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Twenty-year license renewal sought for Clinton Power Station

BALTIMORE, Md. — Constellation, owner of the Clinton Power Station, announced Feb. 15 it would seek a 20-year renewal of the facility’s license.

Constellation is the nation’s largest operator of nuclear power stations.

The company filed the license renewal application with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for its “Clinton Clean Energy Center in Clinton, Ill.” (Clinton Power Station). According to a media release from Constellation, the application is “the latest in a series of investments the company is making to help address the climate crisis and support the regional economy.”

The filing is the beginning of a comprehensive review by the NRC to renew the station’s license, “which would allow it to continue providing carbon-free energy to the region for another 20 years with adequate market or policy support,” according to the release.

Clinton produces enough

electricity to power the equivalent of 800,000 homes and is currently licensed to operate through April 2027. “Illinois would need to site more than 1,000 new wind turbines to generate the same amount of electricity that Clinton will be able to provide under an extended license,” according to the Constellation release.

“Our nation desperately needs more new, clean, firm megawatts to power our homes, businesses, and new technologies to improve our everyday lives,” said Joe Dominguez, president and CEO of Constellation. “Sustained investment in our nation’s nuclear power plants, which provide about half of all the clean energy on the grid and are the most reliable source of energy, is essential. We look forward to continuing to contribute to Illinois’ clean energy future and serving as an economic engine for the local community for as long as market or policy support remains in place.”

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‘Neither snow nor rain ...’



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While “Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds” is not the official motto of the U.S. Postal Service, snow didn’t stop local letter carriers Feb. 16 from completing their appointed rounds. The motto is engraved in the James A. Farley Building, in Manhattan, and was taken from The Persian Wars by Herodotus, a Greek historian. The above Clinton letter carrier worked his route along Main Street, near Douglas School.



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Scouts learn how to deal with a variety of emergency situations.

Scouts are all about being prepared

Edvydas Cicenenas
For the Clinton Journal

MACKINAW — You’ve been hiking with a group of friends not far from a road, when you come across a wrecked car.

There is still smoke rising from the engine, and you hear a person moaning. You rush over to where the sound is coming from, and you find a person, blood splattered and visibly

burned. They are barely moving, mumbling, and don’t answer when you try to talk to them.

What do you do?

If you’re lucky, you might be a Boy Scouts of America scout from one of the two troops in Clinton, and you can spring into action to help the person.

Scouting’s motto is “Be Prepared.” This past Saturday was all about being prepared as scouts competed in the Third

Annual First Aid Rally, held in Mackinaw.

A scenario like this and 14 others, ranging from frostbite to heart attack, from car accident to chainsaw mishap, tested the scouts’ skills and memories. Each station lasted only eight minutes, but there was enough time to get out gauze pads and tourniquets, if needed, call for, and talk to and comfort a victim as needed.


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Scouts learn how to deal with a variety of emergency situations.

This year, Scouts from Clinton formed up three patrols, a group of girls from Troop 7142 and two from Troop 1142. One of the patrols placed second place in the afternoon competition. The boys took home second place. They were Nathan Armstrong, Noah Miner, Alex Barringer, Noah Kilson and Gavin Johnson.

The scenarios used a technique called moulage to make it as realistic as possible, so when an artery has been punctured, blood is covering the arm and forming a pool underneath. Frostbite has victims with blue/white fingertips and noses. A heart attack victim lies clutching his chest, visibly pale and covered in sweat. A young girl has

a gaping wound on her leg, dripping, with a chainsaw nearby. Quite a few scenarios had Scouts from all over Central Illinois (W.D. Boyce Council) sometimes gagging or wondering what they had gotten into. But the result for Clinton Scouts was knowing what to do. Two years ago, when

an Amtrak train derailed, killing several people and injuring many others, Scouts on the train were able to help. The train wreck happened in a remote area in Missouri, meaning rescue teams

could not respond quickly. The dozen Scouts on the train, all returning from a trip to Philmont Camp, in Arizona, helped survivors with wounds, and one even helped comfort a passenger who had been ejected from

the train and eventually succumbed from the severity of the injuries. The 17 Clinton Scouts who participated in the program will be prepared to help when called.

COLLEGE HONORS

Area students named to Bradley Dean’s List

PEORIA — Nearly 1,850 students were named to Bradley’s Dean’s List for Fall 2023. To be eligible for the Dean’s List, a student must achieve a

minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale. The following area students were named to the Dean’s List:

- Kayla Sterr, of Clinton
- Katie Hernandez Zuno, of Heyworth
- Makenna Rauch, of Clinton



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COLLEGE HONORS
Farmer City student named
to Coastal Carolina University
President’s List

CONWAY, S.C. — More than 1,300 students were named to the President’s List at Coastal Carolina University for the Fall 2023 semester.

Ashley Campbell, of Farmer City, was one of those Students who made the President’s List, achieving a 4.0 grade point average during the semester.

Coastal Carolina University is a public, comprehensive liberal arts institution located in Conway.

CCU offers baccalaureate degrees in more than 100 major fields of study. Among the University’s graduate-level programs are 27 master’s degrees, one educational specialist degree, and the doctorates in education and in marine science: coastal and marine systems science.

Area students named to
Augustana College Dean’s List

ROCK ISLAND, Ill. — Augustana College announced more than 1,100 students were named to the Dean’s List for the 2023-2024 fall semester.

Students who earned this academic honor maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a four-point scale for courses taken during the term.

Area students recognized included:

- Kennedy Baldwin, a Biology Education, Biology major of Heyworth
- Brooke Walker, a Business Administration-Marketing, Business Administration-Management, Business Analytics major, of LeRoy
- Mara Walker, a Augie Ages major, of LeRoy

Augustana College is a liberal arts college located on a 115-acre campus in the Quad Cities (pop. 400,000) along the Mississippi River. Augustana, a residential campus, has 100 majors and programs, 160 student organizations and 28 varsity athletic teams.

The college enrolls 2,500 students in a metro area that provides access to many career-paths and hands-on learning opportunities, including internships, jobs, student teaching and research sites.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Clinton Police
Department

On 02/13/24 Clinton Police arrested Amanda K. Miner 39, Virden for a Logan County Warrant and Possession of Methamphetamine. Miner was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

DeWitt County
Sheriff’s Office

Feb. 2-9

Jackie Bateson, 26, Kenney, was issued a Citation for No Valid Driver’s License. Bateson was released with a Required Court Appearance.

Jacob Dudlicek, 29, Sun City, AZ, was issued a Citation for Speeding (78 mph in a 55 mph zone). Dudlicek was released

with No Court Appearance Required.

James Ellenberg, 38, Cantrall, IL, was issued a Citation for Speeding (75 mph in a 55 mph zone). Ellenberg was released with No Court Appearance Required.

Kyle Totten, 41, Kenney, was arrested charged and issued a Citation for DUI Under the Influence of Alcohol, No Registration Plate Light 1st, 2nd. Totten was released with a Required Court Appearance.

Tony Harris, 30, Fisher, was issued Citations for Operating Uninsured Vehicle and Driving While License Revoked. Harris was released with a Required Court Appearance.

All suspects are presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of law.

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Constellation reported polling in the U.S. and globally shows that public support for maintaining and expanding the use of nuclear energy has increased in recent years as concerns about climate change and energy reliability have grown. Nuclear energy plants are the only carbon-free energy resources that can operate 24/7 in all weather conditions. Constellation’s clean energy centers not only help to power the grid with reliable, clean energy, but they can also play a key role in helping to reduce emissions in difficult-to-decarbonize industries that account for as much as quarter of all the world’s carbon pollution.

State legislation enacted in 2016 made it possible for the Clinton station to continue in operation. Enactment of the federal nuclear production tax credit in 2022 extended policy support through 2032. Renewing the NRC license for Clinton will give Constellation the ability to keep the plant operating through 2047, although future policy and market conditions will ultimately determine how long the plant operates.

Renewing the license of Clinton would provide the State of Illinois an estimated 179 terawatt hours of additional carbon-free electricity over the 20-year extended lifespan of the license. “This is more clean energy than all of Illinois’ wind and solar facilities have produced to date,” the Constellation release reported.

