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'SENIOR NIGHT' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Lady Maroons varsity volleyball marked annual 'Senior Night' on Monday before taking the court against Shelbyville. **More photos on page A8.**

Mt. Pulaski bank coming to Clinton

Longview Bank plans Clinton branch for spring opening

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CLINTON — Longview Community Bank, of Mt. Pulaski, plans to have a branch bank open in Clinton by next spring, bank president William Glaze told the Clinton Journal on Friday, Oct. 11.

Clinton City Council was scheduled to see the planning commission's recommendation during the council's regular meeting on Tuesday. Glaze said the plan was to begin work immediately on the site chosen just south of Evergreen FS along Rt. 54 west near Dairy Queen and the Clinton Antique Mall.

Longview Community Bank is a part of Longview Capital Corporation, based in Newman, Ill. The company bought The Farmers Bank of Mt. Pulaski in August 2022.

Longview also has a branch in Chestnut, formerly known as the Bank of Chestnut, as well as branches throughout central Illinois. Longview is owned by employees and bank board members. <https://www.longviewcb.com>

Longview Capital Corporation also operates the Bank of Gibson City. The company serves primarily rural customers in Illinois and west central Indiana.

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Ballot includes questions on reproductive health, tax reform, election interference

Andrew Adams

Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Lawmakers in Illinois are asking voters to weigh in on three hot-

button issues on their ballots this year: election interference, income taxes and reproductive health care.

Voters in Illinois are being posed three "advisory" questions that ask voters whether

they support a specific policy but aren't legally binding. Lawmakers may take the results into account when considering what policies to advocate for in future legislative sessions.

Should any candidate appearing on the Illinois ballot for federal, State, or local office be subject to civil penalties if the candidate interferes or attempts to interfere with an election worker's official duties?

Should the Illinois Constitution be amended to create an additional 3 percent tax on income greater than \$1,000,000 for the purpose of dedicating funds raised to property tax relief?

BALLOT / A12



Courtesy of the DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

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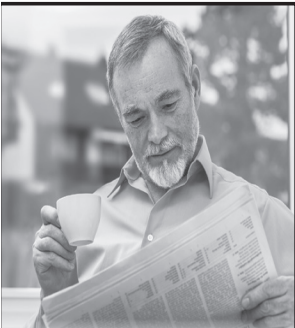
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Local author to moderate discussion on wrongful conviction

CLINTON — Local author and journalist Edith Brady-Lunny will serve as moderator for an Oct. 22 discussion at Illinois State University on wrongful convictions.

Wrongful Conviction: a conversation with Alan Beaman and his Attorney will be held at 7 p.m. at ISU's Braden Auditorium in the Bone Student Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the free event.

Beaman was a 22-year-old college student when he was convicted in 1995 of killing his former girlfriend. He spent more than a dozen years in prison before the Illinois Supreme Court reversed his conviction based on an opinion that the prosecutor violated Beaman's right to due process by failing to disclose information implicating another potential suspect in the murder.

Joining Beaman for the event will be Jeffrey Urdangen, the Chicago lawyer who represented Beaman for 28 years in the criminal proceedings and a civil lawsuit that resulted in a \$5.4 million settlement earlier this year.


Brady-Lunny covered the Beaman case as a reporter for The Pantagraph and a correspondent for WGLT. She is the author of *The Unforgiven: the untold story of one woman's search for love and justice, the story of the deaths of three children in Clinton Lake.*

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I do not have all the answers for every situation. But you do if you apply yourself. Go to a park where they allow or have fire pits, and then, test out what you know and practice it. Have fun and make a family outing of it.

Whole family should learn how it is done and help. Might even make a game of it and see who can first get a fire started with the flint rock method. Everyone should learn how to do each procedure. Remember that perfection is not the goal; learning is.

An important part of survival learning is to do prep work. I will explain how to gain potable water through various methods. The important part of prep work comes in checking it out or testing its viability. For example, I will explain certain methods for obtaining drinking water (potable). After trying a few methods from various water sources, have it tested. There are various labs for this.

Farmers who use their own well water commonly have this done. Ask where they take theirs or check with a chartered university such as University of Illinois. Consider pollution. Always remember that certain toxins and insecticides



The Culinary Corner
Chef Roger Joss

cannot be filtered out; whereas, most bacteria and particles can. Always be safe.

Also, use your imagination and wits. In other words, set down and ponder on how best to do things and in what ways to make them better. For example, I had mentioned using a flint stone and iron for a striker as a standby method. You might not know what flint looks like or where to look for it in the woods or gravel pit. They might not be found anymore at sports shops or in the camping section of department stores. In that case, get for yourself a flint lighter.

When I was a boy, smoking cigarettes were commonplace among adults and so were those old flint lighters (pocket lighters). Although I did not smoke, I have a few flint lighters at home for nostalgic reasons. Today, we have throw-away lighters such as Bic lighters. Once the fuel is used-up in one of those Bic lighters, do not throw it away. It could be useful for a substitute to the traditional flint & striker.

On this matter of survival tactics, you will find my articles atypical. That is to say, in a jumbled state likened to the woman's proverbial purse. And so are these particular articles about survival methods. Please ladies. After reading this article, don't hit me with your purses.

Until next time, peace to all.

It's important to notify us about changes when you get Social Security benefits

Selena Higgins
Social Security district manager, Normal



If you receive Social Security, you can help to make sure we pay you the right benefit each month. You can do that by telling us about relationship or other life changes that could affect your eligibility for retirement, survivors, or disability benefits – or the benefit amount.

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Clinton Police Department

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10/08/24 Cole Anderson 28, Clinton expired registration. Notice to appear issued.
10/10/24 Patrick Martin 23, Clinton no insurance. Notice to appear issued.
10/12/24 Jayma, Trahan 49, Decatur Operating uninsured vehicle, failure to reduce speed /accident, and use of electronic communication device on roadway. Notice to appear issued.
10/13/24 Dawson Lovett 20, Dixon speed. Notice to appear issued.

Arrests:
10/09/24 Joseph Goheen 34, Johnsbury was charged with retail theft. Goheen was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.
10/09/24 Jaydon Leblanc 20, Clinton was charged with DUI. Leblanc was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

Sept. 27-Oct. 4

Nickalas Sigler, 18, Clinton, was issued Citations for Failure to Reduce Speed/Accident and Operating Vehicle

while Registration Suspended. Sigler was released with a Required Court Appearance.
Andrew Miller, 37, Mahomet, was issued a Citation for Leaving Scene of Accident – Vehicle Damage. Miller was released with no Required Court Appearance.
Mohammed Abdelal, 18, Springfield, was issued a Citation for Speeding (77 in a 55 mph zone). Mohammed was released with no Required Court Appearance.
Mathis Westbrooks, 21, Clinton, was arrested, charged and issued a Citation for Speeding 35 mph or more above limit (114 mph in a 55 mph zone).
Tara Evans, 36, Clinton, was issued Citations for Operating Uninsured Vehicle and Speeding (80 mph in a 55 mph zone). Evans was released with a Required Court Appearance.
Oscar Garcia, 19, Deland, was issued a Citation for Speeding (76 mph in a 55 mph zone). Garcia was released with no Required Court Appearance.
Chase McNamara, 27, Oreana, was issued a Citation for Speeding (70 mph in a 55 mph zone). McNamara was released with no Required Court Appearance.
Maggie Ray, 30, Argenta,

was issued a Citation for Speeding (75 mph in a 55 mph zone). Ray was released with no Required Court Appearance.
Brandon Howard, 32, Saint Joseph, was issued a Citation for Speeding (78 mph in a 55 mph zone). Howard was released with no Required Court Appearance.
Julius Jackson, 34, Decatur was issued Citations for Speeding (77 mph in a 55 mph zone); Operating Uninsured Vehicle and Operating MV while Regis Suspended for Mandatory Insurance. Jackson was released with a Required Court Appearance.
Kanasha Adams, 20, Peoria, was arrested, charged and issued a Citation for Driving While License Suspended.
Wyatt Hosier, 36, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Expired Registration. Hosier was released with no Required Court Appearance.
Austyn Merritt, 28, Melbourne, FL, was issued a Citation for Speeding/Construction Zone. Merritt was released with a Required Court Appearance.
Abdulhaq Waseeq, 35, Urbana, was issued a Citation for Speeding (68 mph in a 55 mph zone). Waseeq was released with a Required Court Appearance.

