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National Honor Society

Shown are students recently inducted into Clinton High School's National Honor Society chapter. See current NHS members on A1.

Letters of recomendation now being accepted for Teacher of the Year

CLINTON - Residents for the 2023-24 school Pertl, Clinton Elementary may now send letters of recommendation supporting any of the Junior

year. Sheila Wayne, Clinton Clinton High

School, Kristen Hoyt, Elementary School; School, and Melissa Tool,

Families are encouraged to write letters in support of any of the teachers nominated.. Letters should

Letters can be mailed to: **TOY Committee** c/o Jessie Peterson, CES 680 Illini Drive

Farmer City begins zoning study

Officials look at assuming city zoning control from county

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CLINTON – Farmer City will move forward to assume authority over its own zoning.

City attorney Jeff Hanley, during Monday's council meeting, gave an overview of what was required for the city to assume zoning authority from DeWitt County.

Hanley said city manager Sue McLaughlin asked him to look into the possibility of the city taking over control of zoning from the county.

"What's been suggested is that maybe the city wants to implement its own zoning control within the corporate limits of the City of Farmer City," Hanley said. Hanley said the first part of the process would be to establish a zoning commission, which would "investigate establishing zoning within the corporate limits."

nominees for the Clinton Ginger Morgan, Lincoln Lincoln Elementary are schools Teacher of the Year Elementary; Elizabeth this year's nominees.

Clinton farmer wins national soybean yield contest award for 2023

ST. LOUIS, Mo. – O'Brien was recently among honored the highest-yielding region's soybean farmers in the 2023 Asgrow® National Yield Contest.

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> Among 55 farmers receiving awards, 23 achieved yields of more than 100 bushels per acre and Georgia farmer Alex Harrell, of Smithville, set the world record for soybean yield with an average 206.7 bushels per

acre in the 2023 contest. Harrell achieved the record with Asgrow® AG48X9 brand soybeans. The Asgrow National Yield Contest first debuted in 2012 and encourages farmers to push soybean yield limits. The contest provides farmers the opportunity to innovate and learn more about the latest input technology and management practices for continuing advances in agricultural production.

be submitted by Thursday, April 4.



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Clinton, IL 61727

Letters also may be emailed to jpeterson@ cusd15.org.

All letters will be put into packets and given to the individual teachers during the Spring breakfast.

> **Biographies on each** teacher are on A13.

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ZONING / A2



NEWS

Zoning / from A1

The zoning commission also would be responsible for developing a zoning map for the city as well as a zoning ordinance.

"Once the commission has done that, they then present their findings and recommendations to the city council," Hanley said. "And, then, you all have the final say whether you want to do it."

The council also would have the flexibility to amend the ordinance or map. "You have that control,"

zoning Hanley said.

Hanley and McLaughlin also would have input into the preliminary work conducted by the zoning commission. The commission would be made up of from three to five members appointed by

the mayor. Once the city establishes it own zoning, the zoning commission would be dissolved.

"The zoning commission would expire by its own term," Hanley said. "This is a sort of one-shot deal, one mission for this particular commission."

Another commission could be formed then to administer the actual zoning apparatus

developed.

Qualifications to serve on the zoning commission could be broad, ranging from any resident with an interest in the city to people with knowledge or experience with zoning.

"I think special qualifications are provided by Sue, who has a background in zoning and professional experience," Hanley said.

"Then, you create a ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals), which is seven members appointed by the council," McLaughlin said.

Mayor Scott Testory endorsed the plan.

"I think it's in our interest to establish our own zoning," Testory said.

McLaughlin said the next step would be to begin collecting names for possible appointees to the

zoning commission. She said some municipalities create their own zoning ordinances from scratch.

"But, we have discussed potentially adopting the county's ordinance under the auspices of the city, tweaking it a little bit," McLaughlin said. "So, everybody's zoning stays the same, there are no major changes."



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NEWS



Witzke and Michelassi awarded by DeWitt Clinton DAR members

CLINTON - DeWitt Michelle has taken The Clinton DAR recently presented Community Service Awards to Michelle Witzke, founder of The Vault, and Helen Michelassi, representing The Write Stuff For Kids, at the organization's March meeting.

"Michelle and Helen exemplify outstanding service to the community through their steadfast volunteer efforts," said organiation officials."

Vault, a community teen center, from vision to reality, where youth can meet for social, academic, and spiritual growth. Helen, representing The Write Stuff For Kids, has volunteered the past 21 years ensuring that students Kindergarten through Grade 12 have the basic supplies necessary to start school each year."

Pictured left to right, Michelle Witzke, The Vault, Terri Lemmel, DeWitt Clinton DAR member presenting awards, Helen Michelassi representing The Write Stuff For Kids.

Photo courtesy of DeWitt Clinton DAR



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HISTORY ALMANAC

1975 - Walt Disney World Shopping Village opened. Disney movies, music and books

1978 - Karl Wallenda, of the Flying Wallendas, fell to his death while walking a cable strung between to hotels in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

1979 - The National Hockey League (NHL) voted to accept 4 WHA teams, the Oilers, Jets, Nordiques & Whalers.

1980 - People for Ethical **Treatment of Animals** (PETA) was founded by Ingrid Newkirk and Alex Pacheco.

1981 - U.S. Postage rates went from 15-cents to 18-cents an ounce.

1981 - RCA put its Selectra Vision laser disc players on the market.

1982 - The Space Shuttle Columbia was launched into orbit on mission STS-3. It was the third orbital flight for the Columbia.

1987 - A barge loaded with 32,000 tons of refuse left Islip, NY, to find a place to unload. After being refused by several states and three countries space was found back in Islip.

1988 - The Congress overrode U.S. President Reagan's veto of a sweeping civil rights bill.

1989 - Oliver North began two days of testimony at his Iran-Contra trial in Washington, DC.

1989 - The U.S. House Ways and Means Committee reported the class gap was widening.

1992 - A Fokker F-28 veered off a runway at New York's LaGuardia airport and into Flushing Bay, killing 27 people.

