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## Rogers joins Freedom Sings USA project

HEYWORTH — Clinton U.S. Navy veteran Marc Rogers will be part of a national project to record the stories of military veterans.

Freedom Sings USA is coming to Heyworth for a two-day veterans' retreat.

Freedom Sings USA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization based in Nashville and Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Heyworth Sons of American Legion Squadron 624 and the American Legion Post 624's support, along with other area sponsors, is making the retreat possible.

Grammy Award-nominated songwriters Don Goodman and Steve Dean, co-founders of Freedom Sings USA, along with professional songwriters Bill Whyte, Bobbie Tomberlin, and Irene Kelley will be paired with four local veterans to tell their stories through song.

Those veterans are Marc Rogers, of Clinton (Vietnam), the Rev. Robert Guy, of Heyworth (Operation Enduring Freedom), Mark Buchholz, of Bloomington, (Desert Shield/Desert Storm), and Ernie Runyon, of Heyworth (Vietnam).

Also included will be a song recently written for Gary Sigler, a former Vietnam POW, who spent almost six years at the "Hanoi Hilton" North Vietnam POW camp before being released.

On Wednesday, June 19, there will be a free public concert at the American Legion, in Heyworth where the songs, written that day, will be heard for the first time. The songs will later be taken into a recording studio to be put on an album and added to the Freedom Sings USA official website.

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Gordon Woods / Journal  
School district business manager and veteran Drew Goebel addresses the crowd about confidence, challenges and leadership on Memorial Day.

## Overcoming 'imposter syndrome'

Drew Goebel talks about  
confidence on Memorial Day

**Gordon Woods**  
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CLINTON — Clinton Schools business manager Drew Goebel hasn't always been confident in his abilities, but service in the military helped him overcome negative thoughts.

He spoke at this year's Clinton Memorial Day observance.

"I want to thank the veterans and the active duty service men and women here today and around the world," the Shelbyville native told the crowd. "Without them, our country would look drastically different."

Goebel said he felt many Americans took from granted their freedom.

Goebel / A2

## 'Speaker Jam' to feature recovery stories June 16

CLINTON — The road to recovery from addiction can be a difficult and life-saving experience, according to five people who will share their stories June 15 at an event on Mr. Lincoln's Square.

DeWitt County Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) will sponsor the group's first Speaker Jam from 1 to 4 p.m. in downtown Clinton. Free burgers, hot dogs and drinks will be served.

The goal of the event is to share stories of strength, hope and resilience with the community, said Maggie Memmott, ROSC coordinator.

"We want the community

to hear from people who have entered recovery and succeeded. We know there are many barriers to recovery, like transportation and a lack of support, but it's important that people know we are here to help people change their lives," said Memmott.

Started in July 2023 with a grant from the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery, ROSC provides services to DeWitt and Piatt counties. ROSC sponsors events for people in recovery and their families, public education and NARCAN

training. Support for employment, housing, driver's licenses, and state medical assistance is also provided.

Individuals who need help with residential treatment receive ROSC support.

"I just took my fourth person to rehab today," Memmott said recently. "That happened because

ROSC is here."

Volunteers with ROSC include people from law enforcement, public health, hospitals and mental health agencies and people with personal recovery experience. The group welcomes new volunteers to their meetings the third Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at the DeWitt-Piatt Bi-

county Health Department in Clinton. A Zoom link is available for meetings.

For more information on DeWitt County ROSC, contact Memmott at (217) 935-3427. Tax deductible donations to assist ROSC with recovery support efforts may be sent to ROSC at 5924 Revere Road, Clinton, IL 61727.

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# NEWS

## Goebel / from A1

“They have no idea how good they have it,” he said. “I’m proud I live in the United State of America, and I am proud I served in the Army National Guard.”

Goebel said he turned down the opportunity to address last year’s Memorial Day observance because, like many people, he finds public speaking intimidating.

“I also thought to myself, ‘People don’t want to hear me speak,’” Goebel said. “There’s somebody else more qualified and better to be your speaker.”

He said he believed our often-negative inner voices prevented most people from making public addresses. He added that other people’s opinions also could affect our confidence.

“Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple, he once said, ‘Don’t let the noises of others’ opinions drown out your own inner voice,’” Goebel said.

He said believing

someone else is better suited for a job is known as “imposter syndrome.”

“It’s the persistent, unjustified feeling that one’s success is fraudulent,” he said. “Imposter syndrome is characterized by self-doubt in one’s ability and fear of having one’s unworthiness exposed.”

Goebel grew up with his parents, his mother a special education teacher and his father an elementary school principal, and two brothers.

He decided to be a teacher, but his parents told him he would have to pay for college on his own.

His father suggested he join the army. Goebel’s older brother was studying at the University of Illinois and was in the Army National Guard at the time.

“I wasn’t anti-military, but the army just wasn’t something I was considering,” Goebel said.

“My dad was in the army, and both my grandparents had served in World War II, but, I did not see myself in the armed forces.”

He said, however, the more he thought about it, the more he felt the army would be good for him.

“I wasn’t a bad kid, and I had average grades,” Goebel said. “But, I did have a strong case of imposter syndrome.”

He felt the army might build his confidence.

“The truth is, joining the army was one of the best decisions I ever made.”

Goebel said the army taught him leadership skills.

“The army taught me how to overcome obstacles that stood in my way,” he said. “It taught me how to work with all kinds of people, especially people who were different than me.”

Goebel enlisted in the U.S. Army National Guard in 1997 and took his basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C. He received

his bachelor’s degree from Illinois State University and later a master’s from the University of Illinois.

“The army helped get rid of my imposter syndrome,” Goebel said. “The army helped me believe in myself.”

He said it was normal to have doubts but felt, often, people weren’t encouraged to accept challenges. He was glad his parents encouraged him to join the army.

Goebel’s teaching credentials were in social science education. But, after graduation, he struggled to land a job. His father suggested contacting large school districts and asking if they had any unfilled special education positions.

That advice made it possible for him to get his first teaching job at Decatur Eisenhower High School. He taught at-risk students who were on the verge of expulsion.

“I had not taking any courses related to special education, and my students would be with me all day long,” Goebel said.

His students had their own entrance into the school next to their classroom.

“Most people in the school didn’t even know my class existed.”

He said it was a tough year, but he learned the most in that year.

“Leaders need to believe in themselves,” Goebel said. “I believe in myself.”

He said great leaders, however, do not have big egos.

Goebel said he was nervous about starting the new school year as superintendent but “not losing any sleep over it.”

“I am confident because I am fortunate to be surrounded by an amazing staff of teachers, support staff, directors and school administrators.”

Goebel thanked retired principal John Pine and superintendent Curt Nettles for their mentorship, as well as the Clinton school board. He also thanked his family for their support.



## Carol McClure celebrating 90th birthday June 15

CLINTON — Carol McClure, of Clinton, will celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with an open house hosted by her family. Carol was born on June 15, 1934, in Bloomington.

Her open house will be held on June 15 from 2-4 p.m. at the Clinton Presbyterian Church.

Carol is the mother of Kay (Allen) Tippitt, of Flintstone, Ga.; Cheryl (David) Haynes, of Decatur, Ill.; Jacqui (Rod) Wertz, of Clinton; Cliff (Jenny) McClure, of Mahomet, and Charlotte Hansen (Late Sóren) Christensen, of Odense, Denmark.

Carol has 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and one Danish granddaughter.

Carol continues to work at M&M Pump Co, the business she and her late husband Cliff McClure started in 1984. She enjoys spending time with her children, grandchildren and friends. She also enjoys spending time doing Bible study and mission work at her church.

## First National Bank wraps up another year of student banking

CLINTON — As the academic calendar draws to a close, First National Bank and Trust Company’s in-school student-led banks marked the culmination of another year.

First National Bank and Trust Company’s two local student-led banks at Clinton Elementary Maroons Branch and DeLand-Weldon Community Unit School District Eagles Branch, have continued to thrive since their openings in January 2023, according to bank officials. Nearly 790 deposits were made by students this year, contributing to the financial education of over 1,000 students annually.

The approach goes beyond traditional banking. Students are introduced to financial concepts

through hands-on training, encouraging them to make sound money decisions from an early age.

“It’s encouraging to see the next generation understand how saving money can benefit their future. I also love watching the student bankers teach younger kids about making deposits and counting money. It’s been a wonderful year seeing all the students grow,” said Sabrina Brough, First National Bank and Trust Company Universal Banker.

“My favorite part of the Clinton Elementary School Maroons Branch is how I get to help and work with the students,” added Avery Brady, Maroons Branch Student Banker.



