

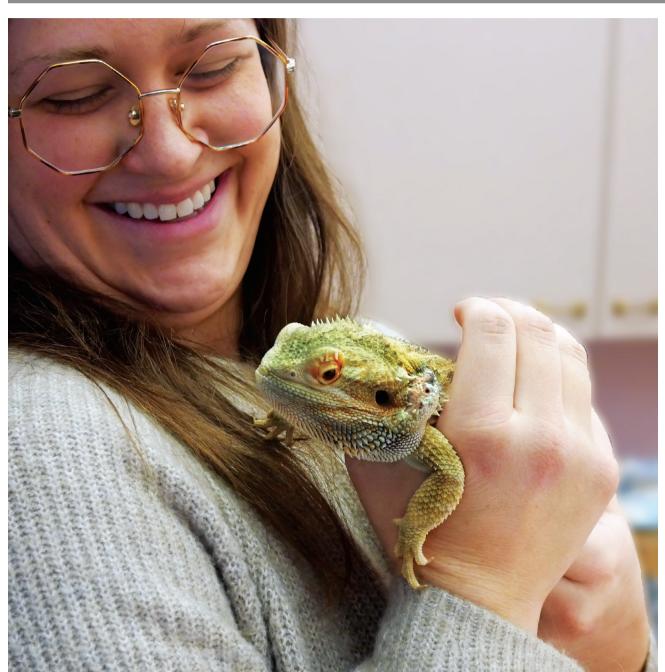
Maroons' basketball teams continue strong as 2024 comes to an end

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Warner Library youth services manager Melissa Snow holds the library's new pet, a bearded dragon. Kids can vote through January to name the pet.

There's a dragon in the library!

Kids can help pick a name for Warner Library's new pet

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CLINTON - Local children will find a new friend when they visit the Warner Library children's floor, but she needs some help getting a name.

During January, a voting booth will be set up in the children's library of Vespasian Warner Public Library, where children can vote to name the library's new pet.

"We narrowed it down as a staff to four names." youth services manager Melissa Snow. "And, then, in January, the kids will get to come upstairs and vote, and we'll have her name by February."

Kids also will receive "I voted" stickers, similar to those given out during political elections.

Snow took over as

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youth services manager in August.

"I was reading in the library journal about how bearded dragons are great as library pets," she said. "They're great for advocacy and for the community, and they're also great to help kids feel more comfortable up here on the floor."

Snow said they hope to start a "read to the bearded dragon" program, "to encourage kids who are maybe a little nervous about reading aloud."

The library's new pet is quite reactive to her surroundings, responding to sights and sounds.

"And, she loves to be held," Snow said. "She's such a little cuddle bug."

Pogona are a genus of reptiles that include eight species of lizard and are commonly called bearded dragons. The name refers to the underside of the throat, or beard. The area can turn black and puff up when under stress or when trying to attract a

Bearded dragons found throughout Australia and parts of east Asia. They normally live from eight to 10 years.

"We rescued her from a rescue (shelter) out of Decatur," Snow

"Sometimes people decide they can't take care of them. There is quite a bit of upkeep."

"They are very dog-like, too," Snow said. "They will respond to their name and to people, and they will often play fetch."

Kids are encouraged to come into the library and vote for their favorite name.



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News of 2023

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January

Council clarifies short-term rentals

On Jan. 6, the Clinton City Council concluded short-term rental units, located in residential neighborhoods, sometimes known as BNBs, were in violation of city code because the code did not specifically address them under zoning. As of the beginning of 2024, the city still is working to develop and implement an ordinance that will permit their operation in residential areas.

New year, new spaces, new furniture

Warner Library children's librarian Corey Campbell announced a renovation would begin to the children's library on the second floor after securing a grant. The area was reorganized and the grant helped pay for new

County gets updates on wind bill

The DeWitt County Board discussed an Illinois law, which began in June, to make it easier for wind electric generating companies to set up shop in Illinois. The bill set state standards for the industry and restricted the level to which county

governments can regulate wind projects.

Maroons branch bank open for business at CES

First National Bank & Trust, in cooperation with the school district, started a branch bank location for kids at Clinton Elementary School. The program was designed to teach children about saving and savings accounts.

February

No plans by county to terminate animal control agreements

The county board clarified it would not cancel agreements with municipalities to provide animal control services. The temporary of an animal control administrator was of the issues that created concern about whether the county could meet obligations the agreements. county worked during the year to reorganize operations at the shelter and in the fall named 911 CenCom administrator Tony Harris new animal control administrator, in addition to his duties with CenCom.

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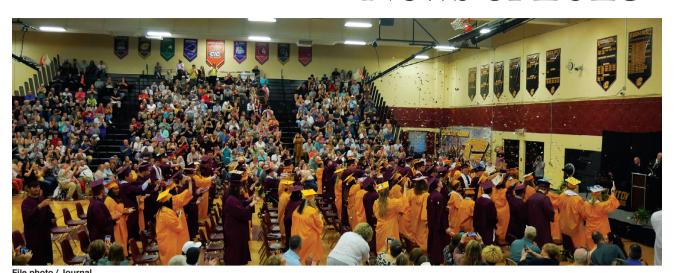


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The DeWitt Clinton Chapter of the NSDAR, in February, named its Good Citizen Award winners. Left to right, Rosemary Parker, chapter regent, award winners Chloe Barth of Clinton High School and Gracie Mae Shaffer of Blue Ridge High School, and DAR member Carole Wylder. Unable to attend the presentation were Katie Hernandez-Zuno, of Heyworth High School, and 1st place winner Cydney Shofner, of DeLand-Weldon High

NEWS

News of 2023



CHS graduating seniors of 2023 celebrate at the conclustion of graduation ceremonies.

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Natural gas leak prompts evacuation order

A several square-block area had to be evacuated after a crew boring for fiber optic cable struck a gas line. This turned out to be the first in an unfortunate string of such events throughout 2023. City officials eventually called a meeting with the three firms doing fiber optic digging in town, with one being temporarily suspended from doing any further boring. Officials did conclude the boring crew was not at fault for the ruptured gas line. They also concluded quick action by emergency responders probably averted a catastrophe, since so many homes in the area had filled with leaking natural gas.

March

Goebal named new Unit 15 superintendent

Former school district assistant superintendent and CJHS principal Drew Goebel was named CUSD 15 superintendent. Goebel will take over as superintendent after Curt Nettles retires at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

County board hears details of CO2 capture plan

County board members heard details of a plan by Navigator CO2 to pipe CO2 from plants emitted carbon dioxide to injection wells in DeWitt County, where it would be pumped down to a level of about a mile into a natural geological containment. Known as sequestration, the technology is intended to reduce the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere. CO2 is considered a major driver of catastrophic climate change.

Attorney general files charges

against Wapella man The Illinois Attorney General's office filed charges against a

former Wapella road commissioner, claiming he used public funds in personal use. He eventually was sentenced to probation.

Fear new store plan could put them under water

Residents living in Clinton's southeast neighborhoods addressed the city council about concerns a plan for a Dollar General store in their area could cause serious problems. Residents expressed worries that past flooding in the area would return if developers did not take this into consideration when planning the building site. They also worried about a major increase in vehicle traffic in the area.