Jontarius Currie, 18, Decatur, was arrested and charged with Possession Adult Use Cannabis in Motor Vehicle Outside Approved Container.
Derrick Riley, 20, Nokomis, was issued a Citation for Operating Uninsured Vehicle. Riley was released with a Required Court Appearance.
Clayton Ford, 19, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Speeding (77 mph in a 55 mph zone). Ford was released with no Required Court Appearance.
Michael Landers, 70, Beason, was issued a Citation for Operating Uninsured Vehicle. Landers was released with a Required Court Appearance.
Cameron Cisco, 35, Kenney, was issued a Citation for Expired Registration. Cisco was released with no Required Court Appearance.
Brian Bair, 50, Ottawa, was arrested, charged and issued Citations for Registration Suspended; Speeding (105 mph in a 55 mph zone); Operating Uninsured Vehicle; and Driving while License Revoked.

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OPINION

HISTORY ALMANAC

1967 - The American League granted permission for the A's to move to Oakland. Also, new franchises were awarded to Kansas City and Seattle.

1968 - Two black athletes, Tommie Smith and John Carlos, were suspended by the U.S. Olympic Committee for giving a "black power" salute during a ceremony in Mexico City.

1969 - The U.S. government banned artificial sweeteners due to evidence that they caused cancer.

1970 - Quebec's minister of labor was found strangled to death after eight days of being held captive by the Quebec Liberation Front (FLQ).

1971 - After 34 years, the final issue of "Look" magazine was published.

1977 - Reggie Jackson tied Babe Ruth's record for hitting three home runs in a single World Series game. Jackson was only the second player to achieve this.

1983 - General Motors agreed to hire more women and minorities for five years as part of a settlement with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

1985 - South African authorities hanged black activist Benjamin Moloise. Moloise had been convicted of murdering a police officer.

1989 - Egon Krenz became the leader of East Germany after Erich Honecker was ousted. Honecker had been in power for 18 years.

1989 - The space shuttle Atlantis was launched on a mission that included the deployment of the Galileo space probe.

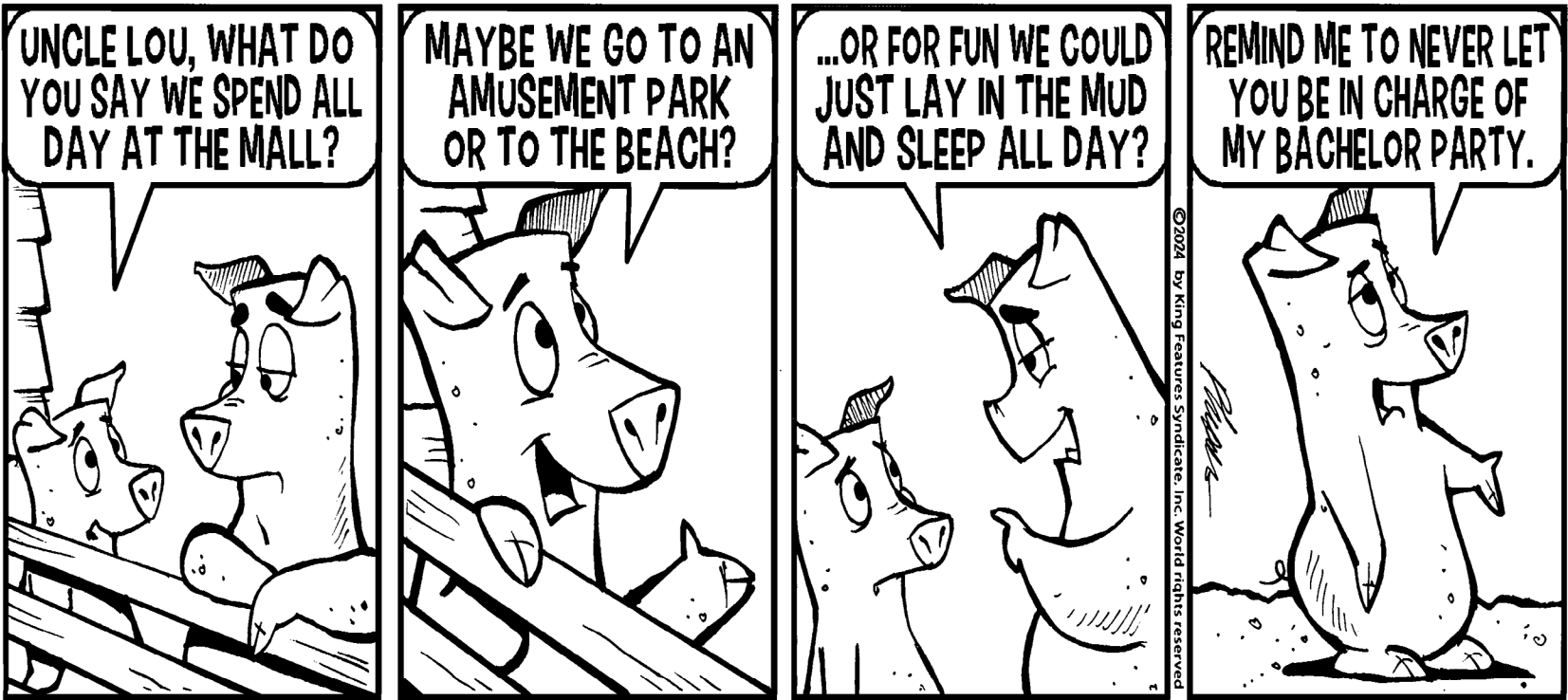
1990 - Iraq made an offer to the world that it would sell oil for \$21 a barrel. The price level was the same as it had been before the invasion of Kuwait.

1997 - A monument honoring U.S. servicewomen, past and present, was dedicated at Arlington National Cemetery.

2006 - Microsoft released Internet Explorer 7.0.

2013 - Saudi Arabia became the first nation to reject a seat on the United Nations Security Council. Jordan took the seat on December 6.

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

Three weeks out

It's three weeks out from the election as I write this and less when you read it.

The political pundits are all over the page with predictions, and James Carville is close to cardiac arrest. Everyone has a theory and everyone is citing a poll that favors their candidate. I personally would not wager a dollar on this presidential race. The polls are interesting, but I find the back story to be more insightful.

The national polls are essentially showing both Harris and Trump at 48 percent this week. That is a tie. The seven battleground states are a mixed bag with slight swings and most within the margin of error. Pollsters on the past two elections underestimated Trump's strength. Trump pulled it out with Clinton, but lost to Biden. The pollsters say they have made accommodations for that undervote in the polls, but who knows. It is that back story that keeps pinching me.

Trump has campaigned recently in solid Harris states of California and New York. These were not fundraisers, but actual rallies. Why campaign in deep blue states

when it is the swing states that conventional wisdom states will turn the election. What message is Trump sending? I don't know, but a campaign doesn't spend that kind of money without an agenda.

The country has had two hurricanes in the past couple of weeks. This is an opportunity for Harris to step forward and demonstrate that the administration is in charge. President Biden and Governor DeSantis were drooling over complimenting each other over their responses to the disaster. Harris has seemed inconsequential and that has not helped her campaign. Trump has made appearances after both hurricanes that appear to have helped his standing with the voters.

Harris has surely attempted to raise her standing on the border issues and immigration. She now voices support for a more secure border and enforcement of immigration laws. That position change may be too late as the Border Patrol Union has now endorsed Trump. That endorsement is a major win for Trump and a decided blow to Harris.



Harris adopted Biden's campaign strategy of minimizing contact with the press. That strategy appeared to be working as the polls had Harris with a significant lead until recently. To her credit Harris then appeared for several interviews with single media outlets. Even though she gave her interviews with left leaning organizations, it did improve her image. That image got tarnished when she gave an interview to 60 minutes with two different answers to the same question using the editing process. That has created some negative press for Harris. That feedback must have been intense as she agreed to do an interview with Bret Baier of Fox News on Wednesday of this week. Harris's internal polling must be showing

some significant losses in standing for her to agree to an interview on Fox News.

