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Germany hoped the last-ditch 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 551<sup>st</sup> 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 101<sup>st</sup>, when they were being encircled near Bastogne.”

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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 551<sup>st</sup> served in support of the 82<sup>nd</sup> as it advanced from northwest to southeast into the developing bulge.”

The pitch battle was fought from mid-December 1944 through late January 1945 during one of the coldest winters in the region in more than 40 years. Compounding the 551<sup>st</sup> 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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 517<sup>th</sup> moving from northeast to southwest, the 551<sup>st</sup> in the middle and then the 505<sup>th</sup>.”

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 five-minute 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 on.

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 enemy tank, and they

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

“A Company got stalled, the 505<sup>th</sup> got stalled, so he’s now on a little bit of a salient,” said David Quinn.

The plan was to reach their 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 broke loose.”

In late December, Captain 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 551<sup>st</sup> Parachute Infantry Battalion. He had jumped with the 463<sup>rd</sup> Parachute Infantry to be at the drop zone when Joerg’s men bailed out in daylight hours.

“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.

Now, in January, the snow 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.

Col. Joerg was “shoulder 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 separate engagements.

A four-man observation 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.

“I couldn’t believe my ears; there was actual shouting. I thought that



Shown are Tims Quinns military service awards, including a Purple Heart, right, center.

went out with the Civil War,” Orfalea quoted Hatcher.

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 his backside.

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 by Orfalea. According 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 Composition-C.

Quinn later said, while he didn’t blame anyone, the battalion was essentially lost.

“We didn’t know where we were,” Orfalea quoted Quinn. “If ever there was a lost battalion, it was us, single file, walking along in snow better than knee-high.

Joerg refused to allow Quinn to take a platoon into the woods at night to attack nearby Germans. Joerg also prohibited the men from

building a fire for fear it would draw enemy fire.

“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 Quinn said.

David Quinn 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 Quinn 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. forces.

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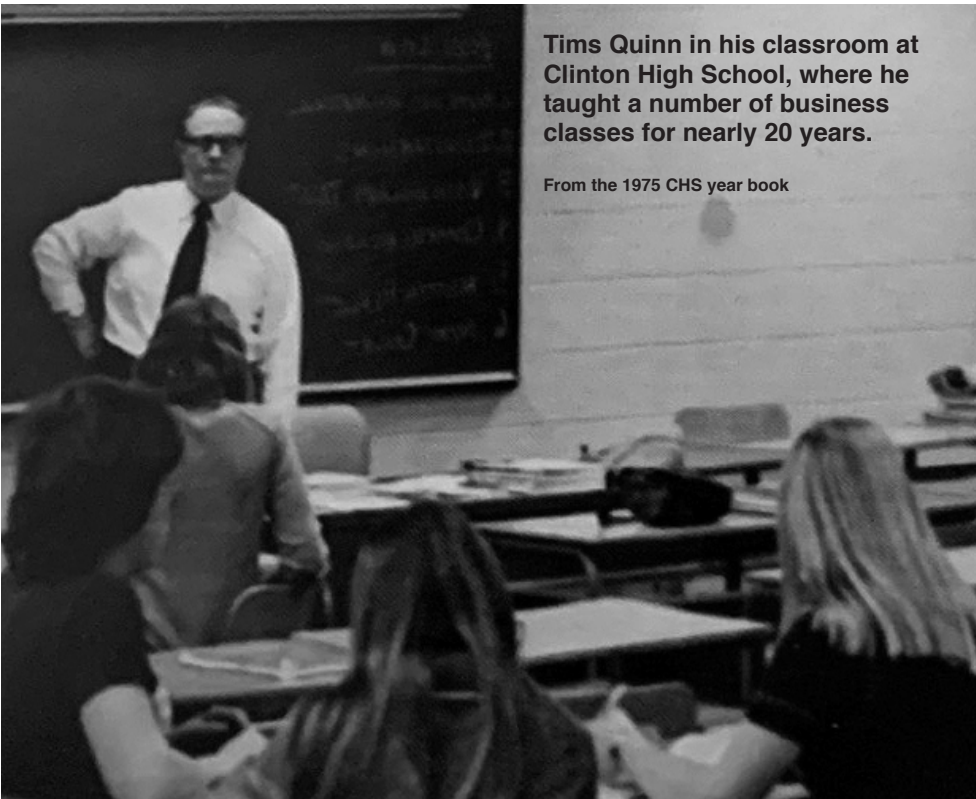
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Tims Quinn in his classroom at Clinton High School, where he taught a number of business classes for nearly 20 years.