County considers selling marina

The county board began discussing in earnest a plan to sell Clinton Lake marina. The costs to maintain and improve the facility were at the heart of the concern. The need to replace aging systems at the marina or fund unexpected projects, such as a major upgrade to comply with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act), has often hindered the county's ability to conduct upgrades.

April

New law looms as county adjusts wind, solar rules

The county continued to work to make adjustments to its wind and solar energy ordinance before new state regulations take effect. Counties could make changes to their wind and solar codes as long as they did not design them to supersede state rules.

City council approves minor subdivision plat for Dollar General

The city council approved the subdivision plat for the new Dollar General store as residents living in the area argued construction of the store could cause them major headaches with flooding and vehicle

Warner Hospital budget includes major upgrades for patients

Warner Hospital CEO Skowron briefed the city council on improvements planned in the hospital's fiscal year 2024 budget. The \$5 million capital budget included patient electronic records access, new ER expansion and upgraded specialty clinic entrance.

Clinton authorities victim of April 21 hoax

Clinton law enforcement authorities revealed they had been "swatted" on April 21. "Swatting" is a hoax perpetrated to tie-up emergency resources. Emergency agencies responded to the claim of a gunshot victim, a claim that turned out to be false. Social media users seized upon the opportunity to actually name a person as the shooter. Police chief Ben Lowers later issued a statement about the dangers of swatting.

May

City council urged to act on bnb regulations

Commissioner John Wise urged his fellow city council members to act on developing ordinance language governing short-term rentals in residential areas. He offered an example on how other communities had developed their own codes and taxing structures for bnb units.

County increases marina emergency funds through July

County board chairman Dan Matthews asked the board to authorize potential expenditures for the Clinton Lake marina of up to \$10,000 a month through July. He said the county could then deal with some recurring mechanical emergencies at the marina without having to call emergency meetings every time.

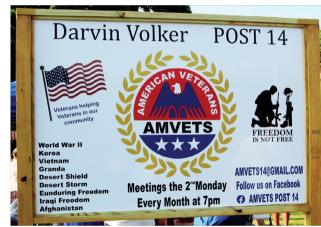


City commissioner Tom Edmunds talks about his family's history in Clinton during the 2023 Founders' Day observance. Also pictured, Warner Library director Bobbi Perryman.



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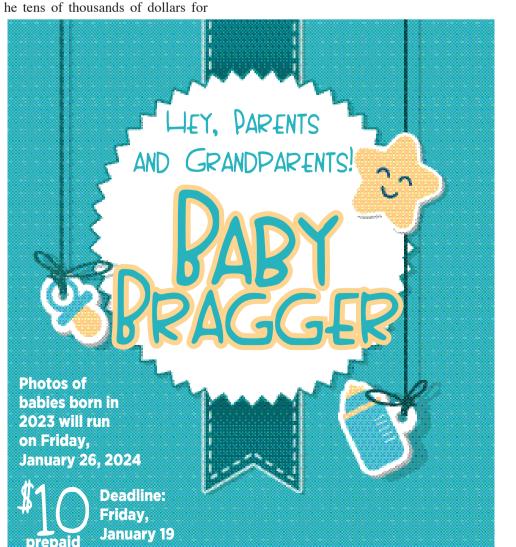
Scott Baum, of Baum Chevrolet-Buick, left, and Steve Wilson, right, of Wilson Chrysler-Jeep after the announcement Baum's would purchase the Wilson dealership.

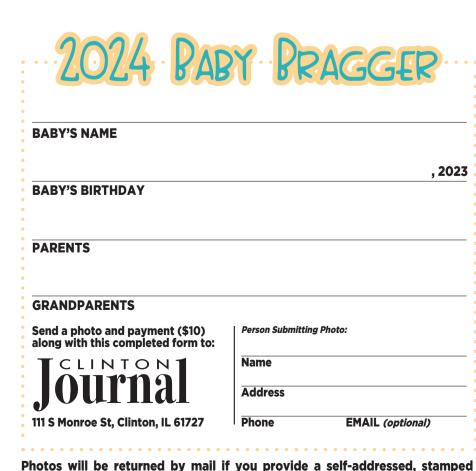


The Clinton AMVETS post recognized AMVETS member, the late Darvin Volker, by naming the post in his honor.



Peace Meals began services in Weldon at the village





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the back of the photo.

NEWS

How providing race and ethnicity data helps all customers

Selena Higgins Social Security District Manager, Normal

We are continuously working to better understand how Social Security's programs serve the pub-lic. Collecting race and ethnicity data for research and statistical purposes is one way for us to de-termine whether we are equitably serving the public. Applicants and customers may voluntarily provide this information. It does not affect decisions on benefit applications.

Why does it matter if people provide race and ethnicity data?

When customers choose

provide race and ethnicity information, it lets us know:

- Who our benefit payments and programs are helping and who may be left out.
- What unintended barriers may impact benefits and services.

Where to expand

- outreach efforts. How to increase
- awareness of eligibility

for programs and benefits.

In other words, race ethnicity data can expand access to our programs, which is one of the objectives in our Equity Action Plan blog.ssa.gov/socialsecuritys-equity-actionplan. Examples of how we use this information can be found on our Racial Equity Resources webpage at www.ssa. gov/policy/about/racialequity-resources.html.

Currently, we collect race and ethnicity information on applications for new replacement Social Security number (SSN) cards. These applications can be completed:

Online at www.

ssa.gov/number-card.

At one of our local offices or card centers

Soon, parents may voluntarily provide this information when requesting their newborn's SSN at the hospital. The option to provide this data will be available in participating states.

We encourage you to provide your race and ethnicity information on your or your child's applica-tion for a new or replacement SSN card. This information will help us better understand and serve all our current and future customers.

Delores June Owens

CLINTON - Delores June Owens, 92 of Clinton, passed away 4:15 p.m. on December 31, 2023, at the Litchfield Health and Rehab, Litchfield, Ill.

Services will conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at the First Baptist Church, Clinton, with Pastor Jonathan Roberson officiating. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery, Clinton. Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday at the First Baptist Church, Clinton. The family has entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, arrangements.

Memorials may directed to the First Baptist Church, Clinton.

June was born November 11, 1931, in Whitmore Township., Macon County, Ill., the daughter of James and Winnie Grace (Stine) Arthur. She married Joel Clifton Edwards II in 1949. He passed away in 1956. She later married Donald E. "Don" Owens on June 12, 1993, in Waynesville. He passed away on January 20, 2014.



Survivors include her children, Jean Meyer, Hillsboro, Ill.; JoAnne Fort, Arcadia, Fla.; and Pauline Marie Gaultney, Kewadin, Mich.; six grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

June was preceded in death by her parents; son, Joel C. Edwards; daughter, Judith Ann Holt; sons-in-law, Kent Holt, Bill Meyer, and Johnny Gaultney; four sisters, three half-brothers and two half-sisters.

June was a member of the First Baptist Church, Clinton. She loved to sew and cook, and everybody wanted to eat her apple pies.

condolences Online may be made at www. calvertmemorial.com

Finding a nursing home

Choosing a nursing home isn't easy, even in the best of circumstances. Whether it's for you or a spouse, or for your parents, for now or for later, there are things you need to know and red flags to beware of.

