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Douglas student's wish comes true

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CLINTON — Five-yearold Cameron Coakley has had a rocky road healthwise. He's been feeling better lately, and in a few weeks will enjoy a vacation that his mom said came along at just the right time.

On Feb. 8, Cameron's fellow students at Douglas School held a surprise assembly for their friend as his "wish" came true.

Bridget Becker Brewer, representatives of the Make a Wish Foundation, attended the assembly to help spring the big surprise on Cameron.

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Cameron Coakley, in a blue shirt, left, with his mom and family, received a surprise last week during a Douglas School assembly when a wish was granted.

Uncorking a rebel yell

A popular former teacher's wartime heroism

Gordon Woods

he impenetrable Ardennes — an area bordering Belgium and Luxembourg the French high command believed in the 1930s would protect their county from a German invasion.

In fact, the forest, with its seemingly impassable,

winding roads, would be Maginot Line, along its frontier with Germany. the point of a military But, when an invasion

spearhead in 1940 that would allow German forces overwhelm to French defenses in a matter of weeks.

During the 1930s, France built a series of technologically advanced fortresses, known as the

Four years later, another German military action at the same point, intended to ward off total German defeat, would prove to be the beginning of end for the Axis power on the western front in what Allied forces would later call the Battle of the Bulge.

came, German planners

simply sent their armies

around the line though

the Ardennes forest, the

least defended part of the

French border.

A young Tennessee native, who eventually would become a familiar face to many Clinton High School students, was serving as a Captain in the U.S. Army and, like thousands of his himself in the middle of one of the bloodiest battles of the Second World War.

Tims Α. Quinn commanded Company C of the 551st Airborne, during what German forces referred to as the "Ardennes Offensive."

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City arboretum to be named for local naturalist

Carol McFeeters-Thompson Arboretum



Tree Commissioner member Edith Brady-Lunny addresses the city council about naming the city aboretum for Carol McFeeters-Thompson.

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CLINTON The Clinton Tree Commission announced it plans to name the city arboretum for former local naturalist Carol McFeeters-Thompson. The announcement came during the Feb. 6 city council meeting.

Thompson served for many years as the site interpreter of the Union Schoolhouse area Weldon Springs State Recreation Area. She also was part of the annual Earth Day activities at Clinton Schools and wrote a regular nature column for the Clinton Journal. Thompson also served on the first Clinton Tree Commission.

Tree Commission Edith Bradymember Lunny briefed the council about the plan.

"With your approval, of course, we would like to name the arboretum area in the city for Carol McFeeters-Thompson," Lunny told commissioners. Lunny said two or three generations of local residents likely remember

Thompson and the work she did.

"She taught every kid in Clinton schools everything they needed to know about nature," Lunny said.

Lunny added, Thompson was a volunteer at Weldon Springs for many years before the state hired her as site interpreter. Thompson also conducted a walking survey of every tree along the city boulevards, while she served on the Tree Commission.

The city arboretum spans a two to three square block area along E. Washington and E. Main streets.

Temporary signs would be erected for the April observance of Arbor Day, permanent signs would be installed later identifying the area as Thompson Arboretum, Lunny said.

The Tree Commission has printed new brochures for residents who would like to donate a tree or to a fund for new trees.

Commissioner John Wise served with Thompson on the Tree Commission.

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Tims Quinn from the 1975 Clinton High School year book, left. Right, Quinn in uniform.





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Germany hoped the lastditch effort would stop the Allies from using the port of Antwerp, Belgium to resupply its forces following the D-Day invasion several months earlier.

The Allies named the offensive the Battle of the Bulge because of the "bulge" that formed as German forces attempted to split Allied armies and reach the coast. The German offensive achieved complete surprise, overrunning U.S and British forces, which scrambled to regroup and stop the German drive.

"The 551st was kind of an independent unit, so they weren't really assigned to anybody on a regular basis," said David Quinn, Tims Quinn's youngest son and also a veteran, serving in Operation Desert Storm from 1990-1991. "They were attached to the 101st, when they were being encircled near Bastone."

David Quinn said they were loading into trucks when they were stopped and then moved forward, where the "bulge" was starting, and a clearer picture was forming about what the Germans were trying to achieve.

"They were eventually attached to the 82nd Airborne, which was on what was called "the north shoulder," the 11 to 12 o'clock position of the bulge as it formed," David Quinn said. "The 551st served in support of the 82nd as it advanced from northwest to southeast into the developing bulge."

The pitch battle was fought from mid-December 1944 through late Januarry 1945 during one of the coldest winters in the region in more than 40 years. Compounding the 551^{st} difficulties was the fact it had trained in Panama for jungle warfare, so troops had

only uniforms they would have in hot weather. They were freezing, ill-equipped and would soon have to rely on their own devices as promised artillery support failed to materialize.

The 82nd Airborne Division and units supporting them began moving at 8 a.m. on January 3.

"They were part of a coordinated attack that was supposed to be artillery and all units advancing at the same time," David Quinn said. "The 517th moving from northeast to southwest, the 551st in the middle and then the 505th."

David Quinn said they started when they were supposed to, "but didn't get nearly the artillery support they were looking for."

They expected a fiveminute artillery barrage as they moved forward, but, according to some historians, received a mere three rounds of artillery support.

"So, an order came from battalion headquarters to slow down," he said. "Well, if you knew Daddy, you know he'd say, 'the hell with that'."

Captain Quinn continued

According to author Gregory Orfalea, from his book "Messengers of the Lost Battalion, Quinn "uncorked a blood-curdling rebel yell, as his men came under a fusillade of small arms fire, and ran out ahead of C Company, waving it on to the attack toward a farmhouse." Quinn had been nicknamed Madame Quinn because of his high-pitched voice one sergeant claimed could be heard from five miles away, Orfalea wrote.

Quinn called for a pair of bazookamen to move forward to knock out an tank, and they enemy

were going to set fire to a haystack as a diversion but then realized it was a pile of

the 505th got stalled, so he's now on a little bit of a salient," said David Quinn.

goal by January 7.

"Daddy stopped, and by the time they all stopped, the (German) artillery was able to zero in on them," David Quinn said. "They lost a lot of people to artillery because they stopped."

At that point "all hell

Quinn's parachuting three miles from his drop zone had been an initiation into what was to come.

According to author William B. Bruer in his book "From Operation Dragoon: The Allied Invasion of the South of France, Quinn was lying stunned next to a stone wall bordering a large field. The 26-year-old was operations officer for Col. Wood Joerg's 551st Parchute Infantry Battalion. had jumped with the 463rd Parachute Infantry to be at the drop zone when Joerg's men bailed out in daylight

"Quinn began searching in the dark for his weapons. A jolt before he landed had ripped away his submachinegun, Colt 45 sidearm and musette bag. He was now in enemy territory armed with only his trench knife," according to Bruer.

began falling more heavily as the temperature dropped to 0-degrees Fahrenheit. According to Orfalea, the men had their last hot meal for a while, stew made from a cow that had been hit by shrapnel. "Quinn said he couldn't remember a meal tasting so good," Orfalea wrote.

to shoulder" with Quinn and the C Company at the start, according to Orfalea. Quinn realized there was no coordinated attack but individual elements fighting

group was wounded by shelling. Their radioman asked Quinn for permission to go to the rear, when Quinn noticed the man was seriously wounded and worked to get him to medics. Sgt. Bill Hatcher remembered the noise.

ears; there was actual shouting. I thought that building a fire for fear it would draw enemy fire.

went out with the Civil

The battalion order to

slow their advance turned

out to be especially deadly

for Quinn's C Company.

During a 15-minute barrage

from German artillery, 45

men were either killed or

wounded. Not immediately

aware of it, Quinn was hit in

Quinn, not wearing a

helmet, his rear covered

with blood, began shouting

orders, "a clipboard in one

hand, a .45 in the other,"

Martin Kangas was quoted

to Orfalea, Quinn saw a

corporal lose his leg to a

shell, the explosion made

worse because the soldier

carried a pair of socks

containing the volatile

Quinn later said, while he

didn't blame anyone, the

battalion was essentially

"We didn't know where

we were," Orfalea quoted

Quinn. "If ever there was

a lost battalion, it was us,

snow better than knee-high.

single file, walking along in

Joerg refused to allow

Quinn to take a platoon into

the woods at night to attack

nearby Germans. Joerg also

prohibited the men from

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his backside.

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War,"

Hatcher.

"I'd rather get killed warm than freeze to death," Quinn answered. "He fought all the way through to the afternoon of

Jan. 4," said David Quinn. "Sometime from about midnight Jan. 3 through Jan. 4, he passed out."

He was evacuated back into western Belgium.

The battalion began with about 800 men. Nearly 700 were killed or wounded.

'I think they had one or two battalion commanders killed, and Daddy was taken out from wounds," David Ouinn said.

Quinn David said historical documents about this particular battalion were "basically nonexistent."

"They were disbanded in January 1945, and there were very few records available until Dan Morgan started doing research to write his book, "The Left Corner of My Heart," in the early 1980s."