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# NEWS

## Lauren Allison Martin

NORMAL — Lauren Allison Martin, 32, of Normal, passed away from injuries sustained in an automobile accident at 9:23 a.m. May 31, 2024, in Tazewell County, Ill.

She was born to Randy and Nancy (Kincaid) Martin on June 29, 1991, in Bloomington.

Lauren was the loving mother of Wilhelmina Martin. She is survived by her daughter, of Normal; her parents, Randy and Nancy Martin, of Clinton; her brother Christopher and his wife, Daphney Martin and their son, Archer Mickelson, of St. Johns, Fla., as well as aunts, uncles, numerous cousins, and friends who will miss her dearly.

Lauren was preceded in death by her grandparents, J. Kennedy, Jr. and Margaret (Graham) Kincaid, and Coy and Alice Jean (Thompson) Martin.

Lauren attended Clinton High School, Heartland Community College, Illinois Wesleyan University, and Southern New Hampshire University. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma at Illinois Wesleyan University. She was also a member of



Pierre Menard Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution.

Lauren worked at Monical's Pizza and was part owner of Dairy Queen and Monical's Pizza in Clinton. She also worked as a nanny and was a foster parent of numerous children. She was a strong advocate for children with special needs.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2024, from 9-11 a.m., followed by the funeral service at 11 a.m. at Calvert Funeral Home in Clinton, with Ernie Harvey officiating. Burial will be in Texas Cemetery, Clinton.

Memorials may be given to the Wilhelmina Martin trust, 9219 Blue Sage Road, Clinton, IL 61727.

Online condolences may be made at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com)

## Gillette Ransom will speak at June 11 genealogical meeting

CLINTON — The DeWitt County Genealogical Society will hold its June meeting on Tuesday, June 11, at 4 p.m. in the genealogy room of the Vespasian Warner Public Library.

Gillette Ransom will present "Elkhart Hill: Early Settlers of Elkhart, Illinois."

Members and the general public are all welcome to attend.

## Sofia Calvert named to Elmhurst University spring Dean's list

ELMHURST — Sofia Calvert, of Heyworth, was among more than 975 students named to Elmhurst University's Spring 2024 Dean's List.

The Dean's List is composed of students who during the term concerned, attained a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher (out of a possible 4.00).

## Summer family fun night June 18 at Neighborhood Care Center

CLINTON — Neighborhood Care Center, 309 W. Main Street, will host a summer family fun night from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18.

Free food, snowcones, and diapers will be available, along with activities, including face painting, a bouncd house and take-home crafts.

## Eastern Illinois Foodbank 'Foodmobile' in DeWitt County June 15

DEWITT COUNTY, — Eastern Illinois Foodbank (EIF) is distributing food to area families facing food insecurity.

The Foodmobile will travel throughout DeWitt County on June 15 with distribution sites and times

and for each town listed at <https://www.eifoodbank.org/help/mobile.html>.

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](http://www.EIFclient.com), although doing so does not guarantee a place in line.

Income guidelines are listed below:

- **Contact:** Sophie Becker, Eastern Illinois Foodbank, 217-328-3663
- **When:** Saturday, June 15 2024
- **Where:** DeWitt County

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Updates regarding future food distributions can be found at the Foodbank's website at [www.eifoodbank.org](http://www.eifoodbank.org).

## Twanda Rose 'Rosie' Reynolds

CLINTON — Twanda Rose "Rosie" Reynolds 83, of Clinton, passed away at 7:42 a.m. on June 3, 2024, at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington.

Graveside services will be conducted at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 6, 2024, at DeWitt Cemetery, DeWitt, Ill., with Ernie Harvey, Jr. officiating. The family entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Rosie was born on June 19, 1940, in Clinton, the daughter of Otis and Helen L. (Campbell) Newberry. She married Jerry Lee Reynolds on July 1, 1957, in DeWitt. He passed away on May 28, 2019.

Survivors include her children, Gary (Jamie) Reynolds, Clinton; Pamela A. (David) Terry, Clinton; Charles Reynolds, Clinton;



eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sons, Jerry Wayne Reynolds and Scott Patrick Reynolds, grandson, David Terry, and one great-grandson, Zander Reynolds, three brothers and two sisters.

Rosie was a sweet and kind person whose passion in life was to care for other people before herself.

Online condolences may be made at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com)

## Real estate tax bills due in July and September

CLINTON — DeWitt County real estate tax bills will be mailed by May 28, 2024. The first installment is due July 12, 2024, and the second installment is due September 6, 2024.

Those who have not received their tax bills by June 5, 2024, contact the DeWitt County Treasurer's office at 217-935-7820. Failure of a taxpayer to receive a tax bill does not relieve them of their tax liability.

If a mailing address has been changed, call the Supervisor of Assessments office at 217-935-7800. Any questions on assessments or exemptions should be directed to the Supervisor of Assessments office.

Tax payments may be made at any banking institution in DeWitt County, at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street, Clinton (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri) in the drop box at the northwest end of the courthouse parking lot, mailed to P.O. Box 439, Clinton, Illinois 61727 or online. The link can be found at [dewittcountyl.gov/departments/treasurer.php](http://dewittcountyl.gov/departments/treasurer.php)

The payment coupon attached to the bottom of the tax bill must accompany the payment.

For any further questions, please contact the DeWitt County Treasurer's office at 217-935-7820.

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# OPINION

## HISTORY ALMANAC

- 1932 - Over 7,000 war veterans marched on Washington, DC, demanding their bonuses.
- 1939 - King George VI and his wife, Queen Elizabeth, arrived in the U.S. It was the first visit to the U.S. by a reigning British monarch.
- 1942 - The Battle of Midway ended. The sea and air battle lasted 4 days. Japan lost four carriers, a cruiser, and 292 aircraft, and suffered 2,500 casualties. The U.S. lost the Yorktown, the destroyer USS Hammann, 145 aircraft, and suffered 307 casualties.
- 1942 - Japan landed troops on the islands of Attu and Kiska in the Aleutians. The U.S. invaded and recaptured the Alutians one year later.
- 1944 - Off of the coast of Normandy, France, the Susan B. Anthony sank. All 2,689 people aboard survived.
- 1948 - The Communists completed their takeover of Czechoslovakia.
- 1955 - "The \$64,000 Question" premiered.
- 1965 - In the U.S., the Gemini 4 mission was completed. The mission featured the first space-walk by an American.
- 1968 - In Operation Swift Saber, U.S. Marines swept an area 10 miles northwest of Danang in South Vietnam.
- 1968 - Legoland Billund opened in Billund, Denmark. It was the original Legoland park.
- 1976 - "The NBC Nightly News", with John Chancellor and David Brinkley, aired for the first time.
- 1981 - Israeli F-16 fighter-bombers destroyed Iraq's only nuclear reactor.
- 1983 - The U.S. ordered Nicaragua to close all six of its consulates and informed 21 Nicaraguan consular officials that they could no longer remain in the U.S.
- 1994 - The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia declared the RMS Titanic, Inc. (RMST) salvor-in-possession of the wreck and the wreck site of the RMS Titanic.
- 2000 - U.S. Federal Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson ordered the breakup of Microsoft Corporation.

## Amber Waves



## The southern border

I started to write on the Trump trial until I read this morning’s news stating Biden had signed an executive order regarding our southern border with Mexico.

The order, as reported, would allow an average of 1,500 migrants daily to cross the border, with some exceptions. That is a huge reduction and honestly reflects a much more Trump-like approach to the border.

Biden would still allow those seeking traditional asylum for fear of physical retaliation in their home countries. Unattended children would also be allowed entry. The unattended children always provides the risk that parents will simply drop their children off at the border and leave them. That is a humanitarian concern. All in all, this is a major reversal for the Biden administration.

The Trump trial has certainly not gone the way politically that the Biden campaign anticipated. From a traditional point of view, the Trump campaign should now be on life support. In reality, the reverse appears to be happening.

Trump’s base is at an all time energized status and Trump’s campaign received massive donations the day after the jury verdict. Biden’s campaign is emphasizing “convicted felon” and immediately started its own

finance campaign after the verdict. Personally, common sense is out the door in both campaigns, and we are in total confrontation mode.

But back to the border security, which almost all polls are showing as a top concern of American voters.

Biden appears to have capitulated to basically a Trump standard. That capitulation is in direct opposition to Biden’s progressive base. The Left is screaming betrayal by Biden and the Right is shouting too little, too late. Both sides may be correct. Normally doing what the American public want, i.e. securing the border, should assist the person doing the action. Normally, but probably not in this election. The Republicans are angry at Biden in any event.

