



Chamber 2024 Business Expo

Members of DeWitt County EMS participated March 28 in the annual Clinton Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau’s Business Expo. **See more photos from the event on A9-10.**

Gordon Woods / Journal

DeWitt County Coalition connects local service agencies

CLINTON — The DeWitt County Coalition, a network of local social service agencies, will return to in-person meetings after a period of virtual gatherings. DeWitt County Coalition will meet from noon-1 p.m. on April 10 at the DeWitt County Extension Office, 8425 Katie Rd., in Clinton. The virtual option will

continue to be available for participants unable to attend in person. Area social service agencies serving DeWitt County residents make up the coalition, which is an opportunity to network and share resources. The public and new organizations are always welcome to attend.

COALITION / A2

County board reviews bid, approves expenditures

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CLINTON — The county board considered a number of expenditures during its March 21 meeting. Board members looked at a bid from Jason’s Lawn Service for \$35,360. “This is for the landscaping project outside

of our building here,” said Jamie Prestegaard, who gave the property committee report. Prestegaard asked first for the motion to be amended because one of the costs contained in the bid was inadvertently omitted from the amount reflected on the agenda.

See PROPERTY / A7

ZBA approves variance for new home Board also recommends two special use permits

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CLINTON — The DeWitt County Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) on Monday reviewed and approved a trio of cases.

First on the agenda was county resident David Donnelly, who applied for a variance to reduce the road frontage requirement in order to build a second home on property he owns. Donnelly said he had an easement accessing the property and wanted to build a second home.

“It’s an in-law house is what I’m looking at for us to retire in,” Donnelly said. Donnelly owns 20 acres that currently has a home built in 1910. “It’s just a small house, so traffic shouldn’t be affected,” Donnelly said, referring to the planned new home.

He said his two neighbors had no objections to the new construction. His property is accessed by a lane on the south portion off of Kleemann Road. The lane would be extended to reach the new house.

ZBA members concluded the application met the necessary criteria. The board voted unanimously to approve Donnelly’s application.

In the next case, Rob Williamson sought a

special use permit to build a structure on his property for his excavating and farm drainage business.

Williamson owns 84 acres upon which a 30-acre parcel would be used for the new construction, concrete floor building, which he would use as a machine shed and for equipment storage.

He said he expected work on the building would begin in June or July.

See ZBA / A6

Survey: Illinois teacher shortage persists

Peter Hancock
Capitol News Illinois


SPRINGFIELD — Illinois continues to suffer from a shortage of teachers and other education professionals, although recent efforts by the state to ease the strain have made an impact.

See TEACHERS / A15

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NEWS

4-H Camp in search of summer counselors

CLINTON — Agencies serving DeWitt, Macon, and Piatt Counties, need male counselors for 4-H Camp in Monticello for this summer's season. They must be age 16 and older and will work seven weeks of summer. Meals are provided. Junior counselors (16-17 years old) would earn \$2,664, and senior counselors (18+ years old) would earn \$3,024. More details and applications are available at 4h.extension.illinois.edu/events/4-h-memorial-camp/employment-opportunities. For questions, contact Andy Davis, director at 4-H Camp.

United Women in Faith sale April 11 & 12

CLINTON — The United Women in Faith will host their annual rummage sale at the Clinton United Methodist Church on Thursday, April 11 from 4-6:30 p.m. and on Friday, April 12 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. with a special half-price session from noon-2 p.m. On Saturday, from 8 a.m.-11 a.m., there will be

a \$2 fee to enter the sale but shopper can make as many trips to their cars as needed. The sale will include a large variety of children's and adult clothing, jewelry and other accessories, household items, books, puzzles, games, holiday decorations, linens, purses, shoes, and children's toys.

Special program at Genealogical Society meeting April 9

CLINTON — The DeWitt County Genealogical Society will hold its April meeting on Tuesday, April 9, at 4 p.m. in the genealogy room of the Vespasian Warner Public Library. Don Chamberlain will present "General Grant in St. Louis, Cairo, and the Battle of Belmont." Members and the general public are all welcome to attend.



Courtesy of Clinton High School

ACES Academic Challenge

Clinton High School students recently competed in the ACES Academic Challenge. Students tested in the areas of Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering Graphics, English, Mathematics, and Physics. They are currently waiting for the results of the competition. Team members include:

Alex Barringer
Emilie Bazer
Noah Burris
Lydia Cahill
Mason Costello

Grace Duke
Carley Earle
Riley Fentress
Missy Hale
Asher Hitchings

Heidi Humble
Brock Newberry
Karla Ramirez
Phoenix Scott
Miranda Stanek

Olivia Witts
Halle Wrage

CHS National Honor Society induction

The Clinton Journal recently published group photos of the current members and new inductees of the CHS National Honor Society chapter. Names were not available at press time, so we now present them here, **Inductees** Emily Atten
Elayna Baker

