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Obituaries



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Nearly down

An apartment building located in the 200 block of E. Adams Street was nearing the end of demolition on Tuesday. The city earlier bought the property and will put the lot up for sale. Contractors removed portions of the upper stories by hand to prevent pieces from falling onto neighboring houses before using a backhoe for the rest.

Gordon Woods / Journal

Baking it

Clinton woman in finals of national competition

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In January 2020, Clinton's Michelle Akeman found herself in a dark place.

Her father had recently passed away and she was falling into a depression and was fearful that depression would lead her to return to old habits. To avoid that, Akeman said she turned to her faith and prayed.

"And I heard, 'bake.'" In her mind, Akeman said she responded, "'But I don't bake!' And loud as day, I heard, 'Bake anyway!'"

Akeman credits baking with saving her. A recovering drug addict, Akeman found baking soothed her soul and allowed her to turn a hobby into a business.

"I started baking and I would take (the baked goods) to people at work, and they liked it and they wanted to buy it. I had no intention of starting a business; it was just something to do during Covid."

Because her co-workers at Rivian wanted to buy more of Akeman's baked goods, she and her husband, Paul, turned her hobby into a home-based business, The Red Wagon Bakery. The name comes



Submitted photos

from Akeman towing her baked goods with a red wagon she used to use for her daughter's softball gear.

Today, the entire family is involved. husband Paul and their daughter help bake while their son acts as a "taste tester."

Late last year Akeman learned about The Greatest Baker competition sponsored by Buddy Valastro, also known as TV's Cake Boss.

With encouragement from her family and social media followers, Akeman entered just as the deadline approached.

The Greatest Baker is



an online competition and online votes keep the bakery moving up in the competition. Akeman has currently advanced

to the quarterfinals. Votes are free daily, or donations may be made for additional votes.

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News of 2023

A selection of local stories from the past year / Part 2

July

The county board's land use committee debated potentially fining Enel Green Energy for failing to curtail turbines during a June 29 tornado warning. "Curtailling" is the practice of slowing or stopping wind turbine rotation during severe weather events. They fear the rotation of the turbines could interfere with weather radar used to identify tornadoes.

As the county's land use committee mulled leveling a fine against Enel Green Energy, the company announced it took immediate corrective action to prevent a June 29 failure to curtail its wind turbines.

Roger Cyrulik resigned unexpectedly as Clinton mayor. Cyrulik said he felt it was time for him to leave

office. Commissioner Tom Edmunds, for the third time in his history as an elected official, became acting mayor until the April 2025 local election.

August

The county board put forward a plan to ease workload and improve efficiency at the county animal shelter. Employees at the shelter complained about the high volume of work at the shelter and that they felt insufficiently supported by the county.

The City of Clinton hired a new administrator in August. Taylor Baxter joined the city staff after a lengthy search process on the part of the city. The city had two failed attempts at filling the vacancy left by Tim Followell, who retired at the end of 2021.

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City approves BNB application process

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CLINTON — The council voted to approve an application process for short-term rental units, or BNBs.

"I had some apprehension about this initially," said commissioner and acting mayor Tom Edmunds. "But, I've been assured that single family-zoned areas are still going to be single family. They can't have a multitude of families in a single family-zoned residence."

Edmunds said he was satisfied with that

arrangement. "As long as that's how it operates, I don't have a problem with it," he said.

Development of the application involved several areas of the city government including help from Dana Korneman, of the city planning commission, city administrator Taylor Baxter and city attorney John Hoblit.

Commissioner Dan Ballenger reported during the Jan. 2 city council meeting contractors were progressing on demolition of an apartment building located in the 200 block of E. Adams Street.

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NEWS

News of 2023

Clinton held its second Founders Day event, organized by Celebrate Clinton. Commissioner Tom Edmunds spoke about the history of his family in Clinton and his own history as an elected official. Warner Library executive director spoke about the history of Vespasian Warner Public Library. A short play written by Edith Brady-Lunny featured three actors portraying Abraham Lincoln, C.H. Moore and Jesse Fell talking about their personal and business relationship involved in the founding of Clinton.

to ban carbon capture wells in all zoning districts in DeWitt County. One company had announced its plan to send CO2 from Iowa ag production plants through a pipeline to wells in northwest DeWitt County. Injecting CO2 a mile down into specified geological formations is a technology intended to remove the climate-damaging element from the atmosphere.

Tera Kaupraun, president of the Sangamon Valley Beekeepers Association addressed the Clinton City Council urging commissioners to change the city ordinance to allow beekeeping in the city limits. Kaupraun's organization teaching

beekeeping classes in the winter, and she promoted the environmental benefits of bees and the value of beekeeping as a hobby.

The city council passed a plan to create a 10 percent tax on movie theater tickets. The entire tax would be rebated to Clintonia Eagle Theater for three years and then would rebate 95 percent of the tax thereafter. The plan would help keep the theater in town during a time when movie theaters face competition from multiple sources.

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September

The county board voted



File photo / Journal
The 2023 annual Hawthorne Inn car show.

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The funds are donated to the Andrew McDonough Be Positive Foundation to help families dealing with childhood cancer.

The winning bakery will receive \$10,000, meet Valstro personally, and be featured in *Bake From Scratch* magazine.

"The only thing that makes us different (from other bakeries) is we share our story publicly," said Akeman. "Every baker has a story, you just have to share it with people for them to see the faith and the manifestation."

"I never intended for this to be a business. I never intended to be in a baking competition," said Akeman, "but when you follow your faith and you allow things to happen as they are supposed to happen, beautiful things happen."

To vote in *The Greatest Baker* competition, go to *The Red Wagon Bakery* Facebook page or www.thegreatestbaker.com.



File photo / Journal
The 2023 Trick or Treat on Mr. Lincoln's Square.



File photo / Journal
Left, decorations out for turkey day, right, Christmas with Santa at Weldon Springs.

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Photos and information can be emailed to kpyne@theclintonjournal.com and payment made by credit card by calling 217-935-3171.

NEWS

City / from page A1

The city bought the property and will put the lot up for sale. “He’s taking the top layer off closer to the east house by hand,” Ballenger said. “Just because it’s so tight to the house there. He talked to the owners, and they’re good with it.” Ballenger said demolition of the building

would take longer than expected, “because of how he’s having to do it. But, he’s staying on it.” The year 2023 was the busiest on record for the fire department, Ballenger reported. Clinton Fire Department responded to nearly 1,200 calls. See the photo at the top of A1.

Commissioner John Wise complimented the Christmas decorations on the square. “It looked awesome up there this year,” Wise said. “Steve and guys did a really great job.” Wise said he found removal of the decorations bittersweet, “but I know it’s time.

The square also was decorated by the first annual Festival of Trees, which included 50 trees decorated by residents and businesses. Wise also added that improvements to the water treatment plant were nearing completion.

Free flu shots to 65-plus at Aanaya Rx

LEROY — Aanaya Rx Pharmacy, in LeRoy, is offering free flu shots for people ages 65-plus. DeWitt County residents are welcome to get the free vaccines. No appointment is necessary. The pharmacy is open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturdays. It is closed on Sundays.