When you want accurate information, you have to consider the sources you use. Ask friends and family recommendations or warnings about local facilities. Go online to the National Institute on Aging (www.nia.nih.gov) and search for nursing homes and long-term care facilities. Print out their Medicare Nursing Home

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Sheriff's Office

Dec, 15-29

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Notice to Appear and was

Jason Hill, 47, Farmer

City, was issued a Citation

for Failure to Reduce

Speed/Accident. Hill was

given a Notice to Appear

Topeka, KS, was issued

Citations for 2 counts of

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by Matilda Charles

Checklist and take it with you to each facility. Check the Medicare Compare (www.medicare. gov/care-compare) local facilities. Call the Eldercare Locator, 1-800-677-1116, run by the U.S. Administration on Aging. Look for online news stories and reviews about any facility you consider.

Visits to the facilities you are considering are Whether it's a must. daytime appointments with a member of staff or sudden visits at night, what you see can be revealing. Try to time at least one surprise visit at mealtime. Is the food appetizing? Will it encourage seniors to eat? Are there lowsodium options, as well as foods for lactose intolerant residents? Try to talk to staff who actively work with the residents and ask questions.

Ask about the staff/ resident ratio, the turnover rate and the level of training given to staff. How did they do during Covid pandemic, as well as with other illnesses? Does the facility

look and smell clean?

Find out about cost (do they accept Medicare?), social and recreation activities for residents, physical therapy and use of psychiatric drugs.

If anyone doesn't want to answer your questions, consider it a red flag.

Don't wait until the last minute to choose a nursing home. This is not a decision to make quickly. Start now to get a handle on the facilities near you; you'll be many steps ahead when the need

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Kenneth Lee Williams

HEYWORTH

Kenneth Lee Williams, 81, of Heyworth, passed away on Saturday December 30, 2023, at the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home, Peoria.

Calvert-Belangee-Bruce Funeral Home is in charge. Ken was born February 17, 1942, in Lane, Ill., to John and Glenna (White) Williams. Surviving children Bonnie (Gene) Taylo, David (Stacey) Williams, Jackie (David) Barr, and Traci (Kevin)

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Carol Williams. Ken worked in Clinton

Kruse; nine grandchildren;

eight great grandchildren;

sister Mary Lou Klaus.

at Revere Ware then later retired from Thrall Car

enjoved watching sports and Xbox time with his nephew Matt and best friend Phil. He always loved his sweet

Manufacturing.

Memorial donations may be made to OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home.

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Law Enforcement

Fiehler was released with a Required

Court Appearance.

Cory Spence, Clinton, was arrested on a DeWitt County warrant charging him with Agg Domestic Battery/ Strangle. Spence was released with a Required Court Appearance.

Damon Marten, 45, Heights, Peoria arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging with Identity Theft/<300/2+/FTA. Marten was released with a Required Court Appearance.

Lauren Roberts, 38, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Registration Expired. Roberts was

Appearance Required.

Addison Mahomet, was issued a Citation for No Valid Registration. Jones was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Travis Brown, Mansfield, was issued a Citation for Expired Registration. Brown was released with No Court Appearance Required.

Daulton Johnson, 20, Dorsey, was issued a Citation for Speeding (76 mph in a 55 mph zone). Johnson, was released with No Court Appearance Required.

Emily Cyrulik, 21, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Speeding (80

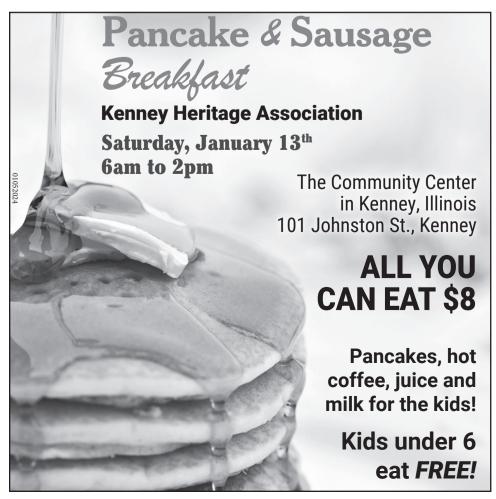
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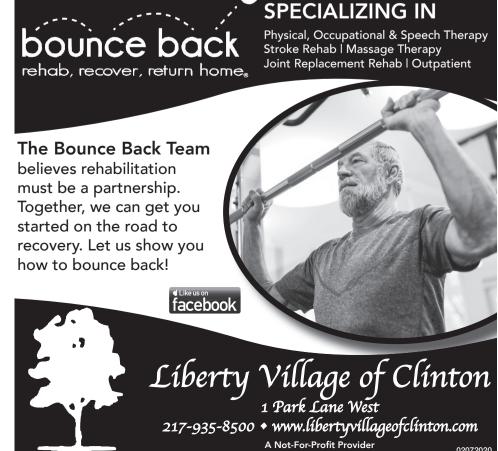
Cvnthia Balts, Ridgeland, WI, was issued a Citation for Failure to Reduce Speed/Accident. Balts was released with No Court Appearance Required.

Carloundus Harper 39, Gary, IN, was issued a Citation for Possession of Adult Use Cannabis in a Motor Vehicle. Harper was released with a Required Court Appearance.

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OPINION

HISTORY ALMANAC

1914 - Ford Motor Company announced that there would be a new daily minimum wage of \$5 and an eight-hour workday.

1925 - Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross was sworn in as the governor of Wyoming She was the first female governor in the U.S.

1933 - In California, construction of the Golden Gate Bridge began.

1934 - Both the National and American baseball leagues decided to use a uniform-size baseball. It was the first time in 33 years that both leagues used the same size ball. (MLB)

1935 - Phil Spitalny's All-Girl Orchestra was featured on CBS radio on the program, "The Hour of Charm."

1940 - The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) got its very first demonstration of FM radio.

1944 - The London "Daily Mail" was the first transoceanic newspaper to be published.

1948 - Warner Brothers-Pathe showed the very first color newsreel. The footage was of the Tournament of Roses Parade and the Rose Bowl football classic.

1956 - In the Peanuts comic strip, Snoopy walked on two legs for the first time.

1961 - "Mr. Ed" debuted. The show would run for six years.

1970 - "All My Children" premiered on ABC.

1972 - U.S. President Richard M. Nixon ordered the development of the space shuttle.

1987 - U.S. President Ronald Reagan underwent prostate surgery.

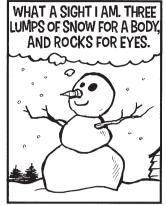
1993 - The state of Washington executed Westley Allan Dodd. It was America's first legal hanging since 1965. Dodd was an admitted child sex killer.

1996 - Yahya Ayyash, a member of the Hamas in Israel, is killed by a booby-trapped cellular phone.

1998 - U.S. Representative Sonny Bono died in skiing accident.

2002 - A 15 year-old student pilot, Charles Bishop, crashed a small plane into a building in Tampa, FL. Bishop was about to begin a flying lesson when he took off without permission and without an instructor.

Amber Waves









The great divide

My liberal friends suggest I am addicted to Fox News, but in all honesty, I often tune in to MSNBC and CNN.

Morning Joe had former **MSNBC** commentator Chris Matthews on its program just after Christmas. Matthews lamenting was about his perception of rural rage that the non-urban areas have for Trump supporters.

Matthews described voters as these rural non-educated (not having college degrees). Matthews described the ongoing disagreements between the left and right as being akin to fighting terrorism. That analogy should concern all of us country bumpkins. First let me restate that I am not a Trump partisan.