The Progressive left of the Democratic party will now feel betrayed and deserted. Realistically, Biden’s action may well assist the third-party candidacies of Cornell West and Robert Kennedy. Biden makes this announcement at the beginning of the work week, which means that the pollical pundits will be discussing the issue all week. The announcement may be good for the country, but it is fraught with political risks for Biden.

Add to Biden’s turmoil is the factor that his son, Hunter Biden,



is on trial for federal firearms violations this week. Biden family member have been at the court hearing and the President has voiced his support for his son. Regardless of the verdict, the trial will be a negative aspect for the Biden campaign. Trump Then we have Trump’s trial and his post-verdict comments. Trump has a First Amendment right to his opinions and he has certainly exercised them. However, personally publicly bad mouthing the judge who is going to sentence you is generally viewed as unwise in the legal community.

The American justice system is rapidly moving towards theatrics at the national level and the law seems to be a means to a political end. What we are seeing today from executive orders to jury trials is not what our democracy was designed for. This nation needs to get back to basics and remember that the nation is greater than any one politician.

DAVE NEWBERG—I owe Dave an apology and he doesn’t even know it.

Years ago, Dave was constantly complaining about the time it took him to get to Clinton from his home off of Route 10. The bridge was being worked on and the detour did take some time. I remember thinking this guy is complaining too much.

Fast forward a few years to Route 54. I live off of Route 54 on the eastern side of the power plant. The state shut the highway down for a week to replace the railroad tracks to the power plant. The detour was a pain in the backside.

The past two days the highway has had miles of one-way shutdowns to patch the surface. I have been grumbling for two weeks. Then, Newberg’s face flashed into my memory and my thoughts regarding his difficulties with road construction. His delays lasted months, mine for only a couple of weeks.

I need to learn to face events and accept them. Dave, you have my apology.

*Richard Koritz is an Illinois native, attorney and former DeWitt County State’s Attorney.*

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OPINION / COLUMNS

Social Security omits food from in-kind support and maintenance calculations

Selena Higgins  
Social Security district manager, Normal

Supplement Security Income (SSI) provides monthly payments to adults and children with a disability or blindness. It also provides monthly payments to adults aged 65 and older, who have limited income and resources. SSI benefits help pay for



basic needs like rent, food, clothing, and medicine. People applying for and receiving SSI must meet eligibility requirements, including income and

resource limits. Under our current rules, we include food assistance as unearned income when calculating In-Kind Support and Maintenance (ISM). We understand this rule could affect your SSI eligibility or reduce your payment amount, so we made changes. Beginning September 30, 2024, we are no longer counting food that someone gives you as income when we figure SSI

payments. This new rule removes a critical barrier for SSI eligibility due to informal food assistance from friends, family, and community networks of support. For more information on the SSI program, including who is eligible and how to apply, visit [www.ssa.gov/ssi](http://www.ssa.gov/ssi). Please share this with those who may need it.

Surviving summer heat

SENIOR NEWS LINE  
by Matilda Charles

While winter cold can cause health problems for seniors, the summer heat can be just as dangerous. Heat that's too high can lead to heat exhaustion. Nausea, feeling weak or dizzy, being thirsty, having rapid pulse -- those are all signs that we're too hot. Then there is heat rash, heat edema (swollen ankles and feet), heat cramps, heat stroke ... all with their own list of serious medical results. The risks can come not only from the temperature, but from some of the prescription drugs we take, drinking alcohol and caffeine, living without air conditioning and having certain medical conditions. The National Institutes for Health has a list of suggestions for dealing with summer heat: Consult with your doctor about how many ounces of water you need to drink on a daily basis. Ask if it needs to be only water, or if juices count in your daily intake of liquid. Keep the drapes closed to block the sun. Go somewhere else during the heat of the day, ideally a cool place with air

conditioning. Think about the library, a movie theater or the mall during the heat of the afternoon until the sun goes down. Ask the rec center, senior center, town government or health department if they have cooling centers. Wear lightweight cotton clothes instead of synthetics. It's not just the heat, humidity adds to the temperature as well. Seniors don't produce as much sweat as we used to, so there's little natural cooling as breezes blow over us. Keep an eye on the news for advance notice about heat waves in your area. Plan ahead for where you might go to cool off and for meals that don't heat up the kitchen. And remember: If you do have air conditioning, use it! A heatwave is not the time to worry about the electric bill! (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

Healthcare scams

It takes a lot of nerve to cook up a scheme to steal large amounts of money from government agencies such as the VA, especially since in the end the criminals get caught. One thief tried to convince the VA that he couldn't use his feet anymore. The scam got him a 100% disability rating (as well as the monthly benefits that went along with it), plus a specially adapted car. He was ratted out by several witnesses who saw him drive to a VA medical center, get out and walk around and sit in a wheelchair before rolling

into the center. He was also seen by several others (who had known him a long time) walking around in a mall. Not only did he get sent to prison, but he has to pay back a large amount of money. And what about the eye doctor who took kickbacks for ordering unnecessary brain scans? His partner in crime was a medical diagnostics company. Not only did they generate fake diagnoses, but they pulled this on hundreds of patients and then sent out the bills. The money he stole ran into the millions, although he only made \$100 or so

VETERANS POST  
by Freddy Groves

for each fake diagnosis and brain scan he ordered. What would make a doctor, who'd been in practice for 40 years, think he could get away with a scheme like this? He'll have plenty of time to think about that in prison. The bigger the scam and the more moving parts, the more likely the criminals are to be caught. Such was the case with a guy who had his

fingers in several types of health care fraud: offering and paying kickbacks to doctors who wrote fake test orders, compounded medicines and genetic cancer screenings (costing \$10,000 each). The players included not only the doctors but pharmacies, labs and durable medical equipment companies. The perp's share of the \$51 million cash haul for all these schemes was \$10 million. He won't get to spend that in prison. (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

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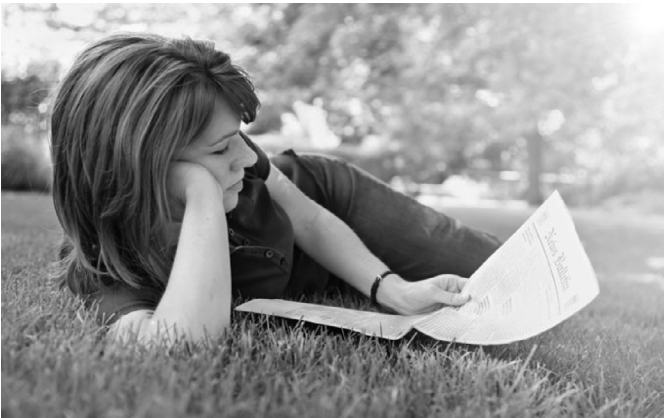
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7 p.m.-Wednesday Bible study

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701 S. Mulberry Street, Clinton  
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8:15 a.m.-Sunday worship  
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school  
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(217) 935-5058  
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9 a.m.-Sunday morning Bible study  
10 a.m.-Sunday morning worship  
1 p.m.-Sunday worship  
7 p.m.-Wednesday evening Bible study

**Clinton Church of God**  
720 E. Woodlawn Street, Clinton  
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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.  
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220 Illini Drive, Clinton  
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Jonathan Roberson, pastor  
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Michael A. Taylor, pastor  
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10:30 a.m.-morning worship  
7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week service

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10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship

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8:30 a.m.-Sunday Mass

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(217) 935-8510  
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(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

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112 N. Monroe St., Clinton  
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9:30 a.m.-Saturday, Sabbath school  
11 a.m.- worship with pot luck afterwards

**Wapella Christian Church**  
101 N. Poplar  
(217) 731-4404  
Josh Gorrie, minister  
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9 a.m.-Sunday school  
10 a.m.-worship

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 32:10-11

Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD’s unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

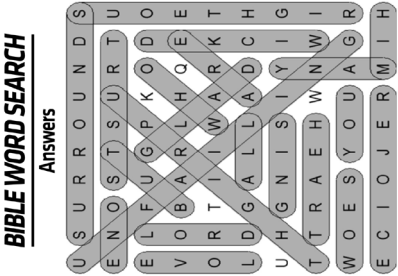
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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Deuteronomy (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From John 20, by what other name was the apostle Thomas known? Caleb, Naaman, Omri, Didymus
3. Which book begins, “And the Lord spake unto Moses in the wilderness”? Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Joel
4. What did Jesus and Peter pay for with a coin found in a fish’s mouth? Tax, Bread, Lodging, Sandals
5. From Proverbs 11, what word did Solomon use to describe soul winners? Warm, Wise, Wealthy, Wonderful
6. What prophet was saved from death by a talking donkey? Balaam, Ezekiel, Joel, Samuel

ANSWERS: 1) ID, 2) Didymus, 3) Numbers, 4) Tax, 5) Wise, 6) Balaam

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## Defining a true chef

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights.