Emilie Bazer
Adyson Beebe
Sienna Brinkoetter
Avarie Brown
Paislea Brown
Riley Fentress
Keaton Graves
Emma Hart
Alania Helfand
Asher Hitchings
Abel Koritz
Maddison Koyak
Miley Koyak
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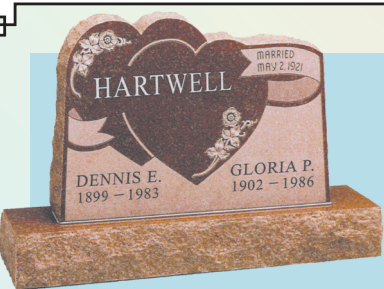
Abby Van Zee
Leilani Visinia
Colton Walker
Savanna Williamson
Brock Wilson

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Cahill, Lydia
Carter, Macy
Cicenas, Alexander
Cluver, Brooks
Cornwell, Kaylee
Dalton, Noah
Douglas, Addison
Duke, Grace
Earle, Carley
Fatheree, Jordan
Filkin, Regan
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Coalition / from A1

The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. "DeWitt County Coalition is a great way to learn about services and resources around

the county," said Caitlin Mellendorf, nutrition and wellness educator. "Many partnerships and collaborations have been made at meetings." Anyone interested in

attending is not required to sign up in advance. For more information, contact Caitlin Mellendorf at 217-877-6042 or chuth2@illinois.edu.

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NEWS

Carl Thomas ‘Tommy’ Burrell

EDINBURG, Ill. — Carl Thomas “Tommy” Burrell, 47, of Edinburg, Ill., passed away at 6:13 a.m. on December 10, 2023, at St. John’s Hospital, Springfield, after battling an illness.

Tommy was born on March 3, 1976, in Jacksonville, the son of Thomas and Vicky Beery-Burrell. He married Melissa Southard on May 22, 1998, in Springfield. She survives.

Also surviving are daughters Kayla (Jon) Burrell-Clark, of Edinburg, Tabitha Burrell, of Auburn, and Olivia Burrell (Tommy Howie), of Champaign; five granddaughters, Addison, Aria, Hadley, Jenaveve and Harper; mother Vicky (Rick) Burrell; father Tom (Karen) Burrell; sisters Sherry (Brett) Tjarks, of Bay Minette, Ala.; Leann (John) McWhorter, of Petersburg Ill., and brother Zac (Jesse) Burrell, of Loami, Ill., along with brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces,



nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, the Rev. Carl and Karen Beery, and his paternal grandparents Carl and Eileen Burrell; his mother and father-in-law George and Maggie Southard and brother-in-law Joe Mabrey.

Tommy graduated from Auburn High School in 1994 and was employed for the past 25 years in the golfing industry. He enjoyed hunting, watching sports and was an avid Chicago Bears, Illini and St Louis Cardinals fan.

Graveside service at 3 p.m. on April 5 at West Woodlawn Cemetery.

Clifford Eugene Carter

CLINTON — Clifford Eugene Carter, 84, of Clinton, passed away at 1:46 a.m. on March 29, 2024, at HSHS St. Mary’s Hospital, Decatur.

Graveside services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2024, at the Heyworth Cemetery, Heyworth, with Pastor Spencer McPherson and the Rev. Richard Gray officiating. The family entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the Full Gospel Tabernacle, Heyworth.

Clifford was born on July 21, 1939, in Clinton, the son of George and Gladys (Nelson) Carter.

He married Mary L. Frisby on February 4, 1963, in Trenton, Ga.



Survivors include his wife, Mary L. Carter, Clinton; brother-in-law, Donald Byrd, Heyworth, along with several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Clifford was a member of the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Heyworth. He worked as a machinist at Eureka Company, in Bloomington.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Eastern Ill. ‘Foodmobile’ in DeWitt County April 20

Contact: Sophie Becker, Eastern Illinois Foodbank, 217-328-3663
When: Saturday, April 20 2024
Where: DeWitt County

DeWitt County – Eastern Illinois Foodbank (EIF) is distributing food to area families facing food insecurity.

The Foodmobile will travel throughout DeWitt County on April

20 with distribution sites and times and for each town listed at <https://www.eifoodbank.org/help/mobile.html>. Those attending are asked to bring boxes or bags to transport food.

The distribution is part of the Foodbank’s Foodmobile Program, a system of mobile food pantries designed to help bring nutritious food to rural or underserved areas.

Those planning to attend should pre-register at www.EIFclient.com, although doing so does not guarantee a place in line. Income guidelines are as follows:

Updates regarding future food distributions can be found at the Foodbank’s website at www.eifoodbank.org.

DHS MAXIMUM MONTHLY GROSS INCOME FOR RECEIPT OF USDA COMMODITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 (JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024)										
Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Monthly Income	\$3,645	\$4,930	\$6,215	\$7,500	\$8,785	\$10,070	\$11,355	\$12,640	\$13,925	\$15,210
For households with more than 10 persons, add \$1,285 for each additional person up to 300% FPL										

Be prepared if you travel for the solar eclipse

DECATUR — Red Cross reminds solar eclipse viewers to prepare for travel delays and follow safe viewing protocols

Portions of Southern Illinois could see an influx of over 300,000 visitors for the event

On April 8, some 31 million people living in a 100-plus-mile path stretching from Texas to Maine will be able to witness a rare total solar eclipse, while people in all contiguous U.S. states will be able to see at least a partial eclipse. The path of totality will pass through the state as much of Southern Illinois will be able to experience a total eclipse.