First, let's address the claim of the uneducated rural voter. I can easily attest that many of those I have coffee with do not have a college education, but they have a world of life experiences and common sense. Many of those I associate with on a professional level have MAs PHDs and JDs.

Most of these men and several women have years, if not decades of work experience. Several leaning and tend to vote Democrat. The majority of both groups tend to lean conservative and vote Republican.

We do not belittle the other's political beliefs. We do discuss and debate the issues and we seldom change opposing opinions. We want our communities and work environment to succeed and for those purposes we have learned to facilitate compromise and working relationships. We are rural Americans.

Matthews wishes to paint rural America with a brush much too wide. Yes, there are fervent supporters of Trump in rural America, but Trump's support appears to be rather widespread throughout much of this country. Matthews creates a divide in this country with his allegation.

clearly Matthews reflects a very left leaning constituency. Again, he is entitled to his opinions. The concern is that the constituency that represents references rural America as essentially a terrorist entity.

Matthews by his commentary suggests there can be no coming to a consensus as one simply cannot negotiate resolution with a terrorist. save surrender. Matthews



is preaching that there is this great divide in this country and conservative rural America is the culprit.

Regretfully, I agree with Matthews in the aspect there is a division in this country. We have always had divisions in this country, but we have always found a way to come together. unfortunately both Biden and Trump appear to be representing winner take all positions and never discuss compromise. Both Biden and Trump are campaigning on divisional issues and playing to their political base.

We need a President who will provide unity and not further this insane division of Americans.

DOLLAR **NEW** GENERAL -(Disclaimer: This reflects my observation for one point of time and for only that point of time.) This past Friday I ventured into the new Dollar General in Clinton. I needed some clothing that I Mart left town. The store was well lit, clean and with wide aisles. It was a positive impression.

The store did not have the item I wanted in my size, which was not a problem for me. I grabbed three or four small items and headed for the checkout. I bypassed the self-checkouts as I simply do not like to use them. I went to the manned checkout lane. I placed my items on the counter and waited for a cashier.

I waited some more time and noted there were numerous monitors the store thinking surely someone would come to the checkout. I waited some more time and then announced to the open office door that I was waiting. I received no response.

I waited a little while longer and simply walked out the door leaving my wanted merchandise on checkout counter. Again, I was impressed with the layout and cleanliness of the store, but if I cannot checkout and pay for the products, I simply wasted my time.

I hope that experience is not typical of Dollar General's customer service.

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Homeless veterans grants for 2024

The annual Point-in-Time Count takes place on a given night in January every year and attempts to estimate the number of homeless who are out on the streets. The most recent one, done in January 2023, revealed that yes, what many of us sensed, there had been an increase in the number of homeless veterans -- 7.4% over the previous January.

To try to get ahead of the problem, especially given the coming January 2024 count, the Department of Veterans Affairs has announced millions to be spent on grants to help homeless veterans.

The Supportive Services Veteran Families (SSVF) grants will give

out hundreds of millions to organizations that help veterans and their families find housing, find more stable housing or avoid loss of their home. The exact amount of the grants is yet unknown.

But the Legal Services for Homeless Veterans and Veterans At-Risk for Homelessness Grants program will give over \$26 million to groups and organizations to help with the legal side of things: court proceedings, defense related to homelessness in criminal cases and legal representation.

VA efforts during 2023 saw progress in several areas despite the increase in the number of homeless veterans. During 2023,



by Freddy Groves

the VA awarded over \$1 billion in grants to groups and organizations for homeless veterans. Nearly 39,000 homeless veterans found permanent housing, and over 145,000 veterans and their families were helped to avoid foreclosure on their homes. The HUD-VASH program helped 13,000 veterans find affordable housing as well as support services.

Those support services follow the Housing First model, which uses a plan with specific steps: Get the

veteran into housing and then ensure they can stay there by offering several types of support. That can include job training, education help, health care and legal assistance. Studies have shown that veterans who are in the Housing First program find housing much more quickly (in 35 days as opposed to 223 days).

For veterans who are either homeless or in danger of becoming homeless, go online to www.va.gov/homeless or call 877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838) to get help.

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Do not let your heart envy sinners, But be zealous for the fear of the Lord all the day; For surely there is a hereafter, And your hope will not be cut off. PROVERBS 23: 17, 18 20

Detail of "Woman listening with outstretched arms to the choir of angels in the clouds above her" by Gijsbert de Groot (1691)

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

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5 p.m. Saturday **Evening Worship in** chapel 3:30 p.m. Thursday JC Stars After School Children's program (pickup is available) 3rd Sunday S.W.A.G Sr & Jr High Youth 6 p.m. Extended Table 2nd and 4th Mondays 12:30 p.m. Wednesday Backpack Ministry

First Baptist Church

220 Illini Drive, Clin-(217) 935-2032 firstbaptistchurch3@ frontier.com Jonathan Roberson. pastor 9:30 a.m.-Sunday school 10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship 5 p.m.-Sunday evening worship 7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week prayer meeting

First Christian Church

100 N. Jackson Street, Clinton (W. Main & N. Jackson) clintonfcc.com Adult Bible School 10:45 a.m. Worship Services: 9:30 a.m. First Kids Worship for 3-yr -olds - 5th grade is available at 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Nursery available at each morning service.

First Church of the Nazarene

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

Kenney Christian Church

213 W. Benjamin Street, Kenney (217) 944-2275 Ernie Harvey, min-9:30 a.m.-Bible study 10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship

Lane Christian Church

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

other become faithful

followers of Jesus."

200 S. Alexander Street, Clinton (217) 570-0105 www. lifebridgeschurch.com Pastors-Jonathan and Dana Taylor 10 a.m.-Sunday celebration 10 a.m.- AMPED Kids for ages (1-5 grades) 10 a.m.-AMPED Jr. (birth-K) 7 p.m.-AfterShock teen church, 6th-12 grades 6 p.m.-Wednesday, Strategic Disciple

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St. John

6:30 p.m.-Thursday,

DIVE teen Bible

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lik, pastor 4 p.m.-Saturday mass 8:30 a.m.-Sunday mass

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

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Wapella **Christian Church**

101 N. Poplar (217) 731-4404 Josh Gorrie, minister Wapellacc.com 9 a.m.-Sunday school 10 a.m.-worship "Celebrating our 150th year"

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 30:7-8

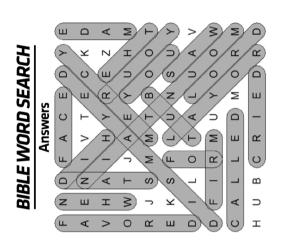
LORD, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed. To you, LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. For possible new year's resolutions, Proverbs 16:3 says, "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be _ Established, Resolved, Directed, Bountiful

2. Likewise, Psalm 37:5 instructs us to, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to _____." Nurture, Pass, Action, Light

3. Which book proclaims the first day of the new year is for resting and a memorial sounding the trumpet? Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers

4.2 Corinthians 5:17 and Galatians 2:20 are among the verses to focus on what in a new year? Blessings, Moving forward, Grace, Church attendance

5. In which month of the religious calendar did the new year begin in the Bible? 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th 6. From James 1:5, what

may one lack and if they ask God it shall be given? Love, Wisdom, Truth, Goals

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French cuisine 02

Anyone for Champagne?

