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City sales tax up 0.50 percent for the new year

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CLINTON — Effective January 1, Clinton's sales tax increased 0.50 percent from 6.75 percent to 7.25 percent. The increase was approved in November.

Locally-imposed business district sales tax, home rule municipal sales tax and non-home rule municipal sales taxes are affected in various jurisdictions throughout Illinois beginning January 1.

Clinton is a non-home rule municipality.

Merchants and businesses were notified to adjust their registers accordingly to reflect the increase. Items of general merchandise and those subject to state sales tax are affected by the local increase.

The locally-imposed sales tax does not apply to sales of certain qualifying food, drugs and medical appliances.

In central Illinois, Gibson City increased its sales tax by 1.00 percent to 7.25 percent.

IDPH offers recommendations to avoid surge in seasonal viruses

Winter surge in hospital admissions is driven by flu; It's not too late to get flu, COVID-19 and RSV shots

CHICAGO — The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced that in line with the national trend, the state's overall respiratory illness level has ticked up from Moderate to High, driven by an expected early winter jump in hospital admissions.

IDPH's Seasonal Respiratory Illness Dashboard indicates that emergency department (ED) visits for Acute Respiratory Illness topped 21 percent in the week ending December 28, up from 17 percent the previous week. During the same period, the number of ED visits for flu more than doubled to 6.2 percent from 3 percent, while ED visits for COVID-19 were at 2 percent, up from 1.5 percent.

VIRUS / A10



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Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) snow plows were out on Sunday clearing highways, including Rt. 10/54 through Clinton. City and county trucks were out as well, and snow removal contractors were clearing a number of parking lots in town.

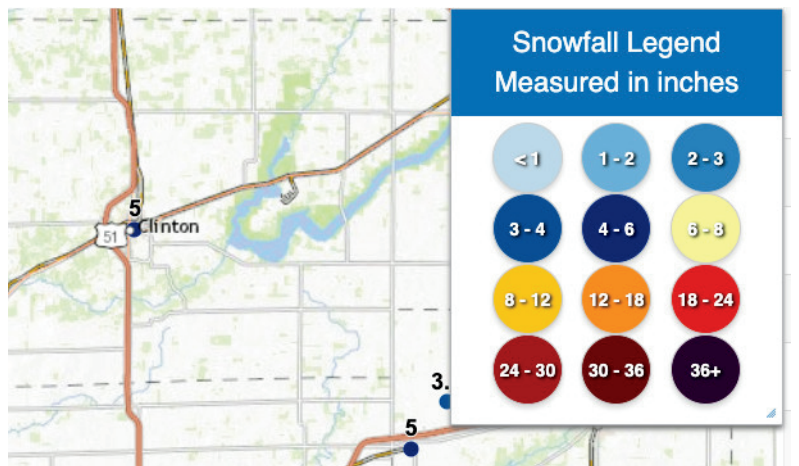
Clinton records five inches of snow from weekend storm

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CLINTON — Clinton was pretty much dug out on Monday from the weekend snow storm that was forecast to stretch from the Great Plains to the Mid-Atlantic states and as far south as north Florida.

Local snowfall total from the storm was recorded at five inches, according to the National Weather Service and created some near white-out conditions for travelers. But, southern Illinois fared worse, with some areas recording at least eight inches of snow.



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Courtesy of the National Weather Service



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NEWS



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Snow being cleared from the parking lot at Warner Hospital & Health Services on Sunday.

Snow / from A1

On Monday, more than 10,000 people in Williamson County remained without power. Snow and ice accumulation created conditions for a multi-car accident on Interstate 70 Sunday near Casey, Ill. The Illinois State Police reported at least 40 vehicles were involved, requiring closure of I-70 for several hours.

The National Weather Service cancelled the winter storm warning for this area on Monday morning, advising several roads were still reported as snow and ice-covered.

On Sunday, Clinton Police Department announced local snow routes were in effect with two or more inches of snow and posted a list of snow route streets with restricted parking.

The DeWitt/Piatt Bi-County Health Department closed its offices on Monday because of the weather, and Vespasian Warner Public Library opened late at 1 p.m. DeWitt County Friendship Center also closed on Monday, and Peace Meals delivery was cancelled.

The National Weather Service is forecasting cloudy and partly sunny days this week with a 40 percent chance of snow on Friday.

