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First house in Horizon Lane Addition



The first home moves toward completion in the city's new Horizon Lane Illini Addition, located on Illini Drive near CJHS. The city also approved recently the plat for a subdivision planned along W. Leander Street. See the story below. Gordon Woods / Journal

City approves plat for Leander Street subdivision

Gordon Woods

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CLINTON — As the first new home moves toward completion in the city's Horizon Lane Illini Addition, located on Illini Drive near Clinton Junior High School, the city recently approved the plat for another city residential development.

The city council approved the plat at its second January meeting for an 8.24-acre subdivision on W. Leander Street.

In June, the city announced it was set to develop the new subdivision. Clinton paid \$288,400 for the property to Valley View Properties, LLC., owner of the Liberty

Village complex. It was the first major residential development planned in the city in 15 years.

The property is bordered on the south by Park Lane, on the north by Leander Street with Liberty Village Villas to the west. A residential area sits to the east.

The site has been a field for decades.

The subdivision will accommodate approximately 26-28 homes, including duplexes and condos..

The plan came about after the DeWitt County Development Council (DCDC) had been working with local realtors to find ways to get some new homes onto the market.



Courtesy of DWC Friendship Center

BINGO!

BINGO players concentrated on their game cards recently during regular BINGO day at the DeWitt County Friendship Center.

DCDC micro grant applications open through February 5

CLINTON — The application process is currently under way for the DeWitt County Development Council (DCDC) micro grant program.

DeWitt County businesses can apply to receive needed funding to complete a business-related project that will enhance operations. Previous recipients of the DCDC micro grant used these funds to help grow and expand their business through equipment acquisition or expanded infrastructure.

DCDC offers the program as a means for businesses to expand services for their

customers and increase economic growth for DeWitt County.

The 2024 micro grant is now open. Application deadline is February 5.

Visit <https://dcdc-illinois.net> to appl

Unruh joins The Vault

CLINTON — The Vault Community Center announced Jan. 26 Connie Unruh has joined the organization as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Unruh will be responsible for providing strategic vision and oversight of the organization's day-to-day administration, operations, fundraising, marketing and programming.

Unruh has a Bachelor's Degree in Finance and a Master's in Personal Financial Planning and Financial Therapy. She is a licensed CPA and Accredited Financial Counselor (AFC). She has spent the past six years



Connie Unruh

teaching local students financial literacy.

"We are confident that her experience and passion for our mission will lead The Vault to new heights," said The Vault founder and board president Michelle Witzke.

Connie Unruh can be reached at connieunruh@thevaultclinton.com.

Panel suggests measures to reverse journalism decline

Alex Abbeduto

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — A bipartisan task force of legislators and journalism industry leaders has filed a report to the General Assembly detailing the decline of local journalism in Illinois and exploring ways the legislature can help revive it.

The Local Journalism Task Force, created in January 2022, found that about one-third of Illinois counties have either no source of local news or a single source, citing research by the Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism.

Sen. Steve Stadelman, D-Rockford, said he plans to introduce a bill this session including some of the task force's suggestions.

The policies recommended by the task force are a mix of strategies intended to increase funding, mitigate

high operational costs and keep newsrooms local. Many of the recommendations have been implemented or introduced in other states.

The findings

The task force heard testimony and examined data and research from other experts and organizations around the state to create a final report detailing their findings and policy suggestions. Among its most startling discoveries is that one-third of Illinois' newspapers have closed since 2005, creating an 86 percent decline in newspaper jobs over that span.

The report noted that as people consume more news online and local businesses are replaced by chains, subscription and advertising revenue decrease while operating costs — like buying paper and postage — continue to increase.

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February fun and taxes at Warner Library

CLINTON — Patrons can warm up at the library in February with a book or movie, and they can register for the upcoming free events.

In addition, the library will continue its partnership with Dove Inc. and R.S.V.P to offer the AARP Foundation Tax Aide program. The program offers free tax preparation to anyone of any age, especially if they are 50 or older or can't afford paid tax preparation. The service will be available on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings beginning February 7. Appointments are required and must be made in person at the library during regular hours.

All participants must complete Form 13614-C prior to their appointment. A free copy of the form will be provided during registration. Anyone interested should call the library at (217) 935-5174 for more information.

February Library Events

The library hosts a variety of free events each month. All library events are free and open to the public, but advance registration is required for events marked with an asterisk (*). Visit the library or call (217) 935-5174 to sign up.

- Bulletin Board – Have a Hoot! (All Ages) All Month
- Scavenger Hunt – Owl you need is love (All Ages)

All Month

- Family Storytime (Ages 0-5 & Caregivers) Every Wed. and Fri. at 10 a.m.
- Grab 'n Go Kit: Yarn-heart Garland (All Ages) Begins Thur. 2/1
- STEM Table - Igloos (Youth – all -month)
- *Paper Snowflakes (Youth, ages 8-12) Tue. 2/6 at 4 p.m.
- *AARP Tax Aide (Adult) Begins Wed. 2/7
- *4H After School Extravaganza (Youth, Ages 8+) Wed. 2/7 at 2:45 p.m.
- *Tai Chi with Tim (Adult) Sat. 2/10 at 11 a.m.
- Tales from the Archives Episode on Facebook (Adults) Tue. 2/13 at 4 p.m.
- Anti-Valentine's (Teen, ages 12-18) Wed. 2/14 at 4 p.m.
- *DNA Workshop (Adults) Sat. 2/17 at 10 a.m.
- *Book Club (Adult) Tue. 2/20 at 6 p.m.
- *Playdoh Party! (Family) Thur. 2/22 at 5:30 p.m.
- *New Year, New Rules to Retirement (Adult) Sat. 2/24 at 10:30 a.m.

The library is open Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Hours are subject to change.

The library will be closed on Thursday, February 15 for a staff training day, and Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents' Day.

For more information about the event above or any library services, visit www.warner.org or call (217) 935-5174.

COLLEGE HONORS

Madeline DeCoste named to University of Iowa President's List for the fall 2023 semester

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Madeline DeCoste, of Farmer City, was among the more than 950 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the president's list for the 2023 fall semester.

DeCoste is an undergraduate, fourth-year student in Iowa's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and is majoring in English and Creative Writing.

President's list status was earned by one first year undergraduates during the 2023 fall semester; 182 second year students; 308 third year students; and 484 fourth year students.

The president's list was established in the fall of 1983 to recognize academic excellence.

University of Iowa undergraduates who achieve a grade point average (GPA; 4.0 is an A) of 4.0 in 12 semester hours or more of UI graded coursework and who have no "I" marks (incompletes) or "O" marks (no grade reported) on their records for two consecutive semesters (excluding summer session) are recognized by inclusion on the president's list.