The Clinton site employs 532 employees and is DeWitt County’s largest employer. The facility’s workforce more than doubles during its scheduled refueling and maintenance outages, helping increase worker payrolls and improve

the bottom lines of local businesses.

“The Clinton Clean Energy Center (Clinton Power Station) is not only the largest carbon-free electricity source in Central Illinois, but it also provides a major boost to the economy,” said Dan Matthews, president of the Clinton School District Board and a member of the DeWitt County Board, quoted by Constellation. “The more than \$13 million in annual property taxes supports education and county services, and the large number of employees live here and spend money, which supports local business and creates additional jobs. The plant’s relicensing is an important part of DeWitt County’s economic future.”

In 2023, Constellation announced the acquisition of a 44 percent ownership stake in the South Texas Project nuclear plant, an \$800 million uprate project at the Braidwood and Byron clean energy centers in Illinois, and a \$350 million uprate of its Criterion Wind Project in Maryland. Later this year the company is scheduled to file a second license renewal for its two-unit Dresden Clean Energy Center in Morris, Ill.

Leland Carlyle Junkert

CLINTON — Leland Carlyle Junkert, 89, passed away peacefully at his daughter’s home on February 12, 2024.

He was born in DeWitt County, Ill. on January 8, 1935, to Beulah (Helmick) Junkert-Oakley and Otto Junkert. He graduated from Moore High School in Farmer City, in 1953. Leland joined the U.S. Army in November 1955 and was stationed with the 2nd Division Infantry in Fairbanks, AK as an Information Communications Specialist. He loved to tell stories of the times he was able to spend in Alaska with his brother, Major Owen Junkert.

He married Sue Sullivan, of Maroa, on March 23, 1960. They had two children, Darin Junkert and Dodie Junkert. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Sue Junkert, his brother, Owen (MaryEllen) Junkert and sister, Norma (Cliff) Woodman.

He is survived by his sister, Rosalie Fitzgerald, his son, Darin Junkert and his daughter, Dodie Junkert. He is also survived by several in-laws



and nieces and nephews.

Leland worked at Wallace Computer Services from where he retired after 35 years. He enjoyed playing pool, fishing and golfing. In his later years, he enjoyed playing cards with his friends, Paul Nothnagle and Ray Moss. An extra thank you to his brother-in-law Dorwin (Dode) Sullivan for the freshly caught fish dinner.

There will be no service at this time. Central Cremation has been entrusted with arrangements. There will be a celebration of life for both Leland and Sue Junkert at a later date this summer.

The family would like to thank the members of Dewitt County Cen Comm; DeWitt County EMS; Warner Hospital & Health Services; Carle Home Health, Manor Court and Traditions Hospice. Memorials to a charity of the donor’s choice.

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- 1963 - The 24th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified. It prohibited poll taxes in federal elections.
- 1966 - The Bitar government in Syria was ended with a military coup.
- 1967 - Jim Ryun set a record in the half-mile run when ran it in 1:48.3.
- 1968 - Wilt Chamberlain (Philadelphia 76ers) became the first player to score 25,000 career points in the NBA.

1970 - Guyana became a republic.

1974 - The Symbionese Liberation Army demanded \$4 million more for the release of Patty Hearst. Hearst had been kidnapped on February 4th.

1980 - Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini declared that Iran's new parliament would have to decide the fate of the hostages taken on November 4, 1979, at the U.S. embassy in Tehran.

1991 - During the Persian Gulf War, ground forces crossed the border of Saudi Arabia into the country of Iraq. Less than four days later the war was over due to the surrender or withdraw of Iraqi forces.

1995 - The Dow Jones Industrial closed about 4,000 for the first time at 4,003.33.

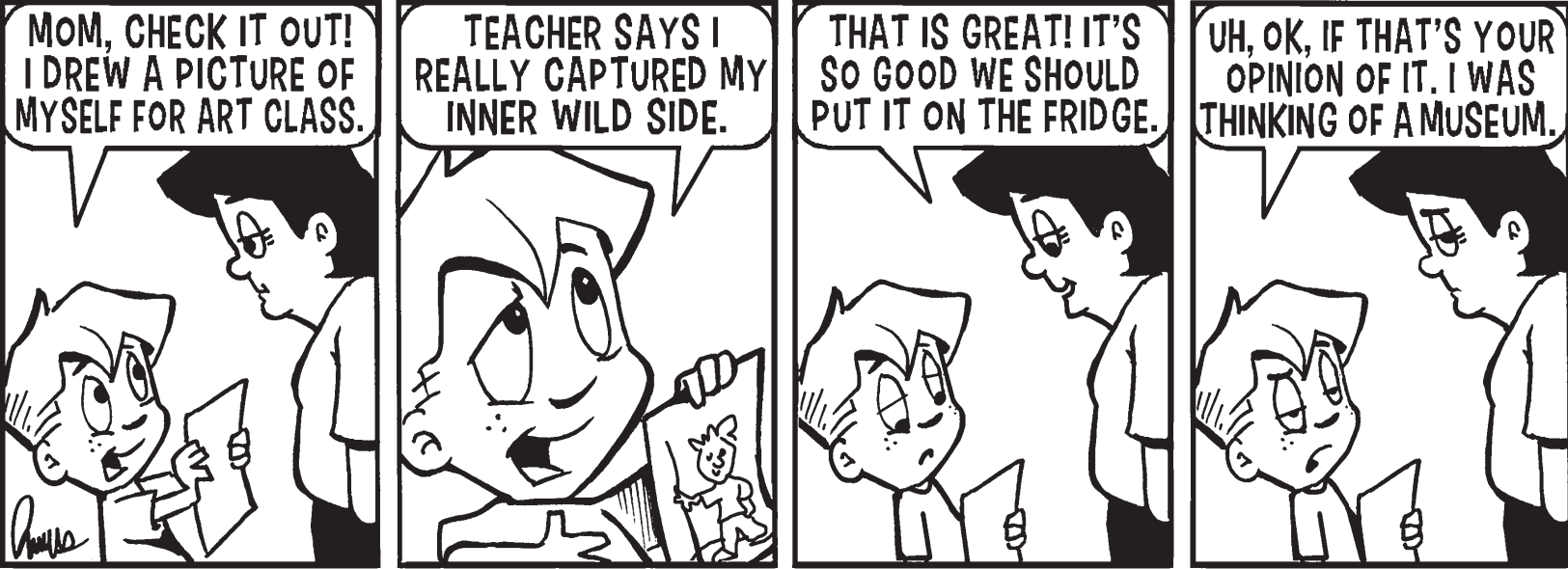
1997 - Ali Hassan Abu Kamal, a Palestinian teacher, opened fire on the 86th-floor observation deck of New York City's Empire State Building. He killed one person and wounded six more before killing himself.

1998 - In central Florida, tornadoes killed 42 people and damaged and/or destroyed about 2,600 homes and businesses.

1999 - White supremacist John William King was found guilty of kidnapping and murdering James Byrd Jr. Byrd was dragged behind a truck for two miles on a country road in Texas.

2005 - The New York, NY, city medical examiner's office announced that it had exhausted all efforts to identify the remains of the people killed at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, due to the limits of DNA technology. About 1,600 people had been identified leaving more than 1,100 unidentified.

Amber Waves



The Primary

It is primary season, with the Illinois primary set for March 19.

In DeWitt County, it appears no one got the message. Drive around the county and look for the political signs. In years past, they would be all over. Today, it is barren landscape.

With the recent reapportionment, DeWitt County now has been split into the 87th and 88th Districts for state representative. For the primary, the Democrats have fielded no candidates in either district. The Republicans have fielded Deering and Erickson for the 88th and Hauter is running unopposed in



the 87th. The 88th District is on the eastern side of the county and that is the only place you will see any significant amounts of political signs.

The Presidential races still have multiple candidates on the ballot. Biden has nominal competition from Dean Phillips and Marianne Williamson. Neither of Biden's opponents have achieved any traction in Illinois and certainly not in DeWitt

County. I haven't seen a Biden campaign sign, and I doubt if many in the county have any idea who Phillips and Williamson are.