Heldt named to Olivet Nazarene University Dean’s List

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. — Heidi Heldt of Weldon, attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

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NEWS

Charles ‘Chuck’ W. Johnson

CLINTON — Charles “Chuck” W. Johnson, 81, of Clinton, passed away at 10:37 a.m. on January 6, 2025, at his family residence, Clinton.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 10, 2025, at the Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with Pastor Terry Leach officiating. Burial with military rites will follow at Texas Township Cemetery, Clinton. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at the funeral home. The family requests casual attire.

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

Chuck was born on December 11, 1943, in Champaign, the son of Johnny and Bernice (Dye) Johnson. He married Martha Bartimus on February 6, 1987, in Decatur.



Survivors include his wife, Martha Johnson, Clinton; daughter, Shannon Thomasson, Ariz.; stepson, Thomas (Jenny) Tripp, Decatur; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Sherri Durbin; grandson, Charles Joseph Durbin; stepfather, Charles Carr.

Chuck served his country in the US Navy. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and bowling.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Welcome to my little
corner of culinary delights.

I brought up the need for keeping lard on hand. Please study the label before turning up your nose at it.

Lard has many wonderful applications besides being a fry medium. A clue to its outstanding preservative quality rests in the fact that duck confit proves the point. Simply put, the breast fat that accumulates just under the duck's skin is scored and cooked to render the fat.

The roasted duck is broken down and packed in a container; preferably a slender, cylindrical stainless-steel container. In that, the pieces are packed and completely submerged in the Duck's fat. In this way, the duck can be stored perfectly without the need of refrigeration. From this, I will teach you another fact not taught in college culinary.

Apart from vegetable oils and shortenings. Such items as lard and mineral



The Culinary Corner

Chef
Roger Joss

oil preserves foods of all sorts. I conducted an experiment with mineral oil. As one knows, mold attacks and grows quickly on cheese. Therefore, old world cheese was stored in waxed gunny cloth that later gave way to a type of waxed encasement now used in bulk cheese manufacturing. But once that cheese is cut, that protection is lost. But all is not lost.

I Commonly use a lot of Cheddar cheese from mild to sharp. Once out of its vacuumed plastic wrapping, it is well on its way to molding. To prevent that, I put it in a Ziplock bag with just

enough mineral oil to keep it soaked. I found it will last indefinitely even without refrigeration. And the Cheese keeps its moisture and texture fully in tacked. Therefore, true oils that will not go rancid will preserve your perishables perfectly well.

I do not consider synthetic and vegetable oils to be true oils. They react in unnatural ways. For example, smear lard in a baker's pan. Smear some Crisco next to it. Allow it to set for many days or a few months.

The vegetable shortening turns yellow and hardens into a thick tacky mess. It is most difficult to remove without deep scouring. Not so with the lard. Which of those two would you want in your system? As I have always said, read the nutritional and ingredient labels and

then compare. You might surprise yourself.

Do not sale lard short. Stock up on lard. It will not turn rancid nor will it need refrigeration. It will preserve many different types of foods without needing refrigeration. Experiment as I do and discover its magic. I consider it an essential survival commodity.

My next intent is to teach how to preserve with salt. My example would be in making salt pork. That is a common classic. I recall from my college days the attempt made by a couple culinary instructors to produce a ham. Their attempts failed miserably. What a waste. I will teach you how to properly do it in the next article.

Until next time, peace to
all.

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fee waivers are available.

Self-paced online training is another option, which will begin on Feb. 3 and end on April 30. The fee for this training is \$300. Register for the online training at go.illinois.edu/IllinoisGardenerTraining by Jan. 13.

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OPINION

HISTORY ALMANAC

1957 - Harold Macmillan became prime minister of Britain, following the resignation Anthony Eden.

1963 - The Chicago Cubs became the first baseball club to hire an athletic director. He was Robert Whitlow. (MLB)

1971 - “Masterpiece Theatre” premiered on PBS with host Alistair Cooke. The introduction drama series was “The First Churchills.”

1978 - The Soviet Union launched two cosmonauts aboard a Soyuz capsule for a rendezvous with the Salyut VI space laboratory.

1981 - In El Salvador, Marxist insurgents launched a “final offensive”.

1984 - The United States and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations for the first time in more than a century.

1986 - The uncut version of Jerome Kern’s musical, “Showboat”, opened at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC.

1990 - Chinese Premier Li Peng ended martial law in Beijing after seven months. He said that crushing pro-democracy protests had saved China from “the abyss of misery.”

1990 - Time Inc. and Warner Communications Inc. completed a \$14 billion merger. The new company, Time Warner, was the world’s largest entertainment company.