Dove food pantry now open Tuesdays and Thursdays

CLINTON — The Dove food pantry is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. -2 p.m. It is located at 803 W. Leander Street, Clinton. Tuesdays were added back to the schedule to help meet the need in DeWitt County. In FY23, 155 families were served multiple times, which supported 497 people. This is a free service to anyone in DeWitt County and can be used once every four weeks. A photo I.D. is required. For additional information, call the Dove office at (217) 935-6619.

Five things to know when your child with disabilities turns 18

Selena Higgins
Social Security District Manager in Normal



When your child turns 18 years old, they legally become an adult. This is an important time to consider their financial future – especially if they need additional care into adulthood. Here are 5 things that may help you prepare for this milestone:

1. Health and Welfare Decision-making
When your child legally becomes an adult, you can no longer make certain decisions for them about their health and welfare. However, you can stay involved through:
• A Representative Payee: Social Security will determine who best serves as a Representative Payee for your child’s benefits. To learn more about the Representative Payee program, read our webpage at www.ssa.gov/payee/index.htm.

• Guardianship: This requires court involvement. It may be necessary if your child can’t execute a power of attorney. Please consult an attorney for assistance.
2. Changes in Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Eligibility
SSI provides monthly payments to adults and children with a disability or blindness who have in-

come and resources below specific financial limits.

If your child receives SSI, when they turn 18 we will review their eligibility for continued SSI payments based on the disability rules for adults. For more information, please review the publication, What You Need To Know About Your Supplemental Security Income (SSI) When You Turn 18 at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-11005.pdf. Please be sure to review this with your child. We also encourage you to check out Social Security’s Youth Resources page at www.ssa.gov/youth.

3. Education Transitions
If your child attends public school, they have a few options to continue their education, such as pursuing:

• A diploma: They may pursue further education in college or trade programs with an Individualized Education Program (IEP). More information on the IEP is available at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-64-118.pdf.
• A certificate: They may have the

opportunity to continue in a transitional program in their high school even after they complete their senior year. Most are permitted to remain until they turn 22.

• Employment: Local Vocational Rehabilitation Services can assist with employment options during pre-graduation IEP meetings.

4. Support for Living Arrangements

Once your child turns 18, they may choose or qualify for different living arrangements depending on the services they already receive. If your child receives therapy services at school, how will they receive them once they leave? They could receive them through a Medicaid waiver or private insurance.

Qualification for respite services may also look different. Respite services allow family caregivers time to step away from their duties. It is essential you understand all the benefits and options available to your child after they complete high school before deciding on living arrangements and services.

5. Financial Protections
• Special Needs Trust: Update estate planning documents before your child turns 18. Otherwise, inheritance

may terminate your child’s governmental benefits.

• ABLER Account: You can deposit funds into this account up to a certain limit each year; however, there are limits on what its funding covers. More information on ABLER accounts is available at www.ssa.gov/payee/able_accounts.htm

Children receiving benefits on a parent’s record may continue to receive those benefits until age 19 if they’re a full-time elementary or secondary school student. People who have a qualifying disability that began before age 22 may also be eligible to receive child’s benefits at any age. For more information, please review the publication, Benefits for Children at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10085.pdf.

As your child turns 18, consider these issues while you navigate their financial future. For more information, please contact the Special Needs Alliance at www.specialneedsalliance.org/contact-us or visit the Social Security website at www.ssa.gov.

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Clinton Police Department

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HISTORY ALMANAC

1966 - U.S. President Johnson said in his State of the Union address that the United States should stay in South Vietnam until "Communist aggression" there was ended.

1966 - "Batman" debuted on ABC-TV.

1967 - "Dragnet" returned to NBC-TV after being off the network schedule for eight years.

1970 - The breakaway state of Biafra capitulated and the Nigerian civil war came to an end.

1970 - Nigeria's civil war ended.

1971 - "All In the Family" debuted on CBS-TV.

1973 - Yassar Arafat was re-elected as head of the Palestinian Liberation Organization.

1986 - Space shuttle Columbia blasted off with a crew that included the first Hispanic-American in space, Dr. Franklin R. Chang-Diaz.

1991 - The U.S. Congress passed a resolution authorizing President Bush to use military power to force Iraq out of Kuwait.

1995 - Northern Ireland Secretary Patrick Mayhew announced that as of January 16 British troops would no longer carry out daylight street patrols in Belfast.

1998 - Tyson Foods Inc. pled guilty to giving \$12,000 to former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy. Tyson was fined \$6 million.

1998 - 19 European nations agreed to prohibit human cloning.

1998 - Linda Tripp provided Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's office with taped conversations between herself and former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

1999 - Mark McGwire's 70th home run ball was sold at auction in New York for \$3 million to an anonymous bidder.

2000 - The U.S. Supreme Court, in a 5-4 ruling, gave police broad authority to stop and question people who run at the sight of an officer.

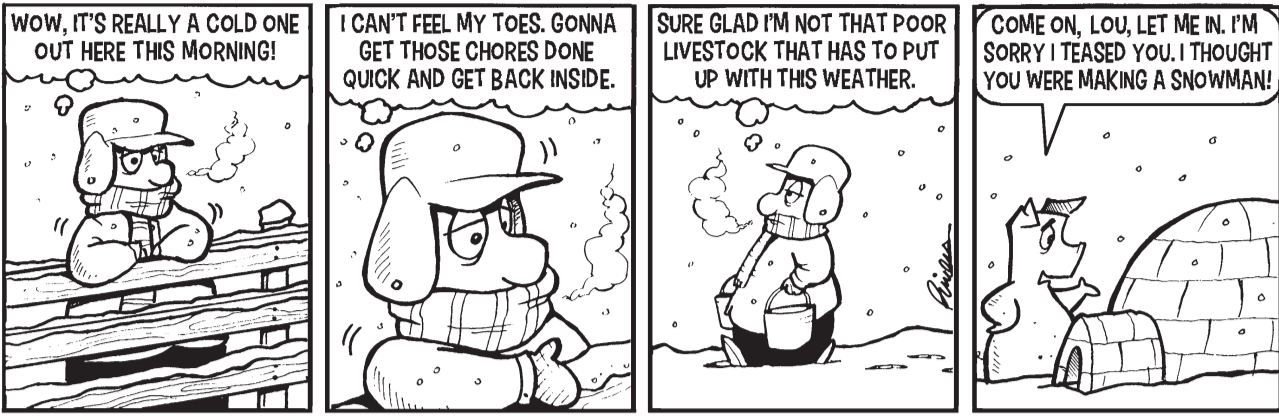
2000 - Charlotte Hornets guard Bobby Phillips was killed in a crash during a drag race.

2005 - NASA launched "Deep Impact". The spacecraft was planned to impact on Comet Tempel 1 after a six-month, 268 million-mile journey.

2006 - The U.S. Mint began shipping new 5-cent coins to the 12 regional Federal Reserve Banks. The coin has an image of Thomas Jefferson taken from a 1800 Rembrandt Peale portrait in which the president is looking forward. Since 1909, when presidents were first depicted on circulating coins, all presidents had been shown in profile.

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Amber Waves



Here we go again



by Freddy Groves

I'm not the only one who has opted, once again, to stay home. Both the rec center and the senior center are cutting back on classes and hours because of the lack of participation, again, but mostly because of the sudden increase in cases of Covid, again. Of course this could include the flu and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus), but no one is specifying. It's just clear that more and more people here are getting sick.

