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The county board met April 18. Members passed a website policy and approved switching to a different IT management company. Board members also approved two special use permits and a series of reappointments.

County adopts website policy

Also switches IT management

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CLINTON — The DeWitt County Board approved a website policy during its April 18 meeting.

“Some counties don’t seem to have website policies; some do,” said finance committee member Patrick Ryan. “Those that don’t probably have a website administrator who has the policy in his or her head,” Ryan said. “Since we don’t have that here, I think it makes it all the more important we have a written policy that anyone visiting the website can read up on.”

In additional business, the board voted to notify Jano Technologies the county was ending its relationship with Jano to move to another IT management company.

COUNTY / A2

CES students recognized at school board

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CLINTON — Clinton Elementary School (CES) students recently were recognized during the Unit 15 school board meeting for a variety of achievements.

“While not all of these

are school-sanctioned activities, it’s part of what they do, it’s part of the community,” said superintendent Curt Nettles. “So, we thought we would recognize them tonight.

CES teacher Mrs. DeLeon introduced students involved in the annual Arbor Day poster contest.

SCHOOLS / A2

Former Clinton Police Chief Mike Reidy passes away

SPRINGFIELD — Michael J. Reidy, Sr., 69, of Springfield, formerly of Bloomington and Clinton, passed away at 11:05 p.m., on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at HSHS St. John’s Medical Center Springfield.

He was a lifelong police officer serving as the Chief of Police in Chenoa, Wiscasset, Maine and retiring from Clinton.

To view Mike’s obituary or leave expressions of



sympathy for the family, visit www.carmodyflynn.com.

Parker honored by local DAR chapter

CLINTON — DeWitt Clinton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently presented chapter member Rosemary Parker the Woman in American History award at its April meeting.

Parker is a 10-year member of the DeWitt Clinton DAR Chapter, having most recently served as regent. Sharing her keen interest in history, she has presented a program on the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) with artifacts found at the Empire Township Historical Museum. where she has served as president for 16 years.

She also serves as a J.T. & E.J. Crumbaugh Memorial Library Trustee, and Treasurer of the Elizabeth J. Crumbaugh Assistance Fund. Under the direction

of the trustees, the historic Crumbaugh Manse has been restored, making it available to the public for open houses and teas.

The DeWitt Clinton DAR Chapter hosted an open house at the manse for

local artist Mary Jones, in 2022.

Rosemary also serves the LeRoy community as president of the Living Well Center for Seniors and as a Faith In Action assessor.



Courtesy of DeWitt County NSDAR

Left to right: Edith Brady-Lunny, Regent, Rosemary Parker, award recipient, Terri Lemmel, presenting award.

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NEWS

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County zoning administrator Dee Dee Rentmeister and county clerk Kari Harris reported the quality of services provided by Jano had declined sharply. State’s attorney Dan Markwell said his office, too, had experienced poor service.

The board voted to switch to Heart Technologies. Some Jano employees now work for Heart, so they will already have knowledge about the county’s system.

In road and bridge business, the board approved a quote from Metal Culverts, Inc. for \$26,344 for the purchase of pipe culverts.

“The highway department is getting low on inventory of culverts,” road and bridge committee chairman Jamie Prestegaard reported. “So, Mr. Mathon would like to purchase a decent number of these ranging anywhere from 12 to 24 inches in size.”

Prestegaard said the culverts also would be available at cost for township road use.

Prestegaard also said road signs were scheduled to go up in May notifying drivers about work along Revere Road.

“When the project starts, it will have a 60-working-

day timeline,” he said.

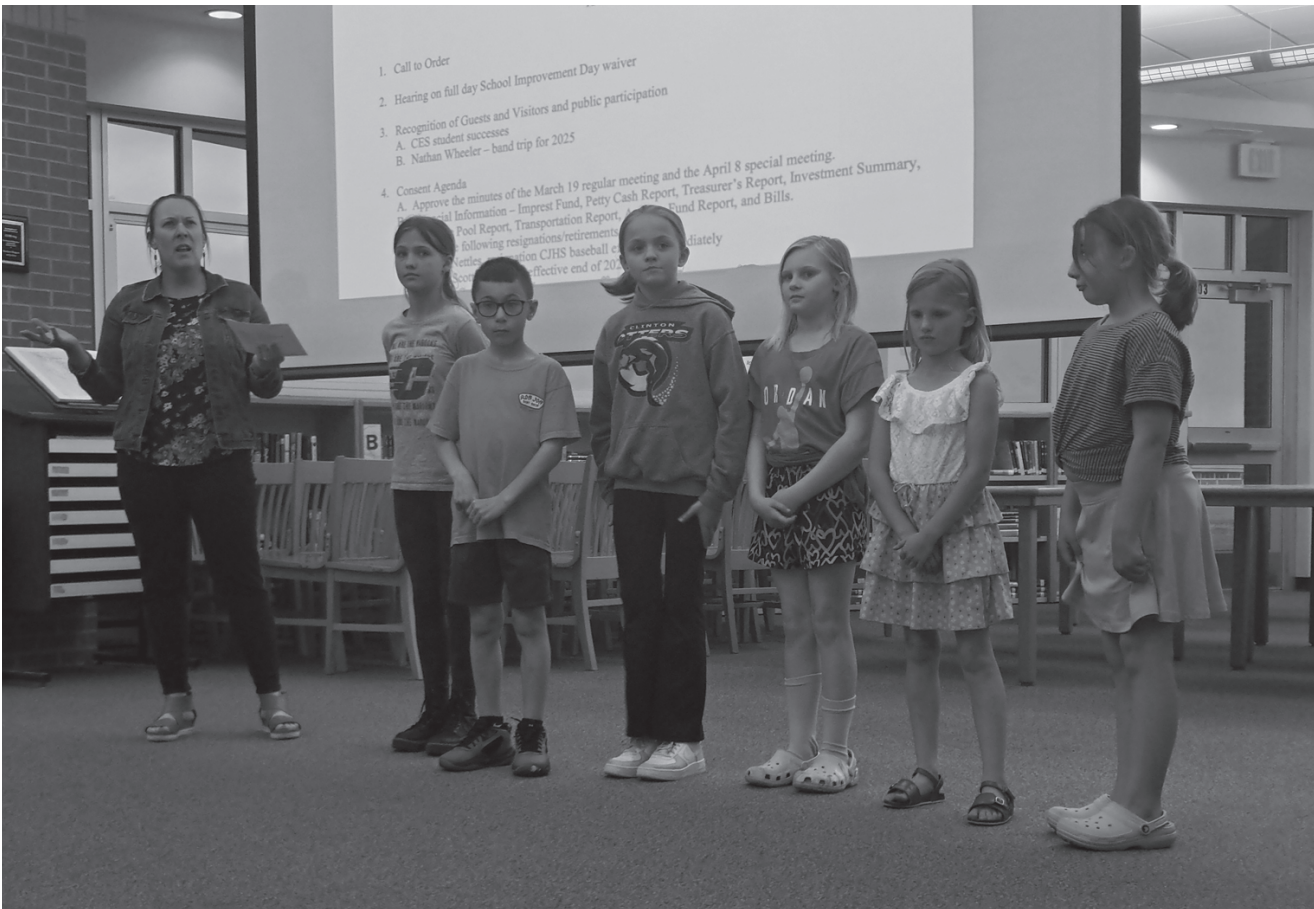
The board voted to approve the following reappointments:

- Russell Pearl to the Farmer City Fire Protection District for a three-year term beginning the second Tuesday of May 2024
- Rodney D. Wilson as a trustee of Wapella Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term beginning May 2024
- Danny R. Ferguson as a trustee for the Weldon Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term beginning May 2024
- Kayla Wiggins as a trustee for the Waynesville Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term beginning May 2024
- Charles W. Atten as a trustee for the Clinton Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term beginning May 2024

The board approved a special use application from Rob Williamson to build a contractor/construction office for his excavating/farm drainage business, located on Harrold Point Road.

The board also approved a special use permit to Steve Mayfield to operate an event venue, including lodging, on property located on Astor Road.

Schools / from A1



Gordon Woods / Journal
Mrs. DeLeon introduces CES student swimmers during the recent school board meeting. She also introduced students who participated in the annual Arbor Day poster contest.



Gordon Woods / Journal
Wrestling coach Ryan Black introduces two top-performing wrestlers from CES during the recent school board meeting.

“The Arbor Day Foundation reaches out to the 5th graders, has them all do a science poster contest and every year has a different theme,” DeLeon said.

This year’s poster theme was “I Love Trees Because ...”

“They do some research, use some fun pictures, and we had some really good drawings this year.”

Addy Morgan and Kaitlyn Benz were two of the top poster artist this year. Cora Goff was another top poster artist this year as well.

The students will attend the Clinton Arbor Day tree-planting ceremony on Saturday morning at the city’s Carol McFeeters Thompson Arboretum.

DeLeon also introduced the CES state YMCA swimmers. Forty-two Y swimmers competed this year in the YMCA Illinois State Championships. Fourteen were CES students.

Results were published previously in the Clinton Journal.

Wrestling coach Ryan Black presented CES student wrestlers of the Kids Club Wrestling Team who performed well this year.

“We had 77 kids out for the program this year,” Black said. “Fifty-five were under 10.”

Six qualified for the State Wrestling Meet, all CES students.

In other student-related business, band director Nathan Wheeler announced the band would resume its regular trips to Walt Disney World beginning in June 2025. Student band members have the opportunity to march through the Magic Kingdom and record a CD with Disney professionals while on the trip.

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NEWS

David Thomas Hughes

MAROA — David Thomas Hughes, born on December 2, 1924, passed away on April 12, 2024, was born in Moweaqua, Ill. to John and Marie (Welton) Hughes.

As a small child, he moved with his family to a farm near Maroa, where he attended his schooling, riding his pony into town for school each day, carrying his lunch, pork chop or beef sandwich, hoping occasionally to trade it for a “good old bologna sandwich” from a town buddy.

He liked to tell us how his pony waited for him to ride back home, where chores awaited him. Stories of his childhood were fascinating for this family to listen to in his old age. His mother had to rescue him from up on the windmill after his two older brothers enticed him up abd then ran off. The anecdotes of his childhood were entertaining, and he was a great storyteller.

