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‘Parade of Trees’ Christmas parade 2023

Retired Clinton Chamber of Commerce executive director Marian Brisard, shown here with family, served as grand marshal of the annual Clinton Chamber Christmas parade on Dec. 2. **See more photos on page A2.**

Meta announces its DeWitt County -powered data center now operational

Kevin Bessler
The Center Square

DEKALB, Ill. — Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, announced that its new Illinois data center, powered by a DeWitt County wind energy facility, is up and running. Meta broke ground on the facility in DeKalb

County in 2020. The facility represents a \$1 billion investment and is expected to create hundreds of jobs.

“We chose DeKalb because it offered excellent infrastructure, access to renewable energy, a strong pool of talent for both construction and operations staff, and great community partners that have helped

us move forward quickly, and we’re happy to call it home,” Meta’s Data Center Community and Economic Development Director Brad Davis said.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker says a 4-year-old law is helping to bring these types of facilities to the Land of Lincoln.

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Submitted photo

“Sounds of Christmas”

Myra Stroud, left, and Silvia Comfort hold a program for the recent “Sounds of Christmas” concert, hosted at the Clinton First Church of the Nazarene. **See more photos on A7.**

Regular brush pick-up discontinued until March, except storm damage

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CLINTON — This is the final week for people to place brush out for pick-up, commissioner Ken Buchanan said during Tuesday’s city council meeting. Regular brush pick-up will resume in March unless required because of winter storm damage.

Buchanan also thanked city crews for installing the seasonal lights on the square, and he commended Nate Ennis and the Festival of Trees group for work on the Clinton Festival of Trees.

Commissioner John Wise also complemented the Festival of Trees and the large crowd that

attended the lighting ceremony.

“And, the Christmas parade; I thought that was very well put together again,” Wise said.

The council approved a contract with Henson Robinson Company for lime and CO2 improvements at the water plant at a cost of \$554,644.

“This is primarily from COVID funds,” commissioner of accounts and finances and interim mayor Tom Edmunds said.

The council also placed on file the city’s annual levy scheduled for action at the Dec. 19 meeting.

Resident Seth Redington briefly addressed the council about an issue that was the subject of a

public hearing on Dec. 5. Redington is asking the city to not vacate Jemima Lane and clear access for residents whose homes face the unpaved street.

“The city has had two weeks to take a look at the maps and past ordinances that are attached to Jemima Lane,” Redington said.

Redington asked when there would be a city planning commission meeting to address the issue and when the city council also would make its decision.

Edmunds said the city would take the matter under advisement. City attorney John Hoblit said there would be a decision once the council decided how it wanted to proceed.

Illinois Supreme Court: FOID records exempt from public disclosure

Peter Hancock
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Supreme Court ruled Thursday that people may obtain records about their own Firearm Owners Identification cards, but they may not use the state’s Freedom of Information Act to do so.

In a 7-0 ruling, the court said the Illinois State Police acted properly when it denied FOIA requests from individuals who sought copies of letters explaining why their FOID cards had been denied or revoked. But the court also said those individuals could have obtained those records

through other means. “ISP does not dispute this point but simply maintains, as we have found, that FOIA is not the proper means for obtaining the requested information,” Justice Joy Cunningham wrote for the court.

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Expired items in the house

Remember that bottle of antibacterial hand soap you tucked into the back of the cabinet when the Covid pandemic first started? People were in a panic and shelves were running low on so many things ... including that hand soap.

Perhaps you grabbed two -- one to use and one to keep for a spare, just in case. Meanwhile, as you needed another one, you bought it and kept that spare in the cabinet.

If that bottle is still there, it’s likely expired.

Antibacterial hand soap is one of those things with an expiration, or at least a lot code that will indicate when it was manufactured.

Quite a few things seems to have a shelf life of 2-3 years before expiration, which means that if you bought them at the beginning of the pandemic, they’re likely expired. The reason they go bad is that one or more of the ingredients doesn’t hold up over time.

We’re used to looking for expiration dates on food, but hand soap ... who knew?

The list of household products that can expire is long. Hand sanitizers, shampoo, hand lotion, toothpaste, mouthwash, hydrogen peroxide, bleach, bug spray, deodorant, bar soap, dish detergent, and so many more.

There are a few places online where you can put in the brands of the items you want to check as well

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

as the lot codes. The codes are tricky (you’ll likely need a magnifying glass). One example I have on hand is NL03333L60; another is 05252JU36. Don’t use the bar code. You’ll need to hunt on the container for the actual manufacturer, not just the product name. The lot number might be etched on the bottom or sides of the container. Holding it up to a lamp helps you spot the number.

Confusing? Yes, it is. Two places to check for expiration of hundreds of items are checkexp.com and checkcosmetic.net. If in doubt, call the manufacturer.

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Courtesy of DeWitt Clinton DAR

DAR fills Christmas stockings for military members

DeWitt Clinton Chapter DAR members donated items to fill Christmas stockings to overflowing with goodies and personal care items that were packed and sent to active military members for the holidays. Pictured is Joyce Smiley, DAR Project Patriot Committee Chairman and organizer for the chapter project.

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“Illinois has quickly become a hub of data center expansion thanks to a law that we enacted back in 2019 to create new incentives to attract data centers to Illinois,” Pritzker said.

That law exempts qualifying data centers from having to pay state and local sales taxes on the equipment in the facilities, including cooling and heating equipment and servers. Included in the tax incentive package is

a 20 percent income tax break to new data centers built in high poverty areas of the state.

Before the incentives were implemented, many companies were locating their data centers in neighboring states because of a friendlier tax climate.

The Midwest has become a favorite spot for data center construction. Industry experts point to lower costs, connectivity and even a cooler climate as some of the factors that

make the region an ideal location for data center expansion.

Meta has 10 operational data centers in the U.S., with three in the Midwest and two more slated for construction in the region. The DeKalb Data Center is run on 100 percent renewable energy, and is powered by a wind farm in DeWitt County, Meta said.

In 2021, Illinois lawmakers passed the Reimagining Energy and Vehicles Act, a tax

incentive program to lure electric vehicle and parts manufacturers to Illinois. The REV Act was conceived in the wake of the state passing the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act.

The fifth company to take advantage of REV Act tax incentives, Gotion, Inc., announced that it will build a lithium battery plant in Manteno, but that proposal is being met with opposition because of the company’s Chinese ties.

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Clinton Police Department

Citations 12/04/23
Molly Fitzgerald 39, Clinton Driving While Revoked, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Improper Use of Registration. Fitzgerald was released on a Notice to Appear in Court.

On 12/02/23 Clinton Police arrested Cole RJ Hanes 23, Clinton for Theft of Motor Vehicle and Domestic Battery. Hanes was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

On 12/04/23 Clinton Police arrested Bryan L. Humes 42, Clinton for Domestic Battery and Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer. Humes was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

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

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Blue Ridge CUSD #18 ¶

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I. → A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Blue Ridge CUSD #18 for 2023 will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at 6:50 p.m. at the Blue Ridge High School Library.¶

II. → The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2022 were \$8,463,632.14.¶
The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$10,262,854. This represents a 21.26% increase over the previous year.¶

III. → The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 were \$832,061.29. ¶
The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2023 are \$1,130,997. This represents a 35.93% increase over the previous year.¶

IV. → The total property taxes extended or abated for 2022 were \$9,295,693.43. ¶
→ The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$11,393,851. This¶
→ Represents a 22.57% increase over the previous year.¶

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1953 - Los Angeles be-
came the third largest city
in the United States.

1962 - Workers of the
International Typograph-
ical Union began striking
and closed nine New York
City newspapers. The
strike lasted 114 days and
ended April 1, 1963.

1980 - Zimbabwe's
manpower minister, Edgar
Tekere, was found guilty
in the killing of a white
farmer. He was freed
under a law that protected
ministers acting to sup-
press terrorism.

1982 - Norman D. Mayer
demanding an end to
nuclear weapons held the
Washington Monument
hostage. He threatened to
blow it up with explosives
he claimed were inside
a van. 10 hours later he
was shot to death by
police.

1984 - In Roanoke, Virgin-
ia, a jury found Hustler
magazine publisher Larry
Flynt innocent of libeling
Reverend Jerry Falwell
with a parody advertise-
ment. However Falwell
was awarded \$200,000
for emotional distress.

1987 - U.S. President
Reagan and Soviet leader
Mikhail S. Gorbachev
signed a treaty agreeing
to destroy their nations'
arsenals of intermed-
iate-range nuclear mis-
siles.

1987 - The "intefadeh"
(Arabic for uprising)
by Palestinians in the
Israeli-occupied territories
began.

1989 - Communist
leaders in Czechoslova-
kia offered to surrender
their control over the
government and accept a
minority role in a coalition
Cabinet.

1991 - Russia, Byelorus-
sia and Ukraine declared
the Soviet national gov-
ernment to be dead. They
forged a new alliance to
be known as the Com-
monwealth of Indepen-
dent States. The act was
denounced by Russian
President Gorbachev as
unconstitutional.

