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City council gives updates on projects

Sidewalks, subdivision, water plant work progressing

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CLINTON — The city council had a light agenda for its September 3 regular meeting. Commissioner John Wise presided in the absence of interim mayor Tom Edmunds.

Commissioner of streets and public improvements Ken Buchanan reported on sidewalk work progressing on the square.

“As you know, the sidewalk project is moving along really well,” Buchanan said. “They should have it done in plenty of time for Apple ‘N Pork (Festival).”

Buchanan also noted the progress on the city’s new subdivision. The street and curbs were installed and sidewalks were beginning at the time of the council meeting.

CITY / A2



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GOSPEL BLUEGRASS GROUP ENTERTAINS AT KENNEY FESTIVAL

Two young members of The Mulkins Family gospel band go through a sound check on Saturday before returning to the stage later for their afternoon performance. See more photos from the Kenney Fall Festival on pages **A8, 9 & 14**.

County seeks enforcement of turbine curtailment

Officials look to define their measurement of “reasonable” time

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CLINTON — Members of the county’s land use committee agree they want to set a firm rule for Enel Green Power in the company’s response to severe weather. One word in the county ordinance, however, continues to cause some apprehension as they look to enforce that rule.

The county’s wind energy code refers to allowing a reasonable length of time

for operators of the Alta Farms II wind facility to curtail wind turbines in the event of tornado or severe thunderstorm warnings.

While he has a time limit in mind for how long the procedure should take, land use member Joe Witte has during county meetings often queried how to define what is “reasonable.”

Representative Justin Trenary of Enel attended the August county board meeting and acknowledged at least one of the facility’s turbines had failed to curtail during some severe

weather events this year. “Curtailment” involves slowing the rotation of or stopping wind turbine rotation during severe weather warnings. The practice is based on the possibility the rotation of the blades could interfere with Doppler radar’s ability to track funnel clouds and other weather activity. Under the county’s ordinance, failure to curtail when necessary is punishable by a \$5,000 fine.

COUNTY / A2

CHS ‘Wall of Honor’ nominations being accepted

CLINTON — Nominations are now being accepted for the CHS “Wall of Honor.” All nominees must be CHS Alumni. Additional qualifications are listed.

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“And, starting Thursday (Sept. 5), the crew is supposed to be here to do the resurfacing of Liberty Lane,” Buchanan said. “And, Leander Street.”

Wise reported he accompanied members of city staff on a tour of the water department facility. “I think it was interesting, since some of the others had never been down there before,” Wise said. “I think people don’t understand what all is in that building.”

Wise said the city might in the future arrange some public tours of the plant so people “can see how their money is being spent.”

The council approved the annual permit exemptions for the following vendors for the Apple ‘N Pork Festival: Vespasian Warner Public Library, Clinton Area Farmers & Artisans Market, Clinton Presbyterian Church and Country Junction.

Commissioners also approved to engineering agreements with Cummins Engineering for work on Liberty Lane, one for \$12,649.80 and one for \$14,998.80. They also approved the installation of a warning light on a sewer department vehicle for \$2,500 from Rahn Equipment.

County / from A1



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Alta Farms II wind energy facility

Trenary said he wanted to address the issue, while also improving communications with county officials.

Land use chairman Buck Carter felt the county was not acting to fully enforce the code.

“We’re basically sitting here doing nothing,” Carter said.

Witte said, in his opinion, there had been at least one violation. He said two others were questionable, referring to ordinance language.

“Two others are going to come down to language that is less clear,” Witte said. “In a reasonable time frame’,” Witte paraphrased from the ordinance.

“What is that? Is it five minutes? If not, is it six,” Witte asked. “I think it was unreasonable based on the testimony (from facility site approval hearings), based on, it’s supposed to be automatic.”

Witte also said he believed storm activity occurring in Logan county, to the west, should alert wind facility operators to anticipate a warning could be issued for DeWitt County. He added he did not know if the county had any legal basis for requiring such a practice.

“I guess we would refer it to the state’s attorney and he could consider it,” Witte said. “My opinion is, we have to issue warnings every time they do not curtail at all, otherwise, we’ll never be able to enforce that condition.”

Witte said he felt five minutes was a reasonable time frame for wind facility operators to curtail turbines during weather warnings.

Carter said he felt the three incidents from earlier in the year Witte referred to were violations of the code.

“I thought there were three violations, and I think they should have been notified ...and if they disagreed, they could counter it,” Carter said.

Committee member Megan Myers said she believed there had been clear violations.

“If there’s an issue, there needs to be a fine, and they can contest it,” Myers said.

Myers said the ordinance allows for the rule to be “liberally interpreted in favor of the county.” She felt Enel had received enough time to correct any problems with the Alta Farms II facility.

“I’m with you,” Witte said. “We can issue a fine, and they can make their case.”

Witte said he talked to Trenary the day after the August board meeting and “wanted to believe they’re going to make every effort they can to fix these issues and give an updated status prior to storm season next spring.”

However, he said, in the meantime, issuing fines was the only method the county had for making its point.

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Honor / from A1

Inductees will be honored at the home basketball game on January 21, 2025. The names of all nominees not chosen will be kept on file for five years. If not chosen after five years, they will need to be re-nominated to be considered for the Wall of Honor.

Qualifications for nominees to the Wall of Honor

- All nominees must be CHS alumni, and then it is open to any athlete, student with academic honors, team, or any club that has attained statewide recognition.
- Any athlete/student who finishes first in a state meet shall be automatically nominated to the selection committee.
- Any CCHS varsity team with an undefeated regular season shall be automatically nominated to the selection committee.
- A CCHS team/club shall be considered for nomination if it has attained outstanding record status or state recognition.
- Outstanding athletes of CCHS who have brought honor or fame to the Clinton community by their athletic achievements at the high school, collegiate, or professional level
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URBANA, Ill. — Know someone looking for inspiration to start a gardening project that, to this point, has only been a dream?