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. Before going westward, I wish to mention one more interest regarding northeastern region. There we have the province of Champagne. Most, if not all of us, know about bubbly; properly known

as either sparkling wine or

the classic Champagne. What some of us may not know is that not every wine that goes "Pop" is Champagne. Officially, only effervescent wine allowed to be called Champagne is wine that come from the province of Champagne. effervescent wines made should be elsewhere known as and called sparkling wine. Never let a true Frenchman here you call any wine "Champagne" that did not come from that province.

In the days of my youth, I have made various types of wine at home: white and red, from dry to sweet. I even tried making Champagne. Oh, excuse me. I meant to say sparkling wine. It is not an easy task. It requires constant vigilance. First comes the cleaning and crushing of the white grapes and put into vats with special yeast and sugar. There are to be no drags left in the bottle. Therefore, after the initial fermenting, it is poured off leaving the drags behind. Or it is filtered. It then goes for its second fermenting in a thick heavy bottle. The wine is bottled while

the liquid. If it is sealed

\$79 for 1 year \$99 for 1 year the wine is still fermenting. In this way, the carbon dioxide is trapped within



Culinary Corner Chef Roger Joss

too early, the bottle might burst. If it is sealed too the effervescent late. would be minimized. While sealed in the bottle, the bottle is stored at a slight angle downward and periodically turned. After sufficient time has passed, it is carefully packed in crates and shipped throughout the world. True Champagne comes from that province in northeastern France and is very expensive. I find California wines to be excellent.

I had also made beer. I wanted to see if I could do it. It too is canned or bottled while on its last leg of fermentation. It too must have that carbon dioxide trapped in the liquid for it to taste good. Have you ever had flat beer? It is not nice. But it has a use. Save it for any unwanted guests that arrive unexpectedly.

Beer too must be watched carefully. A hydrometer is used to measure the alcohol content. It must be bottled and sealed at the right time as indicated by the hydrometer. Outside of what I drank in Munich, Germany, homemade is better than store bought: much better. In the case of soda pop, the carbon dioxide is introduced via the flavored syrup being blended in with carbonated We called it water. fountain coke when it is made at the soda fountain by a soda jerk. This brings back memories of Helen Chambers at Chamber's Drug Store making me fountain cokes. This was in the early 1950s.

Western France is next. Until next time, peace to

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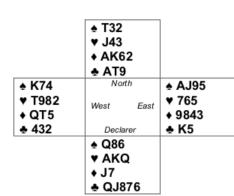
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BRIDGE BITES

THE ART OF CONCEALMENT



South opens 1NT, which nowadays usually shows 15-17 HCP. North bids 3NT, and West leads the ♥T.

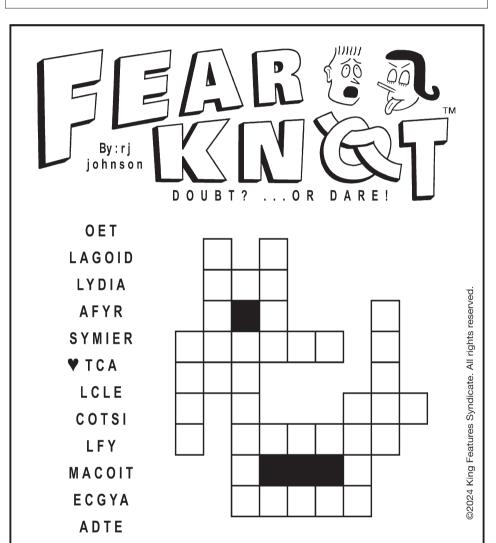
Declarer can see enough tricks once the &K is out of the way, but those Spades look somewhat fragile. We have two questions. Firstly, how do vou play the Hearts? Secondly, how do you play the Clubs? These questions are not misprints, we'd really

Declarer can see that the opening Heart lead is from T9xx or some such holding. But, from East's seat, it might well be from holdings such as AT9x or KT9x or QT9x. How can Declarer muddy the waters and create some doubt in East's mind? She could routinely play low from Dummy, as most would, but the play most likely to cause confusion is surely the Jack! Declarer then wins the trick with the Ace, and East will say to himself: "I've seen this movie before. Declarer was hoping that I had the Queen and would cover. Clearly she is laying a false trail and has AK doubleton in the suit"

Now Declarer plays on Clubs. If she leads the ♣Q then that pretty much advertises the situation. So, instead, she runs the less informative Jack, and when East wins the King he'll have some thinking to do. Declarer has a maximum of three points in Diamonds, and appears to have seven points in Hearts. The Club situation won't be clear, and East might visualize Declarer's hand as: ♠KQx, ♥AK, ♦QTxx, ♠J87x, or something similar. If so then a Heart continuation beats the contract.

A less devious Declarer will play a low Heart from Dummy on Trick 1, and will run the ♣Q at Trick 2. When East wins his King, he'll have more clues, and is more likely to diagnose Declarer's Spade weakness. If he does, he will be sure to switch to the Spade Jack, a so-called "surrounding play" which allows the defense to grab four Spade tricks, setting the contract.

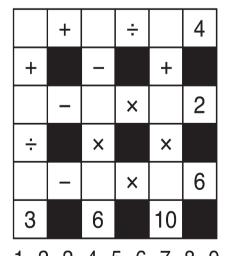
For bridge games, classes, or seminars, contact Mike Tomlianovich by phone:



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.

by Linda Thistle GO FIGURE!

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

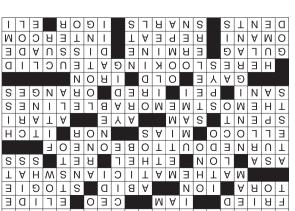


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★ Moderate ★★ Difficult *** GO FIGURE!

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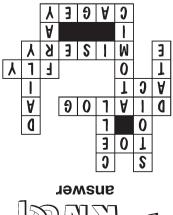
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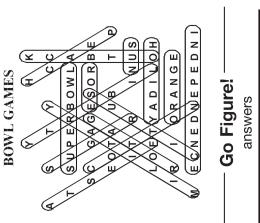
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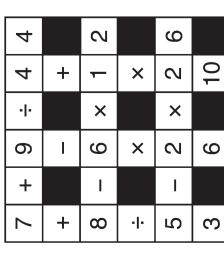
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Applicants must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Background check

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Applications are due by 4pm on Jan 12th, in person or to perryman@vwarner.org.



Part Time Library Clerk

The Vespasian Warner Public

Quincy St. in Clinton is seeking qualified applicants for the position of parttime clerk. Work schedule averages 12-15 hours/week and consists of daytime and Saturday hours.

Candidates must be interested in working in a customer service-oriented organization, have excellent communication skills, possess strong general computer skills, attention to detail, and a willingness to learn. Duties include checking materials in and out, shelving books, answering

phone calls, processing new materials, and assisting patrons with basic reference questions. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent. Background check required. \$14.00/ hour with paid holidays and paid time off.

Visit the library or www.vwarner.org for an application and job description. Applications are due by 4pm on Friday, January 12, 2024 and can be turned in at the library's main desk or by email to Bobbi Perryman at perryman@vwarner.org.

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- b) Ability to follow directions well
- c) Good customer service skills
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Clinton High School

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Clinton Elementary School

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December 22, 2023, December 29, 2023, January 5, 2024

LEGAL

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CEN-TRAL DISTRICT **OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD** DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PLAINTIFF,

BRANDON W. **DALTON and MISTI** S. DALTON. Defendants.