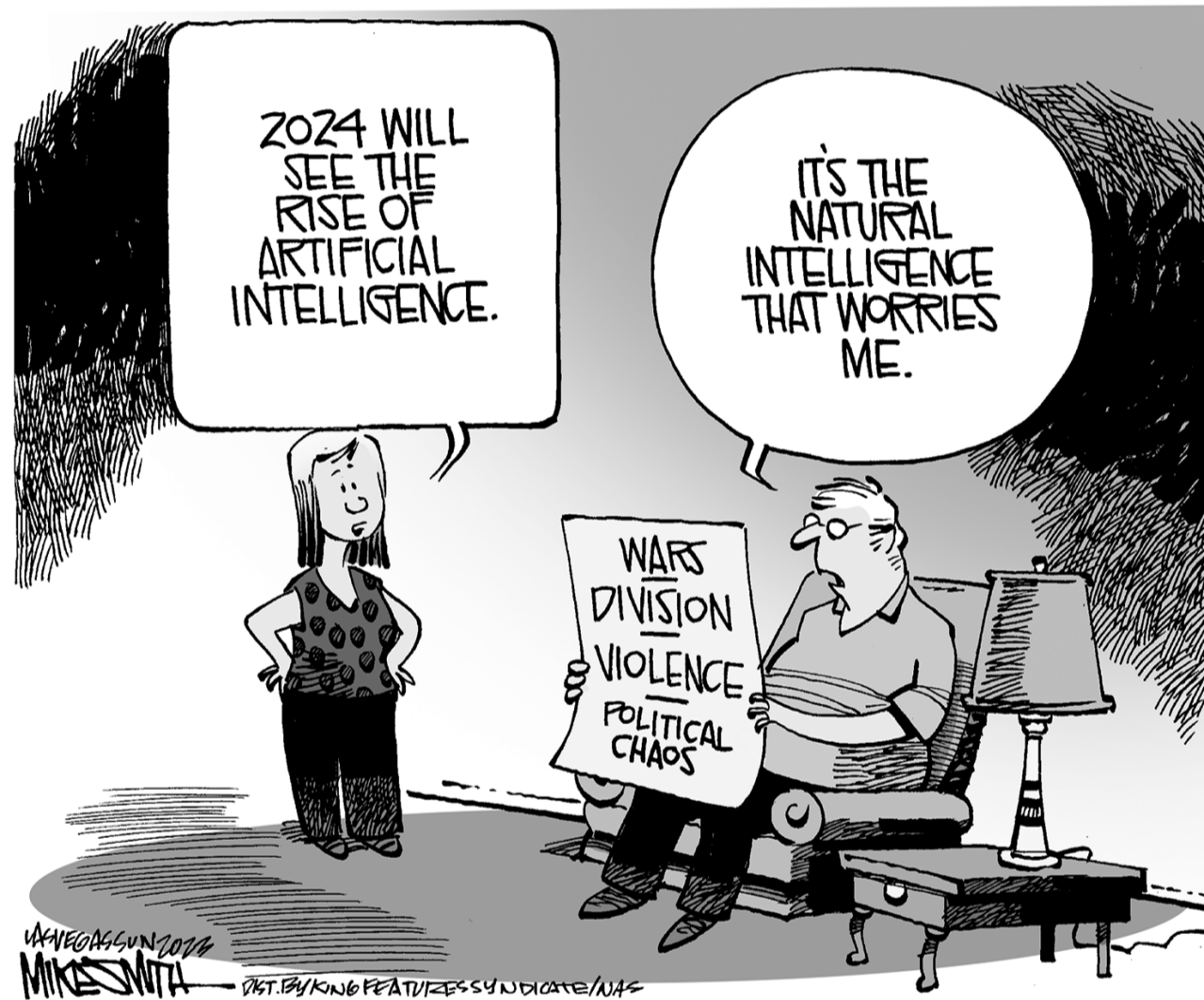
At the rec center, the number of exercise

classes has been halved, and so has the number of people who can sign up for them. They're going back to spaces outlined in blue painter's tape on the floor, giving a spot to each person to work out. No more walking with pals in a group around the indoor track. Instead, they're going back to single walkers staying a minimum of 10 feet apart.

The senior center has been hit the hardest, I think, because so many of their classes involved sitting around a large table learning a new language,

of slowing down what they do. Participants will pull up and stay in their vehicles, while volunteers bring out the bags and boxes. And bless their hearts, the drivers are still out there, picking up seniors to take them to appointments. Rumor says they vowed, as a group, not to stop what they're doing. Have we really been doing this for four years? (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

The good news is that the food bank is still up and running with no sign (yet)



Kittens versus senior cats

One of my easy-to-accomplish resolutions for 2024 was to adopt a kitten, maybe 2-3 months in age. After consulting the local humane society's website and seeing dozens of tiny cats listed, I paid a visit to the shelter's group kitten room.

Of course they were cute, swinging from the chandeliers, racing, climbing and tumbling. And of course they were completely uninterested in the humans in the room who were smiling and enjoying the chaos.

Giving the kittens time

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

to wind down for naps, I made my way to one of the adult cat group rooms ... wherein I was approached by not one, but two beautiful adult cats. I sat on the floor petting them as they milled around me, bumping me with their foreheads, purring, one of them reaching out with a soft paw to get my attention ... and did I mention the purring? The intention of both was

clear: You will get me out of this place and you will take me home.

I consulted the list of cat information posted on the wall. One was a boy, one was a girl. Both had been found on the streets, both unclaimed. And they were both 12 years old.

That was not at all what I had in mind.

I came home catless, and a week later I'm still undecided. Can I handle the potential expensive vet care for two older cats? And the possible need for pricey specialty cat food as they age even more?

While living on Social Security when our annual increase for 2024 is a mere 3.2 percent and vet care has increased nearly 15 percent?

Owning a pet brings down our blood pressure, reduces stress and keeps us active. It would seem that a senior human owning a senior pet would be a perfect match -- except when it isn't because of the cost.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



*If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and just
to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.*

✠ I JOHN 1:9 ✠

Detail of "The Penitent Magdalen" by Carlo Dolci (1670)

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Mark Cooper, pastor
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10:30 a.m.-Sunday morning worship
6 p.m.-Sunday night service
7 p.m.-Wednesday service

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12:30 p.m. Wednesday Backpack Ministry

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

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10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship

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10 a.m.- AMPED Kids for ages (1-5 grades)
10 a.m.-AMPED Jr. (birth-K)
7 p.m.-AfterShock teen church, 6th-12 grades
6 p.m.-Wednesday, Strategic Disciple
6:30 p.m.-Thursday, DIVE teen Bible study
7 p.m.- Thursdays, 1st & 3rd, Empowered Women / 2nd & 4th, Frontline Men

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8:30 a.m.-Sunday mass

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Psalms 30:9-10

"What is **gained** if I am **silenced**, if I go **down** to the **pit**? **Will** the **dust praise you**? Will it **proclaim your** faithfulness? **Hear**, LORD, **and** be **merciful** to me; **LORD**, be my **help**."