Trump is in essentially the same position as Biden on the primary ballot. All have dropped out, save Haley. I have said before that I like Haley, but she has no traction in Illinois and little traction in the rest of the country.

If either of the presidential primaries were truly contested, the political signs would be out. Have you seen any?

In the local county races, the Democrats have only posted one candidate, Crystal Morris for District D County Board seat. The

Republicans have fielded a full slate of unopposed candidates. If this holds to the December general election, the only contested seat in DeWitt County government will be four candidates for three seats in District D.

I am a firm believer that all citizens should vote when the elections occur. This year, that position is at times difficult to maintain. One can look at the local elections and conclude that everyone is happy with the status quo and there was and is no need for residents to throw their proverbial hat into the ring. That is a fair conclusion.

At the same time, one can surmise that the populace

has become complacent and has no interest in local government. When there are no candidates listed or no contested races, it is also fair to conclude that the public has become complacent.

I urge all to vote on March 19. A vote for an unopposed candidate is normally viewed as an affirmation of the candidate. An open ballot on that candidate is traditionally viewed as a less than favorable attitude towards the candidate.

Your vote does count and democracy will only exist if the people exercise the ballot. Please vote.

Stand downs are starting for 2024

The Stand Downs for 2024 are gearing up, with slightly warmer weather now upon us. They'll run from now until the end of October in various places around the country.

Stand Downs, started in 1988, are one-, two- or three-day events meant to provide services to homeless veterans or those who are at risk of becoming homeless. The services provided can vary, depending on the location and the length of the event,

but in most cases, veterans can get help with housing, mental health counseling, treatment for substance abuse, health care and screenings, help with VA claims, dental care, tax help and more.

You'll likely find food, showers, clothing, haircuts and information about support for caregivers, suicide prevention and legal advice. Sometimes the events are held right on the grounds of a VA medical center or a fairground, city

park or other community space.

The list of events for 2024 (www.va.gov/homeless/events.asp) is being added to all the time. So if you don't see an event near you, check back. Or search online, putting in "Stand Downs 2024" and the name of your state for events that haven't made it to the main listing yet.

But no matter what the event includes or where it's located, it will be run mostly by veterans with



by Freddy Groves

help from volunteers. How about you? Are you in a position to step up and assist at a Stand Down? You might be running a van to pick up veterans without transportation. Or you might be preparing food in a tent on the site. If you're a legal professional, you might be looking over

a document a veteran has received from a landlord. Whatever role you take at a Stand Down, it will be valuable and worthwhile -- and appreciated.

If you are part of a company or service group and want to host an event, start with the Stand Down POC (point of contact) at the closest VA medical center, or ask for the homeless coordinator. And thank you.

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Questions & Answers

General

Question:
I haven't received my Social Security Statement in the mail the last few years. Will I ever get one again?

Answer:
We currently mail Social Security Statements to workers age 60 and over who aren't receiving Social Security benefits and do not yet have a mySocialSecurity account. We mail the Statements three months prior to your birthday. Instead of waiting to receive a mailed Statement, we encourage people to open a mySocialSecurity account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount so they can access their Statement online, anytime.

Question:
I run a bed and breakfast. By this time every year, I am tired of all the paperwork involved with filing taxes. Is there an easier way for small businesses to file W-2s for their employees?

Answer:
Absolutely. If you are a small business owner or entrepreneur, you should check out Social Security's Business Services Online (BSO) website. There, you can file your employees' W-2s and W-2cs electronically and print out the W-2s to provide paper copies to your employees. You also can verify the Social Security numbers of your employees. Our online services are easy to



use, fast, and secure. Visit our BSO page at www.ssa.gov/bso.

Retirement

Question:
I'm reaching my full retirement age and thinking about retiring. When is the best time of year to apply for Social Security benefits?

Answer:
You can apply as early as four months before when you want your monthly benefits to begin. To apply, just go to www.ssa.gov/apPLYtoRetire. Applying online for retirement benefits from the convenience of your home or office is secure and can take as little as 15 minutes. It's so easy!

Question:
I plan to retire soon. When are Social Security benefits paid?

Answer:
Social Security benefits are paid each month. Generally, new retirees receive their benefits on either the second, third, or fourth Wednesday of each month, depending on the day in the month the retiree was born. If you receive benefits as a spouse, your

benefit payment date will be determined by your spouse's birth date.

Here's a chart showing how your monthly payment date is determined:

Day of the Month You Were Born Social Security Benefits Paid On
1st-10th Second Wednesday
11th-20th Third Wednesday
21st-31st Fourth Wednesday

For a calendar showing actual payment dates, see the Schedule of Social Security Benefit Payments at www.ssa.gov/pubs.

Disability

Question:
What is the waiting period for Social Security disability benefits?

Answer:
The law states Social Security disability benefits can be paid only after you have been disabled continuously throughout a period of five full calendar months. Social Security disability benefits begin with the sixth full month after the date your disability began. You are not able to receive benefits for any month during the waiting period. Learn more at www.ssa.gov/disability.

Question:
Will my Social Security disability benefit increase if my condition gets worse or I develop additional health problems?

Answer:
No. We do not base your

Social Security benefit amount on the severity of your disability. The amount you are paid is based on your average lifetime earnings before your disability began. If you go back to work after getting disability benefits, you may be able to get a higher benefit based on those earnings. In addition, we have incentives that allow you to work temporarily without losing your disability benefits. For more information about disability benefits, read our publications Disability Benefits and Working While Disabled — How We Can Help. Both are available online at www.ssa.gov/pubs.

Supplemental Security Income

Question:
How much will I receive if I qualify for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

Answer:
The amount of your SSI payment depends on where you live and how much income you have. The maximum SSI payment varies nationwide. For 2024, the maximum federal SSI payment for an eligible person is \$943 a month and \$1,415 a month for an eligible couple. However, many states add money to the basic payment. For more information, go to www.ssa.gov/ssi.

Don't reach for the vitamins and supplements

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Oh, it was so tempting, I have to admit. When a neighbor strolled by on her afternoon walk, we got to talking about how she stays in shape, and she rattled off a list of vitamins and supplements that she takes. She swears by them, and she appears to be in excellent condition ... although being 20 years younger might have something to do with it.

Still, I was tempted to try some of those supplements she recommended.

But a little voice told me to check first before I loaded up my cart at the big box store. It's a good thing I did.

I learned that too much calcium can affect the absorption of several medications, and St. John's wort can change how over 70 percent of prescription drugs work, sometimes in dangerous ways. I also learned that one of the supplements advertised on TV is made with grapefruit, which I cannot have.

This is a time to be cautious. Do not add any supplements to your diet without running it by your doctor. Even giving a list of potential supplements to the nurse practitioner can be a good start if she also asks the doctor. If you're thinking about taking vitamin D

or Omega-3, ask about increasing your intake of seafood instead. If you wonder about magnesium for bone health, ask whether you need it or if you should eat more bananas.

Read the labels on your food. Cereal, for example, is already fortified with several vitamins.

Remember that the vitamin and supplement industry is not regulated. Many are made overseas, and our FDA has no say in what's actually in each one.

Do your own online research. Checking drug interaction websites can help. The one I liked best is www.drugs.com (click "Interaction Checker").

Read what the National Institutes of Health has to say about dietary supplements for seniors at www.nia.nih.gov/health/vitamins-and-supplements/dietary-supplements-older-adults

Search their database of 178,111 supplements at dssl.od.nih.gov.