Morgan interviewed Tims Ouinn for his book in 1983. and his writings led to recognition of the incident and revealed a subsequent cover up of the events by the U.S. Army.

John Quinn, another of Tims Quinn's sons

supported what his brother said about information regarding the battalion and their predicament being scarce.

"I was in the infantry for 12 years, but thank god I was never in combat," John Quinn said. "Usually, when infantry goes across a field, you prep the woods at the other end of the field to suppress artillery fire."

This involves what are known as spot rounds to adjust their fire.

'But, in this case, they said, 'well, those three rounds were your barrage'," John Quinn said. "So, they had to cross that field for 700 yards in the snow and the open facing machineguns and mortars.'

During the process was when so many men were lost.

"They lost 45 men in 15 minutes," John Quinn said. "So, there's a logistical error in the first place."

He said the woods "should have been pulverized" to protect advancing U.S.

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wet manure. " A Company got stalled,

The plan was to reach their

broke loose."

In late December, Captain

hours.

Now, in January, the snow

Col. Joerg was "shoulder separate engagements.

A four-man observation

"I couldn't believe my



Shown are Tims Quinns military service awards, including a Purple Heart, right, cen-

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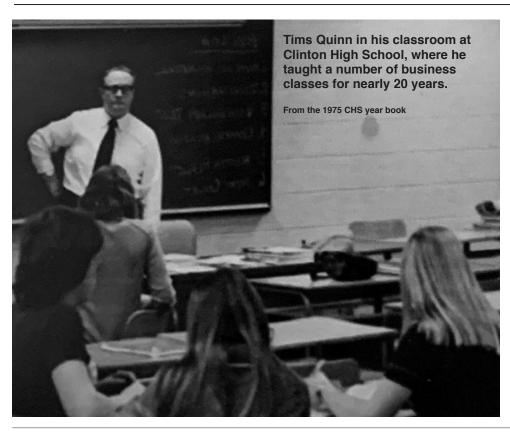
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Later, after a night battalion meeting, Captain Quinn left the tent. After about five minutes, he heard artillery falling in the area of the tent.

John Quinn said his father began crawling through the snow when he suddenly felt

"This makes me want to cry," said John Quinn. "He shined his flashlight and realized he was crawling through blood, guts and bodies. How can people go through that? And, he was just one. He had to sleep with a light on for the rest of his life."

Approximately 80,000 troops on each side were killed or wounded during the Battle of the Bulge, and

about 3,000 civilians died. At the height of the battle, more than 1.5 million troops total were engaged between the Allied and Axis armies.

The offensive the Germans hoped would allow them to sue for peace failed, and Allied armies in the west and the east were at the gates of Berlin by April.

Captain Tims Quinn survived and returned home.

Quinn was a member of Army ROTC at the University of Mississippi at the beginning of the war. After returning home, he later attended graduate school at the University of Illinois.

Many former students will remember Quinn, who taught business classes at Clinton High School for nine years, from 1967-1976. His lessons always were educational and often humorous, as he drew from his own, sometimes funny experiences in the business world. But, few students likely knew the horrors Ouinn experienced when he wasn't much older than they were.

He also owned an insurance business Clinton.

Another of Quinn's sons, also named Tims, taught mathematics at Clinton Junior High School for many years.

Tims Quinn, Sr. passed away in New Orleans in

COLLEGE HONORS

Millikin University announces Fall 2023 Dean's List honorees

DECATUR — Millikin University announced the names of the outstanding undergraduates who were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2023 semester.

Students who attempt 12 graded credits during a fall or spring semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher earn Dean's List honors. Students earning a perfect 4.00 grade point average on 12 graded credits attempted earn High Dean's List honors.

The students named to the Dean's List at Millikin University are according to last name.

- Clinton, has made the High Dean's List for Fall
- Charly Warlow of Le Roy, has made the High Dean's List for Fall 2023.
- Gracie Shaffer of Farmer City, has made the Dean's List for Fall 2023.
- Lily Monigold of Le Roy, has made the Dean's List for Fall 2023.
- Savanah Clifton of Clinton, has made the Dean's List for Fall 2023.
- Cal Case of Clinton, has made the Dean's List for Fall 2023.
- Rye Johnson of Weldon, has made the Dean's List for Fall 2023.

Millikin celebrates new graduates at the 2023 Winter Commencement

DECATUR — Millikin honored 95 graduates at the 2023 Winter Commencement Kirkland Fine Arts Center on December 10, 2023. The ceremony recognized graduates from College of Professional Studies, College of Arts & Sciences, Tabor School of Business, and the College of Fine Arts.

"The first Commencement ceremony honoring the first four-year graduating class occurred in 1907. I'm honored to continue in that tradition and to listed in alphabetical order award 95 degrees today because this ceremony • Ashley Bennett of has such significance to our University," Millikin President Jim Reynolds said. "It's the culmination of many years of hard work for our students and families. It is the end of an academic generation and the going forth of educated individuals who will help create a better society for us all to live and work in."

- Cal Case, from Clinton, graduated CUM LAUDE with a B.S. in Physical Education.
- Ally Pruser, from Clinton, graduated CUM LAUDE with a B.S.N. in Nursing.

DAR Good Citizen Award recipients



Courtesy of DeWitt County NSDAR

DeWitt Clinton Chapter DAR recognized Good Citizen Awardees at the February 10 meeting. The candidates are high school seniors who exemplify the qualities of a Good Citizen: dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Pictured L to R: Edith Brady-Lunny, chapter Regent, Maura McMillin Heyworth High School, Davis Howell Clinton High School, and Carole Wylder, Good Citizen Committee Chairman. Unable to attend were Addison Warsaw Blue Ridge High School and Jackson Dunn DeLand -Weldon High School

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His wish granted by the foundation is a trip to San Diego, Calif. to visit the world-famous San Diego Zoo, Legoland, and to see the Pacific Ocean.

"Since Cameron was born, he has always been really sick," said Cameron's mom Katlin. "We found out in September 2020 that he has X-linked agammaglobulinemia (XLA), which is an immunodeficiency. he has to get infusions for

Katlin Coakley said this has involved frequent appointments, travel back and forth to Chicago and long hospital

"Then, in 2021, Cameron was also diagnosed with bronchiectasis, which causes mucus to build up in the lungs."

The bronchiectasis caused Cameron's left, lower lung to collapse. So, in May 2023, he underwent a lower, left lobectomy, a surgical excision of the lobe.

"And, now he's been doing

great for a quite a while," said dad, Seth Coakley.

"Make a Wish reached out to us in 2021," Katlin Coakley said.

She said it took so long for his wish to be granted because of a backlog caused by the COVID pandemic.

"Honestly, it couldn't have happened at a better time because he's been doing so much better since his surgery, getting older, and it lands on his 5th birthday," Katlin Coakley said. "Despite being sick all the time, he's the happiest kids I know."

Cameron is in year two of preschool at Douglas Elementary. He has two older brothers, Clayton and Ryan.

Referrals to Make a Wish come from the child's medical team, parents or family members with detailed knowledge of the child's medical condition, according to Bridget Becker, local Make a Wish representative.

"The home office at Make A Wish headquarters will

then review this information to make sure it meets our qualifications of conditions covered by our guidelines," Becker told the Journal. "If everything checks out, the child will go into the MAW pipeline."

Becker said once in the pipeline, local Make A Wish "Wish Granters," like her, are assigned to the case and arrange to meet with the "Wish" family as many times as necessary to discover the child's wish.

"We encourage the child to tell us what their best day ever would consist of, maybe a remodeled bedroom, a shopping spree, a backyard playground, basketball court, or a travel wish," Becker said. "Once a wish has been discovered, the information is sent back to MAW headquarters to a "Wish Coordinator," who determines if it meets all requirements and budgets, and if so, the wish is approved."

Cameron and his family will travel to California in a little less than a month.

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He said he couldn't imagine any objection to naming the arboretum for her.

"She was the driving force," Wise said. "And, I don't think we need to go any further other than getting a consensus. I'm definitely in favor, and I don't see a problem with

The other commissioners agreed.

"There's nobody more deserving, that's for sure," said Tom Edmunds.

Arbor Day observance and ceremony is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, April 27, at the city arboretum.



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OPINION

HISTORY ALMANAC

1959 - Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba after the overthrow of President Fulgencio Batista.

1960 - The U.S.S. Triton began the first circumnavigation of the globe under water. The trip ended on May 10.

1962 - Jimmy Bostwick defeated his brother, Pete, to win the U.S. Open Court-Tennis championships for the third time.

1968 - In the U.S., the first 911 emergency telephone system was inaugurated in Haleyville, AL.

1970 - Joe Frazier began his reign as the undefeated heavyweight world champion when he knocked out Jimmy Ellis in five rounds. He lost the title on January 22, 1973, when he lost for the first time in his professional career to George Foreman.

1977 - The Anglican archbishop of Uganda, Janani Luwum, was killed in automobile accident. Two other men were also killed.

1985 - "Kojak" returned to network television after an absence of seven years with the CBS-TV special, "Kojak: The Belarus File."