There are levels of learning to becoming a chef. First level would be that of the apprentice or beginner. The next level is equivalent to being a first or second level journeyman.

Next would be equivalent to an advanced or practicing chef. The highest on the learning scale is that of a master chef. Once one becomes a chef, there are different categories. These categories comprise the Escoffier brigade system. The chef de Cuisine representing authority in the kitchen. Below him is the sous-chef. They are part of the brigade system as are chef de partie, saucier, entremetier, pâtissier, etc. We can now proceed toward our objective.

Although I would love to say I am a master chef or even an advanced chef, that would be a lie. I would place myself as a second-degree journeyman. Be that as it may, I can define the qualifications for each learning level.

One who graduates culinary college as an average to just above average student has a good chance of reaching the



**The Culinary Corner Chef**  
Roger Joss

first level of journeyman, provided they continue learning and improve their skills. A first level journeyman probably qualifies one to teach culinary at junior college level.

It is my view that advanced chefs and those above are desired by fine dining restaurants rather than colleges. Such restaurants pay more for highly qualified chefs. Those who graduate with straight “A s” are probably at first class, if not second-class journeyman; dependent upon their innate qualities.

An innate skill or ability is not defined by an established grade scale as determined by a school. Certain qualities exist that are not necessarily learned within the commonly accepted educational system.

Those who only cook by “number,” and call themselves chefs, are sadly

mistaken to say the least. In my view, being restricted to only follow recipes to the letter, is equivalent to painting by numbers. To paint by numbers does not qualify one as an artist. Such individuals seek the easy path lacking the stamina to learn and earn their title. If I sound bitter, it is because I am. One should earn their position and pay the price than to invent their statis. One generally needs to sacrifice to reach higher levels.

Do not misinterpret me. I have nothing against any desiring to follow recipes to the letter. In point of fact, that was all I could do for years until I learned to be a chef. Even today, I still follow recipes to the letter in unfamiliar territory.

There is no escaping this need at whatever level one is at. The point is not to presume being a chef without earning it. Would you accept the advice of a lawyer or doctor that has not proven to be one? The answer is obvious as it should be. Learn to work hard for any position you want in life.

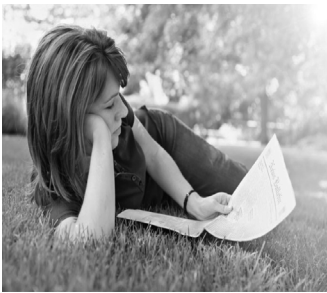
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NEWS

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Clinton Police Department

Krisdon R. Marquardt 19, Peoria Operating Motor Vehicle with Suspended Registration. Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle, and Illegal Possession of Alcohol by a Minor. Notice to Appear issued.

Kambria A. Irby 20, Peoria Possession of Cannabis by Passenger, Illegal Possession Alcohol by a Minor. Notice to Appear issued.

Adrian F. Damian 26, Bloomington Speeding 79 mph in a 55 mph zone, Driving while License Suspended. Notice to Appear issued.

06/01/24  
Surisadai Hurtado-Olivares 37, Clinton Driving while License Suspended. Notice to Appear issued.

06/02/24  
Logan Deright 23, Mt. Pulaski Disobey Stop Sign. Notice to Appear issued.

Jake D. Monkman 39, Clinton Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

Notice to Appear issued.  
On 06/01/24 Clinton Police arrested Belinda C. Huston 54, Clinton for Criminal Trespass to Residence and Disorderly Conduct. Huston was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to Corrections.

DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

May 10-24

Marissa Barry, 30, Beason, was issued a Citation for Failure to Reduce Speed Accident. Barry was released with No Court Appearance Required.

Chris Barambona, 23, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Speeding (78 mph in a 55 mph zone). Barambona was released with No Court Appearance Required.

William Austin, 54, Chesterfield, was issued a Citation for Speeding (75 mph in a 55 mph zone). Austin was released with No Court Appearance Required.

Investigation into the scene of an accident which occurred at 20:17 on 5/7/24 revealed that Marissa Barry, 30, Beason and Cameron Richardson, 22, Decatur were each traveling south on US-51 just north of Bucks Road, with Richardson ahead of Barry and in the left lane and Barry in the right lane. Both units were traveling at the posted speed limit. The front passenger's side tire of Richardson's vehicle went flat. Richardson activated his turn signal and entered the right lane before activating his hazards and attempting to pull onto the shoulder of the road. Barry was attempting to change the station on her radio and collided with Richardson causing disabling damage to the rear of Richardson's car and the front of Barry's car. Gary's Towing towed both units to 602 E. Van Buren St., Clinton. Richardson was issued Citations for Operating Uninsured Vehicle and No Valid Registration. Richardson was released with a Required Court

Date.  
Fernando Leon, 73, Jalisco, MX, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear. Leon posted the necessary bond and was released with a Required Court Date.

Carol Arteman, 52, Wapella, was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Artman was released with a Required Court Date.

Michael Hendriex, 50, Maroa, was arrested on an in-state warrant. Hendriex posted the necessary bond and was released.

Akeyia Tyus, 37, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Speeding (71 mph in a 45 mph zone). Tyus was released with a Required Court Appearance.

Cory Spence, 30, Clinton, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with Agg Domestic Battery/Strangle/PTR. Spence remains lodged in the DeWitt County Jail.

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

Illinois Humanities Road Scholar gives presentation Sunday at Homestead

CLINTON — The DeWitt County Museum & C.H. Moore Homestead will host Illinois Humanities Road Scholar, Connie Martin, as she tells the story of how her family survived the antebellum period.

Martin will lead listeners through the trials and tribulations and how quilts were used that contained hidden codes and secret messages to assist abolitionists and guide enslaved people to freedom through the Underground Railroad.

Martin's presentation, "Pre-Civil War Quilts: Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad," will take place at the C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum's carriage barn, 219 E. Woodlawn in Clinton, on Sunday, June 9, at 1:30

p.m.  
During her presentation, Martin will also share "18 different quilt patterns in replica quilts and refer to a book her mother, Dr. Clarice Boswell, wrote about their family." The book is titled Lizzie's Story: A Slave Family's Journey to Freedom.

This presentation is free and open to the public. All are welcome to attend this special event, which is made possible through an Illinois Humanities grant to the DeWitt County Museum Association. No reservations are necessary. Additional parking is available in the lot across from the museum.

For additional information about this free event, please contact the C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum by calling 217-935-6066.

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NEWS

Almost by surprise, CHS team going to national competition

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CLINTON — Students of the Clinton High School SkillsUSA team recently surprised themselves with their competition performance at the state level. Now, they’re headed to Atlanta, Ga. to compete nationally.

The five-student team will compete at the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference, held in Atlanta, Ga. June 24-28.

“SkillsUSA has all different kinds of competitions,” said Clinton teacher and SkillsUSA coordinator, Fred Knap. “So, we’re sort of an FFA but for anything that’s not agriculture.”

At the state level, there are approximately 120 skills and leadership competitions in SkillsUSA.

SkillsUSA is a national workforce development organization representing approximately 400,000 technical education students and teachers at middle schools, high schools and colleges. Several Clinton students have landed apprenticeships through the program.

Knap’s students decided this year to try competing in “Quiz Bowl,” similar to Scholastic Bowl, at the SkillsUSA state level, but at first didn’t take it too seriously.

The students entered Quiz Bowl, “sort of on a lark and didn’t do that much prep for it,” Knap said.

“Several of them are on the Scholastic Bowl team as well,” Knap said. “They thought this (Quiz Bowl) would be kind of fun to do, and they thought it would be funny because I also run that competition for the state.”

As it turned out, to the students’ surprise, they finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state out of 18 teams competing.

“So, they did extremely well,” Knap said. “I think they kind of shocked themselves, and I was surprised, too.”

The first-place team had students competing in other categories, which

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Prizes for winning teams; concessions

didn’t leave enough students competing in Quiz Bowl. This created an opening for the Clinton team to compete at the national level in Atlanta.

“As the alternate, we were offered the opportunity to go to Atlanta,” Knap said.