Sometimes we need to



Last week was a rather momentous week for the Koritz family. Ivy and I have been married for over 53 years and have raised six children during that period. I guess that qualifies us as old.

We don't necessarily feel like antiques, but we have been around for a while and have weathered a few storms. Last week we were blessed to experience a new beginning. Our first and newest great grandchild arrived on the scene. Ellie arrived on March 13 to parents Micah and Jenna at St. John's Hospital, in Springfield. When Micah called us early Wednesday with the news he made one comment that truly stuck out, "She's beautiful." For a first-time father that comment said it all. A new life had entered this world and life was going forward for a young lady and her equally young parents.

Being doting grandparents we drove to the hospital. During all of this we had additional phone calls from Micah asking where we were at. Both Micah and Jenna wanted to show off this new life and

make tough decisions. We don't want to. We want to wake up and find the

Old and new

show us their beautiful daughter. We got to the hospital and go to their room. I immediately realize that Mom and Dad have been learning a lot of family politics recently. Grandma sits down and is immediately handed baby Ellie. Grandpa is left by the wayside as Grandma and granddaughter connect. It looked like they had a pretty good connection as Grandma was more than content to hold Ellie. Eventually everyone realized that the old codger sitting in the chair might like to acquaint himself with his great granddaughter. They hand Ellie to me and Ellie realizes that I come with a built in couch and falls back to sleep.

I am entranced by her tiny nose and little bitty fingers. This NEW LIFE being held by an OLD GUY. The continuum of life is ongoing. Life brings forth life and I am content to see the progression. I remember my 90 year old mother holding a new born granddaughter and seeing the joy on her face. Life is good.

Ivy and I went down to the cafeteria to get something to eat.

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The cafeteria is under construction and was not busy when we got there. We got a couple of sandwiches and drinks and went to check out. We just wanted to sit down and rest up a bit. The checkout is a dual line with one cashier. A young woman with a St. John's id was in the other lane and a few seconds in front of us. When I got to the cashier, I asked how much. He replied, "It's been paid for" and pointed to the lady leaving. I have no recollection of having ever met this woman and know nothing about her, save she had a St. John's identification. The free meal was a pleasant surprise. That gesture of kindness will be played forward. Life is good.

MOUNT PISGAH/HOLY TRINITY—While the news from

Springfield was pure joy the news froms Bloomington brought sadness and some anger. Both churches were heavily vandalized this past week, along with a few businesses in the same area. An upper middle aged woman has been arrested for the vandalism. The damage at Mount Pisgah was so extensive that its leadership cancelled on-site services at the church this past Sunday and closed its food pantry indefinitely. While the decision to cancel the services is entirely within the church's purview, I wish they hadn't chosen to shut down.

This kind of vandalism is usually from someone wanting to disrupt the normal events of the day and gain attention to themselves or the acts. Shutting down services tends to feed into the desires of the perpetrator. While it may have been difficult to hold services under the conditions, if there were no safety issues, I wish the church had held its Sunday services and operated its food pantry. Doing so would have been a real win for the church under the circumstances.

Making big decisions

money come from? While my current

This went on for a year. The only peace (and situation isn't earthshaking uninterrupted sleep) I got (except maybe to me), it was by unplugging the

coming into my house to discuss the issues.

I hung in there until Election Day, stood in

1995 - Russian cosmonaut Valeri Polyakov returned to Earth after setting a record for 438 days in space.

1997 - Tara Lipinski, at 14 years and 10 months, became the youngest women's world figure skating champion.

2002 - A collection of letters and cards sent by Princess Diana of Wales sold for \$33,000. The letters and cards were written to a former housekeeper at Diana's teenage home.

2017 - In Jerusalem, the tomb of Jesus reopened after a restoration project.

2018 - The New York Stock Exchange announced that their first woman head would be Stacey Cunningam.

problem is resolved. But we can't do that, and we know it.

Sometimes we're faced with a serious lifechanging situation such as acknowledging that we need to move a spouse or parent to a care facility because we just can't manage anymore.

Or perhaps one of our

children needs our longterm help. The question becomes: Do we sell our current home? Do we rent it out in the hope we'll eventually move back? Other times the situation isn't quite as grim but still requires a serious decision: We clearly need a new vehicle. But where will the does require a very serious decision to be made. It is: Will I once again register to vote this year? While it might appear to be a nobrainer to many, it really isn't. During the last presidential election cycle, my life was consumed with harassing phone calls and people at my door all day, every day, day and night.

phone. If I answered the door, I was faced with pushy people insisting I make cash donations to their party and fill out requests for absentee ballots that they would (supposedly) deliver to the polls on voting day.

Worst, I think, were the get-out-the-vote workers who tried to insist on

line to vote and then went directly to the town office and had them delete me from the voter rolls. I remain, for the first time in my adult life, not registered to vote.

It feels very wrong.

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OPINION / COLUMNS

Offering advice

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. In my previous article, I explained my personal views and reactions toward those that ask for my opinions just to reject them. That reminds me of a Scriptural principle that cautions us how to handle our valuable pearls (Matthew 7: 6). I follow-up with this article to show the value of humbly accepting advice. There is a difference between blind rejection and scrutinizing for possible merits.

Rule number one. Do not ask for a person's advice if you had no intention of considering it. It does not reflect well on you to insult the adviser. Rule number two. Never give excuses for advice you have solicited. Any advice of which you disagree, request clarification. Rule number three. Any advice you deem valuable, let them know and if you intend to apply it. Rule number four. Never go on the defensive. Consider complaints and advice as the person's desire to help you and thank them. Humility is a sign of character strength. In summation, regard these four rules as an aid toward growth and success; a win, win situation.

In my youth, I had only a few advantages. One advantage I did have was my mother's restlessness. She liked traveling and out different trying experiences. As a result, I got to eat in countless restaurants both good and bad. I had a basis for evaluating foods. It seems I also possess a high olfactory sensitivity common among ASD's. Therefore, I can vividly recall childhood taste memories. This is



enough. I'll get to the point. Mr. H. Stein moved his Dairy Queen business from route south 51 to the corner of Main and Madison streets. As a very young boy (my age was in the single digits), I enjoyed coca-colas from Chamber's drug store. They were acclaimed the best in town. And they were. I still recall how they tasted. When a teenager, I stopped to have a coke at the Dairy Queen. Mr. Stein asked how I liked it. I told him it had too much syrup. He excused himself to adjust the dispenser. Dispensers back then required periodic adjustments of the mixing valves. He drew a sample for me to try. It took a few more adjustments before I could tell him he reached the optimum combination.