1987 - John Demjanjuk went on trial in Jerusalem. He was accused of being "Ivan the Terrible", a guard at the Treblinka concentration camp. He was convicted, but the Israeli Supreme Court overturned the ruling.

1989 - Investigators in Lockerbie, Scotland, announced that a bomb hidden inside a radio-cassette player was the reason that Pan Am Flight 103 was brought down the previous December. All 259 people aboard and 11 on the ground were killed.

1999 - A bomb exploded at the government head-quarters in Uzbekistan. Gunfire followed the incident. The event apparently was an attempt on the life of President Islam Karimov.

1999 - Kurds seized embassies and held hostages across Europe following Turkey's arrest of Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan.

1999 - Testimony began in the Jasper, TX, trial of John William King. He was charged with murder in the gruesome dragging death of James Byrd Jr. King was later convicted and sentenced to death.

2005 - The Kyoto global warming pact went into effect in 140 nations.

Amber Waves







by Dave T. Phipps



Clinton Journal unveils new Web site

CLINTON — As of Monday, Jan. art content management system 15, the Clinton Journal's revamped website at the clinton journal.com has been unveiled. art content management system to bring a more informational and immersive experience to subscribers. Our editor will be

Work on the site has been ongoing in recent months to bring the best online experience possible to readers in the DeWitt County area and beyond.

The Journal's editorial staff will now have access to a state-of-the-

art content management system to bring a more informational and immersive experience to subscribers. Our editor will be able to customize the site and story features as he sees fit to deliver local news in the most efficient ways possible to the site's visitors.

As they have in the past, readers will be able to keep up with the top local news and sports stories on the site, as well as police reports, obituaries and opinion pieces.

The revamped site also includes more streamlined methods for those looking to view e-editions and subscribe to the Journal online. Feedback from subscribers and readers over the years was considered as the site's design was made. The site will also include an upgraded advertising experience for local advertisers looking to reach readers online.

Marking the special occasion of the upgraded site, access to stories online has been free for the past few weeks.

The Journal appreciates your continued readership and looks forward to providing local news to subscribers in the best ways possible in the future.

Loss of confidence

When the populace loses confidence in its leaders it normally means trouble is coming. Loss of confidence is not to be confused with differences of opinion. Republicans may not have liked how Obama governed and the Democrats may have disliked Trump's policies. The opposition to both Presidents was significant, but both parties out of office didn't voice concern for the President's ability to conduct the affairs of the office.

Two other words impact our discussion of loss of confidence. Political reality and political Hopefully perception. underlying meanings are the same when you discuss an official. Quite often they are polar opposites. FDR was President during most of WWII and projected an image of strength and power in photos of him. Those pictures show a strong man standing behind a podium or sitting at a desk. Those were the photos that FDR wanted the public to see as they projected strength in his opinion and the opinion of the American public.

However, FDR contracted polio in his younger years and his legs were ravaged. He was normally in a wheelchair and when he stood he was supported by heavy braces on his legs. FDR did not want the perception of physical weakness to define him. Today, I doubt if FDR's physical disability would define

him as he was in fact a powerful President, public perception of that era would have thought otherwise.

Today both 77-year-old Trump and 81-year-old Biden are under public scrutiny as to their ability to perform the duties of President. All of us know senior citizens in their 80s who have full control of their mental faculties and have the mental fortitude to conduct serious business. Warren Buffet is a classic example of being able to carry on business, even at the age of 93. Our national laws have minimum age requirements for office: President, 35; Senator, 30 and Representative, 25. We do not have a maximum age to hold elected office. Our Supreme Court Justices are appointed for life and most stay in office until their late 70s or 80s. Why then are we so concerned about President Biden?

Biden from his time in the Senate was known for his verbal gaffes. Everyone knew, including Biden, would joke about it and Biden would quickly make a correction in his talk which showed that he had control of his faculties. We all know an individual who simply starts talking before his brain has engaged. We have all misspoke. No big deal---Unless it persists, and the subject matter is serious. When you are President of the United States your utterances, even if trivial, are examined by world.

Regardless of the nation, heads

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of state are under a proverbial spotlight. It simply comes with the job. Perception and reality get confused. The press made note of Gerald Ford when he hit his head on the door of the Marine Corps helicopter taking his back to the White House. No one at the time was asserting that Ford did not have the faculties to be President.

Today, Joe Biden has stumbled walking off of speaking platforms and plane steps. He gets names, dates and places mixed up in speeches and in talking with people. These are real events and by themselves mean little. It is the accumulation of the events that creates a perception of not being able to conduct the business of the office. That perception is jumped on by his opponents. In politics there is a point that perception becomes reality. With the office of the President that then becomes a national security concern. The last week has been a very disturbing week for the President.

While the Special Prosecutor

assigned to investigate the President's handling of classified documents after he left the office of Vice-President chose not to prosecute the case, his reasoning should be of great concern to all Americans. Prosecutor Hur stated that Biden was too elderly and having a forgetful memory that no jury would convict him. In essence Hur is saying that Biden committed the same act the Trump is charged with but that not jury will convict him because of his impaired faculties. Biden then gave a evening press conference to address the report. He did well at the beginning, then went of tangent and could not keep the leaders of Egypt and Mexico straight. That gaffe simply supported Hur's report to Biden's detriment.

A few days later an ABC news poll found that 86 percent of Americans believed that Biden was too old to be President. Polling has also indicated the same conclusion for Trump, but to no where near the 86th percentile.

Special Prosecutor Hur's report and the ABC polling should give pause to all Americans. The perception is that we as a nation have lost confidence in Biden as President. If the rest of the world views that perception as reality, the nation has a true national security problem.

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How to spot a scam

Selena Higgins

Social Security district manager, Normal

Now is the perfect time to protect yourself from scams that can damage your finances and reputation. We can work together to keep your personal information

Stay informed of the latest scam trends

Fraudsters continue to change their tactics. Make sure you understand the latest scam trends at www.ssa.gov/scam. Stay informed by:

- Following reliable news sources.
- Subscribing scam alert newsletters.
- Staying connected with your local enforcement agencies.

The more you know, the better prepared you'll be to identify and avoid scams.

Think carefully before sharing personal information

Phishing is one of the names.

main ways that scammers attempt to trick people into providing personal information. Pay close attention to emails or messages asking for your username, password, or other personal information.

Scammers pretend to be from familiar organizations to gain your trust. Stay alert when receiving calls that you did not request claiming to be from banks, government agencies, other well-known companies.

When in doubt, contact the organization directly through official channels to verify that the request is real before sharing any personal information or making payment.

Use strong passwords

Create strong, unique passwords like a phrase with upper and lowercase letters, numbers, special characters. Don't use passwords that are easy to guess like birthdays or



Consider using a password manager to generate unique passwords and securely store them for each of your online accounts.

Be savvy with QR codes QR codes are increasing

in popularity. They're in restaurants, on parking meters, in emails, and on social media.

Scammers have noticed! They are physically placing fake QR codes on top of official ones or creating fake QR codes on social media advertisements to get access to your personal information.

Never scan random QR codes. If the QR code looks odd or altered, do not scan

Protect your social media profiles

Take a moment to review the privacy settings on your social media platforms and limit the amount of personal information you share publicly.

Fraudsters may use your social media posts to personalize scams or get access to your accounts without your permission. Regularly check your friends list and remove any unfamiliar or suspicious accounts.

This month, let's make protecting ourselves against scams a top priority. We can significantly reduce the risk of being scammed by staying informed, being alert and careful, and safeguarding our accounts.

We invite you to watch our video at www.youtube.com/ watch?v=cyaUWTFLw3c to learn how to identify the red flags. Please share this information with those who may need it – and post it on social media.

Ambiance

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. Let us compare the French

McDonald's ambiance, from the previous article, to ours.

Food is one's primary concern for a fine dinner. An ideally grilled juicy steak smothered in mushrooms sounds delightful. Adding to that, we describe the side dishes with equivalent superlatives and a well paired wine as the beverage. The cook plates it most attractively.

If such a meal is created, would naturally want the perfect setting. Possibly an elegant dining room with a covered dining table and matching plush chairs. Candle sticks and a bouquet of flowers in the center. Oh yes, must not forget the soft music.

Your invited guests arrive and enjoy the hors d'oeuvres. They are seated for the soup appetizer. Suddenly, outside, there is a commotion of children screeching at the top of their lungs and laughing.



Corner

It is so noisy that your guests cannot carry on a decent conversation. Suddenly, lose their appetite and politely find

excuses to leave. Speaking to your neighbors has done no good in the past; let alone to complain. They simply do not care. How does this make you feel? Probably you feel hopeless and helpless to say nothing of utter failure in your hard costly efforts.

My story serves the purpose of illustrating that even the best of foods can be ruined if the ambiance (atmosphere) is conducive. "It is better to live on the roof than to live with contention." Proverbs 21: 9. If then something of this grandeur can be ruined so easily, even the simplest of meals can be ruined as well.