Before joining the U.S. Marines, he married Norma Larson, now deceased. They had a daughter Tonia (Fran) Thoms, of Florida. She survives, as well as her two sons J.D. (Pam) Thoms, Winter Haven, Fla., and LaManse (Katrina) Thoms, Maroa, and their families.

Dave became a proud Marine at age 17. He served in WWII with the Second Marine Division, and was injured on Tarawa (Gilbert Island). He was shot on November 22, 1943, and hospitalized until October 25, 1944, when he completed his active tour of duty for which he received the Purple Heart.

Soon after arriving home from the war, he worked as a plumber and heating contractor, and after earning his licenses a few years later, became owner of his own business, Hughes Plumbing, Heating & A/C in 1944.



He came to be respected by many of his peers in the business as someone who could answer many of their problems. He was proud of serving many families through four and five generations.

Though failing eyesight because of glaucoma and retinal problems, he continued for many years helping his peers through difficult situations. David Hughes had a work ethic unrivaled. Everyone who met him was touched in some way. He was honored as parade Grand Marshall July 4, 2018.

In 1981, he met and married his soulmate, Elaine Davis. Her children embraced their new dad (granddad) as their own and love grew from there. All of us will mourn his loss and hold all our memories dear to our hearts; Cathy (Peter) Ellis, Houston, Texas, Connie (Mark) Clawson, Washington, Ill., Dawn Monroe, Pekin, Ill., John (Shayla) Clawson, Worden, Ill., Braxton Weber, Houston, Texas, Dustin Hassler, Maroa, Ill., Blake, Julia, Ariana, Clawson, Cody and Riley Sue, Maroa, and one sister, Jeanette (Pete) Cameron, of Springfield.

Preceding Dave in death were two brothers, Jack and Bob and two sisters June and Betty, as well as, nieces and nephews. His only son Scott Hassler also preceded him in death.

A celebration of life for Dave Hughes is scheduled for Saturday April 27, 2024, at Mason Lodge Maroa, at 9:30 a.m.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family in care of Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Homes at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Continuing the lunch

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. Cold cuts would be great for a lunch sandwich. Turkey salad spread and tuna salad spread are great for making lunch sandwiches. However, due to the mayonnaise, one must be careful. Anything with raw egg mixed in is potentially hazardous.

Ham is salty and smoked as is bacon. Salt and smoke are natural preservatives. Ham sandwiches temporarily endure well at room temperature. In my case, I like slicing the ham meat very thin. I then cook it up with some herbs added. This makes for a great sandwich requiring little concern.

Thicker slices for meats, such as turkey, chicken, and beef, I like to pan fry or sauté for making sandwiches. Doing porkchops for sandwiches is great. However, these meats need to be eaten soon or refrigerated. This can be compared to foods on a buffet or cafeteria line. Even though kept heated, they must be trashed after four hours. Bottom line in all cases, “Take no chances.”

It is paramount to keep lunches safe until lunchtime. Hot and not so much the cold items are the greater concern. Thermal containers are great. However, I do not always get mine back. A pint capacity thermal box can cost upwards of 25 dollars.

Some places have microwaves to use. I do not recommend microwaves for reheating foods; especially frozen meals. No state institution should ever use microwave ovens for reheating foods. The microwave heats food unevenly. An oven or covered pot I find works best and is safer. It must be remembered that all reheated items must at least reach an internal temperature of 165°F.

It would be good to keep in mind lunch items that do not need reheated or refrigerated. The simplest items that pop into my mind



The Culinary Corner Chef Roger Joss

are crackers, bread, apples, cheeses, raw vegetables, etc. However, bakery goods and cheeses are not necessarily the healthiest. One simply cannot escape the storage problems.

Certain soups taste good cold. Vegetables cooked the way I described in my last article taste very good hot or cold. Bread pudding, if made correctly, can taste better cold. Cold foods gradually warming to room temperature is safer than hot foods that are cooling off. Keep that in mind.

In all cases, all items that will be eaten cold or at room temperature, should be assembled and refrigerated the day before. In that way, it will last longer when double bagged. What I mean by “double bagging” is to put the food item into a tightly sealed plastic, waterproof bag. Place that bag into a larger tightly sealed plastic, waterproof bag.

Be sure to add some ice in the larger bag. Hopefully, the ice will preserve the food longer. An alternative would be to use an ice pack in a small thermal bag. And then put the food you wish kept cold inside. Always be sure to close and seal the bag.

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OPINION

HISTORY ALMANAC

1937 - “Lorenzo Jones” premiered on NBC radio.

1941 - An organ was played at a baseball stadium for the first time in Chicago, IL.

1945 - Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, the head of France’s Vichy government during World War II, was arrested.

1952 - Patty Berg set a new record for major women’s golf competition when she shot a 64 over 18 holes in a tournament in Richmond, CA.

1954 - Grace Kelly was on the cover of “LIFE” magazine.

1964 - The African nations of Tanganyika and Zanzibar merged to form Tanzania.

1964 - The Boston Celtics won their sixth consecutive NBA title. They won two more before the streak came to an end.

1968 - Students seized the administration building at Ohio State University.

1982 - The British announced that Argentina had surrendered on South Georgia.

1983 - Dow Jones Industrial Average broke 1,200 for first time.

1985 - In Argentina, a fire at a mental hospital killed 79 people and injured 247.

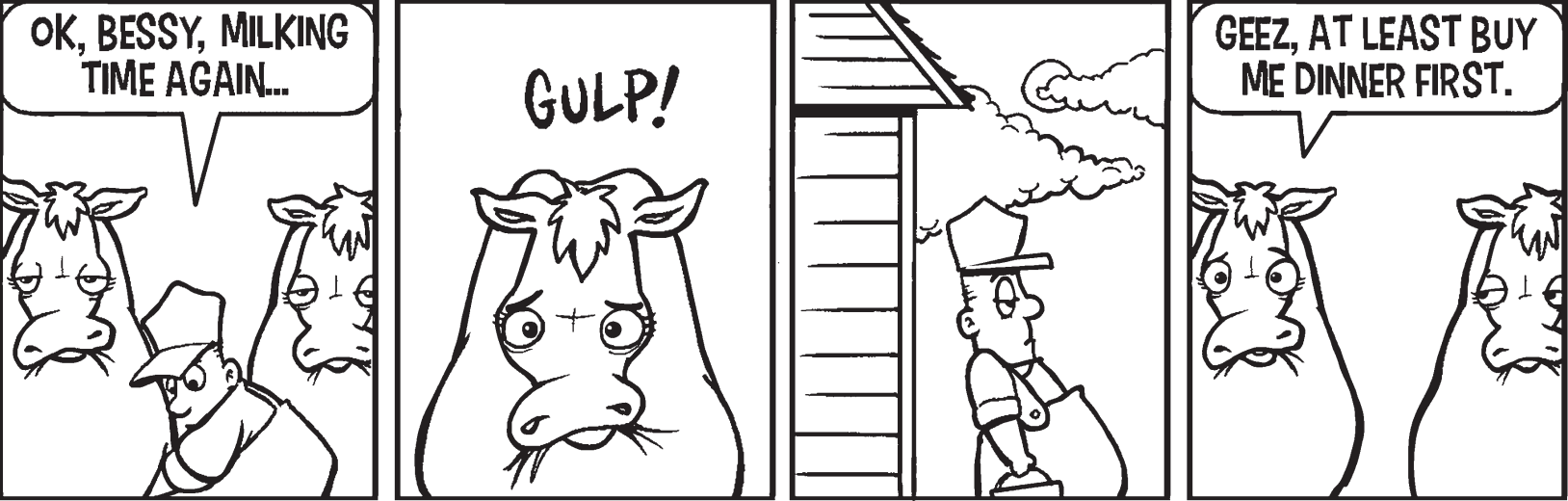
1986 - The world’s worst nuclear disaster to date occurred at Chernobyl, in Kiev. Thirty-one people died in the incident and thousands more were exposed to radioactive material.

1998 - Auxiliary Bishop Juan Gerardi Conedera was bludgeoned to death two days after a report he’d compiled on atrocities during Guatemala’s 36-year civil war was made public.

2000 - Charles Wang and Sanjay Kumar purchased the NHL’s New York Islanders.

2002 - In Erfurt, Germany, an expelled student killed 17 people at his former school. The student then killed himself.

Amber Waves



Democracy imperiled

What sets America apart is that we are a nation of laws. There is a core value of law in this nation that seldom changes called the Constitution. It has served us well for 200-plus years.

After the Constitution, we have federal, state and local laws which are more likely to change over time, but rarely in a drastic format. We are a law and order nation that has historically respected minority opinions and positions. We have debates, elections and elected officials pass legislation that reflects our society.

Again, we have differences of opinions, but we as a nation have chosen to abide by the laws passed by our legislatures. That is until recent dates.

Until this decade, the last time the public, or at least a part of the public, actually engaged in mass protest was at the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago. There were two major issues driving the protests: the recent assassinations of Bobby Kennedy and Martin Luther King and the Vietnam War. Those protests provided the impetus for the U. S. to get out of Vietnam and for much of our nation’s civil rights legislation. There was certainly civil unrest, but there was not a call to destroy the nation.

Fast forward to the past 5 years. There has come about a significant

movement to do away with the laws of this nation and even the nation itself. The Black Lives Matter and the defund the police were the starting points of the anti-U.S. movement on U.S. soil. These movements advocated a form of anarchy by diminishing and demeaning the police. The movements became riots on the west coast and some cities in the hinterland.

Many large cities cut the budgets of their police forces. The results were a loss of control by the local governments and the people clamoring for police protection. This debate is ongoing, but the public is angry, and the protesters appear to have plotted their next move.

On college and university campuses across the nation the anti-Israel movement is fast approaching. This movement, which appears to be highly organized, based on the preparedness of the protesters at each campus, appears to be highly motivated and thoroughly ignorant of history.

The movement claims to be pro-Palestine. Never mind that it was the Hamas terrorists that initiated an attack on Israel soil on October 7, they believe the entire hostility is Israel’s fault. They view Israel’s military response as genocide against the Palestinian people. Granted there are civilian casualties,

but Israel has sought to minimize that collateral damage. Actual combat is not a polite event, it is war and that means death and destruction. The protesters have two slogans that say a lot in political terms.

They first chant “from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free.” The chant clearly suggests the elimination of the Jewish state by its geographical statement. That in and of itself is a proclamation for genocide. The second chant is “death to America and death to Israel”.

