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FIELD SET FOR COMPLETION BY FIRST HOME FOOTBALL GAME

As work continued this week to install the new turf at the Clinton High School football field, school officials reported the field is expected to be completed in time for Clinton's first home game on August 30. The work is part of a project that also will replace the school's track and field facilities and, next summer, move home stands to the west side of the field.

Gordon Woods / Journal

State appeals court tosses proposal for new transmission line across central Illinois

Advocates say the controversial project is
necessary to meet renewable energy needs

Andrew Adams

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — An appeals court last week reversed state regulators' approval of a permit for the Illinois portion of an 800-mile, high-voltage transmission line, setting up a possible fight at the state's Supreme Court.

The Grain Belt Express, or GBX, is owned by Chicago-based Invenergy and is meant to carry renewable electricity generated by wind farms. It would run through parts of Kansas, Missouri and Illinois before terminating just over the Indiana border.

Its backers say the

project is a key piece of infrastructure that's needed to boost renewable energy in the region as well as deliver billions in savings to electricity customers over 15 years.

The company received approval for a key permit from the Illinois Commerce Commission in March last year, but the 5th District Appellate Court overruled that decision last week.

Justice James Moore, writing the unanimous opinion for the three-judge panel, said the issue with the ICC's permit is primarily a lack of evidence that its owners can actually pay for the development.

POWER / A7

County struggling to hire deputies

Salaries, benefits playing a part in officers going to outside departments

Gordon Woods

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CLINTON — Sheriff Mike Walker recently asked the county to consider increasing starting pay for deputies when budget planning begins later this year.

"We just aren't getting any applicants," Walker said.

"In the jail, I think we're two short," Walker said. "We had one graduate last Friday, and we have another one starting the eight-week academy on Sunday."

He said it was a struggle to get applicants and some applicants for public safety work fail to pass the background checks.

Walker's comments came during the August 15 county public safety

committee meeting.

"We were just starting to climb out of all the unrest, the George Floyd incident, and then we have the Sangamon County incident that hit closer to home," Walker said.

In the case of George Floyd, Walker was referring to a black man who died during an arrest in Minnesota. All four officers involved in the

arrest were sentenced to prison.

Recently, in Springfield, an officer shot and killed a black woman after responding to a mental health call at her home. It was revealed the officer had a history of poor performance reports from his superiors at previous law enforcement agencies where he worked.

"Those things just push

people away from law enforcement," Walker said.

He said his concern was recruiting young officers who eventually leave for other departments that pay more money. A deputy could transfer laterally to the Bloomington Police Department for significantly more money.

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DeWitt Master Gardeners pollinator programs in August & September

CLINTON — Monarchs play a crucial role in our ecosystem, so understanding how to support and protect them is very important. Join University of Illinois Extension at the Weldon Springs State Park School House for Pollinators in the Park to learn how you can help these beautiful winged creatures.

Pollinators in the Park is a two-session program hosted by the DeWitt County Master Gardeners. Each session will be from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Weldon Springs State Park School House, 4734 Weldon Springs Rd., Clinton.

Monarch Butterflies- August 31

Learn about Monarch ID, their lifecycle, habitat, and discover the garden plants that support these amazing pollinators.

Pollinator Gardens- September 21

Discover how to choose the native plants that will support monarchs, and explore designs for pollinator pocket gardens.

All sessions are free, but advanced registration is requested at least one day before the session. Register at go.illinois.edu/PollinatorsPark.

Other Upcoming Classes

Cooking for 1 or 2

Learn skills to reduce food costs, limit food waste, and plan nutritious meals with a small household.

Warner Hospital in Clinton
August 30 | 10-11 a.m.

Meal Planning

Using the 5 food groups, plan a meal that has balanced nutrition.

Bement Public Library
September 4 | 6-7 p.m.

Balancing Blood Sugars: Diabetes Meal Planning

Learn to plan meals that improve blood sugar management using tools like carbohydrate counting and Plate Method.

Outreach, Farmer City
October 1 | 2-3 p.m.

Pawpaws. Book Club. Board Games

Find more about these and other upcoming classes for youth and adults at extension.illinois.edu/dmp/events.

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DeWitt County Building

“At Bloomington Police Department, a three-year lateral transfer, right now, could go there and start for \$103,427.59,” Walker said.

Walker said at the start of next year, it will go up to more than \$107,000.

An officer with three years’ experience would start in DeWitt County at about \$60,000 a year.

The Illinois State Police will begin another academy in April 2025, a six-week lateral transfer program. Pay in that program will start at \$90,000 a year.

Walker said benefits at those agencies also were better, and, in the case of the ISP program, applicants are guaranteed they won’t have to relocate from their current homes.

Walker asked that the county take salaries into account when they begin budget planning.



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Eagles to host Community Blood Drive with ImpactLife Wednesday, September 4

CLINTON — Eagles will host a community blood drive with ImpactLife, the provider of blood components for local hospitals. The blood drive will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4 at in the parking lot at 220 North Center Street, inside a Donor Bus

All presenting donors will get a gift card, a donation to Make-A-Wish® Illinois, or bonus points to shop in the donor reward store.

What: Eagles Community Blood Drive

When: Wednesday, September 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Where: Donor Bus, parking lot at 220 North Center Street, Clinton

Appointments: To donate, please call Deanna Long at (217) 413-9235 or visit www.bloodcenter.org and use code 71385 to locate the drive.
Eligibility Criteria: Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16

with parental permission form available through www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 pounds. A photo I.D. is required to donate. For questions about eligibility, please call ImpactLife at (800) 747 5401. Donors who last gave blood on or before July 10, 2024 are eligible to give at this drive.

About Blood Donation: Blood donation is a safe, simple procedure that takes about 45 minutes to one hour. Individuals with diabetes or controlled high blood pressure may be accepted as eligible donors.

About ImpactLife: ImpactLife is a nonprofit community organization providing blood products and services to more than 100 hospitals and emergency medical service providers in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin, as well as researchers and resource sharing partners across the country. For more information on blood inventories, donor promotions, and more, see www.bloodcenter.org and find us @impactlifeblood on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Threads, TikTok, X and YouTube.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Clinton Police Department

Citations:

08/14/24 Dakota Lowe 20, Clinton was issued a citation for no muffler, excessive noise no muffler. Notice to appear.

Arrests:

On 08/12/24 Walker Sturgeon 28, Clinton was charged with criminal trespass to state supported land. Walker was given notice to appear and transported to the Dewitt County Jail where he was turned over to corrections.

On 08/12/24 Dalton Baker, 24, Clinton was charged with Possession with intent to manufacture/deliver controlled substance, possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia. Baker was issued a notice to appear and transported to the Dewitt County Jail where

he was turned over to corrections. Baker was also issued a citation for driving with an expired license of greater than one year.

On 08/13/24 Phillip Reynolds, 42, Brookings, OR was charged with Possession of a controlled substance. Reynolds was transported to the Dewitt County Jail where he was turned over to corrections.

On 08/14/2024 Jesse Miller 61, Clinton was charged with Aggravated Battery Public Place. Miller was transported to the Dewitt County Jail where he was turned over to corrections.