1992 - Americans got
to see live television
coverage of U.S. troops
landing on the beaches of
Somalia during Operation
Restore Hope. (Due to
the time difference, it was
December 9 in Somalia.)

1993 - U.S. President
Clinton signed into law
the North American Free
Trade Agreement.

1994 - Bosnian Serbs
released dozens of hos-
tage peacekeepers, but
continued to detain about
300 others.

1994 - In Los Angeles, 12
alternate jurors were cho-
sen for the O.J. Simpson
murder trial.

1997 - The second largest
bank was created with the
announcement that Union
Bank Switzerland and the
Swiss Bank Corporation
would merge. The com-
bined assets were more
than \$590 billion.

1997 - Jenny Shipley
was sworn in as the first
female prime minister of
New Zealand.

1998 - The U.S. Supreme
Court ruled that police
could not search a person
or their cars after ticket-
ing for a routine traffic
violation.

Amber Waves



War & peace

It is now December, which, in this country, is defined as the Christmas season. Tradition says it is to be a month of joy.

We are to celebrate Christ's birth, exchange gifts and feast on the holiday. It is supposed to be a time of peace. During the Civil War and both world wars there are accounts of soldiers stopping their battles and engaging in a meal with the other side. Christmas simply embodies peace.

A look at today's world simply declares that the custom of Christmas is forgotten. We are a world at war. Unfortunately, today's wars find their roots in religious intolerance. That is not a new reason for war. One needs only to look at the Crusades, the conflicts between Catholics and Protestants in Europe and the Roman persecution of Christians to realize that religious conflicts have been with us over the centuries. Religious intolerance seems to have intensified since 1900.

The Muslim, Turkish Ottoman empire in

1915 invaded Christian Armenia in 1915 and slaughtered a million Armenian Christians. Hitler convinced the German populace in the 1930s that the Jews were the source of Germany's economic woes and sought to exterminate the Jewish race in German-controlled areas. Today Communist China is waging serious oppression on its Muslim minority. The middle east is now boiling over with war between Israel and HAMAS. Hindu India and Muslim Pakistan are at a constant state of skirmishes on their mutual border. Religion often propels war as witnessed by these events.

Today in this country we have pro-Palestinian groups chanting from "the river to the sea" which is simply a code for the annihilation of the Jews in Israel and the formation of a Muslim state. We also have some Christian related groups that show hatred toward those of the Islamic faith.

We are forgetting that our founding fathers saw religious intolerance and



sought to avoid it. They wanted a nation of laws and not a segregated theocracy. They stressed in the Constitution that all men are equal. Tolerance would be afforded towards religious beliefs. We would not have a state religion. The concept of not having a state sponsored religion was unheard of in the western world in the 1700's. The United States accomplished religious freedom and that concept has worked for 250 years. Today that concept is under fire.

Our schools today rarely go into any thoughtful classroom teaching about history and religious tolerance. History and governmental classes are not the priority of the classroom. Our youth are taught about public initiatives and majority rules as a basic of democracy. We have

forgotten that we are a nation of laws that historically has abhorred mob rule. We are rapidly approaching mob rule from both sides of the political spectrum. People fled to this nation to avoid religious persecution. Today many of those are now seeking to persecute those who they disagree with. For 200-plus years the U.S. has been the beacon of freedom and rule of law. That beacon has influenced this world and has hopefully stopped some religious conflicts in the world. If we lose that beacon we will simply become like much of the world and the group that has the numbers will prevail and minority freedoms will be a forgotten dream.

America needs to demonstrate to the world what true freedom and rule of law entails. This country does not need to let fanatics of any type gain power over the decision making aspects of our government. Failure to be the beacon for the world means that peace fails, and war will thrive.

How's it going? No, I mean, really. How are you?

Here we are in the middle of winter with the shorter days, the lower temps and depending where we are, snow and ice on the sidewalk and roads, holiday stresses ...

Some of us aren't doing well. We've been faking it through the holidays, smiling and greeting people, but deep down inside we know: We're not OK. Whether we're in a funk, sad, dispirited, depressed, hopeless, anxious ... call it what you will, but some of us just are not OK.

With the new year we have the opportunity to

resolve to change that and have a better 2024. The Department of Veterans Affairs stands ready to help us. All it takes to start is a phone call.

A first step might be calling the Veterans Crisis Line anytime day or night: Just dial 988 and press 1. Or you can text 838255. The voice on the other end is likely to be a veteran's, specially trained. It's free and confidential. These responders can hook you up with the resources you need to get help.

To get a little more info, go online to VeteransCrisisLine.net.



Under the "Resources and Support" dropdown menu, select "Local Resources." There you can search for local veteran's help near you. You can also find local VA resources at www.va.gov/directory/guide/allstate.asp.

To get info over the phone, call 800-273-8255 and press 1. If you have hearing loss, the TTY number is 800-799-4889.

If you happen to be active

duty and you're overseas, there's still help for you. Go to VeteransCrisisLine.net and click on "How We Help," then select "Military Crisis Line." You'll see a list of direct free phone numbers depending where you are: Europe, Korea, Philippines or Afghanistan. Or you can call the original Crisis Line if outside of the U.S.: 800-273-8255 and press 1. Remember: You can always walk directly into a VA medical center day or night.

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The case revolved around a 2011 amendment to the Freedom of Information Act that exempts from public disclosure the names and information of people who have applied for or received FOID cards or concealed carry permits.

According to briefs filed with the court, state lawmakers passed that amendment after the Associated Press filed a blanket FOIA request seeking the names of all FOID cardholders in the state, along with the expiration dates of their cards.

Thursday’s ruling involved two unrelated cases from Madison County in which Sandra Hart and Kenneth Burgess Sr. sought copies of documents related to their FOID cards, including records explaining why their cards had been revoked.

Thomas Maag, an attorney who argued the cases at the Supreme Court, said in an interview Thursday that both individuals claimed they had lost the original documents and that they sought copies so they could appeal the revocations.

In both cases, ISP denied the requests, citing the exemption in the Freedom of Information Act. But in both cases, the Madison County Circuit Court sided with the applicants and ordered ISP to hand over the requested information. In 2022, the 5th District

Court of Appeals upheld those decisions, saying the FOIA exemption was never intended to prevent individuals from obtaining records pertaining to themselves.

Both the trial court and the appellate court pointed to the use of plural language in the 2011 amendment that prohibits the release of “names” and information of “people” who have applied for or received permits. They argued the use of plural words indicated lawmakers did not intend to prevent people from accessing their own information.

But the Supreme Court rejected that analysis, saying the use of the plural words “does not, in itself, mean that a request for one’s own information” would be permissible under the 2011 amendment.

The court’s ruling noted that the individuals could have obtained their FOID card applications and revocation letters through the Firearms Services Bureau, which is the division of ISP that processes FOID cards.

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Jan Pritchard

Saturday Christmas shopping. Despite the crowds, I was having a pleasant day and decided to stop at one of my favorite local soup kitchens. Upon entering the tiny establishment, though, I saw an impossibly long line of people waiting to give their orders, and it didn’t take a math genius to see that the number of chairs wouldn’t match the crowd, even if everyone did share a table, as was the custom there.

I hesitated. Should I take it to go? I really wanted some homemade soup, but I wasn’t ready to go home yet. Disappointed, I got back in my car and drove on up Douglas, looking for an alternative. Oh, but there was another favorite local place! I walked in, happy to see a spot at the counter, and relaxed with my falafel while mentally going over my next shopping destinations. Presently, a man about my age came in, wearing Carharts and a cap, spoke to the café owner, and then left with several boxes of baked goods in his arms.

I got my coat, paid the tab, and turned to leave, just as the man in Carharts came back inside and began talking earnestly with the owner. I walked past them, out to my car, and the two men

Angel in Carharts

followed me. “Is this your car?” the man in Carharts asked me. When I told him it was, he pointed to my front right tire. “You have a flat tire,” he said. “You can’t drive on that.” To my dismay, I saw he was right, and the day suddenly wasn’t so pleasant. “I have a jack in my car,” he said suddenly. “Please allow me to change your tire—do you have a spare?”

I hesitated, trying not to appear like I was sizing him up, weighing my options, deciding if I could trust him. I looked to the café owner for a second opinion. “You can’t drive on that,” he agreed. “You should let him help you.” “Please let me do this for you,” the man in Carharts said again. “It’s Christmas. I love helping people and you would be doing me a favor.”

I laughed a bit at that, and so I said okay and went around to the back of my car to dig out the spare. He made short work of changing the tire, and as he was finishing up, I saw that the left front tire was also flat. I showed him and I said, “I need to call a tow truck.” “No, no,” he said, shaking his head rapidly. “I own a repair shop. It’s not far from here and you can follow me. Here, here is my card.” He pointed to the name. “That is my name. It is my shop.” My mind raced over options, which weren’t too many, and he continued his appeal. “I have an air

compressor. I can check the pressure and fill the tires for you. You won’t owe me anything, I just want to help. It’s Christmas,” he added, as if that was important. I found myself agreeing, and I followed him out of the parking lot, wondering why I wasn’t more nervous about this strange turn of events.

