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## Developing the workforce

Activities scheduled in DeWitt County during ‘Workforce Development Month’

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CLINTON — September is Workforce Development Month, and recently, executive director Rocky Wilkerson, of Workforce Investment Solutions, addressed county board officials about her agency.

Wilkerson asked the board to pass a proclamation declaring September Workforce Development Month in DeWitt County.

“Macon and DeWitt counties are going to be highlighting a lot of activities to assist with hiring events, job training, with workshops and some interesting things,” Wilkerson said.

Workforce Investment Solutions also was a part of the former Clinton Youth Initiative program.

WORK / A2



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## LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Some visitors to Weldon Springs State Recreation Area on Monday’s Labor Day holiday enjoyed a stroll around the park near the Veterans Point memorial.



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## STANDING TOGETHER TO PREVENT OVERDOSES

DeWitt County Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) hosted an event on Saturday as part of the International Overdose Awareness Day. The theme for the Awareness Day was “Together we can,” highlighting the strength that comes when people stand together in support of those connected to the tragedy of overdose. Friends, family and community members attended the vigil. Photos of loved ones affected by overdoses were shared. Some 13 drug overdose victims will be remembered at the event.

## Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois announces the start of the Energy Assistance Program

LINCOLN — Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois, as administrator of the Energy Assistance Program in DeWitt, Logan, Mason, Menard, and Piatt Counties, announced this week that funds are available to assist income-eligible households with their natural gas, propane and/or electric bills and furnace assistance for inoperable heating

systems. The program will begin taking applications on October 1, 2024, for older adults (60 years +), individuals with a disability, families with children five years old or under and households that are disconnected from their utilities, have a disconnection notice or have less than 25% in their propane tank. All other income eligible households

can start applying November 1, 2024.

Applications will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis through August 15, 2025, or until funding is exhausted. Households that receive a one-time benefit may return during the program year for a Reconnection Assistance or Furnace Assistance benefit(s), if needed.

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## Weather History

**September 7**  
1944: Upper-air observations in central Illinois began, conducted by the U.S. Army at Chanute Field in Rantoul. Observations were taken 4 times a day at this location until September 1956. September 8

1996: A severe thunderstorm in western Douglas County blew the roof off a barn near the town of Gar-

rett, while lightning struck a second building. Damage from the subsequent fire was near \$10,000. Numerous tree limbs and power poles were blown down as the storm moved to Tuscola. In Villa Grove, the storm blew over a tree, which fell onto a car.

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Work / from A1

“We try to reduce barriers for people who are finding it very difficult to get a job,” Wilkerson said. “I’ve attached a flier, and it shows what we have going on.”

She said the plan

was to have workforce development activities each day during September.

“I’m excited about the military days, the ROTC days, the apprenticeship days,” Wilkerson said.

“There will be CNA


classes.”

She said she had sessions she was conducting at Warner Hospital and Clintonia Eagle Theater, “with economic development and the Chambers.”

“If you know anyone who needs some help, this would be a great time,” Wilkerson said. “This would be a great time to highlight the whole month.”

Illinois Road Scholar speaks at genealogical society Sept. 10

CLINTON — The Dewitt County Genealogical Society will hold its September meeting at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, in the



Genealogy Room of the Vespasian Warner Public

Library.

Mary Frances, with Illinois Road Scholars, will present “Untold African American Stories.”

This meeting is made

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NEWS

Ignite my fire

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. As I have stated, for a survival pack, mostly store foods that require no to little cooking. In the event one needs to cook, there are several ways to do it. But to begin, store in moisture proof jars what we old timers called “farmer’s matches” or “Kitchen matches.” They are the ones that have the long wooden stick (2½”) with an ignitable tip of phosphorous and Sulphur. Once it is struck against a gritty surface, the friction heat produced causes it to ignite into a flame. These were used when wood burning stoves were common and with early gas stoves that had no pilot lights. Second best would be your paper book matches commonly used for lighting cigarettes. Keep in mind that once your supply is gone,



The Culinary Corner Chef Roger Joss

alternatives are needed. This is a good time to use my Boy Scout manual if I could find it. There is the friction method that uses a bow with string, spindle, wood base, upper pivot block, and kindling. I bow drives the spindle in alternating circular motion. The spindle is pressed hard against the base to create frictional heat. With any luck, the heat gradually increases to ignite the dry kindling. Fanning it helps the process. Good kindling for this is dry pine needles, dry leaves, and very small twigs. Another method is to strike flint, with a glancing blow, against iron to create sparks. Think of your

flintlock guns such as a musket. Welding torches, to this day, are commonly ignited this way. This is much improved over the above spindle method. Another method is to use a large enough magnifier glass. It needs to have generous convex lens. This produces a short focal point thus concentrating more sunrays at that point. In short, the focused spot becomes very hot quickly. It works great using paper initially as kindling with more substantial items being added to the infant flame. Shiny sheet metal works well as reflectors. An alternative to this can be homemade reflectors. Take sheets of aluminum foil and glue the sheets to a flexible flat board. I type I have used is thin but sturdy plastic sheeting. Use a roller that artists to press roll the foil flat

and smooth. We do not want the light reflected arbitrarily. A parabolic cure can be produced to direct the sun’s rays to a designated area. If you do it correctly, an oven effect is created within the pot or Dutch oven. A self-igniting camp stove is by far the most desirable. However, there is the problem of storing liquid or gas fuel safely and having enough to last the duration. So, we return to the camp fire. Once we gain a sustainable fire, we must secure it in a shallow pit with all combustible materials removed at a radius of five feet or more. This is due to spark-jumping which has caused forest fires. wood burning fireplace use a screen for that very reason. Until next time, peace to all.

Doris ‘Poge’ Alwood

CLINTON — Doris “Poge” Alwood, 75, of Clinton, passed away at 1 p.m. on August 26, 2024, at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington. No services are planned at this time. The family has entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with cremation rites. Memorials may be directed to Lane Christian Church Doris was born on April 4, 1949, in Clinton, the daughter of Lloyd and Louisa (Matheny) Mandrell. She married Charles E. “Charlie” Alwood on June 22, 1968, in Clinton. He passed away on February 8, 2022. Survivors include her children, Michael (Kathleen Alcorn) Alwood, Springfield, Ill.; Susie (Steve Starkey) Schmid,



Clinton; and Claude (Gala) Alwood, Weldon; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; twin brothers, Ollie (Kay) Mandrell, Clinton and Charlie Mandrell, Clinton. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, and three brothers. Doris took pride in working for the school district with the children. Online condolences may be made at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com)

Assist / from A1

Households must be at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level to receive a benefit from LIHEAP. The 30-day income guidelines for LIHEAP are based on Federal Poverty Guidelines, State Median Income and the number of persons living in the household. The income guidelines are as follows: 1- \$2,510, 2- \$3,407, 3- \$4,303, 4- \$5,200. Go to [Agency website] or [liheapillinois.com](http://liheapillinois.com) to know income limits for households with 5 members and more. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides one-time benefits to income eligible homeowners and renters to help with energy bills and for reconnection of energy service. Propane customers who are part of the priority group are encouraged to apply when the program opens in October. Propane prices typically increase during the winter months so by applying early propane customers will see their

LIHEAP benefit go further. Applications will be taken in person or via phone interview through our DeWitt, Logan, Mason, Menard, and Piatt County Community Action offices or may be submitted online. These instructions may be found on our agency website, [www.capcil.info](http://www.capcil.info), under the Energy Services Department tab. To submit an application, you MUST submit ALL documentation required: 1. Proof of gross income from all household members for the prior 30-day period beginning with the date of application. 2. For all customers new to LIHEAP, and/or for new household members of previous customers, proof of Social Security numbers (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for all household members. Individuals without a SSN or ITIN can still apply and Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois will advise accordingly. 3. A copy of current

heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days. 4. A copy of rental agreement (if renting) showing that utilities are included, the monthly rental amount and landlord contact. 5. Other documents may be needed based on your household situation. If you have questions regarding this, please call our office. Beginning October 1, 2024, income eligible LIHEAP customers of Ameren Illinois, Nicor Gas, North Shore Gas and Peoples Gas will receive a monthly discount on their natural gas bill through the new Low Income Discount Rates. Visit [liheapillinois.com](http://liheapillinois.com) or [www.capcil.info](http://www.capcil.info) to know more details. Call Community Action Partnership of Central Illinois at 217-732-2159 for outreach locations and schedules, and for information on what documents are needed to apply and different ways to submit your application.