On 08/18/2024 Dezeræ Baker 23, Clinton was arrested on a Dewitt County Warrant. Baker was transported to the Dewitt County jail where she was turned over to corrections.

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1947 - Margaret Truman, U.S. President Truman's daughter, gave her first public performance as a singer. The event was at the Hollywood Bowl and had an audience of 15,000.

1952 - The security pact of the Arab League went into effect.

1959 - In the Peanuts comic strip, Sally debuted as an infant.

1962 - The first live TV program was relayed between the U.S. and Europe through the U.S. Telstar satellite.

1979 - Soviet dancer Alexander Godunov defected while the Bolshoi Ballet was on tour in New York City.

1982 - The parliament of Lebanon elected Bashir Bemayel president. He was assassinated three weeks later.

1982 - Gaylord Perry (Seattle Mariners) was tossed out of a game for throwing an illegal spitball.

1983 - The U.S. announced that it was nearly ready for a test flight of an anti-satellite missile.

1990 - President Saddam Hussein appeared on Iraqi state television with a group of Western detainees that he referred to as "guests." He told the group that they were being held "to prevent the scourge of war."

1996 - U.S. President Clinton imposed limits on peddling cigarettes to children.

1998 - Boris Yeltsin dismissed the Russian government again.

1999 - Rescuers in Turkey found a young boy that had been buried in rubble from an earthquake for about a week.

1999 - Robert Bogucki was rescued after getting lost in the Great Sandy Desert of Australia on July 11. During the 43 day ordeal Bogucki lost 44 pounds.

2000 - Richard Hatch was revealed as the winning castaway on CBS' "Survivor." Hatch won \$1,000,000 for his stay on the island of Pulau Tida in the South China Sea.

2011 - Near Mineral, VA, a 5.8 earthquake caused cracks in the Washington Monument and damaged the Washington National Monument.

Amber Waves



Kamala

By and large Kamala Harris is doing exactly what she needs to do to be elected President. She has made a couple of miscues, price controls, but she has basically done what she needs to do. First and foremost, Kamala simply needs to keep her mouth shut and stick to the script. She's done that.

In this election cycle, the Democrats clearly lost faith in Biden. Biden's decision to resign from the Democratic party's nomination for President was clearly the political coup of our nation's history. Lyndon Johnson saw the handwriting on the wall and did a national address long before the convention that he would not seek the office of President.

Watergate was not near an election, but Nixon clearly got the message that his political career was over and resigned. Nixon and Johnson's choosing to not continue or seek reelection gave enough time for their political parties to produce candidates to face the public during the primaries. Biden's withdrawal was literally at the last minute, when the Democratic party was very stressed out over what appeared to be a sure loss in November and a win for Trump. Biden's departure and Kamala's nomination is a pure jolt of political energy for the Democratic Party.

Kamala's base has reenergized. Her campaign speeches are built on party unity and dislike of Trump. Policies need not be addressed as Joe is gone and life is good. Kamala has avoided a press conference or news interview since Biden's withdrawal. Her numbers are good. At this time there is nothing for Kamala to gain by facing the press or the public, outside of a campaign speech. Trump's campaign speeches are an attack on Kamala the person, not Kamala the policy maker. Trump needs to change the narrative lest he see defeat in November.

Kamala does have a history on policy that can be exploited. Her Senate voting record was to the left of Bernie Sanders, which did hurt her when she ran for President in the Democratic primary in 2020. Her record as California Attorney General also has evidence of her left leaning policies. That history can certainly be used by Trump to provide reasons not to vote for Kamala.

However, Kamala's biggest political blunder to date was her releasing this past Friday parts of her economic plan. Kamala clearly indicated that she supports price controls as her means to combat inflation. Price controls have always failed. Cuba and Venezuela are two nations that tried it and their



economies are in shambles because of it. Even Nixon experimented with price controls, only to rapidly reverse his position when he saw shortages of product and a black market economy emerging.

Kamala is riding a tidal wave of feel-good political support. For the Republicans to prevail they must challenge her on policy issues and her past positions. Character attacks will lose. It would be nice from a voter's point of view for both Trump and Harris to voice their policy positions and not be doing personal attacks on the other. That may be a pipe dream, but it would sure be better government.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION—The Democrats forgot the bottom line for speeches: KEEP IT SHORT AND SIMPLE, KISS. Note that Kamala did a 90 second piece wherein she did the feel good and thanked Biden for his time in office and service to the country. Monday was the first night of the convention and the speeches

carried on well past midnight. Ashley Biden set a very positive tone for her father's address and gave exactly the kind of speech that was needed. President Biden gave much of the speech that he needed to give. Biden was certainly entitled to emphasize what he views were the accomplishments of his administration. Biden then chose to attack Trump personally, which I believe took away from the positives of his speech. Tuesday is Obama's turn at the podium. Regardless of one's political affiliation, no one can deny that Obama is a great orator. The man knows how to give a speech that changes minds.

The real question is what kind of speech will Kamala give on Thursday night. Will she seek to unify the nation or will she continue with the stump pollical speech she has used for the past month. Kamala's acceptance speech on Thursday has the potential to truly galvanize her campaign. It also has the potential to fall flat with the voters. Time will tell.

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

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Social Security supports rural communities

Selena Higgins
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- Medicare – Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people who are 65 or older or have a disability or end-stage renal disease. If you are not receiving Social Security benefits and not covered under an employer



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Suicide care at the VA

How on earth, one hates to ask, did a veteran commit suicide while a patient in a Department of Veterans Affairs hospital? Using an item belonging to that patient? When an order had been given for the patient to be watched? When an order had been given for psychiatric care?

The VA Office of Inspector General (OIG) noted several things during their investigation afterward:

First they found that no one had thought to go through the patient's things and take away anything that could be a risk for self-harm. Then staff did not do what's called a "warm handoff," which is called for in the suicide risk evaluation guidelines. A psychiatrist apparently did a partial assessment but didn't complete it within the required 24-hour time frame so other staff could see it. Instead, the order was changed from constantly watching the patient to checking the patient every 15 minutes.

The OIG had some recommendations afterward: Reassess the patient before changing observation levels. Actually complete the inpatient notes. Go through the patient's things and take away anything that could be used for self-harm. And, gosh ... what a concept ... complete the



by Freddy Groves

risk evaluation within the required 24 hours.

At another facility the VA OIG concluded that staff inaccurately assessed the suicide risk of three different veterans.

At yet another, the veteran managed to commit suicide in the emergency room.

At another VA facility the VA OIG stepped in with their recommendations after one patient attempted suicide and another was successful.

Complete the risk screening. Put the notes in the health record. Adhere to the one-on-one observation. Don't deactivate a patient's high-risk status information without consulting other staff.

Flipping through years of reports a pattern emerges: There isn't enough oversight and adhering to rules when it comes to helping suicidal veterans at the VA.

But of all the missteps small and large, how is it no one thought to clear potentially dangerous items from the veteran's belongings there in the hospital?

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Finding the information you need

We don't always need to have the answers to questions on the tip of our tongue. Whether it's things we knew long ago and have forgotten, or if it's information about our current world, sometimes it's enough to know where to find that information.