When passing by the Dairy Queen several days later, Heiny beckoned me to come to him. He wanted me to know that his cola sales increased and that he had just changed over two fresh cylinders. He drew me a coke to test and readjustments proceeded. As long as he kept the business, I was his taste tester. We became good friends.

This shows that sincerity in requesting advice, regardless the adviser's age, can work well for both parties. Kindness and due respect have their rewards. Bottom line; being honest with one another has its rewards.

Until next time, peace to

Making the most of 'America Saves Week' 2024

Selena Higgins Social Security district manager, Normal

America Saves Week, which runs from April 8 to 12 this year, is an excellent opportunity for organizations to promote good financial habits and for people to assess their own saving status. This year's theme is "Saving for What Matters Most."

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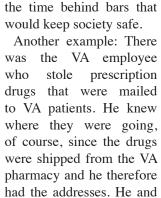
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Small punishments for scammers

What always stands out, at least to me, are the low penalties for the criminals who steal from veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The number of scams seems to grow, and one wonders if it's because thieves don't perceive there to be much punishment if they should be caught.

An example: A veteran threatened to blow up a VA medical facility. He verbally told the crisis line and even identified the person he specifically wanted to kill and when. He was found and arrested for making threats and even made additional threats after the arrest. Now, he hasn't gone to court yet, but the evidence is pretty strong. Why, one wonders, would he only be in line



his pals would break into

the mailboxes to steal the

drugs, which he would

then sell for big profits. I

think about cancer patients

when I learn of something

like this, cancer patients

who need their drugs on

time, not to mention the

likely pain medications.

The main thief in this scam

only received a sentence

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for five short years in the slammer? Yes, there could VETER/ be a hefty fine, but it's * POS'

by Freddy Groves of 42 months in prison; his scammer pals got sentences of 12 and 35 months. Not long enough, not nearly long enough.

Then there was the guy who convinced everyone that he was blind and therefore 100 percent

disabled and needed some benefits. Turned out he had both a drivers license and a gun carry permit and could see well enough for those activities. Not so blind after all, but his punishment was a few years of probation and some cash restitution.

So where is the deterrence to thieves and scammers when the punishment is so light?

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Wapella and Long Point Cemetery clean up March 23

WAPELLA _ Wapella and Long Point meeting and a cleanup/ workday on Saturday, March 23, weather

The permitting. For questions, contact Cemetery will have a Jim Murphy at (309) 473-2219 or Camille Redman at (217) 935-8578.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 31:16-17

Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love. Let me not be put to shame, LORD, for I have <u>cried</u> <u>out</u> to you; <u>but</u> let the <u>wicked</u> be put to **<u>shame</u>** and be <u>**silent**</u> in the <u>**realm**</u> of the <u>**dead**</u>.

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BIBLE TRIVIA By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of 2 Thessalonians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Titus 1, Paul wrote that unto the pure all things are ...? Gold, Righteous, Worthy, Pure

archangel What 3. is mentioned by name in the book of Jude? Gabriel, Silas, Michael, Melchizedek

4. In 1 Kings 21, who forbid Naboth to give his vineyard to Ahab? The Lord, Jezebel, Absalom, Balaam

5. Jared was the father of Enoch and lived how many years? 110, 450, 600, 962 6. In Psalm 103:5, what bird's youth is renewable? Dove, Eagle, Raven, Swallow

6) Eagle 1:9), 4) The Lord, 5) 962, 2) Pure, 3) Michael (Jude ANSWERS: 1) New,

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Kenney Fire Department blood drive Mar. 29

KENNEY – Kenney Fire Department will host "Community Blood а Drive" with ImpactLife, the provider of blood components for local hospitals.

The blood drive will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 29 at 110 E. Sheldon Street, inside the firehouse

brook at (217) 944-2441 or visit www.bloodcenter. org and use code 61509 to locate the drive.

Donor Eligibility Criteria: Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available through www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 pounds. A photo I.D. is required to donate. For questions about eligibility, please call ImpactLife at (800) 747-5401. Donors who last gave blood on or before 2/2/24 are eligible to give at this drive.

takes about 45 minutes to one hour. Individuals with diabetes or controlled high blood pressure may be accepted as eligible donors.

ImpactLife: About ImpactLife is the provider of blood and blood components to more than 125 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin. In your area, ImpactLife is the exclusive provider to Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Decatur Memorial Hospital, HSHS St. John's Hospital, OSF HealthCare St. Joseph Medical Center, Carle BroMenn Medical Center, and Kirby Medical Center.

Clinton

Presbyterian Church 402 N. Center Street Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-

12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri. Tel. (217) 935-6178 Fax (217) 935-6128 Pastor-Paul Stroup clintonpresbyterian.org 9:15 a.m.-Sunday school

10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship with nursery available

Senior high youth group meets twice a month. PC - A Place to Belong Believe - Become

Clinton United Methodist Church

308 E. Main Street Rev. Darrell Howard (217) 935-5869 clintonumcil.org 9 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Children & Adult

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.-vouth aroup "We're ordinary people helping each other become faithful followers of Jesus."