I have friends share their good dining experiences with me as well as their bad. One those experiences occurred at McDonald's. Senior citizens have their coffee drinking group. It is predominately a place parents take their children to eat. My friend has an autistic child that likes going there. Autistic people cannot cope well with loud noises. Unfortunately, two young women came with their rowdy children. The screeching greatly upset the autistic child. One of the rowdy boys nearly ran into an elderly gentleman coming out of the restroom. The father of the autistic child asked the mother to quiet her children. She was belligerent saying "this is a family restaurant" as if this sanctioned inconsiderate behavior. My friend asked for my views.

Even a cheeseburger cannot be enjoyed this Children reflect way. their parent's demeanor. Inconsiderate children reflect the parent's inabilities. Not caring about others implies your children lack the same? Believe me, you do your children no favor by ignoring their improper conduct. I can tell you what a family restaurant is not. It is not a playground. It is a place for families to enjoy eating together in peace. I have yet to see a swing set and slide in a dining area. The truth does not win out when arguing with those lacking logic.

Until next time, peace to

Double benefits for education

Per a Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General (VAOIG) report, veterans who are enrolled at the same time in two different education programs are receiving housing allowance benefits from both.

The two programs are the Post-9/11 GI Bill and VET TEC. Oddly enough, there's no prohibition against the double payments because the way that the VET TEC program was established isn't the same as other education programs (such as the Montgomery GI Bill) focuses on high-tech paid. In the first example in program for benefits.



by Freddy Groves

that specifically ban dual benefits. In other programs, a veteran must choose between one set of benefits or the other.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill program consists of three or four years of benefits that include books and supplies, tuition and a housing allowance.

training through specific the OIG report, the veteran providers. Benefits include the cost of classes and a housing allowance.

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) took 30 random veterans to study and determined that all of them received dual housing allowance benefits, averaging \$3,100.

They were also able to identify 249 veterans whose training and education programs overlapped, and calculated how many days that included and how much received over \$12,000 for 105 overlapping days. In the second example, the veteran received nearly \$11,000 for 58 overlapping days.

The VBA tried, says the report, to halt the dual housing payments. They were informed by attorneys that it wouldn't be "veteranfriendly" to reduce benefits and that no laws were being broken in paying the dual benefits. Only in other tinyurl.com/43z96am2. programs was the veteran The VET TEC program in housing benefits were required to only pick one

Congress stepped in with bill amendments to continue the VET TEC program past the end of the pilot period (the fiveyear pilot will end in April 2024), but according to the OIG report, the bills don't prevent "the concurrent receipt of educational benefits, including monthly housing allowance payments."

If you'd like to read the whole report, go to http://

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CHURCHES

Area Churches Directory

Crosspoint of Clinton

412 S. Monroe Street, Clinton (217) 935-8627 Sr. Pastor, Spencer McPheron 3 p.m.-Sunday worship 7 p.m.-Mondays family prayer 7 p.m.-Wednesday Bible study

Christ Lutheran Church & preschool

701 S. Mulberry Street, Clinton Office (217) 935-5808 Preschool office (217) 935-4675 8:15 a.m.-Sunday worship 9:30 a.m.-Sunday school Preschool Tues., Wed. and Thurs. morning and afternoon sessions.

Clinton Church of Christ

Bus. Rt. 51 south, Clinton (217) 935-5058 Stephen R. Bradd, Gospel preacher AudioEvangelism.com Clinton CofC.com 9 a.m.-Sunday morning Bible study 10 a.m.-Sunday morning worship 1 p.m.-Sunday worship 7 p.m.-Wednesday evening Bible study

Clinton Church of God

720 E. Woodlawn Street, Clinton clintoncog.org Mark Cooper, pastor 9:30 a.m.-Sunday school 10:30 a.m.-Sunday morning worship 6 p.m.-Sunday night service 7 p.m.-Wednesday service

Clinton Presbyterian Church

402 N. Center Street Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Tel. (217) 935-6178 Fax (217) 935-6128 Pastor-Paul Stroup clintonpresbyterian.org 9:15 a.m.-Sunday school 10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship with nursery available Senior high youth group meets twice a month. PC - A Place to Belong Believe - Become

Clinton United Methodist Church

308 E. Main Street Rev. Darrell Howard (217) 935-5869 clintonumcil.org 9 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Children & Adult 5 p.m. Saturday Evening Worship in chapel 3:30 p.m. Thursday JC Stars After School Children's program (pickup is available) 3rd Sunday S.W.A.G Sr & Jr High Youth 6 p.m. Extended Table 2nd and 4th Mondays 12:30 p.m. Wednesday Backpack Ministry

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

First Christian Church 100 N. Jackson Street, Clinton (W. Main & N. Jackson)

Jackson) clintonfcc.com Adult Bible School 10:45 a.m. Worship Services: 9:30

First Kids Worship for 3-yr -olds - 5th grade is available at 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

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Nursery available at each morning service.

First Church of the Nazarene

Rt. 51 and Kleemann Drive, Clinton Michael A. Taylor, pastor 8:30 a.m.-Sunday 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 midweek service

Kenney Christian Church

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

Lane Christian Church (217) 935-2557

www.lanechurch.org
Jim Kilson, preaching
and teaching minister
Marcus McCollom,
youth and family minister
9 a.m.-Sunday school
10 a.m.-worship
5:30 p.m.-youth group
"We're ordinary people
helping each other become faithful followers

of Jesus."

Lifebridges Church 200 S. Alexander Street, Clinton

(217) 570-0105 www. lifebridgeschurch.

Pastors-Jonathan and Dana Taylor 10 a.m.-Sunday celebration

10 a.m.- AMPED Kids for ages (1-5 grades) 10 a.m.-AMPED Jr. (birth-K)

7 p.m.-AfterShock teen church, 6th-12 grades 6 p.m.-Wednesday, Strategic Disciple 6:30 p.m.-Thursday, DIVE teen Bible study 7 p.m.- Thursdays, 1st & 3rd, Empowered Women / 2nd & 4th, Frontline Men

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

502 N. Monroe Street, Clinton (217) 935-3727 Fr. Thomas R. Szydlik, pastor 8 a.m. - Wed. & Fri. mornings Mass 4 p.m.-Saturday mass 8:30 a.m.-Sunday Mass

St. Patrick Catholic Church

320 S. Locust Street, P.O. Box 116, Wapella (217) 935-8510 Office hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues. & Thurs. Fr. Derrick Mwesiga, pastor 9 a.m.-Sunday, Tues. & Thurs. mass www.saintpatrickwapella.org

Texas Christian Church

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

The Blessed Hope Seventh-Day Adventist Church

112 N. Monroe St., Clinton (217) 731-4005 9:30 a.m.-Saturday, Sabbath school 11 a.m.- worship with pot luck afterwards

Wapella Christian Church

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

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 31:7-8

I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and knew the anguish of my soul. You have not given me into the hands of the enemy but have set my feet in a spacious place.

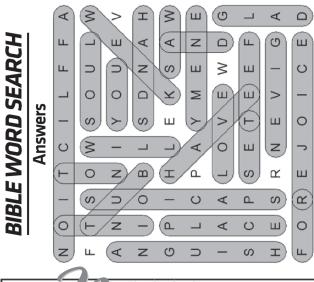
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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Valentin (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. From 1 John 3:18, "Let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in ..."? Hope, Abundance, Touch, Truth
- 3. In Proverbs 10:12, "Hatred stirreth up strifes, but love covereth all ..."? Sins, Beings, Creation, Enemies
- 4. Which Old Testament book reads like a love story? Ruth, Daniel, Habakkuk, Song of Solomon
- 5. Where does one find the phrase "God is love"? Genesis, Nehemiah, Hebrews, 1 John
- 6. From Hebrews 13:4, what is honorable in all? Love, Trust, Marriage, Worship

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Truth, 3) Sins, 4) Song of Solomon, 5) 1 John (4:8, 16), 6) Marriage

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BRIDGE BITES

IMPROVING THE ODDS

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E-W appear well-matched, because East bids most conservatively (he didn't open and he didn't compete to 3♠) whereas West seems to bid a lot (witness his 1♠ call).

The ◆J opening lead was taken by East's Ace, and the ◆Q played to Declarer's King. Trumps were drawn in three rounds, and with a Club and a Diamond still to be lost, Declarer concluded that a successful Spade guess was required to bring this one home. She'd just finished reading Lawrence's "Counting at Bridge", so she put her new-found technique to work. East had shown up with ◆AQ and ◆J, added to which he might also have a Club honor. With all that, and the ◆A, surely East would have opened the bidding instead of passing in first seat. So, with a high degree of confidence, she led a Spade to the King and East's surprising Ace. Down one.

It was unfortunate that Declarer's bedtime reading had not been "End-Plays for the Improving Player". In that case, after drawing trumps, she would have cashed the ♣K and led a Club to the Ten and East's Jack. East could cash the ◆T, but then had no safe exit ... a Spade return would spare Declarer the guess ... and a Club return would allow Declarer to pitch a Spade on the fourth round of Clubs. Making 9 tricks.

It's true that playing on Clubs was not a sure thing. West might have held ♣QJx, in which case he would split his honors and win the third round of the suit. Now West will lead a low Spade and Declarer can revert to her counting activities (without a happy ending, as it happens).