Check the Senior Blue Book (seniorsbluebook.com) for a whole library of information. Whether it's articles or video, use the dropdown menus to look for information on healthy aging, elder law and so much more.

When your grandchild

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

wants to know the lyrics to the song you used to sing in high school and you only remember the first two lines, fear not. Do an internet search for the name of the song, or even type in the first lyrics that you do remember. It's sure to pop up.

All of us have words we've never been certain how to pronounce. Again, pull up a search engine and type in the word you want

and "pronounce."

And if you need translations from a foreign language? Type into the search box "translate [name of foreign language] to English." Then copy and paste the foreign words into the box. English will appear in the box next to it.

Look at ThirdAge (thirdage.com) for a collection of information on fitness, family, food, health and more.

If you want to beef up your internet skills, start with Seniors Guide to Computers (seniorsguidetocomputers.com) for good information

on the basics, doing email, online security and saving your data. The site includes links to 300 YouTube how-to videos and is run by a guy with 40 years of computer experience.

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by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 34:1-2

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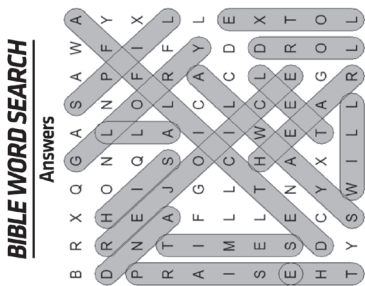
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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Hosea (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Judges 16, what had Samson been to God from his mother’s womb? Nazarite, Philistine, Reubenite, Protestant
3. In Exodus 4, who had a staff or rod that turned into a snake? Noah, Aaron, Adam, Moses
4. How many books of the Bible are named for a woman? 0, 1, 2, 3
5. What biblical name means “peace”? Salome, Jacob, Abraham, Adam
6. Which of these died on Mount Hor? Paul, Noah, Aaron, Solomon

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Nazarite, 3) Moses, 4) Two (Ruth, Esther), 5) Salome, 6) Aaron

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Crosspoint of Clinton 412 S. Monroe Street, Clinton (217) 935-8627 Sr. Pastor, Spencer McPheron 3 p.m.-Sunday worship 7 p.m.-Mondays family prayer 7 p.m.-Wednesday Bible study	Clinton United Methodist Church 308 E. Main Street Rev. Darrell Howard (217) 935-5869 clintonumcil.org 9 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Children & Adult 5 p.m. Saturday Evening Worship in chapel 3:30 p.m. Thursday JC Stars After School Children’s program (pickup is available) 3rd Sunday S.W.A.G Sr & Jr High Youth 6 p.m. Extended Table 2nd and 4th Mondays 12:30 p.m. Wednesday Backpack Ministry	Lane Christian Church (217) 935-2557 www.lanechurch.org Jim Kilson, preaching and teaching minister Marcus McCollom, youth and family minister 9 a.m.-Sunday school 10 a.m.-worship 5:30 p.m.-youth group “We’re ordinary people helping each other become faithful followers of Jesus.”
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NEWS

Survival
preparations two

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. I am at risk repeating some of what I covered in previous articles. However, this article would not be complete otherwise. I apologize.

In any emergency, let your mind rule and not your heart. No time for emotions. Although it is easier said than done, do it anyway. Sentiment is a part of emotional thinking. Put mementos and keepsakes in a safe place. You will not have the space to keep them with you or the time to reminisce.

When preparing a survival kit, one needs to think of the basics. I truly mean basics. Some might even call it primitive. The reason for this is to be prepared for what the unknown might hand out. One may or may not have electricity. One may or may not have gas for a stove. One may or may not have potable water, etc. One may even need to travel on foot. Take to mind all possibilities and sift out the least likely. Keep it to the bare minimum. Since my columns deal with culinary, I will focus on that.

Let us consider that which is called a stapple food. Worldwide throughout the centuries, it has been bread. Crackers fall within that category. Bread gets moldy easily but crackers, due to their dry state, last longer. However, they eventually get stale. But one can get around this. Bread might last a week if properly kept. Crackers can last several months. But the ingredients for making them, flour, water, and salt last indefinitely. Therefore, you really should learn to cook. This brings up



The Culinary Corner
Chef Roger Joss

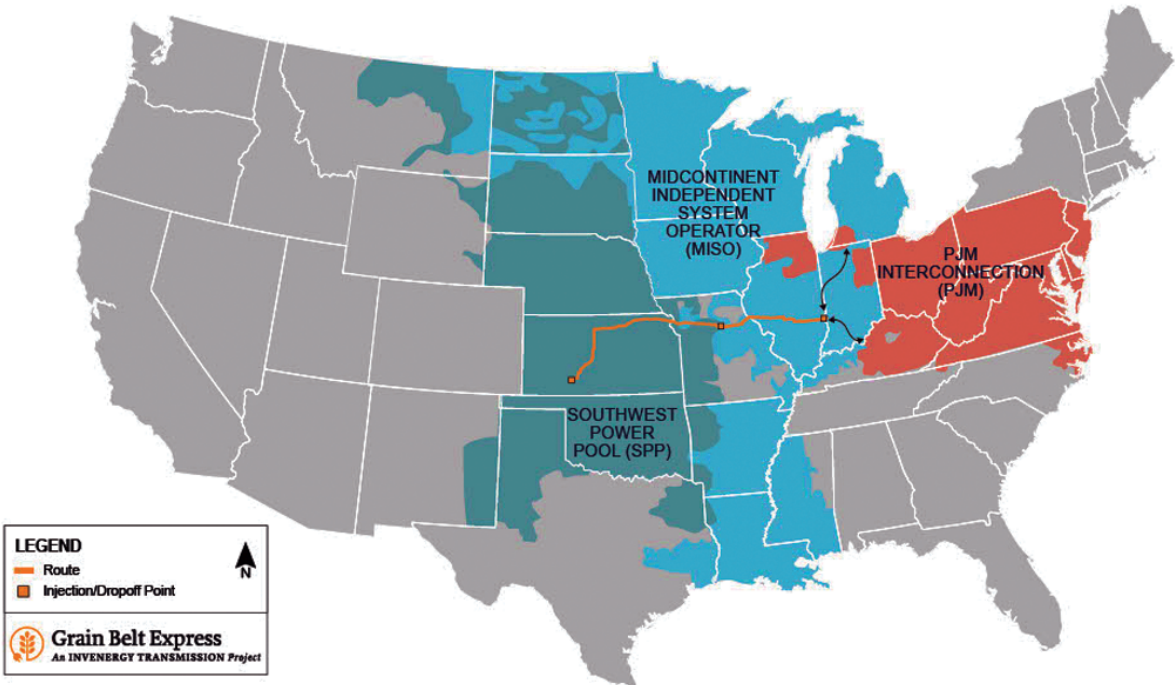
another important factor. In some cases, and for some people, a simplified recipe book might be needed. I suggest writing down only those recipes you will need. If possible, laminate them in clear plastic to protect them. Write down a few basic procedures such as “two cups water per one cup rice.” Since you would know how to cook rice, there is no need to write every small detail. I will use bread making for my example on the type of recipes you should write down.