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University of Illinois Extension and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach have teamed up for another set of exclusive online sessions exploring today’s popular horticulture topics. The three tracks include trending sessions around Gardening in a Changing Environment, Edible Vegetables, and Nature Critters.

Online symposium attendees can mix and match sessions to pick three different programs to create an individualized experience. One from each track happens at 9 a.m., 10:15 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. Central Time.

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 - 10:15 a.m. - Gravel Gardens and Other Water Wise Gardening Techniques
 - 11:30 a.m. - Urban Forestry for the 21st Century: A Climate Tool for All
- Edible Vegetables
 - 9 a.m. - History and Culture of Vegetables
 - 10:15 a.m. - Colorful Vegetables
 - 11:30 a.m. - Vegetable Gardening Methods for Small Spaces
- Nature Critters
 - 9 a.m. - If You Plant It, They Will Come: A Plan to Attract Birds
 - 10:15 a.m. - What to Expect When You’re Expecting Spotted Lanternfly to Arrive
 - 11:30 a.m. - Better Flower and Garden Photography

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required by Oct. 13 at go.illinois.edu/GIA to receive the Zoom link. A selection of programs will be recorded and made available to only registered participants following the event date.

For questions or if you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact Tracy Jo Mulliken, program coordinator at tmully@illinois.edu or 309-756-9978. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet access needs.

Richland enrollment increases by nearly 5 percent for fall 2024

DECATUR — While several collegiate intitutions in Illinois report declining enrollment, students are rushing back to Richland Community College this fall.

Compared to last fall, enrollment at the college has increased by nearly 5 percent in its fall 2024 semester, according to RCC’s 10-day enrollment numbers.

Richland’s enrollment numbers have been steadily growing each fall over the past two years. In fall 2022, they had 2,075 students enrolled; 2,111 were enrolled in fall 2023. This year, that number has increased to 2,206.

That population includes 27 percent African American and 5.5 percent Hispanic/Latino. One-third of the student population is dual credit students, thanks to dual credit course offerings and partnerships like the Prep Academy.

Along with the increase in enrollment, there is an increase in credit hours. Students are taking on 6% more credit hours than last fall.

Dr. Isaac Zuniga, Executive Vice President of Student and Academic Success, credits this growth to the College’s student support efforts. “At Richland Community College, we’ve seen a significant boost in enrollment, reflecting our commitment to providing accessible, high-quality education that meets the needs of our community,” Zuniga said. “This increase is a testament to our ongoing efforts to support student success and ensure that more individuals have the opportunity to achieve their educational and career goals.”

“It is very heartening to, again, see enrollment increases at Richland,” said Dr. Cris Valdez, President of Richland Community College. “Our faculty and staff have worked diligently to communicate and demonstrate that Richland offers a place of belonging, of support and success, and this fall’s enrollments reflect that work.”

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1943 - Chiang Kai-shek became the president of China.

1948 - The School of Performing Arts opened in New York City. It was the first public school to specialize in performing arts.

1948 - Margaret Chase Smith was elected to the U.S. Senate and became the first woman to serve in both houses of the U.S. Congress.

1959 - The Soviet Union's Luna 2 became the first space probe to reach the moon. It was launched the day before.

1960 - The U.S. Federal Communications Commission banned payola.

1971 - In New York, National Guardsmen stormed the Attica Correctional Facility and put an end to the four-day revolt. A total of 43 people were killed in the final assault. A committee was organized to investigate the riot on September 30, 1971.

1981 - U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig said the U.S. had physical evidence that Russia and its allies used poisonous biological weapons in Laos, Cambodia and Afghanistan.

1988 - Forecasters reported that Hurricane Gilbert's barometric pressure measured 26.13. It was the strongest hurricane ever recorded in the Western Hemisphere.

1993 - "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" premiered on NBC.

1993 - Israel and Palestine signed their first major agreement. Palestine was granted limited self-government in the Gaza Strip and in Jericho.

1994 - U.S. President Bill Clinton signed a \$30 billion crime bill into law.

1998 - The New York Times closed its Web site after hackers added offensive material.

2001 - U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell named Osama bin Laden as the prime suspect in the terror attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001. Limited commercial flights resumed in the U.S. for the first time in two days.

Amber Waves



Lincoln fire

Last Thursday I was approaching the Logan County Courthouse and was behind a car at the four-way stop on the northwest corner of the square. I heard the fire engine sirens coming down Broadway and was annoyed at the car in front of me that pulled out in front of the firetruck. Why people cannot wait 30 seconds to allow emergency vehicles to pass is simply beyond my understanding.

I then went into the courthouse and stopped at the security desk for coffee and doughnuts, which is the start of a typical court day for me on Thursdays. The police radios were active, and I quickly learned that the south end of Sangamon Street by the rail station was on fire.

I then heard the command fire department officer requesting further assistance and not just from his department and Lincoln rural, but from nearby communities. Over 20 fire departments would respond, including Clinton.

These buildings all abut each other and have common walls. The buildings are between 100—150 years old and were built before modern fire codes. The wood in those buildings is literally dried tinder. My wife and I used to own a similar building on Kickapoo Street on the Square. Fire was always a concern, and we had installed a modern fire alarm system before we ever started to use the building.

I say this because of how hot and fast the fire was on Sangamon Street. The south end of the block is now only rubble. The streets are now closed waiting for the demolition work to be accomplished.

Why write about Lincoln when this column is for a DeWitt County audience? BECAUSE—Clinton and all the small towns in the county have the same building types that burned in Lincoln. The wood construction is the same dried tinder. Modern fire codes did not exist when the buildings were built. The downtowns all have common walls and often common roofs, without firewalls. These buildings are just an electrical short or dropped cigarette from being an inferno like Lincoln.

Volunteer firefighters are the backbone of fire defense in DeWitt County. These volunteers are dedicated and well trained. Our communities have been well served by these volunteers and they should be commended. While our volunteers are truly an asset to our community they come with one inherent problem.

The volunteers must leave their homes or employment and travel to the station prior to responding with the fire equipment. Lincoln was able to place a full-time crew on the scene within minutes. Even with that rapid response the fire almost got ahead of them.