From the 1975 CHS year book

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 warmth.

“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 Quinn experienced when he wasn’t much older than they were.

He also owned an insurance business in 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 1986.

COLLEGE HONORS

Millikin University announces Fall 2023 Dean’s List honorees

Millikin celebrates new graduates at the 2023 Winter Commencement

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 listed in alphabetical order according to last name.

- Ashley Bennett of Clinton, has made the High Dean’s List for Fall 2023.
- 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.
- Savannah 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.

DECATUR — Millikin honored 95 graduates at the 2023 Winter Commencement at Kirkland Fine Arts Center on December 10, 2023. The ceremony recognized graduates from the 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 award 95 degrees today because this ceremony 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. So, he has to get infusions for that.”

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

“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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 it.”

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 headquarters 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



# Clinton Journal unveils new Web site

CLINTON — As of Monday, Jan. 15, the Clinton Journal’s revamped website at theclintonjournal.com has been unveiled.

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 perception. Hopefully the 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



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 86<sup>th</sup> 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

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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 safe!

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](http://www.ssa.gov/scam). Stay informed by:

- Following reliable news sources.
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- Staying connected with your local law 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

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, or 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, and special characters. Don't use passwords that are easy to guess like birthdays or names.



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 it.

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](http://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



The Culinary Corner  
Chef  
Roger Joss

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, we 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.

It is so noisy that your guests cannot carry on a decent conversation. Suddenly, they 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 not 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 that share their good dining experiences with me as well as their bad. One of 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 way. Children reflect 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 all.

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)



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.

The VET TEC program focuses on high-tech

training through specific 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 in housing benefits were paid. In the first example in

the OIG report, the veteran 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 "veteran-friendly" to reduce benefits and that no laws were being broken in paying the dual benefits. Only in other programs was the veteran required to only pick one program for benefits.

Congress stepped in with bill amendments to continue the VET TEC program past the end of the pilot period (the five-year 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://tinyurl.com/43z96am2>.

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7 p.m.-Mondays family prayer  
7 p.m.-Wednesday Bible study

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Office (217) 935-5808  
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8:15 a.m.-Sunday worship  
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**Clinton Church of Christ**  
Bus. Rt. 51 south, Clinton  
(217) 935-5058  
Stephen R. Bradd, Gospel preacher  
AudioEvangelism.com  
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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

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402 N. Center Street  
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10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
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220 Illini Drive, Clinton  
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Jonathan Roberson, pastor  
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school  
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5 p.m.-Sunday evening worship  
7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week prayer meeting

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7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week service

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Ernie Harvey, minister  
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www.lanechurch.org  
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8:30 a.m.-Sunday Mass

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320 S. Locust Street, P.O. Box 116, Wapella  
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www.Texaschristian-church.org  
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9 a.m.-Sunday school  
10 a.m.-Sunday worship  
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6 p.m.-Wednesday prayer meeting

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112 N. Monroe St., Clinton  
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11 a.m.- worship with pot luck afterwards

**Wapella Christian Church**  
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Wapellacc.com  
9 a.m.-Sunday school  
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## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