He led me to a nice-looking automobile repair shop, with several bay doors, and I was happy to see that the name matched the card he’d given me. It was closed, but he unlocked the front door and then opened one of the bays, motioning me to drive inside. Once I turned off the engine and set the brake, he was all business, and I watched with admiration as he went to work.

He asked if I parked outside, and that the cold weather was probably the reason the tires lost pressure. As he methodically attended to each tire, he asked me questions and I did the same, and in doing so I discovered that he was a father of seven, lived on the east side but grew up on the west, he had another shop, but this was the main one, and that he was involved in a downtown renovation project that I knew of.

He learned that I grew up on the east side and still got lost on the west, that I worked at the bank that was financing his project, and we that knew

the same loan officer. I told him I was writing a book, and he said his wife loved reading and that she belonged to a book club. He added that maybe someday they will read mine. I asked about the baked goods he had picked up, and he said he hadn’t planned to be in the neighborhood today, but decided to pick them up because he had time. I told him how fortunate it was that he had decided to do that. “It’s amazing, isn’t it?” I said, “that you were there right when I needed help.” He nodded and we were momentarily silent, thinking about it.

After putting his tools away and closing the hatch to my car, he said with satisfaction, “There you are! All done and you can be on your way!” I told him I was so very grateful for his kindness, and he put his hand on his chest.

“It is I who am grateful,” he said. “Thank you so much for allowing me to help. Not everyone would have done that, and it was a blessing to me.” “It was a blessing to me, too,” I smiled. “I won’t forget you.” “Let me know when you publish your book,” he added.

I got into my car and backed out into the street. The angel in Carharts closed the bay door, and I drove away.

This story was provided to the Clinton Journal by the author.

Holiday Church Events

Clinton United Methodist Church

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Christmas Cantata
Dec. 17, 2023 - 9 a.m.

Christmas Eve Worship
Dec. 24, 2023 - 9 a.m.

Christmas Candlelight Service
Dec. 24, 2023 - 7 p.m.



Catholic Christmas Mass Times

St. John’s Clinton

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve
11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve
(Carols begin at 10:40pm)

St. Patrick Wapella

8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve
(Carols begin at 7:40pm)
9:00 a.m. Christmas Day
(Carols begin at 8:40am)

Sacred Heart Farmer City

10:30 a.m. Christmas Day

St. John the Baptist
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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 1 Corinthians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. For not believing his wife would conceive, who was struck mute, not being able to speak? Gabriel, Zachariah, Joash, Mesha
3. The Lord's Prayer, the Beatitudes and the Golden Rule are found in what sermon? Lamb blood, Agnus, On the mount, Dry bones
4. According to David, what does God's spiritual cleansing make us whiter than? Light, Clouds, Wool, Snow
5. How many times is the name "Lucifer" mentioned in the Bible (KJV)? 1, 7, 9, 13
6. From Psalm 19, what do the heavens declare? Holiness, Glory of God, Creation, Mighty wind

ANSWERS: 1) New Testament, 2) Zachariah, 3) On the mount, 4) Snow, 5) 1, 7, 9, 13, 6) Holiness, Glory of God, Creation, Mighty wind

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 29:10-11

The **LORD** **sits** enthroned **over** the **flood**; the LORD is **enthroned** as **King forever**. **The Lord gives strength** to **his people**; the Lord **blesses** his people **with peace**.

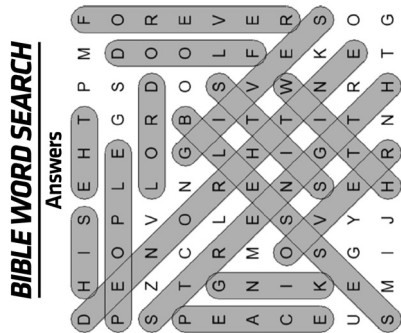
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Central Italy's values

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights.

To talk on Italian cuisine or anything else, it is best understood through its history. Starting out as a hunting / gathering civilization, it progressed into organized farming and raising livestock.

The early Roman conquests introduced, hitherto, unknown cultural ways. Be that as it may, cooking for the most part remained simple and accented with herbs and drizzles of virgin olive oil. Vegetables, with this combination, made it very healthy.

Another healthy dish was portage primarily made from mullet seasoned with herbs and eaten hot. Polenta is the closest comparison. Vineyards and olive groves were plentiful. Thus, the cooking oil of choice would be olive oil. However, lard was commonly used in the Ligurian region.

Regarding livestock, Central Italy was known mainly for beef, goats, and lambs. The meat was grilled, roasted on a spit, or stewed. Pork was often deep fried and popular among the residents of Umbria. This cooking was also done simply.

Rome remained the



The Culinary Corner

Chef Roger Joss

capital of Italy from long before Christ on up to our day. Christ was born in Palestine during the reign of Tiberius Caesar and crucified in Jerusalem during the reign of Augustus Octavius Caesar. Rome then became the seat of Christianity a few centuries later. That centralized world-wide attention upon Rome and the Vatican City within. With the pope selecting and rejecting kings and emissaries, it became most powerful and a cultural center.

To therefore be a friend of the Church could be the difference between success and failure or even life and death. To control segments of the Holy See (Sancta Sedes), the governing body of the Church, put one in a most favorable position for wealth and power.

The Medici family of Florence handled the money for Vatican City and the Church. Clearly, they were the most powerful family in Italy and the wealthiest. By the way, thanks to their

wealth, Renaissance had its beginning in Florence. Leonardo DaVinci was born in the Florentine Republic and lived and worked in Florence. He died in 1519 just prior to Catherine de Medici's appearance. It is upon she we need to focus.

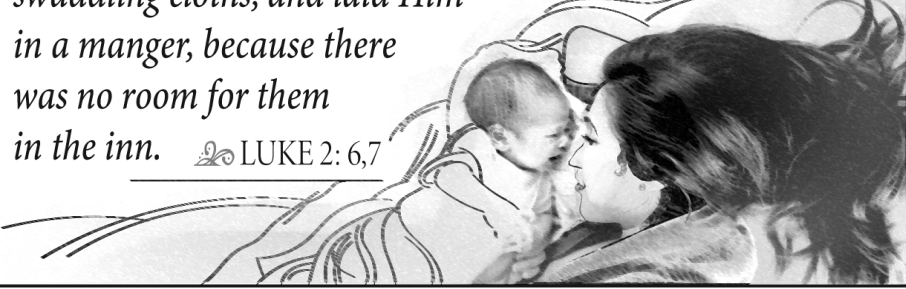
The Medici family was not only the center of culture in Italy, but definers of culture. They set the standards and were known for their elaborate menus and extravagant banquets. This is where Catherine de Medici comes into the picture. It is due to her actions that high quality cuisine and dining was inadvertently introduced to the world. Gastronomy became finetuned and gained a new meaning.

We are on the last leg of this international cuisine adventure. I do not know about you, but I will be relieved. I much prefer delving into the mechanics of cooking; techniques and preparations. I see the importance in such. The last country I wish to cover is France. I might also cover Mediterranean cooking and cuisine briefly to introduce its health benefits.

Until next time, peace to all.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.  LUKE 2: 6,7

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10:30 a.m.-Sunday morning worship
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7 p.m.-Wednesday service

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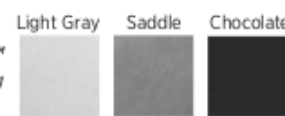
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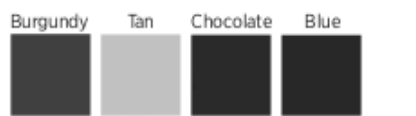


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Monday
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High 41

Tuesday
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High 41

Wednesday
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High 38

Thursday
Sunny
High 40

Weather History

December 8
1991: A late-season outbreak of severe thunderstorms moved across central Illinois. Baseball-size hail was reported at Manito in Mason County, as well as Tremont in Tazewell County. In Menard County, tennis-ball size hail was reported at Petersburg. A tornado touched down in far southern McLean County near the town of McLean and moved east to near Heyworth. This tornado caused some damage to a manufacturing plant as well as several outbuildings on farms along the storm's path.

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CLINTON Journal Sports

PORTA wins Turkey Tussle, Clinton 3rd

Gordon Woods
gwoods@theclintonjournal.com

CLINTON — The final day of the Turkey Tussle included three games for third place, second place and the championship.

The first game of the afternoon was a match between the hometown Clinton Lady Maroons and the ever-tough St. Teresa Lady Bulldogs from Decatur. In this home game, the Lady Maroons ruled the court starting in the first quarter.