Clinton has a minimal crew at



the fire station to get the trucks ready, but they must wait for the volunteers to get to the station. The all-volunteer rural fire departments have that delay of waiting for the firemen to arrive. Meanwhile, the fire is gaining in force and danger.

I fully understand that DeWitt County is a rural county. Rural folks tend to be rather independent and want to take care of themselves. They don't like a lot of government intervention in their lives.

Volunteer fire departments have been a part of rural America since our nation's inception. Individuals supporting others in the community with assistance in time of need has been a cornerstone of rural America. Most rural Americans will tell you that if it is working, don't change it. That is normally very good advice. However, I am still haunted by that response time.

Clinton has a hybrid fire department. The department has that small cadre of personnel at the fire station that keep the trucks ready for rapid dispatch with volunteers coming to the station to

get aboard a prepared truck. That system also works.

Now look at the DeWitt County emergency ambulance service, which at one point was essentially volunteer or funeral home based in DeWitt County. Today, DeWitt County has a county wide full-time ambulance service. That service appears to be working quite well. That service also comes with a tax supported base. Our fire protection districts are all local taxing districts with local control. People like that local control, which is very understandable. The problem remains — response time.

As said above, Clinton has a hybrid system. Could that system be modified for a county wide-system with local volunteers? What is certain is that these old buildings in DeWitt County are subject to the same type of fire risks that occurred in Lincoln last week.

The local fire departments all have mutual aid pacts, which is good. The question that needs to be addressed is what can be done to improve local fire safety. Lincoln's fire should be a wake up call for fire safety in DeWitt County.

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Dealing with COVID ...again

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Here we go again. Not to be an alarmist, but Covid never did go away. It's been creeping around, changing its composition, infecting people, staying one step ahead of medicine every step of the way. And now it's surging again, with the biggest rate of positive cases since January 2022. So says the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. They've been testing wastewater, since that's the one real and true method of detecting illnesses in the community. (When people test at home, the authorities never hear about those cases.) The CDC has been surprised because Covid has been worse this summer than last, calling this surge "very high" in most states and "high" in a dozen more. And now with fall and winter on its way, we need to gear up and be ready to stay safe, again. In case you've forgotten: Wash your hands with antibacterial soap. That has to be the best method of keeping the germs out of your body. Plus, carry a tiny bottle of hand sanitizer in your pocket or purse and

use it on grocery store cart handles. Wear a mask when you're out in public places. Yes, I know, you'll probably be the only one in the store with a mask right now, but remember that the Environmental Protection Agency says Covid particles can hang in the air for hours and transmit from person to person over 6 feet apart. Buy a box of masks if you don't have plenty. Consider signing up for grocery delivery if they have it in your area. If not, and if you must shop, try to avoid crowds and busy shopping times. Use a sanitizing hand wipe to frequently clean your doorknobs, computer mouse, key fobs, remote controls and car steering wheel. By the time you read this, yet another vaccine booster should be out. Decide with your doctor if you should have that. (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

Getting away with long-term fraud

Two thieves created a scam they managed to keep going for over a decade before finally being caught. Keeping it going that long doesn't make them smart; it makes them long-term lowlives. Solely for the purpose of scamming the government, two guys started up a couple of construction companies. Their goal was to bid on the special contracts with the Department of Veterans Affairs that were for small businesses owned by service-disabled veterans. During that decade, they managed to get 67 of the small business contracts, the majority of which were for over \$1 million each.

The problem was that neither scammer had ever served in the military and therefore didn't qualify. Instead, they paid genuine service-disabled veterans to lie and say they owned and ran the companies. Being awarded the contracts took 67 contracts away from real veterans trying to honestly run real businesses. The Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999 aims to award 3% of all government contracts to service-disabled veterans who own small businesses, although in recent years that figure has exceeded 4% of contracts. At this



by Freddy Groves

point there are nearly 2 million veteran-owned businesses. In addition to the 67 scam contracts, in one case the thieves filed a protest against a VA decision to award a contract to another company. The VA had received five proposals for a certain job and chose one based on their examination of that company's qualifications, even though it was not the lowest bid. The scammers lodged protest of several points.

Enter the Office of Inspector General for the VA to investigate the ongoing fraud. For all of their good work, the Social Security Administration can't control the courts. The two scammers will never see a day of jail time even though the penalty for just one of the crimes could have sent them away for 10 years. Instead, they were given a year of probation, some community service and a fine. Clearly not enough to send a strong message to other would-be scammers. (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

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The **angel** of the **LORD** **encamps** **around** **those** **who** **fear** him, **and** he **delivers** **them**. **Taste** and **see** **that** the LORD is **good**; **blessed** is **the** **one** who **takes** **refuge** in **him**.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Judges (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which scripture contains, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death”? Ruth 4:10, Job 7:2, Psalm 23:4, Amos 1:1
3. Though lame on both feet, what descendant of Saul continually ate at King David’s table? Mareshah, Methusael, Micah, Mephibosheth
4. Under what type of tree would the children of Israel come to Deborah for judging? Palm, Sycamore, Fig, Cypress
5. From Matthew 8, who was the first woman that Jesus healed? Paul’s sister, Naomi, Peter’s mother-in-law, Deborah
6. In 1 Samuel 4, which priest had a son named Ichabod? Agabus, Phinehas, Azariah, Malachi

Phinehas
Peter’s mother-in-law, 6)
Mephibosheth, 4) Palm, 5)
2) Psalm 23:4, 3)
ANSWERS: 1) Old,
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NEWS

Warner’s ER upgrade important for the community

Emily Walker
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Warner Hospital has a long and important presence in our community, and many fascinating traces of the hospital’s history can still be found around the building. It’s even a joke among some of the staff that, when they hear an unexpected noise or see the doors swing open mysteriously, Dr. John Warner is still making his rounds.