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

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## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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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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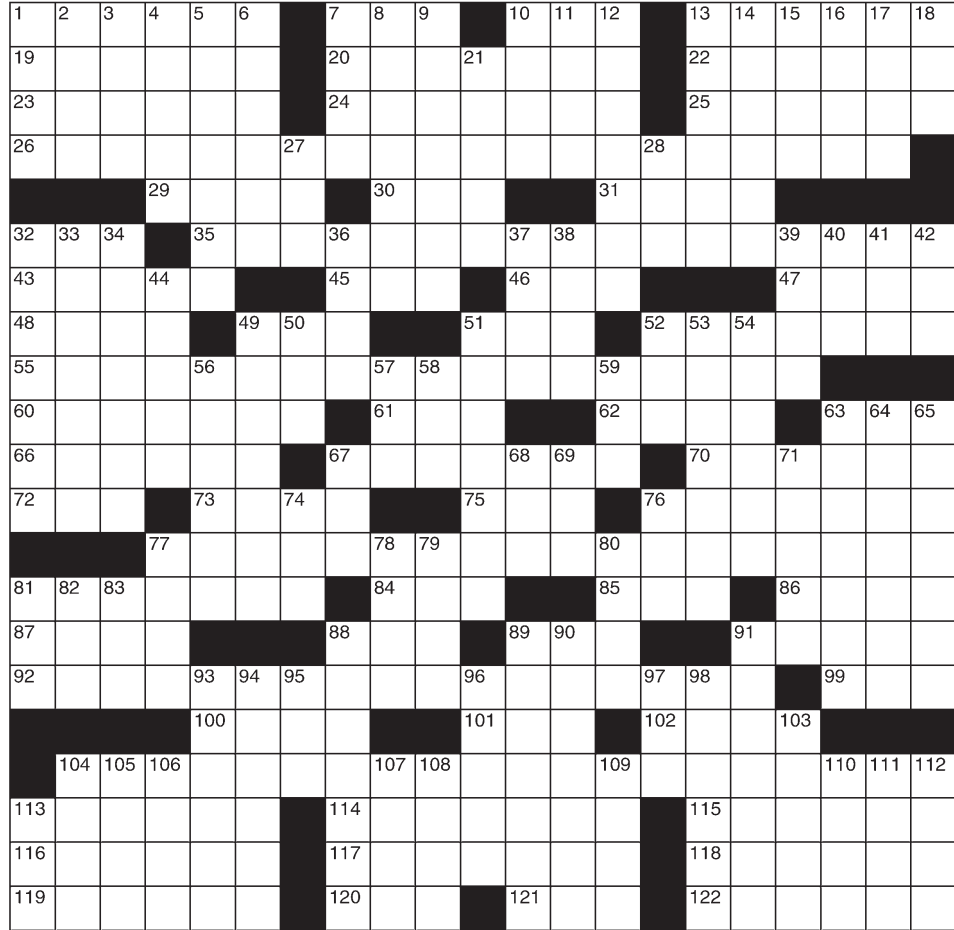
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- 13 Collie of TV
- 19 Cattle farm of the West
- 20 Trumpet blast
- 22 Singer and actor Frankie
- 23 When it's 12:00 p.m.
- 24 Element #3
- 25 Japanese city that hosted the 1998 Olympics
- 26 Start of a riddle
- 29 Japanese buckwheat noodle
- 30 Dr. Seuss' Sam- —
- 31 Amo, amas, —
- 32 "Addams Family" cousin
- 35 Riddle, part 2
- 43 Faint smell
- 45 Foldout bed
- 46 Co-workers of MDs
- 47 Stalactite site
- 48 Florence's river
- 49 Total amount
- 51 "Scram!"
- 52 Minecraft and StarCraft, e.g.
- 55 Riddle, part 3
- 60 Brief promos
- 61 Triceps' place
- 62 Pop's Celine
- 63 See 58-Down
- 66 Bullfighter
- 67 Riddle, part 4
- 70 Put a new front on, as a building
- 72 Unbroken
- 73 Recognized
- 75 With 59-Down, brand of frozen potatoes
- 76 Famously feisty fish
- 77 Riddle, part 5
- 81 Oval shape
- 84 Dejected
- 85 "Who am — judge?"
- 86 Secret writing
- 87 Postal pieces
- 88 Detectives like TV's Magnum, for short
- 89 Karachi's nation: Abbr.
- 91 Very long time periods
- 92 End of the riddle
- 99 Disloyal type
- 100 Impulsive desire
- 101 Illusionist
- 102 Like planted seeds
- 104 Riddle's answer
- 113 Enter very quickly
- 114 Novelist Caldwell
- 115 Common gauge for toy trains
- 116 "Despite that ..."
- 117 Gets smaller
- 118 "Happy Days" actress Ross
- 119 Bunks on ships
- 120 Mil. ranker
- 121 Gym pad
- 122 Hole to receive a lace
- DOWN
- 1 Bird's crop
- 2 Trellis strip
- 3 "Noelle" star
- 4 Glasgow natives
- 5 Grandstander
- 6 Chimpanzee variety
- 7 "— have to wait"
- 8 Got married
- 9 Lure for insect extermination
- 10 The earth as a goddess
- 11 Cut — (dance)
- 12 Pago Pago people
- 13 "Meteor" actor Martin
- 14 1972 Billy Wilder comedy film
- 15 Long, involved story
- 16 Shut loudly
- 17 Actress Skye of "Stranded"
- 18 Grammy winner Brian
- 21 "— the breaks!"
- 27 Former Egypt-Syr. alliance
- 28 Texter's "Holy smokes!"
- 32 "Let me!"
- 33 Bases-loaded situation
- 34 Lightweight kitchen utensils
- 36 Peak
- 37 Chicago daily, in brief
- 38 Global: Abbr.
- 39 Mark for life
- 40 Easter meat
- 41 Adam's mate
- 42 — Moines
- 44 Bob of choreography
- 49 Tahitian skirts
- 50 Package delivery co.
- 51 Carpentry material for some cabinets
- 52 Chi follower
- 53 Spicy
- 54 Taxonomic subdivisions
- 56 Become lively
- 57 Cheer yell
- 58 With 63-Across, for the time being
- 59 See 75-Across
- 63 Oven used to bake naan
- 64 Spiny ant eater
- 65 Most unkind
- 67 Conservation org. with a panda logo
- 68 Pooch's yap
- 69 Big blue body
- 71 Genre of many sitcoms
- 74 Wide shoe spec
- 76 Mining shaft
- 77 Higher ground?
- 78 "You wish!"
- 79 Condé —
- 80 User-edited website
- 81 Rescue squad VIP
- 82 "— -di-dah!"
- 83 False story
- 88 Projecting curves on saddles
- 89 By the day
- 90 Huffington of HuffPost
- 91 So to speak
- 93 Wise-acting
- 94 Thick-skinned critters
- 95 Day, in Chile
- 96 Studly guys
- 97 Abbr. on a bad check
- 98 End a vacation
- 103 Mother-of-pearl
- 104 Surfing need
- 105 Cake finisher
- 106 Holy Week's time
- 107 Eldest of the Brady boys
- 108 Helper: Abbr.
- 109 For fear that
- 110 Half a train track
- 111 — gin fizz
- 112 Camp shelter
- 113 Yank's rival