The Blessed Hope Seventh-Day **Adventist Church** 112 N. Monroe St., Clinton (217) 731-4005 9:30 a.m.-Saturday, Sabbath school 11 a.m.- worship with pot luck afterwards

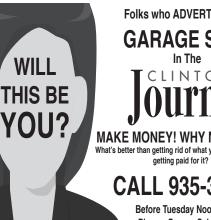
Wapella **Christian Church** 101 N. Poplar (217) 731-4404 Josh Gorrie, minister Wapellacc.com 9 a.m.-Sunday school 10 a.m.-worship "Celebrating our 150th year"

What: Kenney Fire Department "Community Blood Drive"

When: Friday, March 29, 11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Where: Firehouse, 110 E Sheldon St, Kenney

Appointments: To donate, please contact Troy Lash-



About Blood Donation: Blood donation is a safe, simple procedure that



Catholic Easter Schdule

7:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart, 612 Plum St.,

7:00pm Mass at St. Patrick, 308 S. Locust St.,

NEWS

Judith Lee Fortner Coffey

KENNEY — Judith Lee Fortner Coffey blessed her loved ones with her birth on October 28, 1940.

She married the love of her life Charles G. Coffey on December 31, 1970, and has missed him every day since December 19, 2004.

Judy is the daughter of Rollie Olin and Jewel Evelyn (Hoge) Fortner. They, along with beloved family members preceded her in death, husband Charles Coffey, precious son William (Bill, Wild Bill) Henderson, sister Connie (Ray) Rogers, sister Sandra (Doug) Vinson, and many loved family, friends and pets.

Judy was a spirited individual with too many friends to list. She was an avid volunteer in the community and in her personal life. She would be embarrassed to discuss her good deeds, so out of respect, we will simply say thank you for showing so much love to so many. If she was helping others or making them laugh, she was happy.

She loved fishing (and fish!), playing cards, attending movies and plays and hanging out with her friends.

She played an active

role on the Kenney village board and assisted for many years with the Kenney Fire Department fish fry and fall festival.

Judy enjoyed cooking, catered for many years (Judy's Professional volunteering, Catering), attending horse shows (and assisting with concessions at the DeWitt County 4-H Fairgrounds) and making all kinds of meals for every event and occasion imaginable. But, nothing made her happier than a table full of loved ones. She cherished her titles of "Mom" and "Grandma." That is her crown.

Judy is survived by daughters, Dawn Jackson, of Taylorville Ill.; Julie Gehlbach, of Lincoln Ill.; Marjorie (Gordon) Foster, of Heyworth; grandchildren, Steve Henderson, of Lincoln Ill.; Stephanie Henderson,

of Lincoln Ill.;, Cash (Elizabeth) Jackson, of Chilicothe Ill.; James Wilson, of Florida; Holly (Luke Holt), of Clinton; Alex Schonauer, of Union Mich.; Cameron City (Carly) Danison, of Bloomington; and Ethan Williams, of Heyworth.

Also surviving are greatgrandchildren, Triston (Steve), Anna and Levi (Stephanie), Evelyn Rose (Holly and Luke), Mylee, Ella and Bentley (Cameron and Carly), and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Anyone reading this might recall Judy working at LDC, Cutler Hammer, IGA deli or running the kitchen during the Logan County Fair, in Lincoln, and, finally, her many years managing the food service at DeWitt County Nursing Home, in Hallsville.

A "Celebration of Life" will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday March 22 at the Kenney Community Center, located at 101 Johnston St., Kenney.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, the family requests donations be made to Kenney Fire Department or the Neighborhood Care Center, in Clinton.

Good Friday 3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, St. John's, 502 N. Monroe St., Clinton

5:30pm 3:00pm 6:00pm

Easter Vigil

8:00pm 8:00pm

Mass at St. John's, Clinton Mass at St. Patrick, Wapella

Holy Thursday

Farmer City

Wapella

Easter Sunday

8:30am 9:00am 10:30am Mass at St. John's, Clinton Mass at St. Patrick, Wapella Mass at Sacred Heart, Farmer City

Stations & Veneration, St. John's, Clinton

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, St. Patrick, Wapella

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, Sacred Heart, Farmer City



Joy at Easter

Clinton United Methodist Church 308 East Main Street Clinton, IL 61727 217-935-5869 **Pastor Darrell Howard**

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday - March 24th at 9AM Maundy Thursday - March 28th at 7PM

CAMA Good Friday Service - March 29th at 7PM

at Lane Christian Church

Easter Sunday - March 31 at 9AM

Go to www.clintonumcil.org or call 217-935-5869 for more information about online worship.

Clinton Police Department

Citations 03/17/24

Angelo D. Robles 21, Decatur Possession of Cannabis by Driver. Notice to Appear issued.

Isaiah Reedy 21, Possession Bellwood of Cannabis Passenger. County Jail and released to Corrections for processing.

DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

Mar. 8-15

Brandon Thompson, 20, Farmer City, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with Harass Witness/Family

Citation for Speeding (74 mph in a 55 mph zone). Smith was released with no Court Appearance Required.

Matthew Powell, 40, Heyworth, was issued a Citation for Speeding (74 mph in a 55 mph zone). Powell was released with no Court Appearance Required.

Franklin Wheeler, 41,

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Notice to Appear issued.

On 03/15/24 Clinton Police arrested Jeremy J. Larson 38, Clinton for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol and Driving while License Revoked. Larson was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections for processing.

On 03/17/24 Clinton Police arrested Richard L. Spurling 49, Clinton for Criminal Trespass to Property. Spurling was transported to the DeWitt

Mbr/Rep/FTA. Thompson was issued a Court Date and released.

Angela Fikes, 43, Urbana, was issued a Citation for Speeding (77 mph in a 50 mph zone). Fikes was released with a Required Court Appearance.

Quintin Laquasto, 19, Nashville, was issued a Citation for Speeding (78 mph in a 55 mph zone). Laquasto was released with no Court Appearance Required.

40, Ashlee Smith, Decatur, was issued a

Clinton, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with Meth Delivery/5<15 Grams/ Wheeler remains FTA. lodged in the DeWitt County Jail awaiting a Court Date.

Wilson, Debra 64, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Speeding (80 mph in a 55 mph zone). Wilson was released with no Court Appearance Required.