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# OPINION

## HISTORY ALMANAC

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1944 - During World War II, the British government relaxed blackout restrictions and suspended compulsory training for the Home Guard.

1978 - James Wickwire and Louis Reichardt reached the top of the world's second largest mountain, Pakistan's K-2. They were the first Americans to reach the summit.

1990 - Iraq warned that anyone trying to flee the country without permission would be put in prison for life.

1991 - The State Council of the Soviet Union recognized the independence of the Baltic states.

1991 - The name St. Petersburg was restored to Russia's second largest city. The city was founded in 1703 by Peter the Great. The name has been changed to Petrograd (1914) and to Lenin-grad (1924).

1993 - Renault of France and Volvo of Sweden announced they were merging. Volvo eventually canceled the deal the following December.

1995 - Cal Ripken played his 2,131st consecutive game setting a new record. Lou Gehrig previously held the record.

1996 - Eddie Murray (Baltimore Orioles) hit his 500th career home run during a game against the Detroit Tigers. He was only the third person to have at least 3,000 hits and 500 home runs.

2000 - The U.N. Millennium Summit began in New York. It was the largest gathering of world leaders in history with more than 150 present.

2001 - The U.S. Justice Department announced that it was seeking a lesser antitrust penalty and would not attempt to break up Microsoft.

2002 - In New York, the U.S. Congress convened at Federal Hall for a rare special session. The session was held in New York to express the nation's mourning for the loss on September 11, 2001 and unity in the war against terrorism.

## Amber Waves



## American victims

First, let me apologize for not writing a column last week. I do take off and let the paper know in advance. I also continue to work part time in Logan County representing kids in abuse, neglect and custody cases. That is normally on Thursdays, but last week the schedule got hectic, and I was in court in Lincoln on Monday and Tuesday.

Our oldest son was career Army until his retirement last year. He spent significant time stationed in Europe and had numerous deployments to hostile environments. As a parent, I and my wife were always concerned for his and his family's safety while overseas.

The simple truth is, Americans are disliked in much of the world and hated in several areas. Another truth is, the world that despises Americans certainly wants that American dollar in their hands.

I have felt a small amount of that dislike for Americans when I visited with him and his family in Germany. Most Germans do like Americans, but many do not. However, they all liked my

money. What concerns me is that the dislike is getting greater and we, as a nation, are not responding adequately. President Teddy Roosevelt said it best, "Speak softly and carry a big stick." America has been speaking softly, but it appears the stick has been lost.

America lost 13 servicemen and women in the final days of withdrawal from Afghanistan. Our nation has yet to hold anyone accountable for those heinous murders. The administration has barely acknowledged their deaths and the issue has become politicized. Where is the American response?

We still have Americans being held in Russian prisons on trumped up charges. We have exchanged some very valuable Russian agents held in this country and Germany for some prisoners recently. The Americans being held are every day citizens, while the Russians are high end espionage agents. Yes, we got Americans back, but America paid a very high price. Our response was one of appeasement rather than meaningful negotiations.



Hamas just murdered six Israeli hostages while the Israeli army was closing in, a clear violation of the Geneva Convention. One of those prisoners was an American citizen. Our administration voiced that the murders were an atrocity, then condemned the Israeli Prime Minister for not doing enough to negotiate the prisoner's release.

The news reports that I read indicate that Israel has agreed to several proposed settlements, only to have Hamas reject the settlement. Again, our response has been appeasement rather than confronting those who killed the American hostage.

This week, two U.S. Marines were attacked when on port leave in Turkey, an American NATO ally. Fortunately, some other Marines

were in the area and came to the rescue of their fellow Marines. No one was killed, but the attack was very real. This type of attack on American servicemen call for a very strong diplomatic response at a minimum. We have yet to see the Administration's response.

America doesn't need to initiate a war over the above incidents, but America needs to respond. Failure to respond only invites more acts of terror on Americans and American interests.

We are now in constant prisoner negotiations with Russia. We have become a defacto supporter of Hamas at the expense of our closest ally Israel in the Middle East. Our servicemen are no longer safe to take port leave in a NATO ally country. America is rapidly becoming a toothless tiger.

That position will ultimately spell our demise on the world stage, a situation that should terrify us all.

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

## K2 presumptives: Too late for too many

Sixteen thousand veterans who served at K2 are now eligible for expanded Department of Veterans Affairs benefits. This will be welcome (and overdue) news for many.

K2, also known as Karshi-Khanabad and Camp Stronghold Freedom, was an Uzbekistan airbase used from 2001 to 2005 during Operation Enduring Freedom after the Sept. 11 attacks.

The VA is now making Gulf War illnesses a presumptive in those who served at K2, recognizing that those who served

there were exposed to "several contaminants of concern" and ensuring that exposures to those toxins are taken into account for K2 veteran claims -- all good steps forward.

But it wasn't always so. A 2015 study detailed all the multiple types of cancer among those who'd served at K2. The VA rejected the information and claimed there was no high rate of cancer even though there had been many documented cases.

A 2020 congressional study, however, opened up some previously classified

documents that showed the toxins and hazards were very real and so were the health consequences:

Kerosene, jet fuel, contaminated soils that could "cause adverse health effects," particulate matter, uranium, elevated levels of tetrachloroethylene, burn pits, jet fuel plumes, radiation exposure, asbestos in the soil and more.

One of the veterans who testified before the committee said that they'd constantly been told there was no risk from the toxic exposures. Further,



by Freddy Groves

any high environmental readings were blamed on faulty test equipment.

A Deployment Health Clinical Center (now the Psychological Health Center of Excellence) advice sheet instructed medical staff to "listen actively" when returning service members expressed concerns about exposure to toxins at K2. "It often helps rapport if you thank

them" for their service, it says. But meanwhile, yeah, they tried to abate radiation in the soil with more soil dumped on top, and you walked around in glowing green water and breathed in jet fuel fumes. But hey, the protective measures were effective, and would you like a mental health consultation?

If you're an ill K2 veteran or a surviving family member, call the VA. Don't wait until they call you.