CIVIL NO. 22-cv-3110

NOTICE OF MAR-SHAL'S SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above-entitled cause, the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:

Brittany Taylor, Assistant Loan Specialist, USDA Rural Development, 2110 W Park Court, Suite B, Champaign, IL 61821. Telephone: 217-352-3536 ext.

- 2. The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 503 E. Market Street. Farmer City, Illinois 61842.
- 3. The legal description of the real estate is:

Lots 6 and 7 and the West ½ of Lot 8 in Block 1 in Herrick's Addition to the Town, now City of Farmer City, situated in the County of Dewitt. in the State of Illinois.

Property ID# 05-28-408-004; this real estate has been Improved by a single-family resi-

dence. 4. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: (Available for inspection during

5. The time and place of the sale . are Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., inside the main entrance of the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727 MASKS ARE RE-**QUIRED FOR ALL** <u>ATTENDING THE</u> 6. The terms of the

sale are:

10% of purchase price payable at time and place of sale by Cashier=s/ Official Bank Check made payable to the United States Marshals Service. Balance to be paid by Cashier=s/Official Bank Check made payable to the United States Marshals Service and received by the United States Marshal, 100 NE Monroe Street, Peoria. Illinois 61602, within thirty (30) days of date of said sale. If the balance is not received within said time period the 10% payment made at time of sale shall be forfeited to the United States, the sale shall be void and a new sale shall be scheduled by the Court.

7. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes for the years 2022 and thereafter to be paid by buyer(s), which are a lien upon the real estate, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record. Buyer(s) shall also be responsible for payment of the real estate transfer tax (35 ILCS 200-31-

8. Said property is being sold at this judicial sale "AS IS" WITHOUT ANY WARRANTIES OF HABITABILITY OR ANY OTHER WARRANTIES, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED.

9. Upon receipt of

the entire purchase price amount, a Certificate of Sale shall be forwarded to the Marshal for execution describing the lands and tenements purchased and the sum paid therefore to be tendered to the purchaser. Upon confirmation of said sale by the Court, the holder of said Certificate of Sale shall be entitled to a deed

for said premises.

10. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), ÝOU HAVE THẾ **RIGHT TO REMAIN** IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORT-**GAGE FORECLO-**

DATED at Springfield, Illinois, this 1st day of November 2023.

SURE LAW.

/s/Brendan O. <u>Heffner</u>

BRENDAN O. HEF-**FNER UNITED STATES** MARSHAL **CENTRAL DIS-**TRICT OF ILLI-**NOIS**

Legal 19924 December 15, 2023, December 22, 2023, December 29, 2023 January 5, 2024

LEGAL

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

Estate of: Lubertus A. Van Apeldoorn Deceased. CASE NO. 23-PR-

NOTICE BY PUBLI-CATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Lubertus A. Van Apeldoorn, of 3073 Brush College Rd., Clinton, Illinois 61727 Letters of Office were issued on December 11, 2023, to Erik Van Apeldoorn, Jessica Van Apeldoorn and Gina Defebaugh, Independent Co-Administrators, 7500 Hallsville Rd., Clinton, Illinois 61727; 1120 Gateford Ridge Ct., Ballwin, Missouri 63021; and 1668 1100th St., Lincoln. Illinois 62656 whose attorney is Kevin Hammer, 219 E. Main Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727. The estate

ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk Claims against the Estate must be filed in the office of the Clerk of DeWitt County Circuit Court, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative or both, on or before June 22, 2024, or, if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate

will be administered

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Probate Act (755

and to the representative's attorney within ten days after it has been filed. Dated this 12th day

of December, 2023.

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Kevin Hammer Attorney for the Estate of Lubertus A. Van Apeldoorn 219 East Main Street Clinton, IL 61727 217/935-7063

Legal 19931 December 22, 2023 December 29, 2023 January 5, 2024

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUN-TY, ILLINOIS

PNC BANK, NA-TIONAL ASSOCIA-TION,

Plaintiff,

CHRISTI L. **BROWN AKA** CHRISTI LYNN BROWN;

Defendant(s).

CASE NO. 2023FC14

Property Address: 824 E. Macon St. Clinton, IL 61727 NOTICE OF SHER-IFF SALE

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a

judgment of said

Court entered in

the above-entitled cause on September 13, 2023, I, Sheriff Mike Walker of DeWitt County, Illinois, will hold a sale on January 31, 2024, commencing at 11:00AM, at 101 W Washington St, Clinton, IL 61727, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to wit: LOT 1 IN BLOCK 4 IN JOHN B. CAIN'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CLIN-TON, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DEWITT, IN THE STATE OF ILLI-Commonly known

as: 824 E. Macon St., Clinton, IL 61727 P.I.N.: 07-26-359-

800 1st Lien Position;

Single Family Residence; Judgment Amount \$56,410.61

IN ACCORDANCE WITH 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1) (H-1) AND (H-2) 765 ILCS 605/9(G) (5), AND 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), YOU ARF HERERY **NOTIFIED THAT** THE PURCHASER OF THE PROPER-TY OTHER THAN A MORTGAGEE, SHALL PAY THE **ASSESSMENTS** AND LEGAL FEES REQUIRED BY **SUBSECTIONS** (g)(1) AND (g)(4) ÖÉ SECTION 9 AND THE AS-SESSMENTS AND COURT COSTS REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (g-1) OF SECTION 18.5 OF THE ILLINOIS CONDOMINIUM PROPERTY ACT. Terms of Sale: CASH - 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of DeWitt County. The person to contact for information regarding this property is: Sales Department

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LEGAL

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

Estate of: Linda L. Hickman Deceased. CASE NO. 23-PR-

NOTICE BY PUBLI-CATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Linda L. Hickman, 403 S. Clinton St., Clinton, Illinois 61727. Letters of Office were issued on

December 15,

2023, to Russell E. October, 2023, a Hickman and Bryan Petition was filed S. Hickman, Indeunder the Juvenile pendent Co-Execu-Court Act by DeWitt tors, 5523 Panther Rd., Clinton, Illinois 61727, and 104 Dode Dr., Downs, Illinois 61736, whose attorney is Kevin Hammer. 219 E. Main Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the Estate must be filed in the office of the Clerk of DeWitt County Circuit Court, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 29, 2024, or, if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in the Notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the representative's attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated this 19th day of December, 2023.

Kevin Hammer Attorney for the Estate of Linda L. Hickman 219 East Main Street Clinton, IL 61727 217/935-7063

Legal 19935 December 29. 2023, January 5, 2024, January 12, 2024

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Assumed Name Publication Notice

Public Notice is hereby given that on Friday, December 22, 2023, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of De-Witt County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting,

ZAYIN TECH 8200 IDLEWOOD **ROAD CLINTON IL 61727**

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business known as:

Dated this 22 day of

December, 2023. /s/ Kari L. Harris

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December 29, 2023 January 5, 2024 January 12, 2024

LEGAL

STATE OF ILLI-NOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE Sixth JUDICIAL **CIRCUIT** Dewitt COUNTY. JUVENILE DIVI-SION

OF: SCARLETT HAM-MER, a minor No. 23 JA 15

IN THE INTEREST

NOTICE BY PUBLI-CATION

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NOTICE IS GIV-EN TO ANDREW SMITH, putative fa-FK15DB ther, and ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN FATHERS, respondents, and to all it

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Signed and sworn

County State's Attorney Dan Markwell, in the Circuit Court of Dewitt County entitled "In the Interest of Scarlett Hammer, a minor," and that in the courtroom of Judge Karle Koritz at the Dewitt County Courthouse, Clinton, Illinois on the 18th day of January, 2024 at the hour of 2:00 pm, or as soon thereafter as this cause may

be heard a Dispositional Hearing will be held upon the petition. THE COURT HAS THE **AUTHORITY IN** THIS PROCEED-ING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE **CUSTODY AND** GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A **GUARDIAN WITH** THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PA-**RENTAL RIGHTS** TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE **ALL PARENTAL** RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

/s/ Michelle Van <u>Valey</u> Clerk of the Court

12/26/23 Date

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ILLINOIS

DeWitt County, Juvenile Division

In the interest of No. 23 JA 15

SCARLETT HAM-MER, a minor.