Again, the protesters wish to destroy two nations, the U. S. being one of them. The last time chants asking for death to Jews was used in free country was in Germany in the early 1930s when Hitler



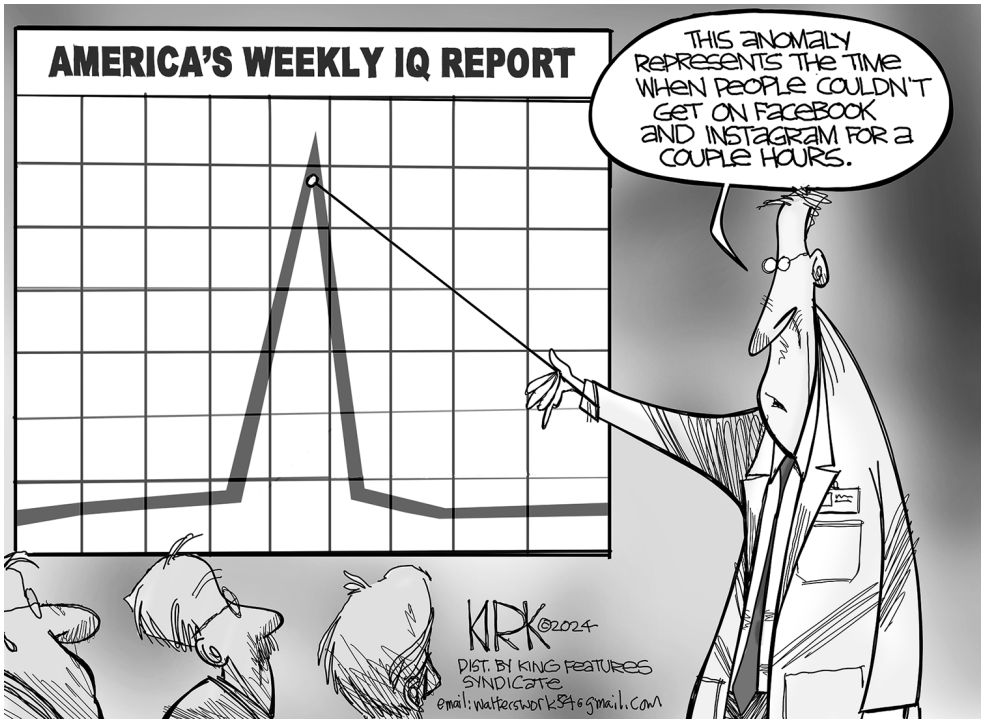
was ascending to power. What these protesters want is the death of race and culture and if it takes the destruction of the United States to accomplish that, so much the better.

I realize that our schools already have too many mandates to teach particular subjects, but perhaps it is time to go back to basics. These protests are being held on college campuses and the protests enlist college students. These students were in theory taught history and civics in high

school classrooms. Are we teaching our children the history of WWII and the Holocaust? Are we teaching our children the principles of American democracy or are we by default supporting the concept of anarchy?

Civil protests are a part of American democracy. Anarchy should be an abhorrent concept to every citizen of this free nation.

Take the time this week to go out on your patio and have a cup of coffee in the morning. Listen to the birds. Appreciate your freedom as there are those who wish to take it away from you. To maintain our freedom we must be vigilant for those who would take it from us.



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SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

per week or 10,000 steps per day might not apply to you.

If you doctor adheres to the standard advice (thousands of steps per day), fear not. The internet is loaded with suggestions and videos aimed at seniors, and it's a good place to start for walking ideas.

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If you're just now beginning a walking program, start small but set attainable goals. And as always, when you exercise, stay hydrated!

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Stolen valor, stolen benefits

How, one wonders, does something like this happen? How does a civilian collect \$146,000 in VA benefits for allegedly having been wounded and held a prisoner of war in Iraq when he's never even served in the military?

It's one thing to walk around with fake military medals pinned to your chest or to tell tall tales in a bar, but how does all the rest slip by? And for so long?

The story: A civilian has been charged with taking education, health and disability benefits after he claimed to be a Marine who was wounded in combat



by Freddy Groves

and held as a prisoner of war in Iraq. He claimed to have been wounded in an IED (improvised explosive device) attack and was then captured. He claimed he'd been awarded the Purple Heart, Prisoner of War medal and several others.

To apply for all those benefits and cash, he would have needed a DD214 as well as other paperwork. To keep from delaying the handing out

of benefits and cash, the VA lets veterans use their own documents when they submit applications.

Sometimes people lie and turn in fake documents. Over time he turned in a pile of those fake documents, including the DD214 and certificates for his stack of alleged medals.

But that's where this criminal's story should have fallen apart. I can see accepting a veteran's initial documents to get him started on the benefits, but to let the fraud go on for five long years? Surely someone could have looked up the details

to verify the Purple Heart and prisoner of war status? Did no one bother to check to see if he'd even been in the military?

Eventually the criminal got greedy and applied for educational benefits on top of the cash he received each month for his alleged physical injuries, receiving monthly subsistence payments and payments to the university.

If that wasn't enough, he then applied for an increase in the disability payments.

How is it no one spotted this fraud long ago?

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morning worship
6 p.m.-Sunday night
service
7 p.m.-Wednesday
service

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Worship in chapel
3:30 p.m. Thursday JC
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2nd and 4th Mondays
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Jonathan Roberson,
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worship
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worship
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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

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10:30 a.m.-Sunday
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6 p.m.-Wednesday, Strategic Disciple
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7 p.m.- Thursdays, 1st & 3rd, Empowered Women / 2nd & 4th, Frontline Men

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Fr. Thomas R. Szydluk,
pastor
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(217) 454-6846
[www. Texasaschristian-
church.org](http://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

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Clinton
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11 a.m.- worship with
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10 a.m.-worship
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 32:1-2

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

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Answers

DOWN: DOCS, EELS, HOS, IES, KIDS, NEST, OATS, PETS, RATS, SEED, TENS, UOOC, VOLS, WETS, XMAS, YOLK, ZEPH

ACROSS: ADORE, BEAD, BIRD, CAME, DASH, EGG, FEAR, GOLF, HORN, IRLY, JELLY, KIDS, LOTS, MASH, NEST, OATS, PETS, RATS, SEED, TENS, UOOC, VOLS, WETS, XMAS, YOLK, ZEPH

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

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

2. From Acts 6, which one of the seven “deacons” did great wonders and miracles among the people? Nicanor, Philip, Timon, Stephen

3. What apostle was a disciple of John the Baptist when Jesus recruited him?
Andrew, Simon Peter, Thomas, James

4. From Revelation 6, what color was the sun when it became like a sackcloth of hair? Red, Black, White, Green

5. Who was Saul of Tarsus waiting for while he fasted three days in Damascus? Darius, Zenas, Ananias, Apollo

6. From Isaiah 63:2, what color garments does the Lord wear? Purple, Red, White, Gold

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Stephen, 3) Andrew, 4) Black, 5) Ananias, 6) Red

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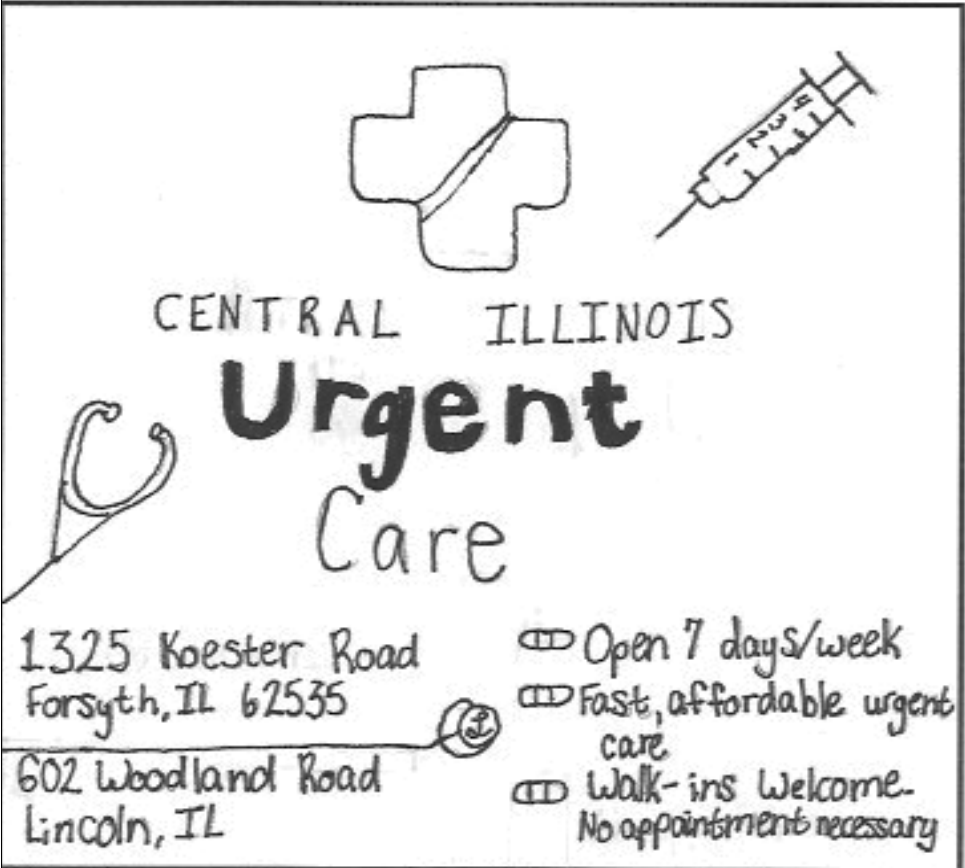