But, if there’s one place where we want everything to be as modern as possible, it’s a hospital emergency room. Fortunately, the Warner Hospital emergency room received a facelift this year, adding a new look, some great new staff and a wonderful new manager, Lisa Overholser.

As a non-clinical staff member of the hospital, I had noticed a shiny new look and improved waiting area as I walked by, but I was curious to learn more about what the remodel entailed. Lisa was kind enough to take some time out of her busy day to answer some of my questions.

I asked Lisa how she ended up here at our hospital, and she explained that her position here was both a new

opportunity and a homecoming.

Lisa became a nurse in 2008 and got her start at Decatur Memorial Hospital; after that, she worked in various emergency nursing positions, including night shift here at Warner.

When she stepped into her new position this spring, the Emergency Room already had experienced its upgrade.

“My jaw dropped with how amazing it looks,” she said.

The little registration window in the hallway and the cramped waiting area were gone, replaced by the modern reception area and convenient waiting room that exists today.

“I’m proud of Warner for getting to this point of quality care,” she added. “The emergency department now looks like exactly what we are, a critical access hospital ER, a place to admit patients with serious problems and either stabilize or transfer them, as appropriate.”

The patients also noticed these positive changes. Lisa mentioned how several people who hadn’t been here since before the construction

gave positive feedback on the renovations and the staff. Along with the new “look,” there are also several new staff members, who continue the tradition of excellent service that Warner has always had and also bring fresh ideas and experience.

More people are also coming from the surrounding communities as words gets out that, although we are a smaller, community hospital, as Lisa said, “we can do pretty much anything the bigger hospitals can do, and quicker.”

Warner Hospital has always had quality staff and a great emergency department, but with the new renovation, now we also look the part. As Lisa put it, “Patients come here and feel like they’re in the right place, an authentic, modern ER.”

The new, improved Emergency Room is not only something the hospital can be proud of; it’s important for the community. Small community hospitals are an essential resource for severe emergencies, when it’s vital to get care without delay, and a convenient option for people who would rather not have to travel out of town.

When it comes to the Emergency Room, we don’t want to say we hope to see you soon; but if you need us, we’re here and better than ever.


Campfire fun

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. Before getting into cooking and preparing survival foods, I wish to cover outdoor cooking methods. This is not going to be your gas or charcoal grills used for your weekend extravaganzas. As stated earlier, we need to know primitive methods. Campfires is as primitive as it gets.

For kettle cooking, either an iron tripod can be used or the makeshift type with tree limbs. For a cast-iron Dutch oven, it can be placed directly on the fire with hot coals shoveled on top. For skillet use, a wire rack or flat plate is needed over the fire. For a coffee pot, place the pot next to the fire. Before getting into that, let us first build our fire.

If you have ran out of matches, then you need to use more clever or inventive methods. A flintstone and piece of iron is good but can get tedious. Do not despair, I will cover other methods in future articles. Begin with small dry twigs. I like to use my Boy Scout’s knife and shave pieces from the twigs. Add dry pine needles and/or dry tree leaves. Dry grass is good if you can find any. You could try the following method.

After mowing the lawn, collect and dry enough grass to last several weeks as fire starter. At the time you need to use it, more grass can be cut and drying. After the initial batch is used-up, the newly acquired grass is ready to go. With that said, we can proceed with building the



The Culinary Corner
Chef
Roger Joss

fire.

The standard camp fire is known as a tepee. The outer large pieces of wood are formed in the shape of a tepee (in scientific terms: frustra conical curve). Packed inside of that tepee would be the easily combustible materials such as small limbs, twigs, and dry leaves. It would be great if a newspaper is lying around to use for the fire. Be sure to cut out my article first.

A second type of camp fire is known as the cooking camp fire. For this one, you stack the larger pieces of wood in the fashion of a log cabin. The space inside the square is where you put the smaller stuff as described above. Even a small tepee type fire can be started in the center of the log cabin type. There are other types of camp fires, but these two are all you need to know.

The tepee type is best for kettle cooking and the log cabin type is best for rack and skillet cooking. For spit cooking, the coals need to be spread out in a line. In all cases, it is good to make a small hollow for containing the fire. Some put rocks or earth around the perimeter. Always make sure the area is cleared of combustible materials within ten-foot radius of the firepit.

How to start fires is next. Until next time, peace to all.

Clinton Police Department

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09/03/24 Cameren Glass 20, Clinton Possession of adult use cannabis in motor vehicle-passenger. Notice to appear issued
09/04/2024 Richard Heiberg 26, Clinton no valid registration. Notice to appear issued.

Arrests:
09/06/24 Kortnee Britton 21, Decatur was charged with driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. Britton was transported to the DeWitt County Jail and released to corrections.
09/08/24 Amber

Behrendt 39, Clinton was charged with possession of controlled substance. Behrendt was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

DeWitt County Sheriff’s Office

August 16-September 6

Rulber Funes-Martinez, 35, Clinton, was Arrested and Charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle With no Valid License, Permit, or Restricted Driving permit. Funes-Martinez was issued Citations for Speeding (90 mph in a 65 mph zone) and No Valid Driver’s License. Brandon Sanchez, 25, Clinton, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant

charging him with Crim DMG to Prop \$500-10K.

Maya Bartell, 22, Cisco, was issued a Citation for Speeding (82 mph in a 55 mph zone). Bartell was released with a Required Court Appearance.

Dianne Edwards, 45, Champaign, was issued a Citation for Speeding (75 mph in a 55 mph zone). Edwards was released with no Required Court Appearance.

Ashley Isaacs, 34, Mansfield, was arrested on an Instate Warrant.

Nathan Beyer, 47, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Operating Uninsured Vehicle. Beyer was released with a Required Court Appearance.

Dev Patel, 21, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Speeding (77 mph in 55 mph zone). Patel was released with no Required Court Appearance.

Coral Mumaugh, 22, Marseilles, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging her with DRVG Under Infla of Alcohol.