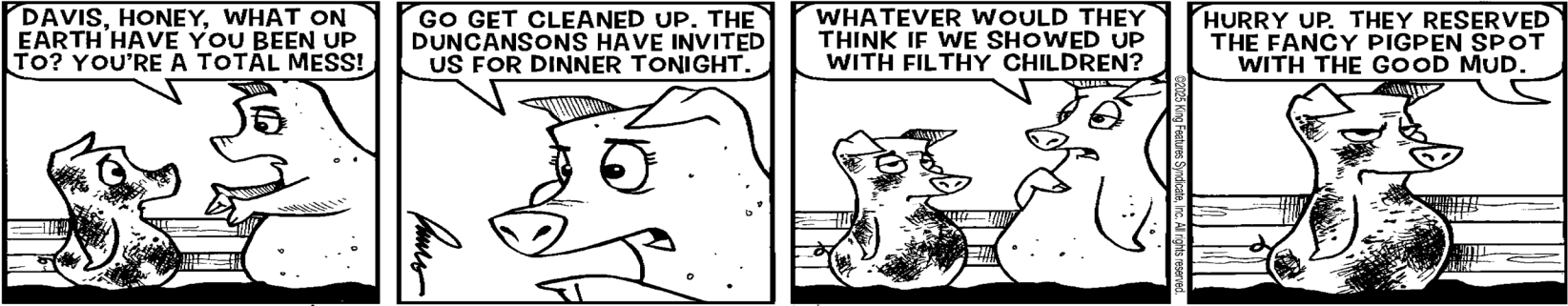
1994 - In Manassas, VA, Lorena Bobbitt went on trial. She had been charged with maliciously wounding her husband John. She was acquitted by reason of temporary insanity.

1997 - Shelby Lynne Barackman was strangled to death by her grand-father when she licked the icing off of cupcakes. He was convicted of the crime on September 15, 1998.

2000 - It was announced that Time-Warner had agreed to buy America On-line (AOL). It was the largest-ever corporate merger priced at \$162 billion. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) approved the deal on December 14, 2000.

2001 - American Airlines agreed to acquire most of Trans World Airlines (TWA) assets for about \$500 million. The deal brought an end to the financially troubled TWA.

Amber Waves



The new year

The first week of 2025 has provided us with some rays of sunlight on the national scene, but that sunlight is tempered with some serious storms on the horizon.

The Republicans elected Michael Johnson as Speaker of the House on their first ballot, with an extended voting time to allow for two Freedom Caucus Republicans to change their votes for Johnson. Regardless, a first round elections was a very good start for the Republicans.

Now the issue is whether the Republicans, who control the Senate, the House and the Presidency, can legislatively enact Trump’s campaign promises and fund the government. Of recent date, the party in power seeks to throw everything into what is called a reconciliation bill and pass it in both chambers quickly, because this technical approach avoids having to have at least 60 votes in the Senate.

The debate now is whether the bill should be one huge bill covering all that Trump wants or two bills that allows for more time to refine the legislation.

Traditional wisdom says the

better approach for government is to make it two bills and not one giant bill.

Academically, I am inclined to agree with that approach. However, this is Washington D.C., and my faith in the Republicans holding their House caucus together for more than 100 days is between slim and none.

The Freedom Caucus will threaten to withhold their votes unless they get preferential treatment for their agenda. With only a two or three vote margin, the Republicans cannot afford dissenting votes. At the moment, it appears that Trump has momentum behind him, and the Freedom Caucus is not outwardly challenging the agenda. The egos of the Freedom Caucus and the Squad are the same: Me, Me, and Me.

Unless Johnson can present a bill that appeases essentially all of the Republicans, and that will not be easy, chaos is sure to result in Washington. The Republicans are going to get one bite at the apple before all of this good will dissipates and we go back to contentious legislation as usual and no positive results.



The sausage making will be intense. The Republicans have a fairly clear mandate for border security. Tax reform and budget reductions are much more contentious issues. Everybody wants to cut the budget until its their program being cut. This is going to be blood sausage before it is over, if the sausage can even get to that casing tube. We shall see.

NEW ORLEANS—The attack by pickup truck in New Orleans should be a wake up call for all Americans. It was self evident that the nation has several soft spots for terrorism, especially that of the lone wolf variant. New Orleans had the vehicle control devices and simply did not use them. That failure to anticipate an attack was a direct failure of law enforcement.