DeCoste named to University of Iowa 2023 fall Dean's List

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Madeline DeCoste, of Farmer City, was among the more than 7,900 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa named to the dean's list for the 2023 fall semester.

Dean's list status was earned by 1,810 first year undergraduates during the 2023 fall semester at Iowa, 1,773 second year students, 1,940 third year students, and 2,458 fourth year students.

Dylan Coffey named to Univ. of Mississippi 2023 fall honors list

UNIVERSITY, Miss. — Dylan Coffey, of Farmer City, , was named to the University of Mississippi's Fall 2023 Honor Roll lists.

Coffey, majoring in General Business, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74.

In order to be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

Henry DeViro named to Univ. of Mississippi 2023 fall honors list


UNIVERSITY, Miss. — Henry DeVivo, of Le Roy, was named to the University of Mississippi's Fall 2023 Honor Roll lists.

DeVivo, majoring in Computer Science, was named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.75-4.00.

"The remarkable students achieving Chancellor's Honor Roll are among the best and brightest at the University of Mississippi," said Chancellor Glenn Boyce. "I commend them for their hard work and dedication resulting in their outstanding academic achievements and this well-deserved recognition."

In order to be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

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COLLEGE HONORS

SNHU names area students to fall 2023 President’s List

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) announced the following students were named to the Fall 2023 President’s List. The fall terms run from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Area students named to the list were:

Kenya Parker, of Clinton

Joseph Cummings, of Clinton

Skylar Walker, of Le Roy

Heather Zimmerman, of Leroy

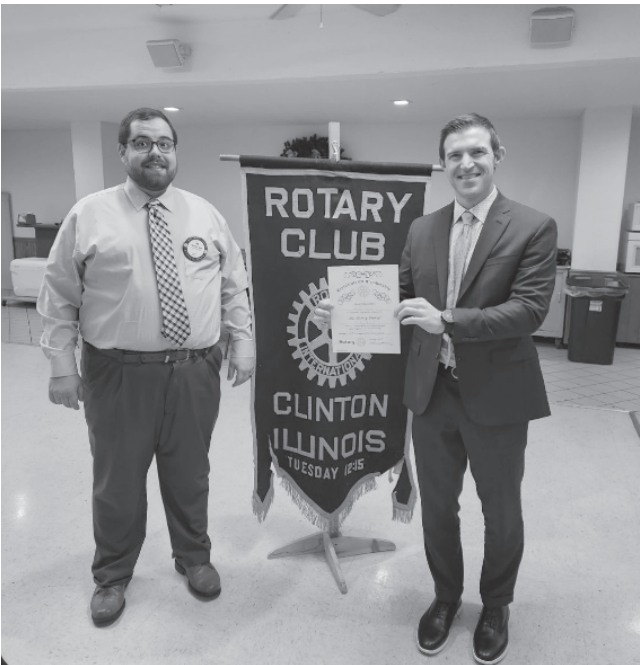
Lakricia West, of Leroy



Courtesy DeWitt County CenCom

Andrews retires after 24 years with CenCom

After nearly 24 years of service, Diane Andrews worked her final night shift with DeWitt County CenCom as she retires. Shown with Andrews is CenCom administrator Tony Harris.



Courtesy of Clinton Rotary

Sarm joins Clinton Rotary

Clinton Rotary president Tim Holl, left, welcomes new member Steve Sarm to the club. Sarm is an attorney for Taylor & Lynch.



Courtesy of Clinton Police Department

Rogers celebrates 40 years with Clinton Police

CLINTON — Clinton Police Department, in January, congratulated Administrative Assistant Jean Rogers, who celebrated her 40th anniversary with the Clinton Police Department. Rogers began her career with CPD on January 15, 1984 as a dispatcher, later becoming the Dispatch Supervisor and then Administrative Assistant following the dispatch merger to CenCom in 1999.

Jean has worked for three police chiefs and countless officers during her four-decade tenure and has announced her intent to retire in the summer of 2024.

Help CHS SkillsUSA chapter by ordering food on ‘Monical’s Day’

CLINTON — On Tuesday, Feb. 6, the Clinton High School SkillsUSA Chapter will host a “Monicals Day.” Residents can take a night off from cooking, or some lunch or both.

Use the flyer available on the CHS Facebook page when you order/pay to help CHS SkillsUSA. Proceeds will help offset costs of attending/competing at the State Conference in April.

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DeWitt County Sheriff’s Office

Dec. 29-Jan. 12

Olivia Aper, 18, Savoy, was issued Citations for Failure to Reduce Speed/Accident and Illegal Poss/Transportation of Alcohol by Driver. Aper was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Michael Schapmire, 64, Cooksville, was issued a Citation for Operating Uninsured Vehicle. Schapmire was released with a Required Court Appearance.

Bryan Fogler, 50, Waynesville, was issued a Citation for Operation of Vehicle When Registration Cancelled, Suspended, or Revoked for no Insurance. Fogler was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Michael Horn, 41, McLean, was issued a Citation for Speeding (73 mph in a 55 mph zone). Horn was released with no Court Appearance Required.

Autumn Webb, 22, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Disobeying Stop Sign. Webb was released with no Court Appearance Required.

Rickie Benson, 25, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Expired Registration. Benson was released with no Court Appearance Required.

Kayla Wade, 21, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Speeding (77 mph in a 55 mph zone). Wade was given a Notice to Appear and was released.

Joseph Fenton, 37, Weldon, was issued a Citation for Speeding (82 mph in a posted 55 mph zone). Fenton was released with a required Court Appearance.

Jerold Heuston, 37, Farmer City, was issued a Citation for Speeding (77 mph in a 55 mph zone). Heuston was released with No Court Appearance Required.

Joshua McGhee, 39, Clinton, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with Possession of Meth<5 Grams. McGhee was released with a required Court Appearance.

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1950 - India officially proclaimed itself a republic as Rajendra Prasad took the oath of office as president.

1959 - “Alcoa Presents” debuted on ABC-TV. The show would later be renamed “One Step Beyond”.

1961 - U.S. President John F. Kennedy appointed Dr. Janet G. Travell as the first woman to be the “personal physician to the President”.

1962 - The U.S. launched Ranger 3 to land scientific instruments on the moon. The probe missed its target by about 22,000 miles.

1965 - Hindi was made the official language of India.

1972 - In Hermsdorf, Czechoslovakia, a JAT Yugoslav Airlines flight crashed after the detonation of a bomb in the forward cargo hold killing 27 people. The bomb was believed to have been placed on the plane by a Croatian extremist group. Vesna Vulovic, a stewardess, survived after falling 33,000 feet in the tail section. She broke both legs and became paralyzed from the waist down.

1992 - Russian president Boris Yeltsin announced that his country would stop targeting U.S. cities with nuclear weapons.