Early voting clearly indicates a preference for Harris. Will that continue? Trump continues to get negative press from his court cases. Will the silent Trump voters actually turn out this year as they have in the past? Will young black males go to the polls and vote for Harris, or will a significant number of them actually vote for Trump. Will republicans for Harris be a serious voting segment?

My observation is that Harris has the lead, but Trump has the current momentum. This election may well come down to who makes a critical blunder in the next two weeks. Cast your vote and then stay up late on election night as this race looks like it could be an all nighter before the voters' choice is known. I'm not betting.

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

Get ready for 2025 adaptive sports and arts

Over 15,000 veterans will be able to take advantage of the Department of Veterans Affairs' Adaptive Sports Program courtesy of nearly \$16 million in grants that have been handed to 91 organizations across the country. The current program runs until September 2025, and disabled veterans will be able to participate not only in adaptive sports, but in therapeutic arts as well.

The national, regional and community grant recipients host a wide variety of programs, ranging from



by Freddy Groves

SCUBA to wheelchair basketball to archery to skiing to equine therapy and so much more.

Check out department.va.gov/veteran-sports for the highlights of some of the sports, clinics and games that will be offered. For even more info, click on the Fact Sheet link. Whether it's Golden Age games (for those over

age 55, May 31 - June 5, 2025) or sports clinics, if you see something you're interested in, don't wait. Contact those who sponsor the events and find out about how to participate.

If you're hesitant to explore the possibilities for next year, keep in mind that in many cases, the clinics and training are ongoing! For competition next year, you need to start now! If you're training and participating at a high level, in some cases there are stipends and monthly training allowances if you

qualify.

Take a look at Move United (moveunitedsport.org) and click on Warfighters. Their goal is to provide adaptive sports opportunities to severely wounded warriors. At this point, over 19,000 veterans have participated in the group's 65-year history. Over 70 sports are offered: adaptive badminton, football, fishing, rock climbing and more. Whether the disability is from brain injury, burns, spinal cord or visual impairment, it doesn't

matter if the disability was due to combat. If you have questions, you can give them a call at 301-217-0960.

And then there are the volunteers. You're needed. Apply now. The events and training can't take place without you. Call the organization that you're interested in supporting and get started now.

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OPINION

READERS' LETTERS

Heil Trump!

I took political science and American history at I.S.U. but had no cause to apply it until now. Though not a political person, I am not ignorant of politics. If politics is handled properly, it can be a comprehensive blessing.

Trump compared himself to Washington and Lincoln. Let us compare these two legendary men to Trump.

George Washington was noted for being truthful. Trump is accused of telling more than 30,000 lies during one term in office. Washington commanded a fighting force for liberty. Trump encouraged an attack on our capital. Washington was involved with our constitution for ensuring democracy. Trump threatens to dissolve the constitution.

The people begged Washington to extend his presidency. He turned them down to avoid even a hint of monarchy. Washington fought against King George III of England; not for himself to become King George Washington of America. Trump promises to be a dictator and is involved with project 2025, assuring an authoritarian government. Hitler had a similar instruction book called “Mein Kampf.”

Lincoln was called honest Abe. Trump was found guilty of business fraud with 34 felony convictions. Lincoln fought to reunite the people and mitigate disagreements. Trump has sown discontent and division with conspiracy lies. Lincoln respected the law and championed forgiveness and love. Lincoln presented the Gettysburg address to honor the fallen soldiers. Trump calls them suckers and losers.

I am hard-pressed to view Trump as even comparable to any U.S. president past or present.

I read that Trump should be pardoned as was Nixon. Perhaps if Nixon was made to pay then those who followed would have tread more carefully. Nixon’s crime was attempting to steal campaign plans from the democrats’ headquarters. This is a far cry from steeling hundreds of classified and top-secret government documents; thus, putting the people of America in harm’s way. Let’s be realistic. Nixon’s crime pales in comparison.

President Clinton’s indiscretions earned him impeachment and shame for which he apologized. Unlike Trump, he paid no hush money nor chummed around with questionable characters such as sex traffickers. He

did not demean women in word or action. Trump bragged he could grab a woman improperly with no regard for her feelings. Clinton balanced the national deficit. Trump has put us in debt worse than any other president along with unemployment and inflation to mention a few. You doubt me? Read the investigative reports from the United States House of Representatives that pertain, as well as the U.S. congressional records.

That which is left is a president who produced havoc in his wake. A president who cannot be trusted is one to whom America should not be entrusted.

Trump’s motto is “Make America Great Again.” In 1932, Hitler’s motto was “Make Germany Great Again.” Is the similarity by accident? Joseph Goebbels was Reich Minister of Propaganda. Trump’s playbook of threats, bullying, false claims, blaming others, and deception appears fashioned after Goebbels’ teachings. This is not the foundation for democracy.

Never make excuses for, nor under estimate the advocates of evil.

Roger Joss
Clinton

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Between Oct. 15 and Dec. 7 you can make any changes to your existing plans, such as a different Part D drug plan or a new Medicare Advantage plan.

Some things to keep in mind about Medicare:

If you have a Medicare Advantage plan and make changes, they will take effect on Jan. 1, 2025.

If you have a Medicare Advantage plan, you cannot also have a supplemental plan. Deciding between the original Medicare, an Advantage plan and a supplemental can be one of the toughest decisions about being on Medicare, and your answer will be determined by your own health status and your expectations about the coming year.

Advantage plans can give you lots of benefits you won’t get from original Medicare, such as vision and dental, but

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles


a supplemental plan will help with medical costs and pick up what Medicare doesn’t. An Advantage plan will cover everything original Medicare covers, but each plan is different and you’ll be limited to a network.

Supplemental plans also vary, but often pick up the 20 percent of the costs that original Medicare doesn’t, as well as the co-pays or deductibles, and you can choose your own doctor. A plan might cost you several hundred dollars per month, and you’re required to have original Medicare as well.

Confused? You’re not alone. If you need help deciding between the original Medicare, a Medicare Advantage plan or a supplemental plan with original Medicare, do your homework and consider asking for advice. You can call Medicare (800-633-4227), or you can call the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (www.shiphelp.org) in your area.

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SPORTS

SENIOR NIGHT FOR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL



Volleyball photos Gordon Woods / Journal
Clinton varsity volleyball celebrated “Senior Night” on Monday. Unfortunately, the team fell to Sullivan in two sets, 26-24, 25-23.



Do You Know An AMERICAN HERO?

Send us by mail or email a photo of yourself or your favorite Veteran or military person for The Journal’s recognition of Veterans Day. Include a short biography of their service history from past or present (limit 50 words, please.) Use the handy form below to mail your photo or email your photo and information to Katy Pyne at kpyne@theclintonjournal.com.

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Our special section featuring your own local heroes will be published on **November 8th.**
Deadline for submitting Photos/ Information is Mon., Nov. 4, noon.

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San Jose High School Class
of 1966
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Wife Laura, 3 children, 5
grandchildren.

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Amboy
Army Signal Corps-Corporal
Trained: Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.
May 27, 1953 to May 27, 1955
State side duty with the fixed
division of the Army Signal
School as a ballistic meteorolo-
gist and air traffic controller.
He received Good Conduct
Medal and National Defense
Service Medal.

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Air Force Airman First Class
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SPORTS



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CLINTON FALLS TO SHELBYVILLE 30-22

The varsity Maroons fell to Shelbyville 30-22 at home on Oct. 11. The Maroon are again at home tonight against Deer Creek-Mackinaw at 7 p.m.



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CJHS cross country qualifies for IESA State Finals



Photos courtesy of CJHS cross country / Ben Barth
Clinton JH XC competed at the Taylorville Sectional on Saturday, October 12. The girls' team finished 3rd, earning a qualifying spot in the IESA State Finals. McKenna Beck was race champion with a new school record of 12:00.