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

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Easter Services

Please join us Sunday, March 31st at 10 am and 6 pm for Easter Worship



8301 Texas Church Road **Clinton, IL 61727** (217) 454-6846 Scott Marsh, Pastor (located 1 mile east of Little Galilee Camp) www.texaschristianchurch.org

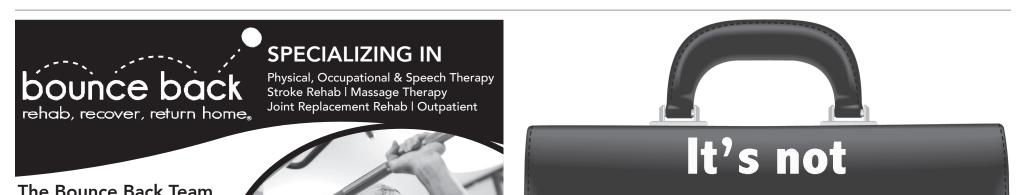
SPORTS



Gordon Woods / Journal

Uops ...

A loose ball made it possible for Clinton Lady Maroons varsity 15 player to cross 1st base in their game Saturday against the Heyworth Lady Hornets. The rally wasn't enough to put the Lady Maroons in the win column, Heyworth winning 6-4.



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Clinton Otters compete in YMCA State Championships

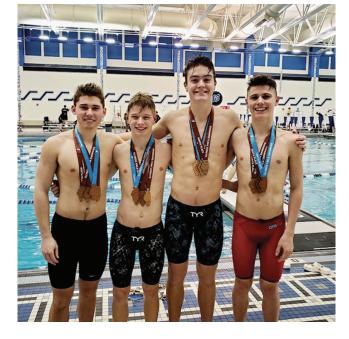


ST. JOHN, Ind.— During March 8-10, the Clinton Otters wrapped up their short course season represented by 43 swimmers who competed in the 2024 Illinois YMCA Swimming State Championships, held in St. John, Ind.

The Otter girls were led in individual team points earned by Katelyn Bentz (76 pts), Aubrey Houser (76 pts), and Abby Harper (30pts).

The Otter boys were led in individual points earned by Dane Fought (76pts), Kruz DeLeon (43 pts), and Owyn Schultz (30 pts).

> Information and photos courtesy of the Clinton Otters / Rob DeLeon



Clinton Otters











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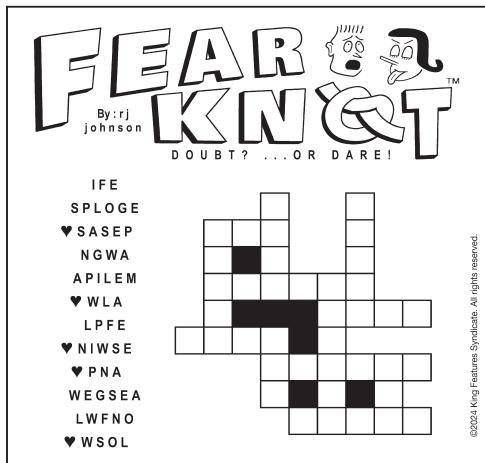
In a rubber bridge or team game, this would be a pretty dull deal, with N-S making 10 or 11 tricks in about 30 seconds flat. But in a duplicate bridge game, where overtricks are well rewarded, this dull deal suddenly becomes most interesting!

When this deal was played, all the West players led a Diamond to East's Ace, and a Diamond was returned, South playing the Two on the first trick, followed by the Nine. The West players knew that, if East had two remaining Diamonds, he would have returned the higher one at Trick 2. Therefore, Declarer had the missing Ten, and there was no point in ducking the second Diamond, he had to take his King while he still could. The defense won the VA later and it was just 10 tricks for Declarer.

But at one table Declarer created an illusion by playing the Diamond Nine and Ten on the first two tricks. Now West had a chance to go wrong as, in this case, the missing Diamond was the Two. In West's mind, unless Declarer was being diabolically devious (which we know to be the case!), the missing Two was surely with East. So West ducked the second Diamond and sat back, patiently waiting for East to get in and fire back a Diamond. He's still waiting, and it was 11 tricks (and a top board) for Declarer.

In the post mortem West apologized for not grabbing the \bullet K while he could, but East could have saved the day. He could count Declarer for 18-19 HCP, leaving only 3-4 for West. That being so, West presumably had the \bullet K and no entries, and the defense could never score the long Diamonds. So East must cash the \bullet A at Trick 2, making it clear to one and all that the defense must take its three tricks and give up.

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

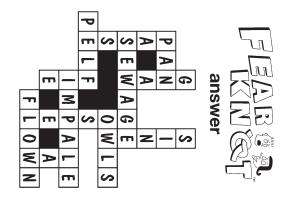


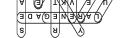
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OF EDDIE R. MUN-SELL, Deceased

the representative NO: 2024PR8 and to the representative's attorney within ten days after CLAIM NOTICE it has been filed. NOTICE is given to creditors of the

Dated this 29th day of February, 2024. Kevin Hammer Attorney for the Estate of Martha M. Nixon 219 East Main Street Clinton, IL 61727 217/935-

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STATE OF ILLI-NOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

death of EDDIE R. MUNSELL. Letters of Office were issued February 29, 2024, to Patricia R. Munsell, as Legal Representative, whose attorney of record is Patrick R. Cox, Cox & Fulk, LLC, 202 North Center Street, Bloomington, Illinois 61701. CLAIMS against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the DeWitt County Circuit Clerk, 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, Illinois, 61727, or with the representative, or

both, on or before September 2, 2024, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required 2024

by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after is has been filed. Patricia R. Munsell, Legal Representative

BY: /s/ Patrick R.

Cox Patrick R. Cox

ARDC# 6305671 Cox & Fulk, LLC 202 North Center Street Bloomington, IL 61701 (309) 828-7331 patcox@cfxlegal. com LEGAL 19992 March 8, 15, 22,

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

SCOTT HARROLD DECEASED

2024-PR-9

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDE-PENDENT ADMIN-**ISTRATION**

Notice is given of the death of the above named decedent;

Letters of Office were issued on February 27, 2024 to Gregory D. Harrold, 515 Cedar Drive, Clinton, Illinois 61727 as Independent Executor. The attorney for

FLOYD "ED" DAVENPORT-DeWitt, IL **DEWITT COUNTY PUBLIC LAND AUCTION**

SELLING 2 TRACTS TRACT 1-FARMLAND TRACT 2-RECREATIONAL

TUES.-APRIL 16TH, 2024 10:00 AM (Doors Open 9:00 am)

AUCTION LOCATION: WAPELLA AUCTION HOUSE-Wapella, IL

TRACT 1-23.63 +/- acres (approximately 21 tillable)-good level ground-a triangular piece that borders Rt 54 and Cumberland Road, also could be a possible building site. It has a 70 x 100 machine shed with newer paint and doors.