The Lady Maroons shot out of the starting blocks and caught the opposition off guard, getting an 11-2 lead by the end of the first quarter. The home team backed off in the second quarter, letting the Lady Bulldogs catch a breath by the halftime; Clinton still on top 17-6.

After the mid-game break, the Lady Maroons returned to a tough defense, again allowing the opposition only single-digit scoring, while going on a scoring frenzy of their own. At the end of the third quarter, the home team was up 29-13 and never trailed again.

The fourth quarter was an explosion by the Lady Maroons, scoring 21 points, while holding the Lady Bulldogs to only 5. Clinton took this game 50-18.

The Lady Maroons were led by Clara Dempsey (#0) and Avery Smith (#22) with 12 points each. The Lady Maroons took third place in the tournament.

Next on the playbill was the 2nd place game between the Eureka Lady Hornets and the Deer Creek/Mackinaw (Dee-Mack)

Lady Chiefs.

The faceoff began with the Lady Hornets shooting well, taking a 12-6 lead by the end of the first quarter. After some adjustments, the Lady Chiefs closed the point gap in the second quarter to 3 points, entering the halftime trailing 24-21.

During the halftime, Dee-Mack apparently made some more tweaks to their game, going from three down to three up by the end of the third quarter 36-33. The final quarter saw the Lady Chiefs take total control for a 50-41 second place win. Dee-Mack was led by Dalia DeJesus (#24) who scored 22 points in the game.

Then, there were two. The Olympia Lady Spartans met the PORTA Lady Bluejays (Jays) at center court for what was to be the highlight of the evening and a surprise.

Both teams had beaten all others handily in their pool, so fireworks were expected. However, while PORTA appeared ready for the challenge, the Lady Spartans seemed befuddled.

The first round of play ended with PORTA up 17-2, which became a 34-4 lead at the halftime break.

The second half saw the Lady Spartans begin to fight their way back into the game, but it was not enough as the third quarter ended with PORTA up 51-15.

With many subs in during the fourth quarter for PORTA, the Lady Spartans were able to hold the opposition to 7 points, while adding 13 of their own. However, this still left the PORTA Lady Jays with the championship



Photos Marc Rogers / Journal

Four of the 10 Turkey Tussle All-Tournament Team (L-R), Jayce Privia, PORTA (also tournament Most Outstanding Player); Carson Arthalomy, PORTA; Hannah Cleveland, Olympia; and Lady Avery Smith.

win (58-28) of the 10th Annual Clinton Turkey Tussle.

After all the games and championship presentation were over, there was one last order of business, the announcement of the

all-tournament team. At the top of the list was Jayce Privia of PORTA, who was also the Tournament Most Outstanding Player. Other top players were:

Sophie Mussleman	Eureka
Dalia DeJesus	Deer Creek/Mackinaw
Lucy Corley	St. Teresa
Carson Arthalomy	PORTA
Hannah Cleveland	Olympia
Joella Livingston	St. Teresa
Lexi Cottingham	Deer Creek/Mackinaw
Mackinze Knowles	Deer Creek/Mackinaw
Avery Smith	Clinton Lady Maroons



Olympia Took several time outs trying to regroup.

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119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAX RECEIVING AND SENDING SERVICE

The Clinton Journal will facsimile documents to other fax machines for private parties and businesses. **RATES:** (Receiving) \$2 - First page, \$1 each page after. (Sending in US) \$3 - First page, \$1 each page after. Get your important documents where they need to be instantly by taking advantage of our facsimile machine. Reproduce complete documents and/or pictures by telephone in only a couple minutes! Just stop by the Clinton Journal, 111 S Monroe, Clinton - no appointment necessary. (119TFN)

NEW TO TOWN? Stop by our office for your Free 2023-2024 Community

Guide. This guide will tell everything you need to know about settling into Clinton and making it home.
Clinton Journal 111 S Monroe, Clinton

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. *A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. The Clinton Journal strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in its care.

*Family homes that care for no more than three (3) children under the age of twelve or which receive only children from a single household, for less than 24 hours per day, are exempt from licensure as day care homes. The three children to whom this exemption applies includes the family's natural or adopted children and any other persons under the age of 12 whether related or unrelated to the operator of the day care home. [DCFS Rule, Part 377.3 (c)]

203 HELP WANTED

THE CLINTON JOURNAL is seeking a substitute delivery driver. Responsibilities include picking up paper bundles from the Journal office and delivering them to designated businesses in a timely manner. **MUST** have a valid driver's license, reliable transportation and valid insurance. Apply at the Clinton Journal office, 111 S. Monroe St., Clinton. (203TFN)

305 GARAGE/ RUMMAGE SALES

PLACE A RUMMAGE SALE AD IN THE CLINTON JOURNAL. Deadline for ads are: Monday, 5:00 PM for the following Friday edition. Rate: 1 publication and up to one week online,

up to 20 words for \$17.00, additional words are 25¢ a word. **OUR RAIN GUARANTEE:** If it rains on your sale day, we'll rerun the same ad (only date & time changes) for free. Must run within 2 weeks.

307 MISC FOR SALE

ROCKING HORSE: wooden, hand-made, will hold adult, \$110, 217-944-2106. (307 1210)

LEGAL

Wapella Township is now accepting bids for the mowing of four cemeteries in Wapella Township. For bid information contact Lindsay Donovan, township clerk at 217-855-1942. Mail bids to Wapella Township, 704 Walnut Circle, Wapella, IL 61777. All bids along with proof of insurance must be received by January 1, 2024. Bids will be opened January 9, 2024 at 7 pm in the Wapella Township Office. Wapella Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Lindsay Donovan, Township Clerk

REQUIREMENTS FOR MOWING CEMETERIES IN WAPELLA TOWNSHIP

1. Cemeteries to be mowed are Sugar Grove, Long Point, Crum and St. Patricks.
2. Cemeteries must be mowed and trimmed on a weekly basis during the months of April, May, June, July, August, September, and October or as needed in those months.
3. All grass and debris must be removed from all headstones after each mowing.
4. Payment will be made one time a month on the second Tuesday of each month
5. Three year contracts are encouraged.
6. Proof of insurance must be provided with bid.
7. Mail bids to Wapella Township/Attn: Lindsay Donovan, 704 Walnut Circle, Wapella IL 61777
8. Bids must be received by January 1, 2024 to be considered.

Legal 19908 November 24, December 1 & 8, 2023

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN WARNER, IV, DECEASED

2023-PR-39

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Letters of Administration - Will Annexed were issued on November 2, 2023 to Jonah Kolb 7418 S. Road, Clinton, Illinois 61727 as independent administrator. The attorney for the estate is Bryce A. Lynch 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 June 8, 2024. 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.

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

Dated this 17th day of November, 2023.

Jonah Kolb, independent administrator of the estate of John Warner, IV, deceased

BRYCE A. LYNCH 6297077 TAYLOR & LYNCH 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, ILLINOIS 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183

FAX: (217) 935-8219 E-MAIL: attorneys@dewittcountylaw.com

Legal 19909 November 24, December 1 & 8, 2023

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BLANCHE BEVERLY DUBSON, DECEASED

2023-PR-40

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Letters of Office—Decedent's Estate were issued on November 9, 2023 to Gayle D. Witt, 217 West Green Street, Farmer City, Illinois 61842 as independent executor. The attorney for the estate is Bryce A. Lynch 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 June 8, 2024. 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.

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

Dated this 20th day of November, 2023.

Gayle D. Witt, independent executor of the estate of Blanche Beverly

Dubson, deceased

BRYCE A. LYNCH 6297077 TAYLOR & LYNCH 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, ILLINOIS 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183 FAX: (217) 935-8219 E-MAIL: attorneys@dewittcountylaw.com

Legal 19912 November 24, 2023, December 1, 2023, December 8, 2023

LEGAL

Hearing Notice (35 ILCS 200/18-80)

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Clinton Unit School District 15 I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Clinton Unit School District 15 for 2023 will be held on December 19th, 2023, at 6:30 at Clinton Junior High School. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Drew Goebel, Assistant Superintendent, 1210 Highway 54 West Clinton, IL 61727. Phone number: 217-935-8321. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2022 were \$17,370,125.81. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$18,665,116. This represents a 7.46% increase over the previous year. III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 were 1,606,890.24. The estimated property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$2,296,095. This represents a 42.89% increase over the previous year. IV The total property taxes extended or abated for 2022 were \$18,977,016.05. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$20,961,211. This represents a 10.46% increase over the previous year.

Legal 19917 December 8, 2023

LEGAL

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN DAVID ROESCH, JR., Deceased.

2023PR41

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JOHN DAVID ROESCH, JR., of Clinton, Illinois.

Letters of Office were issued on November 16, 2023, to Daniel G. Deneen, whose attorney is Daniel G. Deneen, 207 W. Jefferson St., Ste., 603, P.O. Box 3575, Bloomington, Illinois.