Maroons' Football 'Unfinished Business'

• Aug. 30 vs EAWR	Win 57-0
• Sept. 6 at MCHS	Win 35-7
• Sept. 13 vs Tremont	Win 49-8
• Sept. 20 at RLHS	Win 23-14
• Sept. 27 vs Eureka	Loss 19-14
• Oct. 4 at Tri-Valley	Loss 47-6
• Oct. 11 vs Shelbyville	Loss 30-22
• Oct. 18 vs DCMHS	7 p.m.
• Oct. 25 at EPGHS	7 p.m.



Owen Troyer qualified as an individual from the boys' race.

BRIDGE BITES

IT'S ELEMENTARY

Crime in London appeared to be taking a vacation, and Sherlock Holmes found himself on opening lead at the Baker Street Bridge Club:

♠ A65, ♥ 92, ♦ T95, ♣ Q9654

<i>Holmes</i>	<i>West</i>	<i>Watson</i>	<i>East</i>
Pass	1♣	Pass	1♦
Pass	1♣	Pass	1NT
All Pass			

Let's eavesdrop on the post-mortem in Holmes' 221B bachelor quarters.
Watson: Dash it, Holmes, why not lead the unbid suit? I must have Hearts.
Holmes: Indeed, dear chap, you had four, but so did declarer.
Watson: We know that now.
Holmes: And I knew it before I made my lead.
Watson: An Englishman doesn't peek.
Holmes: No, it was the curious matter of your bidding.
Watson: But I didn't bid.
Holmes: Yes, that was most curious. My 6-count and the opponents' bidding told me that you had a decent hand. And yet you did not overcall 1♥. Clearly you had less than 5 Hearts. The auction also told me that West had less than four Hearts and East less than 5. Thus, the Hearts were 2-3-4-4 around the table.
Watson: Very clever. I suppose you also knew that West had three Clubs.
Holmes: Yes, Watson.
Watson: You *did* know?
Holmes: It seemed most likely. I had five and East had at least two.
Watson: He did?
Holmes: If he was 3=4=5=1 he would raise Spades. With 2=4=6=1 he would rebid Diamonds. Ergo, he had at least two Clubs.

♠ KQJ ♥ 8754 ♦ J63 ♣ AJ3	<i>Watson</i>	♠ 843 ♥ QT63 ♦ AK72 ♣ T2
♠ T972 ♥ AKJ ♦ Q84 ♣ K87	<i>West</i>	<i>East</i>
	<i>Holmes</i>	
♠ A65 ♥ 92 ♦ T95 ♣ Q9654		

Watson: So, if East had two Clubs and West had four then I would have had just two. With that I would no doubt make a Takeout Double of 1♣.

Holmes: By George, I think he's got it!

Yes, of course, Holmes did not lead the unbid Hearts, he led through West's Club suit. But how on earth did he know to lead the *Queen*, the only card in his hand which beats the contract? That's a story for another day.

For bridge in the Bloomington-Normal area, contact Mike Tomlianovich by phone: 309-825-5823

Super Crossword

HOOKED-UP HYBRIDS

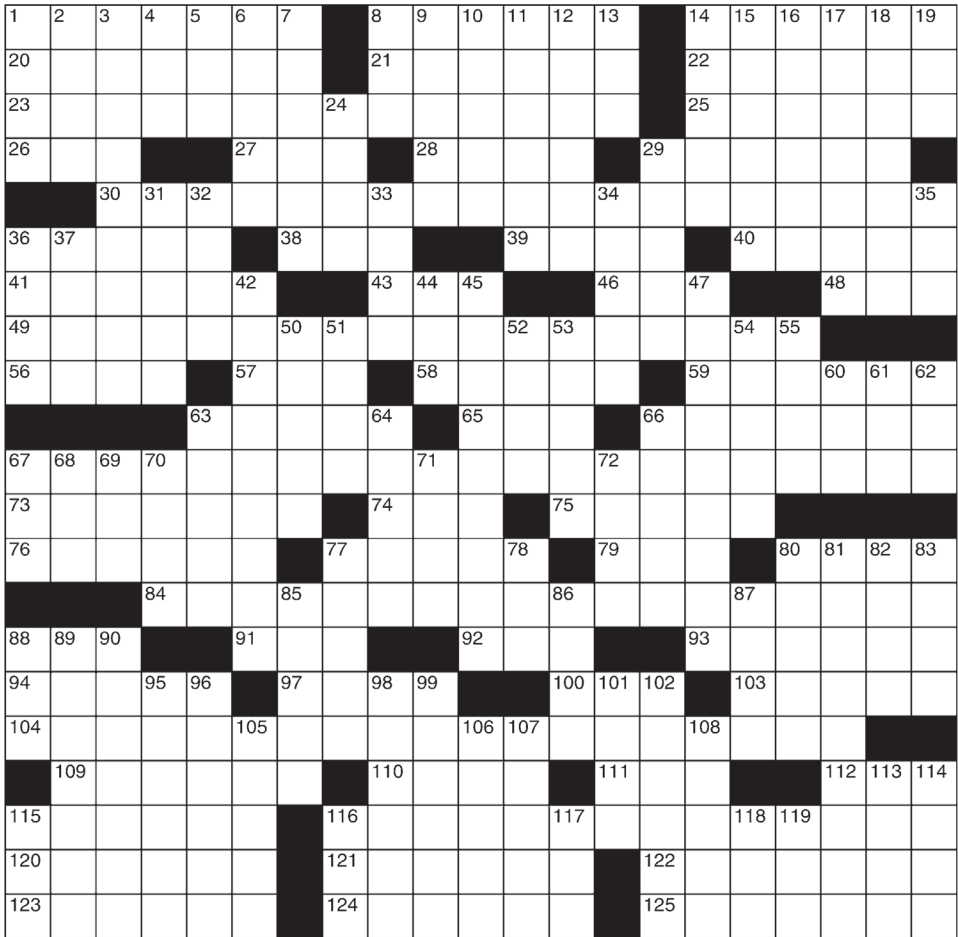
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- 1 17-year locusts, e.g.
8 Intercede
14 Errant
20 Lovingly, on music scores
21 Daintily small
22 Planet shape
23 Big baboon, Andean
25 spitter, showy parrot
27 Jewel units
29 Nov. lead-in
30 "Gloria in Excelsis —"
32 Lapel inserts
39 Begin a losing streak
43 Serengeti grazer, long-billed bird, sticky-tongued predator
36 Houston coll.
38 Singer Sumac
39 Singer Irene
40 Part of NYSE
41 "Love Me or Leave Me" singer Ruth
43 Great anger
46 — loss
48 Kanga's son
49 Mountain cat, plated burrower, marine crustacean
- 56 Comic Daniel
57 "La Cage — Folles"
58 Grizzlies, e.g.
59 Overjoys
63 "Funny Girl" director William
65 Contend (for)
66 Aggressive shorebirds
67 Arctic cetacean, swamp snapper, arboreal ape
73 Not alfresco
74 Tea holder
75 Like dunes
76 City of south India
77 Founder of Bolshevism
79 Suffix with hotel
80 Writers Tan and Lowell
84 Pink wader, forest anthropoid, aquatic sucker
88 Hasty escape
91 Riser at dawn
92 Pester
93 Singer Willie
94 Tuba material
97 Lunch, e.g.
100 Tree of Iowa
103 Milk, in Mexico
- 104 Scavenging dog, woolly Peruvian, leaf-munching crawler
109 Onion relatives
110 Low cards
111 "Botch- —" (old hit song)
112 High card
115 "Monster" star Charlize
116 Prairie canine, destructive insect, colorful fish
120 Successfully
121 Fought one-on-one
122 "Agreed"
123 Wee
124 Accent
125 Made of clay

DOWN

- 1 Hunter's garb, in brief
2 Apple desktop
3 Website notice to get customer service
4 Ending for dull
5 Palme — (Cannes film award)
- 6 Digression
7 Exclusively
8 Health facility
9 Arizona city
10 Online sales
11 Lunch on the grass, e.g.
12 Lake feeding the Mississippi
13 Part of NYSE
14 Chichi scarf
15 Interstices
16 Larynx locale
17 One showing houses
18 Erté's genre
19 "Agreed"
24 Weaver's frame
29 Biting pests
31 Equine sound
32 Yellowfin, say
33 Remunerated
34 Kuwaitis, e.g.
35 "Notorious" film studio
36 Four-sided geom. shape
37 Langston Hughes poem
42 Ill-defined situations
44 BBQ meat bit
45 Altitude
47 Exited right after chowing
50 Ruminates
51 Skating leap