Yeast does not store well. So, yeast bread is out of the question unless one wishes to nurture the yeast culture. One of my past articles details how this is done (January 25, 2019). A yeast starter, if periodically fed, can last for many years. In an emergency, I would not fool around with this.

Baking powder is stored in ambient temperature but has a self-life of a few months. The basic ingredients for baking powder are baking soda base (sodium bicarbonate; NaHCO₃) with some acid powder added such as cream of tartar. These two ingredients store well dry in separate containers. Mix when ready to use them as a leavening (as baking powder). Another simple leavening is vinegar and baking soda. Next time, I will cover fats and oils in survival use.

Until next time, peace to all.

Power / from A1



“Ultimately, there was not substantial evidence put forth to support the Commission’s finding that GBX is capable of financing the project,” Moore wrote. “The evidence put forward demonstrated that GBX lacked the funding at the time of the hearing, had no customers, contracts, government or bank commitments.”

Moore also noted the parties involved in the case “agree on very little” about the underlying law authorizing companies like Invenergy to build these transmission lines.

That law was approved by the General Assembly in 2021 as part of the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, a broad legislative package that was meant to decrease the state’s reliance on fossil fuels and eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from electricity generation by 2045.

Proponents of the Grain Belt Express point to this reading of CEJA as a threat to other renewable energy projects.

“Today’s ruling completely misinterprets law and threatens billions in energy cost savings for Grain Belt Express consumers,” Invenergy Director of Public Affairs

Dia Kuykendall said Friday. “The erroneous ruling has far-reaching implications beyond Grain Belt Express and contradicts the State’s efforts to secure a reliable and affordable clean energy future.”

Kuykendall also said the company will “immediately appeal” the decision to the Illinois Supreme Court.

The decision was also criticized by representatives of the Illinois Manufacturers’ Association, Laborers’ International Union and Illinois Environmental Council.

“We need this transmission infrastructure to bring renewable energy online,” IEC Energy Policy Director Samira Hanessian said in an interview.

In an October 2023 study, the U.S. Department of Energy found that the Midwest will need to more than double its mileage of high-voltage transmission lines by 2040, assuming a moderate increase in electricity needs and high adoption rates of renewable energy.

A similar appeals court ruling overturning an ICC permitting decision in 2015 nearly killed the development before it was

sold to Invenergy.

The Illinois Farm Bureau, a lobbying and advocacy group representing farmers, has been a driving force in the legal fight against the transmission line. It was joined by several smaller groups of landowners and farmers who organized opposition to the project independently.

Laura Harmon, associate counsel for the Illinois Farm Bureau, said the organization doesn’t oppose all transmission line projects, noting that many are backed by public utilities and are “vetted based on need, reliability.”

“This one was different,” she said. “We had a project with no wind farms, no customers.”

That introduced uncertainty for farmers who may be asked to sign easements to allow the company to build on their property, which could potentially cloud the title for that land.

“Depending on the language of the easement, it may not be void if that project is never built,” she said.

CEJA does not name Grain Belt but says a project of its magnitude “shall be deemed” a public use line, giving the

company the ability to invoke eminent domain if needed – a policy opposed by many farmers and large landowners.

The law includes voltage and capacity parameters and requires any “qualifying direct current project” to pass through nine counties along the proposed route of the Grain Belt Express project. Those counties are Pike, Scott, Greene, Macoupin, Montgomery, Christian, Shelby, Cumberland and Clark.

The Farm Bureau contends that the provision at issue in the case was added as unconstitutional “special legislation” meant to provide a way to benefit the Grain Belt project specifically.

In the decision handed down Thursday siding with the Farm Bureau, the justices explicitly declined to rule on that argument, leaving it legally untested.

Grain Belt and its parent company have 35 days after the appeals court ruling to request the Supreme Court to take up the case. In 2022, the most recent year for which data is available, the Illinois Supreme Court only accepted about 7 percent of petitions to appeal filed.



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Clinton First Church of the Nazarene celebrated its 100th anniversary in August.

Clinton First Church of the Nazarene celebrates 100 years

CLINTON — Church members and friends of the Clinton First Church of the Nazarene celebrated the church’s 100 anniversary in August.

The church was organized on August 3, 1924 with 17 charter members, including Nellie Borden, Olive Brown,

Stella Brown, Josephine Burns, Mary Burns, Winona Ellington, Albert Gentry, Alice Gentry, Harry Jones, Emma Jones, Ed Pennington, Amaziah Pollock, Margaret Pollock, Mary Jane Pollock, Fred Price and Theetta Roberts.

The Pollock Brothers and

the Rev. J.L. Cox built the first Clinton Nazarene church building at 111 N. Emma Street. The building was nicknamed the “Sheep Shed.” It was a tar paper-covered building with a sawdust floor.

In July 1927, the church obtained finances to build a

new church, but the Depression delayed construction for 14 years. In October 1938, the congregation moved into a new church built by members, located on E. Main Street.

After 55 years in the E. Main Street location, members moved into their current church on

Kleemann Drive in October 1993, where they celebrated 100 years this month.

Today, pastor of Clinton First Church of the Nazarene is Michael Taylor. Taylor and his wife Janet have been with the church since May 2014.



Gordon Woods / Journal

PLANS TO REPLACE ULTIMATE PLAY SPACE

The city recently completed demolition of the 20-year-old Ultimate Play Space, located in Kiwanis Park. Safety concerns over the space’s deterioration prompted the move. City officials are currently researching new play equipment to install in the park.

BRIDGE BITES

A PRACTICAL CERTAINTY

♠ 8		♠ 765432	
♥ 862		♥	
♦ 7543		♦ 986	
♣ QJT62		♣ K875	
♠ QJT9		♠ AK	
♥ 43		♥ AKQJT975	
♦ KJT		♦ AQ2	
♣ A943		♣	

Both Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
2♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
5NT	Pass	6♥	All Pass

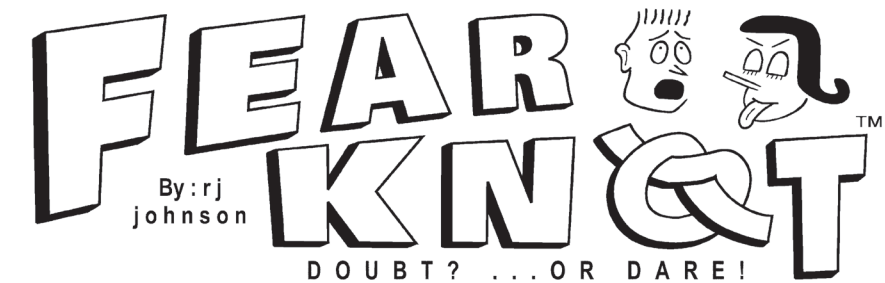
2♣ showed a strong hand, 2♦ was weak, 4NT asked for Key Cards (which are the Aces and the King of trumps), 5NT asked for *specific* Kings (not the number of Kings), and 6♥ said “no side-suit King”.