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

Girls basketball 'Senior Night'



Courtesy of Clinton High School

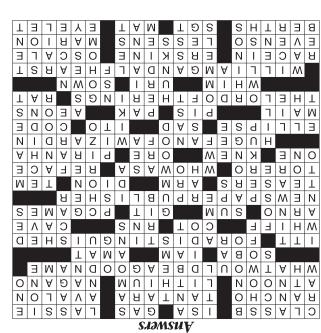
Senior Night for the Lady Maroons was a memorable one as they celebrated four-year players Sarah Mills, Heidi Humble, and MaKayla Koeppel. Clinton (19-11) trailed Cerro Gordo (18-12) by a score of 17-10 halfway through the 2nd quarter. The girls righted the ship going on a 51-12 run over the final 20 minutes of the game for a 61-29 victory. Clinton was led by Clara Dempsey with 19 points. Regan Filkin scored 11, MaKayla Koeppel 10, Heidi Humble 7, Carly Anderson 6, Lanie Helfand 3, Avery Smith 2, Sarah Mills 2, and Lilah Cluver 1.

CJHS dance team 1st in Junior High Jazz at State

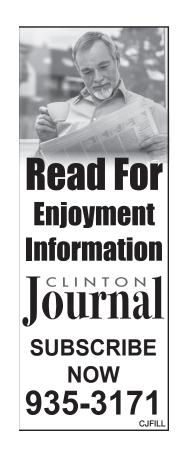


Photo courtesy of Woods Studio

The CJHS dance team recently placed 3rd in Junior High Lyrical and 1st place in Junior High Jazz on Saturday, February 10, in State competition, with 14 competitors making it to State in Junior High Jazz . First year coached by Madison Kerr and assistant Corinne Karr. Athletic director Matt Koeppel. Shown not in order, Aaliyah Osborne, Lily Osborne , Jenna Groves, Mylee Stephenson, Tinley Reid, Grace Klein , Peyton Johnston, Stella Hammer, Stella Olichwier, Kaylee Whitted, Saige Williamson, Aubrey Roberts



- **Super** Crossword -



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SPORTS

Maroons roll on to 70-35 win over Raiders

Gordon Woods

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CLINTON - Except for the fact Central A&M scored first in its game against the varsity Maroons on Feb. 9, the Raiders ultimately found it too much going against the Maroon's defense.

The Raiders' Hunter White hit for 2 as the game got under way before a packed house at Clinton High School. A second basket put the Raiders up 4-0 before the Maroon's Brooks Cluver hit for 3 Clinton ahead 5-4.

The Maroons began extending their 1st quarter lead, Colton Walker with two baskets as the Maroons' points added up. Carter Thomas hit for 2 putting the Maroons ahead 14-6.

Clinton scoring continued on an offensive drive. Mason Walker took a foul, as did Anthony Westbrooks, but Walker then put in a 3-point shot followed by Westbrooks for 2, Clinton out in front 22-8.

two more, but the quarter ended with the Maroons up by 12, 22-10.

Second quarter Clinton scoring faced resistance from the Raiders, but the Maroons stayed out front of any opposition advance, scoring 13-9 against the Raiders.

The Maroons went into the locker room at the half with a comfortable 35-19 lead.

Third quarter scoring kept the Maroons ahead, but the 4th quarter told the story of this game as the Raiders crumbling under followed by two more, the weight of Maroons' defense.

Mason Walker scored a 3-pointer followed by the Raiders' Gavin Houchins matching it with his own 3. But, at this point, Raiders' scoring all but stopped as the Maroons' defense harassed the opposition and began scoring almost

The 4th quarter was all Clinton as they wrapped up this win 70-35, taking them to 25-4 overall, 5-0 in conference play.

The Maroons clinched 2023-2024 The Raider did manage Conference Championship.



Above, right, Maroons defense kept up the pressure against the Raiders in the Feb. 8 game at home. **Below**, an example of Maroons consistent offense. Gordon Woods / Journal



CJHS wrestling action



Gordon Woods / Journal

Clinton Junior High School wrestling Maroons hosted a meet on Feb. 8 in the junior

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY & PERMANENT VOTING SITES

TEMPORARY VOTING SITE

EARLY VOTING BEGINS FEB 8, 2024, THRU MARCH 18, 2024. THE DEWITT COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE THE TEMPORARY VOTING SITE FOR EARLY VOTING. HOURS ARE MONDAY THRU FRIDAY FROM 8:30AM TO 4:30PM, EXCLUDING FEDERAL HOLIDAYS. EXTRA HOURS FOR EARLY VOTING WILL BE FEB 20, 2024, FROM 8:30AM TO 5:30PM & MAR 16, 2024, WE WILL BE OPEN FROM 9:00AM TO 11:00AM FOR EARLY AND GRACE PERIOD VOTING. OUR ADDRESS IS 201 W WASHINGTON STREET, CLINTON IL 61727. **OUR OFFICE CAN BE REACHED BY PHONE AT 217-935-7780.**

PERMANENT VOTING SITES ARE LISTED BELOW THESE SITES WILL ONLY BE OPEN THE DAY OF THE ELECTION, MARCH 19, 2024, FROM 6AM TO 7PM.

0201-CLINTONIA #1 **YMCA** 0202-CLINTONIA #2 First Christian Church 0203-CLINTONIA #3 First Christian Church 0204CLINTONIA #4 First Christian Church 0205-CLINTONIA #5 First Christian Church 0206-CLINTONIA #6 First Christian Church 0207-CLINTONIA #7 First Christian Church **0208-CLINTONIA #8 0209-CLINTONIA #9 YMCA** 0301-CREEK **Town Hall 0401-DEWITT Town Hall Town Hall** 0501-HARP 0601-NIXON Village Hall 0701-RUTLEDGE American Legion Building 0801-SANTA ANNA #1 **American Legion Building** 0802-SANTA ANNA #2 **American Legion Building** 0803-SANTA ANNA #3 **American Legion Building** 0901-TEXAS **Texas Town Hall** 1001-TUNBRIDGE **Tunbridge Town Hall** Wapella Township Building 1101-WAPELLA 1201-WAYNESVILLE Waynesville Township Bldg **1301-WILSON** Wilson Town Hall

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**First Christian Church has TWO valid addresses: 100 N Jackson St. and 200 W Main St. Voting for both addresses are at the SAME location, SAME entrance and SAME room.

February 8, 2024 **KARI L HARRIS DEWITT COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER**

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REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, **ILLINOIS** FREEDOM MORT-GAGE CORPORA-TION. PLAINTIFF, JAMES THAX-TON; UNKNOWN **OWNERS AND** NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DE-FENDANTS. 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 that pursuant to

IS HEREBY GIVEN 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., II 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

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

Sale Terms: This

is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The

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must deposit 10%

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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

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The property will

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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 MORT-

within 24 hours. NO GAGE FORECLO-SURE 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 Attornevs. 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. 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 INFOR-MATION 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.

> Legal 19959 RE February 2. February 9, February 16,

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REAL ESTATE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL **CIRCUIT** DEWITT COUNTY, **ILLINOIS** FLAT BRANCH MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF, VS **GERALD NOR-**DGEN, SPECIAL REPRESENTA-TIVE OF BECKY J GRANT, DE-CEASED: UN-KNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RE-CORD CLAIM-ANTS; DONALD W STURGEON: **UNKNOWN HEIRS** AND LEGATEES OF DONNA JEAN BIGGS: UNKNOWN

NO. 23 FC 1 1824 EAST MAIN STREET CLINTON, IL 61727 JUDGE PRESID-**ING JUDGE** 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 December 20, 2023, will on 03/27/2024, in De-Witt County Courthouse (Main Door). 201 West Washington St., Clinton., II 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. 07-35-230-016 COMMONLY **KNOWN AS: 1824** East Main Street Clinton, IL 61727 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has no garage. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is blue. The property does not have a fence. The property is occupied. The Judgment amount was \$107,109.89. 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.

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> tion. 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 MORT-**GAGE FORECLO-**SURE 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. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 22-13839IL **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 INFOR-MATION WILL BE **USED FOR THAT** PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in

Legal 19962 RE Feb. 16, Feb. 23, and Mar. 1, 2024

this notice of sale.

LEGAL DEWITT COUNTY, **ILLINOIS** VS. JAMES THAX-TON; UNKNOWN

UNDER ILLINOIS inspection. Pro-**MORTGAGE** spective bidders **FORECLOSURE** are admonished to ACT check the court file PUBLIC NOTICE to verify all informa-IS HEREBY GIVEN tion. that pursuant to The successful a Judgment of purchaser has the Foreclosure and sole responsibility/ Sale entered by the expense of evicting Court in the above any tenants or other individuals presently entitled cause on

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THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION is blue. The gas is PRACTICES ACT, off. The water is off. THE PLAINTIFF'S The property does ATTORNEY IS not have a fence. DEEMED TO BE A **DEBT COLLECTOR** The property is vacant. ATTEMPTING TO The Judgment **COLLECT A DEBT** amount was AND ANY INFOR-\$66,055.62. MATION WILL BE Sale Terms: This **USED FOR THAT** PURPOSE. is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The Plaintiff's attorney successful bidder is not required to must deposit 10% provide additional information other down by certified funds; balance, than that set forth in

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

this notice of sale.