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DUMMY REVERSAL

♠ 8642		♠ K97	
♥ KQ9		♥ 6	
♦ KJ6		♦ 9873	
♣ AKQ		♣ J9853	
♠ AQJT53	North	♠ K97	
♥ 542	West	♥ 6	East
♦ T42		♦ 9873	
♣ 4	Declarer	♣ J9853	
		♠ AJT873	
		♥ AQ5	
		♣ T762	

E-W Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1♥	2♠	3♠	Dbl
Rdbl	Pass	4NT	Pass
5NT	Pass	7♥	All Pass

N-S do well to reach 7♥. North's 3♠ said "Good hand with Heart support", South's Redouble showed a control in Spades, 4NT asked for Aces, and the 5NT response said "Two Aces and a void". That void was clearly in Spades, so North took a shot at the grand slam.

Trusting that the ♠A was not cashing, West led a trump, at which point Declarer could see 12 top tricks. The 13th might come from the Club suit (if the Jack would come down in three rounds), or, if trumps were 2-2 then the 13th trick would come from a Club ruff in Dummy. As you can see, both these lines of play were doomed to failure, but there was a another line available, in the form of a so-called dummy reversal. Instead of counting six trump tricks in her hand plus maybe a single (Club) ruff in Dummy, Declarer reversed her thinking and went for no fewer than four Spade ruffs in her own hand.

Here's how the play started: opening trump lead won in Dummy, Spade ruff, trump to Dummy (East showing out, and putting paid to any ideas of a Club ruff in Dummy) and another Spade ruff. Back to Dummy with a Club, another Spade ruff, back to Dummy with the ♦J, and a fourth Spade ruff. Declarer had negotiated all the required ruffs but still had to get back to Dummy to draw that last enemy trump. As there were more Diamonds out than there were Clubs, Declarer reckoned that returning to Dummy with Diamonds was less likely to run into a defensive ruff. And so it was, with the dummy reversal bringing in 13 tricks.

P.S. If trumps had been 2-2 then Declarer would have abandoned the dummy reversal, counting up to 13 tricks with six trumps plus six side-suit tricks plus one ruff in the short hand. But when the dummy reversal became necessary the arithmetic changed to only three trump tricks (in Dummy) plus six side-suit tricks plus four ruffs in the long hand.

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

Super Crossword

DEFINITELY NOT DICKENS

- ACROSS**

1 Lethal snake

6 Racecar sticker

11 "T.N.T." rock band

15 Drug in "Brave New World"

19 Basic truth

20 Cheap, in adspeak

21 Letter carriers carry it

22 Eurasian border river

23 Start of a riddle

26 Harden by heat

27 Negating word

28 Ellipses

29 Wide foot-wear spec

30 Take off silent mode

32 Goofs up

34 "Time — great healer"

35 Pitcher Hideki —

37 Deep red

39 Riddle, part 2

43 Mommies

44 Hwy. felony

45 Easy throw

46 Shooters' org.

47 Showy feather

50 Good buddy

52 Univ. lecturer

54 Underdog's win

56 Riddle, part 3

61 Served perfectly

62 On in years

63 Set straight

64 Slander

68 Broadway's — -Manuel Miranda

69 Begin litigation against

70 Parenthetical comment

71 Gave grub to

72 Issa of HBO's "Insecure"

73 Kooky guy

75 Dunne of film

76 With 86-Across, totally wrong

77 Indication

78 Riddle, part 4

82 Cynically callous

85 Young lady

86 See 76-Across

87 Dentist's filler

88 Enzyme

name suffix

89 Pre-1991 world power

91 Antinarcotics org.

93 "Umami" taste source

94 End of the riddle

102 "Oh! Carol" singer Neil

103 Leaks slowly

104 Objective

105 Biz bigwig

107 Green gem sources

109 Third of July?

110 Sam of the Watergate hearings

112 "Dear Yoko" dedicatee

113 Lead singer of U2

114 Riddle's answer

118 Novelist — Easton Ellis

119 Narrow street

120 Wall painting

121 Astronaut's garment

122 Lawn patches

123 Cost of cards

124 U.S. soccer star Lalas

125 "— la vista, baby!"

DOWN

1 Michael of "Noises Off"

2 Part of OED

3 Small eatery

4 Aussie leaper

5 Arsenal stuff

6 Corrupt

7 Hygiene product company

8 Boston catches

9 Even one

10 Large intestine's place, for short

11 One-celled swimmer

12 Feline pet

13 God, to Godard

14 "Tom — Jack Ryan" (TV series)

15 Compton, to Los Angeles

16 Speeches

17 Be positive

18 Hoppy brew

24 Bad things

25 Back area

31 Gauged

33 Totaled (up)

35 Debt memo

36 Residential area of a city

38 Pennsylvania, par example

40 Max who played Jethro

41 Doing nothing

42 Children's author Syd

47 Holy hymn

48 Saint — (Caribbean nation)

49 Capsize

50 Magnet part

51 Total (up)

52 Lion groups

53 Great anger

55 Many a shareable PC file

57 Small hill

58 Tools utilizing beams

59 "So Wrong" singer Patsy

60 Football's — Beckham Jr.

65 Sans-serif typeface

66 Lava, beneath the surface

67 Tiny, to a tot

69 Ohio city on Lake Erie

70 Part of MFA

71 Fly like a bee

74 West of film

75 Mythical escapee of Crete

76 Stupefaction

77 Dollar bill

79 As well

80 Cotton-tipped stick

81 Menu, e.g.

82 Skull bones

83 City WSW of Raleigh

84 Numbed, as pain

90 Donna of Clinton's Cabinet

91 Sheepskin, so to speak

92 UFO riders

93 Imitate

95 Seers' cards

96 Sobieski of "Branded"

97 Editing mark

98 Auditory canal

buildup

99 City in central Italy

100 Second book of the Bible

101 "Don't admit to that"