When this deal came up in a team game, both the South players had visions of a grand slam if only North would be obliging enough to hold the ♦K. When that turned out not to be the case, they settled for the small slam. The first Declarer won the opening ♠Q lead, drew the missing trumps, cashed the ♦A (just in case West had the singleton King), crossed to Dummy with a trump, and led up to his ♦Q. That was down one when West produced the King. “Not a bad slam”, announced Declarer, “it just needed a finesse”

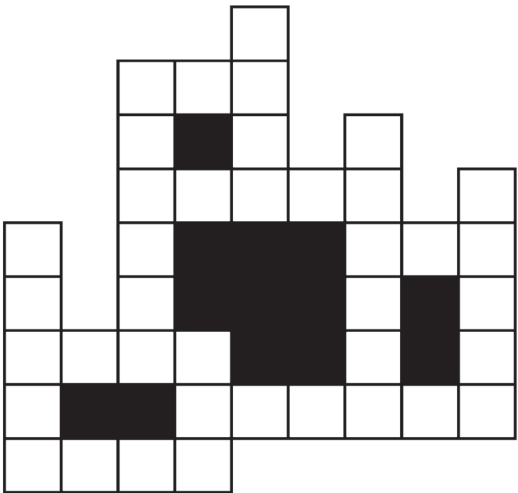
The second Declarer also did some finessing, but she brought home her contract with ruffing finesses in Clubs. She won the ♠A, led the Heart *Seven* to Dummy’s Eight, and ran the ♠Q around, pitching a Diamond from hand. West took his Ace and fired back a Spade, but Dummy ruffed Declarer’s winner, and the ♠J was played next. East covered this and Declarer ruffed *high*. Now Dummy’s Heart Six provided an entry to the Club Ten, on which was pitched the ♦Q. Declarer needed three entries to the board for this ine of play to work, and had to be careful with those trump spots. In fact, switch the Five and Six of trumps and the contract does not make (for lack of a third Dummy entry).

Why is it better to take the ruffing finesses in Clubs than to rely on the Diamond finesse? The Diamond finesse is a 50% proposition. However, the ruffing finesses require only that East has one or both of the missing high Clubs, which is approximately a 75% chance. In reality, though, it’s a practical certainty as surely West’s opening lead would be a high Club if he held both of them.

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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
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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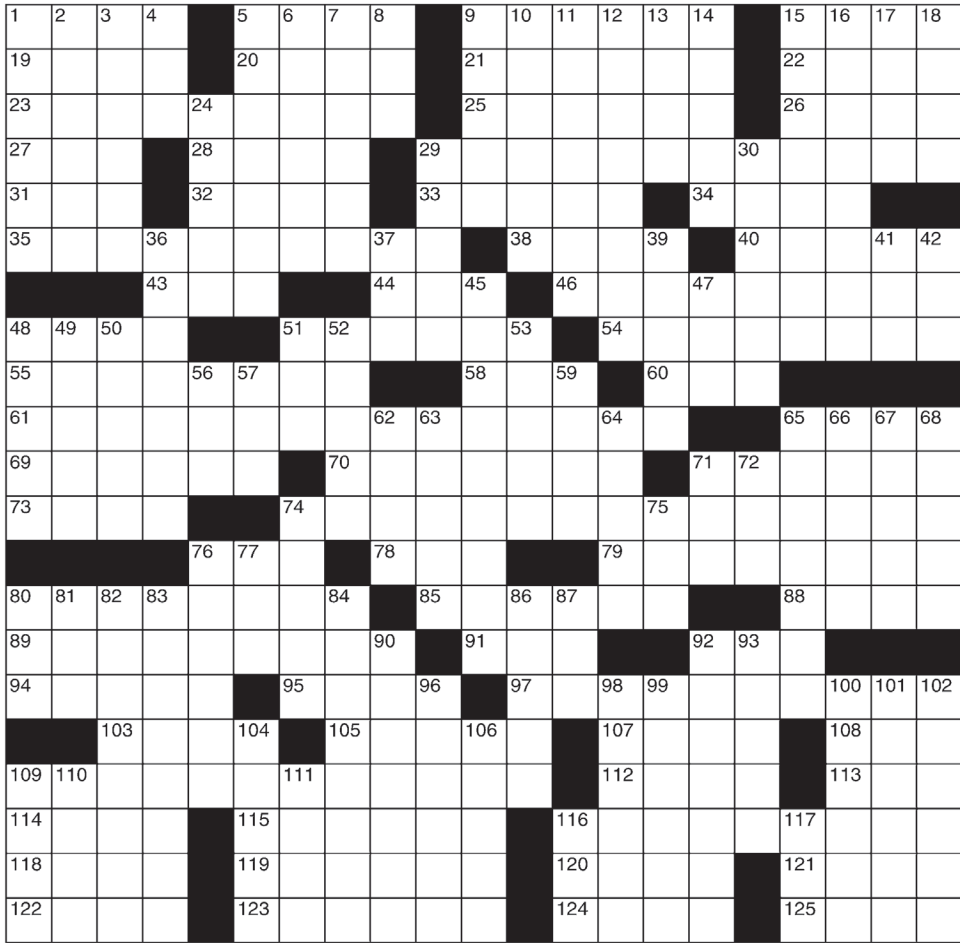
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- 1 Human rights org.
5 Costa —
9 Scored two under par
15 Apparel
19 Stars and Stripes, e.g.
20 Big whoops
21 Louisiana cuisine style
22 French girlfriend
23 Places to buy salmon fillets and such
25 Everyday routine
26 Metal beam with two flanges
27 Brainpower stats
28 Actor Bana
29 Overnight delivery, say
31 Regret deeply
32 Nothin’ at all
33 Lauder of perfumery
34 Shutter strip
35 Breathable gym bottoms
38 Actor Alan
40 Vaping devices
43 Some tech. inst. grads
44 Trio after G
- 46 They’re like lay-ups, but farther from the basket
48 Father, to a tiny tot
51 Like some artificial body parts
54 A snake injecting venom, e.g.
55 Become too warm
58 Like a bass voice
60 Napoleonic marshal
61 Coin that was worth 12 pence
65 Purvey
69 Often-flexed arm muscles
70 Paint coat applied to rough plaster
71 Brand of snowmobiles
73 Snow glider
74 Informal name for a herding breed
76 Congregated
78 Concealed
79 City development area
80 Dangler on a garment in a store
85 Most modern
- 88 Harper of “Far North”
89 Top worn on a safari
91 Snooze
92 Epoch
94 Opera solos
95 Tomb-raiding
97 Resembling a plate
103 Turner of the Washington Nationals
105 Check recipient
107 Tubular snack cake
108 Flat-fixing org.
109 Guard to keep something dry
112 Novelist
115 Tiki bar drink
116 What nine answers in this puzzle suggest that you do twice?
118 Donate
119 Peeves
120 Les — (French for “some”)
121 Emend
- 122 Tomahawks
123 Level
124 Indiana-to-Ohio direction
125 Witty types