Compared to the most recent solar eclipse, in August 2017, the viewing path for the 2024 total eclipse is wider and passes over more cities and densely populated areas. The upcoming eclipse is also expected to last almost twice as long, at about 4.5 minutes.

During the eclipse, it’s estimated that portions of Southern Illinois could see

an influx of over 300,000 people into the area to view the event in its totality. A large number of people estimated to travel to view the eclipse could lead to major traffic issues and potential fuel shortages. Communication systems may also experience disruptions due to heightened demand.

Areas of Illinois that could receive the largest number of travelers include Carbondale, Mt. Vernon, Effingham and much of the southern tip of the state.

Leading up to the eclipse, the Red Cross has coordinated with local emergency agencies along the viewing path to ensure we are collectively prepared. This planning is a standard part of our regular collaboration with local emergency management officials regarding large-scale public events.

If requested by local authorities, the Red Cross

is prepared to shelter and feed those who might be displaced by disasters, residential fires or other events.

The Red Cross and emergency officials are urging those planning to travel for the eclipse to be prepared by doing the following:

- Pack an emergency kit in case you get stuck in traffic or can’t find a place to stay. This kit should include water, nonperishable food, a flashlight, battery-powered radio, first aid kit, medications, supplies for an infant if applicable, a multi-purpose tool, personal hygiene items including toilet paper, cell phone chargers, extra cash, blankets, maps of the area and emergency contact information.
- Check the weather forecast ahead of time and plan accordingly.
- Keep your gas tank full so you don’t run out while

stuck in traffic.

- Let family or friends know where you are going and the route you plan to take to get there.
- Pick an easy to remember meeting location if someone gets separated from your group.
- Make a plan for where you’ll stay overnight, if needed.

Remember that looking directly at the sun is unsafe. NASA recommends eclipse eyewear with an IOS compliance label, or standard, of 12312-2.

Download the free Red Cross First Aid app so you’ll know what to do if emergency help is delayed and the free Emergency app for weather alerts, open Red Cross shelter locations and safety steps for different emergencies. Find these apps in smartphone app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or going to redcross.org/apps.

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OPINION

HISTORY ALMANAC

- 1908 - The Japanese Army reached the Yalu River as the Russians retreated.
- 1919 - Eamon de Valera became president of Ireland.
- 1923 - Firestone Tire and Rubber Company began the first regular production of balloon tires.
- 1930 - Mahatma Ghandi defied British law by making salt in India.

- 1933 - The first operation to remove a lung was performed at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, MO.
- 1941 - German commandos secured docks along the Danube River in preparation for Germany's invasion of the Balkans.
- 1951 - Americans Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were sentenced to death for committing espionage for the Soviet Union.
- 1953 - Jomo Kenyatta was convicted and sentenced to 7 years in prison for orchestrating the Mau-Mau rebellion in Kenya.
- 1955 - Winston Churchill resigned as British prime minister.
- 1984 - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (Los Angeles Lakers) became the all-time NBA regular season scoring leader when he broke Wilt Chamberlain's record of 31,419 career points.

- 1985 - John McEnroe said "any man can beat any woman at any sport, especially tennis."
- 1986 - A discotheque in Berlin was bombed by Libyan terrorists. The U.S. attacked Libya with warplanes in retaliation on April 15, 1986.
- 1987 - FOX Broadcasting Company launched "Married....With Children" and "The Tracey Ullman Show". The two shows were the beginning of the FOX lineup.
- 1989 - In Poland, accords were signed between Solidarity and the government that set free elections for June 1989. The eight-year ban on Solidarity was also set to be lifted.

- 1998 - The Akashi Kaikyo Bridge in Japan opened becoming the largest suspension bridge in the world. It links Shikoku and Honshu. The bridge cost about \$3.8 billion.
- 1999 - Two Libyans suspected of bombing a Pan Am jet in 1988 were handed over so they could be flown to the Netherlands for trial. 270 people were killed in the bombing.

Amber Waves



The absurd four-day workweek

Karl Marx would be proud. Bernie Sanders has proposed taking another step toward the philosopher's envisioned utopia by proposing to mandate a four-day workweek.

Marx wrote how in communist society, workers would be liberated to "hunt in the morning, fish in the afternoon, raise cattle in the evening, criticize after dinner, just as I have in mind, without ever becoming hunter, fisherman, shepherd or critic."

Needless to say, that's not how communism turned out. Yet the belief that work is basically a capitalist imposition that is unnatural and bad for people still holds sway on the left, and Sanders is, accordingly, proposing to move from a 40-hour to a 32-hour workweek to make us healthy, wealthy and wise.