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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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FREEDOM MORT-GAGE CORPORA-TION. PLAINTIFF, **OWNERS AND** NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DE-FENDANTS. NO. 23 FC 20 410 NORTH MONROE STREET CLINTON, IL 61727 NOTICE OF SALE **PURSUANT TO** JUDGMENT OF

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Audrey L. West Trust dated January 31, 2012, as amended,

Plaintiffs,

Auctioneer

VS.

JOHN E. WEST, as Trustee of the John E. West Declara-

tion 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 UN-KNOWN OWNERS,

Defendants.

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TITION BY PUBLI-CATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, all UN-KNOWN 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 1/2 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.

04-35-200-002.

Tract 2: The West ½ of the Southwest 1/4 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 1/4 of Section 30, the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 30, the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, **EXCEPT** that part of said Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 lying South and East of the Illinois Central Railroad right-of-way; also commencing at the

of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 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 1/4 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

Northwest corner

05-30-300-PIN: 001.

County, Illinois.

NOW THERE-FORE, unless you, UNKNOWN OWNERS, file your answer to the Complaint in this cause or otherwise make your appear-

ance 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: CRAIG W. RUNYON (#6296475)SAMUELS, MILL-ER, SCHROEDER, JACKSON & SLY, Attorneys for Plain-225 N. Water St., Ste. 301 P.O. Box 1400 Decatur, IL 62525-1400 Telephone: (217) 429-4325 Fax: (217) 425-6313 runyon@samuelsmiller.com

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CLINTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOLS VACANCY NOTICE NO. 20

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Clinton High School

Spanish Teacher, application deadline February 16, 2024

- Business Teacher for 2024-2025 school year, application deadline February
- 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

CJHS/CES

Teacher Aide 1-1. (This position splits between two schools). Please see website for requirements for para license https://roe17.org/licensure/ paraprofessionals, application deadline February 16, 2024

Clinton Elementary School

- ESL Teacher (English as a Second Language), click link for full description, https://5il.co/2e2m7 application deadline February 16, 2024
- **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

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

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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 1700Ego 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.

> **OPEN HOUSE** Mon- Feb. 12, 19, 26 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. All Properties Marked w/Signs

PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION MARCH 16-10:00 AM (sale held inside) Location: 17370 E 300 N RD-Heyworth, IL Tractor-Wagons-Trailers-Household-Tools

HAYCRAFT AUCTION CO., INC.

Auctioneer – Liquidator – Appraiser 10478 Bucks Rd-Wapella, IL 61777 Jay: 309-275-4506 | ILN 440.000268

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is an "AS IS" sale

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against said real

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IF YOU ARE THE

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WITH SECTION

ILLINOIS MORT-

For Information:

SURE LAW

GAGE FORECLO-

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. Chica-

No. (312) 346-9088.

Please refer to file#

go, IL 60602. Tel.

PURSUANT TO

THE FAIR DEBT

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LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL **CIRCUIT** DEWITT COUNTY, **ILLINOIS** FLAT BRANCH MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF, **GERALD NOR-**DGEN, SPECIAL REPRÉSENTA-TIVE OF BECKY J GRANT, DE-CEASED; UN-KNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RE-CORD CLAIM-ANTS; DONALD W STURGEON; **UNKNOWN HEIRS** AND LEGATEES OF DONNA JEAN **BIGGS; UNKNOWN** HEIRS AND LEGA-TEES OF BECKY J GRANT. DEFENDANTS. NO. 23 FC 1 1824 EAST MAIN STREET CLINTON, IL 61727 JUDGE PRESID-**ING JUDGE** 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 December 20, 2023, will on 03/27/2024, in De-Witt County Courthouse (Main Door), 201 West Washington St., Clinton., II 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: LOTS 19 AND 20 IN BLOCK 4 IN WILLIAM FULLER'S SUB-DIVISION OF 20 ACRES OFF THE NORTH END OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE CITY OF CLINTON, IN DEWITT COUN-TY, ILLINOIS. TAX NO. 07-35-230-016 **COMMONLY** KNOWN AS: 1824 East Main Street Clinton, IL 61727 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has no garage. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is blue. The property does not have a fence. The property is occupied. The Judgment amount was \$107,109.89

information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. 13235532

Legal 19962 Feb. 16, Feb. 23, and Mar. 1, 2024

LEGAL

Assumed Name **Publication Notice**

Public Notice is hereby given that on Monday, January 29, 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:

THE SACRED **GRIEF COMPANY** 919 N ELIZABETH STREET CLINTON IL 61727

Dated this 29 day of January, 2024

/s/ Kari L. Harris/sw County Clerk

No. 2024DBA-0205

(SEAL)

Legal 19966 February 9, February 16, February 23,

LEGAL

Assumed Name **Publication Notice**

Public Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of De-Witt County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as:

THE FLOWER SHED 801 S CAIN ST CLINTON IL 61727

Dated this 30 day of <u>January</u>, <u>2024</u>

/s/ Kari L. Harris/sw

County Clerk

No. 2024DBA-0206

(SEAL)

Legal 19967 February 9, February 16, February 23,

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL **CIRCUIT**

DEWITT COUNTY -IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD LEE BOWMAN, DECEASED

No. 24-PR-2

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDE-PENDENT ADMIN-<u>ISTRATION</u>

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

Letters of Office were issued on January 25, 2024 to Brenda Ruch-Popejoy, 869 East 3300 N. Rd., Farmer City, DeWitt County, Illinois 61842, as independent executor. The attorney for the estate is Bryce A. Lynch of Taylor & Lynch, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois, 61727.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the Representative, or both, on or before August 23, 2024. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the Claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested party terminates Independent Administration by filing a Petition to Terminate under

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE **6TH JUDICIAL** CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY. **ILLINOIS** FREEDOM MORT-GAGE CORPORA-TION PLAINTIFF,

provider. For more

information, go to

ilcourts.info/efiling.

If you cannot e-file,

you can get an ex-

emption that allows

you to file in-person

charged filing fees,

pay them, you can

file an Application

It is possible that

you to attend the

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BRYAN P ECK-ROTE; UNKNOWN **OWNERS AND** NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; **DEFENDANTS** CASE NO .: 2023FC27 PROPERTY AD-DRESS: 523 EAST MAIN STREET CLINTON, IL 61727 NOTICE BY PUBLI-CATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed. notice is hereby given to you: BRYAN P ECK-ROTE UNKNOWN OWN-ERS AND NON-RE-

or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website CORD CLAIMANTS to find out whether this is possible and. that Plaintiff comif so, how to do this. menced this case Need help? Call or in the Circuit Court text Illinois Court of DeWitt County Help at 833-411against you and 1121 or go to ilcourother defendants. thelp.gov for inforfor foreclosure of mation about going a certain mortto court, including gage lien recorded how to fill our and against the real file documents. You estate described as can also get free legal information LOT 8 IN BLOCK

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ADDITION TO at illinoislegalaid. THE TOWN, NOW org. All documents CITY OF CLINreferred to in this TON, INCLUDING Summons can be ONE-HALF OF found at ilcourts. THE ALLEY ON info/forms. Other THE NORTH SIDE documents may be OF SAID LOT, available from your SITUATED IN THE **local Circuit Court** CITY OF CLIN-Clerk's office or TON, COUNTY OF website. DEWITT, IN THE ¿Necesita ayuda? STATE OF ILLI-Llame o envie un NOIS. mansaje de texto a A.P.N.: 07-35-105-Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, Common Address: o visite ilcourthelp. 523 EAST MAIN gov para obtener in-STREET CLINTON, formación sobra los IL 61727 casos de la corte v PIN: 07-35-105-009 cómo completer y Said mortgage was presenter formulaexecuted by BRYrios. AN P. ECKROTE, Unless you file as mortgagor(s) your Appearance and STATE BANK and Answer/Re-OF LINCOLN, as sponse in this case mortgagee, on in the office of the 12/2/2017 and reclerk of this court corded in the Office by 3/11/2024 A of the Recorder of JUDGMENT OF Deeds of DeWitt **FORECLOSURE** OR DECREEE BY County, Illinois as **Document Number DEFAULT MAY** BE ENTERED 250851. **AGAINST YOU** You have been sued. Read all FOR THE RELIEF documents attached ASKED FOR IN to this Summons. THE PLAINTIFF'S To participate in the COMPLAINT. case, you MUST David Mazzella file an official 6344319 document with the Robertson Anschutz court within the Schneid Crane & Partners, PLLC time stated on this Summons called 205 N. Michigan an "Appearance" Suite 810 Chicago, IL 60601 and a document called an "Answer/ Phone: (561) 241-Response". The 6901 Answer/Response E-mail: ILmail@ is not required in raslg.com File: 23-168861 small claims or THIS COMMUNIeviction cases unless ordered by CATION IS FROM the court. If you do A DEBT COLLECnot file an Appear-TOR. ance and Answer/ 6114-939649 Response on time, Legal 19971 the court my decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be 2024 held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the LEGAL necessary documents, you need NOTICE to electronically file (e-file) them with **AUTOMATIC TAB**the court. To e-file, **ULATING EQUIP**you must create MENT TEST an account with an e-filing service

February 9, February 16, February 23,

Notice is hereby given that the "Testing of the Automatic Tabulating Equipment" required by 10 ILCS 5/24A-9 or 24B-9 will be held on March 6. 2024. at 9:00am. at the DeWitt County Building located at 201 W Washington St, Clinton IL 61727.