106 — Rican

108 Comic Laurel

110 Raison d'—

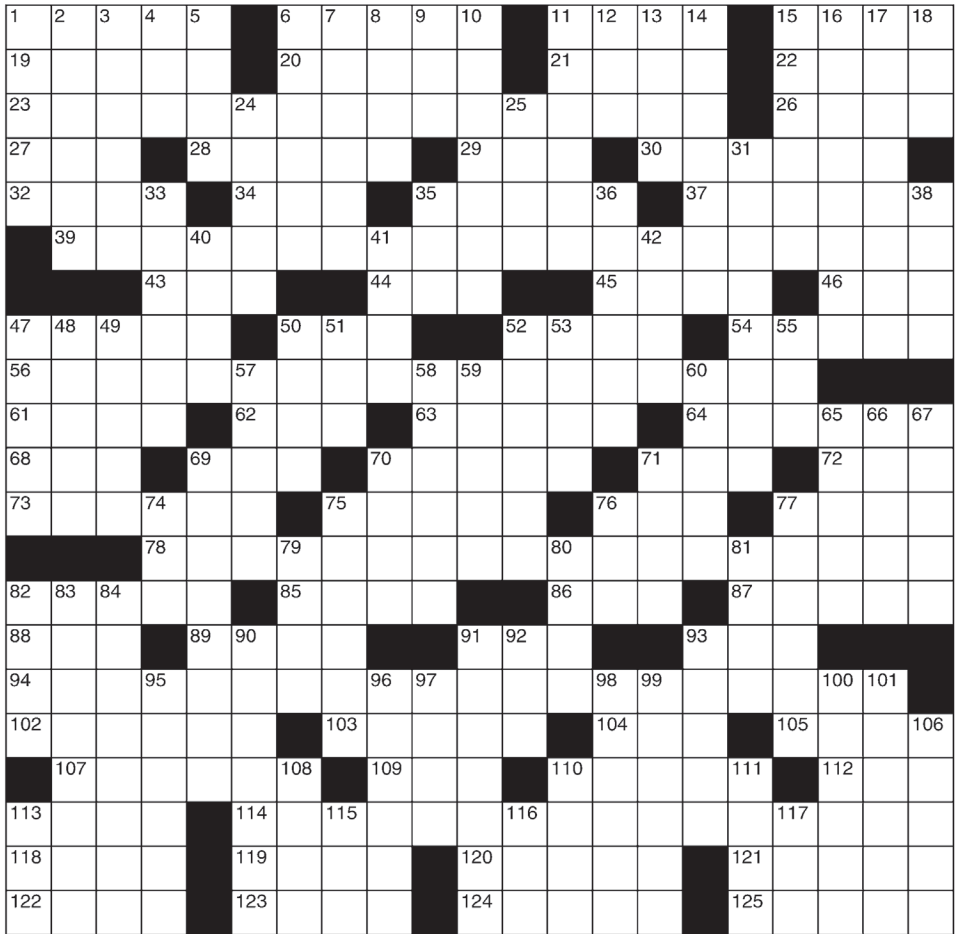
111 Close by

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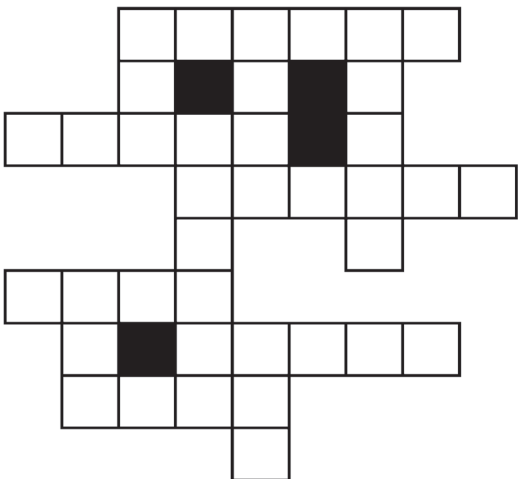
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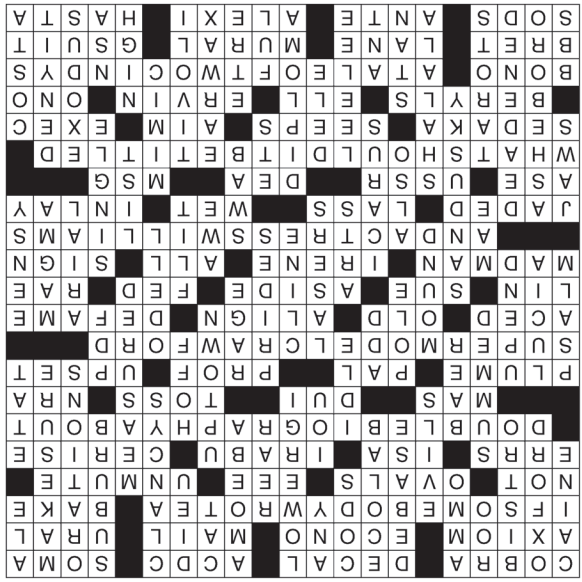
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Respondents.

CASE NO. 2024-CH-6

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Public Notice is hereby 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 addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as:

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Dated this 28 day of August, 2024

/s/ Kari L. Harris
County Clerk

No. 2024DBA-0210

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The DeWitt County Finance Committee will have a special meeting on September 24, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the County Building.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the election to be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 2024, at the precincts listed in the attachment hereto, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of Heyworth Community School District No. 4, McLean and DeWitt Counties, Illinois:

Shall members of the Board of Education of Heyworth Community Unit School District No. 4, McLean and DeWitt Counties, Illinois, be elected in 2025 and thereafter, at large and without restriction by area of residence within the district instead of the current restriction that not more than three (3) members on the board of education may be selected from one (1) congressional township in the school district?

YES
NO

The polls at said election shall be open at 6:00 o'clock a.m. and continue open until 7:00 o'clock p.m. of that day.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2024.

/s/ Kari L. Harris
County Clerk, The County of DeWitt

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the general election to be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 2024, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of Deland-Weldon Community Unit School District No. 57, Piatt and DeWitt Counties, Illinois:

Shall the members of the Board of Education of Deland-Weldon Community Unit School District No. 57, Piatt and DeWitt Counties, Illinois, be elected at large and without restriction by area of residence within the school district?