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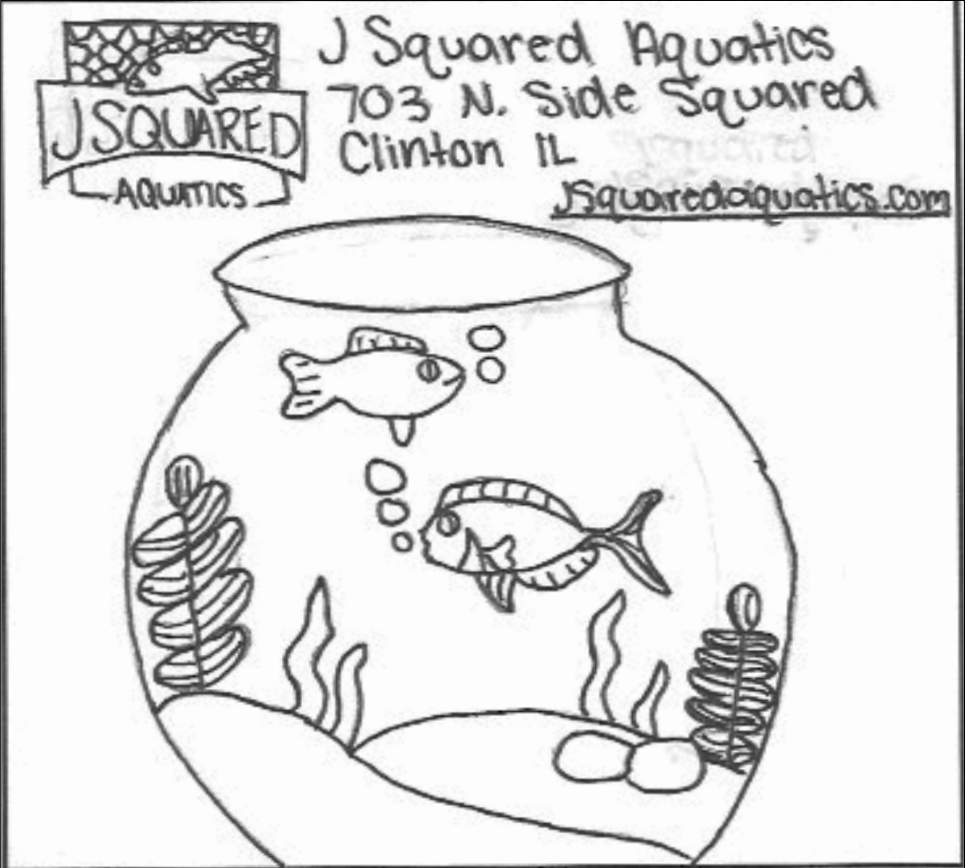
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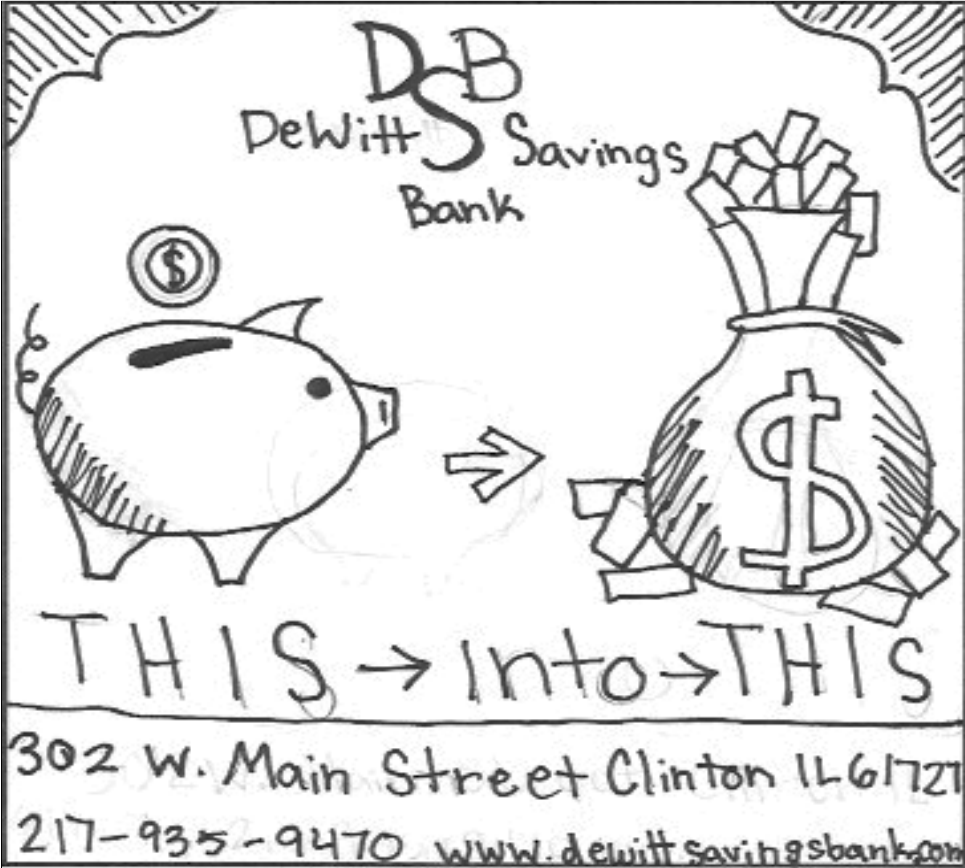
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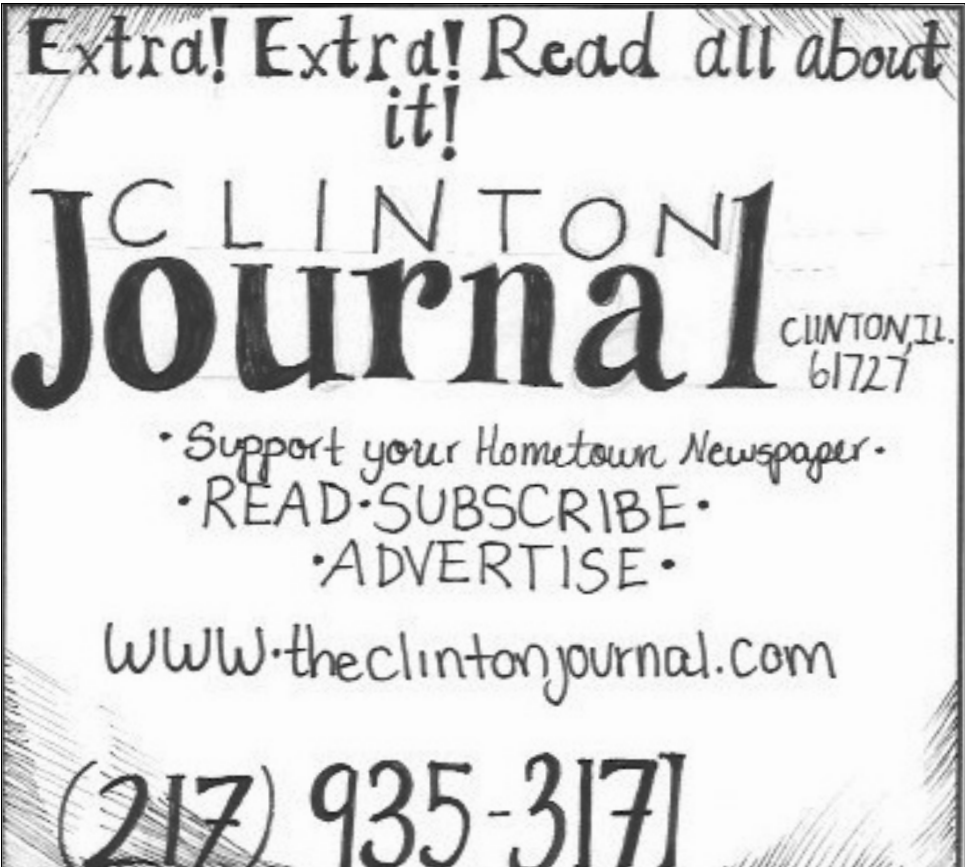
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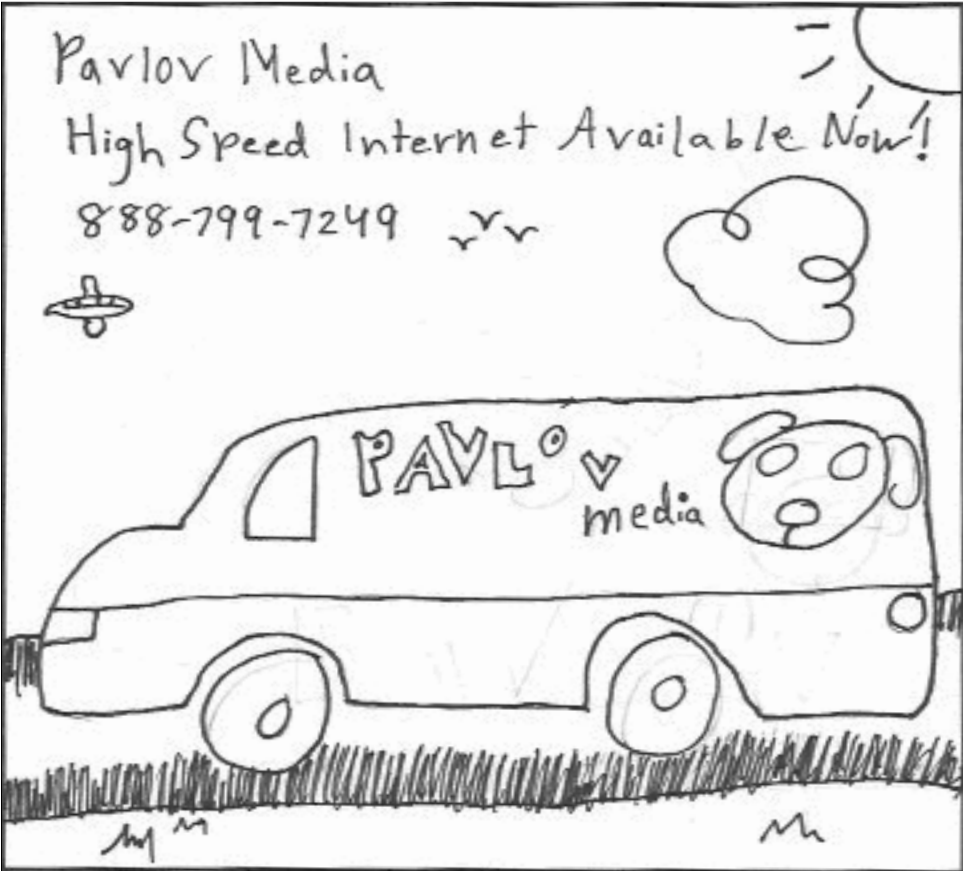
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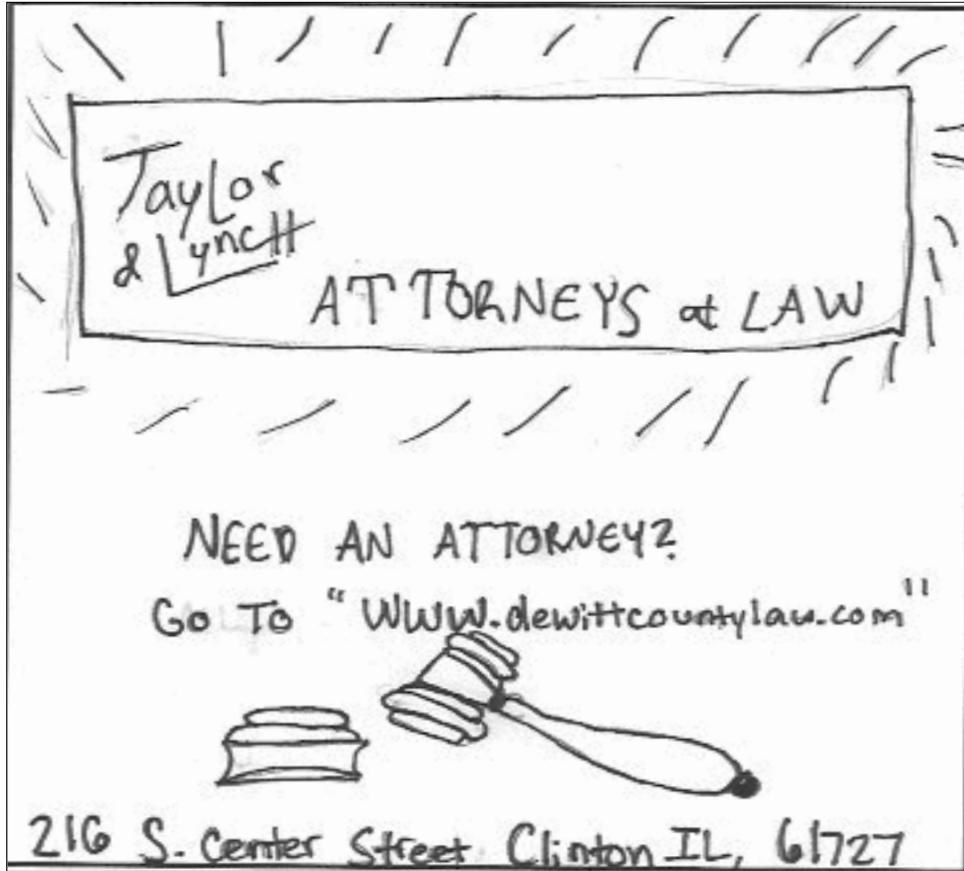
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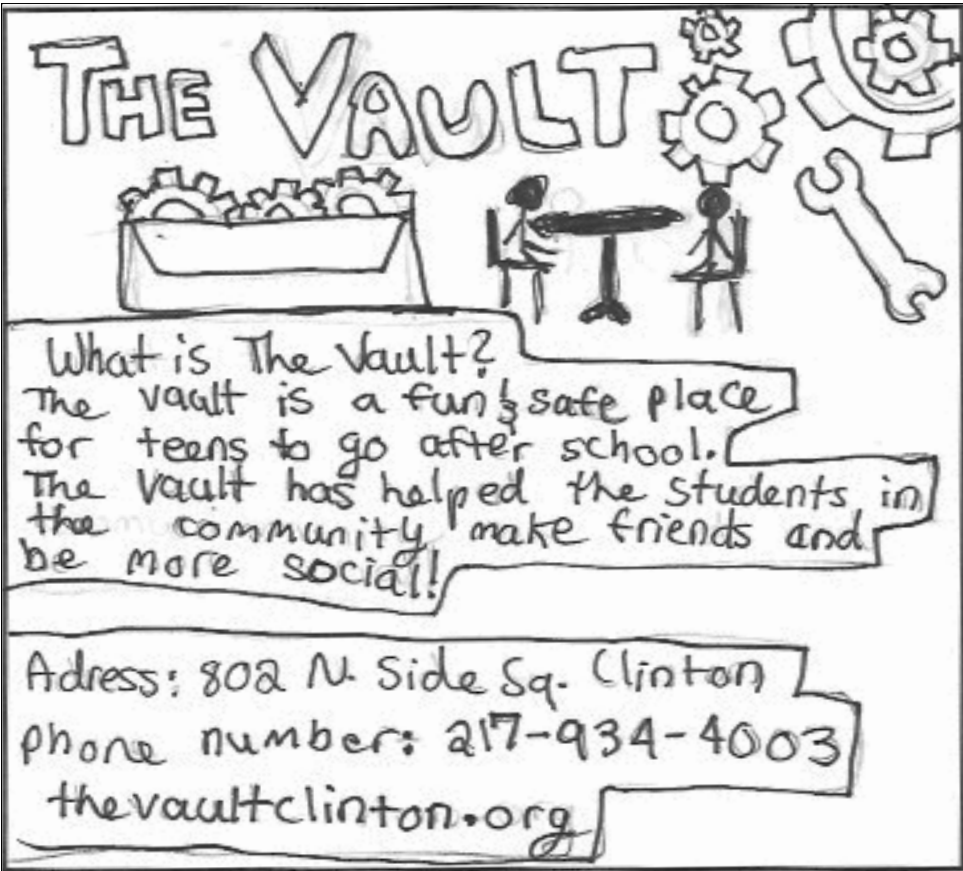
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A SALUTE TO FARMERS