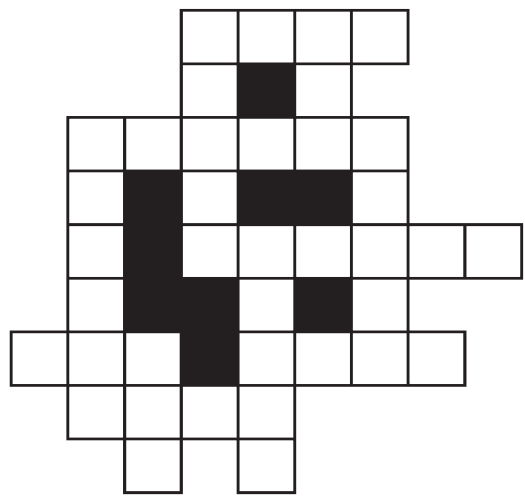
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53 Treats often dipped in milk
54 Somber song
55 Sauce brand
60 Hanoi holiday
61 Noted time
62 IRS datum
63 Ridge on a fingerprint
64 Grow mature
66 Actress Parrish of "Pretty Little Liars"
67 Pick-up-sticks logic game
68 One or more
69 Aves.
70 Kin of "Art!"
71 Hammered musical disk
72 Stair support
77 First form fill-in, often
78 Gp. backing arms
80 Cop — (haggle in court)
81 Nickname for the Devil
82 Michelle of "Tomorrow Never Dies"
83 Auld lang —
- 85 Ailment causing swelling
86 Horror film assistant
87 Pell- — (chaotic)
88 JFK follower
89 Weaver of Greek myth
90 Heavy knife
95 Vail trail
96 Revels in
98 Illustrate via pantomime
99 Trial figure
101 On — with
102 2006 world figure skating champion
105 Singer Kravitz
106 Actor Peter O'—
107 "Rufus M." author Eleanor
108 Camera brand
113 Mötley —
114 Make at work
115 Little bird
116 LP replacers
117 Mag staff
118 Blue Jays, on sports tickers
119 Doc treating tonsillitis



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

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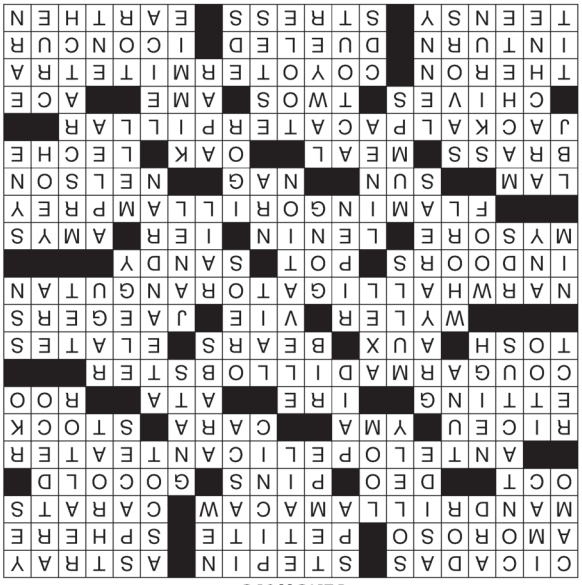
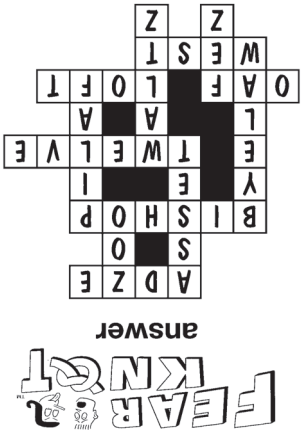
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Go Figure!

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NEWTEK SMALL BUSINESS FINANCE, LLC,

Plaintiff,

v.

Eagle Theater Corp., an Illinois corporation; Eagle Theater Operating, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company; Beautiful City, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company; Eagle Theater

Management, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company; Kurt Eric Gubelman; Unknown Owners; and Non-Record Claimants,

Defendants.

Case No.: 2024 FC 17

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in said Court by the Plaintiff, naming you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, as Defendant(s) therein, and praying for foreclosure of certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

LOTS 7 AND 8 IN MARIAH COMMERCIAL PARK SUBDIVISION AS PER PLAT RECORDED JULY 21, 1997 AS DOCUMENT NO. 179654 IN BOOK "J" OF PLATS, PAGE 139 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DEWITT, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Common Address: 13 Kelli Court, Clinton, IL 61727

PIN: 07-33-277-010

Mortgagor: Eagle Theater Corp.

Mortgagee: Newtek Small Business Finance

Recorded in DeWitt County, Illinois, as Document No. 262560

Present owner of the property: Eagle Theater Corp.

Notice is also hereby given you that the said complaint also prays 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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PHYLLIS JOAN LAPPIN, DECEASED

2024-PR-40

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Letters of Office were issued on October 3, 2024 to John A. Lappin, 8024 Waynesville Road, Wapella, Illinois 61777 and Nancy L. Primeaux, 8 Sophia Court, Clinton, Illinois 61727 as independent co-executors. The attorney for the estate is Bryce A. Lynch of Taylor & Lynch, LLC, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois, 61727.

Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, IL 61727, on or before April 25, 2025. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the Claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under

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CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of **VELDA M. SWIGART**
Deceased.

No. 2024PR41

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given to creditors of the death of VELDA M. SWIGART. Letters of office were issued on October 2, 2024 to Keith D. Swigart, 550 Glorieta Dr., St. Augustine, FL 32095 and Karl L. Swigart, 1048 N 3450 East Road, Farmer City, IL 61842 as independent executors whose attorney of record is Jeremy J. Stoller, 15 W Front St., El Paso, Illinois 61738.
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under

Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, C. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, DeWitt County Courthouse, Clinton, Illinois, or with the representative, or both until **April 18, 2025** or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2024.


Stoller Law Office
Jeremy J. Stoller
Attorney for Representatives
15 W Front St El Paso, IL 61738 (309) 527-4300 jeremystoller@stollerlaw.com

LEGAL 20167
Oct. 11, 18, 25, 2024

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Notice of Application to Establish a Branch
Longview Community Bank located at 130 S Washington Street, Mount Pulaski, Illinois intends to apply to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) for permission to locate a branch office at 1397 State Highway 54, Clinton, IL 61727. Longview Community Bank is a subsidiary of Longview Capital Corporation, New- man, Illinois. This notice is published pursuant to 12 USC 1823 (f) and CFR 303.44. You are invited to submit comments, in writing, on this application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Regional Director, 300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60606-3447 not later than November 2, 2024. The non-confidential portions of this application are on file with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies are available upon request.
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Oct. 18, 2024

VIRTUAL ONLINE




DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LAND AUCTION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024 AT 10:00 AM^{CT}



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12:01 pm, Alice McCutcheon, occupant of space 1M24, items: household items, furniture, boxes and misc.

12:02 pm, Donald R Husted, occupant of space 1E38, items, fishing poles, vacuum, lego boxes and misc

12:03 pm, Donald R Husted, occupant of space 1B40, items, truck tool box, lumber, fishing poles and gear, telescope, tree stand and misc.

12:04 p.m, Carl W. Taylor, occupant of space 1F21, items, electric heaters, household items, football cards, floor jack, comic books, boxes and misc.

12:05 pm, James R. Decker, occupant of space 1E16, items, vacuum, baseball cards, tools, pool cue, 24 boxes/totes and misc furniture.

12:07 pm, Michael D. Williams, occupant of space 1o19, items, Chrysler Pacifica (salvage only).