The polls at said Election will open at 6:00 o'clock A.M.

and will continue to be open until 7:00 o'clock P.M. of that day.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2024.

County Clerk,
County of Piatt
State of Illinois

OR

/s/ Kari L. Harris
County Clerk,
County of DeWitt
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INVITATION TO BID

The City of Clinton, Illinois will receive bids in the office of the City Clerk, 118 West Washington Street, 2nd Floor, Clinton, Illinois 61727, for the purpose of demolition in Clinton, Illinois. The project consists of demolition of the structures at 215 E Julia St. Clinton, IL.

Sealed bids for the project will be received by the City of Clinton, 118 W. Washington Street, PO Box 378, Clinton, Illinois, 61727, until Friday, September 27, 2024 10:00 am. The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Armed with tax incentives, an EV parts maker to locate in Illinois

Kevin Bessler
The Center Square

CHICAGO – With a rash of companies deciding to leave Illinois for greener pastures, a Swedish company is setting up shop in the Land of Lincoln.

The electric vehicle component manufacturer Ymer Technology recently opened its new U.S. headquarters in Buffalo Grove. The company will produce cooling technology and thermal management systems for EVs.

“Illinois’ future is electric, and we’re leading the charge and open for business,” said Gov. J.B. Pritzker. “Their cooling technology and thermal management systems will not only enhance our EV supply chain, they will help us make EVs more affordable, create

good jobs, and grow our clean energy economy.”

Kevin Considine, CEO of the non-profit organization Lake County Partners, said a huge factor in attracting the company was the tax incentives from the Reimagining Energy and Vehicles (REV) in Illinois agreement.

“A number of organizations, including Lake County Partners, have been able to help change the story around Illinois,” said Considine. “There are a number of incentives that Illinois didn’t use to have that other states had that are important in the competitive process for a lot of these growing industries.”

The agreement between Ymer and the state does not speify how much in tax credits the company will receive. In December 2022, Pritzker signed HB5189, enacting amendments to the Reimagining Electric Vehicles in Illinois Act (REV Illinois Act), and making other tax changes. The amendments to the REV Illinois Act include allowing projects subject to existing agreements under the EDGE Tax Credit Act to be designated as REV Illinois projects, allowing projects to continue receiving EDGE tax credits if they cease to qualify as REV Illinois projects, providing for the renewal of certain agreements, and increasing the maximum amount of the REV Illinois credit for withholding for retained jobs.

Not every EV-related company coming to Illinois has been welcomed with open arms. Gotion, which manufactures EV batteries, received over \$8 billion in federal and state subsidies for its Manteno plant.

U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood, R-Peoria, said he has concerns

with Gotion’s ties to the Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

“While I believe it’s important that we incentivize business growth, it is simply unacceptable that governors like J.B. Pritzker and Gretchen Whitmer have decided to leave taxpayers on the hook for billions in federal subsidies funneling the companies beholden to maligned actors like the CCP,” said LaHood.

Gotion also is opening a plant in Michigan, where Whitmer serves as governor.

Ymer Technology is bucking the trend and is locating its U.S. headquarters in Illinois. In recent months, numerous companies have moved their headquarters out of Illinois for various reasons, including Boeing, Caterpillar, Tyson Foods and Morton Salt.

A beginner’s guide to fall planting and maintenance

(METRO) — Spring and summer are perhaps the busiest times of year for gardeners. However, fall also is a prime time to tend to gardens.

The tree and bare root retailer Bower & Branch advises that soil temperatures in many regions of the country may still be warm enough to encourage root growth well into the start of winter. Furthermore, fall is often the ideal time to plant, fertilize and keep a garden going or to get a head start on next year’s bounty.

Here are some tips to make the most of the fall gardening season.

- Think about fall annuals and bulb planting. Near the end of September, start planting cool-weather-loving pansies and violas for pops of color as summer flowers fade. Also, it’s a good idea

to stock up on bulbs that will bloom in the months to come before they sell out in stores. Wait until the temperatures really cool down before planting them in desired spots for spring sprouts.

- Sow salad seeds. Lettuce, spinach, radishes, and arugula tolerate cooler temperatures. Try new and interesting lettuce varieties and enjoy salads well into the fall season.
- Take inventory of the sun. Positioning a garden carefully means maximizing hours of sunlight, which begin to dwindle in the fall. Experts say gardens grow best in sunny locations that receive six hours of direct sunlight each day. This is where container gardens can be helpful, as they allow gardeners to move plants into spots that will get ample sunlight.
- Fill in landscaping gaps. Some fall plants can add color around the landscape and brighten up homes to add curb appeal. In addition to pansies and violas, asters, kale and chrysanthemums are fall blooms. Keep in mind that mums can come back year after year. So take them out of those flower pots and get them into the ground. They can be enjoyed next year as well, sprouting in early spring and developing leaves and buds through late summer.
- Clean up unwanted growth. Fall is an ideal time to cut back spent vegetable plants and get rid of errant weeds. Rather than bagging leaves, mow them with a grass catcher and then add the mix to a vegetable garden as an excellent soil insulator. The nitrogen and

carbon will fertilize the soil, enhancing growing possibilities and limiting weed growth.

- Propagate plants in the fall. As temperatures gradually begin to cool, start taking cuttings from perennials, gathering seed pods from azaleas and rhododendrons and dividing hardwood cuttings, says the resource Gardening Know How. Consult with a garden center or horticulturist on the proper ways to propagate stems using rooting hormone and other techniques.
- Continue to water plants. Water is essential in the fall and winter as roots can still be growing. Gradually reduce watering duration as plants go dormant.

Fall planting and maintenance can extend gardening season and improve the chances of growing a healthy spring garden.

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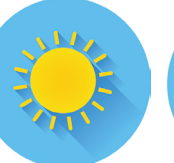
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September 14
1965: A tornado moved across the northwest part of Peoria. A brick school lost its roofs and a wall. Three homes were destroyed, and several industrial buildings were damaged. 30 people were injured.