AFFIDAVIT FOR SERVICE BY PUB-LICATION

Dan Markwell on

<u>oath states:</u>

Each respondent named below cannot be found within this state. or has left this state and cannot be located, so that process cannot be served upon him either personally or by certified mail. The present address of each respondent named below cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry. The last known address of each respondent named below is:

Respondent's Name ANDREW SMITH

Last Known Address 121 Windsor Rd., shire, Scotland, UK

/s/ Dan Markwell

to before me this

December 26, 2023 /s/ Alisha M. Boy-(Notary Public)

Legal 19940

January 5, 2024

LEGAL

The 2024 Township Assessor meeting will be, Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 10:00 A.M. in the DeWitt County Courthouse.

January 5, 2024

Legal 19941 **LEGAL** IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL **CIRCUIT** DEWITT COUNTY, **ILLINOIS ROCKET MORT-**GAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC. PLAINTIFF, VS. ELISSA E WIL-LIAMS; SECRE-TARY OF HOUS-ING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; **UNKNOWN OWNERS AND** NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 23 FC 24 250 MAPLE STREET WELDON, IL 61882 JUDGE **PRESIDING** JUDGE NOTICE BY PUBLI-**CATION** NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN TO YOU. Elissa E Williams **Unknown Owners** and Non-Record Claimants defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: **BEGINNING AT** THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 24 IN BLOCK 2 IN THE VILLAGE OF WELDON. THENCE NORTH 75 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 22 IN SAID BLOCK, THENCE EAST 60 FEET. THENCE SOUTH 75 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 24, THENCE WEST 60 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BE-GINNING, BEING SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DE-WITT, STATE OF ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 250 Maple Street Weldon, IL 61882 and which said Mortgage was made by, Elissa É Williams Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Elec-

Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 Ph. (312) 346-9088 File No. 23-14505IL-1005383 13235770 Legal 19942 January 5, January 12, January 19,

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Loans, LLC

as nominee for

STATE OF ILLI-**NOIS** corded in the Office IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE Sixth JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Dewitt COUNTY. JUVENILE DIVI-SION

> IN THE INTEREST OF: KILLIAN FITZGER-ALD. a minor No. 23 JA 20

NOTICE BY PUBLI-**CATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN

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DANIEL, putative father, and ANY AND ALL UN-KNOWN FATHERS, respondents, and to all it may concern, that on the 27th day of November, 2023, a Petition

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listed above.)

was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by DeWitt County State's Attorney Dan Markwell, in the Circuit Court of Dewitt County entitled "In the Interest of Killian Fitzgerald, a minor," and that in the courtroom of Judge Karle Koritz at the Dewitt County Courthouse. Clinton, Illinois on the 16th day of January, 2024 at the hour of 1:30 pm, or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a Status Hearing will be held upon the petition. THE COURT HAS THE AUTHORITY IN THIS PRO-CEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARD-IANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TER-MINATE YOUR PA-RENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PA-**RENTAL RIGHTS** TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE **APPOINTMENT** OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE **ALL PARENTAL** RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case includ-

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

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/s/ Michelle Van Clerk of the Court

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December 27, 2023 Date

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ILLINOIS

DeWitt County, Juvenile Division

In the interest of No. 23 JA 20

KILLIAN FITZGER-ALD, a minor.

AFFIDAVIT FOR SERVICE BY PUB-**LICATION**

Dan Markwell on oath states:

Each respondent named below cannot be found within this state, or has left this state and cannot be located, so that process cannot be served upon him either personally or by certified mail. The present address of each respondent named below cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry. The last known address of each respondent named below is:

Respondent's Name MALCOM MCDAN-

Last Known Address

658 E. Wood St. Decatur, IL 62523 1030 Dee Lee Lane, Mt. Zion, IL 1421 N. Union St., Decatur, IL 62526

/s/ Dan Markwell

Signed and sworn to before me this December 28, 2023 /s/ Alisha M. Boy-(Notary Public)

Legal 19943 January 5, 2024

LEGAL

Vespasian Warner Public Library District in Clinton, IL is issuing this notice to bidders for Vespasian Warner Public Library **HVAC** Renovations. Project consists of replacement of HVAC systems, and associated required electrical and general construction, and the preparation of design and permit documents based on the design criteria documents.

A prebid conference for all bidders will be held at VWPLD on January 16 at 10:00 a.m. Prospective bidders are required to attend. VWPLD will receive sealed lump sum bids from qualified bidders until January 30. 2024 at 2:00 p.m. VWPLD will consider bids prepared in compliance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bids will be thereafter publicly opened and read áloud.

Procurement and Contracting Documents can be obtained after January 5, 2024, by contacting Lucas Snow at VWPLD at snow@vwarner.org.

Legal 19944 January 5, 2024



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June

CHS students recognized on SkillsUSA National Signing Day

Candace Evans, Miles Bryant and Carter Blankenship, students at Clinton High School, signed with employers to work in the skilled trades as part of the high school's SkillsUSA National Signing Day. SkillsUSA is a nonprofit program that works with students, teachers and various industries to provide help to students pursuing careers in the skilled trades.

City buys land for residential development

The City of Clinton bought 8.24 acres near the Liberty Village complex to develop for new home construction. The site is bordered on the west by Liberty Village and on the north by Leander Street. It is not currently connected to city infrastructure.

Second pipeline coming

The county board heard plans about a second CO2 sequestration pipeline for DeWitt County. Wolf Carbon Solutions announced its plan for a pipeline that would cross the county en route to Decatur in Macon County.

Arbitration looms as union workers vent frustration

Some of the city's union employs addressed the city council about what they felt were bad faith contract negotiations on the part of the city. They claimed the city refused to consider small increases in union wages while looking at substantial salary requests by non-union employees. During the same meeting, commissioners rejected proposed non-union salary increases.

July

Power gradually restored after July 29 storm

Electricity was gradually restored to area homes after a July 29 storm included winds as high as 75 mph. As the storm hit DeWitt County, it immediately knocked out power to a wide area. After about 20 minutes, the worst of the storm was over, and city workers began clearing fallen trees and tree limbs from streets. Ameren dispatched workers to areas that lost power. About half of Clinton was without power, forcing temporary closure of businesses and some governmental facilities.

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SPORTS

CHS Maroons' freshmen fall to Tri-Valley Vikings



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CLINTON - In all the Maroons and Lady Maroons games leading up to the holidays, one of the few home games for the Maroons freshman team was on the schedule. The home team hosted the ever-tough Tri-Valley Vikings.