DOWN

- 1 Validate
2 In-group
3 Maidens
4 “Yuck!”
5 Pep rally cheers
6 Excited response to “Who wants dessert?”
7 Police ride
8 Horse cousin
9 Beige shades
10 Sony record label
11 Be assisted
12 Bungled
13 “In the Valley of —” (2007 drama film)
14 Slaw sources
15 Cold Spanish soup
16 Eager desire
17 “Knives Out” director
18 Arctic hazard
24 Gut feeling
29 Pine product
30 — v. Ferguson (landmark court case)
36 Word after big, cold or soft
37 Albeit, in brief
39 For — (very cheaply)
41 Former rival of AT&T
42 Former Russ. state
45 First lady after Melania Trump
47 Move hastily
48 Lou formerly of CNN
49 Pop rocker
50 Rid of frost
51 Crank’s cry
52 “Challenge accepted!”
53 Rum mixers
56 Clued in
57 Lion chaser?
59 Hope (for)
62 Opposite of 58-Across
63 “You Be —” (1986 Run-DMC. hit)
64 Avian abodes
65 Savors Earl Grey, say
66 Funny Murphy
67 Sacks in war
68 Balcony sections
71 Use stitches
72 Mattel man
74 Online biz
75 Torrid
76 Untidy states
77 Afr. country
80 Keglers’ org.
81 Karel Capek sci-fi play
82 Question starter in old Memorex ads
83 Total shams
84 Plotting in math class
86 Walked in water
87 Dermis or Pen lead-in
90 Turncoat
92 Most pasty
93 Phantom
96 “Yes, cap’n!”
98 Reporter on “Parks and Recreation”
99 Buds from the hood
100 Multi-roof temple
101 Winged bug with pincers
102 Intimidates
104 Sportscaster
106 “Für —” (piano piece)
109 Chronicle
110 Grand — (annual race)
111 Clearheaded
116 “— pasa?”
117 Dawn drops

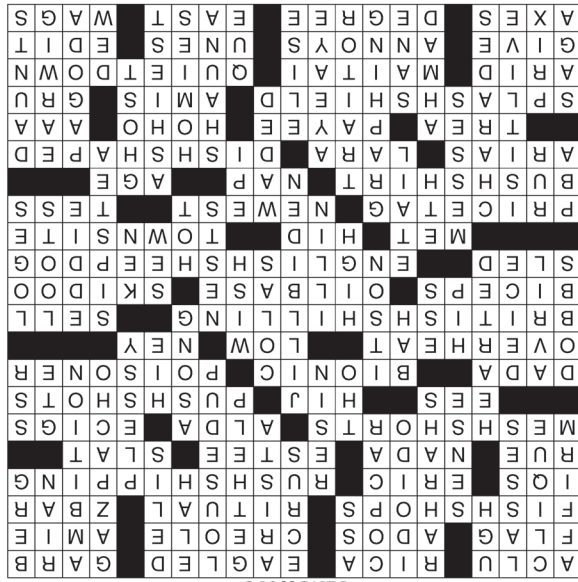
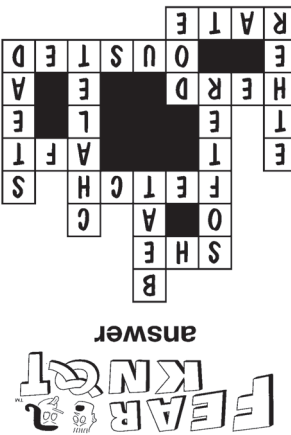


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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF DE WITT, STATE OF ILLINOIS GITSIT SOLUTIONS LLC, Plaintiff(s), vs. SUSAN R. RICHMOND, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF JAMES F. RICHMOND, GWEN J. BELYEA POSSIBLE HEIR, CINDY SUTHERIN AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s). Case No. 24 FC 2 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment heretofore entered by the said Court in the above entitled cause, the Sheriff of DeWitt County, Illinois, will on September 11,

2024, at the hour of 10:30 AM, at the DEWITT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, 101 W. WASHINGTON STREET, CLINTON, IL 61727, , sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described premises and real estate in the said Judgment mentioned, situated in the County of DeWitt, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, 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 RECORDER'S OFFICE OF DEWITT COUNTY, IL IN PLAT BOOK "A" ON PAGE 153, IT BEING THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THIS QUIT CLAIM DEED FROM GRANTORS TO GRANTEEES HEREIN TO CONVEY ALL CLAIM OF INTEREST IN AND TO THE AFORESAID 60 FT, WHICH WERE IN FACT CONVEYED TO GRANTEEES 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 RECORDS OF THE RECORDER OF DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Common Address: 315 N. WOOD-LAWN ST., FARMER CITY, IL 61842 P.I.N. 05-27-153-002 Contact the Law Office of IRA T. NEVEL, LLC, 175 North Franklin, Suite 201, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 357-1125, for further information. The terms of the sale are: Ten

percent (10%) due by cash or certified funds at the time of the sale and balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property 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 property is improved by a Single Family Residence, together with all buildings and improvements

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Special Education Teacher (LBS1) application deadline August 30, 2024

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ments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). 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 Andrew Chu - ARDC #6285924 175 North Franklin St. Suite 201 Chicago, Illinois 60606 (312) 357-1125 Pleadings@nevel-law.com SL # 24-00213 6114-945151

LEGAL 20115 Aug. 9, 16, 23, 2024

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

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KENNETH D. MCCUBBIN; JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants.

Case No.: 2024FC11

Property Address: 201 E N St, Waynesville, IL 61778

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING,

KENNETH D. MCCUBBIN 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 1, 4, 5, 8 and 9 in Block 41 in Post's Addition to the Village of Waynesville, in DeWitt County, Illinois.

Commonly known as: 201 E N St, Waynesville, IL 61778

Names of the titleholders of record: KENNETH D. MCCUBBIN.

Date of the Mortgage: September 26, 2006.

Name or names of the mortgagors: KENNETH D. MCCUBBIN.

Name of the mortgagee: Residential Mortgage Banc.

Date and place of recording: September 29, 2006; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of DeWitt County, Illinois.

Identification of recording: Document No. 216891.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before September 16, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://illinoiscourts.gov/self-help> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to www.illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application.

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.

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/s/ Vincent Chavarria, Esq.

Vincent Chavarria, Esq.

Counsel of Record for Plaintiff

ARDC # 6291469

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MILTON TARBOX, DECEASED

2024-PR-36

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Letters of Office were issued on August 7, 2024 to John M. Tarbox, 319 N. George St. Clinton, Illinois 61727 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 W. Washington Street, Clinton, IL 61727, on or before March 3, 2025. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the Claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

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

Dated this 9th day of August, 2024.