"It is time to reduce the stress level in our country and allow Americans to enjoy a better quality of life," the Vermont socialist insists. "It is time for a 32-hour workweek with no loss in pay."

The last clause is the key one. If everyone can work less and produce and earn exactly the same, why not? And if this is possible, why stop at four days a week? It'd be positively cruel to make someone work four days when they can work three days with the same outcomes.

Of course, the promise that

we can work less and make the same is the socialist equivalent of Mexico will pay for the border wall. It's not just promising a free lunch, but a free breakfast, lunch and dinner, with room service delivering a late-night snack gratis.

What we earn is not an arbitrary number, but is linked to what we produce. To simplify, if everyone were to work 20% less without becoming any more productive, GDP would decline by 20%. The pie would shrink, even though Sanders is saying everyone's slice would -- impossibly -- be just as big.

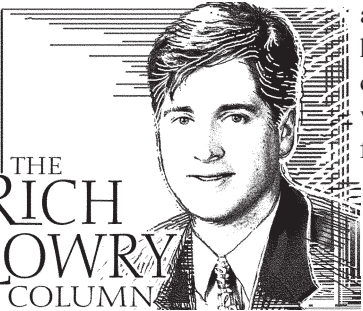
It's certainly true that Americans work more than people in other countries. France has a much-vaunted 35-hour workweek, although that stricture only applies to blue-collar workers. Still, France works less than we do, and -- in a sign that basic economic laws aren't so easily suspended -- its workers make less money. The average net disposable household income in France, according to The Week magazine, is \$34,375 a year, whereas it is \$51,147 in the U.S.

If Sanders were being honest and weren't a socialist, he'd say he has a great deal for Americans -- they can work less and become poorer. There probably wouldn't be many takers.

Sanders complains that American workers are

400% more productive than they were in the 1940s, yet they are still working long hours. Over time, though, we have worked less. In 1830, the average working week was more than 70 hours, and over the course of the next century, it dropped by almost half.

If we were all content with 1940s living standards, maybe we could go all the way and adopt a two-day workweek. From a 21st-century perspective, though, returning to 1940s-era housing, plumbing, technology, transportation



and health care would feel like impoverishment, and it would be.

What Sanders misses, as economics writer David Bahnsen argues in his new book "Full Time: Work and the Meaning of Life," is that work is good for us, indeed an inherent part of the human condition. Moreover, the problem isn't that Americans work too much, but that too many Americans aren't working at all. Noting

the long-term decline in labor-force participation, Bahnsen points out that if the participation rate were the same as it was in 2000, an additional 10 million Americans would be working, with a concomitant increase in goods and services.

In short, the Sanders idea is a frank expression of economic illiteracy. Instead of working so hard to propose and publicize such baldly ludicrous ideas, it'd be better for everyone if the senator found more time for leisure pursuits and resolved to put in fewer hours on the job.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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OPINION / COLUMNS

How to spot an imposter social media account

Selena Higgins
Social Security district manager, Normal

Want to learn how to spot fake Social Security social media accounts? The tips below will help you protect yourself and your family.

How fraudsters create imposter accounts

Fraudsters create imposter social media pages and accounts using Social Security-related images and vocabulary, making them appear as if they're associated with or endorsed by us. They also create imposter social media pages of Social Security and OIG officials, such as the Commissioner or the Inspector General.



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How to spot a fake social media account

Identifying an imposter account may seem difficult at first, but there are a few things you can look for right away. You will want to focus on the following:

- How many people follow the imposter page. In most cases, fake pages have a very low number of followers as compared to Social Security's official page.
- Improper punctuation.
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- Advertisements for forms or other Social Security documents for a price.
- Incorrect social

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Please report suspected Social Security imposter scams — and other Social Security fraud — to the OIG's website at oig.ssa.gov/report. You can find more information about scams on our Protect Yourself from Scams webpage at www.ssa.gov/scam.

Please share this information with your friends, family, and colleagues to help spread awareness about imposter social media accounts.

When do we become too old to climb ladders?

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

about deaths and injuries. Should that not work, said the website, pull in reinforcements like doctors and extended family to convince the renegade senior to stay off ladders.

The NIH (National Institutes of Health) even chimed in with a study about the risks of ladder use by seniors and went so far as to analyze the types of dangerous tasks seniors might do that involve ladders. That's where I part company with the NIH's study: I'm not interested in trimming tree limbs or cleaning leaves out of gutters.

I only want to paint a bathroom.

Update: I will not be painting the bathroom. Neither will my handyman neighbor. That neighbor, a good 20 years younger than I am, fell off a ladder and is now facing shoulder surgery.

The bathroom will stay as it is.

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Months ago I'd made my resolutions list for 2024, carefully picking options that I could surely accomplish this year. I chose things like adopting a kitten pal for my cat, selling my father's coin collection, and hiring my handyman neighbor to paint the bathroom.

Thus far it's the bathroom painting that is causing the greatest annoyance and hesitation. Why, I keep wondering, can't I do it myself? I've painted many, many rooms over the years and done a fine job. But, dare I climb a ladder again?