Claims may be filed on or before June 10, 2024, which date is not less than six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Claims may be e-filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, 61727, or claims may be filed with the Personal Representatives or both. If e-filed with the Clerk, the claimant must within 10 days mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Personal Representatives and to his attorney, and e-file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

Dated: November 30, 2023.

Daniel G. Deneen Personal Representative

December 8, 15, and 22, 2023. By: Daniel G. Deneen

Legal 19919 Dec. 8, Dec. 15, Dec. 22, 2023

LEGAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 15, DEWITT, MACON AND LOGAN COUNTIES, ILLINOIS TO SELL NOT TO EXCEED \$7,500,000 WORKING CASH FUND

BONDS PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Community Unit School District Number 15, DeWitt, Macon and Logan Counties, Illinois (the "District"), will hold a public hearing on the 19th day of December, 2023, at 6:30 o'clock P.M. The hearing will be held at the Clinton Junior High School Library, 701 Illini Drive, Clinton, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the District in an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District. By order of the President of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 15, DeWitt, Macon and Logan Counties, Illinois. DATED the 21st day of November, 2023.

Sondra Baker Secretary, Board of Education, Community Unit School District Number 15, DeWitt, Macon and Logan Counties, Illinois

Legal 19920 December 8, 2023

LEGAL

Assumed Name Publication Notice

Public Notice is hereby given that on Friday, November 17, 2023, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as:

CIRCLE M HOLDINGS INC. 700 WALNUT CIRCLE WAPELLA IL 61777

Dated this 17 day of November, 2023.

/s/ Kari L. Harris County Clerk

No. 2023DBA-0197

Legal 19921 Dec. 8, Dec. 15, Dec. 22, 2023

LEGAL

Assumed Name Publication Notice

Public Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 27, 2023, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois,

Full Time Custodian

PM Shift 2:00pm-10:30pm.

Please apply online or pick up an

application at the Unit Office (West side of High School)

Health, Life, Dental & Vision

Insurance paid for by

District. (Employee only)

Spouse/Family at a cost.



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CLINTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOLS VACANCY NOTICE NO. 13

Please apply on-line at www.applitrack.com/Clinton/onlineapp unless noted otherwise.

Clinton High School

- Spanish Teacher, application deadline Dec. 8, 2023

- Business Teacher for 2024-2025, application deadline Dec. 8, 2023

Athletics

- Assistant Softball Coach, please apply online or email letter of interest, resume, and letters of recommendation to Matt Koeppel, AD, at mkoeppe1@cusd15.org

Kitchen

- Sub Kitchen Staff, plus opportunity to sub for crossing, please apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office.

Transportation

- Sub Bus Drivers, please apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office. Must have or be willing to obtain CDL. \$24.50 per hr.
- Crossing Guard, \$16.00 (1 HR PM Bell) plus opportunity to sub for kitchen or AM crossing. Please apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office. Application deadline December 8, 2023
- Sub Crossing Guard, \$16.00 (HRS as needed) plus opportunity to sub for kitchen or bus monitor, please apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office.

Unit Office

- Teacher Aide - Bilingual (English & Spanish), please see website for paraprofessional license <https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals> "An Equal Opportunity Employer"

All employees must pass state & federal background checks.

setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as:

WAPELLA AUCTION HOUSE
700 WALNUT CIRCLE WAPELLA IL 61777

Dated this 27 day of November, 2023.

/s/ Kari L. Harris
County Clerk

No. 2023DBA-0201

Legal 19922
Dec. 8, Dec. 15,
Dec. 22, 2023

LEGAL

Assumed Name
Publication Notice

Public Notice is hereby given that on Monday, November 27, 2023, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as:

CIRCLE H BOOT AND WESTERN STORE
700 WALNUT CIRCLE WAPELLA IL 61777

Dated this 27 day of November, 2023.

/s/ Kari L. Harris
County Clerk

No. 2023DBA-0200

Legal 19923
Dec. 8, Dec. 15,
Dec. 22, 2023

LEGAL

NOTICE

The City of Clinton, Illinois, will hold a public hearing at 6:45 p.m., on Tuesday, the 19th day of December, 2023, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 118-120 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, for the purpose of hearing written and oral comment from the public concerning the proposed annual levy. A copy of the proposed annual levy is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays at City Hall, 118-120 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois. Cheryl A. Van Valey City Clerk of the City of Clinton, Illinois

Legal 19925
December 8, 2023

LEGAL

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

IN THE MATTER OF BARNETT SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT COUNTY OF DEWITT, STATE OF ILLINOIS NO. 50-TX-1

IN THE MATTER OF CLINTONIA SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT, COUNTY OF DEWITT, STATE OF ILLINOIS NO. 53-TX-11

IN THE MATTER OF CLINTONIA UNION DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1, COUNTY OF DEWITT, STATE OF ILLINOIS NO. 97-TX-6

IN THE MATTER OF COON CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT, COUNTY OF DEWITT, STATE OF ILLINOIS NO. 96-TX-5

IN THE MATTER OF CREEK UNION DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1, COUNTIES OF DEWITT AND MACON, STATE OF ILLINOIS NO. 53-TX-168

IN THE MATTER OF FRIENDS CREEK SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT, COUNTIES OF DEWITT AND PIATT, STATE OF ILLINOIS NO. 52-TX-56

IN THE MATTER OF MUTUAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 MA-ROA, COUNTIES OF DEWITT AND MACON, STATE OF ILLINOIS NO. 64-TX-2

IN THE MATTER OF NIXON SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT COUNTIES OF DEWITT AND MACON, STATE OF ILLINOIS NO. 53-TX-30

IN THE MATTER OF PRAIRIE CENTER DRAINAGE DISTRICT, COUNTY OF DEWITT, STATE OF ILLINOIS NO. 53-TX-10

IN THE MATTER OF RUTLEDGE-EMPIRE DRAINAGE DISTRICT, COUNTIES OF DEWITT AND MCLEAN, STATE OF ILLINOIS NO. 52-TX-121

IN THE MATTER OF TEN MILE CREEK OUTLET DRAINAGE DISTRICT, COUNTY OF DEWITT, STATE OF ILLINOIS NO. 53-TX-1

IN THE MATTER OF TEXAS CREEK UNION DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1, COUNTY OF DEWITT, STATE OF ILLINOIS NO. 56-TX-171

IN THE MATTER OF WAPELLA UNION DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2, COUNTY OF DEWITT, STATE OF ILLINOIS NO. 58-TX-1

IN THE MATTER OF WILSON TOWNSHIP DRAINAGE DISTRICT, COUNTY OF DEWITT, STATE OF ILLINOIS NO. 50-TX-69

NOTICE

The commissioners of the above drainage districts have filed in the above cases, respectively, their annual financial reports which will be approved by the above court unless the owners of land in the respective districts file objections to the reports with the Clerk of this Court within 10 days after the publication of this notice.

MICHELLE VAN VALEY
DeWitt County Circuit Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS

LOGAN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF NORTH BRANCH LAKE FORK SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT, COUNTIES OF LOGAN, MACON AND DEWITT, STATE OF ILLINOIS

NO. 57-MC-888

NOTICE

The commissioners of the above drainage district have filed in the above case their annual financial reports which will be approved by the above court unless the owners of land in the respective districts file objections to the reports with the Clerk of this Court within 10 days after the publication of this notice.

KELLY ELIAS
Logan County Circuit Clerk

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New Invaders: Spotted Lanternfly | Jan. 11

Spotted lanternfly is the newest “unwanted” invasive pest in Illinois. Learn how to identify and report this invasive insect as well as how to manage it and prevent further spread. Tricia Bethke from The Morton Arboretum will explore why monitoring for spotted lanternflies in winter is important and how you can help report invasives with early detection and rapid response.

Empower Illinois: Strategies to Reduce Nutrient Pollution and Protect Waterways | Feb. 8

The lakes, streams, and rivers of Illinois are vital for drinking water, wildlife, recreation, fishing, and industry, and everyone has a role in safeguarding water here and downstream. Explore what nutrient pollution is by learning about the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy, NLRS, and how it works to reduce nutrient pollution from nitrogen and phosphorus. Whether you’re a local landowner, concerned citizen, a steward of the environment – or all three – this presentation with University of Illinois Extension water quality experts will equip you with practical tools and knowledge so you can contribute to healthy waterways in your community.

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Protect Our Dark Skies: How to Limit Light Pollution | March 14

The sky is a natural wonder that unites everyone in Illinois, our nation, and the world. The Milky Way, the orange glow of Jupiter, the constellations Orion, and the Big Dipper all capture our attention and fill us with awe. However, for many of us, the sky is not dark enough to see more than just a few stars. Explore how to take a closer look around your home and community to assess night light conditions and simple ways you can help keep our night skies dark.

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Geminid meteor show at Macon County Conservation District December 14

DECATUR — View the Geminid Meteor Shower at Friends Creek Conservation Area on Thursday, December 14 from 9-11 p.m.