John M. Tarbox, independent executor of the estate of Milton Tarbox, deceased

BRYCE A. LYNCH 6297077 TAYLOR & LYNCH, LLC 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, IL 61727

TEL: (217) 935-2183 FAX: (217) 935-8219 E-MAIL: attorneys@dewitt-countylaw.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ILLINOIS

DeWitt County, Juvenile Division

In the interest of AKIRAH HEARD, a minor

No. 22-JA-16

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:

Respondents name ANONIO HEARD

Last Known Address 2042 E. 79th St., Apt. 3C, Chicago, IL 60649-5000 8116 S. Evans, Apt 3S, Chicago, IL 60619-4059

/s/ Dan Markwell Dan Markwell

Signed and sworn to before me this 14 day of August, 2024. /s/ Alisha M. Boysen (Notary public)

(SEAL)

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, JUVENILE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF:

AKIRAH HEARD, a minor

No. 22 JA 16

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU, Antonio Heard, respondent father, and to ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN FATHERS, respondents, and to all it may concern, take notice that on July 29, 2024 a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights was filed under the Adoption Act

by DeWitt County State's Attorney Dan Markwell in the Circuit Court of DeWitt County entitled "In the Interest of Akirah Heard, a neglected minor", and that in the courtroom of Judge Karle Koritz at the Dewitt County Courthouse, Clinton, Illinois on the 12th day of September, 2024 at the hour of 1:30 pm, or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing on said Petition to Terminate Parental Rights will be held. Under the Adoption 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 THE 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 stand admitted against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

/s/ Michelle Van Valey Clerk of the Court August 14, 2024 Date

(SEAL)

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Notice to Elderly and persons with Disabilities for the November 5, 2024, General Election.

Citizens who are not registered to vote and cannot leave their home, hospital, nursing home or other institution because of a permanent disability can arrange for voter registration by contacting the DeWitt County Clerk's office at 217-935-7780.

The last day to register to vote will be Tuesday October 8, 2024. If you miss the deadline you may come to the County Clerk's office for grace period registration and address changes, you will vote at that time.

Early voting will be conducted in the DeWitt County Clerk's office, at 201 West Washington St Clinton, IL., and will begin on September 26, 2024, thru November 4, 2024.

Persons with disabilities and the elderly can vote at their polling place not accessible to them, by special application to the County Clerk's office. Election judges will vote voters who have properly applied for "Curb Side Voting". Call the County Clerk at 217-935-7780 for information.

For any information concerning voter registration or voting for the elderly or disabled, please call the DeWitt County Clerk's office at 217-935-7780.

Kari L Harris DeWitt County Clerk and Recorder/ Election Authority

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EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION AND POLLING PLACE LOCATIONS

EARLY VOTING WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 26, 2024, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, 201 W WASHINGTON ST, CLINTON IL 61727. THE LAST DAY TO EARLY VOTE IS NOVEMBER 4, 2024.

EARLY VOTING WILL ONLY TAKE PLACE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, AT THE ADDRESS ABOVE.

EARLY VOTING HOURS ARE 8:30AM – 4:30PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, EXCEPT ANY FEDERAL HOLIDAY WHEN THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.

EXTRA HOURS FOR EARLY VOTING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024- OPEN UNTIL 5:30PM AND ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024- OPEN 9AM – 11AM IN THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE ONLY.

PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE AT 217-935-7780 WITH ANY QUESTIONS

The Polling Places listed below will only be open on Election Day from 6am-7pm

DeWitt County Polling Locations by Precinct

Precinct (& code) Polling Location Address

0101-BARNETT Barnett Town Hall 500 Elevator St., Clinton IL 0201-CLINTONIA #1 YMCA 417 S. Alexander St., Clinton IL 0202-CLINTONIA #2 First Christian Church **100 N Jackson St., Clinton IL 0203-CLINTONIA #3 First Christian Church **200 W Main St., Clinton IL 0204CLINTONIA #4 First Christian Church **200 W Main St., Clinton IL 0205-CLINTONIA #5 First Christian Church **200 W Main St., Clinton IL 0206-CLINTONIA #6 First Christian Church **200 W Main St., Clinton IL 0207-CLINTONIA #7 First Christian Church **100 N Jackson St., Clinton IL 0208-CLINTONIA #8 YMCA 417 S Alexander St., Clinton IL 0209-CLINTONIA #9 YMCA 417 S Alexander St., Clinton IL 0301-CREEK Town Hall 15200 Middle St., Lane, IL 0401-DEWITT Town Hall 513 Paris St., DeWitt IL 0501-HARP Town Hall 14538 Town Hall Rd, Clinton IL (Birkbeck) 0601-NIXON Village Hall 480 Maple St., Weldon, IL 0701-RUTLEDGE American Legion Building 755 Stensel Drive, Farmer City IL 0801-SANTA ANNA #1 American Legion Building 755 Stensel Drive, Farmer City IL 0802-SANTA ANNA #2 American Legion Building 755 Stensel Drive, Farmer City IL 0803-SANTA ANNA #3 American Legion Building 755 Stensel Drive, Farmer City IL 0901-TEXAS Texas Town Hall 9070 Revere Rd, Clinton IL 1001-TUNBRIDGE Tunbridge Town Hall 412 E Crosley St., Kenney, IL 1101-WAPELLA Wapella Township Building 704 Walnut Circle, Wapella IL 1201-WAYNESVILLE Waynesville Township Bldg 103 E. 3rd St., Waynesville IL 1301-WILSON Wilson Town Hall (Section 27) 1525–1300 N Wapella IL (Take Wapella Blacktop to

Birkbeck Rd, Turn left (North) then turn right (East) on Toad Hill Rd)

**First Christian Church has TWO valid addresses: 100 N Jackson St. and 200 W Main St. Voting for both addresses are at the SAME location. SAME entrance and SAME room.

REVISED OCT 2023

KARI L HARRIS DEWITT COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER/ELECTION AUTHORITY

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FINAL ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 129

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF MON- EY FOR ALL OF THE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES OF THE WAPELLA COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT LOCATED IN DEWITT COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2024, AND ENDING MAY 31, 2025.

WHEREAS, there has been prepared, in tentative form a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Wapella Community Fire Protection District, located in DeWitt County, in the State of Illinois, and the President of said Fire Protection District has made the tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereupon.

AND WHEREAS, the public hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the 12th day of August, 2024, at 7:00 P.M., Daylight Savings Time, notice of which was given at least thirty days prior thereto by publication in the Clinton Journal, a newspaper of general circulation in said Fire Protection District, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of

the Wapella Community Fire Protection District be, and the same is hereby fixed and declared to be from June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025.

SECTION TWO
That the following budget, containing an estimate of the cash expected to be received by the said Fire Protection District during such fiscal year from all sources, and an estimate of the expenditures contemplated for such fiscal year, and a statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be, and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of said Fire Protection District for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS
Cash balance, beginning of the year.....\$130,431.85
Portion of taxes from prior year.....\$ -0-
3. Estimated amount that will be received from collections on 2024 levy.....\$92,274.15
Total estimated receipts.....\$222,706.00
Total of estimated expenditures for fiscal year.....\$105,084.00
Estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year.....\$116,932.00

SECTION THREE
That the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of the said Wapella Community Fire Protection District herein specified for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2025.