Quiz Bowl covers a variety of subjects, including general knowledge and current events questions. There also are professional development questions,

which include leadership aspects such as employability, how to be a professional and questions about the organization.

The Atlanta conference will host all the winners from the various state conferences.

“It’s a huge gathering of all the SkillsUSA across the country,” Knap said.

“We’ll get together and do some practice,” he said. “I’m not so much concerned about their academic performance, but we need to study some of the professional development aspects and make sure we’re watching current events developments and stay on top of what’s happening in the world.”

Unfortunately, member of the Quiz Bowl team, student Carter Blankenship, won’t be able to compete in Atlanta because he ships out for military basic training before the conference.

Haley Wilham will replace Blankenship on the team and will accompany other team members Brock Newberry, Liam Harney, Owen Rexshell and Patrick Morge.



Gordon Woods / Journal  
SkillsUSA students recently helped perform cleaning duties in one of the buildings at the DeWitt County Museum.



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Members of the CHS and CJHS SkillsUSA teams addressed school board members during the board’s May meeting.



SPORTS

CHS athletes at the IHSA State Championships



Courtesy of Dalton Spencer  
CHS runner Drew Moser finished 24th in the 3200m run among 2A schools at the IHSA State Championships, held at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston.



Courtesy of Dalton Spencer  
Anthony Westbrooks finished 25th among class 2A schools in the long jump at the IHSA State Championships.



Courtesy of Randy Anderson  
Drew Moser in the 3200m run.



Courtesy of Dalton Spencer



Courtesy of Randy Anderson  
Anthony Westbrooks and Drew Moser, center, at the IHSA State Championships.

TWO WAYS TO WIN

	♠ Q3 ♥ J973 ♦ K ♣ AKQJ	
♥ Q ♦ JT974 ♣ 953	West Declarer	♥ KT6 ♦ 63 ♣ 84

Both Vulnerable

South West North East

2♥ 3♣ 1♠ 1♠  
Pass Pass 5♥ All Pass

ge bidding is not an exact nce, as N-S demonstrated on this l. They would have done well to ble 4♠, but instead they pushed on to 5♥, giving E-W the opportunity to show that defense can also be inexact.

The defense plays Spades and Declarer ruffs the second round. Now, if only she can avoid two trump losers, she will make this contract. Declarer's thought processes might go something like this:

- East's 4♠ suggests six Spades and yet he did not preempt, so perhaps he has some values, which would have to be in Spades and Hearts.
- West's 3♣ was preemptive, showing a weak hand and typically four Spades. 3♣ was also bid when vulnerable, so perhaps West was fortified by shortness somewhere, probably in Hearts.

Having concluded that, how will Declarer play the trump suit, hopefully for one loser, allowing her to make 11 tricks? Declarer will reason that if trumps are 2-2 then how she plays the suit does not matter too much. But, if they are 3-1, and if East has the length (as seems likely), then Declarer might as well lead the ♥J from Dummy on the first round of the suit. One of two good things might happen:

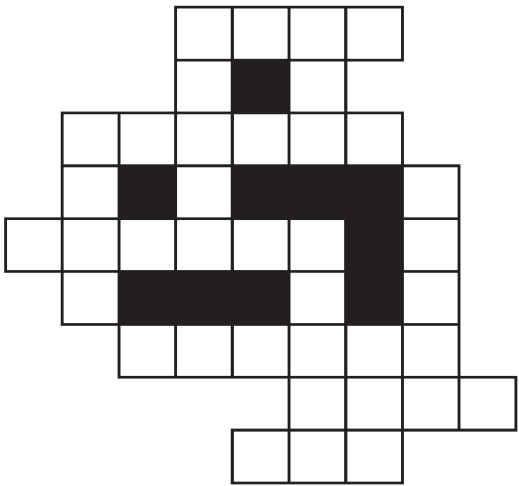
- West might have the singleton Ten, holding the trump losers to one.
- East might hold ♥KT6 or ♥QT6, and make the (big) mistake of covering the Jack. Mirth and merriment will be politely suppressed when this crashes West's singleton honor, handing Declarer an impossible contract.

The moral of the story is that, when we get to a crummy contract, it pays to give the opponents the chance to find a crummy defense.

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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE ). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked ( ♥ ) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART ). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
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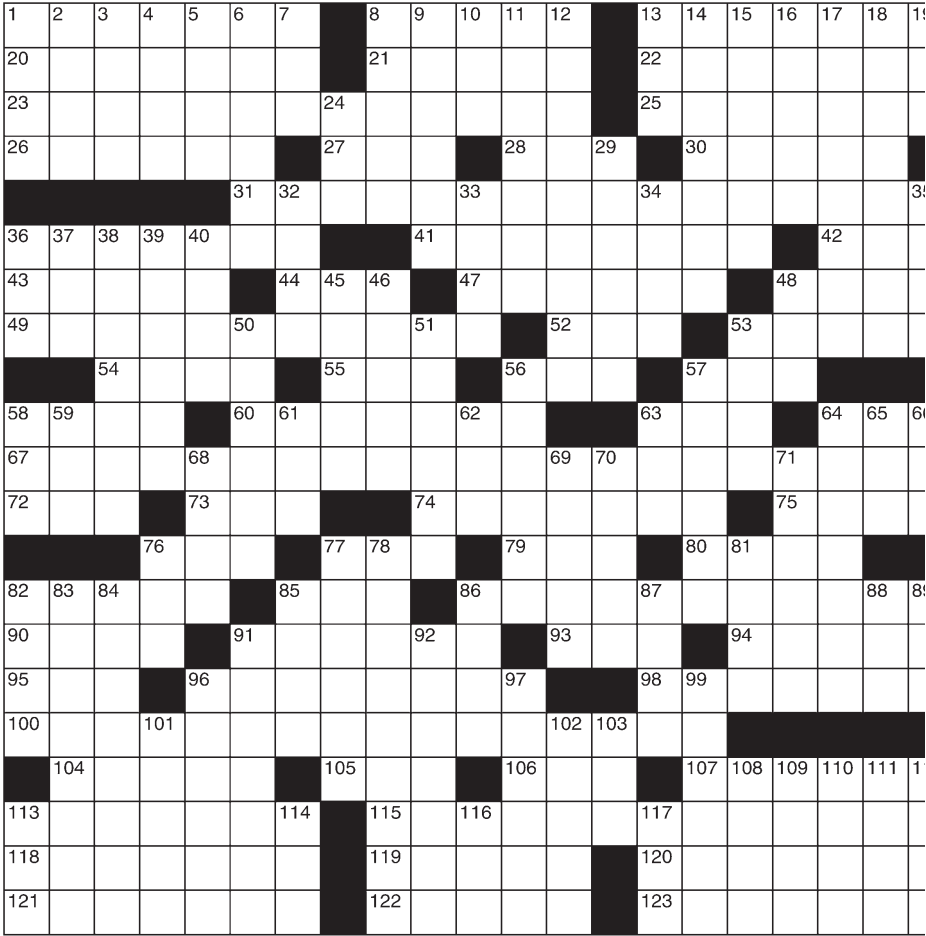
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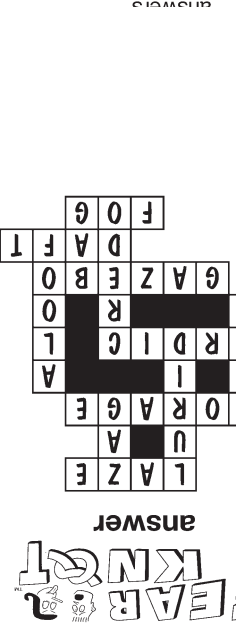
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# Classified

6/7/2024  
**PLEASE READ YOUR** Classified ad or display ad on the first day of publication. If there are mistakes, notify us immediately. We will make changes for errors and adjust your bill but only if we receive notice on the first day the ad is published. We limit our liability to you in this way and we do not accept liability for any other damages, which may result from an error or omission in an ad. All ad copy must be approved by the newspaper, which, reserves the right to request changes, reject or properly classify an ad. The advertiser and not the newspaper is responsible for the truthful content of the ad. Advertising is also subject to credit approval.

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**NO INDIVIDUAL,** unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. \*A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. The Clinton Journal strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in its care. \*Family homes that care for no more than three (3) children under the age of twelve or which receive only children from a single household, for less than 24 hours per day, are exempt

from licensure as day care homes. The three children to whom this exemption applies includes the family's natural or adopted children and any other persons under the age of 12 whether related or unrelated to the operator of the day care home. [DCFS Rule, Part 377.3 (c)] 203 Help Wanted

**PLACE A RUM-  
MAGE SALE AD  
IN THE CLINTON  
JOURNAL.** Dead-  
line for ads are:  
Monday, 5:00 PM  
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up to 20 words for  
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word. **OUR RAIN  
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day, we'll rerun the  
same ad (only date  
& time changes) for  
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2 weeks.

## REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY - CLINTON, ILLINOIS NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, PLAINTIFF VS. SHAUNA HAM-  
BLEN, DARREL HAMBLÉN. DEFENDANTS  
Case No.: 2023FC22  
Property Address: 411 S Walnut St Wapella, IL 61777  
NOTICE OF SHER-  
IFF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is given that pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 20, 2024, the DeWitt County Sheriff will on June 26, 2024, at 10:00 AM, at the Dewitt County Sheriff's Office, 101 W. Washington St., Lobby, Clinton, IL 61727, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mort-  
gaged real estate: P.I.N. 07-03-452-019  
COMMON AD-  
DRESS: 411 S Walnut St, Wapella, IL 61777  
Terms of all sales are ten percent (10%) of the open-  
ing bid Failure to pay the remaining balance within the twenty-four (24) hours shall result in the forfeiture of the ten percent (10%) down payment. No Refunds.  
The improvement on the property consists of: Single Family Home and will NOT be open

for inspection. The property offered for sale is subject to real es-  
tate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real es-  
tate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without re-  
course to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
The entered judg-  
ment amount was \$105,101.75  
For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever Law Group, LLC, 200 N LaSalle St, Suite 1880, Chicago, IL 60601. 312-236-0077. SMS000951-23FC1  
LEGAL 20066 RE May 31, June 7, June 14, 2024

## REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY - CLINTON ILLINOIS Nationstar Mort-  
gage LLC Plaintiff, vs. Ryan Johnston, AKA Ryan A. Johnston; Alyson Boucher; Joseph F. Boucher; Un-  
known Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants.  
Case No. 2023FC16  
14668 Autumn Road, Wapella, IL 61777  
Judge Gary Webber  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judg-  
ment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on Novem-  
ber 8, 2023, Mike Walker will on June 26, 2024, at the hour of 10:15AM at the DeWitt County Sheriff's Office, 101 W. Washing-  
ton Street (Lobby), Clinton, IL 61727, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:  
Commonly known as 14668 Autumn Road, Wapella, IL 61777  
Parcel Number(s): 02-22-277-010  
The real estate is improved with a Single Family Resi-  
dence.  
Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certi-  
fied check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered

for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plain-  
tiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclo-  
sure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the as-  
sessments and the legal fees required by the Condomi-  
nium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORT-  
GAGE FORECLO-  
SURE LAW. For information call Plaintiff's Attor-  
ney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 23-010595. Edward R. Peterka MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plain-  
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One East Wacker, Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 Telephone: 312-651-6700 Fax: 614-220-5613 Attorney. No.: 6220416 Email: StateEFil-  
ing@manleydeas.com

LEGAL 20067 RE May 31, June 7, June 14, 2024

## REAL ESTATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUN-  
TY - CLINTON, ILLINOIS  
Citizens Bank NA f/k/a RBS Citizens NA  
PLAINTIFF  
Vs.  
Chants D. Allen; et. al.  
DEFENDANTS  
No. 2023FC21  
NOTICE OF SHER-  
IFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the

above cause on 02/07/2024, the Sheriff of DeWitt County, Illinois will on July 17, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 AM at Dewitt Coun-  
ty Sheriff Lobby of Sheriff's Office 101 West Washington Street Clinton, IL 61727, or in a place otherwise desig-  
nated at the time of sale, County of DeWitt and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the follow-  
ing described real estate:

PIN 09-19-240-001

Improved with Res-  
idential

COMMONLY  
KNOWN AS:

201 Paris Street

De Witt, IL 61735

Sale terms: 10% down of the high-  
est bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Prop-  
erty Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twen-  
ty-four (24) hours. The subject prop-  
erty is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real es-  
tate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plain-  
tiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchas-  
ers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is lo-  
cated in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assess-  
ment and legal fees due under the Condominium Prop-  
erty Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any rea-  
son, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a

return of the deposit paid. The Purchas-  
er shall have no further recourse against the Mort-  
gagor, the Mortgag-  
ee or the Mortgag-  
ee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchas-  
er shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confir-  
mation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/ expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all informa-  
tion.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORT-  
GAGE FORECLO-  
SURE LAW.

For information: Ex-  
amine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-23-06313.

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Legal 20069 RE June 7, 14, 21, 2024

## LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

COUNTY OF DE WITT, STATE OF ILLINOIS

GITSIT SOLU-  
TIONS LLC,

Plaintiff(s),

vs.

SUSAN R. RICH-  
MOND, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES F. RICHMOND, HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COM-  
PANY SUCCES-  
SOR IN INTEREST TO FARMER CITY STATE BANK, GWEN J. BELYEA POSSIBLE HEIR,

CINDY SUTHER-  
IN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTA-  
TIVE, UNKNOWN OWNERS, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendant(s).

Case No. 24 FC 2

PUBLICATION  
NOTICE

The requisite Affi-  
davit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: SUSAN R. RICHMOND, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES F. RICHMOND, NON-RECORD CLAIM-  
ANTS and UN-  
KNOWN OWNERS, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of DeWitt County, Chancery Division, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclo-  
sure of a certain Real Estate Mort-  
gage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

60 FEET OFF OF THE FULL SOUTH END OF LOTS 1 AND 2 IN BLOCK 1 IN WOODLAWN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FARMER CITY, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD IN THE RECORD-  
ER'S OFFICE OF DEWITT COUNTY, IL IN PLAT BOOK "A" ON PAGE 153, IT BEING THE INTENT AND PUR-  
POSE OF THIS QUIT CLAIM DEED FROM GRANTORS TO GRANTEES HEREIN TO CON-  
VEY ALL CLAIM OF INTEREST IN AND TO THE AFORESAID 60 FT, WHICH WERE IN FACT CONVEYED TO GRANTEES HEREIN BY LYLE C MORGAN AND LAVERNE M. MORGAN, THE PARENTS OF THE GRANTOR HEREIN, MARI-  
LYN J HAMMER, BY DEED DATED JUNE 25, 1964, AND RECORDED JUNE 26, 1964 IN VOLUME 170 OF DEEDS, PAGE 65 OF THE RE-  
CORDS OF THE RECORDER OF DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Tax Number: 05-27-153-002

commonly known as 315 N WOOD-  
LAWN ST FARMER CITY IL 61842; and which said Real Es-  
tate Mortgage was made by SUSAN R. RICHMOND AND JAMES F. RICHMOND, and recorded in the Office of the DeWitt

County Recorder as Document Num-  
ber 222104; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said named Defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Court of DeWitt Coun-  
ty, located at 201 WEST WASHING-  
TON ST, CLINTON, IL 61727, on or before June 24, 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.

LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC

Attorney for Plaintiff

Ira T. Nevel - ARDC #6185808

Timothy R. Yueill - ARDC #6192172

Greg Elsnic - ARDC #6242847

Aaron Nevel - ARDC #6322724

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Legal 20055 MAY 24, 31 AND JUNE 7, 2024

## LEGAL

STATE OF IL-  
LINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF DE-  
WITT

Estate of:  
Harry H. Hawkins Deceased.  
CASE NO. 2024-PR-22

NOTICE BY PUBLI-  
CATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Harry H. Hawkins, of 116 W. Cherry St., Clinton, Illinois 61727. Let-  
ters of Office were issued on May 10, 2024, to Tisha L. Griffin, Independent

FREE!

Sell your household items for free.  
Total value of item must be \$100 or less.  
(15 words - 2 publications - price must be listed)

Administrator, 116 W. Cherry St., Clinton, Illinois 61727, whose attorney is Kevin Hammer, 219 E. Main Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the Estate must be filed in the office of the Clerk of DeWitt County Circuit Court, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 24, 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 16th day of May, 2024.

Kevin Hammer Attorney for the Estate of Harry H. Hawkins 219 East Main Street Clinton, IL 61727 217/935-7063

LEGAL 20056 May 24, 31, June 7, 2024

LEGAL

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF DEWITT Estate of: Martha M. Beck Deceased. CASE NO. 24-PR-18

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Martha M. Beck, 10971 Royal Rd., Farmer City, Illinois 61842. Letters of Office were issued on May 10, 2024, to Marsha Peters and Patricia Harris, Independent Co-Executors, 25049 Greenleaf Rd., Farmer City, Illinois 61842, and 514 N. William St., Farmer City, Illinois 61842, 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 November 24, 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 16th day of May, 2024.

