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County declares vacancy on board

Board member Tom Farris resigns
his seat for personal reasons;
Sheriff's office to replace server

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CLINTON — The DeWitt County Board, on March 20, voted to declare a vacancy on the board for District C. Board member Tom Farris resigned from the board, citing personal reasons.

"The board has to declare that vacancy and then notify the chairman of each party," said board chairman Joe Witte.

Farris was a member of the Republican party, so the county Republican organization has 60 days to name a replacement to fill the seat until the election.

"I thank Mr. Farris for his service," Witte said. "I know he was very active with public safety and animal control."

Reappointments included Richard Hardesty to the Farmer City Fire Protection District, Sandra Beecher to the DeWitt County Community Mental Health Board, and Jeff Kiesling, Stephen Page and Mike Walker to the ETSB.

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Courtesy of DeWitt Clinton DAR

Kenney Free Library book kiosk under construction

Construction has begun on the Kenney Free Library book kiosk. It will be approximately 28" X 18" X 70" and will hold at least 100 books for students K-12. The plans were drawn up in the CHS Industrial Arts drafting class and is being constructed by the woodworking class, both taught by Fred Knap. Since the Village of Kenney is not part of the Vespasian Warner Public Library district, this will give students living there easy access to quality hard-back books. Pictured, left to right, Seamus Retzer, Mr. Knap, Austin Fortune and Lucas Baker. Woodworking students not pictured, Reed Notaro, Madison Koyak, Gage Harris and Rylan Wagers. Funding for this project is made possible through the DeWitt Clinton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR State Regent Christina Bannon's "Working Together - Making a Difference" grant and Friends of Vespasian Warner Public Library, which also will provide the books.

School board hears plans about Douglas, Lincoln schools restructuring

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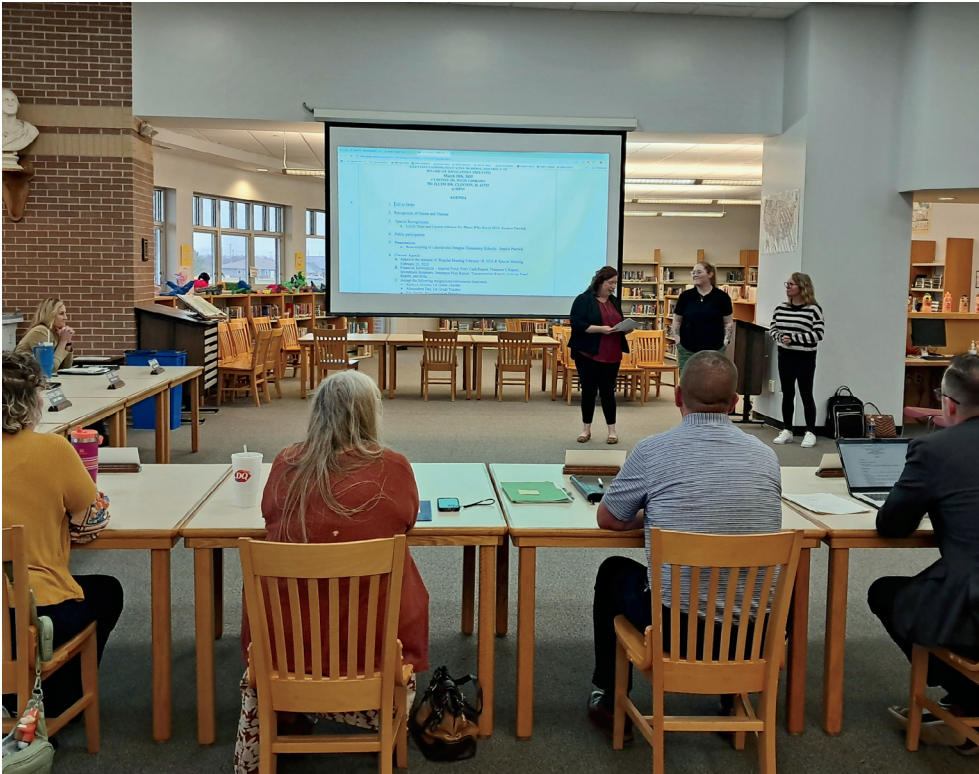
CLINTON — The Clinton Unified School District (CUSD 15) board recently heard plans to restructure the use of Douglas and Lincoln

elementary schools.