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Clinton Police Department

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08/26/24 Cory Jacobs 40, Decatur. Suspended Registration. Notice to appear issued.  
08/29/24 Kylee Mitchell 21, Clinton Expired registration and operating uninsured vehicle. Notice to appear issued.  
08/29/24 Chelsea Sloan 34, Clinton Operating uninsured vehicle. Notice to appear issued.  
08/30/24 Kaden Olive 21, Springfield Possession of Cannabis by driver., Illegal transportation of alcohol by driver. Notice to appear issued.  
08/30/24 Nicholas Meza-Holcomb 21, Springfield Possession of cannabis by passenger. Notice to appear issued.  
09/01/24 Wilber Blandon-Garcia 23. Decatur Scott’s law and no valid driver’s license (never issued). Notice to appear issued.

Arrests:  
On 08/26/24 William

Sims 21, Clinton was charged with Criminal Trespass to Residence. Sims was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.  
On 08/26/24 Tyler Hendrix 21, Clinton was charged with Criminal Trespass to Residence. Hendrix was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.  
On 08/26/24 William Sims 21, Clinton was arrested on a Dewitt County Warrant. Sims was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.  
On 08/26/24 Travion Turner 27, Decatur was charged with Driving while license is suspended and operating a motor vehicle when registration is suspended. Turner was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.  
On 08/30/24 Sara Hunt 22, Clinton was charged with Domestic Battery. Hunt was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

08/31/24 Cade Bray 47, Clinton was charged with Delivery / possess with intent to deliver meth. Bray was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.  
On 08/31/24 Joshua McGhee 40, Clinton was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine and possession of Drug paraphernalia. McGhee was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.  
08/31/24 Richard Memmott 39, Clinton was charged with Possess with intent to manufacture / deliver controlled substance Memmott was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.  
On 09/01/24 Dalton Baker 24, Clinton was charged with Possession of Cannabis and possession of controlled substance. Baker was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.  
09/02/24 Aaisha Williams 38, Decatur was charged with Operation

of motor vehicle with suspended registration, no valid driver’s license and operation of uninsured motor vehicle. Williams was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

DeWitt County Sheriff’s Office

August 16-23  
Seth Constance, 21, Kenney, was issued a Citation for Speeding (80 mph in a 55 mph zone). Constance was released with no Required Court Appearance.  
Taylor Umland, 30, Carlock, was issued a Citation for Expired Registration. Umland was released with a Required Court Appearance.  
Melvia Johnson, 52, Springfield, was issued a Citation for Speeding (89 mph in a 55 mph zone). Johnson was released with no Required Court Appearance.  
Autumn Webb, 22, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Improper Lane

Usage. Webb was released with No Required Court Appearance.  
Ryan Ogden, 25, Decatur, was issued Citations for Speeding (70 mph in a 45 mph zone), and Local Ordinance 625-5-3/413(f). Ogden was released with a Required Court Appearance.  
Isaac Graham, 27, Lincoln, was issued Citations for 4 counts of DUI; Operation of Vehicle with Suspended Registration; Improper Lane Usage; and Unlawful Possession Registration. Graham was released with a Required Court Appearance.  
Duane Treadwell, 42, Warrensburg, was arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance and Firearm Owner’s Identification Card Required-Acquire or Possess Firearm, Stun Gun or Taser. Treadwell was released with a Required Court Appearance.  
Briahna Collier, 18, Clinton, was arrested on a In State Warrant. Collier was

released with a Required Court Appearance.  
Todd Laesch, 54, Weldon, was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Laesch was released with a Required Court Appearance.  
Crystal Cathey, 18, Decatur, was issued a Citation for speeding (77 mph in a 45 mph zone). Cathey was released with a Required Court Appearance.  
Stephanie Durbin, 22, Clinton, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging her with Driving on Suspended License. Durbin was released with a Required Court Appearance.  
Debbie Gray, 50, Decatur, was arrested on two DeWitt County Warrants charging her with Driving RVK/Susp DUI/ SS 2nd and Vio Bail Bond/ Class 2 Offense. Gray was released with a Required Court Appearance.  
*All suspects are presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of law.*

Combating elder abuse

Selena Higgins  
Social Security district manager, Normal



Elder abuse is the intentional mistreatment or harming of an adult over age 60. This abuse can take many forms – physical, emotional, sexual, and financial exploitation, as well as neglect. In the United States, an estimated 1 in 10 adults over the age of 60 experience some form of abuse each year. That number is likely much higher because elder abuse is often underreported –

especially in underserved communities. Abuse victims typically show emotional and behavioral red flags, such as depression, unusual fear or anxiety, or intentional isolation. Many victims are abused by someone they know or trust. It’s important

to look for unusual changes in behavior around:  
• Family members.  
• Staff at inpatient facilities.  
• Hired or volunteer caregivers.  
• People in positions of trust like doctors or financial advisors.  
You can help make a difference by checking in with older loved ones. The first step to preventing abuse is to look for signs of mistreatment or physical harm, including bruises, burns, and other unexplained injuries. There may also be signs of

neglect such as:  
• Hunger and poor nutrition.  
• Poor appearance or hygiene.  
• Lack of necessary medical aids like glasses or medications that a caretaker should be providing.  
There may also be indications of financial abuse, including:  
• Unpaid rent or other bills.  
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• Unusual changes in money management or habits.  
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financial transactions.  
• Allowing someone new to access bank accounts.  
If you suspect that a person is a victim of elder abuse, please report it. If you or someone you care about is in a life-threatening situation, call 911. If you suspect possible abuse – but see no immediate danger – contact:  
• Your local Adult Protective Services at [www.napsa-now.org/help-in-your-area](http://www.napsa-now.org/help-in-your-area).  
• The National Center on Elder Abuse at 1-855-500-3537 (ELDR).

You can also find additional local resources by searching the Eldercare Locator for your community at [eldercare.acl.gov/Public/index.aspx](http://eldercare.acl.gov/Public/index.aspx). Take some time to call or visit an older adult. Ask if they are OK and listen to what they tell you. Pay attention to signs of abuse or unusual behavior. Most of all, don’t be afraid to report suspected abuse. For more information about elder abuse visit [www.ssa.gov/payee/elder\\_abuse.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/payee/elder_abuse.htm).

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# CHURCHES

## Area Churches Directory

**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

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

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

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

**Clinton Presbyterian Church**  
402 N. Center Street  
Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.  
Tel. (217) 935-6178  
Fax (217) 935-6128  
Pastor-Paul Stroup  
clintonpresbyterian.org  
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**Clinton United Methodist Church**  
308 E. Main Street  
Rev. Darrell Howard  
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10:30 a.m. Sunday School Children & Adult  
5 p.m. Saturday Evening Worship in chapel  
3:30 p.m. Thursday JC Stars After School Children's program (pickup is available)  
3rd Sunday S.W.A.G Sr & Jr High Youth  
6 p.m. Extended Table  
2nd and 4th Mondays  
12:30 p.m. Wednesday Backpack Ministry

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

**First Christian Church**  
100 N. Jackson Street, Clinton (W. Main & N. Jackson)  
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**First Church of the Nazarene**  
Rt. 51 and Kleemann Drive, Clinton  
Michael A. Taylor, pastor  
8:30 a.m.-Sunday prayer around the altar  
8:45 a.m.-continental breakfast  
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school / Bible study  
10:30 a.m.-morning worship  
7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week service

**Kenney Christian Church**  
213 W. Benjamin Street, Kenney  
(217) 944-2275  
Ernie Harvey, minister  
9:30 a.m.-Bible study  
10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship

**Lane Christian Church**  
(217) 935-2557  
www.lanechurch.org  
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10 a.m.-worship  
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4 p.m.-Saturday mass  
8:30 a.m.-Sunday Mass