Kevin Hammer Attorney for the Estate of Martha M. Beck 219 East Main Street Clinton, IL 61727 217/935-7063

LEGAL 20057 May 24, 31 and June 7, 2024

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TAKENOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 202000021 TO: Marc L Angell Marc L Angell Kara R Angell Kara R Angell Marc L Angell Kara R Angell Occupant Dewitt County Clerk Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of DEWITT County, Ill. as Case No. 2024TX4 The Property is located at: 2689 Church St., Clinton, IL 61727 Property Index Number: 06-33-203-004 Said Property was sold on 10/20/2021 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/ or Special Assessments for the year 2020. The period of redemption will expire on 9/13/2024. On 10/01/2024 at 1:30 PM the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed. Ivy Jack, Inc, Petitioner 6114-942409

Legal 20060 May 24, 31 and June 7, 2024

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS FLAT BRANCH MORTGAGE, INC, PLAINTIFF, VS. GERALD NORDGREN, SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF BRANDON JACOB WEAKMAN, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; HEATHER VON ROGERS; JAMES WALTER WEAKMAN; BELLE VON ROGERS; BENJAMIN WEAKMAN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BRANDON JACOB WEAKMAN, DEFENDANTS. NO. 2023 FC 25 300 NORTH MALTBY STREET WAYNESVILLE, IL 61778 JUDGE PRESIDING JUDGE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants James Walter Weakman Benjamin Weakman Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Brandon Jacob Weakman defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOTS 5 AND 8 IN BLOCK 5 IN POST AND ISHAM'S ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW VILLAGE OF WAYNESVILLE, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DEWITT, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS; ALSO THE ALLEY THAT RUNS NORTH/ SOUTH FROM 7TH STREET TO NORTH STREET, AS DESCRIBED IN ORDINANCE NUMBER 30.004, RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 255207, DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 AND RECORDED SEPTEMBER 12, 2019, IN DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 300 North Maltby Street Waynesville, IL 61778 and which said Mortgage was made by, Brandon Jacob Weakman a/k/a Brandon J Weakman a/k/a Brandon Weakman Mortgagor(s), to

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flat Branch Mortgage, Inc. Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of DeWitt County, Illinois, as Document No. 262863; and for other relief. UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before June 24, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. You have been sued. To participate in the case, you MUST file an official document with the court within the time stated on this Notice called an "Appearance" and a document called an "Answer/Response". The Answer/Response is not required in small claims or eviction cases unless ordered by the court. If you do not file an Appearance and Answer/Response on time, the court may decide the case without hearing from you, and you could be held in default and lose the case. After you fill out the necessary documents, you need to electronically file (e-file) them with the court. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. For more information, go to ilcourts.info/efiling. If you cannot e-file, you can get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. You may be charged filing fees, but if you cannot pay them, you can file an Application for Waiver of Court Fees. It is possible that the court will allow you to attend the first court date in this case in-person or remotely by video or phone. Contact the Circuit Court Clerk's office or visit the Court's website to find out whether this is possible and, if so, how to do this. Need help? Call or text Illinois Court Help at 833-411-1121 or go to ilcourthelp.gov for information about going to court, including how to fill out and file documents. You can also get free legal information and legal referrals at illinoislegalaid.org. All documents referred to in this Notice can be found at ilcourts.info/forms. Other documents may be available from your local Circuit Court Clerk's office or website. ¿Necesita ayuda? Llame o envíe un mensaje de texto a Illinois Court Help al 833-411- 1121, o visite

ilcourthelp.gov para obtener información sobre los casos de la corte y cómo completar y presentar formularios. PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 Ph. (312) 346-9088 File No. 23-169961L-1006714 I3244716

Legal 20061 May 24, 31, June 7, 2024

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF CHARLES MARVIN BURTON, DECEASED

2024-PR-26

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION Notice is given of the death of the above named decedent;

Letters of Office were issued on May 22, 2024 to Carolyn J. Bounds, 431 King St., Center, Texas 75935 as independent executor. The attorney for the estate is Bryce A. Lynch of Taylor & Lynch, LLC, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois, 61727.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, 61727, or with the attorney for the estate who also acts as the registered agent for the executor, said agent and attorney being Bryce A. Lynch of Taylor & Lynch, LLC, for the services of claims or other designated matter, or both on or before December 14, 2024. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the attorney for the estate which also acts as the registered agent for the estate, Bryce A. Lynch of Taylor & Lynch, LLC, and file with the clerk proof

of such mailing or delivery within 10 days after it is filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless an interested party terminates independent administration by filing a petition to terminate under Section 28-4 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4). A form of a petition to terminate independent administration may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court at the above address.

Dated this 24th day of May, 2024.

Carolyn J. Bounds, independent executor of the estate of Charles Marvin Burton, Deceased BRYCE A. LYNCH 6297077 TAYLOR & LYNCH, LLC 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, ILLINOIS 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183 FAX: (217) 935-8219 E-MAIL: attorneys@dewittcountylaw.com

Legal 20065 May 31, June 7, June 14, 2024

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY - CLINTON, ILLINOIS NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, PLAINTIFF VS. SHAUNA HAMBLEN, DARREL HAMBLEN. DEFENDANTS Case No.: 2023FC22 Property Address: 411 S Walnut St Wapella, IL 61777 NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is given that pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on March 20, 2024, the DeWitt County Sheriff will on June 26, 2024, at 10:00 AM, at the DeWitt County Sheriff's Office, 101 W. Washington St., Lobby, Clinton, IL 61727, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: LOT 6 IN YOUNG'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF WAPELLA, AS SHOWN BY PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK "E", PAGE 288, IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF DEWITT COUNTY, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DEWITT, STATE OF ILLINOIS. P.I.N. 07-03-452-019 COMMON ADDRESS: 411 S Walnut St, Wapella, IL 61777 Terms of all sales

are ten percent (10%) of the opening bid Failure to pay the remaining balance within the twenty-four (24) hours shall result in the forfeiture of the ten percent (10%) down payment. No Refunds. The improvement on the property consists of: Single Family Home and will NOT be open for inspection. The property offered for sale is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. The entered judgment amount was \$105,101.75 For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever Law Group, LLC, 200 N LaSalle St, Suite 1880, Chicago, IL 60601. 312-236-0077. SMS000951-23FC1 6114-942700

LEGAL 20066 May 31, June 7, June 14, 2024

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY - CLINTON ILLINOIS Nationstar Mortgage LLC Plaintiff, vs. Ryan Johnston, AKA Ryan A. Johnston; Alyson Boucher; Joseph F. Boucher; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. Case No. 2023FC16 14668 Autumn Road, Wapella, IL 61777 Judge Gary Webber NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on November 8, 2023, Mike Walker will on June 26, 2024, at the hour of 10:15AM at the DeWitt County Sheriff's Office, 101 W. Washington Street (Lobby), Clinton, IL 61727, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Beginning at the Southeast corner of a tract of land recorded in Book 220 at Page 233 on June 2, 1983 of the records in the Recorder's Office of DeWitt County, Illinois, which is also the Northeast corner of a surveyed tract as recorded in Plat Book "G" Page 48 on June 10, 1974 of the records in the Recorder's Office of DeWitt

County, Illinois, this point of beginning is also described as being on the East line of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 22, Township 21 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, DeWitt County, Illinois, this point being 691.00 feet North of the East 1/4 corner of said Section 22, running thence Westerly along the South line of the tract covered by Warranty Deed recorded in Book 220 Page 233 for 313.50 feet to the point of intersection with the East line of a tract covered by Warranty Deed recorded in book 240 Page 63 of the records in the Recorder's Office of DeWitt County, Illinois; thence Northerly along the East line for 270.00 feet; thence Southeasterly for 315.68 feet to a point on the East line of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 22, said point of being 233.00 feet Northerly of the Point of Beginning; thence Southerly along the East line of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 22 for 233.00 feet to the point of beginning, situated in DeWitt County, Illinois. Commonly known as 14668 Autumn Road, Wapella, IL 61777 Parcel Number(s): 02-22-277-010 The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas

Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 23-010595. Edward R. Peterka MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 Telephone: 312-651-6700 Fax: 614-220-5613 Attorney. No.: 6220416 Email: StateEFiling@manleydeas.com 6114-942715

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May 31, June 7,  
June 14, 2024

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

APRIL I. RHOADES; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

Case No.: 2024FC8

Property Address:

106 N. Water Street, Clinton, IL 61727

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING,

UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

The North 1/2 of Lots 4 and 5 in Block 2 in Madden's Addition to Clinton, situated in the County of DeWitt and State of Illinois.