Rather than maintaining the two schools to each house pre-k, kindergarten and 1st grade classes, all pre-k students would be taught at Douglas School, while all kindergarten and 1st grade students would be taught at Lincoln School.

Part of the plan is intended to make communications between teachers of the same grade levels easier and more convenient, particularly when consulting with one another about class teaching plans.

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Lauren Johnson, Lincoln and Douglas schools preschool coordinator, shown background far right, was recognized for her Meritorious Award from the ISBE "Those Who Excell," and Elizabeth Sloat, kindergarten teacher at Lincoln, stands next to Johnson, for her Special Award from the program. The recognition took place during the recent school board meeting.

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NEWS

Church of Christ blood drive April 10

CLINTON — The Church of Christ will host a community blood drive with ImpactLife, the provider of blood components for local hospitals. The blood drive will be held from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 10 at 5450 Evans Drive, inside auditorium.

All presenting donors will receive a gift card, bonus points to the reward store, or a donation to their charity of choice.

Appointments: To donate, contact Stephen Bradd at (217) 935-5058 or visit www.bloodcenter.org and use code 71395 to locate the drive.

Donor Eligibility Criteria: Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available through www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh more than 110 pounds. A photo I.D. is required to donate. For questions about eligibility, please call ImpactLife at (800) 747 5401. Donors who last gave blood on or before 02/13/25 are eligible to give at this drive.

Mu Chapter fish fry tonight at St. John’s Church

CLINTON — The Sisters of Mu Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa will sponsor a fish fry at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, March 28.

Servings include haddock, shrimp or a combination of both, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, drink and a dessert.

Funds raised will help with teacher and future teacher scholarships in DeWitt and Logan counties.

‘Feed & Auction’ fundraiser for St. Jude Saturday in Hudson

HUDSON, Ill. — A “Feed & Auction” fundraiser for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital will be held from noon-4 p.m. on Saturday, April 5 at Sit ‘n Bull, 209 Front Street, Hudson.

The meal will include all-you-can-eat smoked, pulled pork and sides, courtesy of Annie’s Eats. Cost \$25.

There also will be live and silent auctions.

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Would you miss your Social Security?

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Last week, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Howard Lutnick gave a television interview during which he claimed

people receiving Social Security retirement benefits wouldn’t miss them if they stopped arriving.

He also claimed anyone who called a Social Security office asking why their payment hadn’t arrived was probably trying to commit fraud.

Lutnick’s personal wealth is estimated at \$2 billion.

Earlier, Elon Musk, head of the so-called Department of Government Efficiency, claimed in an interview Social Security needed to be “eliminated.”

Do you agree with these officials? If you’re concerned about the future of your Social Security retirement benefits Medicare or Medicaid, contact your members of Congress.

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Turner advances bill to help young and prospective farmers

SPRINGFIELD — State Sen. Sally Turner (R-Beason) successfully advanced Senate Bill 2372 out of the Senate Agriculture Committee today, taking a step toward addressing the challenges young and prospective farmers face when trying to access farmland in Illinois.

Senate Bill 2372 creates the Farmland Transition Commission Act, establishing a commission within the Illinois Department of Agriculture to study the barriers individuals ages 25 through 40 encounter when purchasing or accessing farmland. The Commission will review existing policies and incentives and make recommendations to improve farmland transfer



Sen. Sally Turner

opportunities for current and aspiring farmers.

“As the average age of farmers continues to rise, we must do more to ensure the next generation has the resources and opportunities needed to enter the industry,” said Senator Sally Turner. “This Commission will help

identify the challenges young farmers face and develop solutions to keep our agricultural heritage strong.”