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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

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1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
3♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

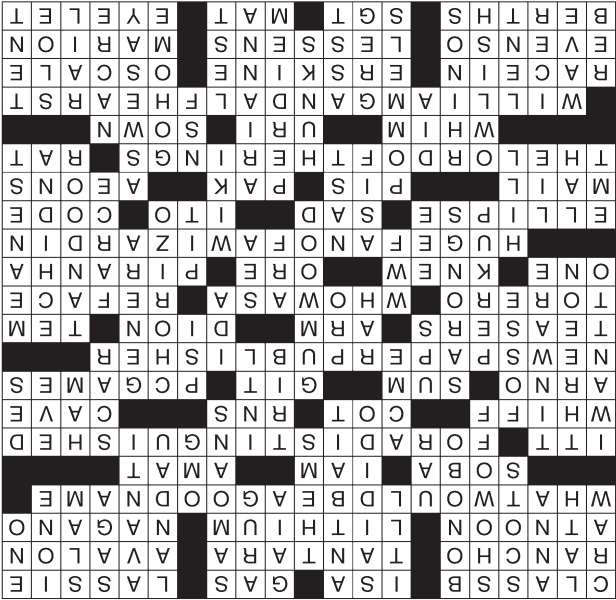
E-W appear well-matched, because East bids most conservatively (he didn't open and he didn't compete to 3♣) whereas West seems to bid a lot (witness his 1♠ call).

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).