While the officers who

immediately responded should all be commended, their administration needs to do a major reevaluation of their terror safety protocols. Locally, law enforcement needs to review their protocols for safety.

I attend a lot of Illinois football games at Memorial Stadium. The place holds 70,000 people in an open stadium. A couple of drones with chemicals or explosives could do immense harm to the public. What about a suicide flight by a terrorist into the stadium?

I am not trying to scare anyone from not going to the games, but there are risks with large spectator events. Americans abhor a police state, but they also want safety. Security and safety are difficult to achieve at the same time if you have a dedicated terrorist out there. New Orleans failed the public.

We don’t need to repeat those mistakes here.

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

Life insurance premium discount



by Freddy Groves

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If you’re already covered and want to check your policy, pay the premium, see the details of your insurance or change beneficiaries, you can do that online. However, accessing your policy online depends on the type of policy it is. See www.va.gov/life-insurance/manage-your-policy for the details about whether your access will be through the VA portal,

through Prudential or via milConnect.

As of now, the VA’s insurance covers over 5 million veterans, active duty and families, but there’s always room for more. If you’re not currently covered and you want to explore getting insurance coverage, see www.va.gov/life-insurance/options-eligibility for your options.

A heads up: You’ll need to sign up for certain types of insurance in the first 120 days when you leave the service.

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Selena Higgins

Social Security district manager, Normal

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Please share this information with your friends and loved ones who receive SSDI benefits or SSIs.

Research the facts for yourself

So much politically is happening at once, and so quickly, that it is difficult to keep up on discussions as they occur. I will need to be succinct and dispense with detailed information.

It was said that Jimmy Carter was responsible for reducing the highway speed from 65 to 55 mph. Included was that prices got out of hand, and the hostages in Iran were not released until immediately after Carter lost reelection.

I can prove the first two statements as incorrect. Richard Nixon had the highway speed reduced, not Carter. Also, Carter was not responsible for runaway prices.

It began on August 15, 1971, with a speech by Nixon. The speech was dubbed "Nixon shock." He was outlining his price controls that would be installed. This included price/wage freezes, 10 percent tariffs and eliminating the gold standard, in turn, causing global havoc. The effects continue today. Inflation rose higher and faster than in any presidency past or present.

The last point regarding Carter is that hostages were not released until Reagan became president, making it appear Carter failed.

Now, there appears evidence that negotiations occurred between Iran and Reagan's party to not release the hostages to Carter but to hold back



until Reagan became president. For details, check it out in the Esquire magazine story by Charles Peirce. Also check www.history.state.gov. Political historians find these sources reliable.

If one could see through the maze of lies and rhetoric of previous presidencies, it would educate us about Trump's destructive powers through a poorly administrated government with a "do nothing congress" and advantaging the 1 percent ultra-wealthy at taxpayers' expense. This, too, will prove dangerous to each person and the general economy.

Now, it appears an oligarchy is forming with Elon Musk controlling Donald Trump. Musk is not a U.S. citizen. He immigrated from South Africa and overstayed his visa. Musk and a member of congress are already working out deals to cut or abolish Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, school lunches,

facilities for the elderly and aid to the handicapped simply so they can add to the overstuffed coffers of the ultra-wealthy. In addition to this, they are threatening to stop funding for children's cancer research. Please research this for yourself. Even if you believe it, do it anyway for more facts and details.

Just the fear and anticipation of what Trump is planning has begun a great decline in, not only the economy, but our relationship with our neighbors and repercussions worldwide. Trump's proposals have driven down the market making investors nervous. The Dow Jones downward spiral is starting again. It took Biden to rebuild it the first time. Sources, such as the Wall Street Journal reports these facts; Trump's occultists have no credible argument.

Although it is easier to either print what one thinks is right or quote from easily accessible information, it takes work to search through reliable sources. For those interested in politics, I beg you to find reliable sources.

Do not merely accept information at face value, read it for yourself.

Roger Joss is a life-long Clinton resident and also author of The Culinary Corner column.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Clinton Police Department

Citations:
12/31/24 Jodi Michael 23, Clinton was cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration. Michael was issued a notice to appear.

12/31/24 Missy Bragg 47, Clinton was cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operation of an uninsured vehicle. Bragg was issued a notice to appear.

01/01/25 April Kemp 49. Clinton was cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration. Kemp was issued a notice to appear.

01/02/25 Skylar Igleski 27, Decatur was cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. Isleski was issued a notice to appear.