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH
Answers

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D M I A L C O R P T

ANSWERS: 1) OI, 2) Gabriel, 3) Joshua, 4) 2 (Ex 3:5, Acts 7:3), 5) Money changers, 6) Belshazzar

BIBLE TRIVIA
By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Song of Solomon (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Who did Zachariah not believe on telling him his wife would conceive? Jesus, Luke, Gabriel, Mark
3. From Numbers 27, who became Moses' successor as leader of Israel? Aaron, Abraham, Elisha, Joshua
4. How many times is the phrase "holy ground" mentioned in the Bible (KJV)? 2, 24, 37, 64
5. From Mark 11, who did Jesus cast out of the Temple? Armies of Satan, Harlots, Money changers, Lepers
6. What king saw the "handwriting on the wall"? Darius, Belshazzar, Daniel, Solomon

More on wine

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. Forgive me if I get my directions mixed up regarding France. We were in the northwest and not yet moved to the northeast, I get confused. I would like to cover more about wine.



The Culinary Corner
Chef Roger Joss

I explained about champagne and how it is made. Much of it is self-explanatory. I should include that the word "Brut" on the label indicates it is a dry wine. Dry wine means it has very little sugar left in it. There is also written "dry" or "extra dry" on some labels which means it has even less sugar than brut. Even though brut is a dry wine, "dry wine" written on the bottle is not brut, it is dryer.

Have you ever wondered why the wine steward offers the cork to be sniffed by the guest? It is to prove whether the wine is turning to vinegar. If the vinegar bacterium sneaks into the bottled wine, it will convert the wine to vinegar. That is one reason wine is stored on its side tipped slightly

downward. The wine keeps the cork from drying out inside. If it dries out, it shrinks and the bottle loses its seal. Bacteria can then slip-in. Why not taste it to test it. The taste of vinegar is well pronounced. That is just the point. The slightest taste of vinegar ruins the pallet. Good wine from a new bottle would not taste like it should. Then why is one of the guests (usually a man) given a sample of wine to taste? I am glad you asked. It is for two reasons. A slight amount of vinegar might not be detected from simply smelling the cork but could be tasted.

In this case, the vinegar would be too slight to ruin the pallet. The other reason is to ensure the wine is to the quality expected for its type and vintage.

which foods? The types of wines are too varied for a short answer. However, there are a lot of books covering which beverages pair well with what foods. Rule of thumb is that medium to dry red goes well with beef dishes. White medium to dry white goes well with pork, poultry, and fish. Sweet wines, such as sherry, makes for a nice dessert wine. I do not agree with this last one.

What about wine used for cooking? Do not buy any wines in a grocery store labeled as a cooking wine. I find them terrible. Absolutely terrible. I use a table wine, also known as a drinking wine. If I like drinking merlot, a dry red wine, I would use that. As a drinking wine, it goes well with steak. It is versatile enough for pork and even pasta dishes.

The simple secret here is this; whatever wine you would drink with certain foods would be a good cooking wine for that type of food. Until next time, peace to all.

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♠ QJ432 ♥ 5 ♦ A5 ♣ AKQ52	North	♠ AT9 ♥ J62 ♦ T874 ♣ 763
♠ K86 ♥ T9743 ♦ K32 ♣ J4	West	East
	Declarer	
♠ 75 ♥ AKQ8 ♦ QJ96 ♣ T98		

Sometimes it pays to have a good sense of the ridiculous, witness this hand from a recent team game. N-S declined to admit how they reached 6NT, and given the utter awfulness of their final contract, who could possibly blame them?

A Spade lead would have worked rather well for the defense but, not unreasonably, West started out with the Heart Ten. Now let's see how alert defense by East averted an overtrick!

That opening Heart lead was won by Declarer's Ace. Next came the ♠Q and West probably now regrets that he covered this with the King. Dummy's Ace won the trick and the Clubs were rattled off. West had discarding problems on the run of the Clubs and, with the benefit of hindsight we can see that it was ill-advised of West to pitch a couple of Hearts, but pitch them he did. Next, the Diamond Nine was successfully finessed and, with the Hearts now good, Declarer was up to 12 tricks.

But could he make an overtrick? No, East became the star of the show when, on the last Heart, he pitched away his ♠A! Declarer's last two cards were ♠J6 but East had grimly held on to ♠T8 and the battle for the thirteenth trick was won by East's Diamond Ten. So, only +1440 for N-S, thanks to East's heads-up defense.

"For a moment there I thought you would make all the tricks", mused Dummy.

"Wasn't possible, East defended too well".

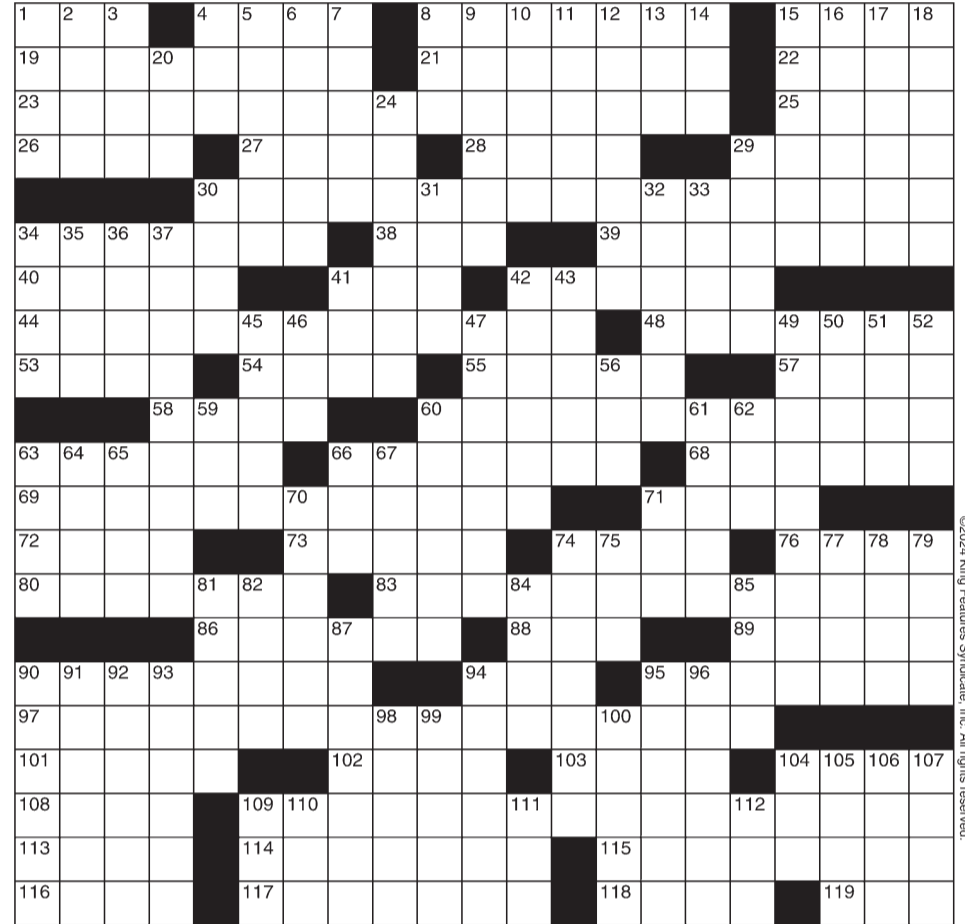
"Well, let's hope our team-mates aren't -1470. An IMP here, an IMP there, pretty soon it starts to add up".