Under the legislation, the Farmland Transition Commission will be composed of key agricultural leaders, policymakers, and young

farmers from across Illinois. The Commission will meet quarterly and submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly, providing policy recommendations to assist young farmers in acquiring farmland. The Commission will dissolve on December 31, 2031.

“Empowering young farmers is essential for the future of Illinois agriculture,” continued Senator Sally Turner. “By focusing on individuals aged 25 to 40, we’re ensuring that those in the early stages of their farming careers have the support they need to access farmland.”

Senate Bill 2372 now advances to the full Senate for further consideration.

County / from A1

John Werts was appointed to fill seats left vacant by Tom Farris on the ETSB and CenCom boards, and Candance McCartan to fill the unexpired term of Conner Anderson on the ETSB board.

The board voted to replace a computer server in the sheriff’s office for \$17,375. Sheriff Mike Walker said it was to replace the server that housed the department’s report writing system and stored other historical data from the department.

“We’ve had problems

with this for quite a while,” Walker said. “Unfortunately, our previous tech company would just tell us to clear things out to make more room.”

Walker said the department followed that advice for several years but the system was now at the point of failure.

“It that fails, it would be very difficult to get that information off of Emergitech and on to another server,” Walker said.

FOIA (Freedom of

Information Act) requests, police reports, jail records and other information are dependent on the server.

“It’s important to get that done before it fails,” Walker said.

The money to pay for the replacement would come from the county’s contingency fund.

“They normally recommend replacing servers every five years,” said county administrative assistant Dee Dee Rentmeister. “This one has been running since 2008.”

Walker said the server had never been replaced based on advice from the county’s former IT services firm.

“Rather than letting us know those things there so we could get ready for them,” Walker said.

He said the former IT firm was “just putting band aids on.” He also said the county’s new IT contractor evaluated the system and advised them what needed to be changed or updated.

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Richard ‘Dick’ Howell

MAROA — Richard “Dick” Howell, 76 of Maroa, passed away 1:18 a.m. on March 25, 2025, at Carle BroMenn Medical Center, in Normal.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at the Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with Scott Marsh officiating. Burial will follow at Texas Township Cemetery, Clinton. Visitation will be held from 10–11 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Richard Howell memorial fund for future agriculture scholarships.

Dick was born on April 2, 1948, in Decatur, the son of James W. and Irene (Lancaster) Howell. He married Pam McKinley on June 27, 1971, in Forsyth.

Survivors include his wife, Pam Howell, Maroa; son, Zack (Rebecca) Howell, Maroa; grandchildren, Davis Howell and Preston



Howell, Maroa; and his beloved dog, Ellie.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Robert Howell.

Dick retired as the president and farm manager of The John Warner Bank, Clinton. He served as school board president, president of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, and served on the soil and water conservation district board. Dick was a member of the Texas Christian Church. He had a life-long passion for farming and raising livestock.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Jacob John Metzger, IV

CANTON, Ga. — Jacob John Metzger, IV, 85, of Canton, Ga., passed away at his residence on Sunday, March 9, 2025.

Jacob was born on January 1, 1940, at Mark Green Hospital, in Vandalia, Ill., son of Jacob John Metzger II and Lora Isabel Adams Metzger.

He graduated with honors from Vandalia High School, was a member of the Thespian Club and was an exceptional baseball player. Jacob graduated from Greenville College in 1961 and was awarded class honors at commencement for his work in the field of Business Administration. Jacob was also awarded the Wall Street Journal Achievement Award, given only to the top 10 business minds in America and was given a silver medal as president of the Business Forum, a campus club for business majors. He then graduated Summa Cum Laude from St. Louis University in 1974 with an

MBA in finance.

After college, he worked as a controller for Rouche Pharmaceuticals. He also managed a 140-acre farm in southern Illinois.

Nancy Metzger and Jacob Metzger celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on March 8, just one day before his passing. Nancy Metzger is the wife of Jacob and the mother of Angela Meyer (Sean) and Tim Schwartz.