1993 - Former Czechoslovak President Vaclav Havel was elected president of the new Czech Republic.

1994 - In Sydney, Australia, a young man lunged at and fired two blank shots at Britain’s Prince Charles.

1996 - U.S. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton testified before a grand jury concerning the White-water probe.

1999 - Saddam Hussein vowed revenge against the U.S. in response to air-strikes that reportedly killed civilians. The strikes were U.S. planes defending themselves against anti-aircraft fire.

2009 - The Icelandic government and banking system collapsed. Prime Minister Geir Haarde resigned.

2010 - It was announced that James Cameron’s movie “Avatar” had become the highest-grossing film worldwide.

2014 - In the U.S., the First Class postage rate increased to 49 cents.

Amber Waves



Biden in a bind

Regardless of political affiliation, all Presidents appear to age rapidly once in office. Look at pictures of Biden from when he took office until today. Go back to George Bush and see hm when he was sworn in and then after he was told of the Trade Center attacks while he was reading a book to a class of kindergarten children.

The responsibility of the offices seems to increase the aging process of all Presidents. There are four hot spots in the world today that severely impact a President’s decision making on national security. 1. The Middle East (Israel/Iran); 2. Taiwan; 3. Ukraine/Russia; 4. Our southern border. Some may wish to add North Korea to this list. These national security concerns simply take a President’s time and energy. For good or bad the United States has become the de facto policeman of the world.

Policing is not a simple job, because the human entity is not simple. The officer’s job is to

keep the peace. Does he do that by pure enforcement or does he do that by being a good old boy? I suggest the good police officer has adopted a dual approach. He is your friend until the rules are broken and then he has to enforce the law. Even then he always seeks to maintain the peace. The good officer know when to give a word of encouragement and when to apply the handcuffs. On a world political scale the terms may well be appeasement and military force. All to often nations go to extremes and use one or the other and forget that a balanced approach will probably work far better.

The classic example of appeasement failure was British Prime Minister Chamberlain in WWII when he sought peace by appeasement. It failed and Winston Churchill came on the British scene to use force and save the nation. We saw the Soviet Union use excessive force to gain control of Afghanistan. It failed and Russia left the theater with its tail



between its legs. Some may say the United States had the same fate in Afghanistan.

We are watching President Biden emulate Chamberlain. Biden wants to be a friend to all while failing to recognize that not all of the world wants to be our friend. Religion based conflicts seem to have no end. The conflicts in the Middle East go back centuries and no one has yet figured out how to make peace. There have been periods of less tension, but there is no trust between the nations of the Middle East. Biden has sought to appease all in the Middle East and has been rebuffed by all. Iran got some

serious money back that the U. S. had seized and now that money buys arms to kill Americans and Israelis.

Biden sought to appease the progressives in his own party and literally opened the southern border to all who want in. We are rapidly diluting our sovereignty and bankrupting the nation.

I can empathize with Biden in his reluctance to use force. Any time a nation uses force on another nation the chances of a greater conflict are always present. At the same time, failure to forcefully respond to attacks (the news accounts now state there have been 165 attacks on American personnel or property since the start of the Israel/Hamas conflict) only invites more attacks on our interests. Biden would be well served to look at President Teddy Roosevelt whose motto was “speak softly and carry a big stick”

Excessive appeasement has put President Biden and this nation in a national security bind.

Carbon capture will help local industries and create clean energy employment for our union

The Laborers’ International Union of North America’s (LiUNA) Midwest Region is comprised of highly skilled and dedicated union laborers who are proud of their role in building critical infrastructure across the country. Thankfully, we have another opportunity to continue this proud legacy, right here in Illinois. The Mt. Simon Hub is

a proposed project that would capture carbon dioxide (CO2) from industrial sources and safely transport the CO2 to permanent storage underground. The Hub will further strengthen Illinois’ manufacturing industry and enable the state’s agricultural sector to decarbonize the ethanol supply chain — reinforcing the demand for renewable fuels and

supporting Illinois corn prices as a result. In addition to the thousands of jobs this project will support, and its \$1.7 billion impact on the Illinois economy, the Mt. Simon Hub presents an opportunity for Illinois to shine as a leader in industrial CO2 emission reduction. LiUNA’s highly skilled, trained, and safety-minded members are eager to

get to work building this critical infrastructure project. However, attempts to derail the project threaten the forthcoming investment in Illinois and Illinois workers. We urge those tasked with deciding the future of this project to focus on the facts and current regulations, steering clear of speculation and conjecture. Our members hope to see informed and

fair decisions made about the future of clean energy employment opportunities in our state, such as the Mt. Simon Hub.

— Randy Harris, Director, Midwest Region Laborers-Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (LECET) for the Laborers’ International Union of North America (LiUNA)

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One neighbor tested positive and, within two days (without benefit of a negative test), went back to work while still feeling ill. The other neighbor caught "something" from a co-worker who had tested positive for Covid. But she didn't take a test to find out what that something was and went to work anyway.

We're all so tired of this; tired of testing for the least little sniffle. But we do test, because we need to know. Many others are so fed up that they're ignoring the reality: They don't test when ill so they can say they haven't tested positive, and they go to work, possibly passing the illness to colleagues and customers.

I've charted the weekly stats for four years now and can quote the approximate number of positive Covid cases in my Zip code. Since we have the free at-home tests, all of the results don't get reported, which

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

skews the real numbers. A university think tank, however, came up with a multiplier number -- 14.2 -- as the number to use.

If your local number is 15 cases (as reported by doctors or officials), multiply that by 14.2 to get a more accurate number of how many cases are really in your area.

While Covid has gone through numerous variants, some things haven't changed. Symptoms might not show up for several days. Someone who has Covid can be contagious for five days or more. If you think you (or someone around you) have a cold, take a Covid test. If you think you have Covid, call your doctor to let them know your symptoms. As always, wash your hands.

Remember: If someone around you has a mild case of Covid and gives it to you, your case might not be mild at all.

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A new life insurance program

The Department of Veterans Affairs has started a new life insurance program for the first time in 50 years, and the details are worth noting. Called VALife, it's different from (and much better than) the previous insurance program. In fact, within the first year, over 30,000 veterans have signed up.

With the old program, S-DVI, veterans with service-connected disabilities only had two years to sign up from the time of receiving a disability rating. VALife has no such limitation.

With the old program, you had to be in good health

(except for the disability) before you could apply. The new program has no limit, and no medical exam is required.

The old program limited veterans to \$10,000 in coverage. The new program, VALife, offers up to \$40,000 in whole life insurance.