**St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
320 S. Locust Street, P.O. Box 116, Wapella  
(217) 935-8510  
Fr. Derrick Mwesiga, pastor  
9 a.m.-Sunday, Tues. & Thurs. Mass  
9 a.m.-First Saturday  
www.saintpatrickwapella.org  
E-mail: stpatrickwapella@yahoo.com

**Texas Christian Church**  
8301 Texas Church Road, Clinton  
(217) 454-6846  
www.Texaschristianchurch.org  
Scott Marsh, minister  
9 a.m.-Sunday school  
10 a.m.-Sunday worship  
6 p.m.-Sunday evening worship  
6 p.m.-Wednesday prayer meeting

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

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

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 34:5-6

Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

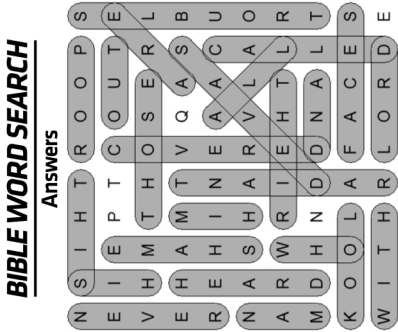
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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Labour (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Ecclesiastes 4, how many are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor? Two, Three, Five, Seven
3. In 1 Kings 5, how many thousand men comprised the labor force that King Solomon raised? One, Five, Ten, Thirty
4. What son of Abda was in charge of the forced labor in David’s kingdom? Baal, Adoniram, Cyrenius, Phaneul
5. From Exodus 20, how many days shalt thou labor and do all thy work? Two, Four, Six, Seven
6. Proverbs 14:23 states, “In all labor there is ...” Love, Hope, Light, Profit

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Two, 3) Thirty, 4) Adoniram, 5) Six, 6) Profit

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## Massive data breach

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It’s time to get very, very serious about protecting our personal data, our identity, our banking information and everything else. Although the horse is out of the barn when it comes to that information being released, there are still steps we can take to try to protect ourselves.

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by Matilda Charles

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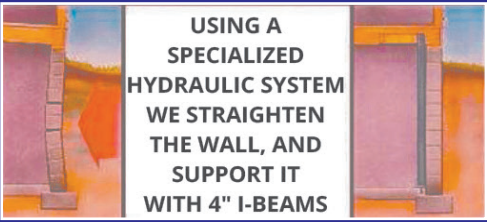
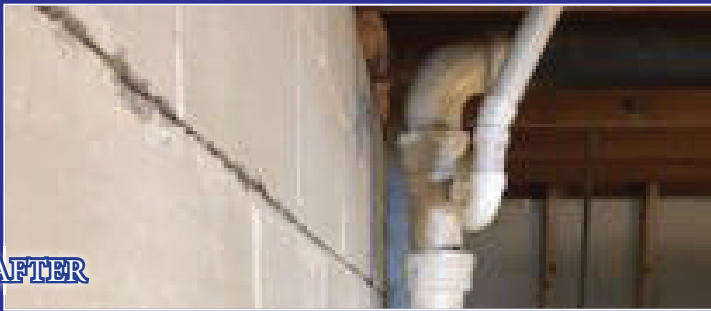
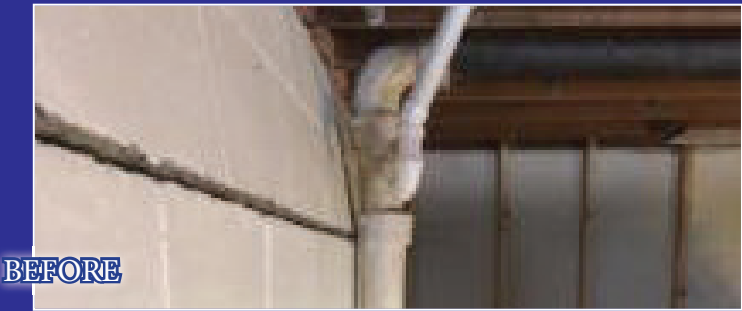
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# SPORTS

## Clinton over EAWR 57-0 in non-conference game

Maroons  
inaugurate  
new turf with  
overwhelming  
win over Oilers

CLINTON — While the Maroons were ranked significantly higher than the Oilers starting the season, they might not have expected such an early success against the southwestern Illinois school.

The Maroons scored early, including a extra point conversion, in a first quarter that was all Clinton's. The Maroons were helped by a couple of Oilers penalties and a pair of successful recoveries on Oilers fumbles.

The Maroons finished the 1st quarter with a big 34-0 lead.

Oilers defense came alive in the 2nd quarter, managing to hold the Maroons to 14 points, but they were unable to harness the Maroons' strong offense. Clinton went into halftime up 48-0.

Oilers defense was more effective against the Maroons in the second half of the game but Clinton still managed to score, while the Oilers failed generate any points.

Clinton scored 6 in the 3rd quarter, picking up another 3 in the 4th to take their first win on the new CHS field 57-0.

The Maroons will next play on the road in Alton against the Marquette Catholic Explorers on September 6 before returning for a home game against Tremont on September 13.

Also, during the August 30 game, players of the Clinton JFL team and cheer squad were introduced, as well as performances by the Clinton High School band, M-Squad and cheerleaders.



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Maroons' Rylan Wagers #8 works to gain yards through a pair of Oilers' defenders.



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Officials talk before the start of the August 30 Maroons home game against East Alton-Wood River in a non-conference match-up.

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Gordonn Woods / Journal  
The Clinton Maroons recover the ball on an Oilers fumble.



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Maroons' Dawson Thayer #75 and Keaton Graves #4 confer on the sidelines with Maroons' #73.



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BRIDGE BITES

A NASTY SURPRISE

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|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|--|
| ♠ Q75<br>♥ Q3<br>♦ K53<br>♣ KQT96 |  | North                             |      | ♠ AKJ8<br>♥ JT98<br>♦ QT9<br>♣ J7 |  |
| ♠ T93<br>♥ 742<br>♦ J86<br>♣ 8542 |  | West                              | East |                                   |  |
|                                   |  | Declarer                          |      |                                   |  |
|                                   |  | ♠ 642<br>♥ AK65<br>♦ A742<br>♣ A3 |      |                                   |  |

N-S Vulnerable  
South West North East  
1NT Pass 3NT Pass  
Pass Pass

After this auction, the failure to use Stayman suggests that the defense attacks one of the major suits, unless there is a compelling alternative. In a recent team game, both West players led a Spade, but only one of the East players was extraordinarily devious.

It looks like a most straightforward deal. West leads a Spade, East takes his four tricks in the suit and, with no reason to take the Club finesse, Declarer plays that suit from the top and takes the rest. And that’s exactly what happened at the first table. Making 9 tricks.

At the second table, East did some counting. He had 12 HCP, Declarer purported to have 15-17, and there were 12 in Dummy. That left West with one point or none. East also counted 10 tricks for Declarer, as he would surely be playing the Clubs from the top. That being the case, it seemed obvious to cash the Spades and give up, as happened at the other table. How did East trick Declarer into taking the losing Club finesse?

East won the opening lead with the ♠J, cashed the ♠K and ♠A and, instead of finishing off the Spades, shifted to a Heart! Declarer reasonably concluded that West has led from ♠T983, and that East had started with ♠AKJ. In that case, it was essential to develop a fourth Club trick without letting West gain the lead. There was a simple solution. Declarer would cash the ♠A and finesse the Club, making sure of 9 or 10 tricks. But Declarer got a nasty surprise when that devious East fellow won his ♣J and promptly cashed the last Spade for down one!