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51ST ANNUAL LAKE FORK COMMUNITY AUCTION

Lake Fork, IL Located on 8 acres just 3 miles SW of Mt. Pulaski on Rt. 54 12+ auctioneers on site! Saturday, March 30 at 9:30 a.m. Pancakes & Sausage or Biscuits & Gravy served March 30: 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Annual Meat Sale: March 20-30 Consignments accepted March 25 starting at 8 a.m. For more information, call Delmar Stewart at 217-871-5793 or 217-792-5662 the week of the sale. 03042024 LOCATION: just ¼ mile East of DeWitt to the corner of Rt 54 and Cumberland Rd-then East-good road-good location. Parcel # 09-17-300-012

TRACT 2-3.24 +/- acres-this is a unique recreational piece of land at the corner of Rt 54 and 18000 E Heartland Rd. This is a long triangular piece of all grass and trees-has a grass driveway-an insulated portable building. This would be a great getaway-set up your camper-many uses and just 8 miles East of Clinton. LOCATION: Rt 54 East 8 miles to Rd 18000 Heartland Rd-cross over the tracks and turn left onto the driveway-just 1 mile from DeWitt. Parcel #08-24-200-005

Both properties are marked with auction signs!

AUCTIONEERS NOTE: TRACT 1-\$295.00 per acre (21 tillable acres) will be paid to the new buyer for the 2024 farming season. The 2024 lease is filled and the ground will be be farmed by Roy Sessions.

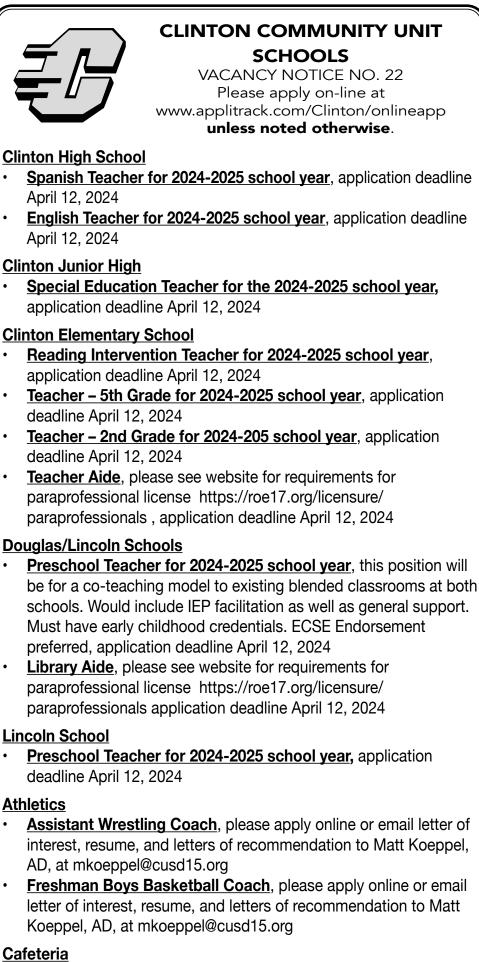
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- Kitchen Staff 4.0 hrs daily (split shift), please apply online, pick up an application at the unit office or email Beth Tedrick Btedrick@ cusd15.org.
- Sub Kitchen Staff, plus opportunity to sub for crossing/bus monitor, please apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office.

Transportation

FRIDAY, MAR. 22, 2024

Dated: March 5, 2024 Stephen R. Myers Attorney for Executor ARDC No. 2008203 Stephen R. Myers Attorney for Executor 202 W. Adams Street Clinton, Illinois 61727 Tel. (217) 935-8326 Fax (217) 935-4333 È-Máil: steve@ stevemyerslaw.com LEGAL 20001 March 15, 22, 29, 2024 LEGAL

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN To the legal voters, residents of Tunbridge Township in the County of DeWitt and State of Illinois, that the Annual **Town Meeting** of said Township will take place on Tuesday, April 9 Year 2024 at the hour of 6:15 P.M. at the Tunbridge Township Building, 412 E. Croslev St., Kenney, IL for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said township; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting. Dated March 22, 2024. Kari Williams, **Tunbridge Township** Clerk LEGAL 20005 March 22, 2024 LEGAL **ANNUAL TOWN** MEETING NOTICE IS HERE-

BY GIVEN To the legal residents of the Town of Harp in the County of DeWitt and State of Illinois, that the ANNUAL MEETING of said Town will take place on TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024 being the second Tuesday of said

by given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Town of Harp in the County of **DeWitt State of** Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Harp Town Hall from and after 8 o'clock A.M., 1st day, May 2024, at Harp Town Hall in this Town and that final action on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held at 8 o'clock P.M, on the 3rd day of June, 2024 Dated this 11th day of March, 2024. Daniel Enos, Supervisor Debra J. Wilson, Clerk LEGAL 20007 March 22, 2024

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NOTICE OF PUB-LIC HEARING ON ROAD DIS-TRICT BUDGET Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for road purposes in the Town of Harp in the County of DeWitt, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024, and ending March 31, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Harp Town Hall from and after 8 o'clock A.M., 1s day, May 2024. Notice is further herby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 8 o'clock P.M. 6th day, May, 2024, at Harp Town Hall and that final hearing and action in this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at Harp Town Hall at 8 o'clock P.M., 3rd day, June, 2024. Debra J. Wilson, Clerk LEGAL 20008 March 22, 2024

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216 South Center

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Dated this 1st day of

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61727.

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE 2023MR8 Holly Levengood requests a legal name change from Holly Fae Levengood to Christopher Ray Levengood.

COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT. DEWITT COUNTY. ILLINOIS In Probate IN RE THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM R. WALDEN. DE-CEASED No. 2024PR6 **NOTICE BY PUB-**LICATION **TO: CREDITORS** and CLAIMANTS Notice is hereby given of the death of WILLIAM R. WALDEN, who died on 11/22/2023, a resident of DeWitt, Illinois.

A hearing was held at the Piatt County Courthouse, 101 W. Washington St., #310, Monticello, IL 61856. Floor 1. Courtoom #1 at 9:30 a.m. February 21, 2024. LEGAL 19999 March 15, 22, 29,

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IN THE CIRCUIT

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Letters of Office were issued on February 20, 2024, to BONNIE G. WALDEN, whose address is 13809 Pine Road, DeWitt, IL 61735. as Executor; and whose attorney of record is Stephen R. Myers, 202 W. Adams

Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton. Illinois 61727, or with the Executor identified above, or both, on or before September 20. 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the Executor and to the attorney within (ten) 10 days after it has been 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 Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/28-4).

- Bus/Van Monitors Part Time, please apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office
- Sub Bus Drivers & Van Drivers (HRS as needed), please apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office. Bus Drivers must have or be willing to obtain CDL.
- Sub Crossing Guard, (HRS as needed) plus opportunity to sub for kitchen or bus monitor, please apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office.
- Sub Bus/Van Monitors (HRS as needed) plus opportunity to sub for kitchen or crossing, please apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office

Nursing/Health

Substitute School Nurse, who have active Illinois R.N. or LPN license and experience in school nursing for grades K-12. This position may involve experiences with health education, chronic disease management, communicable disease, immunizations, first-aid, and medication administration. Hours for this position would be 7:45 am-3:45pm on an as needed basis

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TICE OF COURT DATE FOR RE-QUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (Minor Name Change) IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURTHOUSE DEWITT COUNTY 2024MR2 There will be a court date on a Request from Kristen Petersen for a Name Change for Samuel Richard Hill to Samual Richard Petersen The court date for the Request filed is scheduled on May 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. In Courtroom B at DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, IL 61727. BRYCE A. LYNCH 6297077 TAYLOR & LYNCH, LLC 216 SOUTH CEN-

month. The Town meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7 o'clock P.M. on said day at Harp Town Hall and a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting. Dated this 11th day of March, 2024 Debra J. Wilson Town Clerk LEGAL 20006 March 22, 2024

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NOTICE OF PUB-LIC HEARING **ON TOWNSHIP** BUDGET Notice is here-

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SIXTH JUDICIAL **CIRCUIT COURT** DEWITT COUNTY, **ILLINOIS** IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY C. CAMPBELL, DE-CEASED 2024PR7 **CLAIM NOTICE** Notice is given of the death of Betty C. Campbell of Clinton, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on February 27, 2024, to Michele E. Caprio whose attorney is Joseph A. Dehn of De-Pew & Dehn, 201

West Olive Street, Bloomington, Illinois 61701. The Resident Agent for the Executor is Joseph A. Dehn, 201 West Olive Street, Bloomington, Illinois 61701. Claims may be filed on or before September 25, 2024, which is not less than six months from the first date of publication of this Notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Claims may be efiled in the office of Clerk of this Court at the DeWitt County Circuit court, Clinton, Illinois or claims may be filed with the Executor. If efiled with the Clerk, within 10 days mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Executor and to her attorney and file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.

Dated: March 12, 2024 Michele E. Caprio, Executor 3622 Craigsher Drive Apopka, FL 32712

Joseph A. Dehn / 6229120 DePew & Dehn 201 West Olive Street Bloomington, IL 61701 309-829-7002 jadehn@prodigy.net

LEGAL 20009 March 22, March, 29, April 5, 2024

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School Improvement Day Waiver Hearing

The Clinton CUSD 15 school board will be conducting a waiver hearing for the purpose of taking public testimony concerning the waiver using two full day school improvement days instead of 4 half days. This is a renewal of a waiver already in place. The hearing will take place at 6:30 p.m. on April 16, at 6:30 PM at

occupied by him in the DeWitt County Courthouse, Clinton, Illinois, asking that Petitioner be given the legal right to change her name from Grace Pennell То Grace Clifton and of assuming and being known by said last mentioned name. /s/ Stephanie L. Purkes Stephanie L. Purkes

LEGAL 20011 March 22, 29 and April 5, 2024

LEGAL STATE OF IL-LINOIS IN THE **CIRCUIT COURT** OF THE SIXTH JU-**DICIAL CIRCUIT** COUNTY OF DE-WITT Estate of: Terry L. Zahnd Deceased. CASE NO. 2024-PR-13 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF

LEGAL / CLASSIFIED / NEWS

CLAIM DATE Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Terry L. Zahnd, of 700 W. High St., Farmer City, Illinois 61842. Letters of Office were issued on March 15, 2024, to Jennifer A. Frank, Independent Administrator, 1029 Jemima St., Clinton, Illinois 61727, whose attorney is Kevin Hammer,

219 E. Main Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the Estate must be filed in the office of the Clerk of DeWitt County Circuit Court, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 22, 2024, or, if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the

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representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in the Notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the representative's attorney within ten days after it has been

filed. Dated this 18th day of March, 2024. Kevin Hammer Attorney for the Estate of Terry L. Zahnd 219 East Main Street Clinton, IL 61727 217/935-7063 LEGAL 20012 March 22, 29, April 5, 2024

Clinton Teacher of the Year candidates



Sheila Wayne is employed at Clinton Junior University. High School, where she currently teaches 8th grade mathematics. She is a Clinton native, graduating in the CHS class of 1988.

Sheila attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, receiving her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. Continuing her education, she earned a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Illinois State

University and 48 additional hours specializing in middle school mathematics.

She was hired in the fall of 1992 and was introduced to Jerry Wayne when he was hired into the district a couple years later. They were married in 1996 and have two children. Their daughter Victoria is completing her final year at Mizzou Veterinary School and will graduate in May. Garrett, their son, recently graduated from Eureka College and is looking to continue his education in the medical profession.