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

Super Crossword

LEGAL THRILLERS

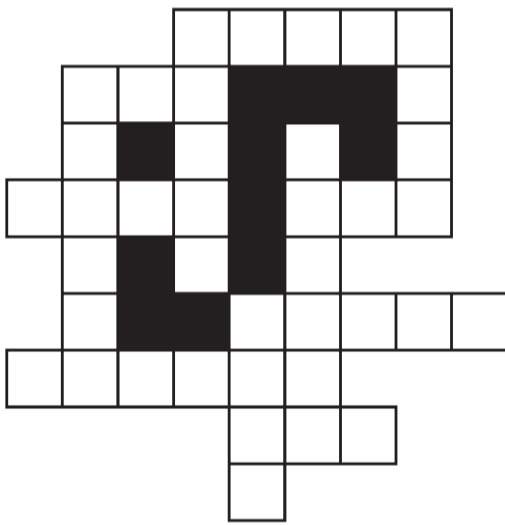
- ACROSS**
- 1 Highest roll of a single die
 - 4 Peak in Thessaly
 - 8 Freaks out
 - 15 Subjective paper piece
 - 19 Never dying
 - 21 Kind of cherry named for its shape
 - 22 — sci. (coll. major)
 - 23 Scaled-down symphony group [1994]
 - 25 Mallorca, por ejemplo
 - 26 "King" primate
 - 27 Writer Ferber
 - 28 Anti-bias job agcy.
 - 29 Gown fabric
 - 30 Program interacting with a remote server [1993]
 - 34 Bygone times
 - 38 Nurtured
 - 39 Kids' song with French lyrics
 - 40 — to go (gung-ho)
 - 41 "It's ch-chilly!"
 - 42 Whimpered like a baby
 - 44 Place to disclose sins [2010]
 - 48 Coinage for something with no name
 - 53 Beginning on
 - 54 "To — much is given ..."
 - 55 Nantes' river
 - 57 Sets of points on graphs
 - 58 Shallowest Great Lake
 - 60 Waltz or tango [1997]
 - 63 Itinerant band member, say
 - 66 State after wedlock
 - 68 Having more seepage
 - 69 Panels that may reverse decisions [2008]
 - 71 Melody
 - 72 Jungle roarer
 - 73 Ouzo flavorer
 - 74 Exact lookalike
 - 76 Brand of rodent killer
 - 80 Horse-man of myth
 - 83 Greeting act conveying confidence [1991]
 - 86 First-rate
 - 88 Flub it up
 - 89 Actress Shire
 - 90 Plant snugly
 - 94 — -cone
 - 95 Junk email sender
 - 97 Samoan peak famous for trapping clouds [1995]
 - 101 Italian port
 - 102 Exactly
 - 103 Money won in a game of dreidel
 - 104 Claudius I's successor
 - 108 Getting the job done
 - 109 What the first word of each of seven answers in this puzzle is, when preceded by "The"
 - 113 Stun with a charge
 - 114 Canceled by crossing off
 - 115 Revising, as text
 - 116 Bishops' jurisdictions
 - 117 Prescription amounts
 - 118 Berlin article
 - 119 Meadow
 - 1 Ailing
 - 2 Texter's "if you ask me"
 - 3 Mutant Marvel superhero
 - 4 Celestial ball
 - 5 Like a cold, hard gaze
 - 6 Manhattan eatery since 1927
 - 7 Isolated
 - 8 Ad — committee
 - 9 Hatchet part
 - 10 Ram or ewe
 - 11 "The Fox and the Crow" storyteller
 - 12 Tabby's scratcher
 - 13 Bobby of hockey
 - 14 Venus Williams' org.
 - 15 Sedative drug
 - 16 Sticky little sheet
 - 17 "Mama" Cass
 - 18 Actress Wiest
 - 20 Texter's "Yikes!"
 - 24 Bolted to escape
 - 29 Riyadh native
 - 30 Sugar source
 - 31 Shore flier
 - 32 "Not yet sure what my answer is"
 - 33 Director Joel or Ethan
 - 34 Killer whale
 - 35 Neighbor of Myanmar
 - 36 Early James Bond foe
 - 37 Not similar
 - 41 Dust jacket write-up
 - 42 Demi and Dudley
 - 43 Departs
 - 45 Cupcake flourish
 - 46 That lady
 - 47 Less spicy
 - 49 Honey-coated Easter entree
 - 50 Anderson of "WKRP in Cincinnati"
 - 51 Cicero's "Lo!"
 - 52 Cake layer
 - 56 ICU workers
 - 59 Actor Stephen
 - 60 Iran's former name
 - 61 Ball-shaped
 - 62 Put on, as an outfit
 - 63 After-bath powder
 - 64 Andy Taylor's boy
 - 65 Sitting atop
 - 66 Suffix with ball
 - 67 Innocent types
 - 70 President before Donald
 - 71 Shallow pan
 - 74 Swarms
 - 75 Huge conflict
 - 77 Sedate
 - 78 Steinbeck migrant
 - 79 Close
 - 81 In — (more than sleeping)
 - 82 Arm bone
 - 84 Eatery list
 - 85 Baseballer Musial
 - 87 Is really mad
 - 90 Grain fungi
 - 91 "Watch Me (Whip—)" (2015 hit)
 - 92 "Apollo 13" actor Gary
 - 93 Bills worth 100 bucks
 - 94 "You got that right!"
 - 95 Meat in a sub
 - 96 Coal-mining guys
 - 98 MMA fighter Rousey
 - 99 Armageddon nation
 - 100 Little laugh
 - 104 Silent "yes"
 - 105 Like villains
 - 106 Russo of film
 - 107 Gymnast Korbut
 - 109 Elly May Clampett's pa
 - 110 Good Grips kitchen brand
 - 111 "— a trap!"
 - 112 Ark.-to-Ill. dir.



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- XSE
- TANUPE
- NUMSE
- MALO
- ATEGEM
- ♥ RKI
- ♥ NISP
- CLEEX
- ♥ RMA
- OMESIP
- NEGIK
- MSKU



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.