As prescribed by the Election Code, this test is open to representatives of the political parties, the press, and the public.

Dated: February 8, 2024

Kari L Harris DeWitt County Election Authority

Legal 19973 February 16, 2024

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Notice of General Primary Election

Notice is hereby

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the General Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, the 19th of March, 2024, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of Olympia CUSD No. 16, DeWitt County, and the State of

PROPOSITION **OLYMPIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16**

PROPOSITION TO INCREASE MAXIMUM ANNUAL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Shall the maximum annual tax rate for operations and maintenance purposes of Olympia Community Unit School District No. 16, McLean, Tazewell, Logan, DeWitt, and Woodford Counties, Illinois, be increased and established at .75 percent upon all the taxable property of said School District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of .50 percent, the present maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purpose?

YES

O NO

The approximate amount of taxes extendible for operations and maintenance purposes under the maximum rate now in force in said School District is the sum of \$1,702,000.

The approximate amount of taxes extendible for operations and aintenance purposes under the proposed increased rate is the sum of

c. The total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District is the sum of \$30,180,000; the total dollar amount of said said School District is the sum of \$30,180,000; the total dollar amount of said annual budget, if increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is the sum of \$31,032,000; the percentage of increase in the total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District if such total dollar amount were increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is 2.82 percent.

d. The percentage increase between the maximum rate at which such taxes for operations and maintenance purposes may be levied if the proposition is approved and the annual rate at which such taxes for operations and maintenance purposes is currently levied is 50.0 percent.

PROPOSITION TO INCREASE MAXIMUM ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL TAX RATE

Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes of Olympia Community Unit School District No. 16, McLean, Tazewell, Logan, DeWitt, and Woodford Counties, Illinois, be increased and established at 3.40 percent upon all the taxable property of said School District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of 2.90 percent, the present maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purpose?

YES

O NO

The approximate amount of taxes extendible for educational purposes under the maximum rate now in force in said School District is the sum of

. The approximate amount of taxes extendible for educational purposes under the proposed increased rate is the sum of \$11,578,000.
c. The total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District is the sum of \$30,180,000; the total dollar amount of said said School District is the sum of \$30,180,000; the total dollar amount of said annual budget, if increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is the sum of \$31,883,000; the percentage of increase in the total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District if such total dollar amount were increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is 5.64 percent.

d. The percentage increase between the maximum rate at which such taxes for educational purposes may be levied if the proposition is approved and the annual rate at which such taxes for educational purposes is currently levied is 17.2 percent.

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day. Dated this

Legal 19980 February 16, 2024 day of February, 2024. Kari & Harris

Kari L. Harris, County Clerk The County of DeWitt and State of Illinois

given that on Mar 19, 2024, in Dewitt County in the County of DeWitt, an election will be held for the offices listed below. The Election Polling Places will be open starting at 6:00am and continue until 7:00pm that

Offices to be elected at the General Primary Election: President of the United States, Representative in Congress, Delegate to the National Nominating Convention, Alternate Delegate to the National Nomination Convention. Representative in the General Assembly, County State's Attorney, County Circuit Clerk, County Coroner, County Board District C Members, County Board District D Members, Precinct Committeeperson

February 8, 2024 Kari L Harris **DeWitt County** Clerk

Legal 19974 February 16, 2024

LEGAL

Notice of Public Sale is hereby given that an auction will be held online on www.lockerfox.com beginning on March 13, 2024 at 12:00 and ending March 20, 2024 12:01-12:04 pm to sell the following individuals' articles to enforce lien against such articles, for storage furnished at Storage Unlimited, 1506 Route 54 East, Clinton IL 61727, (217) 935-3200 under a rental agreement with:

12:01 pm, Jessica N. Paxton, occupant of space 1L36, items: TV, Air conditioner, household items, kitchen items, children's items, boxes and misc.

12:04 pm, Cierra C. Zbinden, occupant of space 1R14, items: clothing. stroller, suitcase, car seat, misc boxes and bags

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Notice of Public Sale is hereby given that an auction will be held online on www.lockerfox.com beginning on March 13, 2024 at 12:00 and ending March 20, 2024 12:06 pm to sell the following individuals' articles to enforce lien against such articles, for storage furnished at Storage Unlimited, 18709 Dewitt Road, Dewitt, IL 61735, (217) 935-3200 under a rental agreement with:

12:06 pm, Alexis K Lamborn, occupant of space 2A26, items: appliance dolly, gun cabinet, compound bow case, TV, assorted household and garage items, assorted boxes and totes.

Legal 19982 February 16, 2024 February 23, 2024



REPUBLICAN SPECIMEN BALLOT DeWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS **GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION** MARCH 19, 2024

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS SPECIMEN BALLOT IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE OFICES AND CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED IN THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD IN DeWITT COUNTY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024

> Kari J. Harris KARI'L. HARRIS, COUNTY CLERK DeWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

FEDERAL

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (Vote for one)

- > RYAN L BINKLEY
- RON DeSANTIS
- NIKKI HALEY
- DONALD J. TRUMP
- CHRIS CHRISTIE
- Write-in

CONGRESSIONAL

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FIFTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(Vote for one) MARY E. MILLER

FOR DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION FIFTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(PLEASE NOTE: Next to the name of each candidate for delegate appears in parentheses the candidate's preference for President of the United States or the word "uncommitted".)

- (Vote for not more than three)
- ─ KIM CLARKE MAISCH (HALEY)
- JOHN FARNEY (HALEY) DAVID JANSSEN (HALEY)
- MARY E. MILLER (TRUMP)
- WILLIAM J. GRAFF (TRUMP) JOSEPH D. ALEXANDER (TRUMP)
- RAYMOND POE (DeSANTIS)
- JAMES SCHACKMANN (DeSANTIS)
- AVERY BOURNE (DeSANTIS)
- BRENDA STADEL (CHRISTIE)

FOR ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION FIFTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(PLEASE NOTE: Next to the name of each candidate for alternate appears in parentheses the candidate's preference for President of the United States or the word "uncommitted".)

- (Vote for not more than three)

 LUCY STAFFORD (HALEY)
- DEB DETMERS FANSLER (HALEY)
- DAVID NEWBERG (HALEY)
- STEVEN R. DRAKE (TRUMP)
- MECHTILD "MECKI" KOSIN (TRUMP)
- CHRIS G. MILLER (TRUMP)
- JASON E. HUFFMAN (DeSANTIS)
- GREG WITHERS (DeSANTIS)
- STAN McMORRIS (DeSANTIS)
- JOSEPH DIVELY (CHRISTIE)
- SHEILA DIVELY (CHRISTIE) DAVID BENDER (CHRISTIE)

REPRESENTATIVE

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY **EIGHTY-SEVENTH** REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one) ○ WILLIAM E HAUTER

> FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY **EIGHTY-EIGHTH** REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

REGAN DEERING

CHUCK ERICKSON

COUNTY

FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY (Vote for one)

DAN MARKWELL

FOR CIRCUIT CLERK (Vote for one)

MICHELLE VanVALEY

FOR CORONER (Vote for one)

RANDALL J. RICE

COUNTY BOARD

FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT C

- (Vote for not more than three)
- THOMAS L. FARRIS KRISTINA DEERWESTER
- MEGAN A. MYERS

FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT D

- (Vote for not more than three) MELONIE TILLEY
- DAN MATTHEWS
- CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL HAMMER

PRECINCT

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BARNETT

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 1

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 2

(Vote for one)

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 3

JOSEPH D. ALEXANDER

(Vote for one)

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 4

No Candidate

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 5

(Vote for one) DAN MATTHEWS

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 6

(Vote for one) No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 7

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 8

(Vote for one) No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 9

(Vote for one) No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CREEK

(Vote for one) No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON DEWITT

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON HARP

(Vote for one) → TERRY FERGUSON

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON NIXON

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON RUTLEDGE

(Vote for one)

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SANTA ANNA 1

○ LESLIE "MOE" WINSTEAD JR

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SANTA ANNA 2

(Vote for one)

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SANTA ANNA 3

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

GLENN REESER

PRECINCT

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON TEXAS

(Vote for one) DUSTIN A. PETERSON

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON TUNBRIDGE

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON WAPELLA

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON WAYNESVILLE

(Vote for one)

JOHN L. PERRING

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON WILSON

(Vote for one)

PROPOSITION

NORTHERN PIATT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PROPOSITION TO LEVY SPECIAL TAX FOR **AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Shall the Northern Piatt Fire Protection District levy a special tax at a rate not to exceed .40% of the value of all taxable property within the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue for the purpose of providing an ambulance service?