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PRE-FILING NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the office of City Clerk will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning November 12, 2024 through November 18, 2024 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of accepting candidate petitions or certificates for the Consolidated Election election to be held on April 1, 2025 for the following offices:

Mayor

/s/ Kamren Wilford
Signature of Local Election Official

LEGAL 20171
Oct. 18 & 25, 2024

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NOTICE OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETINGS

TAKE NOTICE that the annual meetings of the following drainage districts will be held at the law offices of Taylor & Lynch, 216 South Center Street, Clinton, Illinois on the dates and at the hours shown below:

NAME OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT

DATE AND HOUR

Barnett Special Drainage District, County of DeWitt, State of Illinois November 1, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Clintonia Special Drainage District, County of DeWitt, State of Illinois November 4, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Clintonia Union Drainage District No. 1 of the Towns of Clintonia and Wapella, County of DeWitt, State of Illinois November 4, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
Coon Creek Drainage District, County of DeWitt, State of Illinois November 5, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Creek Union Drainage District No. 1 Of The Counties of DeWitt and Macon, State of Illinois November 5, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
Friends Creek Special Drainage District, Counties of DeWitt and Piatt, State of Illinois November 7, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Mutual Drainage District No. 1 of Maroa, Illinois, Counties of DeWitt and Macon, State of Illinois November 8, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Nixon Special Drainage District, Counties of DeWitt and Macon, State of Illinois November 12, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Prairie Center Drainage District, County of DeWitt, State of Illinois November 12, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
Rutledge-Empire Drainage District, Counties of DeWitt and McLean, State of Illinois November 13, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Ten Mile Creek Outlet Drainage District, County of DeWitt, State of Illinois November 13, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
Texas Creek Union Drainage District No. 1 of the Towns of Texas and Creek, County of DeWitt, State of Illinois November 14, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Wapella Union Drainage District No. 2 Of the Towns of Wapella and Clintonia, County of DeWitt, State of Illinois November 15, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Wilson Township Drainage District, County of DeWitt, State of Illinois No-

vember 19, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

DATED this 1 st day of October, 2024.

COMMISSIONERS

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NOTICE OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT

ANNUAL MEETINGS

TAKE NOTICE that the annual meeting of the following drainage district will be held at the Logan County Farm Bureau Building, 120 South McLean, Lincoln, Illinois on the date and at the hour shown below:

NAME OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT

DATE AND HOUR

North Branch Lake Fork Special Drainage November 21, 2024, 9:30 a.m. District, Counties of Logan, Macon, and DeWitt, State of Illinois

DATED this 1 st day of October, 2024.

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BARNETT TOWNSHIP, DEWILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2024

TOWNSHIP – REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Tax \$62,052.67; Replacement Tax \$11,744.65; Interest Income \$12,083.46; Other Income \$1,708.56

TOTAL REVENUES - \$87,589.34

TOWNSHIP – COMPENSATION SUMMARY: David Steward, Donald DeMent, Gary Decker, Jodi Turney, John Griffin, Karen Steward, Koni Lovett, Rachel Deibert, Rita Coleman, Stephanie Huffman TOTAL COM-PENSATION - \$56,166.00

TOWNSHIP – EXPENDITURE

SUMMARY: Sharon Kerley \$3,700.00; TOIR-MA \$8,261.00 ALL OTHERS LESS THAN \$2500 \$8,384.23 TOTAL VENDORS - \$20,345.23.

ROAD DISTRICT – REVENUE SUMMARY: Property Tax \$79,990.44; Replacement Tax \$6,505.46; Interest Income \$25,032.85; Other Income \$45.00 TOTAL REV-

ENUES - \$111,573.75

ROAD DISTRICT – COMPENSATION SUMMARY: Dennis Morrow, John Brown, Rick Deerwester, Roland Wright, Steve Paddock TOTAL COM-PENSATION - \$3,344.00

ROAD DISTRICT – EXPENDITURE SUMMARY: DeWitt County Highway Department \$3,140.74;

Evergreen FS \$9,392.37; ouis Marsh Inc \$4,723.60; All others less than \$2,500 \$12,904.21 TOTAL VENDORS - \$30,160.92

All Funds

Revenues \$199,163 Expenditures \$110,016 Net Change in Fund Balance \$89,147 Fund Balance, April 1, 2023 \$1,329,549

Fund Balance, March 31, 2024 \$1,418,696

I, John Griffin, Supervisor of Barnett Township, DeWitt County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2024.

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Ballot / from A1

Should all medically appropriate assisted reproductive treatments, including, but not limited to, in vitro fertilization, be covered by any health insurance plan in Illinois that provides coverage for pregnancy benefits, without limitation on the number of treatments?

These questions are being asked because lawmakers passed Senate Bill 2412 in early May, instructing state election officials to add them to ballots.

“All three of the questions deal with issues that are top of mind for voters or are issues that have been reported on in the news media,” bill sponsor Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Swansea, said in an interview this week.

The last time advisory questions were placed on Illinois ballots statewide was in 2014. That year, three questions were posed to voters: one concerning a potential increase to the state’s minimum wage, one concerning whether insurers should be required to cover prescription birth control and one concerning a tax on income over \$1 million.

While Hoffman said he has “learned not to predict” how votes like this will go or how they will be used, he said that the 2014 vote “ultimately led to the passage of increasing the minimum wage.”

That measure passed in early 2019 after Gov. JB Pritzker made a personal appeal to lawmakers shortly after taking office.

This year’s advisory questions have generated little in the way of campaigning, but some Illinois politicians have voiced support.

Former Gov. Pat Quinn is touring the state to encourage a “Yes” vote on an increased tax for incomes over \$1 million.

“It is important to let folks know that we do have a chance not only to vote for candidates, especially president, but we also have a chance in Illinois to vote on issues, issues that can make a difference in a family budget for years to come,” Quinn said at a Capitol news conference Wednesday.

The referendum, in addition to being similar to an advisory question in 2014, echoes parts of a constitutional amendment that was put to voters in 2020.

That amendment would have repealed the state’s constitutional requirement for a flat income tax rate – a step that would still be necessary to implement the policy described in this year’s advisory question.

When voters went to the polls in 2020, they rejected the amendment – a bruising result for Gov. JB Pritzker, who gave \$58 million of his personal fortune to a campaign in favor of the graduated income tax.

Other attempts at ballot measures Some groups angled to get different questions on the ballot this year to no avail. Parents Matter Coalition, a conservative group launched late last year and backed by former Republican state Rep. Jeanne Ives, ran an unsuccessful signature-gathering campaign for a ballot question concerning parental disclosure for gender-affirming therapy and counseling.

That effort gathered only about 100,000 of roughly 328,000 needed signatures, according to Ives. But the group was ultimately preempted by the legislature because only three advisory questions may appear on a ballot in a given election.

At the time SB 2412 passed, Ives called it an “incredibly undemocratic way to defeat an electorate you oppose.”

In an interview with Capitol News Illinois this week, Ives again suggested that including three ballot questions was a way to quash her group’s effort.

“They didn’t wait to see if we even had the signatures,” Ives said, later noting that she intends to revive the effort and get the question on a future ballot.

Hoffman didn’t comment directly on Ives’ characterization of the questions, and instead said that they were selected because of an interest from the public.

“These three questions were on the forefront of the news media when we passed these,” Hoffman said.

Other lawmakers attempted to put constitutional amendments up for a vote, including proposals dealing with ethics reforms, guaranteeing hunting rights, voting qualifications and abortion.

In total, 34 constitutional amendments were introduced since the start of 2023 that could have appeared on this year’s ballot. They came mostly from Republicans, although five came from Democrats and one was introduced with bipartisan sponsorship.

None were considered in a legislative committee.

Local referendums

Several counties will also weigh in on a local measure that is part of a broader secessionist movement in

Illinois.

Voters in Calhoun, Clinton, Greene, Iroquois, Jersey, Madison and Perry counties will be casting votes to opine on whether downstate counties should consider separating from Cook County to form a new state.

Since 2019, at least 25 other counties out of Illinois’ 102 have posed similar questions to voters. With the addition of the seven counties considering the issue in 2024, about 10.9 percent of Illinois’ population outside of Cook County will have had the chance to vote on the issue since 2019.