01/03/25 Gabriel Green 25, Decatur was cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. Green was issued a notice to appear.

Arrests:
01/01/25 Bryson Bishop

23, Clinton was charged with driving under the influence. Bishop was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

01/01/25 Tracie Alwood 39, Clinton was charged with driving under the influence. Alwood was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

01/03/25 David Rose 39, Salem was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of hypodermic syringe / needle, driving while license revoked and unlawful display of registration plate. Rose was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

01/04/25 Sydney Cooper 68, Clinton was charged with aggravated discharge of a firearm and aggravated battery to a peace officer. Cooper was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

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Psalm 35:16-17

Like the **ungodly** **they** maliciously **mocked**; they **gnashed their teeth** at me. **How long, Lord, will you look** on? **Rescue me from** their **ravages**, my **precious life** from **these lions**.

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Answers
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L I F E K S A O E Y
W R R V E I B N Y O
C P F R O M L G G U



The blessing of a perishing man came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban. I was eyes to the blind, and I was feet to the lame.

— JOB 29:13-15 —

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ephesians (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. “Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord” is found in ...? Psalms, Proverbs, Numbers, Jeremiah
3. What tree did Jesus tell a parable about? Apple, Fig, Olive, Sycamore
4. Who was John the Baptist’s father? Zechariah, Zacharias, Zephaniah, Zaccheus
5. What did the oak tree symbolize in the Bible? Growth, Strength, Weakness, Fruitfulness
6. Which is not a book of the New Testament? Revelation, Judges, Colossians, Jude

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) Psalms 150:6, 3) Fig, 4) Zecharias, 5) Strength, 6) Judges

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clintoncog.org
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10:30 a.m.-Sunday morning worship
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BRIDGE BITES

NO SAFE EXIT

This month's deals have been about finessing. In earlier weeks we were trying to avoid them in favor of better alternatives. But this week, we are actually going to take a finesse. Eventually.

	♠ AQ654 ♥ K843 ♦ K7 ♣ 76	
♠ JT9 ♥ 65 ♦ J965 ♣ QJT9	North West East South	♠ K8 ♥ T ♦ T8432 ♣ 85432
	♠ 732 ♥ AQJ972 ♦ AQ ♣ AK	

None Vulnerable
South West North East
1♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
6♥ All Pass

N-S take the express lane to 6♥ and West leads the ♠Q. You will win that and draw trumps in two rounds, but then what? You have 11 tricks, can you find the 12th?

This hand appears to depend on a successful Spade finesse and, if the ♠K is with West, then 6♥ makes. But that King is with East on the actual lie

of the cards. Does that mean it's down one? Not at all! Having drawn trumps, Declarer cashes those minor suit winners, and leads a Spade to the Ace. Then he crosses back to hand with a trump and leads a Spade towards the Queen. East wins the King but has no safe exit. With nothing left but minor suit cards, whatever he plays will give Declarer a ruff and sluff. Declarer will pitch the Spade loser from his hand and ruff on the board. Making 12 tricks.

Taking the delayed finesse gave Declarer a second way to win. He would still make his slam whenever West had the ♠K, and he would also succeed when the King was doubleton with East. But only if Declarer cashes his minor suit winners first, forcing East to concede that ruff and sluff after winning the doubleton King.

FEAR
By: rj
johnson

KNIGHT
DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

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HIPSLO
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OGH
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NURGI
♥PTO
SOGSER
♥HENSO
GLOO

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.

Super Crossword

ADDED WEIGHT

ACROSS

1 Posh parties
6 Lumberyard tool
12 Rd. crossers
15 Quick bite
19 Japanese film genre
20 Mob code of silence
21 — au vin (chicken dish)
22 Qualified
23 Milk or egg container in a precinct refrigerator?
25 Volcanic event
27 Bible book after Genesis
28 Strike zones, to pitcher Kershaw?
30 Hefty slice
32 White-coated Scottish terrier, for short
33 Ohio city whose residents all have messy mop tops?
41 It merged with Exxon in 1999
45 Studio alert
46 Off-course
47 Dalai —
50 Brian of electronica

51 Play spiritedly
52 People evaluating a central California city?
55 Wedding vow
56 Seder bread
57 Makes public
58 Suffix with million
59 Has a feeling
61 Shepherd of "Mr. Iglesias"
64 Conjunction with a slash
65 Appliance invented by the first U.S. president?
70 "A Bell for —" (novel)
72 Caged (up)
73 "24" actress Cuthbert
76 William who played Hopalong Cassidy
77 T. Rex, e.g.
78 — fatuus (delusion)
81 Longtime "Conan" airer
82 Rocker known for the loud crashing noises in his songs?
87 Flapjack chain, in brief