Three challenges facing the agricultural sector

(METRO) — Since the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic in early 2020, businesses big and small have faced significant challenges. Though the pandemic has ended, many sectors, including the agricultural industry, are facing familiar and unfamiliar challenges.

The agricultural sector is crucial to the survival and health of billions of people across the globe. Though it's obvious that modern agriculture is vital to feeding a global population that was greater than eight billion people at the dawn of 2024, the United Nations notes that agriculture also boosts prosperity and economies by providing jobs. That reality only underscores the notion that the challenges facing the agricultural sector are facing everyone, even

those whose livelihoods are not directly linked to the industry. According to Earth.org, an organization that offers environmental news, data analysis, research, and policy solutions, the following are three sizable challenges facing modern agriculture.

1. Climate change: Perhaps no challenge is greater for humanity in the twenty-first century than climate change, and the agricultural sector is no exception. Climate change has caused shifting weather patterns marked by unpredictability and potentially disastrous developments like prolonged drought. Estimates from NASA indicate corn yields may decrease by 24 percent by the end of this century, a potentially dangerous development linked to a host of factors,

including a shifting climate and elevated surface carbon dioxide concentrations that can be traced to human-caused greenhouse gas emissions.

2. Population growth: The booming global population is attributable to numerous factors, including longer life expectancies in developed nations due to medical advancements. How to keep the global population fed at a time when the climate is adversely affecting crop yields is a significant challenge

facing both humanity and the agricultural sector. As the population grows, so, too, does the demand for water, which also must be used to grow crops. Navigating this challenge will be significant, and how it's managed could affect the economic stability of the agricultural industry in the decades to come.

3. Investment: Perhaps no industry is more vital to human survival than agriculture. Earth.org notes that countries with strong agricultural sectors often boast higher

standards of living and health than nations with a less productive agricultural industry. Despite that, Earth.org notes that investment in the agricultural sector is not commensurate with the growing population. Supporting measures to invest more heavily in the agricultural sector could reduce food shortages in the decades to come and ensure the agricultural sector is better positioned to address the many challenges it is already confronting in the twenty-first century.

The challenges facing the agricultural sector affect those who work in the industry but also the global population as a whole. Recognition of that reality may compel more people to support measures designed to ensure the agricultural sector can thrive and help the world to overcome potentially devastating challenges in the decades ahead.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GAYLARD L. WIKLE, DECEASED 2024PR000011 **CLAIM NOTICE** Notice is given of the death of GAYLARD L. WIKLE, of Waynesville, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on March 21, 2024, to LINDA MALONE whose attorney is Russell E. DePew

of DePew & Dehn, 201 West Olive Street, Bloomington, Illinois 61701.

Claims may be filed on or before November 22, 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 filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the DeWITT County Law and Justice Center; Room 404; or claims may be filed with the Executor. If filed 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: 4-11-24 Linda Malone 21 Glencoe Street Belleville, IL 62221 by: /s/ Russell E. DePew Russell E. DePew, Attorney for the Estate

Russell E. DePew DePew & Dehn 201 West Olive Street Bloomington, IL 61701 (309) 829-7002 depewlaw@aol.com ARDC# 6171853

LEGAL 20022 April 19, 26, May 3, 2024

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TAX DEED NO. 2024TX6 FILED 4/8/2024 **TAKE NOTICE** County of DEWITT Date Premises Sold October 20, 2021 Certificate No. 202000016 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number N/A Warrant Number N/A Installment Number N/A **THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES** Property Located at 13862 Buffalo Road, Farmer City, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No.: 05-26-100-005 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and

that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on August 14, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a Tax Deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before August 14, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of DeWitt County in Clinton, Illinois on **August 30, 2024 at 10:00am with Judge Koritz in Courtroom A.** You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. **YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY** Redemption can be made at any time on or before August 14, 2024, by applying to the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Clinton, IL. **For further information contact the County clerk ADDRESS: 201 W Washington, Clinton, IL 61727 TELEPHONE: (217) 935-7780** P&N PROPERTIES, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 4/13/2024 CASE NUMBER: 2024TX6 Randy E Foulks; Elizabeth W Foulks; Occupants; DeWitt County Clerk; Claimants, Judgment Creditors and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "unknown owners" "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots" LEGAL 20024 April 26, May 3, May 10, 2024

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TAX DEED NO. 2024TX5 FILED 4/8/2024 **TAKE NOTICE** County of DEWITT Date Premises Sold October 20, 2021 Certificate No. 202000058 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number N/A Warrant Number N/A Installment Number N/A **THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES** Property Located at 15579 Plum Road, Clinton, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No.: 08-10-200-005 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on August 14, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a Tax Deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before August 14, 2024. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of DeWitt County in Clinton, Illinois on **August 30, 2024 at 10:00am with Judge Koritz in Courtroom A.** You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. **YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY** Redemption can be made at any time on or before

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LEGAL 20025 April 26, May 3, May 10, 2024