I even went to the internet for support that would tell me it's OK at my age to climb a ladder and apply paint to the walls.

An Australian study cut right to the chase with statistics about how many over the age of 65 had died from injuries sustained after falling from a ladder, not to mention the list of possible ladder-related injuries that put many others in the hospital.

A U.S. home-care website was aimed at the adult children who need to convince elderly parents to stay off ladders, and suggested citing statistics

The OIG in our corner

You hate to learn of it, but per a Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General (OIG) report, a former veteran who worked at a VA hospital was found guilty of stealing money out of patient accounts. It came about when the sister of a deceased veteran checked her brother's account and discovered the missing funds. An investigation showed that the thief was stealing from accounts where the veteran was unable to appear in person at the cashier window to withdraw money due to illness and tried to blame the missing funds

on someone using fake identification. All he got for his crimes was six months in jail and six months with an ankle bracelet at home.

An elderly veteran lost his foot due to deficient podiatry care. The whole sorry mess involved defective specialty diabetic shoes, blocked blood flow to the leg, a patient fall due to the shoes, lack of patient education, lack of communication among staff ... and ended with amputation of the patient's foot.

There was enough blame to go around, but nobody to throw in jail. The podiatrist didn't adequately instruct



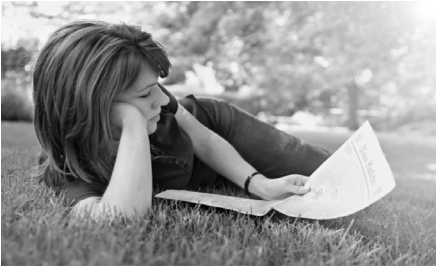
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on the proper fitting of the shoes. The fall wasn't correctly reported because the safety officer was new. It could not be determined who did/didn't warn the patient about possible amputation. And so on.

But not all OIG investigations are so serious. There was the VA employee auction of VA property, which was for the purpose of gathering funds for employee activities and parties. When purchasing

agents placed orders for supplies, sometimes there were freebies or incentives sent by the manufacturer when the order was large enough. The employees would then auction off the extra goods, which were government property. It appears that the auctioning of the freebies had gone on for many years, with nobody admitting to the OIG that the vendor was selected because of the freebies they would get. The bulk of the free goodies were big-name expensive coolers.

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NEWS

Area Churches Directory

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

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

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

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

Clinton Presbyterian Church
402 N. Center Street
Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
Tel. (217) 935-6178
Fax (217) 935-6128
Pastor-Paul Stroup
clintonpresbyterian.org
9:15 a.m.-Sunday school
10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship with nursery available
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Clinton United Methodist Church
308 E. Main Street
Rev. Darrell Howard
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clintonumcil.org
9 a.m. Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
Children & Adult

5 p.m. Saturday Evening Worship in chapel
3:30 p.m. Thursday JC Stars After School Children's program (pickup is available)
3rd Sunday S.W.A.G Sr & Jr High Youth
6 p.m. Extended Table
2nd and 4th Mondays
12:30 p.m. Wednesday Backpack Ministry

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

First Christian Church
100 N. Jackson Street, Clinton (W. Main & N. Jackson)
clintonfcc.com
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.
Nursery available at each morning service.

First Church of the Nazarene
Rt. 51 and Kleemann Drive, Clinton
Michael A. Taylor, pastor
8:30 a.m.-Sunday prayer around the altar
8:45 a.m.-continental breakfast
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school / Bible study
10:30 a.m.-morning worship
7 p.m.-Wednesday 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
Fr. Derrick Mwesiga, pastor
9 a.m.-Sunday, Tues. & Thurs. Mass
9 a.m.-First Saturday
www.saintpatrickwapella.org
E-mail: stpatrickwapella@yahoo.com

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

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Acts (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Proverbs 30, what will pluck out the eyes of anyone who scorns their parents? Demons, Ravens, Doves, Quails
3. How many times is the word "apple" or "apples" mentioned in the Bible (KJV)? 2, 11, 37, 51
4. From Matthew 8, what Roman official asked Jesus to heal his servant? Marshall, Governor, Centurion, Jailer
5. Who wrote, "The love of money is the root of all evil"? Timothy, Isaiah, Moses, Paul
6. Who was the father of Hosea? Uzzah, Beeri, Joash, Ahab

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Ravens, 3) 11, 4) Centurion, 5) Paul 1 Timothy 6:10), 6) Beeri

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ZBA / from A1

In answer to a question from ZBA chairman David Waters, Williamson said gravel for his business would be stored at another location, so the new site would be primarily for storage of equipment and other materials.

Zoning administrator Dee Dee Rentmeister explained Williamson was required to apply for a special use, since he was running a business out of the location, based on the county's code. A farmer building a machine shed generally would not need a special use permit.

Williamson's neighbor, Darin Benz, was concerned run-off from the project would contribute to flooding on his driveway

area. The building would sit on top of a steep hill near Benz's home.

Williamson said he had taken steps to reduce the possibility by deepening the ditches at the base of the hill on his property.