Commonly known as: 106 N. Water Street, Clinton, IL 61727

Names of the titleholders of record: APRIL I. RHOADES.

Date of the Mortgage: February 20, 2009.

Name or names of the mortgagors: APRIL I. RHOADES.

Name of the mortgagee: STATE BANK OF PAW PAW.

Date and place of recording: February 23, 2009; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of DeWitt County, Illinois.

Identification of recording: Document No. 225346.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before July 8, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

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\_\_\_\_s/ Vincent Chavarria, Esq.\_\_\_\_

Vincent Chavarria, Esq.

Counsel of Record for Plaintiff

ARDC # 6291469

I3245152

Legal 20068  
June 7, 14, 21, 2024

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY - CLINTON, ILLINOIS

Citizens Bank NA f/k/a RBS Citizens NA

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Chants D. Allen; et. al.

DEFENDANTS

No. 2023FC21

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 02/07/2024, the Sheriff of DeWitt County, Illinois will on July 17, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 AM at Dewitt County Sheriff Lobby of Sheriff's Office 101 West Washington Street Clinton, IL 61727, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of DeWitt and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis &



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- Spanish Teacher, application deadline June 28, 2024
- Special Education Teacher (LBS1), application deadline June 28, 2024

Clinton Junior High School

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- Teacher Aide, please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license <https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals>, application deadline June 28, 2024

Clinton Elementary School

- Special Education (LBS1), application deadline June 28, 2024
- Elementary Teacher, application deadline June 28, 2024
- Teacher Aide, please see website for requirements for paraprofessional license <https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals>, application deadline June 28, 2024

Douglas/Lincoln Schools

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IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT FOR THE  
SIXTH JUDICIAL  
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DEWITT COUNTY -  
IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER  
OF THE ESTATE  
OF  
PHILIP A.  
CHESNEK,  
DECEASED

2024-PR-24

CLAIM DATE  
NOTICE - INDE-  
PENDENT ADMIN-  
ISTRATION

Notice is given of  
the death of the  
above named dece-  
dent;

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were issued on May  
21, 2024 to Eric  
Forsberg, 5533 St.  
Hwy 54, Clinton,  
Illinois 61727 as  
Independent Execu-  
tor. The attorney for  
the estate is Bryce  
A. Lynch of Tay-  
lor & Lynch, LLC,  
216 South Center  
Street, P.O. Box  
478, Clinton, Illinois,

61727.

Claims may be filed  
in the office of the  
Clerk of the Court at  
the DeWitt County  
Courthouse, 201 W.  
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on or before De-  
cember 21st, 2024.  
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of the Claim filed  
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to the Represent-  
ative and to the  
Attorney within 10  
days after it is filed.

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be administered  
without Court super-  
vision, unless an  
interested party  
terminates Indepen-  
dent Administration  
by filing a Petition  
to Terminate under  
Section 28-4 of the  
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(755 ILCS 5/28-4).  
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to Terminate Inde-  
pendent Administra-  
tion may be opened  
from the Clerk of  
the Court at the  
above address.

Dated this 31st day  
of May, 2024.  
Eric Forsberg, Inde-  
pendent Executor  
of the estate of  
Philip A. Chesnek,  
Deceased

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6297077  
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June 7, 14, 21,  
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PUBLICATION  
NOTICE OF  
COURT DATE FOR  
REQUEST FOR  
NAME CHANGE  
(Adult Name  
Change)

IN THE STATE OF  
ILLINOIS CIRCUIT

COURT  
COUNTY DeWitt

2024-MR-5  
Case Number

YOUR CURRENT  
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L. Morgan

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to be changed to:  
Vicki L Eckert

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the Request I filed  
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July 12, 2024 at  
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201 W. Washing-  
ton St. Clinton, IL  
61727, Courtroom A

/s/ Vicki Morgan  
Vicki L. Morgan

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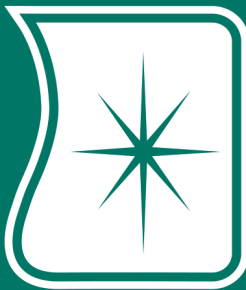
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**Sunday**  
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High 73




**Monday**  
35% chance of rain  
High 68



**Tuesday**  
Sunny  
High 76



**Wednesday**  
Partly sunny  
High 80



**Thursday**  
Sunny  
High 83

## Weather History

**June 8**

1981: Severe thunderstorms in northeast and central Illinois produced hail the size of grapefruits at Kankakee. One tornado traveled along a 77 mile intermittent path from Brooklyn, in Schuyler County, east-southeastward to near Springfield. A second tornado was on the ground intermittently for 80 miles, originating southeast of Pekin and traveling to Mahomet, northwest of Champaign. Minor damage resulted from both tornadoes.

1993: Severe thunderstorms moved across northern and central Illinois during the early evening hours. The storms produced winds near 70 mph south of Springfield and west of Pawnee. A small tornado developed from the system and moved through Illiopolis, damaging over 5 dozen buildings. Other tornadoes touched down near Decatur and Champaign.

# Judge weighs fate of slated candidates for November ballot

**Hannah Meisel**  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — A Sangamon County judge is weighing whether to block a new state law that bans the long-practiced tradition of political parties slating candidates for a general election after sitting out of a primary race.

Democrats who control the General Assembly pushed the measure through the legislative process and Gov. JB Pritzker signed it into law in a matter of days last month, arguing that slating is unfair to voters who didn't get a say in a primary contest. Several would-be Republican candidates then sued over the law, claiming it's unfair to ban the practice in the middle of an election cycle.

Now, the dispute is in the hands of Sangamon County Judge Gail Noll, who heard two hours of arguments over the case on Monday, which was also the last day slated candidates were able to file their nominating petitions under the old law. Noll last week ordered the State Board of Elections to keep accepting the petitions while the case plays out, which the board had already been doing.

During Monday's hearing, attorney Jeffrey Schwab said his clients — four Republican candidates from Chicago and its suburbs —

were't arguing that the law itself is unconstitutional, but that its application to the current election cycle is.

"It's unreasonable to change the law in the middle of the game," he said. "It's, of course, extremely unreasonable for them to have known that a law was going to be passed and enacted and go into effect before the timeline that they had to submit their petitions today."

When the petition filing window closed at 5 p.m. Monday, 16 candidates filed petitions to get on the November ballot, including the four plaintiffs in the case. All 16 were Republicans.

Though the lawsuit was only filed against the Board of Elections and Attorney General Kwame Raoul, House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch sought to intervene in the case. Democratic election law attorney Mike Kasper argued on Welch's behalf that the law was a boon to democracy because candidates used the slating process to escape a tough primary battle.

"It not only encourages and empowers independent and third-party candidates to gain ballot access, it eliminates the party bosses, as they've been called, from this process," Kasper, a longtime lawyer for former House Speaker Michael Madigan, said during Monday's hearing over

videoconference.

Schwab, who has sued the state numerous times in his career as an attorney for the Chicago-based libertarian-leaning Liberty Justice Center, hit back at Kasper's claims.

"It's very weird to say that it somehow empowers voters by giving them less choice — giving them no Republican candidate in the election," he said.

The four plaintiffs in the suit were all designated by their local parties in March and April, but none of them filed their nominating petitions before the law, which only applies to General Assembly races, went into effect.

One of the four — Republican Daniel Behr of Northbrook — claimed he attempted to file petitions the afternoon before Pritzker signed the bill into law, but he alleged the Board of Elections Springfield office closed at 4:30 p.m. that day.

Board spokesperson Matt Dietrich, however, said that seemed unlikely because "during filing periods we always have somebody there (collecting petitions) until 5."

Behr ended up filing them just six minutes after the governor's signature was recorded on the bill the morning of May 3.

Monday's arguments referenced another GOP candidate — Jay Keeven of Edwardsville — who

was able to turn in his nominating petitions the day before Pritzker signed the law. Keeven is challenging Democratic Rep. Katie Stuart, also of Edwardsville.

Judge Noll said she would have a written decision "in the next couple of days." Meanwhile, Dietrich said the Board of Elections is proceeding as usual with

the one-week period where candidates' nominating petitions are challenged, which will conclude at 5 p.m. next Monday, June 10.

and peer-to-peer sharing through in-person and online classes with free life-long access to these classes and other resources for military veterans of any age.

The Heyworth concert will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19 at the American Legion to honor these veterans.

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