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TAX DEED NO. 2024TX7 FILED 4/8/2024 **TAKE NOTICE** County of DEWITT Date Premises Sold October 20, 2021 Certificate No. 202000060 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2020 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number N/A Warrant Number N/A Installment Number N/A **THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES** Property Located at 325 East First Street, DeWitt, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No.: 09-19-245-026 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on August 14, 2024. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accru-

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P&N PROPERTIES, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: 4/13/2024

CASE NUMBER: 2024TX7 LaDonna L Gresham; Thomas S Poplawski; Helen Poplawski-Brown; Unknown Heirs and Devises of Florence E Reynolds, Deceased; Logan County Title Company; Village of DeWitt; Occupants; DeWitt County Clerk; Claimants, Judgment Creditors and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as "unknown owners" "Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots"

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REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Tax - \$112,403.25, Replacement Tax-\$7,917.58, Interest-\$157.02, Misc. Income Under \$2500-\$5,106.00 TOTAL REVENUES-\$125,583.85

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Dave

Finrock, Cathy Cisco, Jamie Prestegard, Deborah Adair, Cindy White, Rory Settles, John Perring, Shirley Furman, Randy Furman, Betsy Perring TOTAL COMPENSATION-\$32,801.05

TOWNSHIP EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: TOIRMA-\$3,110.00, Taxes (SS, Medicare, IDOR)-\$11,913.51, OUT ON A LIMB (Contract)-\$24,000.00, Library portion of tax monies for Social Security/Medicare/Insurance & 19% Property Replacement Tax-\$3,374.00,

Disbursements less than \$2,500-\$12,337.14 TOTAL VENDORS: \$54,734.65

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$87,535.79

LIBRARY REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Tax-\$31,497.17, SS, Insurance & Replacement Tax-\$5,596.73, Interest-\$17.46, Grants-\$944.00 TOTAL REVENUES- \$38,055.36

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Holly Murphy, Susie Freeman, Kelli Switzer, Autumn Lee, Ellie Murphy, Alyssa Fosdick TOTAL COMPENSATION-\$21,973.23

LIBRARY EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: Books \$2,306.10, Utilities \$4,913.34, Taxes-\$3,477.24, Insurance-\$2,604.94 Disbursements less than \$2,500-\$3,597.84 TOTAL VENDORS:

\$16,899.46 TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$38,872.69

ROAD DISTRICT

REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Tax-\$63,261.45, Property Replacement Tax-\$5,176.05 Interest-\$61.70, Misc Income Under \$2500-\$180.00 TOTAL REVENUES-\$68,679.20

COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Monty Shaffer, Jamie Prestegard, Charles Marvel TOTAL COMPENSATION-\$3,535.05

ROAD DISTRICT EXPENDITURES: TOIRMA-\$3,236.00, Linco-\$10,938.54 Disbursements less than \$2,500-\$10,422.18 TOTAL VENDORS: \$24,596.72 TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$28,131.77

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS
BEG BAL REV EXP ENDING BAL

TOWN \$203,422.57 \$81,267.09 \$57,276.87 \$277,412.79 G, ASSIST. \$109,733.57 \$11,513.25 \$2,184.53 \$119,062.29

CEMETERY \$53,165.43 \$32,803.51 \$28,074.30 \$57,894.64

TOTALS \$366,321.57 \$125,583.85 \$87,535.70 \$404,369.72

LIBRARY \$61,948.27 \$28,055.36 \$38,872.69 \$61,130.94

GEN ROAD \$87,497.48 \$34,107.24 \$28,131.77 \$93,472.95 PERM ROAD \$87,633.53 \$24,205.82 \$3,975.29 \$107,864.06 JT RD & BR \$71,641.49 \$5,976.71

\$1,104.48 \$76,513.72 BLDG & EQ \$17,919.65 \$4,389.43 \$2,100.00 \$20,209.08

TOTALS \$264,692.15 \$68,679.20 \$35,311.54 \$298,059.81

Subscribed and sworn to this 8th day of April, 2024 by Supervisor/Treasurer **Cathy Cisco**

I, **Jamie Prestegard**, Clerk of Waynesville Township, DeWitt County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024S.

LEGAL 20027 April 26, 2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to Section 17-40 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/17-40), the percentage to be applied to the assessed valuation of locally assessed property other than that assessed under Sections 10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200) in DeWitt County as certified by the Department of Revenue for the assessment year 2023 is 0.00% by the application of an equalization factor of 1.0000.

The final equalization factor was changed from the previously published tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 to the above-noted equalization factor of 1.000 because of decreases in the assessed valuation of locally assessed property other than that assessed under Sections 10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200 Of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/10-110 through 140 and 10-170 through 10-200) made by the Board of Review of DeWitt County. The Board of Review's equalization action decreased the county's level of assessment.

LEGAL 20028 April 26, 2024

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ILLINOIS DeWitt County, Juvenile Division In the interest of Rhiannon Howell, a minor

No. 24-JA-2

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Travis Powell**,

putative father, and Alexis Howell, putative mother, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, take notice that on March 12, 2024 a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by Dan Markwell, DeWitt County State's Attorney in the Circuit Court of DeWitt County entitled "In the Interest of Rhiannon Howell, a minor." and that in the courtroom of Judge Karle Koritz at the DeWitt County Courthouse, Clinton, Illinois, on the date of May 2, 2024 at the hour of 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a Status of Adjudication Hearing, will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court, under that Act THE COURT HAS THE AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may

Signed and sworn to before me this 16 day of April, 2024. /s/ Alisha M Boysen (Notary public)

stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgement entered.

/s/ Michelle Van Valey
Clerk of the court

April 16, 2024

Date (SEAL) SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CIRCUIT COURT DEWITT COUNTY, IL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ILLINOIS

DeWitt County, Juvenile Division

In the interest of

RHIANNON HOWELL, a minor

No. 24-JA-2

AFFIDAVIT FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

Dan Markwell on oath states:

Each respondent named below cannot be found within this state, or has left this state and cannot be located, so that process cannot be served upon him either personally or by certified mail. The present address of each respondent named below cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry. The last known address of each respondent named below is:

Respondent's name

TRAVIS POWELL

Last Known Address

4745 N. Martin Luther King #209, Decatur 1037 E Cleveland Ave., Decatur

ALEXIS HOWELL 421 N. Walnut St., Clinton

April 16, 2024

/s/ Dan Markwell

(SEAL) "OFFICIAL SEAL" ALISHA M BOYSEN NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 05-24-2025

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Road District Treasurer's Annual Report Road & Bridge Fund

To the Highway Commissioner, Harp Road District DeWitt County, Illinois.
I, Daniel Enos Treasurer of Harp Road District, DeWitt County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning 4-1-2023 and ending 3-31-2024.

BEGINNING BALANCE 4-1-2023 \$775,530.59
REVENUES Property Tax 185,003.27
Replacement Tax 152,132.44
Interest Income 18,855.19
Maintenance Fees Rental Income Miscellaneous Income Plocher Cont. Fix Road 3,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES \$358,990.90
EXPENDITURES Administration 11,657.28
Maintenance 248,215.47
Bridges Equipment Building Audit Insurance 5528.00

Illinois Municipal Retirement Social Security 3784.74
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$269,185.49
ENDING BALANCE 3-31 2024 \$865,336.00

The Treasurer shall present this report of itemized receipts and disbursements annually within 30 days after the end of the fiscal year to the Highway Commissioner of the district. This report is not required to be published in a newspaper (605 ILCS 5/6-205)

Subscribed and sworn to this 9 day of April 2024
/s/ Daniel Enos Treasurer
LEGAL 20030 April 26, 2024

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Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs General Assistance Fund

I, Daniel Enos Supervisor of Harp Township, DeWitt County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal

year beginning 4-1 2023 and ending 3-31 2024.

BEGINNING BALANCE 4-1 2023 \$62,995.25
REVENUES Property Tax Replacement Tax State Grants Interest Income 1,776.18
Rental Income Miscellaneous Income
TOTAL REVENUES: \$64,771.43
EXPENDITURES Administration Assessor Cemetery Home Relief Audit Insurance Illinois Municipal Retirement Social Security
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$0
ENDING BALANCE 3-31 2024 \$64,771.43
LEGAL 20031 April 26, 2024

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Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs Town Fund

I, Daniel Enos Supervisor of Harp Township, DeWitt County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning 4-1 2023 and ending 3-31 2024.

BEGINNING BALANCE 4-1 2023 \$97,792.73
REVENUES Property Tax \$52,651.10
Replacement Tax \$14,793.97
State Grants Interest Income 122.67
Rental Income Miscellaneous Income TOIRMA Refund \$1,091.00
Bank return money taken from wrong account last year \$4,675.32
TOTAL REVENUES: \$73,334.06
EXPENDITURES Administration \$38,742.85
Assessor Cemetery \$1,280.00
Home Relief Audit \$150.00
Insurance \$1942.00
Illinois Municipal Retirement Social Security \$7099.85
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$49,214.70
ENDING BALANCE 3-31 2024 \$121,912.09
LEGAL 20032 April 26, 2024

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Road District Treasurer's Annual Report Joint Bridge Fund

To the Highway Commissioner, Harp Road District DeWitt County, Illinois.
I, Daniel Enos Treasurer of Harp Road District, DeWitt County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning 4-1-2023 and ending 3-31-2024.

BEGINNING BALANCE 4-1-2023 \$150,043.57
REVENUES Property Tax 25,026.41
Replacement Tax Interest Income Maintenance Fees Rental Income Miscellaneous Income
TOTAL REVENUES \$25,026.41
EXPENDITURES Administration Maintenance Bridges Equipment Building Audit Insurance Illinois Municipal Retirement Social Security
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$0
ENDING BALANCE 3-31 2024 \$175,069.98

The Treasurer shall present this report of itemized receipts and disbursements annually within 30 days after the end of the fiscal year to the Highway Commissioner of the district. This report is not required to be published in a newspaper (605 ILCS 5/6-205)

Subscribed and sworn to this 9 day of April 2024
/s/ Daniel Enos Treasurer
LEGAL 20033 April 26, 2024

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

KEITH CHAPMAN; SERENA LEIGH CHAPMAN; "UNKNOWN OWNERS" and "NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,"

Defendants.