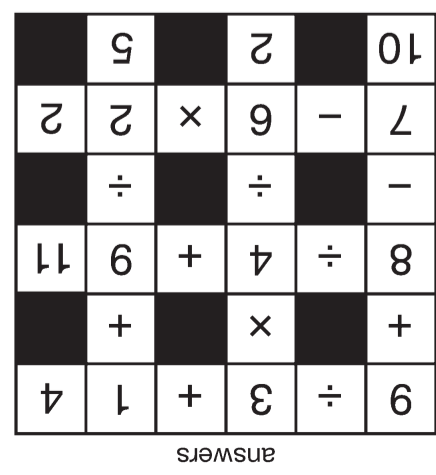
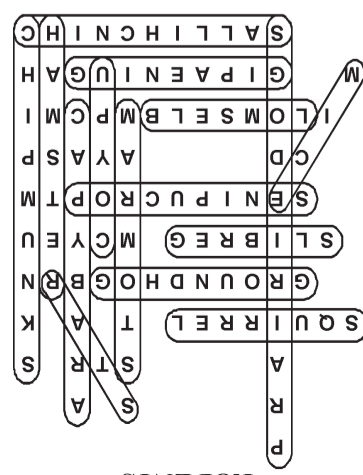
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
 Unlisted clue hint: DAM BUILDER

- Blesmol
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- Prairie dogs
- Capybara
- Gerbils
- Marmots
- Rats
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GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

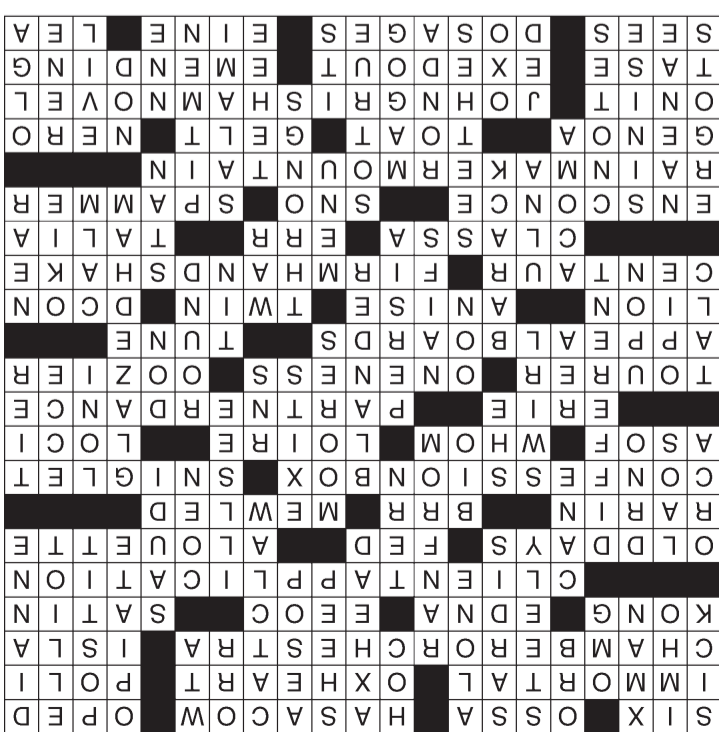
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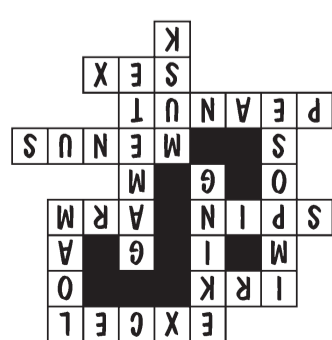
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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF DEWITT

Estate of: Linda L. Hickman Deceased. CASE NO. 23-PR-43

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION 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. Hickman and Bryan S. Hickman, Independent Co-Executors, 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 to 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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/s/ Kari L. Harris County Clerk (seal)

No. 2023DBA-0202

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS ROCKET MORTGAGE, LLC F/K/A QUICKEN LOANS, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. ELISSA E WILLIAMS; SECRETARY OF HOUSING 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 PUBLICATION 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

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Meet with citizens to assist with general questions or to address concerns and complaints.
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Skill in - Operating standard office equipment, including computers and word processing software. - Learning new computer systems or software related to position responsibilities. - Adhering to policies and procedures related to payroll and accounts payable records and document management. - Exercising good judgement, initiative, and resourcefulness in dealing with the public. - Proofreading and reviewing own work.
Necessary Special Requirements: None
Physical Demands
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PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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Legal 19945
January 12, 2024
January 19, 2024

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY

The City of Clinton, Illinois will receive Request For Proposal for services to complete a lead service line inventory in the office of the City Administrator & City Clerk, 118 West Washington Street, 2nd floor, Clinton, Illinois 61727, packets are available at City Hall. RFP's must be submitted no later than 1 p.m., February 1, 2024. Please contact City Hall if you have any questions. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Legal 19946
January 12, 2024,
January 19, 2024

LEGAL

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX PROPERTY INTO THE CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Trustees of the CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT, DeWitt County, Illinois:

SECTION 1: The location of 283 W. Cromwell, Clinton, IL 61727 owned by KRC Group, LLC at parcel no. 07-27-251-002, is currently not within the corporate limits of the CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT.

SECTION 2: The location of 7747 Business US 51, Clinton, IL 61727 owned by Joseph P. and Vickie L. Austin at parcel no. 07-27-251-003, is not currently within the corporate limits of the CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT.

SECTION 3: The location of 7563 Business US 51, Clinton, IL 61727 owned by Richard and Roxanne Snelson at parcel no. 07-27-253-001, is not currently within the corporate limits of the CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT.

SECTION 4: The above properties are contiguous to and are served by the CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT with sanitary sewers that are connected and serviced by the CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT.

SECTION 5: The above-described properties shall be annexed into the CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT of the County of DeWitt in the State of Illinois pursuant 70 ILCS

2405/23.5.

SECTION 6: The CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT clerk shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the area a copy of this ordinance, and such publication shall constitute notice that the determination is effective and that this is the determination of this public body.

PASSED this 2nd day of January, 2024.

APPROVED: /s/ Steve Schaefer PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT, DeWitt County, Illinois. (SEAL)

ATTEST: /s/ Neil Whitted Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT, DeWitt County, Illinois.

PASSED:

PUBLISHED:

ADOPTED:

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF DEWITT

CERTIFICATE

I, NEIL WHITTED, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the clerk in and for the CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance passed by the PRESIDENT and BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT, being entitled ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1, ORDINANCE TO ANNEX PROPERTY INTO THE CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS, at a regular meeting held on the 2nd day of January, 2024, the ordinance being part of the official records of said CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT.

DATED this 2nd day of January, 2024.

/s/ Neil Whitted NEIL WHITTED, clerk of the Clinton Sanitary District

Legal 19947
January 12, 2024

LEGAL

2024 Clintonia Township Board Meeting Dates (and holidays)
Meetings held in the Township Building Board Meeting Room located at 9180 Township Road, Clinton, IL 61727
9:00 a.m.

January 16, 2024
February 20, 2024
March 19, 2024
April 16, 2024
May 21, 2024
June 18, 2024
July 16, 2024
August 20, 2024
September 17, 2024
October 15, 2024
November 19, 2024
December 17, 2024

Holidays
January 2, 2024
New Year's Day
January 15, 2024
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 12, 2024
Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
February 19, 2024
President's Day
March 29, 2024
Good Friday
May 27, 2024
Memorial Day
June 19, 2024
Juneteenth Day

July 4, 2024
Independence Day
September 2, 2024
Labor Day
October 14, 2024
Columbus Day
November 5, 2024
General Election Day
November 11, 2024
Veterans' Day
November 28 and 29, 2024
Thanksgiving Holidays
December 24 and 25, 2024
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
December 31, 2024
New Year's Eve Day
January 1, 2025
New Year's Day

Approved Nov 2023 Board Meeting

Legal 19948
January 12, 2024



Winter driving tips from IDOT

Preparation is Key

Winter weather can be unpredictable in Illinois, so preparation is a key part to staying safe when traveling. Throughout the winter, especially during adverse conditions, motorists should practice basic winter driving skills and build extra time into their schedules. As part of IDOT's "Winter Weather – Get it Together" campaign, all travelers are encouraged to follow these simple rules and tips during the winter months:

Always wear a seat belt. It's the law in Illinois.

