waterhouse and all the family. Best wishes on your special day.

Congratulations,

Kyle Taylor!

Congratulations, Kyle!! We

are SO proud of you, and

can't wait to see what your

future holds.

Love, Mom, Dad, & Emmy



Congratulations, Natalie Rhodes!

Congratulations Natalie! We are proud of you and love you so very much! We know you will have great success as you pursue vour dream. Love, Mom, Dad, Nolan and Sadie, too 05152020



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Congratulations Sydney for all your accomplishments and the person you are. You bring so much joy to our lives; we are so proud of you and love you very much! Grandma and Grandpa

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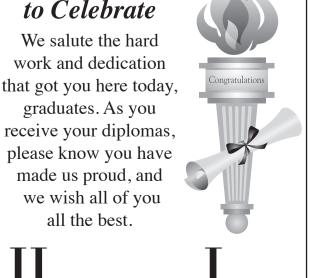
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Congrats, Sydney!

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Congratulations, Jasmyne Trummel!

Congratulations Bug, I'm so proud of the beautiful, smart, caring young lady you've become. I look forward to watching you soar like an eagle. Mom



Congratulations, Zachary Siltman!

Zachary, You have brought so much joy to our family! You have the ability to make others smile, depsite teh adversities you face. That is one reason that makes you so special. Your love for Jesus shines through. We thank God for you everyday. We love you! Love, Momma, Dad, Samantha, Whitney

and Kaitlyn

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Congratulations, Ty Berter!

I am so proud of you, TW!! Congratulations!! Love, Mom



Congratulations, Preston Sloat!

You did it!! All your hard work has paid off. We look forward to your next adventures and wish you Success & Happiness in all that you do. Congratulations 2020 Graduate we are all so very proud of you!

Love, Mom



Congratulations, Ty Brennan!

It is with great pride that we congratulate our 2020 graduate Ty Brennan.

Love Gran and Grampy



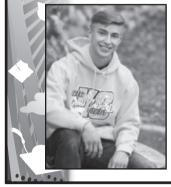
Congratulations, Tyrese Petty!

Congratulations Tyrese!! We are so proud of you!!



Congratulations, Dominick Walker! Walker Christian Academy

Son, we're very proud of you and the decisions you've made to serve the Lord. Congratulations on reaching this milestone! We love you and we're praying for you!



Congratulations, Ty Brennan!

Congrats Tv! We are proud of your accomplishments.



What a way to cap off the school year!

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