The first quarter showed promise for the home team as they took

a slender lead of 12-10. Then, the Maroons began to struggle, and the opposition took advantage with a 13-5 run in the second quarter to lead at halftime 23-17.

The quarter third for the Maroons was, unfortunately, more of the same as the Vikings went on another scoring run 14-3. Although the Maroons outscored the opposition in the fourth quarter, it was a scoring gap too large to overcome, with

the Vikings taking this game 45-32.

Ultimately, missed foul shots primarily spelled the end for the Maroons' effort, preventing a tie game, which would have sent things into overtime.

The Maroon freshmen were led by B. White (#33) with 14 points, assisted by C. Bostic (#3) with 7 points, D. Schmid (#21) with 7 points (including a 3-pointer), and M. Cornwell adding a point.



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SPORTS

Wins at home punctuate Lady Maroons basketball

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CLINTON Lady basketball Maroons' action was on the schedule as play began with a single varsity game versus the Shelbyville Lady Rams on "Gene Vance Court."

The Lady Maroons took the early lead and kept it.

The home team scored in double figures in every quarter to keep the Lady Rams in check. After an 18-10 first quarter, the Lady Maroons went on a 12-7 run in the second quarter to gain a 30-17 halftime lead.

The third quarter saw the opposition cut into the Clinton lead, but it proved to be only a token challenge as defeat loomed. The Lady Maroons kept the pressure on in the final quarter to pull off a 64-44 win.

The home team was led by Carly Anderson (#12) with 18 points (including five 3-pointers), followed by Heidi Humble (#2) and Regan Filkin (#3), each with 13 points including three 3-pointers of their

The next home outing was against the Roanoke/ Benson Lady Rockets.

The junior varsities started the evening's events with the home team taking a slight lead in the initial stanza and then shutting down the Lady Rocket offense for the rest of the game for a 51-23

The Lady Maroons were led by Carly Anderson (#24) with 22 points which included three 3-pointers and Lanie Helfand (#20) with 11 points including one 3-pointer.

The varsities then hit the

hardwood for the main event

Lady Maroons The started with a 16-3 run in the first quarter to set the tone for this game. By halftime the home team was leading 31-8 and had the game well in hand.

Starting the third quarter, the opposition made a last- gasp charge, scoring in double figures, but the Lady Maroons were ready with a 20-point barrage of their own to keep the Lady Rockets in check.

The final quarter was a mere single-digit gain for both teams with the Lady Maroons coming out on top by a convincing 56-23.

The Lady Maroons were led by Regan Filkin (#3) with 14 points (with two 3-pointers), Carly Anderson (#12)with 11 points (with three 3-pointers), and Avery Smith (#22) with 10 points.

The final home game of the year was with the El Paso/Gridley (EPG) Lady Titans.

The Lady Maroons junior varsity (JV) took early control of the first game of the night with a 14-5 first quarter run.

The teams were even in the second quarter at 10, giving the Lady Maroons a halftime lead of 24-15. Both teams were slow out of the halftime break with the opposition gaining a point on the home team.

In the final quarter, the Lady Maroons came out firing to take a 44-30 win. The top JV Lady Maroons were Carly Anderson (#24) with 16 points with four 3-pointers

The varsity teams then took the floor in what would be a cliffhanger of

with 12 points.

and Lilah Cluver (#11)



The Lady Maroons clear the boards surrounded by Lady Rams, common in this game

a game.

The opposition outscored the home team in the first quarter to take a 4 point lead 19-15. The Lady Maroons were then held to single digits in the second quarter, while the Lady Titans rang up another 13 points to secure a 32-23 lead at halftime.

Both teams came out of the locker rooms flat in the third quarter with the Lady Titans still in the lead 41-31.

The final round of play

saw the Lady Maroons offense and defense arrive on the floor. The Lady Maroons went on a 15-6 run to give the fans a thrill, but coming up a point short in the end, loosing 47-46.

The leading scorer for the Lady Maroons was Carly Anderson (#12) with 11 points including two 3-pointers. Heidi Humble (#2) chipped in 9 points (one 3-pointer), Clara Dempsey (#1)

Varsity Box Scores								
Quarters/Final	1	2	3	4	Final			
Lady Maroons Lady Rams	18 10	12 7	19 16	15 11	64 44			
Lady Maroons Lady Rockets	16 3	15 5	20 12	5 3	51 23			
Lady Maroons	12	8	8	15	46			

each had 7 points (Filkin had a 3-pointer). The scoring was completed by MaKayla Koeppel (#25) with 6 points, Lilah Cluver (#11) with 4 points, and

Lady Titans

Avery Smith (#22) adding 2 points. With these home games and their away games, the Lady Maroons are now 9-8 overall and 2-0 in conference play.

Maroons continue strong play on the eve of 2024

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CLINTON — In the next to last home game of the year, the Maroons faced the Eureka Hornets.

The junior varsities (JV) began the evening with the Hornets taking a 13-9 lead by the end of the first quarter. The Maroons toughed out the second quarter to come within two points at halftime 22-20.

The third quarter had meager scoring, 9 points a piece, the final quarter had the Hornets swarming again to add 7 points to their lead giving the opposition a 48-39 win.

Dalton Bell (#23) was high scorer for the Maroons with 12 points (including one 3-pointer) assisted by Anthony Westbrooks (#0) with 10 points (including

two 3-pointers). In the following second (varsity) game the home team took a slight 13-9 lead by the end of the first quarter, but were outscored in the second, yet held onto a 22-20 lead at halftime.

The second half saw the Hornets pestering the Maroons, but the home team held together to outscore the opposition and take a 54-48 win.

The Maroons that led the way were Dawson Graves (#2) with 19 points (one 3-pointer) and Mason Walker (#3) with 18 points (with a whopping four 3-pointers).

On the last home game of the year, the Maroons hosted the LeRoy Panthers. The junior (JV)

last three quarters while holding the opposition to single digits.

The Maroons were on their game both offensively and defensively. Maroons JV won 47-30.

The team was held together with the offense of D. Bell (#23) with 19 points (three 3-pointers).

Next on the "Gene Vance Court" were the varsity teams. LeRoy was one of the few teams that defeated

The Maroons exploded in the first quarter on a 23-6 run for a lead they

The second quarter saw the Panthers struggle back with 19 points to the Maroons' 22. This gave the Maroons a 45-25

Both teams scored 11 points on the third quarter,

varsities played first to warm up the crowd. After a slow initial quarter with both teams each scoring only 9 points, the Maroons took charge. The home team scored in double digits in the

the Maroons last season.

would not relinquish.

halftime lead.



Marc Rogers / Journal Brooks Cluver (#12) drops in a 3-pointer against Eureka.

and the Maroons slowed to 9 points in the final stanza while holding the Panthers to a single point. The Maroons took the massive win 73-37.

The Maroons scoring came from everywhere Dawson Graves with (##20 and Mason Walker (#3) at the helm with 22

points each (Graves with two 3-pointers and Walker with three 3-pointers. They were assisted by Brooks Cluver (#12) with 14 points (one 3-pointer) and Dalton Bell (#23) with 12 points (with two 3-pointers).

Box Scores	1	2	3	4	Final
Clinton	13	9	18	14	54
Eureka	9	11	16	12	48
Clinton	23	22	19	9	73
LeRoy	6	19	11	1	37

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