Slow down. Slower speeds, slower acceleration, slower steering and slower braking all are required in winter driving conditions.

Drop it and drive. Put down the handheld devices – it, too, is the law in Illinois.

Don't crowd the plow. A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they may not see you.

Avoid using cruise control in snow and ice.

Watch out for black ice on roads that appear clear but can be treacherous.

Be especially careful approaching intersections, ramps, bridges and shady areas. All are prone to icing.

Do not travel during bad weather unless absolutely necessary. If you do have to make a trip, check the forecast and make sure someone is aware of your travel route. Consider taking public transportation if it is an option.

Prepare an emergency kit that contains jumper cables, flares or reflectors, windshield washer fluid, a small ice scraper, traction material, blankets, non-perishable food and a first-aid kit.

Carry a cell phone and a car charger in case of emergency.

Follow Scott's Law. Slow down and move over for stopped emergency, construction and maintenance vehicles.

For a list of suggested maintenance for your car, visit the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration's winter driving website.

Before leaving the house, drivers are encouraged to check GettingAroundIllinois.com for continually updated information on winter road conditions, weather radars, road and bridge closures and other traffic-related information.

This winter, IDOT has more than 1,800 trucks available for deployment to plow more than 17,000 centerline miles of roads statewide, the equivalent of driving from New York City to L.A. and back about three times. Last year, IDOT spread more than 318,600 tons of salt statewide.

Please follow IDOT on Facebook and X (Twitter) for updates on travel throughout the winter.

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- CALL FOR HELP. STAY WITH YOUR CAR AND DON'T OVEREXERT YOURSELF.
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- AVOID CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING. CLEAR THE EXHAUST PIPE AND RUN YOUR CAR JUST ENOUGH TO STAY WARM.

Illinois Department of Transportation
Source: idtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips

Ready.gov: How to protect yourself from winter weather

If you're under a winter storm warning, find shelter right away.

Know your winter weather terms:

Winter Storm Warning
Issued when hazardous winter weather in the form of heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet is imminent or occurring. Winter Storm Warnings are usually issued 12 to 24 hours before the event is expected to begin.

Winter Storm Watch
Alerts the public to the possibility of a blizzard, heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, or heavy sleet. Winter Storm Watches are usually issued 12 to 48 hours before the beginning of a Winter Storm.

Winter Weather Advisory
Issued for accumulations

of snow, freezing rain, freezing drizzle, and sleet which will cause significant inconveniences and, if caution is not exercised, could lead to life-threatening situations.

Know Your Risk for Winter Storms

Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of freezing weather and winter storms. Listen for emergency information and alerts. Sign up for your community's warning system. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.

Preparing for Winter Weather

Prepare your home to keep out the cold with insulation, caulking and weather stripping. Learn how to keep pipes from freezing. Install and test

smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors with battery backups. Gather supplies in case you need to stay home for several days without power. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Remember the needs of your pets. Have extra batteries for radios and flashlights. If you are unable to afford your heating costs, weatherization or energy-related home repairs, contact the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for help.

In Case of Emergency

Be prepared for winter weather at home, at work and in your car. Create an emergency supply kit for your car. Include jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water and non-perishable snacks. Keep a full tank of gas.

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'Cheeseburger in Paradise' CAPCIL fundraiser April 27 in Lincoln

LINCOLN — Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois (CAPCIL) will host its "Cheeseburger in Paradise" fundraiser on April 27 at the Lincoln Banquet Center from 6-10 p.m..

Cheeseburger in Paradise is the social event of the year and Community Action's biggest fundraiser, consistently generating an average of \$25,000 annually. The last two events were record-breaking years generating more than \$55,000. "This event is a fun night for our community supporters to celebrate the agency's impact and success. This event also provides vital financial resources each year that help us maintain program success, provide crisis or emergency services, and helps us through challenging times including funding delays. This event is the cornerstone of our agency fundraising efforts." Said Chief Visionary Officer, Breann Titus.

Guests enjoy all you can eat cheeseburgers, yummy chicken wings, and delicious drink specials all while listening to live music provided by J Christopher "The

World's Most Dangerous One-Man Band". Sponsorships and tickets for Cheeseburger in Paradise sell quickly and is always a sold-out event. The event also boasts a live auction, virtual silent auction, Big Ka-huna raffle, and 50/50.

Table sponsorships are available for purchase now on CAPCIL's website or by visiting the agency at 1800 5th Street in Lincoln. The following sponsorships are available:

- Event Sponsor \$5,000: Platinum level sponsorship, listed on all marketing materials, up to 16 entry tickets, 4 complimentary commemorative solo cups, and digital spotlights.
- The King Parrot \$720: Gold level sponsorship, up to 16 entry tickets, first to go through food line, 2 complimentary commemorative solo cups.
- The Greater Flamingo \$375: Silver level sponsorship, 8 entry tickets, second to go through food line, 8 complimentary Big Kahuna raffle tickets.
- The Cloud Nine \$160: Bronze level

sponsorship, 4 entry tickets

Auction items are also currently being accepted for the 2024 fundraiser. All donors are publicly thanked on screen at the event and spotlighted on social media with great exposure for donors' products and services. Volunteers will also be needed for the event and can select a time slot and assignment on the sign-up sheet found on the website.

This event goes to support the poverty-fighting initiatives provided by Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois who serves over 7,000 individuals/families every year. It is the mission of CAPCIL, in partnership with community stakeholders, to empower low-income persons and other vulnerable populations of all ages, through the creation and implementation of poverty-fighting initiatives for those in crisis and those who seek a life of lasting independence.

For additional information please visit CAPCIL's website at www.capcil.info, by



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NEWS

News of 2023

Clinton Police Chief Ben Lowers reported about 85,500 people attended the annual Apple 'N Pork Festival over its two-day run.

October

After about a year of dealing with fiber optics digging crews hitting natural gas lines on a regular basis, the city laid down the law with regard to future digging. Officials temporarily banned one company from any further boring for violating city code regulating after hours digging. Two other firms were told violating safety practices to expedite work would not be permitted.

Navigator CO2 withdrew its permit application with the state for a sequestration pipeline leading to proposed wells in DeWitt and other Illinois counties. Regulatory obstacles were largely responsible for the withdrawal.

The DeWitt County Board voted to reject a proposed moratorium on CO2 pipelines in the county that state's attorney Dan Markwell advised would likely be unenforceable. Markwell said a moratorium would not be enforceable because regulatory power over the pipelines lay with the federal government.

November

Navigator CO2 cancelled its plans for a 1,300-mile carbon capture pipeline reaching to Illinois. The company cited the "unpredictable nature" of the regulatory process as the deciding factor in their decision.

The Clinton Festival of Trees organization announced its first Festival of Trees planned to set up on Mr. Lincoln's Square for the holiday season. Businesses, organizations and residents each made a \$50 donation to the group to set up, light and decorate 50 trees on the square to run through New Year's.

The C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum announced its annual candlelight tours through December. "Christmas Ball" was the theme for the 2023 event.