The policy starts to build cash value after two years. If there's a death in the first two years, the payment to the beneficiary would be the premiums that had been paid plus interest. (If you currently have a policy under the old program, you can keep that coverage while you wait for the two-year benefit of the new policy to



by Freddy Groves

kick in -- that's if you apply before Dec. 31, 2025.)

You can apply online and get an immediate response. Additionally, you can make payments and changes to beneficiaries online.

Premiums will never change and depend on your age.


If you're a veteran age 80 or under, and if you have any level of service-connected disability (that means 0-100%), your acceptance is guaranteed. If

you're over the age of 80, there are eligibility points that still might allow you to buy coverage. See the URL below for those eligibility requirements.

To read the details about VALife, go online to www.va.gov/life-insurance/options-eligibility/valife to see if you're eligible and how to sign up. The cost of the policy is noted in the drop-down chart of premium rates by age. (There is a discount if you pay yearly.)

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7 p.m.-Wednesday evening Bible study

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PSALM 146: 5-7



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Illinois Agri-Women 2024 scholarships

SPRINGFIELD — This year, the Illinois Agri-Women (IAW) organization is offering five scholarships for women studying agriculture.

The Illinois Agri-Women (IAW) organization supports the agriculture industry, works for legislation to support and preserve family farms, communicates with other agriculture organizations, and strives to educate the public and promote agricultural awareness.

One \$1,500 IAW Helen Henert Agriculture Education Scholarship will be offered to a student who is an agriculture education major who will be finishing their undergraduate degree at an Illinois school in the next year.

Four \$1,000 WCFA Agent of Change Scholarships are offered to students who have attended at least one Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference. Eligible applicants include past WCFA attendees and students who participated in the 2021 WCFA Online Curriculum. One scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior, one will be awarded to a current college student, one scholarship will be awarded to a current graduate student, and one additional scholarship, in memory of Joan Loeb, will be awarded to a student who will be enrolled in an Illinois college or university in the fall of 2024.

Applications can be submitted online. The deadline for submissions of completed applications is March 31, 2024. To access applications or find out more information about scholarships, visit Scholarships WCFA (womenchangingthefaceofagriculture.com) or www.illinoisagriwomen.org.

MacDo

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. In Paris, France, McDonald's is affectionately called "MacDo." Before getting into that, I must give some background.

I enjoy taking my family to McDonalds on occasions. It gives me a chance to meet some friends that I otherwise do not get to see. I might get teased about it; considering my background. I am sure that Julia Child enlisted similar humor whenever she visited Wendie's fast-foods.

It might be difficult to imagine fast-food establishments being part of the curriculum of a culinary course for chefs. In college, the study of restaurants in general was required. We needed to not only know about them but to understand their popularity and why. To be a success in anything, one must study not only the best procedures and how to execute them, but that which attracts the public.

Just why is McDonald's so popular, and thus, successful? In not wanting to promote any businesses, I will extract that which I need from fast-foods to finish-up with French cuisine.

Barnum Bailey once said, "Give them what they want." Although simply said, it is packed with value. Walt Disney followed his advice. Although people normally buy what they want, they must choose. To get them to choose your product, they need to feel yours is the better over your competitors. That is why we study the differences. Compare restaurants to music.

On occasions, one might want soft relaxing music by Schubert. At another time, one might want a rousing piece from John Phillip Sousa.



The Culinary Corner
Chef Roger Joss

In my previous article, I stated that there are 1,500 McDonald restaurants in France and second country in having the most. That should have surprised some of you. I know it surprised me when I first heard of it. I wish to add at this point that Burger King tried their hand. However, they barely got a foothold before going belly-up (no pun intended). But why is McDonald flourishing; whereas, Burger King failed miserably in France?

Give the patrons what they want in service and product. Make the business as efficient as possible with a degree of flexibility. Thirdly, have full control over every aspect as dictated in the franchise. Easier said than done. To know how to do it is the catalyst throughout. This primarily takes knowing your patrons and employees. This is a distilled version from my culinary studies. Now for the details.

The objectives are several. The main ones are these. Get the customer in, served, and out. The chairs or seats are therefore uncomfortable. To get the food to the customer quickly, much of the food is either pre-cooked or par-cooked. Potatoes for French Frys are cut between the allumette and batonnet cuts. This allows them to cook faster. However, they get stale faster. Vegetable salads are stored fully assembled. Food served in sacks or on trays; never plates or glasses. Everything else is thrown-away. The French way is in the next article.

Until next time, peace to all.

Helen Nichols Hume Thorp

SULLIVAN — Helen Nichols Hume Thorp, 94, passed away on January 28, 2024, in Sullivan, Ill.

Helen was born on April 7, 1929, in Waynesville Township, DeWitt County, Ill., the daughter of the late Wilman Larrison Nichols and the late Minnie Scott Nichols.

Helen was a long-time resident of Central Illinois including LeRoy, Clinton, and Mount Pulaski. Most recently she had been living in Sullivan.

Helen married Harold ("Mick") Hume, in Clinton, on November 6, 1953. He passed away on March 4, 1994. Years later, on October 8, 2006, she married Ernest N Thorp, of Clinton. He passed away on January 31, 2017.

Helen was the youngest of five children. She was preceded in death by both brothers and their spouses, Ernest (Sadie) Lange and Charles (Phyllis) Nichols, and by both sisters and their spouses, Wilma Nichols (Roger) Sampson, and Louise Lange (Ralph) Hyde.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, her siblings and their spouses, and her daughter Nancy Bresnahan Calafut, on April 22, 2023.

She is survived by her son Kevin (Kelli Safarian-Hume) Hume, of Gallatin, Tenn. and daughter Myra Hume, of Normal. She also is survived by her three grandchildren, Timothy Bresnahan, of Hemet, Calif., Maggi Colene Hume, of Olympia, Wash., and SeanPatrick Charles Hume, of Rogers, Ark., and her two great grandchildren, Saturn Bresnahan and Korbyn Else Bresnahan.

Helen graduated as



160 years. Helen was the volunteer secretary for about 50 of those years. The historic chapel is still being used in the 21st century for a few gatherings each year and weddings, including hers in 2006!

In appreciation for her work in preserving Rucker Chapel, The Kiwanis Club of LeRoy presented her with a Distinguished Service Award on February 13, 1984, an award that noted her "exemplary efforts of preserving Rucker Chapel and Rucker Cemetery - a vital, religious aspect of early, rural American life."

In 1994, the Kiwanis Club of LeRoy further honored her with their "Human and Spiritual Values Award." The Connie Duncan Award as the 1999 Volunteer of the Year was conferred to her. She was a member of the DAR (Clinton chapter), a member of the Clinton United Methodist Church, and was the Grand Marshall of the 1985 LeRoy Sesquicentennial parade.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-noon on Tuesday February 6, 2024, at Calvert-Belangee-Bruce Funeral Home, LeRoy. The funeral service will be at conducted at 12-noon, also at the funeral home, with Pastor Darrell Howard officiating. The burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in LeRoy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Oak Grove Cemetery Association or to a charity of your choice.