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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
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9 a.m.-Sunday morning Bible study
10 a.m.-Sunday morning worship
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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
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7 p.m.-Wednesday service

Clinton Presbyterian Church
402 N. Center Street
Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
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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 mid-week prayer meeting

First Christian Church
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Adult Bible School 10:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 9:30 a.m.
First Kids Worship for 3-yr -olds - 5th grade is available at 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
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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 mid-week 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
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Lifebridges Church
200 S. Alexander Street, Clinton
(217) 570-0105
www.lifebridgeschurch.com
Pastors-Jonathan and Dana Taylor
10 a.m.-Sunday celebration
10 a.m.- AMPED Kids for ages (1-5 grades)
10 a.m.-AMPED Jr. (birth-K)
7 p.m.-AfterShock teen church, 6th-12 grades
6 p.m.-Wednesday, Strategic Disciple
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. Szydluk, 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.Texaschristian-church.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
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 31:9-10a

Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief. My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning;

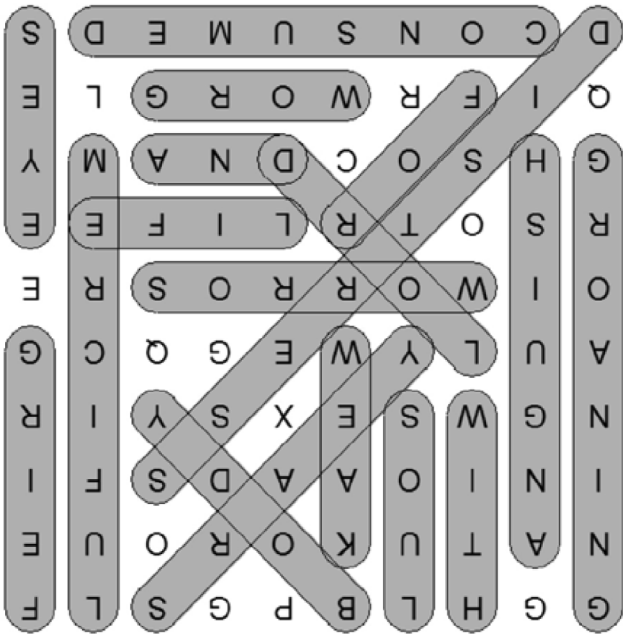
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Answers

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 1 Peter (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What was a god of the Philistines that had a man's face and hands, but the body and tail of a fish? Bullock, Elohim, Dagon, Baal-gad
3. Who slew a giant that had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot when he defied Israel? Sibbechai, Cyrus, Silas, Jonathan
4. From Proverbs 22, what is a good name better than? Great riches, Scorn, Its own reward, Lust
5. What town was home to Jesse's boys? Gilgal, Jericho, Hebron, Bethlehem
6. On which day of creation did dry ground appear? Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Great riches, 3) Jonathan, 4) Dagon, 5) Bethlehem, 6) Third

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MATTHEW 6:34

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NEWS

Lawyers hope for Illinois Supreme Court answer to Trump ballot question

Arguments hinge on election board authority while insurrection question hangs in the air

Andrew Adams
Capital News Illinois

CHICAGO — Lawyers representing Donald Trump and five Illinois voters hoping to see the former president removed from next month’s primary ballot sparred in a downtown Chicago courtroom on Friday.

The case, which began last month when the Illinois State Board of Elections declined to disqualify Trump from this spring’s primary, could be decided late next week, according to Cook County Circuit Court Judge Tracie Porter.

But despite Porter’s hope to file an opinion soon, that might not be the end of the case.

“We have been proceeding with the understanding that this case will probably require resolution by the Illinois Supreme Court,” Carolyn Lederer, the lawyer who argued on behalf of the objectors, told Porter Friday.

The central claim of the voters who objected to Trump being on the ballot is that he is ineligible for

office because, they say, he engaged in insurrection through his involvement in the attack on the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Read more: Trump’s Illinois ballot challenge to move forward

But that claim, which is under review by the U.S. Supreme Court right now in an unrelated case, took a backseat in Friday’s arguments. Instead, lawyers largely focused on the authority of state elections officials.

Lawyers for the group of voters who objected to Trump’s statement of candidacy argued that the elections board erred by relying on untested legal standards. They specifically pointed to the board’s ruling that the objectors failed to show Trump “knowingly lied” on his statement of candidacy when he said he was qualified to hold the office of president.

Lederer said the Board of Elections has never required a candidate to have “knowingly lied” to disqualify them. The board sometimes disqualifies candidates due to issues

like residency, she pointed out.

“In addition to a complete lack of legal support, this new standard would be impossible to enforce,” Lederer said.

That, in addition the ISBE’s refusal to engage in “constitutional analysis,” represents “profoundly problematic interpretations of Illinois law” according to Lederer.

Adam Merrill, one of Trump’s lawyers, said that while the actions people took on Jan. 6, 2021, were “repugnant” and “deplorable,” this case should focus more narrowly on the actions of the board of elections.

While the objectors claim the “knowingly lied” standard is new, Merrill argued that it stems from the fact that lying on a statement of candidacy – as Trump is alleged to have done – would be perjury,

which has a clear burden of proof.

“This is not new, this is not different, this is not going to jeopardize candidates in the future,” Merrill said.

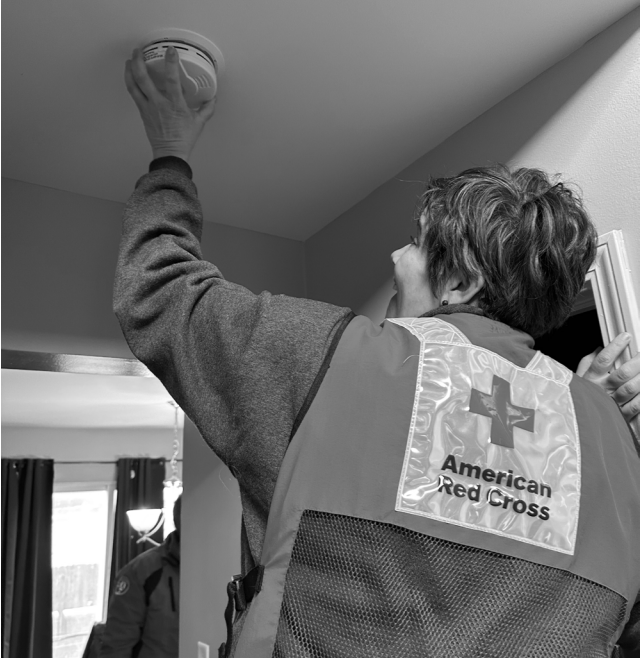
Trump’s lawyers also laid out a separate set of arguments based on federal law that echoed last week’s oral arguments in the U.S. Supreme Court dealing with Colorado’s ballot objection.

They argued federal law should end the case for any of several reasons: Trump’s candidacy is a political question that isn’t appropriate for the courts; the 14th Amendment’s insurrection clause doesn’t have the necessary legislation to implement it; it doesn’t apply to former presidents; it doesn’t bar someone from being president; and it doesn’t bar someone from running for office, among other arguments.

“If the court or the board were to agree with the candidate on any one of these issues, it would end the case,” Trump lawyer Nicholas Nelson said.

Red Cross volunteers needed to help install 50,000 smoke alarms

Part of national ‘Red Cross Sound the Alarm’ effort



ILLINOIS — Last year, Red Cross volunteers installed 7,850 free smoke alarms in households across the state. This year, volunteers are needed to install 1,400 smoke alarms during the month of March as part of the national Red Cross initiative to install 50,000 free smoke alarms with community and fire department partners in at-risk communities across the country.

This work is made possible thanks to financial donations from corporate partners State Farm, Motorola Solutions Foundation, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, Peoples Gas Community Fund, Hub Group, CITGO Lemont Refinery, MidAmerican Energy, and Harrah’s Joliet Casino & Hotel.

Home fire response

During this past week, the Red Cross provided assistance to 26 people in Bloomington and Champaign by supplying them with basic items to meet immediate needs after a fire, and additional support in the form of health and mental health services and one-on-one support as the families involved work through next steps after experiencing a home fire.

If you or someone you know needs assistance after a home fire or local disaster, please call 1-800-Red Cross.

Home fires are our country’s most frequent disaster and claim seven lives every day in the U.S. To help protect your household, test your smoke alarms each month and practice your escape plan until everyone can get out in less than two minutes. Visit redcross.org/fire for more information.

Download our free Emergency app by searching for “American Red Cross” in app stores. Free resources are available to help children learn what to do during a home fire and other emergencies.

Because of generous donations, all services are free and available for people in need. Residents who need assistance can visit SoundTheAlarm.org to schedule an appointment for a free smoke alarm installation during this Red Cross Sound the Alarm event. During the 20-minute home visits, Red Cross volunteers will also share information on the causes of home fires, how to prevent them, what to do if a fire starts and how to create an escape plan.