88 Aykroyd of "Soul Man"
89 Sty beasts
90 Beachgoer's headwear
91 Phase
92 Occur next
94 Tactful reply when Churchill asked "Who dislikes me?"
96 Glorify
100 Mai — (cocktails)
101 Name of a labor union in a city south of Los Angeles?
109 Pressure felt at liftoff
113 "Sounds right to me"
114 Clara who collected cleansing cakes?
116 See 75-Down
117 — Father
118 Songlike
119 Cleo of song
120 U. of Maryland athlete
121 Born, in Lyon
122 Gave lip to
123 Actor Murphy

DOWN

1 Stare in awe
2 Strong as —
3 "— & Stitch"
4 In the center of a vessel
5 Not religious
6 Mythical bird
7 Apple line
8 Alternative to JavaScript
9 Madrid Mlle. New Ager
10 "This is not —" (warning to kids)
11 Desire
12 Act segment
13 Legal wrongs
14 Crouch down
15 "StarTalk" cable chan.
16 NYC theater award
17 ATM hole
18 Egg sources
24 Actor Morales
26 Fundamental
29 Have title to
31 Film director Ratner
33 Johnson of Britain
34 Battery pole
35 "Mo' Money" star
36 Health expert on TV
37 Former BP gas chain
38 Shaggy ox
39 Blowup stuff
40 Ear-related prefix
42 Else
43 Opening lines
44 Aesop's hare, notably
47 Actress Dern
48 Playful trick
49 Mothers
52 An obi is one
53 Standard
54 One-named
56 Prefix with -dermal or American
60 Wall St.'s "500" index
61 Big name in fuel additives
62 Weeding tool
63 Bring to a halt
64 Brings pain to
66 Cake coating
67 Taboo things
68 Mess up
69 Prince, e.g.
70 First five of 26 letters
71 Gold-medal swimmer Tom
74 Cable streaming app until 2020
75 With 116-Across, it has trembling leaves
77 Scooby- —
78 With a sharp image, briefly
79 Aussie "Hi!"
80 Abbr. on a food package
83 "— the rub!"
84 "General" on Chinese menus
85 Core
86 Half of dos
87 "Such a pity"
91 Sound from a cold sufferer
93 Maintenance
94 Natal lead-in
95 "Othello" foe
97 Illegal burning
98 Edition
99 Make a goal
101 Figure skater Katarina
102 Horrid giant
103 Regretful person
104 CEOs' degs.
105 Law firm aide, for short
106 Baseballer Speaker
107 Siouan people
108 Schnozzola
110 Doping juice
111 Tot's plea
112 Sword variety
115 Silent assent

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Journal

Go Figure!

answers

9 = 1

9 + 4 = 14

9 - 14 = 5

7 + 8 = 15

7 + 8 = 15

3 + 2 = 5

3 + 2 = 5

GO FIGURE!

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

DIFFICULTY: ★★

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UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 9 IN BLOCK 1 IN DEBOICE'S SUBDIVISION OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, TO WIT: BEGINNING AT A STONE IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST OF THE 3RD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AND THENCE WEST ON THE SECTION LINE 508 FEET, THENCE NORTH 1,346 FEET, THENCE EAST 511 FEET TO THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4, THENCE SOUTH 1,346 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, IN DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as: 919 W North St, Clinton, IL 61727 Names of the title-holders of record: Winifred L. Dunn. Date of the Mortgage: May 7, 2010. Name or names of the mortgagors:

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County Clerk
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DEWITT COUNTY - CLINTON, ILLINOIS
U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust
PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Kent Short; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS
No. 2024FC18
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
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Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
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COMMONLY KNOWN AS:
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Kent Short
Karen K. Short
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2024-EV-27
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September 16, 2025
October 21, 2025
November 18, 2025
December 16, 2025

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New Year's Day
January 20, 2025
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 12, 2025
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President's Day
April 18, 2025
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NEWS

Virus / from A1

With respiratory illnesses on the upswing last month, IDPH issued a health alert to hospitals and healthcare facilities recommending that they take note of local conditions and consider targeted steps to mitigate the circulation of seasonal illnesses. These could include visitor restrictions and source control through measures like masking.