Thanks to her many caregivers the past few years. The patience, love, and compassion of the people at Aspen Creek of Sullivan has been especially appreciated.

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SPORTS

Maroons at 3-0 in conference play, drop to 21-3 overall

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CLINTON — It all began on a chilly winter’s evening when the Tri-Valley Vikings sailed into town under cover of a weather inversion fog and took the home town Maroons by surprise.

Although the junior varsity (JV) won by 20 points, the varsity struggled in their attempt to defend “Gene Vance Court.”

The game began well for the Maroons as they snagged the tip-off and immediately scored on a 3-point shot. But by the end of the first quarter the Maroons were down by eight, 20-12.

The home team then came out of the mist to tie the game at 27 points at halftime. The home team was stopped by the opposition in the third and fourth quarters, with the Vikings taking the 73-58 win. The Maroons were led by Mason Walker (#3) with 22 points including five 3-pointers followed by Brooks Cluver (#12) with 10 points and one 3-pointer.

Before retaking the home court, the Maroons traveled to Peoria to take on Peoria Christian. This was also an undertaking as the Maroons came out on top, but only by two points 69-67. The Maroons then returned to their home confines to host the Central Illinois Conference (CIC)

Tournament over the week of January 29.

The Maroons would play oin the opening game against Coach Vic Binkley’s previous team, the Warrensburg/Latham Cardinals. The battle was uphill for the Maroons all night as the retrieved the jump ball but could not capitalize by making a basket.

The Cardinals flew to a quick lead with the Maroons playing catch up and tying the game at 10 points at the end of the first quarter. From there the Maroons battled hard, but the Cardinals kept the game just out of reach, taking a 4 point lead at halftime.

The opposition was able to spread their lead to 7 points at the end of the third quarter. The Maroons were able cut the lead to a couple of points and three points several time, but the Cardinals consistently put the game beyond reach each time to take the win 44-39.

Mason Walker (#3) was the only Maroon to score in double figures with 18 points and only one three pointer. The Cardinals had two players in double figures. The Maroons record is now 21-3 overall and 3-0 in conference play.

They were scheduled to appear twice more this week in the tournament, in the second game on Thursday, February 1 and in the final flurry on Friday the second of February.



Photos Marc Rogers / Journal
The jump ball goes to the Maroons who then turn it over to the opposition.



Keaton Graves (#10) drops in two points from the right corner as Brooks Cluver (#12) covers under the basket for a rebound if needed.



Brock Wilson (#2) lays in two points for the JV Maroons against Tri-Valley.

SPORTS



Courtesy of Clinton High School

M-Squad finishes well at IHSA State

The CHS M-Squad competed well at the recent Illinois High School Association (IHSA) State competition and came home with a 10th place finish.

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White drops in two points for the Maroons freshman team against Monticello.

Maroons’ freshmen fall at home in two games

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CLINTON — After winning their only game of the season at home a couple of weeks ago, the Maroons freshmen returned to the

friendly confines in hopes of some more Clinton magic.

Unfortunately, it didn’t happen.

The team lost 61-33 to the Monticello Sages and 49-22 to Rt. 51 foe, the

Maroa/Forsyth Trojans.

D. Schmid scored 18 points (including four 3-pointers) against the Sages, all other scores in both games were single digits for the Maroons.



Courtesy of Clinton High School

CHS wrestlers advance to Sectionals

Four CHS girls who wrestled at IHSA Regionals all qualified for Sectionals in two weeks. Ariana Humes 4th at 110, Jade Stevenson 6th at 120, Joi Lord 4th at 125, and Alexis Bow 6th at 170.

NEWS

Board of Elections allows Trump’s name to stay on ballot

Peter Hancock
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Former President Donald Trump’s name will remain on the Illinois Republican primary ballot, at least for the time being. The Illinois State Board of Elections voted 8-0 on Tuesday to dismiss an objection to his candidacy based on the 14th Amendment’s insurrection clause. That clause bars former public officials who take part in an insurrection or rebellion against the

United States from holding public office again. A hearing officer in the case agreed that Trump did engage in an insurrection for his role in the Jan. 6, 2021, riots at the U.S. Capitol and should be disqualified. But he said constitutional questions must be decided by courts, not the Board of Elections. The U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments on Feb. 8 in a similar case out of Colorado.

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Peter Hancock
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Board of Elections will be asked to decide Tuesday whether former President Donald Trump is barred under the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution from having his name appear on Illinois’ March 19 Republican primary ballot. It’s a question being asked in several states preparing to hold primary elections in the coming months and one that many believe must ultimately be decided by the U.S. Supreme Court, which will hear arguments Feb. 8 in a similar challenge to Trump’s candidacy in Colorado. “We have so many different states taking their own interpretations.

Colorado has said he can’t be on the ballot, for example,” U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill, said Monday at an unrelated news conference in Springfield. “I think this has to be decided by the Supreme Court.” The challenge to Trump is based on the so-called “insurrectionist ban” contained in Section 3 of the 14th Amendment. Adopted in the aftermath of the Civil War, it says that public officials who swear an oath to protect the Constitution and then take part in an insurrection or rebellion against the United States are disqualified from holding public office again. The challenges allege that Trump’s actions surrounding the Jan. 6, 2021, riots at the U.S. Capitol – when thousands

of protesters stormed the building in an effort to prevent Congress from certifying the election of Joe Biden – amounted to an “insurrection” within the meaning of the 14th amendment. After a lengthy hearing in Chicago on Friday, retired Republican state Judge Clark Erickson, serving as a hearing officer for the Board of Elections, issued a report over the weekend advising the Board of Elections to dismiss the challenge on the grounds that the board only has authority to decide cases based on the Illinois Election Code, not the U.S. Constitution. But if the board chooses not to dismiss the challenge, Erickson recommended that Trump be disqualified, saying the “preponderance

of evidence” proves that “President Trump engaged in insurrection, within the meaning of Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment, and should have his name removed from the March, 2024 primary ballot in Illinois.” Caryn Lederer, an attorney for the group challenging Trump, said in an interview Monday that the Board of Elections does not have the option of sidestepping the controversy while waiting for the Supreme Court to rule because state law requires the board to resolve election objections “expeditiously.” “But my prediction is that their decision will be appealed, either by the objectors or by candidate Trump,” she said.