"I have no animosity toward Rob, but I am here to try to protect my property," Benz said.

Benz has lived in the area for 12 years. He said he was concerned about the potential negative effect the business site would have on his home and about the possibility of increased flooding.

"I'm worried about it, because I'm going to cash in on that investment someday in my retirement," Benz said.

There was lengthy discussion about the issue. Williamson said the area road commissioner told him he planned to address the drainage issue affecting Benz's property. Williamson said he believed that would be the case.

The board voted to recommend approval to the county board Williamson's special use permit.

Board members also voted to recommend approval of a special use permit to Steve Mayfield. Mayfield and his wife want to open a venue near Hallsville for small events, such as weddings and other family gatherings.

SPORTS / NEWS



Progressive cook

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. Going from progress in business to progressive cooking are clearly different. A progressive cook is one who strives for perfection through change. This change mostly comes from experimentation.

Yes, I know I have often mentioned the need to experiment within safe boundaries. But this time I am giving it a different slant.

First and foremost is the need to get out of a rut (routine). We are creatures of habit. Why? Because it works for us and seen as safe.

The unknown is feared and change introduces that unknown. In certain ways, tradition is an offshoot of this ritualistic form of action. But to improve, change is necessary. We exchange grandma’s remedies for updated solutions. Speaking of grandmas, I have an anecdote regarding my paternal grandparents.

As a preschooler on into elementary school, I got to visit my grandparents in Manhattan, Kansas for a week or two during some summer vacations. Those were high points in my life; becoming treasured memories.



The Culinary Corner Chef Roger Joss

I recall them most accurately from memory. That which made recall easy was the fact that their lifestyle was opposite, although not apposed, to my up-bringing. They were devout Methodists with strong habits and traditions.

One of their self-created traditions was having popcorn while playing board games of an evening. Grandma would pop a large bowl’s worth of popcorn. We all shared from the same bowl. In my later years, I too picked-up the habit of nightly eating popcorn with my wife and son watching television. Nice way to end the evening. How does this fit in with the theme of this article? I am glad you asked.

Not being an old hand at popping popcorn, I presume the best oil to use were those labeled as “popcorn oil”. Teenagers today would call that “A no brainer.” The popcorn I chose was widely advertised on television.

We enjoyed it for more than a year.

After writing my articles for expanding cooking horizons through, innovations, and changing kitchen practices, I decided to practice what I preached. Although I used the traditional yellow corn, I decided to try white popcorn. The white variety seemed to be lighter with a better flavor. I tried several different “popcorn oils.” I found them to be too similar to make a difference. Since I am most happy using clarified butter for frying and cooking, I decided to try it for popping popcorn. It made a big difference. It added to the flavor and improved the texture.

The above is merely an example. The principle demonstrated should be applied across the board. Have you tried Spike seasoning with fried or scrambled eggs? It is fantastic.

One warning. If using Spike seasoning, do not add salt. Have you ever thought of replacing margarine with real butter in mashed potatoes? Have you thought to try a pinch of nutmeg and a splash of Worcestershire sauce in béchamel or gravy?

Until next time, peace to all.

Clinton vs Shelbyville Mar. 28

Gordon Woods / Journal Here are some scenes from the March 28 varsity softball game at home. The CHS Lady Maroons beat Shelbyville 10-3.



Property / from A1

“It would have been nice to see more than one bid for this,” Prestegaard said. “You’d think we would have more than one landscaper who would be interested in doing this.”

Prestegaard said he felt the board should wait on the landscaping project until the tuckpointing work at the county building was completed.

“My feeling is we should vote it down

and re-bid it later,” he told the board.

The board emphasized its “no” vote was not related to the bidder but rather the timing of the planned projects.

Additionally, board members approved \$15,555 for a commercial washer and dryer set and an additional \$7,200 for plumbing work at the animal shelter. Part of the money for this would come out of donations.

SPORTS



Clinton vs Shelbyville
March 28

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Here are some scenes from the March 28 varsity baseball game at home. The CHS Maroons beat Shelbyville 8-2.



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2. The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 102 Portland Place, Clinton, Illinois 61727.

3. The legal description of the real estate is:

Lot 1 in Block 1 in Portland Place Subdivision of a portion of Lot 1 of 60 acres off of the South end of the West ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 35, Township 20 North, Range 2 East of the 3rd Principal Meridian, AND ALSO Lot 2 in Block 1 in Portland Place Subdivision being a subdivision of a portion of Lot 1 of 60 acres off the South end of the West ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section 35, Township 20 North, Range 2 East of the 3rd Principal Meridian, situated in the City of Clinton, County of DeWitt, in the State of Illinois.

Tax ID# 07-35-209-018; this real estate has been Improved by a single-family residence.

4. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: (Available for inspection during business hours upon reasonable advance notice to the county office listed above.)