No. 2024FC5

PROPERTY ADDRESS:

701 S. Cain Street

Clinton, Illinois 61727

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to KEITH CHAPMAN; SERENA LEIGH CHAPMAN; "UNKNOWN OWNERS" and "NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS," Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of DeWitt County, Illinois, by Plaintiff, HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, against you and other defendants praying for foreclosure of a Mortgage covering the premises described as follows to wit:

LOT 1 IN BLOCK 1 OF ROBERT D. SAMUEL'S SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO PLAT RECORDED AUGUST 22, 2003 IN PLAT BOOK "A", PAGE 279 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DEWITT, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 701 S. Cain Street

Clinton, Illinois 61727

Permanent Index No: 07-35-304-007

which Mortgage was made by Keith Chapman and Serena Leigh Chapman, as Mortgagors, in favor of Heartland Bank and Trust Company, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of DeWitt County, Illinois, on September 26, 2023, as Document No. 265685.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the above-named Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in said suit, or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of DeWitt County, Illinois, on or before May 28, 2024, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.



CLINTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOLS
VACANCY NOTICE NO. 24
Please apply on-line at
www.applitrack.com/Clinton/onlineapp
unless noted otherwise.

Clinton High School

- Spanish Teacher for 2024-2025 school year, application deadline May 17, 2024
- Special Education Teacher for 2024-2025 school year, application deadline May 17, 2024
- English Teacher for 2024-2025 school year, application deadline May 17, 2024

Clinton Elementary School

- Special Education (LBS1) Teacher for 2024-2025 school year, application deadline May 17, 2024
- Reading Intervention Teacher for 2024-2025 school year, application deadline May 17, 2024
- Teacher – 5th Grade for 2024-2025 school year, application deadline May 17, 2024
- Teacher – 2nd Grade for 2024-2025 school year, application deadline May 17, 2024
- Teacher Aide, please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals, application deadline May 17, 2024

Douglas/Lincoln Schools

- School Counselor for 2024-2025 school year, Candidates will need to have a Master's degree or higher in school counselling, social work, or a related field awarded by an accredited institution of higher learning. This position serves preschool, kindergarten, and first grade across two campuses. Early childhood and family outreach experience is preferred. Duties will include but are not limited to small group lessons in social emotional support with progress monitoring, staff training, parent/family support for at home interventions and serving as a part of the building and district crisis team. Collaboration with teachers and administrators for curriculum/intervention ideas and decision making will be required. Candidates will work in unison with administration, preschool coordinator, nurse, special education team and general staff to support special education evaluations. Bilingual candidates are encouraged to apply, application deadline May 17, 2024
- 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 May 17, 2024
- Library Aide, please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals application deadline May 17, 2024

Lincoln School

- Preschool Teacher for 2024-2025 school year, application deadline May 17, 2024
- Teacher Aide, please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals application deadline May 17, 2024

Athletics

- Girls Wrestling Coach, please apply online or email letter of interest, resume, and letters of recommendation to Matt Koeppel, AD, at mkoeppe@cUSD15.org
- Boy's 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
- Assistant Baseball Coach - CJHS, 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

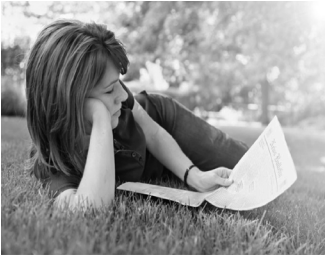
- Bus/Van Monitors - Part Time, please apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office
- Sub Bus Drivers & Van Drivers (HRS as needed), please apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office. Bus Drivers must have or be willing to obtain CDL.
- Sub Bus/Van Monitors, Sub Crossing Guard,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

Cole Longcor
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Senate passed a bill Thursday that would ban four food additives that are found in common products including candy, soda and baked goods.

Senate Bill 2637, known as the Illinois Food Safety Act, passed on a 37-15 bipartisan vote and will head to the House for consideration. The banned chemicals would include brominated vegetable oil, red dye No. 3, propylparaben and potassium bromate.

Those additives are used in a wide variety of food products. Brominated vegetable oil is a stabilizer used to keep citrus flavoring in sodas from separating from the solution and floating to the top. Propylparaben and potassium bromate are used in baked goods as a preservative. Red dye 3 is a common food dye used in candy and other products.

“This legislation does not seek to ban any product or take away any of our favorite foods,” bill sponsor Sen. Willie Preston, D-Chicago, said at a news conference Wednesday. “This measure sets a precedent for consumer health and safety to encourage food manufacturers to update their recipes to use safer alternatives.”

Last year the U.S. Food and Drug Administration proposed to revoke the authorization of brominated vegetable oil after a study found that the chemical affects the thyroid, creating negative health impacts. According to a study from the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a nonprofit advocacy organization, red dye 3 may cause cancer in animals. The International Agency for Research on Cancer, a part of the World Health Organization, found potassium bromate to be possibly carcinogenic.

The bill had bipartisan support in the Senate with both Sen. Seth Lewis, R-Bartlett, and Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, voting for it.

“(Red dye 3) was banned by the FDA for use in makeup over 30 years ago. So, the FDA doesn’t allow you to put it on your face for makeup. But yet kids are eating this in candy,” McClure said in the Senate Thursday. “That to me is outrageous. So, for that reason I am voting for this bill.”

Preston previously said he was considering adding titanium dioxide to the ban, but that plan was scrapped during negotiations. He said if additional research becomes



available “we’ll explore that option at that time.” In 2021 the European Food Safety Authority said it was concerned that titanium dioxide could alter people’s DNA.

Industry groups such as the Illinois Manufacturers’ Association have pushed back against the bill throughout the legislative process. In January, the IMA issued a statement in opposition of “this well-intentioned legislation,” claiming it would undermine the FDA and negatively impact Illinois’ economy as it would “create a confusing and costly patchwork of regulations.”

The National Confectioners Association issued a similar statement, saying the bill would “increase food costs, undermine consumer confidence, and create confusion around food safety.” The group also argued food regulation should “rely on the scientific rigor of the FDA.”

California passed a similar bill last year that will take effect in 2027 and the New York Senate is currently debating a similar bill. The food additives are already regulated or banned in parts of the European Union.

The Illinois bill was amended from an earlier version to grant retailers additional time to comply. The additives would be banned from manufacturing beginning January 1, 2027, with the sale, delivery, distribution, and holding of products containing the additives being banned beginning in 2028.

“We have given an extension to retailers, an extension for an extra year, for them to get in compliance,” Preston said. “We don’t intend to fine people out of business at all.”

Violators are subject to fines up to \$5,000 for their first offense and up to \$10,000 for each subsequent offense.

Both Lewis and McClure, while voting for the bill, said they would like to see future legislation clarify how fines accrue and what constitutes a single violation of the law.

Sen. Rachel Ventura, D-Joliet, said that as Illinois faces issues of food insecurity and food deserts, this bill is needed to ensure people’s safety.

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Legal 20036
April 26, May 20036
April 26, May 3, May 10, 2024

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Wapella Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a hearing on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Wapella Village Hall, 312 Main St., Wapella IL.

The purpose of the hearing is to review an application for a variance. The ordinance states that a side-corner setback of ten feet is required in District R-2. Applicant requests a variance to wave the ten feet minimum set back requirement. The recommendation of the ZBA will be submitted to the Village Board for final action.

Interested parties are invited to attend.

LEGL 20037
April 26, 2024

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ORDINANCE NO. 1597
ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER AND SEWER CODES

THIS ORDINANCE is made and adopted by the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS, at a regular meeting held in the City Council Chambers in said City on the 16th day of April, 2024, WITNESSETH: WHEREAS, the CITY OF CLINTON is a municipal corporation located in DeWitt County, Illinois; and WHEREAS the CITY OF CLINTON is a non-home rule municipality; and WHEREAS, the CITY OF CLINTON desires to amend their city code regarding the sewer and water code provisions, noting that rates disconnection fees need to be amended to reflect

modern fees; and WHEREAS, the CITY COUNCIL believes it would be in the best interests of the constituents of Clinton if the rates were modernized to reflect the continued ability to provide quality water and sewer service, manage the upkeep/ maintenance, and continue investment to strengthen the water/sewer system in Clinton;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLINTON, as follows:

The City of Clinton will amend Title 7 Chapter 8 Part 3 of the Clinton City Code to reflect new rates for the constituents of Clinton (See attached Exhibit A). The City of Clinton will amend Title 7 Chapter 9 Part 8 of the Clinton City Code to reflect new rates for the constituents of Clinton (see attached Exhibit A). This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption and approval as provided by law.

The vote of the adoption of this Ordinance was as follows:

Commissioner Edmunds AYE
Commissioner Balenger AYE
Commissioner Buchanan AYE
Commissioner Wise AYE
Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 0

Passed and approved this 16th day of April, 2024.

CITY OF CLINTON, BY: /s/ Tom Edmunds
Tom Edmunds, Acting Mayor
City of Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois

ATTEST: /s/ Kameron Wilford (SEAL)
City Clerk, City of Clinton, DeWitt County, Illinois

EXHIBIT A 7-8-3: WATER RATES:

(A) Rates within the City Limits: The following rates and charges for the use and services of the waterworks system of the City to persons residing within the City are hereby established, based on the amount of water received by each premises and calculated on a monthly basis:

For the first 100 cubic feet \$20.62-\$22.68
For the next 1,900 cubic feet \$0.0378 \$0.0416 per cubic foot or fraction thereof

For all over 2,000 cubic feet \$0.0204 \$0.0221 per cubic foot or fraction thereof

The City Council reserves the right to make special charges for water service supplied to properties not covered by the above rates or which, in the judgement of the City Council, should be charged special rates. The rates established hereby shall be in effect and shown on the billings dated May 31, 2023 May 30, 2024, and each month thereafter.

(B) Rates Outside City: All patrons and customers of the waterworks system receiving water through meters located outside of the City, or persons residing outside the City limits, shall pay two (2) times the rate inside the City, except and unless said patron or customer shall have used a minimum of one million (1,000,000) cubic feet of water during a twelve (12) month period beginning May 1 and ending April 30, of each year. Said patrons shall be subject to the same rules and regulations herein provided, with reference to said service, unless otherwise expressly provided.

(C) Review of Water Rates: Water rates are levied to recover the operation, maintenance and replacement costs incurred by the City in operating water system. The adequacy of the water service charge shall be reviewed, not less often than annually, by certified public accountants for the City in their annual audit report. The water service charge shall be revised periodically to reflect a change in local capital costs or operation, maintenance and replacement costs.