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

Super Crossword

STITCHWORK

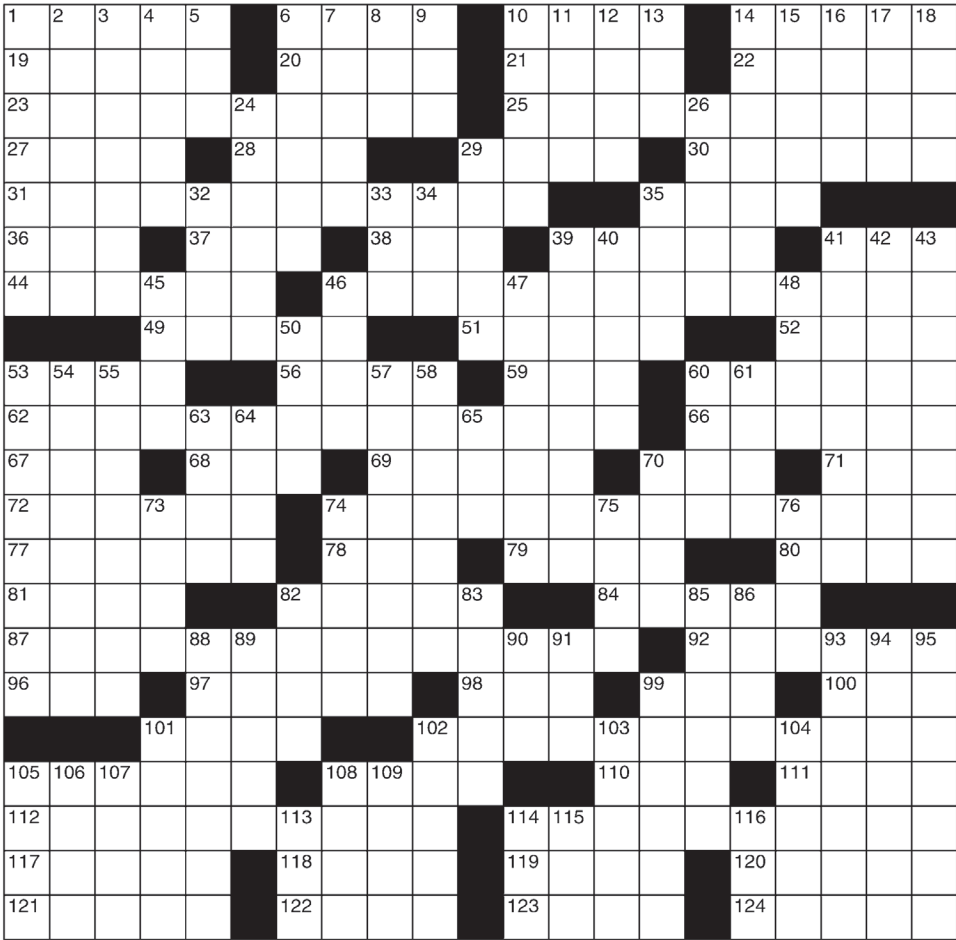
ACROSS

- 1 Asteroid belt's largest body  
6 Ooze  
10 Lavish party  
14 PC peripheral  
19 "Halt!" at sea  
20 Forearm bone  
21 Nagging pain  
22 Amtrak train  
23 Part of a cylinder lock preventing motion  
25 Lectures aided by blackboards  
27 Concerning  
28 Gigi's "yes"  
29 Working stiff  
30 "Bad Guy" singer Billie  
31 Wrestler's leg lock  
35 Pop rocker Turner  
36 Co. big shot  
37 Eye, to poets  
38 — Dhabi  
39 Egg-shaped  
41 Instant lawn  
44 Manor  
46 Original name of the comic strip "Popeye"  
49 French painter Camille  
51 San Diego baseballer  
52 Pulsate  
53 Revered one  
56 Arizona tribe  
59 Burglarize  
60 Twosome  
62 Adhesive-roll containers  
66 Study of light  
67 Actor's signal  
68 "Angel" singer Yoko  
69 Simple chord  
70 Flaky dessert  
71 Bit of body art, informally  
72 Being staked  
74 Inoculation creation  
77 Siblings' daughters  
78 Noted coach Parseghian  
79 Scientology's — Hubbard  
80 With 84-Across, think piece in a newspaper  
81 Lug along  
82 — Taco (frozen treat)  
84 See 80-Across  
87 Edible fungus whose cap has not yet opened  
92 Sunday paper extra  
96 That, to Lucia  
97 Forest, brush or desert  
98 Pothole filler  
99 Inclined (to)  
100 "The Thinning" actress — Marie Johnson  
101 — diagram (logic image)  
102 Posting of off-topic replies on an internet forum  
105 Wearable gift shop item  
108 BLT spread  
110 — -mo replay  
111 Oklahoma tribe  
112 Women's shoe parts that are wide at the top and bottom and narrower in the middle  
114 Nine featured items in this puzzle may be found in these  
117 Eyelike openings  
118 Bill blocker  
119 Omani, e.g.  
120 Relative of largo  
121 Clear kitchen wrap

- 122 British school since 1440  
123 Skillets, e.g.  
124 Lung or heart

DOWN

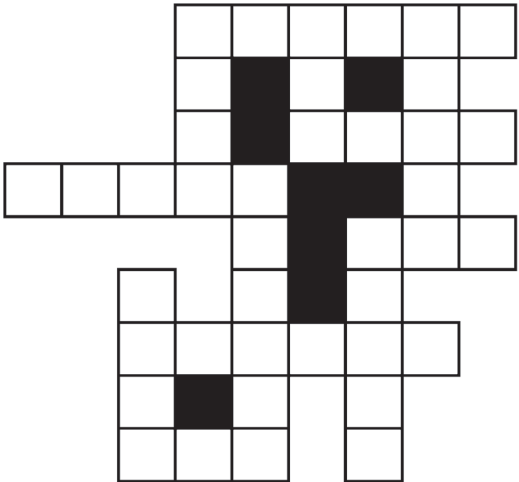
- 1 "Ya get it?"  
2 Makes evident  
3 Went hogwild  
4 Eleanor of kiddie lit  
5 Erwin of early films  
6 District outside a city  
7 Novelist Bret Easton —  
8 Boise-to-Fargo dir.  
9 Golf target  
10 Confronted  
11 Reverberate  
12 Larger — life  
13 Moray, e.g.  
14 Day play, say  
15 City near Orlando  
16 Hoagie shop  
17 Deer cousins  
18 Make pulp of  
24 Boxer Michael  
26 Rock guitarist Richards  
29 Chubby  
32 Spain's Hernando de —  
33 "I knew it!"  
34 Kimono sash  
35 London art gallery  
39 Like some strict Amish  
40 "Come" and "go," e.g.  
41 "Get the lead out!"  
42 Tooth flossing, e.g.  
43 Really hated  
45 Stridex target  
46 Sporty car roof option  
47 Tell everything  
48 Be next to  
50 Really, really  
53 "No way!"  
54 Wary  
55 Light musical work for the stage  
57 Baseballer with a record 4,256 hits  
58 Close enough to get  
60 Penny, e.g.  
61 Intl. oil group  
63 Medicine amount  
64 Pen fluids  
65 PBS' "Science Kid"  
70 Many groaners  
73 "Power" rapper  
74 Biblical book after Micah  
75 Work in verse  
76 Playthings  
82 "Get the lead out!"  
83 Big name in lawn products  
85 Draw off via a tube  
86 Oppositionist  
88 Ohio city or college  
89 Jazz chord  
90 Boating tool  
91 Mine metal  
93 Giving a thrill  
94 Manicotti cheese  
95 Confronts  
99 Does improv  
101 Cello cousin  
102 Boxer Mike  
103 Egypt's — High Dam  
104 Jesting sort  
105 General — chicken  
106 Stray-rescuing gp.  
107 Part of mph  
108 Confront  
109 Choir voice  
113 Actress Arden  
114 Devalize  
115 Bit of history  
116 Day- — paint



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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. ♥ RATHER 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.