What is A.O.C. ?

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights.

A.O.C. Is the acronym for Appellation d’Origine Contrôlée. Two apparent words are; Origine meaning “original” and Contrôlée meaning “to control”. A.O.C. is a form of certification designed to guarantee the product’s authenticity of origin, and thus, quality. Therefore, it is a system for assuring consistent quality. The French agency I.N.A.O. is responsible. I.N.A.O. stands for, “Institut National des Appellations d’Origine. We will learn what items are affected. But first, a little history.

The need for control over food quality and identification of those items was recognized and attempted as far back as the fifteenth century. I gave an earlier example of this when discussing Champagne, Bologna, and Roquefort. The name alone is directly connected with

the quality of the product. If one orders Champagne, it should be one specific brand of wine produced in the Champagne Provence of France. By virtue of being called “Champagne”, it must be top quality. Cars are a good example of this.

In the automobile industry, one can identify the quality differences just by the name; Rolls-Royce, Mercedes, or BMW as opposed to the Volkswagen. By law, these cars are not to be identified any differently. A.O.C. is to guarantee the food product per certain standards. dealing with foods.

Although conceived in the fifteenth century, A.O.C. was not ratified as a parliamentary law until 1666 A.D. Before that time, it was simply understood

that one does not make inferior products and slap a prestigious name on it. To associate a poor substitute to a reputable family has dire circumstances. If good businesses are ruined by cheaters, soon, we would have no one making quality products. Thus, legalized control became necessary.

Other countries could see the importance in this system of protection. Therefore, Italy, in 1963, formed the D.O.C. (Demominazione di Origine Contorillata) laws. Spain followed with their D.O. (Denominacion de Origen). Many more countries have done the same. It serves as a standard and protection both for the producer and purchaser. For what products is A.O.C. intended? Originally, it was exclusively for wine. Now it includes livestock, poultry, cheeses, and butters. Some agriculture is included.

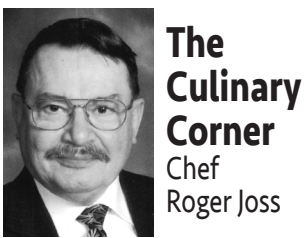
The final question to ask is; “What guidelines must a product follow to be A.O.C.

certified? The product must have consistency based on tested methods. The product is to be produced with raw materials from specific regions or provinces. The characteristics of the product must be standard; primarily, as to their composition.

Also, consistency of size and weight besides aroma, flavor and color is required. Depending upon the type of product, other conditions may need to be standardized such as texture, viscosity and/or percentage of alcohol, etc. The packaging is the final function.

All these qualities are stringently examined before the A.O.C. seal of approval is applied. Here are some A.O.C. examples; Roquefort cheese, Pont-l’Evêque, Poulet de Bresse (Chicken), Fleur de sel (salt), Le Puy lentils, Calvados, etc.

Until next time, peace to all.



The Culinary Corner
Chef Roger Joss

SPORTS



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Otters take 2nd place in Decatur Valentine Classic swim meet

DECATUR — On February 10, the Clinton Otters competed in the 2024 YDSC Valentine Classic in Decatur.

The Otters placed 2nd overall as a team with a total of (816pts).

The Otters’ Aubrey Houser won the meet’s “High Point,” award which is given to the individual who earns the most individual points out of every competitor who competes in the meet.

The Otters girls were led in individual points by Aubrey Houser (36pts), Callie Poyton (20pts), Katelyn Bentz (19pts), and Addie Koritz (18pts). The Otter Boys were led in individual points by Dayne Fought (27pts), Alaric Fulton (25pts), Oliver Goar (24pts), and Owyn Shultz (24 pts).

Clinton Maroons head into Regional play; Lady Maroons 2nd in Central Ill. Conference

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ARGENTA — The Clinton Maroons won on the road Feb. 15 against the Argenta-Oreana Bombers in a non-conference match-up.

The Maroons beat the Bombers 72-56 going 5-0 in the conference and 27-4 overall.

Clinton was scheduled to enter the Canton Sectionals

Tuesday night at Olympia against the winner of the Downs / Deercreek-Mackinaw game. The winner there will take on Peoria (manual), Bloomington Central Catholic or Olympia.

Girls varsity basketball

CLINTON — The Clinton Lady Maroons varsity basketball team is No.2 in the Central Illinois Conference at 4-1 behind

Tuscola at No. 1 and 5-0. Central A&M, at 4-2 in the conference, is No. 3.

The Lady Maroons defeated St. Teresa Bulldogs 50-44 on Feb. 8 and then beat Normal University 43-32 on Feb. 10.

Clinton lost to Deer Creek-Mackinaw 40-28 on Feb. 12.

The Lady Maroons are currently 21-12 overall.



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FIRST THINGS FIRST

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♠ QT843 ♥ 2 ♦ Q4 ♣ A7432	<i>West</i>	<i>East</i>
♠ KJ2 ♥ AKQ5 ♦ J ♣ KQJT8	<i>Declarer</i>	

<i>E-W Vulnerable</i>			
<i>South</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>North</i>	<i>East</i>
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3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Some players don't approve of preemptive bids when holding a 4-card major, pointing out that it risks missing (in this case) a 4-4 Heart fit. Others will say that North's so-called Heart suit is pitifully weak, and surely that long, strong minor needs to be bid.

On the actual deal, North's 3♠ preempt got N-S to a dubious 3NT when 4♥ was indeed a superior contract. Against 3NT, the opening lead was a Spade to East's Ace, then a Spade to Declarer's Jack and West's Queen, followed by a third Spade. On the second and third Spades, Dummy pitched a Club and a Diamond (a Heart could not be spared as the 4th Heart is a potential entry).

After winning the third Spade trick, how would *you* play the Diamond suit? Would you finesse against the Queen, or would you play for the drop? When the hand was played, our Declarer knew that with an 8-card fit, the Diamond finesse was the percentage play, so he successfully ran the Jack. That held, but the bad news was that Hearts were 4-1, so Dummy had no entry and the good Diamonds were stranded.

Declarer goofed. He should have cashed two high Hearts first ... if that suit split 3-2 then he could take the Diamond finesse, the most likely way to bring in the suit ... but when Hearts were 4-1, the lack of Dummy entries meant that he must rely on the singleton or doubleton ♠Q to make his contract. That would have been 10 tricks, just like those who declared the superior 4♥ contract. Does this deal settle the debate about preempting with a 4-card major? Not at all, it merely tells us that rotten contracts sometimes make, especially when played correctly.