The method for computation of rates and service charges shall be made available to any user within seven (7) days of the receipt of a written request for such. Any disagreement over the method used or in the computations thereof shall be remedied by the City Council within thirty (30) days after notification of a formal written appeal outlining the discrepancies. (Ord. 516, 4-15-1991; amd. Ord. 863, 9-17-2001; Ord. 1408-2016; Ord. 1548, 4-18-2022; Ord. 1575, 4-18-2023)

7-9-8: WASTE-WATER SERVICE CHARGES:

(A) Rates Within the City Limits: The following rates and charges for the use and services of the wastewater system of the City to persons residing within the City are hereby established, and are based on water usage as recorded by water meters or sewage meters at each premises and calculated on a monthly basis.

For the first 100 cu. ft. \$2.29 \$2.36
For all over 100 cu. ft. \$0.0229 \$0.0236 per cubic foot or fraction thereof

The City Council reserves the right to make special charges for wastewater service supplied to properties not covered by the above rates or which, in the judgement of the City Council, should be charged special rates. The rates established hereby shall be in effect and shown on the billings dated May 31, 2023 May 30, 2024 and each month thereafter.

(B) Rates Outside City: All patrons and customers of the wastewater system located outside of the City, or persons residing outside the City limits, shall pay two (2) times the rate inside the City. Said patrons shall be subject to the same rules and regulations herein provided, with reference to said service, unless otherwise expressly provided. (C) Measurement of Flow: The volume of flow used for computing user charges shall be the metered water consumption read to the lowest even increment of one (1) cubic foot.

1. If the person or business discharging wastes into the public sewers procures any part, or all, of their water from sources other than the public waterworks system, all or part of which is discharged into the public sewers, the person or business shall install and maintain, at their expense, water meters of a type approved by the Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements for the purpose of determining the volume of water obtained from these other sources.

2. Devices for measuring the volume of waste discharged may be required by the Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements of these volumes cannot otherwise be determined from the metered water consumption records.

3. Metering devices for determining the volume of waste shall be installed, owned and maintained by the person or business. Following approval and installation, such meters may not be removed, unless service is cancelled, without the consent of the Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements

(D) Charge to Be Reviewed, Revised: The adequacy of the wastewater service charge shall be reviewed, not less often than annually, by certified public accountants for the City in their annual audit report. The wastewater service charge shall be revised periodically to reflect a change in local capital costs or operation, maintenance and replacement costs. (Ord. 517, 4-15-1991; and Ord. 573, 4-27-1993; Ord. 733, 5-18-1998; Ord. 1549, 4-4-2022; Ord. 1575, 4-18-2023)

LEGAL 20038
April 26, 2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The DeWitt County Housing Authority has developed documents related to the Annual Agency Plan process for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2024, and the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement for 2024, in compliance with current HUD regulations. They are available for review at the Authority’s Management Office located at 100 S. Railroad Street, Clinton, IL. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8:00 – 12:00, or by appointment. A public hearing will be held at 5:30PM on June 18, 2024 at the Authority’s Management Office. All are invited to attend and make comments on the documents. ~ Equal Housing Opportunity ~

LEGAL 20039
April 26, 2024



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Enjoy the silence, cicadas are coming

**Ken Johnson
& Jenna Braasch**
University of Illinois Extension

If you haven't heard the buzz, you will soon. Billions of periodical cicadas are coming, and University of Illinois Extension is sharing information to help track their moves before emergence.

"Historically speaking, 2024 is a big year for periodical cicadas in Illinois," says Ken Johnson, Extension horticulture educator serving Calhoun, Cass, Greene, Morgan, and Scott counties.

Periodical cicada broods XIII and XIX

will be emerging throughout much of the state at the same time. Although exact times and locations will be varied, there will be cicadas.

"The simultaneous emergence of these broods is the first time since 1803, and it will not happen again until 2245," says Johnson. "It's an exciting time for those who enjoy insects and natural phenomena."

Although cicadas do not pose a threat to humans or pets, they will be heard. It may get loud depending on the geographic location and the number of cicadas around. According to the National Institutes of Health, calls of male cicadas can reach over 90 decibels, which is as loud as a

lawnmower, motorcycle, or tractor.

Where Are the Cicadas Now?

Many people ask and wonder where the cicadas are before these billions arrive. The broods are underground, feeding and preparing to emerge when the conditions are right. What are they waiting on? Soil temperatures. Consistent soil temperature is one vital component to kicking off the massive emergence.

As of mid-April, Johnson reports that periodical cicadas have begun digging holes in the soil in Jacksonville, located in central Illinois. While miles away in North and South Carolina, there are current reports of cicadas beginning to emerge.

"Periodical cicadas will begin digging holes to the surface a few weeks before they emerge from the ground," says Johnson. "They'll wait underground until soil temperatures, 7 to 8 inches deep, reach 64 degrees Fahrenheit, at which point, they'll emerge and molt into adults."

Are you looking to track the cicada soil

conditions near you? University of Illinois State Water Survey at the Prairie Research Institute's Water and Atmospheric Resources Monitoring Program, WARM, has a soil temperature tool that is searchable by location and available by creating a free account. The tool tracks temperatures typically used for farming, gardening, and now Cicada Watch 2024.

For more on cicadas and what to expect when they emerge throughout Illinois in May and June, visit extension.illinois.edu/insects/cicadas. Download Extension's Cicada Broods infosheet, which is available at go.illinois.edu/Cicadas24.

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2024 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Clinton’s Water Department is very pleased to provide you with this Annual Quality Water Report. Although the Safe Drinking Water Act requires us to provide an annual report, we want to take the opportunity to keep you informed about the water and services we have delivered to you over the past year.

Our goal is, and always has been, to provide you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We currently have 4 operators on staff. These Operators are updating their training to keep abreast of all available products, information, and regulations, to better protect our valuable water supply. We obtain our water from wells placed in the Mahomet Aquifer. Wells are in the city limits of Clinton.

If you have any questions about this report or concerns about your water quality, please contact the facility manager, Lloyd Francis, at the Water Plant office (217/935-3679). If you would like to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled council meetings. They are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at City Hall, beginning at 7:00 pm. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including:

Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>. This report is also available at City Hall upon request, this report will not be mailed. Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Contaminants

Contaminants that may be present in source water include microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. Pesticides and herbicides which may come from a variety of sources such agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses. Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking Water

All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800)-426-4791.

Water Safety

In order to ensure that water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for the public health.

For Your Health

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general Population. Immuno compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice about the drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800/426-4791.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking and cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Monitoring

The City of Clinton Water Department routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This report shows the results of our monitoring for the period January 1 - December 31, 2023. We have learned through our testing and monitoring that some constituents have been detected. It’s important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk, and the EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents we have provided the following example. A person would have to drink two liters of water every day at the maximum MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Water Quality Test Results

We at the City of Clinton Water Department work around the clock to provide water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children’s future.

Please call our office if you have any questions.

Source Water Assessment Availability

A Source Water Assessment summary is included for your convenience. The City of Clinton (Facility Number 0390050) obtains its water from four community water supply wells. Wells #10, #11, and #12 (Illinois EPA #00394, #00395, and #01962 respectively) provide an average of 873,000 gallons per day to 3,200 services or a population of 7,400. To determine Clinton’s susceptibility to groundwater contamination, a Well Site Survey, published in 1990 by the Illinois EPA, and a potential source inventory conducted by the Illinois Rural Water Association, was reviewed. Based on the information contained in these documents, forty-one potential sources of groundwater contamination are present that could pose a hazard to ground water pumped by the Clinton community water supply wells. These include eleven below ground fuel storages, four auto repairs, three warehouses, a construction/demolition co., two manufacturing/processing of chemicals, two pesticide/fertilizer commercial applications or warehouses, a hardware store, low machine shops/sheds, two stores/sales, a foundry/metal working, an equipment/vehicle washing, a fertilizer handling, two auto bodies, an above-below ground fuel storage, two vehicle sales, a laundry, a manufacturing process, a laundry, and two above ground fuel storages.

The Illinois EPA has determined that Clinton Wells #10, #11, and #12 are not susceptible to VOC, VOC, or SOC contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydrogeological data for the wells. The Illinois Environmental Protection Act provides minimum protection zones of 200 feet for the City of Clinton’s wells. These minimum protection zones are regulated by the Illinois EPA.

To further minimize the risk to the city’s groundwater supply, the Illinois EPA recommends that four additional activities be assessed. First, the city should develop a source water protection program. An approved program may allow the city to receive a monitoring waiver that will reduce the frequency of VOC and/or SOC monitoring. The reduced monitoring frequency may save the city considerable analytical costs. Second, the city may wish to enact a “maximum setback zone” ordinance. These ordinances are authorized by the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and allow county and municipal officials the opportunity to provide additional protection up to a fixed distance, normally 1,000 feet, from their wells. Third, the water supply staff may wish to revisit their contingency planning documents. Contingency planning documents are a primary means to ensure that, through emergency preparedness, a community will minimize their risk of being without safe and adequate water.

Finally, the water supply staff is encouraged to review their cross connection, control program to ensure that it remains current and viable. Cross connections to either the water treatment plant (for example, at bulk water loading stations) or in the distribution system may negate all of the source water protection initiatives provided by the community and circumvent the natural Protection provided to the aquifer.

The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation. Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples. A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system. A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MNDGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. not applicable.

millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
micrograms per liter or parts per billion – or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
milligrams per liter or parts per million – or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.

A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Treatment Technique or TT:

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2023	2	2 – 2	MNDG = 4	MNDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Halacetic Acids (HAA5)	2023	3	2.9 – 2.9	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2023	3	2.3 – 3.3	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Arsenic – While your drinking water meets EPA standards for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA’s standard for arsenic, which is a natural substance that can cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.	2023	7	6.82 – 6.82	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Fluoride	05/03/2021	0.47	0.47 – 0.47	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which is used in drinking water; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2023	0.44	0.44 – 0.44	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks; sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	05/03/2021	93100	93100 – 93100			ppb	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits. Used in water softener regeneration.

Lead and Copper

Definitions: Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety. Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2023	1.3	1.3	0.577	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

Source Water Information

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
WELL 10 (00394)	GW	Active	E WELL IN KIMMIS PARK SOUTH OF YVCA
WELL 11 (00395)	GW	Active	W WELL IN KIMMIS PARK E OF RR
WELL 12 (01962)	GW	Active	NWELL IN KIMMIS PARK