The Geminid Meteor Shower is the strongest meteor shower of the year. These meteors originate near the constellation Gemini, and are usually bright and colorful. If conditions are right, 120-160 meteors per hour may be seen at the shower’s peak.

Enjoy hot chocolate and marshmallows for making toasty s’mores. Dress warm and bring a lawn chair and/or blanket if you like. This event is free and for all ages, and you must pre-register online by noon on December 13 at MaconCountyConservation.org.

Friends Creek Conservation Area is located at 13734 Friends Creek Park Rd., Argenta. To get to Friends Creek from Decatur, go northeast on Route 48 for 11 miles and turn left onto Friends Creek Park Road. Parking is available.

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Daniel Ballenger, Kelly Brennan, Kenneth Buchanan, Roger Cyrulik, Thomas Edmunds, John Wise, Larry Woliung, Daniel Ballenger Jr., Callan Cain, Samantha Chapman, Justin Curless, Justin Dallas, Alexander Deerwester, Logan Deerwester, Lyle Denison, Eric Doran, John Dyer, Xian Graden, Tony Harris, Franklin Harvey, Micah Harvey, Thomas Harweger, Michael Jameson, Harold Jones, Robert Kercheval, Teddy Lacroix, Adam Lagemann, Shelby Lagemann, David Monaghan, Anthony Murphy, Stephen Page, Alyssa Price, Rick Reddington, Donald Rhoades, Gerald Vogel, Chris White, John Woodward, Brenton Casarez, Francis Jackson, Harry Tilley, William Vinson, Rita Whitted, Ryan Black, Clarence Blessing, Chad Walker, Michael Anderson, Carl Bateson, Daniel Monaghan, Christopher Moore, Kaedyn Sloat-Shannon, Trenton Whitted, Robert Hawes

(B) SALARIES \$25,000.00 TO \$49,999.99
Rhonda Roberts, Kamren Wilford, Jesse Cole, David Rodgers, Belynda Allen, Brandy Clifton, Russell Hickman

(C) SALARIES \$50,000.00 TO 74,999.99
Cheryl Van Valey, Michael Bennett, Patrick Cook, Derek Flaughner, Jacob Franklin, Ryan Kemp, Joseph Krasny, Kody Mair, David Morris, Jeanette Rogers, Tamara Burch, Ryan Freeman, Kyle Morris, Michael Short, Stephen Huffman, Michael Willoughby

(D) SALARIES \$75,000.00 to \$99,999.99
Clint Lichtenwalter, Mark Griffin, Jacob Jostes, Robert Lowers, Todd Ropp, Brandon Robinson, Blake West, Lloyd Francis, Steve Lobb

(E) SALARIES \$100,000.00 TO 124,999.99
David Dallas
TOTAL CITY SALARIES \$2,388,884.71

JOHN WARNER HOSPITAL
SALARIES FISCAL YEAR 2023

(A) SALARIES UNDER \$25,000.00
Yvonne Agar, Heather Alwood, Frances Bateson, Payton Bieber, Emily Boley, Tori Burke, Amelia Busby, Shelley Butler, Trisha Carr, Mackenzie Case, Dawn Chrispen, Casey Cox, Shannon Crisp, Emily Cyrulik, Meghan Dallas, Justin Eighner, Janette Elzy Forrest, Hillary Fielden, Logan Ford, Kaitlyn Fought, Rachael Gamsby, Amber Glatz, Xian Graden, Mykenzie Green, Heather Gregory, Taylor Harding, Daniel Harper, Betty Henson, Dennis Hilliard, Lindsey Holler, Curtis Homann, Dusti Hopper, Judy Irvin, Jamie Johnson, Jayla Jones, Desiree Keller, Rita Mann, Zachariah Maxwell, Katelyn McCandless, Jessica McCleary, Kyle Merry, Justin Meyers, Allison Mitchell, Madison Mollet, Timothy Mollet, Tiffany Motayne, Christopher Ojeda, Lisa Olson, Casey Patterson, Tara Peasley, Jinky Peters, Wendy Peterson, Kristan Pridemore, Elizabeth Riddle, Teri Rousseau, Denise Sarna, Katie Schmeltz, Alaxis Shanks, Lindsey Shanks, Brittney Spalding, Tamara Spencer, Mary Spray, Kendra Stephenson, Torree Steve, Sheila Stout, Stephanie Taylor, Erin Terven, Abigale Thayer, Melonie Tilley, Jaide Umstattdt, Lisa Ward, Gregory Webb, Jadison Wharram, Molly Williams, Sue Winger, Mason Witzke

(B) SALARIES \$25,000.00 TO \$49,999.99
Jeffrey Acup, April Alexander, Ashley Angel, Krystle Antrim, Sydney Bateson, Jennifer Brady, Brittany Brannan, Mary Brown, Tiffany Campbell, Bridget Carter, Dawn Chandler, Shannon Crawley, Rita Dallas, Christie Dobbs, Kaley Eden, Erin England, Dakota Fesi, Sherry Followell, Jessica Hall, Lisa Hammac, Rosita Harweger, Shannon Hayward, Christina Hector, Erika Hernandez, Angela Hurst, Laura Isaacs, Julie Knapp, Anthony Lacroix, Teddy Lacroix, Jill Martin, Dawn Massey, Alexandria McPeek, Tammy Mickle, Elizabeth Miller, Gary Neathery, Jamie Necessary, Courtney Oliver, Amanda Rees, Clinton Sassman, Karen Schoby, Kristina Scott, Margaret Selimoski, Jessica Shott, Julie Shrum, Janice Smith, Clarice Sturgeon, Rachel Sympon, Ashley Thomas, Julie Thomas, Mary Thomas, Jenna Tippet, Julie Turner, Rylie Van Valey, Kathleen Varvel, Emily Walker, Nicole Walsh, Matthew West

(C) SALARIES \$50,000.00 to \$74,999.99
Kimberly Atten, Jessica Bishop, Amy Boley, Christine Bryant, Tabithia Buggar, Kelly Burton, Melissa Davenport, Christine Estudillo-Kenney, Susan Farthing, Taylor Filkin, Melody Glitz, Dina Gordon, Tammie Green, Jay Haynes, Crystal Hesse, Laura Hursh, Katherine Ingram, Katy Koritz, Trevor Lawson, Charles Lehman, Alison McCauley, Charity Mefford, Marla Miller, Miguel Negrete, Toby Pister, Pamela Reynolds, Riley Schmid, Sara Servis, Michelle Valentine, Teresa Walker, Melissa White, Lakia Wright

(D) SALARIES \$75,000.00 to \$99,999.99
Becky Bieber, Scott Freese, Sarah Gerke, Tom Hankins, Beth Hille, Christopher Kelly, Julie Kelly, Kelli Krall, Linda Lorenz, Lynne Martin, Sherrilyn Schmid, Dean Wake, Albert Warnement

E) SALARIES \$100,000.00 TO 124,999.99
Angela Cunningham, Colleen Elliott-McCandless, Rachel Lyons, Shanena Morris, Maureen Wilson, Donna Wisner

(F) \$125,000.00 AND OVER
Farrukh Kureishy, Natasha Minnaert, Annilee Rohrscheib, Paul Skowron

TOTAL HOSPITAL SALARIES \$7,717,572.48

CITY OF CLINTON VENDOR LISTING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