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SPORTS

Maroons roll on to 70-35 win over Raiders

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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 followed by two more, Clinton ahead 5-4.

The Maroons began extending their 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

The Raider did manage

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

Second quarter Clinton scoring faced some 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 4<sup>th</sup> quarter told the story of this game as the Raiders crumbling under 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 at will.

The 4<sup>th</sup> 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 the 2023-2024 CIC 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.  
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CJHS wrestling action



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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. JAMES THAXTON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 23 FC 20 410 NORTH MONROE STREET

CLINTON, IL 61727 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on January 17, 2024, will on March 6, 2024, in DeWitt County Courthouse (Main Door), 201 West Washington St., Clinton., Il 61727, at 10:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of DeWitt, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: TAX NO. 07-27-485-004 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 410 North Monroe Street Clinton, IL 61727 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a one car garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is wood siding. The color is blue. The gas is off. The water is off. The property does not have a fence. The property is vacant. The Judgment amount was \$66,055.62. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds,

within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORT-

GAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosure-sales.mrpllc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-156291L PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3236916

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

REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS FLAT BRANCH MORTGAGE, INC., PLAINTIFF, VS. GERALD NORDGEN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF BECKY J GRANT, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; 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 PRESIDING 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 DeWitt County Courthouse (Main Door), 201 West Washington St., Clinton., Il 61727, at 10:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of DeWitt, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: TAX NO. 07-35-230-016 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. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to

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

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF, VS. JAMES THAXTON; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 23 FC 20 410 NORTH MONROE STREET CLINTON, IL 61727 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE

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

LEGAL

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

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

**CLINTON**  
100 N. Harrison, Clinton, IL  
Duplex - Income Producing Property.  
2 Bdrms, 1 bath, 1 car garage, 1 unit has basement  
**\$184,900**

**WILD ACRES SUBDIVISION**  
6920 Sharon Lane, Clinton, IL  
9.26 Buildable Residential Acres  
+ Shared Pond  
**\$159,900**

**FARMER CITY**  
0001 Depot Rd., Farmer City  
3 Miles West, 2 parcels totaling 118 Acres  
**\$2,242,000**

**COUNTRY CLUB ACRES**  
3371 Hilltop Ct., Clinton  
4 Bdrm ranch home, complete remodel  
**\$325,000**

**WELDON**  
Lakeview Estates Subdivision  
Lot #2 - \$29,500  
Lot #17 - \$26,500 (SOLD)  
Lot #18 - \$25,000 (SOLD)  
Lot #28 - \$28,000  
**LOTS**

**WOOD HAVEN ESTATES**  
5300 Asti Boulevard, Clinton, IL  
Lovely 5 Bedroom, 3 1/2 bath ranch, finished  
walkout basement. 2 fireplaces & 2 car garage.  
**SOLD**

**RE/MAX**  
CHOICE  
THE 217 HOME TEAM

**The217HomeTeam.com**  
Camill Tedrick, Designated Managing Broker  
Each office is locally owned and operated.  
**Office 217.935.8525**  
205 East Side Square, Clinton, IL  
618 N. Chicago, Lincoln, IL











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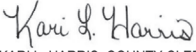
Notice of Public Sale is hereby given that an auction will be held online on [www.lockerfox.com](http://www.lockerfox.com) beginning on March 13, 2024 at 12:00 and ending March 20, 2024 12:06 pm to sell the following individuals' articles to enforce lien against such articles, for storage furnished at Storage Unlimited, 18709 Dewitt Road, De-witt, 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

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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 OFFICES AND CANDIDATES TO BE VOTED IN THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD IN DeWITT COUNTY ON TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024  
  
KARL L. HARRIS, COUNTY CLERK  
DeWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