2008: The remnants of Hurricane Ike tracked across southern Illinois, producing numerous wind gusts of 50 to 75 mph, with the strongest winds along the Ohio River. Two to 5 inches of rain also occurred, and combined with the lingering runoff from Hurricane Gustav's remnants a few days earlier to produce widespread flooding. Some areas received up to 9 inches of rain between the two events, southwest of Peoria and southeast of Springfield.

Five fall tips for cool-season lawn care

Christopher Enroth
University of Illinois Extension

URBANA, Ill. — As the sun sets on another summer season, lawn care does not stop. When it comes to routine turf maintenance, the late summer to early fall months are critical for cool-season lawns.

Cool season lawns are a group of turf species comprised mainly of Kentucky bluegrass, tall fescue, perennial ryegrass, and fine fescue. Many Illinois homeowners with a lawn are likely to have a cool-season type. Cool-season lawns green up quickly in the spring and fall but may go dormant during the hottest part of summer.

Cool-season lawns coming out of a hot, dry summer will be stressed and could use some tender,

loving care. The following are five tips to give a lawn a pick-me-up as the summer fades to fall.

Aerate. Aeration is a great way to relieve soil compaction and reduce thatch. The machine for the job is a hollow-tine aerator or core aerator. Operate the core aerator a few days after rain when the soil is still slightly damp. Core aerators cannot cut into hard, dry soil. Leave the soil cores to break down over the next few weeks.

Overseed. Broadcast seed into an established lawn with a seeder or by hand. Slit seeders are a great tool for overseeding into established lawns. Select a high-quality seed and set the seeder at the correct rate.

Bonus Tip: To patch bare spots, rake up the soil surface for good seed-to-

soil contact. Mix bagged topsoil with bagged compost 50/50. Combine grass seed with the soil and compost mix at a 3:1 ratio. Three scoops of soil mixed with one scoop of seed. Apply the 3:1 mix to the bare spot, and firm up the patch by hand. Keep the area moist until germination and follow up with watering while the young grass plants develop.

Fertilize. Apply one pound of nitrogen fertilizer per 1,000 square feet. If a lawn only gets one feeding a year, it should be before fall. The window for Central Illinois is August 15 through September 15. Adjust accordingly to early August in northern counties, and September for southern counties.

Optional: Apply a late-season fertilizer called a winterizer one week after

the final mowing of the season.

Mulch clippings and leaves. By bagging clippings and leaves, nutrients are taken away from the soil. Ditch the bag and return those nutrients and organic matter back to the lawn. Lawns, where clippings are not bagged, can go longer between fertilizer applications. Research at Michigan State University shows that shredding fall leaves into the turf can improve lawn health. For those wishing to preserve leaves for insect overwintering habitat, rake the leaves from the desired lawn space into planting

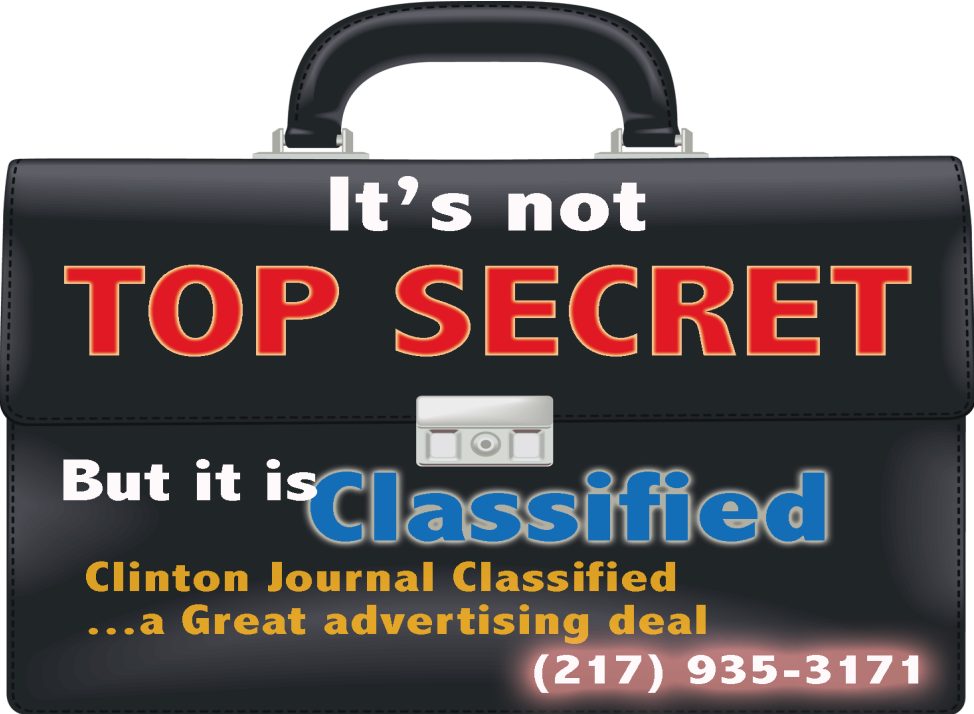
beds.

Perennial weed control. Fall is also a great time to kill broadleaf weeds such as dandelion or creeping Charlie. At this time of year, perennial weeds prepare for winter, sending carbohydrates to their roots. Applying a systemic herbicide at this time will be more successful at killing the entire plant, above- and below-ground. Once the weeds are dead, cool temperatures are conducive for cool-season turf to fill in the bare spots.

For more on lawns, visit extension.illinois.edu/lawns. For questions, connect with

a location Extension office at go.illinois.edu/ExtensionOffice.

Chris Enroth is an Illinois Extension horticulture educator for Henderson, Knox, McDonough, and Warren counties. Gardeners Corner is a quarterly newsletter from gardening experts around the state. Each issue highlights best practices that will make your houseplants, landscape, or garden shine in any season. Join the Gardener's Corner email list at go.illinois.edu/GCsubscribe for direct access to timely tips.



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