“The New Year has arrived, and Illinois is experiencing the expected winter surge in seasonal respiratory illnesses,” said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra. “It is now more important than ever to use the many tools at our disposal to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe. The most effective tool remains vaccinations for flu, COVID-19, and RSV. It is not too late to get your vaccines, as the seasonal respiratory season can extend late into the spring.

“Other effective tools to prevent exposure to respiratory illnesses include enhanced ventilation, good hand hygiene, and a well-fitting mask,” Dr. Vohra continued. “These tools may be valuable to all our Illinois residents but are especially important for those most at risk including individuals over 65, individuals with chronic medical conditions, and individuals who are immunocompromised.”

Director Vohra recommended that anyone who is feeling symptoms of respiratory illness – such as a fever, runny nose, sore throat or cough – consider getting tested and treated early in the course of their illness, especially if they are at risk for serious illness or spreading it to someone who is at risk of serious illness. Treatments for Flu and COVID-19 are most effective when they are given early in the course of the illness. Those who are ill should avoid spreading germs to others by self-isolating (i.e. staying away from others when they are ill) or wearing a mask if unable to isolate.

For those who are unvaccinated, public health officials note that it’s not too late to get vaccinated. It takes about two weeks for vaccinations to provide their full level of protection. Getting shots now will offer protection through the cold and flu season that lasts into the spring.

Sadly, the IDPH

Respiratory Illness Dashboard has recorded four pediatric deaths this season from flu, COVID-19 and RSV, providing a stark reminder about the importance of vaccinations for children and of the risk of serious illness from these largely preventable seasonal illnesses.

IDPH has posted two helpful new FAQ documents on its website providing the latest guidance on vaccinations and how to get tested and treated for seasonal illnesses. In addition, the CDC has created a new Respiratory Illness Data Channel that provides nationwide county specific information that would be valuable for anyone planning to travel out of state.

The FDA and CDC have approved new vaccines for COVID-19 and flu as well as updated who can receive the RSV vaccines. The new COVID-19 vaccines and the new flu shots are recommended for everyone over the age of 6 months. The RSV vaccine is recommended for everyone 75 years and older and those between 60-74 years who are at risk for serious illness. But if you got an RSV shot last winter, you do not need another at this time, according to the CDC. Those in the late stages of pregnancy are advised to get the RSV vaccine designed to protect newborns. Eligible newborns whose mothers have not received the RSV vaccine should receive nirsevimab between October and March.

For COVID-19, treatment must be prescribed by a healthcare provider and started within 5–7 days after symptoms appear. Treatment is strongly recommended for those who are over 65 or at higher risk for severe illness. Some Illinoisans should be eligible to access free oral antivirals through the Paxcess and Merck Helps programs.

Antiviral treatments for flu are most effective when given within 48 hours of starting to feel ill and are only available by prescription. Older adults, young children and those who are pregnant or have certain underlying conditions are at risk for complications and should contact a healthcare provider to be assessed for

the need for treatment as soon as possible.

You can find locations that perform COVID-19 tests in person at no cost near you by using the testing locator for the federal ICATT (Increasing Community Access to Testing) program. In addition, the federal

government resumed offering free COVID-19 tests to every household through the covidtests.gov website.