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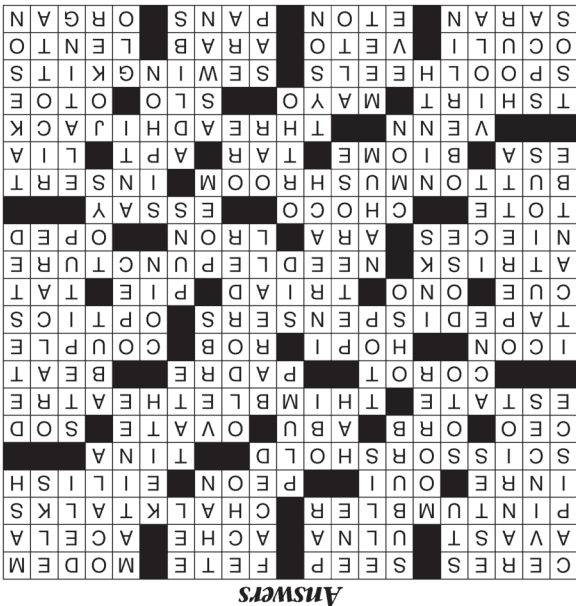
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Go Figure!

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY - CLINTON, ILLINOIS

PHH Mortgage Corporation

PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Cameron Dralle; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

DEFENDANTS

No. 2024FC9

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Cameron Dralle

Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants

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

COMMONLY KNOWN AS:

321 N Quincy St

Clinton, IL 61727

and which said Mortgage was made by:

Cameron Dralle

the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Flat Branch Mortgage Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of DeWitt County, Illinois, as Document No. 265076; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Michelle Van Valey

Clerk of the Circuit Court

201 West Washington Street, Room 122

P.O. Box 439

Clinton, IL 61727

on or before September 30, 2024, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE

WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

Attorneys for Plaintiff

15W030 North Frontage Road,

Suite 100

Burr Ridge, IL 60527

(630) 794-5300

DuPage # 15170

Winnebago # 531

Our File No. 14-24-

02876

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.

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LEGAL 20128 September 6, 2024

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**Clinton Elementary School**  
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**Douglas/Lincoln**  
Teacher Aide, see website for requirements for paraprofessional license <https://roe17.org/licensure/paraprofessionals>, application deadline September 20, 2024

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

TED REYNOLDS,

Petitioner,

vs.

THE CIT GROUP/ EQUIPMENT FINANCING, INC., and WELLS FAR- GO EQUIPMENT FINANCE COM- PANY,

Respondents.

CASE NO. 2024- CH-6

NOTICE BY PUB- LICATION

YOU, THE CIT GROUP/EQUIP- MENT FINANC- ING, INC., and WELLS FARGO EQUIPMENT FINANCE COMPA- NY, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that this case has been commenced and is pending against you asking for equitable relief of the issuance of a vehicle title and other relief.

UNLESS YOU FILE YOUR ANSWER or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727, on or before Septem- ber 30, 2024, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

KEVIN HAMMER #6256048 ATTOR- NEY AT LAW 219 EAST MAIN STREET CLINTON, IL 61727 Tel: 217/935-7063 Fax: 217/935-7072 kevinghammer@ hotmail.com

LEGAL 20129 Aug. 30, Sept. 6, 13, 2024

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is herby given that on Wednesday, August 28, 2024, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office ad- dresses of all of the persons owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as:

SAWMILL ROAD GENERAL STORE AND BOUTIQUE

7686 SAWMILL ROAD CLINTON, IL 61727

Dated this 28 day of August, 2024

/s/ Kari L. Harris County Clerk

No. 2024DBA-0210

LEGAL 20133 Sept. 6, 13, 20, 2024

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THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUST- EES OF THE VESPASIAN WARNER PUBLIC LIBRARY DIS- TRICT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS ORDINANCE NO. 24-1 **COMBINED AN- NUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIA- TION ORDINANCE FOR LIBRARY PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Budget Law, 50 ILCS 330/1, et seq., as amended, requires all Illinois municipal corpo- rations, as broadly defined therein, to adopt a combined annual budget and appropriation ordinance, spec- ifying the objects and purposes of expenditures; and the Illinois Public Library District Act, 75 ILCS 16/30- 85 and 75 ILCS 16/35-25, provides procedures for the passage of a bud- get and appropria- tion ordinance; and WHEREAS, pur- suant to the above and other appro- priate statutes, a budget and appro- priation ordinance has been prepared in tentative form at the designation of this Board, and has been made avail- able for public in- spection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action, and a public hear- ing on said budget and appropriation ordinance was held prior to final action hereon on August 28, 2023, and no- tice of said hearing was published on July 19, 2024, in the Clinton Journal, a secular newspa- per with a general circulation within the District; NOW, THERE- FORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Library Trustees of the Vespasian War- ner Public Library District, DeWitt County, Illinois, as follows: **Section 1.** The following budget, containing an estimate of all receipts of said Library District, and of the expenditures there from, be and the same hereby

is adopted as the budget for said District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and the same sums are hereby appropriated as necessary to defray the said expenses and liabilities of this Library District, for the objects and purposes indicated, for said fiscal year:

**I. GENERAL FUND [75 ILCS 16/35-5] APPROPRIA- TIONS FOR ESTI- MATED EXPENDI- TURES**  
**PATRON SER- VICES**  
MATERIALS & OTHER CIRCULATING ITEMS \$40,500  
DIGITAL RE- SOURCES & PLATFORM FEES \$13,450  
SYSTEM FEES - IHLS/OCLC \$17,000  
SUMMER READ- ING CLUB \$5,000  
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS \$4,500  
ADULT PRO- GRAMS \$5,100  
YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS \$2,000  
ARCHIVES & PRESERVATION \$1,000  
**TOTAL PATRON SERVICES \$88,550**

**STAFF AND BEN- EFITS**  
SALARIES \$450,000  
CONVENTION/ MEETING \$2,000  
DUES & FEES \$1,000  
EDUCATION & TRAINING \$2,000  
HEALTH INSUR- ANCE \$90,000  
**TOTAL STAFF AND BENEFITS \$545,000**

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS**  
GARBAGE DIS- POSAL \$1,500  
UTILITIES - GAS/ ELECTRIC \$85,000  
UTILITIES - WA- TER \$3,000  
UTILITIES - TELE- PHONE \$6,500  
TAXES - REAL ESTATE \$5,000  
CAPITAL EXPEN- DITURES - BUILD- ING \$120,000  
CAPITAL EXPEN- DITURES - EQUIP- MENT \$15,000  
**TOTAL BUILDING AND GROUNDS \$236,000**