Sheila is very proud to be teaching in the community that she grew up in. She has served on a variety of school and community committees over the years. Along with her husband, she has made great friends and built strong bonds with the students and takes joy in seeing them succeed in life after graduation.



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Ginger Morgan is a special education teacher for Kindergarten and 1st grades at Lincoln School.

She graduated from Decatur Christian and then went on to Western Illinois University where she received her Bachelor of Science degree with a Learning Behavior Specialist license.

Before coming to Clinton, she taught in Decatur Public Schools for 9 1/2 years. She is married to Bryan Morgan, a trooper for Illinois State Police.

They have three children, McKegan (10th), Kaidyn (7th) and Mady (5th) who are all active in sports and extracurricular activities.

Ginger has served as a board member for the CEA. She loves advocating for children with special needs, including participating in the Polar Plunge for the Special Olympics and helping design an adaptive playground for Lincoln School.

> Melissa Tool is a 1st grade teacher at Lincoln School. Her family moved to Clinton when

This is Melissa's 32nd year of teaching. Melissa has served on various committees over the years. This year she is part of the American Education Week Committee and is on the Lincoln School PBIS Team and the Lincoln School Building Improvement Team.

She resides in Clinton with her husband, Scott, who farms. They have three children. Matt is the co-owner of Tool Excavating, Megan is a kindergarten teacher at Douglas School and Amanda is a dental hygienist in Mahomet. They also have two grandchildren. She is proud to teach in the community she lives in and has been a part of for so long. She enjoys helping children learn and working with her colleagues. Outside of school, she loves being with her family, spending time outdoors and baking. She attends St. John's Catholic Church.



Elizabeth Pertl is a 3rd grade teacher at Clinton Elementary School.

She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from the University of North Alabama in 2014 and is currently in her 9th year of teaching. She taught in St. Joseph, La. as a Teach for America Corps member from 2015-2017, teaching 3rd grade and Kindergarten.

In 2017, she moved to Clinton, to continue

her career. She taught Special Education at CES for four years, then started her current role as a 3rd Grade teacher in 2021. Since moving to Clinton, she has served on several school and union committees, worked as a summer school teacher and tutor, and has mentored at The Vault.

She resides in Clinton with her husband, Ben Pertl, who teaches 6th grade English at CJHS. They are excited to welcome their first child, Riley Grant, this April.



Kristen Hoyt has been teaching 2nd grade with the Clinton School District for 16 years. She worked at Lincoln School for six years before moving to CES in 2014. Kristen graduated from Clinton High School in 2003 and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and Special Education from Eastern Illinois University in 2008.

She lives in Clinton with her husband, Geoff, son, Jennings, and step-daughter, Audrey. Kristen is active in her school, participating in many committees at the building level and mentoring new teachers. She has also served in her community, volunteering at The Vault and coaching youth sports. Kristen attends the Clinton Presbyterian Church where she is on the Christian Education Committee and teaches Sunday School.

CJHS Library, 701 Illini Drive. LEGAL 20010 March 22, 2024

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STATE OF ILLI-NOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF DE-WITT In Re: **GRACE PENNELL** No.: 2024-MR-3

PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Name change will be heard on May 20, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. before the Honorable Judge Gary Webber or in the Courtroom usually



she started 5th grade and she graduated from CHS in 1984.

She attended Illinois State University and graduated in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. She began her career teaching 5th grade in Wapella. Two

years later, the Wapella School District consolidated with Clinton. She was fortunate to have a teaching position and soon moved to teaching 1st grade. In December 2019, she received her Master's of Science degree in Teaching and Learning from Illinois State





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DECATUR – Explore the wonders of the great outdoors and join University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalists for a morning filled with education and appreciation for our natural world at the annual Carolyn Mason Education Day.

Into the Woods is the theme for this year's event, which is planned for 8 a.m. to noon on April 13 at Rock Springs Nature Center, 3939 Nearing Ln. An early morning bird hike at 7 a.m. will kick off the day, followed by a keynote presentation and two educational sessions.

Chris Benda, known as the Illinois Botanizer, will be the featured speaker. He will share insights into "The Ecology of Spring Ephemeral Wildflowers" and explore the unique lifecycle of these seasonal blooms that grace our woodlands for a brief period each spring. Benda is a botanist and past president of the Illinois Native Plant Society (2015-2016). He currently works as a researcher at Southern Illinois University, where he coordinates the Plants of Concern Southern Illinois Program and teaches The Flora of Southern Illinois.

Participants will also have the opportunity to engage in two educational sessions to learn how to craft native ink from natural ingredients to create a masterpiece and then create a decorative picture frame using treasures sourced from the forest.

"The Glacier's Edge Master Naturalists are excited to once again offer this day of education in honor

of Carolyn Mason," says Stephanie Hale, program coordinator. "It will be a fun day full of natural activities to recognize a special woman who loved the outdoors."

There is a \$25 registration fee for this event, which includes all activities and a continental breakfast. Participants must be 18 and older to register. Visit go.illinois.edu/CMDay by April 11. For more information, please contact Stephanie Hale at 217-877-6042.

The Glacier's Edge Master Naturalists are environmental volunteers trained by University of Illinois Extension. Master Naturalists volunteer their time and talents with community projects and educational outreach.

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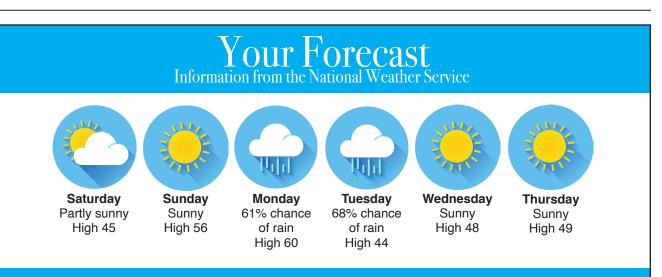
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March 23

1906: Champaign was in the midst of its snowiest month on record, when 32 inches of snow was recorded. Monthly records were also established at Decatur, with a total of 30.5 inches, and at Springfield, at 23.4 inches.







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