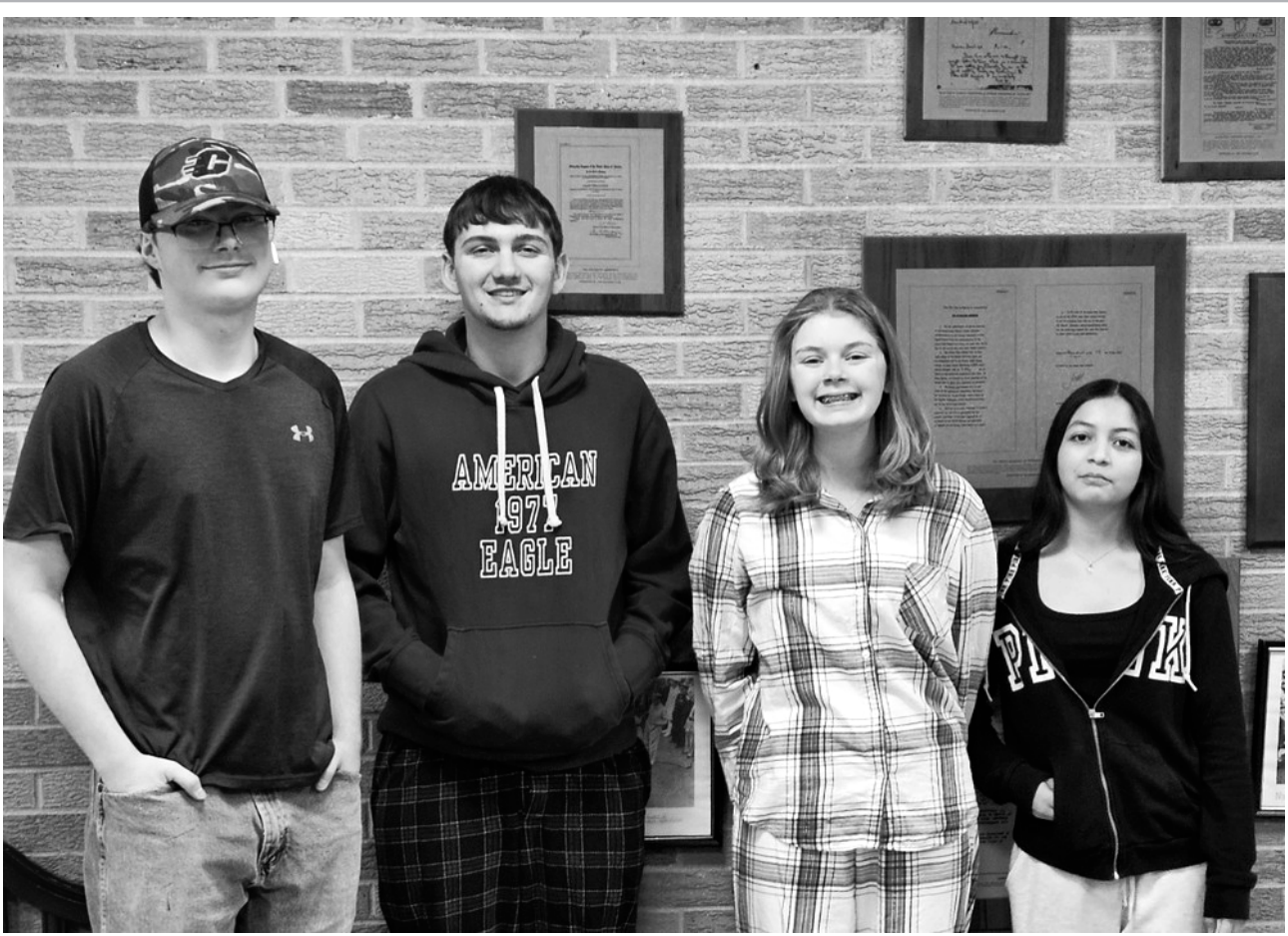
The new vaccines are widely available at pharmacies and through hospitals, and community health clinics. The major pharmacy chains allow you

to make an appointment online to get a shot.

For help finding a provider of vaccines near you, go to www.vaccines.gov. Vaccine information is also available for Illinoisans who are uninsured or underinsured, and for children eligible

for the Vaccines for Children program, through IDPH’s Vaccine Locator Dashboard.

Adults without insurance can also check with their local health department for options or contact a free and charitable clinic or a Community Health Center.



Courtesy of Clinton High School

CHS November students of the month

Pictured are Clinton High School students of the month Jacob Hewerdine, sophomore; Brannon McCue, senior; McKegan Morgan, junior; and Delmi Serrano, freshman.



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Longview Bank branch progresses

The Clinton Longview Bank branch is progressing construction on the city’s west side across from Clinton High School. The bank is expected to open in the spring.

SPORTS


CJHS Maroons fall to El Paso-Gridley

CLINTON — Despite some strong offense and defensive play, which enabled the Maroons to make up their point deficit in the second half of Monday’s home game, the Maroons’ 8th grade ultimately lost to the El Paso-Gridley team. The CJHS Maroons also were scheduled to play Corpus Christi and Mahomet-Seymour at home this week.



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Weather History

January 10

1982: Bitterly cold weather was found across Illinois. Of the 109 weather reporting stations in the state, 48 of those reported lows of 20 degrees below zero or colder. Some of the coldest temperatures included 27 below zero at Rockford, 26 below zero at Chicago, and 25 below zero at Kankakee and Peoria.

January 11

1991: A 3-day winter storm was in progress across central Illinois. Trees and power lines suffered extensive damage due to freezing rain. Once the freezing rain changed to snow, 5-7 inches of snow fell across northern and central parts of the state.

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