In each of the counties that have already considered this, the results have leaned heavily in favor of separation. Between 70 percent and 83 percent of voters in those counties favor exploring a split from Cook County, according to Illinois Separation, a group that advocates for these referendums.

The proposal faces long odds of ever coming to fruition. It would require action in Springfield and in Congress and has only happened three times in American history. Kentucky broke from Virginia in 1792, Maine broke from Massachusetts in 1820 and West Virginia broke from Virginia in 1863.

Additionally, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul told Jersey County’s state’s attorney in a 2023 memo that he believed counties without home rule powers do not have the legal authority to secede from the state.

In May, at an unrelated event in Madison County, the largest county to consider the question so far, Gov. JB Pritzker said proposals like these “should not be on the ballot.”

“It shouldn’t be something that’s part of the lexicon and discussion of politicians,” he said. “We’re one state. We’re supporting each other.”

Other counties and municipalities have referendums about several issues. For example, the village of Oak Park and Peoria County are considering switching to ranked choice voting for future elections. They also include routine referendums on levying new taxes for schools, fire districts and other local governments.

To learn more about the referendums on your ballot, contact your local elections office – usually the county clerk – or visit Capitol News Illinois’ Local Election Guide online.

QUADIENT FINANCE USA INC.:	\$4,122.15		
QUADIENT LEASING USA INC.:	\$1,464.12		
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R.P. LUMBER COMPANY INC.:	\$311.18	TEPPER ELECTRIC SUPPLY:	\$323.08
RADAR MAN INC:	\$3,250.00	TESTORY, SCOTT:	\$233.37
RAHN EQUIPMENT COMPANY:	\$2,164.38	THE BLUE LINE:	\$298.00
RAY O'HERRON:	\$7,012.86	THE HOLIDAY LIGHT STORE:	\$1,102.28
RETAIL STRATEGIES, LLC:	\$18,000.00	T-MOBILE:	\$2,684.04
RIECHMANN BROS., LLC:	\$17,500.00	TOBIN ROUTH:	\$1,500.00
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SAFETY-KLEEN CORPORATION:	\$1,596.45	U.S. BANK:	\$65,551.70
SAFEWORKS ILL OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SRVCS:	\$50.00	U.S. POSTAL SERVICE:	\$5,243.03
SAM'S DRYWALL:	\$4,290.00	UNITED SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE INC:	\$5,065.20
SANTA ANNA RD DIST:	\$1,257.99	USA BLUEBOOK:	\$15,981.15
SANTA ANNA TOWNSHIP:	\$1,029.27	VCNA PRAIRIE LLC:	\$566.29
SAQ CONSULTING INC.:	\$24,000.00		
SCHMIDT'S WELDING & MACHINE:	\$1,665.65	VERIZON:	\$605.93
SCHOONOVER SEWER SERVICE INC:	\$1,150.00	VIPOWER SERVICES:	\$4,417.38
SF WELDING AND REPAIR:	\$1,700.00	WALKER TIRE & EXHAUST:	\$6,320.44
SILEC/MTU #14:	\$1,272.74	WANSERSKI, ANGIE:	\$195.08
SIMPLIFIED COMPUTERS:	\$5,450.00	WARNER, KALYN:	\$300.00
SIMPLY SENNETT:	\$425.00	WATER PRODUCTS CO.:	\$5,868.72
SPEAR CORPORATION:	\$36,960.08	WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED INC:	\$23,527.85
STARK EXCAVATING INC.:	\$204,181.14	WATTS COPY SYSTEMS INC:	\$2,481.72
STIGER, SHARON:	\$303.61	WELDSTAR COMPANY:	\$497.76
STILLWATER MULCH:	\$2,390.00	WINDLE CONCRETE:	\$39,097.50
STRIEGEL KNOBLOCH & COMPANY L.:	\$28,025.00	WIRELESS DATANET:	\$3,180.00
STROUGH, JASON:	\$1,610.09	WRIGHT, JERRY AND BETTY:	\$1,314.68
SUMMIT SUPPLY:	\$299.95	YEAGLE ELECTRIC INC:	\$2,841.21
SUNBELT RENTALS:	\$827.15	Z MOWING YARD WORK & MORE:	\$750.00
SYSCO CENTRAL ILLINOIS INC.:	\$5,821.61		
T&R ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY:	\$580.00	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$5,187,873.77</u>
T & R SERVICE:	\$9,074.00		
TATMAN, AUSTIN:	\$2,500.00		
TAYLO, BONNIE:	\$100.77		

A black and white photograph of a woman in the foreground, smiling and looking towards the camera. She has her arms crossed and is wearing a light-colored, button-down shirt. Her hair is pulled back. In the background, which is out of focus, there are three other people in an office setting. One person is leaning over a desk, another is sitting and looking at a laptop, and a third is partially visible on the left. The overall atmosphere is professional and positive.

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GEN - PROPERTY TAX	\$122,472.87
GEN - LIQUOR LICENSES	\$5,550.00
GEN - MISC LICENSES	\$5,698.00
GEN - FRANCHISE FEES	\$8,304.99
GEN - CANNABIS TAX	\$2,836.65
GEN - STATE INCOME TAX	\$299,270.02
GEN - STATE REPLACEMENT TAX	\$48,114.49
GEN - STATE GAMING	\$89,605.47
GEN - STATE SALES TAX	\$254,709.51
GEN - STATE USE TAX	\$69,825.61
GEN - TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX	\$9,186.88
GEN - VACANT PROPERTY	\$500.00
GEN - COURT FINES	\$22,229.37
GEN - ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	\$800.00
GEN - IMPOUND	\$14,400.00
GEN - POL SERVICE CHARGES/FEES	\$110.00
GEN - POLICE SRO REIMBURSEMENT	\$30,712.03
GEN - REIMBURSEMENTS	\$353,413.28
GEN - POOL ADMISSIONS	\$32,080.49
GEN - POOL CONCESSIONS	\$15,760.00
GEN - INTEREST	\$114,218.50
GEN - RENTAL INCOME	\$4,892.99
GEN - RENT	\$6,900.00
GEN - MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$301.00
GEN - TRANSFER FROM TIF 2	\$5,000.00
GEN - TRANSFER FROM B.D.	\$2,000.00
GEN - INTERFUND OFFICE CHARGES	\$265,000.00
GEN - TRANSFER IN FROM FWD TIF	\$2,000.00

AUDIT - PROPERTY TAX	\$37,914.68
AUDIT - INTEREST	\$908.99
ESDA - PROPERTY TAX	\$592.90
ESDA - INTEREST	\$0.03
INSURANCE - PROPERTY TAX	\$49,764.00
INSURANCE - INTEREST	\$2,650.83
MFT - MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$80,205.48
MFT - INTEREST	\$14,706.79
IMRF - PROPERTY TAX	\$154,256.82
IMRF - INTEREST	\$2,647.77
CROSSING GUARD - PROPERTY TAX	\$4,705.88
CROSSING GUARD - INTEREST	\$7.78
FICA - PROPERTY TAX	\$59,476.93
FICA - INTEREST	\$1,254.13
DUI - FINES	\$875.00
DUI - INTEREST	\$144.57
FC FORWARD TIF 3 - PROPRTY TX	\$91,361.03
FC FORWARD TIF 3 - INTEREST	\$1,096.15
LIB - PROPERTY TAX	\$35,293.92
LIB - FEES/FINES	\$724.60
LIB - INTEREST	\$1,107.28
LIB - DONATIONS	\$27,358.12
LIB - MISCELLANEOUS	\$367.90
TIF 2 - PROPERTY TAX	\$411,651.92
TIF 2 - INTEREST	\$3,635.36
TIF 2 - GRANTS	\$2,957.50
BUSINESS DISTRICT #1 - TAX	\$114,806.08
BUSINESS DISTRICT #1 - INTERST	\$11,656.16
HOTEL/MOTEL - TAX	\$17,613.50
HOTEL/MOTEL - INTEREST	\$44.15
GARBAGE - CHARGES FOR SERVICE	\$147,968.26
WATER - MUNICPL UTILITIES TAX	\$25,419.99
WATER - CONNECTION FEES	\$500.00
WATER - PENALTIES	\$5,585.87
WATER - CHARGES	\$493,033.68
WATER - INTEREST	\$5,528.92
WATER - MISC	\$111.50
SEWER - PROPERTY TAX	\$23,529.18
SEWER - CONNECTION FEES	\$500.00
SEWER - PENALTIES	\$5,202.63
SEWER - CHARGES	\$485,884.58
SEWER - INTEREST	\$1,304.88
SEWER - MISCELLANEOUS	\$250.00
ELECTRIC - PENALTIES	\$35,450.78
ELECTRIC - CHARGES	\$2,432,553.87
ELECTRIC - REIMBURSEMENT	\$19,288.96
ELECTRIC - INTEREST	\$21,873.43
ELECTRIC - MISCELLANEOUS	\$5,000.00