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The report said that means “people have taken the hit,” sometimes in the form of lay-offs to help outlets lower expenses. Rural areas are most affected, but the report noted that news outlets in urban areas like Chicago are also affected. The Chicago Tribune’s staff decreased by 82 percent from 2006 to 2022, according to research by historian Jon Lauck. The task force also found broadcast outlets and outlets covering minority communities in urban areas are also struggling. As a result of declining coverage, the task force said people in these underserved areas are missing out on crucial information. “In too many towns, no one is covering local city council meetings,” Stadelman told reporters at a news conference. “No one is covering local school board meetings. So, how can residents know what’s going on?” The report noted that with about 8,500 units of local government in the state, some offices might not comply with appropriate rules and regulations. The task force said journalists can help expose those situations and hold leaders accountable.

The task force cited a story about how The Harvey World Herald, “caught Harvey officials violating the open meetings act and prompted reform in that area.” Recommendations The task force suggested a series of tax credits that could give money back to people who subscribe to local outlets, small businesses that spend money advertising in local news, and outlets that pay journalists at least \$50,000 a year. The task force also suggested a tax exemption that would allow local outlets to not pay business and occupation taxes. A similar exemption was passed in Washington and took effect Jan. 1. Washington’s Office of Financial Management estimates the exemption will lower state revenue by \$1.2 million when implemented for a full fiscal year, according to the report. An “advertising set-aside” policy requiring a certain percentage of government advertising money be spent on advertising space in local media was also suggested by the task force. According to the report, \$9.9 million of government advertising money was spent across 220 local outlets last year in New York City, which instituted a

similar policy in 2019. Other suggestions in the report include giving grant and fellowship programs state funding to help pay for journalist training and employment. Four states have implemented these strategies. New Jersey’s grant consortium program, which funds a variety of local news programs, operates with \$4 million in funding, of which \$3 million comes from the state. California, New Mexico and Washington each work with local universities to place fellows in local newsrooms. California’s program is potentially the largest and most expensive of these, according to the report, with \$25 million allocated to it with a goal of placing 120 fellows over the course of three years. Other solutions proposed by the task force include incentives for large media companies to share their ad revenue with local media and incentives to donate closing news outlets to community organizations before they are purchased by larger national corporations. Next steps Task force member Sen. Donald DeWitte, R-St. Charles, shared concerns about mixing state-sponsored support and

independent journalism. He said that legislators need to carefully consider any next steps to avoid infringing on free speech, influencing coverage and regulating the definition of journalism. “I just want to be sure, particularly as we head into another election season here in Illinois ... any decisions we make may have an effect on our constitutional liberties, and that they are being made for all the right reasons,” DeWitte said. But Stadelman, who was previously a broadcast journalist in Rockford, said state involvement in news distribution is common, citing state public broadcasting subsidies and Europe’s support of its local news. “I spent most of my life and career in news. I was skeptical of government involvement in news,” he said. “I think we’re at a point where there are ways that this can be done carefully and thoughtfully.” Editor’s note: Two members of the Local Journalism Task Force – Sam Fisher and Jason Piscia – are also members of the Illinois Press Foundation board. The Press Foundation operates Capitol News Illinois and provides it funding.

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201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE
NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. *A child-care facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. The Clinton Journal strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in its care. *Family homes that care for no more than three (3) children under the age of twelve or which receive only children from a single household, for less than 24 hours per day, are exempt from licensure as day care homes. The three children to whom this exemption applies includes the family's natural or adopted children and any other persons under the age of 12 whether related or unrelated to the operator of the day care home. [DCFS Rule, Part 377.3 (c)]

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

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

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

LEGAL
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. JAMES THAXTON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 23 FC 20 410 NORTH MONROE STREET CLINTON, IL 61727 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on January 17, 2024, will on March 6, 2024, in DeWitt County Courthouse (Main Door), 201 West Washington St., Clinton., IL 61727, at 10:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of DeWitt, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: TAX NO. 07-27-485-004 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 410 North Monroe Street Clinton, IL 61727 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a one car garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is wood siding. The color is blue. The gas is off. The water is off. The property does not have a fence. The property is vacant.

The Judgment amount was \$66,055.62. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel.

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Home-Pastures-Farmland

FRIDAY-MARCH 8TH, 2024

10:00 AM (doors open at 9:00 am)

For Complete Details: www.haycrafteructions.com

For a Brochure call: 309-275-4506

AUCTION LOCATION: American Legion-203 E Main St.-Heyworth, IL 61745

Tract 1 & 2 Location: Sec. 25-T22N-R2E-Randolph Township-McLean County.

Directions: Rt 136 East of Heyworth to Rd 1700E-go North 1 mile to 300N-go East ¼ mile to farm sights.

TRACT 1-Selling quad level farm home-2 machine type sheds-23.23 Acres of pasture and timber ground

HOME DESCRIPTION: Quad level home with 1 large and 1 small pole style machine sheds, all steel roof, in-home generator, 3 or 4 bedrooms, eat in kitchen, family room w/fireplace, living room, laundry room, downstairs family room, storage, 2 car garage, well kept-very clean, Heyworth Schools.

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3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Or By Appointment

TRACT 2-16.37 Acres of all tillable farm land (adjoins Tract 1), has road frontage.

Tract 3 Location: Sec 35-T22N-R2E—Randolph Township-McLean County

Directions: Rt 136 Est of Heyworth to Rd 1700E-go North 1 mile to Rd 300N-then back West 1 mile to farm sight.

TRACT 3-20.02 Acres-all tillable.

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MARCH 16-10:00 AM (sale held inside)

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1/30/24 5:12 PM

No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-15629IL
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.
Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3236916

Legal 19959 RE February 2, February 9, February 16, 2024

LEGAL

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois, setting forth the name and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as:

JRB Custom Furniture
714 N. Quincy Clinton IL 61727

Dated this 16 day of January, 2024

/s/ Kari L. Harris/ SW County Clerk

No. 2024DBA-203

SEAL

Legal 19956 January 26, February 2, February 9, 2024

LEGAL

Assumed Name Publication Notice

Public Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, January 18, 2024, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as:

CLEANING DE-LIGHTS
502 NORTH MALT-BY STREET
WAYNESVILLE, IL 61778

Dated this 18 day of January, 2024

/s/ Kari L. Harris/bc County Clerk

No. 2024DBA-0204

(SEAL)

Legal 19958 Jan. 26, Feb. 2, and Feb. 9, .2024

LEGAL

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TAX NO. 07-27-485-004
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 410 North Monroe Street Clinton, IL 61727
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For Information: Visit our website at http://ilforeclosure-sales.mrpllc.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-15629IL
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Legal 19959 February 2, February 9, February 16, 2024

LEGAL

MAHOMET VALLEY WATER AUTHORITY
AMENDED MEETING DATES FOR 2024

Meeting dates & locations for 2024 for the Mahomet Valley Water Authority are as follows:

March 13, 2024
May 15, 2024
July 10, 2024
September 11, 2024
November 13, 2024

All meetings are held in the Monticello Professional Building, Monticello, IL 61856.