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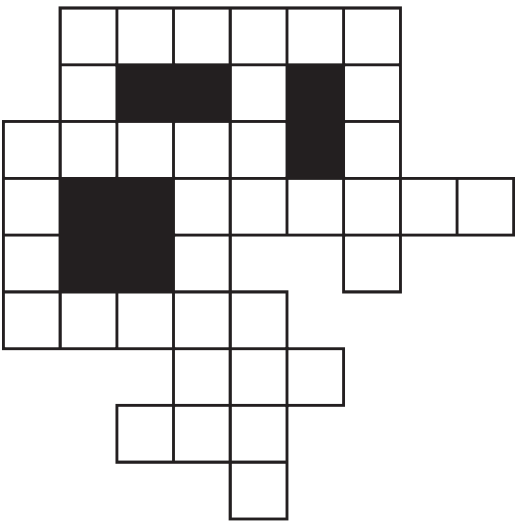
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| 9 Certain martial arts surface | 52 Really smell | 102 Many a war vet's affliction | 4 Emerging Actor Studi | 47 Hoosier State | 97 Egyptian — (cat breed) |
| 16 Just OK | 53 Kind of tide | 105 Behave badly | 6 Herr's "Alas!" | 48 Building story | 98 Cold cubes |
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| 25 Violent anger | 68 Jug handle | 113 Electees | 11 Last mo. | 58 Irritated | 104 Energetic sort |
| 26 Nutrition Facts category | 69 Skye of film | 114 Iowa college | 12 Golfer Lorena | 60 Big name in peanut butter | 107 Small sailboat |
| 27 Brewed beverage | 70 Save the Russian ruler from tumbling to the ground? | 116 Louver strip | 13 Volcano in E. Sicily | 61 Break out in — | 108 Citation |
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| 29 The Devil | 77 Car club inits. | 121 What's revealed by taking an X-ray of a Persian ruler? | 15 Six-pt. plays | 63 Set to a slow speed | 110 Vessel used to lure U-boats |
| 30 Nile goddess | 78 Coin-op hole | 127 Shower affection (on) | 16 Shredded bit | 64 Bow shapes | 111 Foul-smelling |
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| 38 Quaint office transcribers | 80 Afghan ruler caught up in a tornado? | 129 Waters north of Australia | 18 Fructose, e.g. | 70 Some mollusks | 115 Maestro Klemperer |
| 41 Sleep study diagnosis | 85 Stared in amazement | 130 Went swiftly | 19 Yoked yaks | 71 Loathe | 117 Strong desire |
| 42 Regarding | 89 Agate playing marble, informally | 131 Visits during a trip | 24 Utters breathlessly | 72 Oohs and — | 118 1940s film critic James |
| 43 Something a French-kissing Arab ruler has? | 90 Lingo suffix | 132 Car mileage recorder | 29 Oral | 73 "Lord, is —?" | 119 "— she blows!" |
| | 91 Greek money | DOWN | 31 Most vinegary | 74 Precursors of embryos | 121 This yr.'s grads |
| | 93 Brewed beverage | 1 Son of Willy Loman | 32 "Understood" | 75 Brief parody | 122 Hosp. VIPs |
| | | | 34 Sch. in the Granite State | 76 Cry of woe | 123 "Give — try" |
| | | | 35 Director Ang | 81 Person crying | 124 Obtained |
| | | | 36 Mai — (drink) | 82 Golf gizmo | 125 Med. group |
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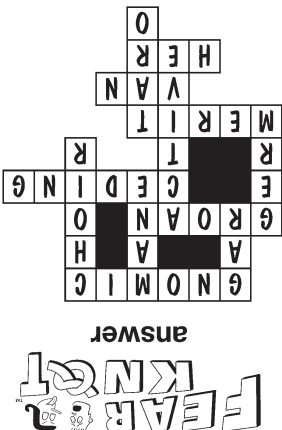
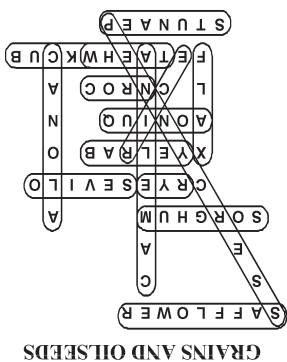
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. **HAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ **RATHE** becomes **HATER** or **EARTH** or **HEART**). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

Super Crossword

Answers

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

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119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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NEW TO TOWN? Stop by our office for your Free 2023-2024 Community Guide. This guide will tell everything you need to know about settling into Clinton and making it home.
Clinton Journal 111 S Monroe, Clinton

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

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

203 HELP WANTED

THE CLINTON JOURNAL is seeking a substitute delivery driver. Responsibilities include picking up paper bundles from the Journal office and delivering them to designated businesses in a timely

manner. **MUST** have a valid driver's license, reliable transportation and valid insurance. Apply at the Clinton Journal office, 111 S. Monroe St., Clinton. (203TFN)

305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES

PLACE A RUMMAGE SALE AD IN THE CLINTON JOURNAL. Deadline for ads are: Monday, 5:00 PM for the following Friday edition. Rate: 1 publication and up to one week online, up to 20 words for \$17.00, additional words are 25¢ a word. **OUR RAIN GUARANTEE:** If it rains on your sale day, we'll rerun the same ad (only date & time changes) for free. Must run within 2 weeks.

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

DeWitt County farmers losing soybean yield to white mold? We can help! Call Jeff at 1-309-278-2446. (119031524)

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 LEGATEES 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 check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the

sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://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# 22-138391L 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. I3235532

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

REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY - CLINTON, ILLINOIS U.S. Bank National

Association PLAINTIFF Vs. Shane Myers; et. al. DEFENDANTS No. 2023FC19 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of

Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 11/29/2023, the Sheriff of DeWitt County, Illinois will on April 3, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 AM at DeWitt County Sheriff's Office Lobby of Sheriff's Office 101 West Washington Street Clinton, IL

Seeking dependable, part-time caregiver for senior in rural DeWitt County. Very light duties. References preferred. Call 217-671-0392 or 217-971-5409

162 Acres+/- Farmland - McLean County, Illinois

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First Mid AG SERVICES

75.44 Acres+/- Farmland - Macon County, Illinois

Timed Online Auction Ends March 14th At 10 AM

Bid Online Only @ Firstmidag.com

Call Justin Wheeler Auctioneer 217-855-8358

THE DJ 42 FARM

Located 2 miles northwest of Oreana, IL off Wise Road. 75.89 FSA cropland acres with a Soil PI of 141.3. Open tenancy for 2024. Visit firstmidag.com for additional information and online bidding.

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VIRTUAL ONLINE

LOGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS LAND AUCTION

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024 AT 10:00 AM^{CT}

100.69 TAXABLE ACRES± • 1 TRACT

The King Family Trust real estate is located approximately 1/2 mile west of Chestnut, IL, or 7 miles northeast of Mt. Pulaski, IL, 11 miles southeast of Lincoln, IL, or 13 miles southwest of Clinton, IL, or 20 miles northwest of Decatur, IL. The property is further described as being located in Section 34, T19N-R1W, Aetna Township, Logan County, Illinois. Farmers & investors, don't miss this opportunity to purchase this well-located Class A Logan County farm!

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61727, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of DeWitt and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: PIN 05-28-376-019 Improved with Residential COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 224 W Clinton Ave Farmer City, IL 61842 Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, 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 successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the

subject premises. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-06079. I3238334

Legal 19983RE
February 23, March 1, March 8, 2024

LEGAL

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 LEGATEES 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 follow-

ing 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 SUBDIVISION 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 COUNTY, 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. 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

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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, 2024

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 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 FLOWER SHED
801 S CAIN ST CLINTON IL 61727

Dated this 30 day of January, 2024

/s/ Kari L. Harris/sw
County Clerk

No. 2024DBA-0206

(SEAL)

Legal 19967
February 9, February 16, February 23, 2024

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 - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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 Section 28-4 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4). A form of a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration may be opened from the Clerk of the Court at the

above address.

Dated this 30th day of January, 2024.

Brenda Ruch-Popejoy, Independent Executor of the Estate of Donald Lee Bowman, Deceased

BRYCE A. LYNCH 6297077 TAYLOR & LYNCH, LLC 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, ILLINOIS 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183 FAX: (217) 935-8219 E-MAIL: attorneys@dewittcountylaw.com

Legal 19968
February 9, February 16, February 23, 2024

LEGAL

PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO BID

The Clinton C.U.S.D. # 15 Board of Education will accept sealed bids for (1) one NEW 2024, 14 Passenger Chevrolet Activity Bus (MFSAB). Bids will be accepted until 9:00 am on March 1st, 2024.

Bid specifications and forms can be obtained from the Clinton C.U.S.D. #15 District Office at 1210 Highway 54 West Clinton, IL. 61727 between 8 am and 4 pm Friday February 23rd through Thursday February 29th. You may also request an electronic copy of the bid specification and instructions by emailing Drew Goebel at dgoebel@cusd15.org Any questions regarding the Bid Specification should be directed to Eric Smith (Transportation Director) at 217-935-8414 or by email at ericsmith@cusd15.org

The Board of Education reserves the right to award the contract in accordance with its best interest and to waive any informalities, irregularities, and errors in the bidding to the extent permitted by law. This includes not awarding the bid for this vehicle.