**ADMINISTRATION**  
ACCOUNTING \$7,000  
BANK CHARGES \$50  
MILEAGE \$3,500  
LEGAL \$7,500  
MARKETING \$10,000  
APPLE N PORK EVENT \$500  
MISCELLANEOUS \$1,000  
OFFICE EXPENS- ES \$7,000  
PROCESSING \$4,000  
COPIER EXPENS- ES \$3,500  
POSTAGE \$2,500  
NEWSPAPER PRINTING \$2,000  
INTERNET/ COMPUTER/

NETWORK MAINT. \$25,000  
SPECIAL PROJ- ECTS \$15,000  
GRANT EXPENS- ES \$18,000  
CONTINGENCIES \$10,000  
**TOTAL ADMIN- ISTRATION \$116,550**  
**TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDI- TURES \$ 986,100**

**II. SOCIAL SECU- RITY FUND [40 ILCS 5/21-110; 21-110.1] APPROPRIA- TIONS FOR ESTI- MATED EXPENDI- TURES**  
PAYROLL TAXES - SS-MEDI \$38,000  
**TOTAL SOCIAL SECURITY FUND EXPENDITURES \$38,000**

**III. ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RE- TIREMENT FUND [40 ILCS 5/7-105; 7-171] APPROPRIA- TIONS FOR ESTI- MATED EXPENDI- TURES**  
IMRF CONTRIBU- TIONS \$35,000  
**TOTAL IMRF EXPENDITURES \$35,000**

**IV. AUDIT FUND [75 ILCS 16/30- 45 and 50 ILCS 310/9] APPROPRIA- TIONS FOR ESTI- MATED EXPENDI- TURES**  
AUDIT \$14,000  
**TOTAL AUDIT FUND EXPENDI- TURES \$14,000**

**V. LIABILITY, WORKERS' COM- PENSATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE [745 ILCS 10/9- 107] APPROPRIA- TIONS FOR ESTI- MATED EXPENDI- TURES**  
LIABILITY INSUR- ANCE/TORT/RISK MGMT. \$100,000  
**TOTAL LIABI- LITY INSURANCE FUND EXPENDI- TURES \$100,000**

**VI. BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND [75 ILCS 16/35-5] APPROPRIA- TIONS FOR ESTI- MATED EXPENDI- TURES**  
REPAIRS/MAINT. - BUILDING \$75,000  
REPAIRS/MAINT. - GROUNDS \$8,000  
REPAIRS/MAINT. - EQUIP \$65,000  
**TOTAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND EXPENDI- TURES \$148,000**

**VII. SPECIAL RE- SERVE [75 ILCS 16/40-50] APPROPRIA- TIONS FOR ESTI- MATED EXPENDI- TURES**  
CAPITAL EXPEN- DITURES - BUILD- ING \$1,080,000  
CAPITAL EXPEN- DITURES - EQUIP- MENT \$45,000  
**TOTAL SPECIAL RESERVE EX- PENDITURES \$1,125,000**

**Section 2.** There is hereby appropri-

ated for the fiscal year:

**I. GENERAL FUND [75 ILCS 16/35-5] \$986,100**  
**II. SOCIAL SECU- RITY FUND [40 ILCS 5/21-110; 21- 110.1] \$38,000**  
**III. ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RE- TIREMENT FUND [40 ILCS 5/7-105; 7-171] \$35,000**  
**IV. AUDIT FUND [75 ILCS 16/30- 45 and 50 ILCS 310//9] \$14,000**  
**V. LIABILITY, WORKERS' COM- PENSATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE [745 ILCS 10/9-107] \$100,000**  
**VI. BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND [75 ILCS 16/35-5] \$148,000**  
**SPECIAL RE- SERVE [75 ILCS 16/40-50] \$1,125,000**

**Section 3.** All unexpended bal- ances of proceeds received annually from public library taxes not in excess of statutory limits may be transferred to the Special Re- serve Fund, hereto- fore established ac- cording to 75 ILCS 16/40-5, pursuant to plans developed and adopted by this Board and said unexpected balanc- es shall be accu- mulated in this fund for the purpose of erecting a new library building, purchasing a site for the same, or building an addition thereto, or fur- nishing necessary equipment there- fore. The Board further appropriates all sums accumu- lated in said fund or transferred thereto during the 2025 fiscal year, subject to compliance with statutory proce- dures set forth above. **Section 4.** Ex- cept as otherwise provided by law, no further appropria- tions shall be made at any time within such fiscal year, provided that this Board may from time to time make transfers between the various items in any fund not affecting the total amount appropri- ated, or appropri- ations in excess of those authorized by the budget in order to meet an imme- diate and unfore- seen emergency, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the trust- ees present and voting, as provided by 75ILCS 16/30- 90, et seq., and this Board may amend this budget and appropriation ordinance from time to time by the same procedure as prescribed by statute for the orig- inal adoption of a budget and appro- priation ordinance; provided that noth- ing in this section shall be construed

to permit transfer between funds required by law to be kept separate. Any remaining balances after the close of the fiscal year up to twenty percent (20%) of the appropriation shall be available until August 31st for the authoriza- tion of payment of obligations incurred prior to the close of the

fiscal year, and un- til September 30th for the payment of such obligation, and any remaining balances shall be available for the transfer to the Spe- cial Reserve Fund to be accumulated, as provided by 75 ILCS 16/30-90.

**Section 5.** This or- dinance is passed pursuant to statu- tory authority and the Illinois Public Library District Act; Illinois Municipal Budget Law; and other statutes here- unto appertaining. **Section 6.** This or- dinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication according to law. **Section 7.** That if any section, subdivi- sion, or sentence of this ordinance shall for any reason be held invalid or to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the valid- ity of the remain- ing portion of this ordinance. **Section 8.** That a certified copy of the Budget & Appro- priation Ordinance shall be filed with the County Clerks within 30 days after adoption. **Section 9.** The fol- lowing determina- tions by the Board of Trustees are hereby made part of the aforesaid budget:

(a) An estimate of all cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year is expected to be \$1,895,742  
(b) An estimate of all the cash expect- ed to be received during the fiscal year from all sourc- es is \$1,195,226  
(c) An estimate of all the expenditures contemplated for the fiscal year is \$2,446,100  
(d) An estimate of all the cash expect- ed to be on hand at the end of the fiscal year is \$644,868.  
(e) An estimate of the amount of property taxes to be received during the fiscal year is \$1,099,026.

PASSED by the Board of Library Trustees of the Vespasian War- ner Public Library District, DeWitt County, Illinois on this 28rd day of August, 2024, by a vote of:  
AYES: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 2  
APPROVED:

/s/ Laura Hale Laura Hale President, the Board of Library Trustees of the Vespasian Warner Public Library District, DeWitt County, Illinois  
ATTEST: /s/ Janelle Sams-Thomas Janelle Sams-Thomas Vice President

**Estimate of Rev- enue for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for Vespasian Warner Public Library District**

The following is an estimate of reve- nues, by source, anticipated being received by Vespasian Warner Public Library District, County of DeWitt, State of Illinois, during the fiscal year 2024.