Special Meetings are held as needed.

Legal 19960 February 2, 2024

LEGAL

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

BARBARA J. BURNS and THOMAS J. WEST, as Successor Co-Trustees of the Philip J. West Trust dated January 31, 2012, as amended; and BARBARA J. BURNS and THOMAS J. WEST, as Successor Co-Trustees of the Audrey L. West Trust dated January 31, 2012, as amended,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

JOHN E. WEST, as Trustee of the John E. West Declaration of Trust dated October 10, 2016; MARY L. WEST, as Trustee of the Mary L. West Declaration of Trust dated October 10, 2016; MARTIN WRIGHT; MARTIN WRIGHT and JULIE ROTH, as Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of James Homer Wright, deceased; TIMOTHY L. WALSH; CRAIG WALSH; and UNKNOWN OWNERS,

Defendants.

2024CH1

NOTICE OF PARTITION BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, all UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants in the above-captioned cause, that the above-captioned partition action was filed on January 3, 2024, and said partition case is now pending.

1. The names of the parties and the case number are identified above.

2. The Court in which this action was brought is identified above.

3. The names of the individuals with a current ownership interest in the real estate are:

Barbara J. Burns and Thomas J. West, as Successor Co-Trustees of the Philip J. West Trust dated January 31, 2012, as amended; Barbara J. Burns and Thomas J. West, as Successor Co-Trustees of the Audrey L. West Trust dated January 31, 2012, as amended; John E. West, as Trustee of the John E. West Declaration of Trust dated October 10, 2016; and Mary L. West, as Trustee of the Mary L. West Declaration of Trust dated October 10, 2016.

4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

Tract 1: Beginning at a stone set at the Northeast corner of Section 35, Township 21 North, Range 4 East of the Third Principal Meridian, DeWitt County, Illinois; running thence South 1336 ½ feet on the Section line, thence West 1410.75 feet, thence North 1336 ½ feet, more or less, to the North line of said Section 35, thence East on the North line of said Section 35, 1410.75 feet, more or less to the point of beginning, situated in DeWitt County, Illinois.

PIN: 04-35-200-002.

Tract 2: The West ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 25, Township 21 North, Range 4 East of the Third Principal

Meridian, DeWitt County, Illinois.

PIN: 04-25-300-001.

Tract 3: The West ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 30, the Northeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 30, the Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of Section 30, EXCEPT that part of said Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ lying South and East of the Illinois Central Railroad right-of-way; also commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of said Section 30, running East 120 rods, thence South 3 rods to the North line of the right-of-way of the Illinois Central Railroad Company; thence Southwesterly along the North line of the said railroad company to a point where said railroad crosses the West line of the Southeast ¼ of the

Southwest ¼ of said Section 30, thence North 55.57 rods to the place of beginning, all of said land being in Township 21 North, Range 5 East of the Third Principal Meridian, situated in DeWitt County, Illinois.

PIN: 05-30-300-001.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, UNKNOWN OWNERS, file your answer to the Complaint in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, on or before March 15, 2024, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a judgment of partition may be entered.

/s/ Circuit Clerk

Prepared by:



CLINTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOLS

VACANCY NOTICE NO. 19

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unless noted otherwise.

Clinton High School

- Spanish Teacher, application deadline February 16, 2024
- Business Teacher for 2024-2025, application deadline February 16, 2024
- Hallway Supervisor/Admin Support, application deadline February 16, 2024

Clinton Junior High

- Special Education Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year, application deadline February 16, 2024

Clinton Elementary School

- Teacher Aides, please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals , application deadline February 16, 2024
- Teacher Aide 1-1, please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals , application deadline February 16, 2024
- Teacher – 5th Grade, application deadline February 16, 2024
- Administrative Assistant/Front Office, application deadline February 16, 2024

Douglas/Lincoln Schools

- Preschool Teacher, this position will be for a co-teaching model to existing blended classrooms at both schools. Would include IEP facilitation as well as general support. Must have early childhood credentials. ECSE Endorsement preferred, application deadline February 16, 2024
- Teacher Aide, please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals , application deadline February 16, 2024

Lincoln School

- Kindergarten Teacher for 2024-2025 school year, application deadline February 16, 2024

Athletics

- Assistant Softball Coach, please apply online or email letter of interest, resume, and letters of recommendation to Matt Koeppel, AD, at mkoeppe@cUSD15.org

Cafeteria

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

Transportation

- Bus/Van Monitors - Part Time, please apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office
- Sub Bus Drivers, please apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office. Must have or be willing to obtain CDL. \$24.50 per hr.
- Sub Crossing Guard, \$16.00 (HRS as needed) plus opportunity to sub for kitchen or bus monitor, please apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office.
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Legal 19961
Feb. 2, Feb. 9, and Feb. 16, 2024

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B-W-W
BARNETT-WAPEL-LA-WAYNESVILLE
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
2023

BEGINNING BALANCE 1-1-2023
\$24,973.93
INCOME:
TAX MONIES
\$23,235.90

INTEREST \$ 2.47
TOTAL INCOME# \$23,238.37
TOTAL MONIES \$48,212.30
EXPENSES \$20,594.41
\$20,594.41
TOTAL MONIES AVAILABLE 01-23-24 \$27,617.89
KONI LOVETT \$13,672.00
JOHN GRIFFIN \$ 129.00
KAREN STEWARD \$ 129.00
CATHY CISCO / TREASURER \$ 303.00
JAMIE PREST-EGAARD \$ 129.00
JAY HAYCRAFT \$ 86.00
PAYROLL TAXES \$ 4,605.99
TOIRMA \$ 500.00
MISC EXPENSES UNDER \$2,500 \$ 8,063.90

John Griffin - Chairman
Cathy Cisco - Treasurer

Dated January 23,

2024
Legal 19963
February 2, 2024

LEGAL

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

City of Clinton, Illinois
Park Lane West Subdivision

General Notice

City of Clinton, Illinois (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Park Lane West Subdivision
0231199.00

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at City Clerk's Office, 118 W Washington Street, PO Box 378, Clinton, IL 61727, until February 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. local time. At that time the Bids

received will be publicly opened.

The Project includes the following Work:

The development of approximately 9.0 acres of vacant land north of Park Lane, south of Leander Street, west of Hillcrest Subdivision and east of Liberty Village Subdivision. The project includes grading, roadways, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, water main, sidewalks and other items to provide necessary infrastructure for 23 residential lots and one (1) outlot.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: Farnsworth Group, Inc., 2709 McGraw Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704, (309) 663-8435. Contact Engineer, Craig Earl with project questions.