Bids must be in a sealed envelope marked "SEALED BUS BID". No Electronic (email or faxed) bids will be accepted. Late bids will not be opened or accepted.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Friday March 1st at 9:00 am in the district office at 1210 Highway 54 West

Clinton, IL. 61727

Legal 19969
February 23, 2024

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF,

v. BRYAN P ECKROTE; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; DEFENDANTS. CASE NO.: 2023FC27 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 523 EAST MAIN STREET CLINTON, IL 61727 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: BRYAN P ECKROTE UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS that Plaintiff commenced this case in the Circuit Court of DeWitt County against you and other defendants, for foreclosure of a certain mortgage lien recorded against the real estate described as follows: LOT 8 IN BLOCK 12 IN GIDEON'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN, NOW CITY OF CLINTON, INCLUDING ONE-HALF OF THE ALLEY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SAID LOT, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF CLINTON, COUNTY OF DEWITT, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. A.P.N.: 07-35-105-009 Common Address: 523 EAST MAIN STREET CLINTON, IL 61727 PIN: 07-35-105-009 Said mortgage was executed by BRYAN P. ECKROTE, as mortgagor(s) and STATE BANK OF LINCOLN, as mortgagee, on 12/2/2017 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of DeWitt County, Illinois as Document Number 250851. You have been sued. Read all documents attached to this Summons. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Summons called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appear-

ance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Summons can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411-1121, o visite ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios. Unless you file your Appearance and Answer/Response in this case in the office of the clerk of this court by 3/11/2024 A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE OR DECREEE BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED FOR IN THE PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT. David Mazzella 6344319 Robertson Anschutz Schneid Crane & Partners, PLLC 205 N. Michigan Suite 810 Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: (561) 241-6901 E-mail: ILmail@raslg.com File: 23-168861 THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. 6114-939649

Legal 19971
February 9, Febru-
ary 16, February 23,
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, Clin-
ton IL 61727, (217)
935-3200 under a
rental agreement
with:

12:01 pm, Jes-
sica N. Paxton,
occupant of space
1L36, items: TV, Air
conditioner, house-
hold 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 box-
es and bags

Legal 19981
February 16, 2024,
February 23, 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 12:06 pm
to sell the following
individuals' arti-
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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 ga-
rage items, assort-
ed boxes and totes.

Legal 19982
February 16, 2024
February 23, 2024

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT FOR THE
6TH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
DEWITT COUN-
TY - CLINTON,
ILLINOIS
U.S. Bank National
Association
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Shane Myers; et. al.
DEFENDANTS
No. 2023FC19
NOTICE OF SHER-

IFF'S SALE OF
REAL ESTATE
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on 11/29/2023, the
Sheriff of DeWitt
County, Illinois will
on April 3, 2024 at
the hour of 10:00
AM at Dewitt Coun-
ty Sheriff Lobby of
Sheriff's Office 101
West Washington
Street Clinton, IL
61727, or in a place
otherwise desig-
nated at the time
of sale, County of
DeWitt and State
of Illinois, sell at
public auction to the
highest bidder for
cash, as set forth
below, the follow-
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estate:
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THE SOUTHWEST
CORNER OF LOT
5 IN W.T. BEAN'S
ADDITION TO
FARMER CITY, A
PLAT OF WHICH
APPEARS OF RE-
CORD ON PAGE
43 OF VOLUME 4
OF DEEDS IN THE
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FICE OF DEWITT
COUNTY, ILLI-
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THENCE NORTH
ALONG THE WEST
SIDE OF SAID
LOT 5 OF W. T.
BEAN'S ADDITION
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DISTANCE OF 91
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EAST SIDE OF
LOT 5, THENCE
SOUTH TO THE
SOUTHEAST
CORNER OF SAID
LOT 5, BEING
THE NORTH LINE
OF CLINTON
AVENUE, IN SAID
CITY OF FARMER
CITY, THENCE
SOUTHWEST 104
FEET, MORE OR
LESS, TO A PLACE
OF BEGINNING,
EXCEPT FOR THE
FOLLOWING:
BEGINNING AT
A POINT ON THE
SOUTH LINE
OF SAID LOT 5
BEING 10 FEET
NORTHEASTERLY
OF THE INTER-
SECTION OF THE
SOUTH LINE OF
SAID LOT 5 AND
THE EAST RIGHT
OF WAY LINE OF
JOHN STREET
AS OCCUPIED;
THENCE SOUTH-
WESTERLY FOR
10 FEET ALONG
THE SOUTH LINE
OF SAID LOT 5;
THENCE NORTH
FOR 20 FEET
TO THE PLACE
OF BEGINNING,
CONTAINING 87
SQUARE FEET,
MORE OR LESS,
AND ALSO EX-
CEPT:
BEGINNING AT
A POINT ON
THE EAST LINE
OF SAID LOT 5;
THENCE SOUTH
FOR 1.02 FEET
ALONG THE EAST
LINE OF SAID
LOT 5; THENCE
DEFLECT 60° 43'
31" TO THE RIGHT,
SOUTHWEST-
ERLY FOR 88.95
FEET ALONG
THE SOUTH LINE
OF SAID LOT 5;

THENCE NORTH-
EASTERLY ALONG
A CURVE TO THE
RIGHT HAVING
A RADIUS OF
7,003.31 FEET, A
LENGTH OF 89.47
FEET LYING 25
FEET NORTH-
WESTERLY OF
AND CONCEN-
TRIC WITH THE
CENTERLINE OF
F.A. ROUTE 71
(CLINTON AV-
ENUE) TO THE
PLACE OF BEGIN-
NING CONTAINING
48 SQUARE FEET,
MORE OR LESS,
ALL SITUATED IN
THE COUNTY OF
DEWITT, IN THE
STATE OF ILLI-
NOIS.
PIN 05-28-376-019
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idential
COMMONLY
KNOWN AS:
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Farmer City, IL
61842
Sale terms: 10%
down of the high-
est bid by certified
funds at the close
of the auction; The
balance, including
the Judicial sale
fee for Abandoned
Residential Prop-
erty Municipality
Relief Fund, which
is calculated at
the rate of \$1 for
each \$1,000 or
fraction thereof
of the amount paid
by the purchaser
not to exceed \$300,
in certified funds,
is due within twen-
ty-four (24) hours.
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erty is subject to
general real estate
taxes, special
assessments, or
special taxes levied
against said real es-
tate and is offered
for sale without any
representation as to
quality or quantity
of title and without
recourse to Plain-
tiff and in "AS IS"
condition. The sale
is further subject to
confirmation by the
court.
If the property is a
condominium and
the foreclosure
takes place after
1/1/2007, purchas-
ers other than the
mortgagees will be
required to pay any
assessment and legal
fees due under
The Condominium
Property Act, 765 ILCS
605/9(g)(1)
and (g)(4).
If the property is lo-
cated in a common
interest community,
purchasers other
than mortgagees
will be required to
pay any assess-
ment and legal
fees due under the
Condominium Prop-
erty Act, 765 ILCS
605/18.5(g-1).
If the sale is set
aside for any rea-
son, the Purchaser
at the sale shall be
entitled only to a
return of the deposit
paid. The Purchas-
er shall have no
further recourse
against the Mortgag-
or, the Mortgag-
ee or the Mortgag-
ee's attorney.
Upon payment in
full of the amount
bid, the purchas-
er shall receive a
Certificate of Sale,

which will entitle
the purchaser to
a Deed to the real
estate after Confir-
mation of the sale.
The successful
purchaser has the
sole responsibility/
expense of evicting
any tenants or other
individuals presently
in possession of the
subject premises.
The property will
NOT be open for
inspection and
Plaintiff makes no
representation as
to the condition
of the property.
Prospective bidders
are admonished to
check the Court file
to verify all informa-
tion.
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: Ex-
amine the court file
or contact Plaintiff's
attorney: Codilis &
Associates, P.C.,
15W030 North
Frontage Road,
Suite 100, Burr
Ridge, IL 60527,
(630) 794-9876.
Please refer to file
number 14-23-
06079.
I3238334

Legal 19983
February 23, March
1, March 8, 2024

LEGAL

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Public
Hearing
In accordance with
Section 17-20 of the
Property Tax Code
(35 ILCS 200/17-
20), notice is hereby
given that a public
hearing will be
held at 11:00 A.M.
Tuesday, March 12,
2024, in the Offices
of the Department
of Revenue, 101
West Jefferson
Street, Springfield,
Illinois, for the
purpose of taking
evidence which may
be pertinent to the
Department's esti-
mate of the percent
to be applied to the
aggregate assess-
ment of locally
assessed property
in DeWitt County
for the assessment
year 2023. This
hearing is required
by the Property Tax
Code.
Based on the com-
parison of assessed
valuations, the
analysis of property
transfers, and other
available informa-
tion, the estimated
percentage to be
applied to the ag-
gregate assessment
of locally assessed
property other than
property assessed
under Sections 10-
110 through 10-140
and 10-170 through
10-200 of the
Property Tax Code
(35 ILCS 200/10-