Jacob’s first wife, Deanna Meseke, is the mother of Jay Metzger, Clinton, and Pam Baginski, Canton, Ga.

He was preceded in death by his second wife, Eleanor Kay Burch Metzger, parents and infant granddaughter, Jennifer Gayle Clifft.

Funeral services were conducted by Sosebee Funeral Home, in Canton, Ga., on March 14, with the Rev. Steve Duvall officiating.

The family greatly mourns the loss of our patriarch and spiritual leader.

Linda ‘Lindy’ Green Rousey

*In Loving Memory
of March 8, 1948
– March 14, 2025*



SAN TAN VALLEY, Ariz. — We are saddened to announce the passing of Linda (Lindy) Green Rousey, who left us on March 14, 2025, at her home in San Tan Valley, Ariz., surrounded by her loving family.

Born on March 8, 1948, to John L. and Margaret Green, Lindy grew up on a farm with her parents and three sisters outside Wapella. She attended St. John’s Catholic elementary school in Clinton through the 6th grade. She then attended junior high and high school in Wapella, where she graduated in 1966. She was a homecoming queen and FFA Sweetheart at Wapella High School and participated in many extracurricular activities. Her enthusiasm was contagious to all who knew her.

She graduated in 1970 from Illinois State University with a B.S. degree in Elementary Education. She started her full-time teaching career in LeRoy and spent most of her 35-year teaching career in the Mt. Zion school district as a 5th grade teacher. She retired from there in 2006.

Lindy resided in Maroa for many years before moving to Arizona in 2017. Lindy and her husband Steve spent their summers in Maroa, returning to Arizona at the beginning of each fall.

Lindy is survived by her husband, Steve Rousey. They were married on April 13, 2018, in Florence Ariz.

She previously married Stephen Hale and later Richard Owens (deceased). Also surviving are her children Gregory Hale (Laura), Wapella; Stephanie Hale, Clinton; stepchildren Jennifer Sarter

Wapella and Long Point Cemetery workday planned for Saturday

WAPELLA — The Wapella and Long Point Cemetery will have a work day and annual meeting on Saturday, March 29 at 10 a.m.

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OPINION

HISTORY ALMANAC

1933 - In Germany, the Nazis ordered a ban on all Jews in businesses, professions and schools.

1939 - The Spanish Civil War ended as Madrid fell to Fascist Francisco Franco with backing from Nazi Germany.

1941 - The Italian fleet was defeated by the British at the Battle of Matapan.

1942 - British naval forces raided the Nazi occupied French port of St. Nazaire.

1962 - The U.S. Air Force announced research into the use of lasers to intercept missiles and satellites.

1963 - Sonny Werblin announced that the New York Titans of the American Football League was changing its name to the New York Jets. (NFL)

1968 - The U.S. lost its first F-111 aircraft in Vietnam when it vanished while on a combat mission. North Vietnam claimed that they had shot it down.

1979 - A major accident occurred at Pennsylvania's Three Mile Island nuclear power plant. A nuclear power reactor overheated and suffered a partial meltdown.

1990 - Jesse Owens received the Congressional Gold Medal from U.S. President George H.W. Bush.