A+ Distributing Inc. \$8,034.06; Adams Memorials \$2,935.00; AHW, LLC \$4,137.68; Air One Equipment, Inc. \$25,208.00; All Weather Courts, Inc. \$33,390.00; Allan ICS, Inc. \$5,576.00; Belynda Allen \$2,655.72; Ameren Illinois \$312,224.47; American United Life Insurance Co. \$2,689.32; American Welding & Gas, Inc. \$14,104.01; Anderson Ford of Clinton, Inc. \$20,811.20; Archivesocial \$2,988.00; Barbeck Communications \$25,306.13; Baum Chevrolet-Buick Co. \$3,694.28; Bodine Electric of Decatur \$12,998.59; Carri Scharf Materials \$7,039.70; CCP Industries, Inc. \$2,568.00; Central Illinois Ag \$5,662.26; Nick A. Cetwinski, Attorney at Law \$42,255.00; Cintas Corporation #396 \$3,071.08; City of Clinton \$818,044.96; City of Clinton – Self Funded Insurance \$505,721.89; Clinton Chamber of Commerce \$49,809.30; Clinton Community School District #15 \$14,431.48; Clinton Fire Pension Fund \$478,002.34; The Clinton Journal \$3,468.00; Clinton Police Pension Fund \$478,002.34; Clinton Post Office \$16,090.00; Clinton Sanitary District \$578,753.89; Clinton Water Department \$6,308.30; Coe Equipment, Inc. 4,310.37; Compass Minerals America, Inc. \$7,633.49; Constellation NewEnergy \$9,096.44; Core & Main \$56,829.75; Cummins Engineering Corp. \$54,443.60; Dell Marketing L.P. \$3,642.01; DeWitt County Collector \$4,463.07; DeWitt County Highway Department \$76,684.95; DeWitt County Treasurer \$245,774.97; DeWitt County – Clinton EMA \$15,000.00; DeWitt Savings Bank \$53,905.20; Richard L. Douglas \$70,150.84; Drydon Equipment \$2,825.10; Dunn Company \$10,992.25; Elavon \$26,337.61; Encore Developmental Services \$49,544.00; ESRI, Inc. \$2,684.00; Estate of Harold B. Allen \$22,416.60; Ezell Excavating, Inc. \$30,000.00; Farnsworth Group \$17,952.04; Floyd & Associates, CPA's \$38,000.00; Tim Followell \$9,000.00; Lloyd Francis \$2,680.33; Sean Freytag \$35,753.95; Frontier \$17,836.60; General Fence Company \$2,641.00; Gibson's Ace Hardware \$7,054.07; William Giese \$37,472.08; Richard Goff \$2,766.00; Donna Good \$13,138.44; GovHR USA, LLC \$12,300.00; Graves Stationers \$4,975.87; Hach Company \$3,723.52; Hawkins, Inc. \$65,184.36; Michael Haws \$40,048.36; Heartland Bank and Trust Company \$38,473.90; John Hoblit \$62,973.95; Brandon Houser \$7,463.84; ICMA-RC \$86,807.01; Illiana Construction Co. \$114,357.05; Illinois Department of Revenue \$441,934.48; Illinois Environmental Protection Agency – Bureau of Water \$702,905.51; Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association \$331,894.73; IMRF \$678,761.11; Internal Revenue Service \$2,394,749.21; J & S Disposal \$4,311.00; JANO Technologies, Inc. \$52,835.76; Jason's Lawn Service, LLC \$8,195.00; K & K Construction & Concrete \$7,039.00; K N K Graphics \$4,598.00; Kinder Company \$40,402.13; Lauterbach & Amen, LLP \$31,475.00; Lexipol, LLC \$6,322.29; Clint Lichtenwalter \$2,914.37; LKM Mowing & Landscaping \$80,703.99; Ben Lowers \$2,521.43; M & M Pump, Inc. \$5,270.00; Mac's Fire & Safety Co., Inc. \$51,075.10; Mach 1 Investments, LLC \$44,769.90; Macqueen Equipment, LLC \$9,596.63; Mediacom \$8,304.94; Metro-Ag Inc. \$102,253.86; Midwest Construction Rentals \$3,760.00; Midwest Industrial Equipment \$3,946.77; Missionsquare Retirement \$138,695.89; Mississippi Lime Co. \$147,906.32; Molanda Company \$7,335.00; Morgan Stanley \$2,752.05; Melissa and Kyle Morris \$5,885.00; Motorola Solutions, Inc. \$25,459.44; Stephen R. Myers \$42,802.00; NAPA Auto Parts Clinton \$7,230.50; Rick Noble \$30,699.96; Ray O'Herron Co., Inc. \$8,160.85; P.F. Pettibone & Co. \$3,130.60; Penn Valley Pump Co., Inc. \$2,917.90; Peterson Insurance Services, Inc. \$6,562.00; R&R Services of Illinois, Inc. \$30,400.00; RCC, LLC \$11,810.75; Michael Reidy \$45,133.36; Reinhart Grounds Mainenance, Inc. \$30,564.00; Rollett Bros. Logistics, Inc. \$37,031.00; Rowe Construction Co. \$3,626.93; Rush Truck Center Normal \$4,327.10; Schindler Elevator Corporation \$4,540.12; Sentinel Emergency Solutions \$3,057.75; Signature CO2 Services \$14,815.61; Keith W. Smith \$45,841.48; Stark Excavating, Inc. \$207,089.68; Symbiont \$65,862.25; Systemax Corp. \$4,144.58; John W. Taylor \$52,000.68; Technology Management \$3,832.68; Rick Tedrick \$42,225.00; Top Notch Lawn Care \$2,673.02; Trimble Porta Potties \$4,197.50; Triple A Asbestos Services, Inc. \$29,575.00; Truck Centers, Inc. \$6,493.54; Tyler Technologies, Inc. \$9,628.85; U.S. Postal Service \$2,670.00; Todd Ummel \$34,331.58; USA Blue Book \$4,155.25; Utterback Real Estate \$6,100.00; Verizon Wireless \$6,388.21; Walker Tire & Exhaust \$11,431.33; Warner Library \$45,204.20; Watts Copy Systems, Inc. \$4,861.42; John Wise \$2,665.93; Debra Zacher \$10,484.76; Fred Zacher \$44,431.60; Zeigler Towing \$2,870.39; All Less Than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars \$146,049.58; Total City Expenditures \$11,282,016.19.

DR. JOHN WARNER HOSPITAL VENDOR LISTING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