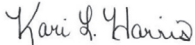
FEDERAL
<div>FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (Vote for one)</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> RYAN L BINKLEY</div><div><input type="radio"/> RON DeSANTIS</div><div><input type="radio"/> NIKKI HALEY</div><div><input type="radio"/> DONALD J. TRUMP</div><div><input type="radio"/> CHRIS CHRISTIE</div><div><input type="radio"/> Write-in</div></div>
CONGRESSIONAL
<div>FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FIFTEENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for one)</div> <div><input type="radio"/> MARY E. MILLER</div>
<div>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)</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> KIM CLARKE MAISCH (HALEY)</div><div><input type="radio"/> JOHN FARNEY (HALEY)</div><div><input type="radio"/> DAVID JANSSEN (HALEY)</div><div><input type="radio"/> MARY E. MILLER (TRUMP)</div><div><input type="radio"/> WILLIAM J. GRAFF (TRUMP)</div><div><input type="radio"/> JOSEPH D. ALEXANDER (TRUMP)</div><div><input type="radio"/> RAYMOND POE (DeSANTIS)</div><div><input type="radio"/> JAMES SCHACKMANN (DeSANTIS)</div><div><input type="radio"/> AVERY BOURNE (DeSANTIS)</div><div><input type="radio"/> BRENDA STADEL (CHRISTIE)</div></div>
<div>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)</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> LUCY STAFFORD (HALEY)</div><div><input type="radio"/> DEB DETMERS FANSLER (HALEY)</div><div><input type="radio"/> DAVID NEWBERG (HALEY)</div><div><input type="radio"/> STEVEN R. DRAKE (TRUMP)</div><div><input type="radio"/> MECHTILD "MECKI" KOSIN (TRUMP)</div><div><input type="radio"/> CHRIS G. MILLER (TRUMP)</div><div><input type="radio"/> JASON E. HUFFMAN (DeSANTIS)</div><div><input type="radio"/> GREG WITHERS (DeSANTIS)</div><div><input type="radio"/> STAN McMORRIS (DeSANTIS)</div><div><input type="radio"/> JOSEPH DIVELY (CHRISTIE)</div><div><input type="radio"/> SHEILA DIVELY (CHRISTIE)</div><div><input type="radio"/> DAVID BENDER (CHRISTIE)</div></div>
REPRESENTATIVE
<div>FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EIGHTY-SEVENTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)</div> <div><input type="radio"/> WILLIAM E HAUTER</div>
<div>FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY EIGHTY-EIGHTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT (Vote for one)</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> REGAN DEERING</div><div><input type="radio"/> CHUCK ERICKSON</div></div>
COUNTY
<div>FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY (Vote for one)</div> <div><input type="radio"/> DAN MARKWELL</div>
<div>FOR CIRCUIT CLERK (Vote for one)</div> <div><input type="radio"/> MICHELLE VanVALEY</div>
<div>FOR CORONER (Vote for one)</div> <div><input type="radio"/> RANDALL J. RICE</div>

COUNTY BOARD
<div>FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT C (Vote for not more than three)</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> THOMAS L. FARRIS</div><div><input type="radio"/> KRISTINA DEERWESTER</div><div><input type="radio"/> MEGAN A. MYERS</div></div>
<div>FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT D (Vote for not more than three)</div> <div><div><input type="radio"/> MELONIE TILLEY</div><div><input type="radio"/> DAN MATTHEWS</div><div><input type="radio"/> CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL HAMMER</div></div>
PRECINCT
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON BARNETT (Vote for one)</div> <div>No Candidate</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 1 (Vote for one)</div> <div>No Candidate</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 2 (Vote for one)</div> <div>No Candidate</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 3 (Vote for one)</div> <div><input type="radio"/> JOSEPH D. ALEXANDER</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 4 (Vote for one)</div> <div>No Candidate</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 5 (Vote for one)</div> <div><input type="radio"/> DAN MATTHEWS</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 6 (Vote for one)</div> <div>No Candidate</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 7 (Vote for one)</div> <div>No Candidate</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 8 (Vote for one)</div> <div>No Candidate</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 9 (Vote for one)</div> <div>No Candidate</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CREEK (Vote for one)</div> <div>No Candidate</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON DEWITT (Vote for one)</div> <div>No Candidate</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON HARP (Vote for one)</div> <div><input type="radio"/> TERRY FERGUSON</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON NIXON (Vote for one)</div> <div>No Candidate</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON RUTLEDGE (Vote for one)</div> <div>No Candidate</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SANTA ANNA 1 (Vote for one)</div> <div><input type="radio"/> LESLIE "MOE" WINSTEAD JR</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SANTA ANNA 2 (Vote for one)</div> <div><input type="radio"/> GLENN REESER</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SANTA ANNA 3 (Vote for one)</div> <div>No Candidate</div>