110 through 10-140
and 10-170 through
10-200) is 0.00%.
Accordingly, the
tentative equaliza-
tion factor is 1.0000.
This meeting will be
accessible to hand-
icapped individuals
in compliance with
Executive Order
#5 and pertinent
state and federal
laws upon noti-
fication of antici-
pated attendance.
Handicapped
persons planning to
attend and needing
special accom-
modations should
contact Charles
Hulett, either by
telephone (217/785-
6619), email at
charles.a.hulett@
illinois.gov or letter
(Department of
Revenue, Property
Tax Division MC-
3-450, 101 West
Jefferson Street,
P. O. Box 19033,
Springfield, Illinois
62794-9033), by
Tuesday, March
05, 2024, to inform
of their anticipated
attendance.
David Harris
Director of Revenue
DH:ASB:ch

LEGAL 19984
Feb. 23, 2024

LEGAL

Exhibit A
NOTICE OF IN-
TENT TO ISSUE
RFQ / RFP FOR
DESIGN BUILD
CONTRACT
Notice is hereby
given that Clinton
CUSD No. 15 (the
"Owner"), intends to
issue an RFQ / RFP
on Friday, March 8,
2024 and requests
any qualified design
builder for design
build project deliv-
ery under Illinois
State Statute 105
ILCS 5/15/A-5
which is interested
in being considered
by the Owner as a
potential design
builder with re-
spect to the design,
construction and
equipping of the
Clinton CUSD No.
15 Miscellaneous
Facility Improve-
ments Design Build
Project (the "Proj-
ect") located at:
Clinton High
School, 1210
Highway 54 West,
Clinton, IL 61727
and Clinton Junior
High Schoo, 701
Illini Drive, Clinton,
IL 61727
For phase 1, in-
terior door hard-
ware replacement
- Summer 2024.
Subsequent phases
(renovation of
science
laboratories,
renovation of food
laboratories (at Clin-
ton HS) and Boiler
replacement (at
Clinton JH); have
not been sched-
uled) as described
in the Request for
Qualifications and
Request for Prop-
osals (the "RFQ /
RFP") to submit
Statements of
Qualification and
Proposals as set
forth in Illinois State
Statute 105 ILCS
5/15/A-5.

All responses to the
RFQ / RFP in the
form of a Statement
of Qualifications (a
"SOQ") / Proposals
must be received
on or before Friday,
March 29, 2024,
2:00 PM, Central
Time at Clinton
CUSD No. 15,
Attention: Mr. Drew
Goebel, Assistant
District Superinten-
dent, 1210 Highway
54 West, Clinton, IL
61727.
Offerors should
submit three (3)
printed copies of
Proposals to the
Owner per the RFQ
/ RFP instructions
in a sealed en-
velope. Offerors
should submit one
electronic copy via
email to Design
Criteria Developer
at tedm@themesar-
chitec
ture.com. Both, the
SOQ and Proposals
shall be submitted
on or before the
above date and
time and can be
combined in one
binder.
Each response
to the RFQ / RFP
must be in ac-
cordance with the RFQ
/ RFP, and Illinois
design build laws.
For a copy of the
RFQ / RFP, contact
Mr. Ted Mesiacos at
LQIR@themesar-
chitecture.com or
visit www.cusd15.org.

LEGAL 19986
Feb. 23, 2024

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT
COURT FOR THE
SIXTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
DEWITT COUNTY -
IN PROBATE
IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE
OF DONALD LEE
BOWMAN, DE-
CEASED
No. 24-PR-2
CLAIM DATE
NOTICE - INDE-
PENDENT ADMIN-
ISTRATION
Notice is given of
the death of the
above-named de-
cedent;
Letters of Office
were issued on
January 25, 2024 to
Brenda Ruch-Pope-
joy, 869 East 3300
N. Rd., Farmer City,
DeWitt County,
Illinois 61842, as
independent execu-
tor. 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
September 8, 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 Represen-
tative and to the

Attorney within 10
days after it is filed.
The estate will
be administered
without court su-
pervision, unless
an interested party
terminates Indepen-
dent Administration
by filing a Petition
to Terminate under
Section 28-4 of the
Illinois Probate Act
(755 ILCS 5/28-4).
A form of a Petition
to Terminate Inde-
pendent Administra-
tion may be opened
from the Clerk of
the Court at the
above address.
Dated this 19th day
of February, 2024.
Brenda Ruch-Pope-
joy, Independent
Executor of the Es-
tate of Donald Lee
Bowman, Deceased
BRYCE A. LYNCH
6297077 TAYLOR
& LYNCH, LLC 216
SOUTH CENTER
STREET P.O. BOX
478 CLINTON,
ILLINOIS 61727
TEL: (217) 935-
2183 FAX: (217)
935-8219 E-MAIL:
attorneys@dewit-
tcountyilaw.com

LEGAL 19987
Feb. 23, March 1,
March 8, 2024

LEGAL

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Property is taking
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ing at the county
building and jail.
Bid specifications
are available by
contacting Kevin
Kemp at kkemp@dewittcountyil.gov
or at www.dewittcountyil.gov
requests for pro-
posals. Submit bids
to DeWitt County
Building, Attn: Kevin
Kemp, PO Box 439,
Clinton, IL 61727 or
via email kkemp@dewittcountyil.gov
by 3:00 p.m. on
March 6, 2024.

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Ag Conservation Easement program funding now available

CHAMPAIGN — NRCS State Conservationist, Tammy Willis announced funding is now available for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program – Agricultural Land Easements (ACEP-ALE).

The program provides an opportunity for landowners to place land into an easement while continuing to produce an agricultural commodity. This Ag Land Easement program protects agricultural land from conversion to uses other than agriculture.

According to Willis, “Many landowners find these programs useful when they want to leave a farming legacy. Others want to protect agriculture land from Urban expansion. With these programs, you can do just that.”

ACEP-ALE is different than many other easement programs, in that it requires an entity to assist with the cost of purchasing the easement and the entity also holds the easement instead of NRCS. This often appeals to some landowners because they feel more comfortable with the entity serving as the easement holder.

Who can serve as an ‘entity’? Eligible entities including state and local governments and non-governmental organizations that have farmland or grassland protection programs, can qualify as an eligible entity.

For the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) signup, great resources are available to help explain the Ag Land Easement program requirements for entities and landowners.


NRCS worked with American Farmland Trust (AFT) to create documents that walk a landowner or entity through the easement process. These resource materials are located on the NRCS IL website at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/acep-agricultural-conservation-easement-program/illinois/>

The ACEP-ALE signup process is continuous; applications can be taken at any time. NRCS will conduct this opportunity for funding during the second application cutoff of March 20, 2024. All eligible applications received through March 20, 2024, will be considered for funding. An additional funding cutoff for ACEP-ALE will be determined.

Entities interested in participating in ACEP-ALE must submit an NRCS-CPA-41 Entity Application Form along with NRCS-CPA-41A Parcel Application Form, for all the parcels they would like to fund in FY24.

To learn more, producers and entities should call to set up appointments with local NRCS office staff. Visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/il to find your local office contact information.

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February 23

2003: A short but intense snowstorm was noted across southern Illinois, as surface low pressure tracked from Arkansas to Kentucky. Between 5 and 7 inches of snow fell across Lawrence County, southward to a Carbondale to Carmi line. Visibility was less than one quarter mile during the heaviest snow bursts, and was accompanied by thunder and lightning in a few spots.

February 24

1930: The high temperature of 78 degrees in Springfield established the city's February high temperature record; Decatur also recorded a month record high of 75 degrees. Peoria's high of 71 was a record for the date, and the low of 54 was the warmest February low temperature on record. Champaign also established a record high of 70 degrees.



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