5. The time and place of the sale are Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., inside the main entrance of the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDING THE SALE.**

6. The terms of the sale are:

10% of purchase price payable at time and place of sale by Cashier=s/ Official Bank Check made payable to the United States Marshals Service. Balance to be paid by Cashier=s/Official Bank Check made payable to the United States Marshals Service and received by the United States Marshal, 100 NE Monroe Street, Peoria, Illinois 61602, within thirty (30) days of date of said sale. If the balance is not received within said time period, the 10% payment

made at time of sale shall be forfeited to the United States, the sale shall be void and a new sale shall be scheduled by the Court.

7. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes for the years 2023 and thereafter to be paid by buyer(s), which are a lien upon the real estate, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record. Buyer(s) shall also be responsible for payment of the real estate transfer tax (35 ILCS 200-31-45).

8. Said property is being sold at this judicial sale "AS IS" WITHOUT ANY WARRANTIES OF HABITABILITY OR ANY OTHER WARRANTIES, EITHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED.

9. Upon receipt of the entire purchase price amount, a Certificate of Sale shall be forwarded to the Marshal for execution describing the lands and tenements purchased and the sum paid therefor to be tendered to the purchaser. Upon confirmation of said sale by the Court, the holder of said Certificate of Sale shall be entitled to a deed for said premises.

10. 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.

DATED at Springfield, Illinois, this 31st day of January 2024.

/s/Brendan O. Heffner
BRENDAN O. HEFFNER
UNITED STATES MARSHAL

LEGAL 20014
March 29, April 5, April 12, and April 19, 2024

LEGAL

Clinton Eagles 593 will accept nominations for officers at 7 p.m. on April 16, 2024 at the club.

Election of officers will be at 7 p.m. On May 7 at the club.

LEGAL 20015
April 5 and April 12, 2024

LEGAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The City of Clinton, Illinois, will hold a public hearing at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, the 16th day of April, 2024, in the City Council Chambers of the City Hall, 118 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, for the purpose of hearing written and oral comment from the public concerning the proposed annual budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays at City Hall, 118 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois. Kamren Wilford City Clerk of the City of Clinton, Illinois
LEGAL 20016
April 5, 2024

LEGAL

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF DEWITT
Estate of: John Douglas Reeder, Jr. Deceased.
CASE NO. 2024-PR-14
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given to the creditors of the death of John Douglas Reeder, Jr., of 5654 N. 19th Ave., Phoenix, Arizona 85015. Letters of Office were issued on March 19, 2024, to Jack Castelletti, Independent Executor, 4440 N. 35th Ave., Phoenix, Arizona 85017, 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, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 5, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the 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 1st day of April, 2024. Kevin Hammer

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 1st day of April, 2024. Kevin Hammer Attorney for the Estate of John Douglas Reeder, Jr. 219 East Main Street Clinton, IL 61727 217/935-7063 kevinghammer@hotmail.com
LEGAL 20017
April 5, 12, 19, 2024

LEGAL

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF DEWITT
Estate of: Mildred J. Sturgeon Deceased.
CASE NO. 2024-PR-15
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Mildred J. Sturgeon, of 4954 Green Valley Rd., Clinton, Illinois 61727. Letters of Office were issued on March 22, 2024, to Diana M. Oakley, Independent Executor, 503 E. Howard St., Kenney, Illinois 61749, 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, Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 5, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the 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 1st day of April, 2024. Kevin Hammer



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Clinton High School

- **Spanish Teacher for 2024-2025 school year**, application deadline April 12, 2024
- **English Teacher for 2024-2025 school year**, application deadline April 12, 2024

Clinton Junior High

- **Special Education Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year**, application deadline April 12, 2024

Clinton Elementary School

- **Reading Intervention Teacher for 2024-2025 school year**, application deadline April 12, 2024
- **Teacher – 5th Grade for 2024-2025 school year**, application deadline April 12, 2024
- **Teacher – 2nd Grade for 2024-2025 school year**, application deadline April 12, 2024
- **Teacher Aide**, please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license <https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals> , application deadline April 12, 2024

Douglas/Lincoln Schools

- **Preschool Teacher for 2024-2025 school year**, this position will be for a co-teaching model to existing blended classrooms at both schools. Would include IEP facilitation as well as general support. Must have early childhood credentials. ECSE Endorsement preferred, application deadline April 12, 2024
- **Library Aide**, please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license <https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals> application deadline April 12, 2024

Lincoln School

- **Preschool Teacher for 2024-2025 school year**, application deadline April 12, 2024

Athletics

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

Cafeteria

- **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

- **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.
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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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April 5, 12, 19, 2024

LEGAL
Annual Town Meeting
Wilson Township's Annual Town Meeting will be held at Wilson Town Hall on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.


to transact miscellaneous legal town business and hear reports. The regular April monthly meeting of the Township will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 following the Town Meeting.
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Wilson Township Clerk
LEGAL 20019
April 5, 2024