AAK Mechanical, Inc. \$4,000.00; Abbott Laboratories \$15,502.44; Adv Sterilization Products Svcs, Inc. \$11,365.92; Advanced Rehab & Sports Medicine \$507,761.34; Allied Universal Security Services \$98,186.25; Altorfer, Inc. \$3,438.00; Amazon.com Services, Inc. \$19,433.06; Ameren Illinois \$126,937.96; American College of Radiology \$2,700.00; American Pest Control \$2,893.00; American Proficiency Institute \$9,663.00; American Red Cross Bloodmobile \$26,329.52; American United Life Insurance Co. \$7,285.58; Anders CPA's & Advisors \$19,026.00; Angie Cunningham \$15,237.22; AP FBO Indiana Healthcare Solutions \$155,828.75; Applied Medical \$36,457.00; Applied Statistics & Management Inc. \$12,116.00; Aramark Uniform Services \$6,644.07; Architectural Expressions LLP \$151,088.94; ASSA Abloy Entrance Systems US, Inc. \$6,092.15; Association Mgmt. Resource PFT \$11,692.00; Atlas Medstaff \$85,680.00; Bank of America Business Card \$50,499.06; Baxter Healthcare Corp. \$23,996.01; Bayer Healthcare Medrad, Inc. \$21,909.83; BG Medical \$30,246.40; Bloomington Offset Process Inc. \$3,880.00; Bodine Electric \$23,329.51; Boston Scientific Corp. \$7,258.25; Bound Tree Medical, LLC \$6,210.20; Bracco Diagnostics, Inc. \$4,044.38; Cables and Sensors, LLC \$9,833.00; Camfil USA, Inc. \$4,711.95; Cardinal Health 110, Inc. \$337,871.05; Cardinal Health 411, Inc. \$117,239.36; Carle \$5,959.00; Carminati Consulting Inc. \$20,590.00; Carpet Weavers, Inc. \$12,273.00; CDS Office Technologies \$37,766.19; Center for Rural Health Leadership \$4,900.00; Cepheid \$188,157.50; Change Healthcare \$41,060.88; Change Healthcare McKesson Health \$3,622.50; Chastain & Associates LLC \$35,040.00; City of Clinton \$1,114,891.82; City of Clinton, Water Department \$9,758.41; The Clean Uniform Co. Highland \$4,134.46; Clia Laboratory Program \$2,870.00; Clinical Radiologists, SC \$6,353.00; Clinton IGA Foodliner \$4,266.02; Clinton Journal \$4,690.99; Clinton Massage Therapy \$3,450.00; Cola, Inc. \$6,700.00; Colleen Elliott-McCandless \$9,071.40; Concordance Heathcare Solutions \$43,506.54; Connectwise \$7,900.00; Constellation NewEnergy \$84,629.34; Constellation NewEnergy – Gas Division \$17,670.76; Cornerstone Counseling \$34,685.00; CPS Solutions, LLC \$309,903.12; Cummins Sales and Service \$25,983.27; Datix USA, Inc. \$4,384.00; Decatur Memorial Hospital \$14,060.21; Deliverhealth Solutions, LLC \$21,826.36; Denman Linen Service \$49,249.43; Doctors Oxygen Service \$5,154.51; Don Hulvey Plumbing Heating & AC, Inc. \$9,180.00; Dunn Company \$18,985.00; Eagle Recovery Associates, Inc. \$15,529.36; Electrical Service Co. \$21,197.48; Electromek Diagnostic Systems \$56,064.00; Elizabeth L. Thurman \$49,250.00; Elsevier, Inc. \$6,895.35; Encore Developmental Services \$9,860.00; Entec Services, Inc. \$209,660.44; EPSS, LLC East Series \$1,777,747.85; Evergreen FS, Inc. \$3,672.10; Evergreen Medical, LLC \$15,325.46; Experian Health, Inc. \$15,324.16; F E Moran, Inc. \$3,780.82; Fiberutilities Group, LLC \$11,310.00; Fisher Healthcare \$71,574.78; Focus Staff \$232,893.75; Frontier \$21,089.40; Fujifilm Sonosite, Inc. \$35,125.40; Getz Fire Equipment Co. \$5,841.40; Gibson Ace Hardware \$3,660.54; Gordon Food Service, Inc. \$159,208.78; Grainger, Inc. \$20,106.01; Health Care Service Corp. \$73,706.31; Health Enterprises \$12,000.00; Health Link, Inc. \$13,760.67; Health Track RX \$11,550.00; Healthstream, Inc. \$10,750.00; Heart Technologies, Inc. \$36,531.26; Henricksen and Company, Inc. \$31,368.02; Henry Schein \$4,617.16; HMS Health, LLC \$4,936.80; Hologic, Inc. \$49,225.00; Hospital Sisters Health Services \$24,520.84; IHA Human Capital Services, Inc. \$2,949.00; IL Compensation Trust \$51,790.00; Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network \$141,708.75; Illinois Department of Public Health \$5,056.00; Illinois Provider Trust \$148,586.18; IL-MO Products Company \$27,421.23; Illinois Health & Hospital Assoc. \$24,370.00; Illinois Rural Healthnet \$14,760.00; Insight Direct USA, Inc. \$20,567.71; Intelligent Medical Objects \$10,712.53; Interior Specialty Construction \$33,092.21; IRCCO \$20,000.00; J & J Healthcare \$66,933.58; J & S Disposal \$2,880.00; Jerry L. Foster \$31,345.00; John A. Hoblit \$6,000.00; Johnson Controls Fire Protection, LP \$28,158.77; Johnson Food Service Equipment \$36,960.96; Jonathon P. Hudson \$42,750.00; Julie M. Franklin \$28,575.00; Kaskaskia Broadcasting, Inc. \$18,982.00; King-Lar Co. \$9,489.75; KnowBe4, Inc. \$7,590.00; Kone, Inc. \$9,985.67; Farrukh Kureishy, MD \$6,495.00; Lab Metrics, Inc. \$4,003.00; Laboratory Corporation of America \$97,565.80; Lifeworks US, Inc. \$8,025.84; Link Media Outdoor \$3,340.50; Logiquip, LLC \$9,130.96; Matthew J. Corso \$43,625.00; MaxMD \$6,199.00; MCC Network Services, LLC \$34,800.00; McDaniels Marketing \$24,800.00; McKesson Medical Surgical \$38,357.23; MCR Medical Supply \$2,912.65; Medical Alliance Insurance Company \$36,714.00; Medivators, Inc. \$6,695.41; Medline Industries \$169,190.92; Medtox Diagnostics, Inc. \$5,248.63; Merchants' Credit Guide C \$13,836.04; Meyer Capel \$8,513.28; Mindsight \$74,602.10; Mirion Technologies, Inc. \$3,293.46; MSDSONline \$2,991.01; Natasha Minnaert \$25,000.00; National Government Services, Inc. \$145,733.00; Neil S. Biegler \$22,600.00; Netwrix Corporation \$3,387.08; Nicholas Cetwinski, Attorney at Law \$36,225.00; Nihon Kohden America, Inc. \$140,136.15; Numed, Inc. \$120,262.61; Nutrition Care Systems \$7,591.61; Olympus America, Inc. \$19,916.25; Omicell \$20,747.22; Onestream Networks, LLC \$6,418.10; Orchard Software Corp. \$18,935.76; Ortho Clinical Diagnostics \$9,077.92; P.J. Hoerr \$4,544.00; Paragon Micro, Inc. \$282,531.73; Pararev \$9,000.00; Patholutions, Inc. \$15,603.27; Peterson Insurance Service, Inc. \$84,547.00; Philips Healthcare \$8,674.07; Pinnacle Healthcare Consulting, LLC \$5,506.00; Pointcore \$21,111.12; Pointcore, Inc. \$5,000.00; Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. \$17,530.12; Precise Specialties Corp. \$161,030.00; Provider Reimbursement Consultants, Inc. \$19,500.00; Puritan Spring Water \$6,028.96; R-Med, Inc. \$5,514.73; Radiation Protection Services, LTD \$9,235.00; Reshape Lifesciences, Inc. \$66,442.07; Revspring \$19,341.37; Rogards \$22,559.58; Sidney Rohrsheib \$128,630.00; RP Lumber Co., Inc. \$5,040.60; RQI Partners, LLC \$9,301.00; Sam's Club \$5,049.61; Sanofi Pasteur, Inc. \$25,898.23; Savista \$24,000.00; Sergey Revega \$37,200.00; Shanena Morris \$8,729.59; Shared Medical Services Inc. \$58,479.75; Shred-It USA \$2,719.15; Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics \$219,244.02; Siemens Med Solutions USA \$37,213.11; SISU Medical Solutions \$622,814.76; Standard Bariatrics, Inc. \$50,808.57; Stephen R. Myers, Attorney at Law \$4,000.00; Stericycle, Inc. \$7,790.35; Steris Corporation \$10,971.66; STL Communications, Inc. \$17,453.19; Stryker Endoscopy \$2,562.01; Stryker Sales Corp \$5,730.42; Sugg Enterprises \$29,800.00; Surgical Direct, Inc. \$35,413.90; Sysmex America, Inc. \$7,578.00; Teleflex LLC \$3,477.50; The Great Display Company \$11,416.44; The Home Depot Pro \$30,105.01; The Medicus Firm Inc. \$9,698.06; Thompson Electronics \$11,203.52; Triage \$136,800.00; TRS Healthcare \$30,607.50; Trubridge – A CPSI Company \$3,600.00; Trucode, LLC \$16,824.00; Trusted Health Inc. \$48,400.00; TSI Incorporated \$20,841.82; TZ Medical, Inc. \$6,141.50; Uline, Inc. \$19,314.08; United States Postal Service \$12,000.00; Verathon Medical \$16,018.78; Verizon Wireless \$7,159.17; Voltani Inc. DBA Chargatech \$3,229.00; Weatherproofing Technologies \$27,343.27; WEBPT, Inc. \$8,192.36; Widmer Inc. \$16,815.08; WIPFLI \$33,950.00; All Less Than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars \$154,736.23; Total Hospital Expenditures \$11,872,178.18.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES FISCAL YEAR 2023 – CITY

Property Tax \$2,906,654; Local Sales Tax \$450,186; Other Taxes \$426,498; State Sales Tax \$1,773,009; State Income Tax \$1,131,694; American Rescue Plan Act \$66,683; Other Intergovernmental \$340,423; Investment Income \$64,158; Miscellaneous \$78,054; Charges for Services \$2,736,623 Operating Grants/Contributions \$339,963; Capital Grants/Contributions \$79,359; Total Revenues Received \$10,393,304; Revenues Received Over (Under) Expenses Paid \$2,347,588.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 2023 – CITY

General Government \$1,707,937; Public Safety \$3,015,596; Highways and Streets \$762,923; Culture and Recreation \$199,369; Sanitation \$48,003; Cemetery \$110,898; Water \$1,524,251; Sewer \$676,739; Total Expenses \$8,045,716.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES FISCAL YEAR 2023 – HOSPITAL

Net Patient Service Revenues \$21,404,565; Other Revenue \$776,953; Total Operating Revenues \$22,181,518; Interest Income \$152,622; Noncapital Grants and Gifts \$157,650; Capital Grants and Gifts \$142,243; Unrealized Gains/(Losses) (\$1,808); Total Non-Operating Revenues \$450,707; Total Revenues \$22,632,225; Revenues Received Over (Under) Expenses Paid \$1,846,142.

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES FISCAL YEAR 2023 – HOSPITAL

Salaries and Wages \$7,755,763; Employee Benefits \$2,754,130; Purchased Services and Professional Fees \$6,666,883; Supplies and Other Expenses \$2,670,557; Depreciation \$938,750; Total Expenses \$20,786,083.

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FUND SUMMARY										
									DISCRETELY PRESENTED COMPONENT	
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	DEBT SERVICE	ENTERPRISE	INTERNAL SERVICE	FIDUCIARY	UNITS	TOTALS	
BEG. BALANCE	7,212,188	5,129,628	942,548	-	5,496,393	3,408,552	9,992,214	28,277,323	60,458,846	
REVENUES	6,209,906	2,026,474	1,575	-	2,099,942	1,934,148	1,165,225	22,632,225	36,069,495	
LESS DISB/EXPD	4,415,667	1,063,042	-	-	2,200,990	1,725,009	513,937	20,786,083	30,704,728	
OTHER SOURCES/USES	(334,765)	51,100	-	-	283,665	-	-	-	-	
ENDING BALANCE	8,671,662	6,144,160	944,123	-	5,679,010	3,617,691	10,643,502	30,123,465	65,823,613	

A black and white photograph of a woman in the foreground, smiling and standing with her arms crossed. She is wearing a light-colored, button-down shirt. In the background, two other people are visible, working at a desk with a laptop, but they are out of focus. The setting appears to be a modern office or laboratory.

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