Holiday events scheduled through the end of 2023 included the Clinton and Farmer City Christmas parades, Santa



File photo / Journal
The Vault teen center celebrated its anniversary.

at the Museum, hosted by the DeWitt County Museum, the museum's candlelight tours, Hot Cocoa with Santa, hosted by Vespasian Warner Public Library, and An Old-Fashioned Christmas with Santa Claus, hosted by the Weldon Springs Foundation at Union Schoolhouse, Weldon Springs State Recreation Area.

First National Bank

& Trust announced its annual REV competition winners, which included C&P Custom Printing, Dance Xtreme, Jumpstart Nutrition and Leading Men Fiber Arts.

December

A \$12.50 per month increase in residents' water and sewer bills took effect to help pay for upgrades to the

Clinton Sanitary District. The improvements are intended to replace the aging facility, improve treatment performance and comply with upcoming IEPA discharge requirements.

Meta, parent company of Facebook, announced its new Illinois data center, powered by a DeWitt County wind energy facility, was now in operation. Meta broke

ground on the data facility in 2020 in DeKalb, Ill.

DeWitt County officials weighed the possibility of implementing battery storage restrictions on wind energy facilities that mirror those on solar energy plants.

The county board approved an application from Blue Iris Solar for a 40-acre solar electric generating facility near

Farmer City. The board concluded the application met the requirements for the ordinance that was in place at the time the application was submitted.

The Clinton school board approved nearly \$3 million to renovations to the high school football complex to include the football field, track and lighting.



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The annual Apple 'N Pork Festival.



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Fire Prevention Week activities and fire truck parade, Mr. Lincoln's Square.

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SPORTS

Agility, tenacity carry Maroons to 61-55 win over bigger Hornets

Lady Maroons beat Lady Hornets 55-22 on same night

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HEYWORTH — The Hornets boys team hosted the Maroons the Maroons during the News Year's break. This would prove to be a full-game, all-out battle.

The Hornets had the size advantage with most players at about 6 ft-4 inches tall with a 6-foot 8-inch center. But, the Maroons had the speed and agility.

The first quarter went to the Hornets by four points. The Maroons then battled back to tie the game at 23 points when the halftime buzzer sounded.

The Hornets returned to the hardwood in the third quarter determined to defend their home court and again took a lead, 6 points this time. But, Maroons squad's tenacity pushed them forward.

The fourth quarter went to the Maroons, who tied the game at 53 points just prior to the buzzer. The Maroons' crowd was on its feet.

Into overtime, the teams went with a second tip off and four minutes to play. The teams were exhausted, yet the Maroons were able to hold the Hornets to just 2 points while scoring 8 of their own.

Mason Walker (#3)

scored four straight free throws to put the game out of reach of a Hornets win. The Maroons won in overtime, 61-55 and were 15-1 after this outing.

Walker led the Maroons with 16 points (including two 3-pointers), Brooks Cluver (#12) with 14 points (with two 3-pointers), and Antony Westbrooks (#0) with 13 points (including one 3-pointer). Westbrooks also came in off the bench to guard the center and basically took the big man out of his game, keeping him off balance and out of position.

On the same night, the Lady Maroons' varsity took on the Lady Hornets. The first game of the evening pitted the Lady Maroons against the Lady Hornets, and the first quarter had the home team Lady Hornets on top by 1 point.

This soon dissipated as the Lady Maroons came onto the floor in the second quarter with a purpose ... to win. For each of the next three quarters the Lady Maroons scored in double figures while holding the opposition to single digits.

By halftime, the Lady Maroons had built a 10-point 23-13 lead.

In the third quarter, the Lady Maroons scored 21 points to the oppositions five. The pace of the fourth



Sports photos Marc Rogers / Journal
Antony Westbrooks (#0) controls the overtime tip-off for the Maroons.

quarter was a bit slower, but the Lady Maroons had already locked in a 55-22 win.

The Lady Maroons were paced by Carly Anderson (#12) with 14 points on four 3-pointers and a couple of free throws, Clara Dempsey (#0) with 13 points on three 3-pointers and a couple of buckets, and MaKayla Koepfel (#25) with 10 points and a bunch of rebounds. The Lady Maroons are now 10-8 on the season and 2-0 in conference play.



The Lady Maroons win the jump ball to start their game with Heyworth.

Maroons go 16-1 with win over Rockets

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CLINTON — In the first home game of the new year, the Maroons hosted the Rockets of Rochester, on "Gene Vance Court."

This was the final game of the Maroons' New Years Shoot Out, which had 12 teams playing this year, including the home team. Although the Rockets were only 9-8 on the season, they were a strong and tall team.

The Maroons took the

early lead with an 18-8 run in the first quarter. With their jets fueled for the second quarter the Rockets shot out in a 20-8 run of their own to lead by a couple of points at the halftime buzzer.

After the previous night's overtime challenge, the Maroons struggled in the second. But, the Maroons regained the lead in the third quarter by enough points, up 45-38, to stave off another sputtering run by the Rockets.

Although outscored by

a couple of points in the final quarter, the Maroons took the win, 59-54.

The home team is now 16-1 on the season. The Maroons' pace was set by Brooks Cluver (#12) with 21 points (including two 3s), followed by Keaton Graves (#10) with 11 points (with one 3-pointer). They were assisted by Dawson Graves (#2) and Mason Walker (#3), each with 10 points (Walker had two 3s).



Dawson Graves (#2) and brother Keaton Graves (#10) play perimeter ball with the taller Rockets.

CJHS wrestlers win home triangular meet

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CLINTON — The Clinton Junior High School (CJHS) Maroons wrestlers started their home season by hosting a triangular meet with the Monticello Sages and Warrensburg/Latham Cardinals.

There were three matches with the Maroons battling the Sages in the first, the Sages and the Cardinals in the second, followed by

the final match between the Maroons and the Cardinals.

In the first match, the Maroons took command early and didn't look back scoring numerous pins and several decisions to pave the way to an 84-32 win.

In the next match between the Sages and the Cardinals another rout, this time by the Sages, winning 62-17. The final match of the night pitted the hometown Maroons

against the Cardinals. The home team started strong, building a good lead, however the opposition started a comeback in the later wrestling.

The Maroons were able to hold the Cardinals off for a 75-33 win. The Maroons won the meet going 2-0 with the Monticello Sages in second at 1-1 and the Cardinals of Warrensburg Latham last at 0-2.



A win for the Maroons over the Sages.

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Wednesday
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High 17



Thursday
Cloudy
High 22

Weather History

January 12

1890: A tornado touched down in St. Louis, and crossed the Mississippi River, ending just south of Venice. The worst damage from this tornado occurred in St. Louis. Further east and northeast, one tornado in McLean County passed through downtown Cookeville, damaging at least a dozen buildings, while a tornado in Richland County destroyed four homes northeast of Olney.

1918: Bloomington reported a low temperature of 23 degrees below zero. This is the city's alltime record low,

which was later tied on January 20th, 1985.

2012: Snowfall of 2 to 5 inches were common in areas along and north of I-72, with an inch of snow from Jacksonville to Paris. While this in itself wasn't unusual, it was the first time during the 2011-12 winter season that most areas saw more than an inch fall on a single day. Locations from about Springfield to Bloomington westward saw about 320 days pass between 1-inch snowfalls.

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