- YES
- \bigcirc NO

OLYMPIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16

PROPOSITION TO INCREASE MAXIMUM ANNUAL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE **TAX RATE**

Shall the maximum annual tax rate for operations and maintenance purposes of Olympia Community Unit School District No. 16, McLean, Tazewell, Logan, DeWitt, and Woodford Counties, Illinois, be increased and established at .75 percent upon all the taxable property of said School District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of .50 percent, the present maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purpose?

- YES
- \bigcirc NO
- The approximate amount of taxes extendible for operations and maintenance purposes under the maximum rate now in force in said School District is the sum of \$1,702,000.

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- b. The approximate amount of taxes extendible for operations and maintenance purposes under the proposed increased rate is the sum of \$2,554,000.
- \$2,554,000.

 The total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District is the sum of \$30,180,000; the total dollar amount of said annual budget, if increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is the sum of \$31,032,000; the percentage of increase in the total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District if such total dollar amount were increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is 2.82 percent.
- d. The percentage increase between the maximum rate at which such taxes for operations and maintenance purposes may be levied if the proposition is approved and the annual rate at which such taxes for operations and maintenance purposes is currently levied is 50.0 percent.

PROPOSITION TO INCREASE MAXIMUM ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL TAX RATE

Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes of Olympia Community Unit School District No. 16, McLean, Tazewell, Logan, DeWitt, and Woodford Counties, Illinois, be increased and established at 3.40 percent upon all the taxable property of said School District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of 2.90 percent, the present maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purpose?

- YES
- \bigcirc NO
- a. The approximate amount of taxes extendible for educational purposes under the maximum rate row in force in said School District is the sum of
- \$9,875,000 The approximate amount of taxes extendible for edu
- under the proposed increased rate is the sum of \$11,578,000. c. The total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District is the sum of \$30,180,000; the total dollar amount of said annual budget, if increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is the sum of \$31,883,000; the percentage of increase in lhe total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District if such total dollar amount were increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the
- proposition is approved, is 5.64 percent.
 d. The percentage increase between the maximum rate at which such taxes for educational purposes may be levied if the proposition is approved and the annual rate at which such taxes for educational purposes is currently levied is

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DEMOCRATIC SPECIMEN BALLOT DeWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION MARCH 19, 2024

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> Kari J. Harris KARI L. HARRIS, COUNTY CLERK DeWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

FEDERAL

FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

- (Vote for one) O JOSEPH R BIDEN JR
- DEAN PHILLIPS
- MARIANNE WILLIAMSON
- FRANK "FRANKIE" LOZADA
- Write-in

CONGRESSIONAL

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FIFTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL NOMINATING CONVENTION FIFTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(PLEASE NOTE: Next to the name of each candidate for delegate appears in parentheses the candidate's preference for President of the United States or the word "uncommitted".)

(Vote for not more than four) JAY BRINEY (BIDEN)

- LIZ BROWN-REEVES (BIDEN)
- JIMMY NAVILLE (BIDEN)
- JULIE CURRY (BIDEN)

REPRESENTATIVE

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY **EIGHTY-SEVENTH** REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one) No Candidate

FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY **EIGHTY-EIGHTH** REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY (Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR CIRCUIT CLERK (Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR CORONER

No Candidate

COUNTY BOARD

FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT C

(Vote for not more than three) No Candidate

FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT D

(Vote for not more than three)

CRYSTAL MORRIS

PRECINCT

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BARNETT

(Vote for one) No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 1

(Vote for one) No Candidate

PRECINCT

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 2

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 3

(Vote for one)

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 4

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 5

(Vote for one)
RITA SUE WHITTED

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 6

(Vote for one) CLAYTON K. HELD

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 7

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 8

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 9

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CREEK

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON DEWITT

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON NIXON

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON RUTLEDGE

(Vote for one) No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SANTA ANNA 1

(Vote for one)

○ DAVID HARRIS

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SANTA ANNA 2

(Vote for one)

→ TRAVIS RAUSCH

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SANIA ANNA 3

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON TEXAS

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON TUNBRIDGE

(Vote for one) No Candidate

PRECINCT

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON WAPELLA

(Vote for one)

TERRY C. REDMAN

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON WAYNESVILLE

(Vote for one) No Candidate

FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON WILSON

(Vote for one)

No Candidate

PROPOSITION

NORTHERN PIATT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PROPOSITION TO LEVY SPECIAL TAX FOR **AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Shall the Northern Piatt Fire Protection District levy a special tax at a rate not to exceed .40% of the value of all taxable property within the district as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue for the purpose of providing an ambulance service?

YES

 \bigcirc NO

OLYMPIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16

PROPOSITION TO INCREASE MAXIMUM **ANNUAL OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE TAX RATE**

Shall the maximum annual tax rate for operations and maintenance purposes of Olympia Community Unit School District No. 16, McLean, Tazewell, Logan, DeWitt, and Woodford Counties, Illinois, be increased and established at .75 percent upon all the taxable property of said School District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of .50 percent, the present maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purpose?

O YES

 \bigcirc NO

a. The approximate amount of taxes extendible for operations and maintenance purposes under the maximum rate now in force in said School District is the sum of \$1,702,000.
 b. The approximate amount of taxes extendible for operations and

maintenance purposes under the proposed increased rate is the sum of \$2,554,000.

\$2,554,000.

The total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District is the sum of \$30,180,000; the total dollar amount of said annual budget, if increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is the sum of \$31,032,000; the percentage of increase in the total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District if such total dollar amount of additional tax which may be levied if the were increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is 2.82 percent.

d. The percentage increase between the maximum rate at which such taxes for operations and maintenance purposes may be levied if the proposition is approved and the annual rate at which such taxes for operations and

maintenance purposes is currently levied is 50.0 percent PROPOSITION TO INCREASE MAXIMUM

ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL TAX RATE

Shall the maximum annual tax rate for educational purposes of Olympia Community Unit School District No. 16, McLean, Tazewell, Logan, DeWitt, and Woodford Counties, Illinois, be increased and established at 3.40 percent upon all the taxable property of said School District at the value, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, instead of 2.90 percent, the present maximum rate otherwise applicable to the next taxes to be extended for said purpose?

YES

 \bigcirc NO

\$9,875,000.

b. The approximate amount of taxes extendible for educational purposes under the proposed increased rate is the sum of \$11,578,000.

The total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District is the sum of \$30,180,000; the total dollar amount of said annual budget, if increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the proposition is approved, is the sum of \$31,883,000; the percentage of increase in the total dollar amount of the most recently approved annual budget of said School District if such total dollar amount were increased by the amount of additional tax which may be levied if the

proposition is approved, is 5.64 percent.
d. The percentage increase between the maximum rate at which such taxes for educational purposes may be levied if the proposition is approved and the annual rate at which such taxes for educational purposes is currently levied is

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Announcement is hereby made that the colors of the official primary ballots to be used by the respective political parties at the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday March 19, 2024, will be as follows:

POLITICAL PARTY DEMOCRAT

REPUBLICAN

COLOR OF BALLOT GREEN HEADER YELLOW HEADER

Dated February 8, 2024.

Kari L Harris DeWitt County Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the General Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, the 19th of March, 2024, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of Northern Piatt Fire Protection District, DeWitt County and the State of Illinois

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YES

O NO

The polls at the election will be open at 6:00 o'clock A.M. and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day. Dated this day of February, 2024.

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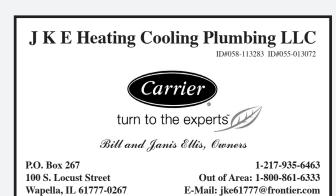


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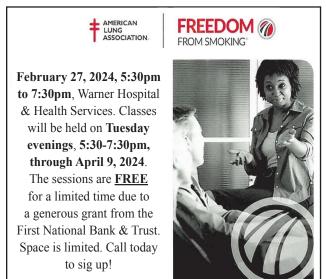
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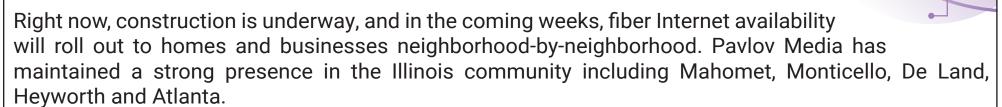
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1976: Severe thunderstorms developed across parts of central Illinois during the late afternoon hours. A tornado touched down in Pana, in Christian County, destroying a home and damaging about 50 others. The storms also produced strong winds in Macoupin, Montgomery, Shelby, and Coles Counties. Damage occurred to trees, power lines, and some buildings as a result.

2003: A long-lasting sleet storm affected southern Illinois. The precipitation was almost all sleet south of the Marion/Carbondale area, where an inch or two was reported. Along and north of a Carbondale to Harrisburg line, there was more snow, with total accumulations of sleet and snow in the 3 to 6 inch range. The storm occurred on the Presidents Day weekend. Most schools and businesses scheduled to be open on Presidents Day were closed. Franklin County officials reported about 25 accidents in that county alone, none of which involved injuries

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