**SOURCE/ AMOUNT**

1. Real Estate Tax \$1,099,026
2. Personal Prop- erty Replacement Tax \$40,000
3. Services and Fees \$8,400
4. Interest Income \$ 6,000
5. Farm Income \$25,800
6. Per Capita Grant \$15,872
7. Miscellaneous Grants \$128

**Total: \$1,195,226**

The undersigned, being the Treasurer of the Vespasian Warner Public Library District, hereby certifies that the foregoing is an estimate of reve- nues to be received by Vespasian War- ner Public Library District during the fiscal year 2025. Dated: August 28, 2024

/s/ Matthew Love Matthew Love Treasurer Vespasian War- ner Public Library District

LEGAL 20134 Sept. 6, 2024

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CITY OF CLIN- TON, ILLINOIS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
LEGAL NOTICE CASE NO. 376

Notice is hereby given to all inter- ested parties that an application was filed by Ted's Ga- rage 602 S. Center, Clinton, IL 61727 with the Zoning Administrator of the City of Clin- ton, Illinois on the 30th day of August 2024 requesting a Variance from the City Codes to allow a setback of 10' from the original 25' required. The property is located at 602 S Center St. and 104 E Van Buren St., Clinton, Illinois. The prop- erty is presently

zoned C-3 Highway Business and is de- scribed as follows:

**44 X 90 BEG NW COR NW & 48 X 132 BEG 90 S OF NW COR NW BLK 31 OUT BLOCKS & BEG 44E NW COR OUTBLOCK 31 ORIGINAL TOWN, S90, E44, N90, W44 TO PO- B-OUT BLOCKS**

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a hearing on the Variance on Mon- day September 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Lori Cahall, Sec- retary Zoning Board of Appeals

LEGAL 20135 Sept. 6, 2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE TREE TRIMMING ACT Clinton & Unincorporated DeWitt County, IL AND NEARBY AREAS

TO THE PATRONS OF AMEREN ILLI- NOIS:

Please be advised that Ameren Illinois will trim trees and other vegetation in and around the town(s) of Clinton & Unincorporated, DeWitt County, Illinois. Our quali- fied utility arborists will trim trees and vegetation that could interfere with electric lines that run from pole to pole and else- where. 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 MySafe- Trees.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.

Sincerely, Ameren Illinois For- estry Department

LEGAL 20136 Sept. 6, 2024



# NEWS

# Volunteers grow together during annual Illinois Master Gardener Conference

## Heather Willis

University of Illinois Extension

CHAMPAIGN — From rural farms and small towns to bustling suburbs, over 2,300 dedicated volunteers across Illinois are committed to gardening education and community outreach. While they typically help others learn to grow, Master Gardener volunteers will grow together during the 2024 Illinois Master

Gardener Conference in  
Champaign on Sept. 12-13.

Hosted by Illinois Extension volunteers and staff from Champaign, Ford, Iroquois, and Vermilion counties, the annual conference promises a rich blend of educational sessions, engaging tours, and valuable networking opportunities.

On Sept. 12, attendees can choose from a range of optional tours. Explore the natural beauty of Allerton Park in Monticello with a full-day guided tour or

opt for a half-day experience in the Champaign-Urbana area by visiting a flower farm, vegetable farm, or a garden-focused campus tour.

The conference on Sept. 13 kicks off with a keynote address from Entomologist May Berenbaum, whose research focuses on the interactions between insects and plants and their implications in the organization of natural communities and agroecosystems. Participants

will have the chance to attend three informative breakout sessions, participate in a silent auction, and celebrate at an awards ceremony honoring the exceptional contributions of volunteers from across the state.

This event not only highlights the incredible dedication of volunteers but also provides an opportunity for professional development and networking. Volunteers and staff interested in attending the conference can register at [go.illinois.edu/2015volunteer](http://go.illinois.edu/2015volunteer).

edu/2024MGConference.

University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in programming, contact Candice Anderson at 217-935-5764 or by email at [mille116@illinois.edu](mailto:mille116@illinois.edu). Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting participant needs.

# Don't let your dog bite the hand that serves you

(NAPSI)—Incidents involving dog attacks on Postal Service employees rose to more than 5,800 cases last year—but you can help get those numbers down and keep your own mail delivery up.

## What's Being Done

As part of the USPS 2024 National Dog Bite Awareness Campaign, the organization offers crucial information for dog owners on how to be good stewards for safe mail delivery and protect both their pets and their postal delivery person.

“Letter carriers are exposed to potential hazards every day, none more prevalent than a canine encounter. All it takes is one interaction for a letter carrier to possibly suffer an injury,” said Leeann Theriault, USPS Manager, Employee Safety and Health Awareness. “The U.S. Postal Service consistently encourages responsible pet ownership. The national dog bite campaign is an effort to promote dog bite awareness to keep our customers, their dogs, and letter carriers safe while delivering the mail.”

## What Dog Owners Can Do To

## Help With Safe Mail Delivery

Letter carriers know all dogs can bite, even those perceived as nonaggressive. Dogs are generally protective of their turf and dog owners have an important responsibility to control them to ensure safe mail delivery.

Most people know the approximate time their letter carrier arrives every day. Securing your dog before the carrier approaches your property will minimize any potentially dangerous interactions.

When a letter carrier comes to your home, keep dogs:

- Inside the house or behind a fence;
- Away from the door or in another room; or
- On a leash.

Pet owners also should remind children not to take mail directly from a letter carrier as the dog may view the carrier as a threat to the child.

## Stay Informed, See the Mail Before It Arrives

By using Informed Delivery, a free USPS service, customers can digitally preview incoming mail and packages from a computer, tablet or mobile device. More

than 52 million customers have enrolled since the service was launched in 2017. Sign-up is at [informedelivery.usps.com](https://informedelivery.usps.com). This service can help dog owners anticipate when their carrier will arrive.

## Consequences of a Dog Attack

According to the most recent information available from the Insurance Information Institute, the average cost per insurance claim for a dog bite is \$64,555. When a postal worker suffers an injury, the owner could be responsible for medical bills, lost wages, uniform replacement costs, and pain and suffering for the employee.

## Staying Focused on Delivering

Letter carriers are trained to observe an area where they know dogs may be present. They are taught to be alert for potentially dangerous conditions and to respect a dog's territory.

Letter carriers are trained to:

- Make a non-threatening noise or rattle a fence to alert a dog if entering a yard;
- Never startle a dog;
- Keep their eyes on any dog;

- Never assume a dog will not bite;
- Never attempt to pet or feed a dog; and
- Place their foot against an outward swinging door to prevent a dog from escaping.

If a dog attacks, carriers are also trained to stand their ground and protect their body by placing something—such as a mail satchel—between them and the dog and to use dog repellent, if necessary.

“Even though a customer’s dog is friendly to most people, it can always have a bad day,” said letter carrier Tara Snyder. “I know, from experience, even when a dog is in the house, customers need to make sure their door is secure so their dog can’t push it open and bite the letter carrier.”

Letter carriers have tools to alert them to dogs on their routes. A dog alert feature on carriers' handheld scanners can remind them of a possible dog hazard, and dog warning cards must be used during mail sorting to alert carriers to addresses where a dog may interfere with delivery.

## Holding the Mail

When a carrier feels unsafe, mail service can be stopped. Until the

carrier feels safe enough to restart delivery, the mail will have to be picked up at the dog owner's local Post Office. If a carrier feels a house or neighborhood is unsafe to deliver the mail and there is no way to inform residents their mail service has been suspended, the residents would have to contact the supervisor at their local Post Office for more information. The residents would also have to pick up their mail at the Post Office until it is safe to resume delivery. If a dangerous dog issue is not resolved, owners can be required to rent a Post Office box to receive mail.

## Post Office Facts

The United States Postal Service is an independent federal establishment, mandated to be self-financing and to serve every American community through the affordable, reliable and secure delivery of mail and packages to 167 million addresses six and often seven days a week.

*Learn More*

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