1. FIRE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FUND	(a) For purchase of firefighting equipment.....\$47,810.00	(b) For maintenance and repair of firefighting equipment.....\$9,530.00	(c) For purchase of firefighting supplies.....\$7,394.00	(d) Training and Education.....\$3,350.00	TOTAL OF FIRE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FUND.....\$68,084.00
2. BUILDING FUND	(a) For utilities at firehouse.....\$5,500.00	(b) For maintenance of fire house.....\$2,100.00	TOTAL OF BUILDING FUND.....\$7,600.00	3. SALARY FUND	(a) For fees paid to Trustees.....\$1,500.00
	(b) For legal expenses.....\$2,200.00	For firefighters salaries based on amount of calls.....\$8,500.00	TOTAL OF SALARY FUND.....\$12,200.00	MISCELLANEOUS AND CONTINGENT GENERAL EXPENSES.....\$500.00	6. INSURANCE FUND
	(a) For vehicle insurance expense.....\$1,000.00	(b) For building and other insurance expense.....\$14,700.00	TOTAL OF INSURANCE FUND.....\$15,700.00	ACCOUNTING FUND.....\$1,000.00	TOTAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR.....\$105,084.00

decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

SECTION SEVEN
This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance No. 129.

SECTION EIGHT
This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage, approval and publication, in accordance with the law.

Gregory W. Hale
President of the Wapella Community Fire Protection District

PASSED: August 12, 2024

PUBLISHED: August 23, 2024

ATTEST:
Andy Hedrick
Secretary of the Wapella Community Fire Protection District

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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ACT Farmer City & Unincorporated DeWitt County, IL AND NEARBY AREAS

TO THE PATRONS OF AMEREN ILLINOIS:

Please be advised that Ameren Illinois will trim trees and other vegetation in and around the town(s) of Farmer City & Unincorporated, DeWitt County, Illinois. Our qualified utility arborists will trim trees and vegetation that could interfere with electric lines that run from pole to pole and elsewhere. This work is necessary in order to minimize the likelihood of outages and safety hazards. There is no charge to you for this service.

If you have any questions about this work, please call 1-800-755-5000 or visit our website at MySafeTrees.com. You may address your concerns in the manner specified on our website. You may also call the Consumer Services Division of the Illinois Commerce Commission at 1-800-524-0795. Maps have been provided to the mayors and the county board chairpersons of the affected areas.

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Report: Many Illinois communities have forever chemicals in their drinking water

SPRINGFIELD - A new report shows that forever chemicals, or PFAS, are contaminating drinking water supplies in communities all around Illinois.

Research by the Environmental Working Group (EWG) shows that many Illinois communities have levels of PFAS above the proposed limit, including in areas from Mt. Vernon to Metro East to Rockford. The group is calling on Congress to boost funding to tackle what they call a “growing environment and public health crisis.”

“The PFAS contamination crisis is not just a threat, it’s an unfolding disaster that demands immediate and unprecedented action,” said Scott Faber, senior vice president of government affairs at EWG.

New data from the EPA shows 7,457 locations identified with PFAS in their water supply. With only two-thirds of water systems that will be tested under the rule, the results, added to existing data, show that over 130 million Americans are at risk from drinking water tainted by PFAS.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 140 public water systems in Illinois have tested positive for PFAS, but officials warn the number could be much higher.

“It’s nearly impossible to avoid PFAS,” said Tasha Stoiber, a senior scientist at EWG. “Everyone deserves access to clean water, and it shouldn’t fall to consumers alone to filter out PFAS from their tap water.”

The new report outlines an agenda, with key roles for agencies including the EPA, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Department of Defense to ramp up their efforts to address PFAS contamination. EWG’s plan aims to mobilize multiple government agencies not only to mitigate PFAS pollution but also to safeguard public health and clean up PFAS-contaminated sites.

The group is calling for a ban on the use of PFAS in firefighting foam and food packaging.

For people who know or suspect that PFAS are detected in their tap water, a home filtration system is the most efficient way to reduce exposure.

“Regardless of who wins the presidential election, the fight against PFAS is a litmus test for the next administration’s commitment to environmental and public health,” said Reeder. “The stakes couldn’t be higher, and the time for half-measures is over.”

How families can get ready for a new school year

(METRO) — Children will soon be trading in the chimes of neighborhood ice cream trucks for the bells of school as summer vacation gives way to the start of a new academic year. August through September is prime back-to-school season, with children all across the country stocking their backpacks and shopping for new school wardrobes.

There is more to getting ready for the start of school than making sure pencils are sharpened and tablets are charged. Parents and children can work together to ensure the transition back to the classroom is as seamless as possible.

Adjust sleep and wake times

Summer vacation often means letting loose of schedules for a while, and that may translate into later-than-normal bedtimes and rising a little later in the morning. Everyone in the household will have to reacquaint themselves with schedules that ensure kids get to school on time. A few weeks before the first day of school, start incrementally going to bed at an earlier time and start waking up earlier each morning. Try to plan out the increments so that by the time the last few days of summer vacation wind down, the family is on target with a waking schedule that mirrors the school schedule.

Acclimate to being around people

Although summer vacation may involve trips that bring children in contact with other people, it may have been some time since they’ve spent five or more hours per day around 20 to 30 people their age. It may take a transition period to get used to being around a bunch of peers, so families can visit places where there tend to be crowds of kids, such as zoos, aquariums, parks, and trampoline centers. These can be low-pressure locations to dust off social skills.

Know the route or plan for school transportation

Students may be driven independently, ride the school bus, walk or bike, or carpool with others to and from school. Families can establish plans so that getting to and from school is not something kids need to worry about. Practice routes and timing, taking into consideration that when schools open there will be much more traffic. Parents can reassure children that there will be a learning curve, but all of the kinks generally get worked out during the first week.

Avoid “summer slide”

Most students don’t want to think about studying, homework and testing while on summer break, but it can be beneficial to stay current on some lessons. Summer slide refers to the loss of some of the learning achieved during the previous school year over the summer break. Some experts say summer slide is overstated, but it can’t hurt for students to refresh their memories on some math, science and language arts concepts over break so that they will be ready to hit the books when the new school year begins.

Prep for school lunches

Children and adults can work together to map out healthy eating options for school lunch. Many school districts have lunch plans that can be purchased through an online account. Participating students simply enter a number or swipe a code at checkout. School lunches are built to be nutritionally diverse and have options that even picky eaters will like.

School is right around the corner, and families should get ready for the routine and needs that go with the academic year as the first day draws closer.

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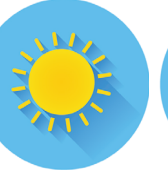
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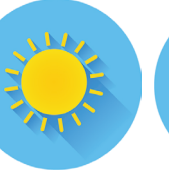
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Monday
Sunny
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Tuesday
Sunny
High 91



Wednesday
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High 89

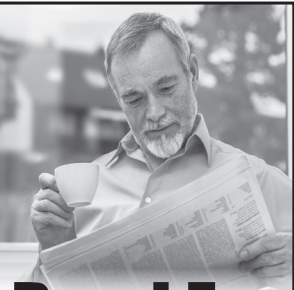


Thursday
Sunny
High 79

Weather History

August 25
1947: Record heat led to August record average temperatures being recorded at Springfield, with 86.2 degrees; Decatur, with 82.6 degrees; Peoria, with 82 degrees; and Champaign, with 80.9 degrees. These surpassed records that were previously set during the torrid summer of 1936.

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