COMPENSATION SUMMARY

Range Under \$25000 Ballard, David; Blazek, Anna Jean; Buchanan-Ford, Kelly; Burnett, Rylee; Burns, Payton; Butler; Kara; Cole, Joseph; Crowder, Raheem; Danner-Duncan, Ella; Denno, Joseph; Dozier, Cadin; DuPree, Melissa; Flannell, Breanin; Florey, Calvin; Friedrich, Mary; Friedrich, Steve; Ganaway, Apollo; Grider, Maddison; Hamilton, Alexander; Heiser, Payton; Houser, George; Jackson, LaDarius; Killian, Aiden; Killian, Molly; Kimball, Caden; McKinley, John Willard; Melgosa, Angel; Miller, Aaron; Morgan, McKegan; Moser, Abigail, Moses, Violet; Nolan, Indra; Perring, Carolee A; Petmecky, Jasimine; Rausch, Stephanie; Rausch, Sydney; Reynolds, Phoebe; Salman, Mohammed; Schumacher, Andrew; Shaffer, Gracie; Strough, Ellie; Strough, Gabe; Strough, Jason; Testory, Scott; Walsh, David; Wanserski, Jamie; Wanserski, Jessie; Warner, Kaly; Warner, Karly; Watterson, Taylyn; Williams, Dane; Yeagle, Olivia; Young, Alexis, Zander, Lauren; Zimmerman, Mackenzie. Range \$25,000-\$49,999 Amacher, Terry; Black, David; Cooper, Billie; Graning, Fredrick; Mackey, Colby; Melgosa, Misti Anne; Nichols, David R. Range \$50,000-\$74,999 Brown, Travis J; Buchanan, Jeremiah; Hall, Skyler; Jarvis, Maxwell; Jones, Trevor; King, Jacob; Kwon, Ki Jung; Turpen, Adam S; Wanserski, Angela. Range \$75,000-\$99,999 Gardner, Mark J; Guest, Nathan; Harris, P. Kim; Yeadon, Chad. Range \$100,000-\$124,999. Range \$125,000-and over McLaughlin, Susan

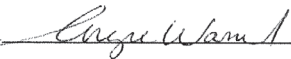
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION

Fund #	Fund Name	Beginning Balance	Revenues	Expenditures	Ending Balance
100	GENERAL	\$1,715,201.01	\$1,785,892.15	\$2,409,220.08	\$1,091,873.08
510	WATER FUND	\$595,945.07	\$537,179.96	\$399,599.08	\$733,525.95
520	SEWER FUND	\$595,434.42	\$518,671.27	\$473,596.19	\$640,509.50
530	ELECTRIC	\$2,509,925.23	\$2,514,167.04	\$2,202,498.14	\$2,821,594.13
	TOTAL	\$5,416,505.73	\$5,355,910.42	\$5,484,913.49	\$5,287,502.66

Subscribed and sworn to this 10th day of October 2024


Kara Butler, Treasurer

I, Angela Wanserski, clerk of the City of Farmer City, DeWitt County, Illinois do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2024.



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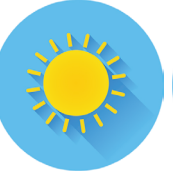
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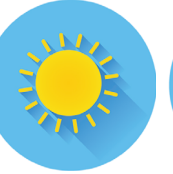
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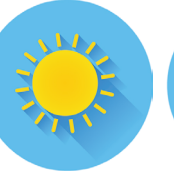
Sunday
Sunny
High 75




Monday
Sunny
High 75



Tuesday
Sunny
High 73



Wednesday
Sunny
High 73



Thursday
Sunny
High 66

Weather History

October 18
1925: October of 1925 was a cold month across central Illinois. Average temperatures of 43.4 degrees in Peoria, 45.2 degrees in Champaign, 46 degrees in Springfield, and 46.5 degrees in Decatur are all records for the coldest October in each city.

October 19
1989: A record breaking early-season snowfall occurred across extreme eastern Illinois. One to 3 inches of snow fell from the northern Chicago suburbs southward through Champaign and as far south as Newton, in Jasper County. O'Hare Airport in Chicago reported 3.8 inches of snow, setting a record for the earliest snowfall of 1 inch or more. Further south, a snowfall of 0.3 inches in Springfield marked its earliest measurable snow on record, while Peoria recorded 0.4 inches.

Social Security announces 2.5 percent benefit increase for 2025

Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments for more than 72.5 million Americans will increase 2.5 percent in 2025, the Social Security Administration announced today. On average, Social Security retirement benefits will increase by about \$50 per month starting in January. Over the past decade the COLA increase has averaged about 2.6 percent. The COLA was 3.2 percent in 2024. Nearly 68 million Social Security beneficiaries will see a 2.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) beginning in January 2025. Increased payments to nearly 7.5 million people receiving SSI will begin on December 31, 2024. (Note: Some people receive both Social Security benefits and SSI). “Social Security benefits and SSI payments will increase in 2025, helping tens of millions of people keep up with expenses even as inflation has started to cool,” said Martin O’Malley, Commissioner of Social Security. Some other adjustments that take effect in January

of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) is slated to increase to \$176,100 from \$168,600. Social Security begins notifying people about their new benefit amount by mail starting in early December. This year, for the first time, Social Security beneficiaries will receive a newly designed and improved COLA notice that makes it easier for customers to find the information they need most. The simplified COLA notice is now only one page, uses plain and personalized language, and provides exact dates and dollar amounts of a person’s new benefit amount and any deductions. Individuals who have a personal my Social Security account can view their COLA notice online, which is secure, easy, and faster than receiving a letter in the mail. People can set up text or email alerts when there is a new message—such as their


COLA notice--waiting for them in my Social Security. People will need to have a personal my Social Security account by Nov. 20 to see their COLA notice online. To get started, visit www.ssa.gov/myaccount. Information about Medicare changes for 2025 will be available at www.medicare.gov. For Social Security beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare, the 2025 benefit amount will be available via my Social Security’s Message Center starting in late November. Those who have not opted to receive messages online will receive their COLA notice by mail in December. The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) as determined by the Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics. To read more, visit www.ssa.gov/cola.

Emergency exercise scheduled for October 26 along Revere Road

CLINTON — Area emergency services will participate in a full-scale exercise on Saturday, Oct. 26, sponsored by the DeWitt County Emergency Management Agency. The exercise will provide participants the opportunity to assess capabilities, plans, policies and procedures. It will focus on decision-making, coordination and integration with other jurisdictions/organizations during a mock school bus

accident. Agencies will be able to determine their strengths and weaknesses when responding to large-scale transportation accidents and develop ways to improve preparedness. The scenario for the exercise will involve a school bus carrying 20 adults and children on a weekday that collides with a delivery truck on Revere Road. The accident results in the bus overturning and

causing multiple injuries to passengers and the truck driver. There will be an influx of response vehicles on Revere Road on the morning of the exercise. DeWitt County EMA coordinator Will Paveleck said it should not be a cause of concern to onlookers. If an acutal emergency occurs during the exercise, it will take priority.




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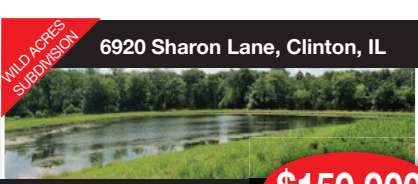


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