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:
<http://bidlist.f-w.com/>

Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the designated website. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the des-

ignated website. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website.

Instructions to Bidders.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.

Legal 19964
February 2, 2024


LEGAL

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Santa Anna Township will receive sealed bids for mowing of Greenleaf Cemetery, Campground Cemetery, and Santa

Anna Township Hall. Bids must be received by March 12, 2024 before 7 P.M. to be considered. Bids will be opened at the Township's March 12, 2024 Regular Meeting. Specs are available from Santa Anna Township Hall, 819 N Main St, PO Box 114, Farmer City, IL 61842 or call 309/928-3321.

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February 2, 2024




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HEALTH

What you should know about RSV

(NAPSI)—You may remember the old saying, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” That’s never been more true than it is right now about good health and older adults, especially when it comes to protecting yourself during what is commonly known as respiratory disease season (fall through early spring). Last year saw the devastating effects of an increase in COVID, flu, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and pneumonia on the wellbeing of older Americans. Fortunately, most people had access to vaccines for all but RSV last year. And in good news for this year, for the first time ever, there is a vaccine approved by FDA for preventing RSV in older adults.

The Problem

RSV is a serious respiratory virus whose full toll on seniors is just now being recognized. Each year, RSV results in up to 160,000 hospitalizations among people aged 65 and over and leads to as many as 10,000 deaths in older people in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

It can also prove serious for anyone with chronic conditions such as asthma, COPD, heart or other lung problems, certain autoimmune conditions and those receiving chemotherapy or radiation treatments. It is easily spread from contact with a contaminated surface as well as through the air (when someone infected sneezes or coughs), so anyone at any age can get it.

A Solution

RSV vaccines are now approved and available

throughout the U.S. and the cost is covered fully for Medicare beneficiaries. These vaccines can truly protect your health across your lifespan as they are now available for adults aged 60 years or older, as well as for infants through maternal immunization.

What Else You Should Know

It is always a good idea to review your health plan. When contacting Medicare, make certain that you are contacting the actual government agency itself. Only government agencies can use the .gov ending and the best number to use to reach trained Medicare experts is 1-800-633-4227. It’s easy to remember—it’s 1-800-Medicare.

The National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP) created a resource outlining the five things to know about RSV to help get the word out about this important opportunity to protect the health of older adults. English and Spanish versions can be found at <https://www.nanasp.org/vaccines>.

It’s a good idea to talk to your pharmacist or healthcare provider about whether you should get the RSV vaccine, and any other recommended vaccines.

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What you need to know about cataracts

(NAPSI)—By age 80, most people either have cataracts or have had cataract surgery. That’s because most cataracts are the result of natural aging. You may not notice that you have a cataract at first. But over time, they can make your vision blurry or hazy, colors fade, you can’t see well at night, or you may see double images. The good news is that cataract surgery can restore your sight. With a high success rate of more than 90 percent, cataract surgery enables people to see better after their cataract is removed.

Here are the top six things ophthalmologists—physicians who specialize in medical and surgical eye care—want you to know about cataracts:

1. Cataracts can be removed with surgery. Surgery is the only way to cure cataracts. Early on, you may be able to cope with reduced vision from cataracts by using brighter lights, wearing anti-glare sunglasses, or using magnifying lenses for reading. But if cataracts start getting in the way of everyday activities such as reading, driving, or watching TV, an ophthalmologist will need to remove the clouded natural lens and replace it with an artificial lens, also called an intraocular lens (or IOL), to correct blurry vision.

2. You can slow development of early cataracts. You can take steps to protect your eyes from cataracts. Using 100% UV blocking sunglasses, quitting smoking, maintaining control over high blood sugar, and eating a healthy diet can help prevent cataracts.

3. People with diabetes are more likely to get cataracts. Natural aging is the most common cause of cataracts, but some people are at higher risk for cataracts than others. People who have diabetes with high blood sugar levels can get cataracts quicker and at a younger age than those with normal blood sugar levels. Improving glucose levels may help delay cataracts.

4. Eye color affects your risk of developing cataracts. Studies show that people with dark brown eyes have a higher risk of developing cataracts than people with lighter eyes. However, UV light is a known contributor to cataract development no matter what color your eyes are. Wearing sunglasses whenever outdoors is recommended for everyone.

5. Treating cataracts may decrease your risk of dementia. Though the link between eye health and dementia is unclear, recent studies suggest people who had cataract surgery were 30 percent less likely to develop dementia.

6. You may eventually need a follow-up procedure. Some people will again develop hazy vision years after cataract surgery. This is usually because the lens capsule has become cloudy. The capsule is the part of your eye that holds the IOL in place. Your ophthalmologist can use a laser to open the cloudy capsule and restore clear vision, a procedure called a capsulotomy.

Regular eye exams are important to maintaining your best vision, even after cataract surgery. The American Academy of Ophthalmology recommends scheduling a visit to the ophthalmologist every year after cataract surgery if you’re older than 65, or every two years if under 65.

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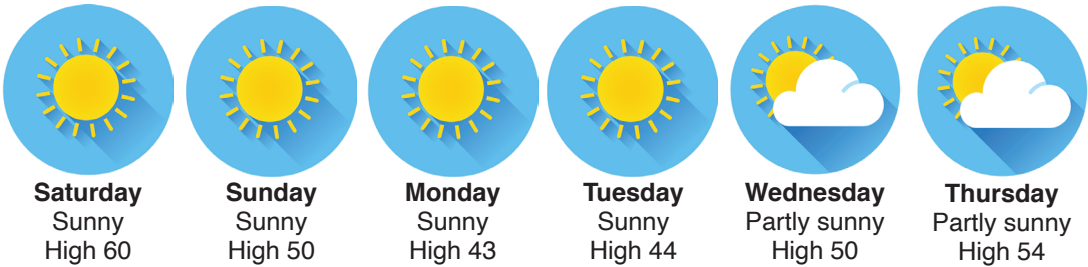
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Weather History

February 3
1883: An extensive area of sleet and freezing rain occurred on the 2nd and 3rd. Two-day precipitation totals (which included rain) ranged from 2 to 4 inches, but most of the sleet and freezing rain occurred late on the 2nd into the morning of the 3rd. Severe damage occurred to trees, telegraph wires, and telephone wires. Ice accumulation of as much as 1.25 inches thick was observed in Atlanta (Logan County). As temperatures fell below freezing following this system, the ice remained on the trees and exposed objects for as

long as 11 days.

2012: An unusually mild winter was in progress, with temperatures averaging 4 to 6 degrees above normal. Several areas saw temperatures remain at or above zero the entire winter. Springfield had its first winter in 30 years where temperatures failed to fall below zero, and Peoria saw its first winter since 1997-98 without a below zero reading

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