PRECINCT
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON TEXAS (Vote for one)</div> <div><input type="radio"/> DUSTIN A. PETERSON</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON TUNBRIDGE (Vote for one)</div> <div>No Candidate</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON WAPELLA (Vote for one)</div> <div>No Candidate</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON WAYNESVILLE (Vote for one)</div> <div><input type="radio"/> JOHN L. PERRING</div>
<div>FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON WILSON (Vote for one)</div> <div>No Candidate</div>
PROPOSITION
<div>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? <div><input type="radio"/> YES</div><div><input type="radio"/> NO</div></div>
<div>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? <div><input type="radio"/> YES</div><div><input type="radio"/> NO</div><div>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. 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 \$31,032,000; 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.</div></div>
<div>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? <div><input type="radio"/> YES</div><div><input type="radio"/> NO</div><div>a. The approximate amount of taxes extendible for educational purposes under the maximum rate now in force in said School District is the sum of \$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. 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 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.</div></div>

Legal 19979  
February 16, 2024



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

FEDERAL
FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> JOSEPH R BIDEN JR
<input type="radio"/> DEAN PHILLIPS
<input type="radio"/> MARIANNE WILLIAMSON
<input type="radio"/> FRANK "FRANKIE" LOZADA
<input type="radio"/> 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)
<input type="radio"/> JAY BRINEY (BIDEN)
<input type="radio"/> LIZ BROWN-REEVES (BIDEN)
<input type="radio"/> JIMMY NAVILLE (BIDEN)
<input type="radio"/> 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
COUNTY
FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR CIRCUIT CLERK (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR CORONER (Vote for one)
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)
<input type="radio"/> 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
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 3 (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 4 (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 5 (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> RITA SUE WHITTED
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON CLINTONIA 6 (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> CLAYTON K. HELD
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)
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No Candidate
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No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON NIXON (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON RUTLEDGE (Vote for one)
No Candidate
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SANTA ANNA 1 (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> DAVID HARRIS
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SANTA ANNA 2 (Vote for one)
<input type="radio"/> TRAVIS RAUSCH
FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEPERSON SANTA 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)
<input type="radio"/> 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? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> 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? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO  <small>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. 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 \$31,032,000; 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.</small>
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? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO  <small>a. The approximate amount of taxes extendible for educational purposes under the maximum rate now in force in said School District is the sum of \$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. 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 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.</small>

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**NOTICE OF COLOR  
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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:

<b>POLITICAL PARTY</b>	<b>COLOR OF BALLOT</b>
DEMOCRAT	GREEN HEADER
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Dated February 8, 2024.

Kari L Harris  
DeWitt County Clerk

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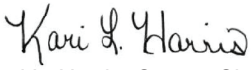
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the General Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, the 19th of March, 2024, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of Northern Piatt Fire Protection District, DeWitt County and the State of Illinois.

PROPOSITION
<b>NORTHERN PIATT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PROPOSITION TO LEVY SPECIAL TAX FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE</b>
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?
<input type="radio"/> YES
<input type="radio"/> 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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Sunny  
High 33




Sunday  
Sunny  
High 45




Monday  
Cloudy  
High 47



Tuesday  
Sunny  
High 51



Wednesday  
Partly sunny  
High 54



Thursday  
Sunny  
High 49

## Weather History

**February 16**

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

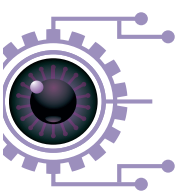
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“Pavlov Media is coming soon to bring extremely high-speed Internet to the Clinton community,” says Cory Douglas, CEO of Pavlov Media. “For the last couple of months, our certified team at CCG has been drilling and installing our fiber-optic cables. These will provide your community with an unmatched Internet connection that offers reliable access, dependable service and high-speed Internet designed specifically for your household.

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