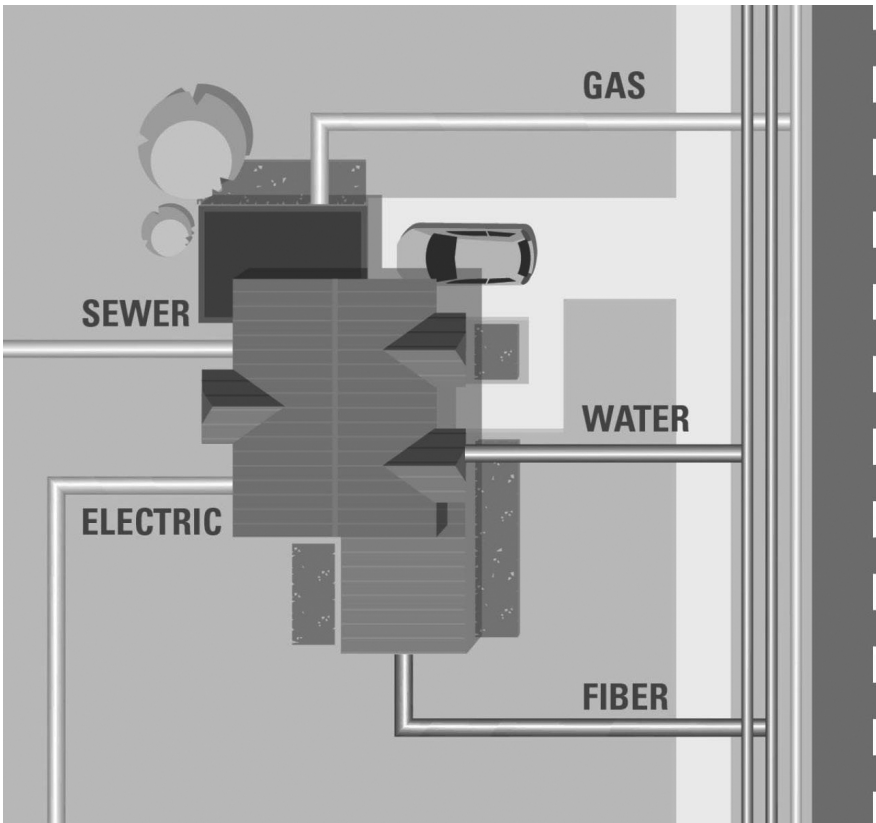



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That’s according to the latest annual survey of school officials from the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools, which has been conducting the survey every year since 2017.

“This matters,” IARSS executive director Gary Tipsord said in an interview. “This is an issue that people care about. They think it is important, and they think it’s critical enough that it needs to be addressed.”

This year’s survey found more than 90 percent of schools responding reported having a “serious” or “very serious” teacher shortage problem.

That percentage has changed very little in the last several years, although the question has been asked in slightly different ways in earlier surveys. In 2021, for example, 88 percent of those responding said they had a “problem” with teacher shortages, a percentage that was unchanged from 2019.

Tipsord said the answers school officials give to that question reflect their broad perception of what’s happening in the labor market – their sense of whether colleges and universities are producing enough prospective teachers; their ability to hire qualified candidates to fill vacant positions; and whether the pool of candidates they pick from is larger or smaller than it was in the past.

But Tipsord said more fundamental changes need to be made to address the long-term issues facing the teaching profession.

“There are certain things that have been done to soften that immediacy of the burden today,” he said. “But I think if you talk to people in the field ... there’s still a broad concern that unless we put some concrete things in place, this issue is going to remain pervasive for a longer period of time.”

Respondents to the survey reported filling a total of 3,694 teacher positions this year using “alternative measures,” such as hiring substitutes or retired educators, combining classes, and increasing class sizes, among other short-term remedies, according to the report.

Overall, however, the report found that the supply of teachers is not keeping pace with the demand, and that there are not enough new teachers coming into the profession to replace those who are leaving.

The survey also found that teacher shortages are not distributed evenly throughout the state. They are most severe in urban districts and in more rural parts of the state, along with vocational centers around Illinois. The specialties with the most severe shortages were special education

and career and technical education. Shortages were also reported in key categories of support personnel, including school psychologists, speech - l a n g u a g e pathologists, and nurses.

When asked to identify causes of teacher shortages, 54 percent of the school leaders responding cited burnout from working conditions as a cause of their teacher shortage. Another 49 percent cited the availability of better pay in other professions.

Tipsord said those findings point to a fundamental challenge facing the teaching profession – the cost and benefit of pursuing the career. He said when students in high school and college weigh the cost of earning a college degree against the salary they will earn after graduation and the retirement benefits they can accrue, the idea of pursuing a teaching degree becomes less attractive, especially when compared to other career options.

“I think across all areas of industry – education just being one – but in every area of industry today, because of the ability to live and work in two different places at the same time, your workforce views career differently,” he said. “They have the opportunity to look at career differently.”

The report concludes with several recommendations for long-term ways to address the teacher shortage. They include continuing to increase funding for public schools, creating new ways for school support staff to become classroom teachers, and focusing administrative support and financial resources on acute shortage areas.

“As we have said year after year, our shortages are the result of generations of factors that we cannot resolve immediately,” Tipsord said in a statement.



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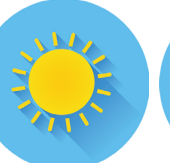
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