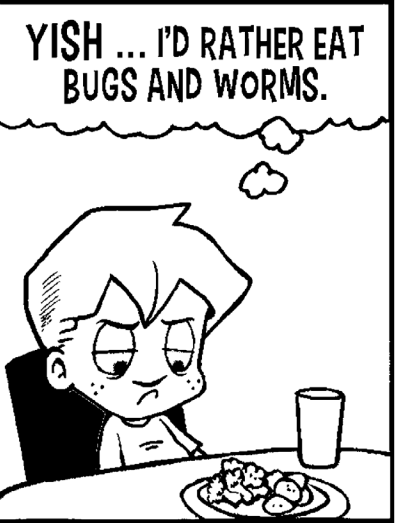
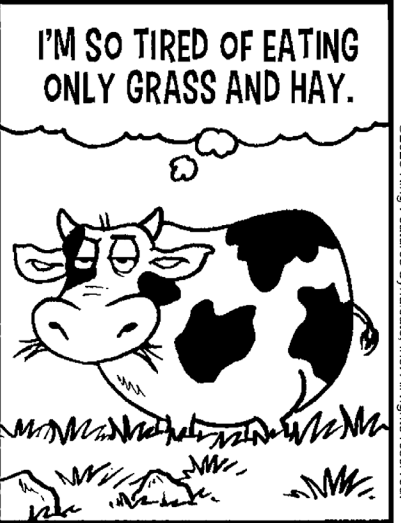
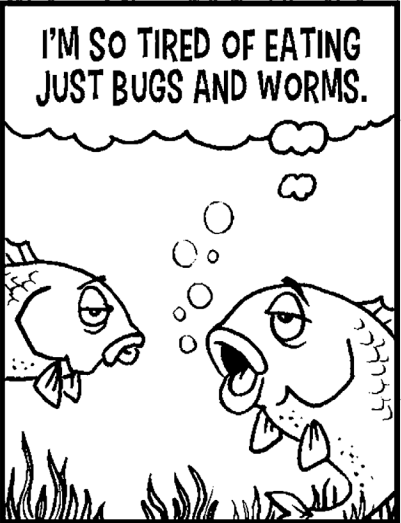
1990 - In Britain, a joint Anglo-U.S. "sting" operation ended with the seizure of 40 capacitors, which can be used in the trigger mechanism of a nuclear weapon.

1999 - Paraguay's President Raúl Cubas Grau resigned after protests inspired by the assassination of Vice-President Luis María Argaña on March 23. The nation's Congress had accused Cubas and his political associate, Gen. Lino César Oviedo, for Cubas' murder. Senate President Luis González Macchi took office as Paraguay's new chief executive.

2002 - The exhibit "The Italians: Three Centuries of Italian Art" opened at the National Gallery of Australia.

2010 - China's Zhejiang Geely Holding Group Co. signed a deal to buy Ford Motor Co.'s Volvo car unit.

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

The Executive vs the Judiciary

The U.S. government model is unique throughout the world. We have three equal branches of government. The President, the Supreme Court and Congress.

The system is designed to have respect between the branches with deference to each branch's authority. This is not to say that politics doesn't have a play, but rather that each branch has the power to protect its own existence and authority.

Can it be abused? Absolutely. But it has always, historically, trended back to the center. Time and experience are great moderators. Presidents have appointed liberal and conservative judges over the years hoping that their appointments would reflect their viewpoints. Again, judges tend to moderate towards the center or they simply balance each other out.

A judge, not my son, whom I have known for more than 30 years was a very aggressive and hard-nosed prosecutor. When he was first appointed to the bench, his rulings were certainly prosecutorial based. Then, something seemed to hit his mind set.

His rulings over his first year on the bench moderated towards the center as to legal basis. Today,

that judge is one of the most even-handed judges I know. His rulings are fair and based on the law. Now, if you're the defendant and found guilty that old prosecutor is going to come out, but you will have had a very fair trial to present your side.

Trump sought to politicize the Court when he nominated judges with a history of opposing abortion. Biden did the same politicization when he said he would nominate a black female. Both presidents politicized their respective nominations in some form. The nominees have essentially balanced each other out and many Supreme Court decisions are 9-0, which indicates the lessening role of politics over time.

Today, Trump and the Judiciary appear to be at odds with each other. Do I personally believe that Trump was somewhat unfairly prosecuted after he announced he would be running for President again? The qualified answer is yes, but Trump by his own demeanor simply made the situation worse. Trump's verbiage was to attack and vilify the Court.

From a pragmatic and electoral point of view, his actions were brilliant. He is now the 47th President of the U.S. Trump's divide and conquer strategy



enhanced his political stature with the majority of the voters and he won. The downside of that political strategy is that in attacking, Trump diminished his ability to form support across a greater base to retain his electorate.

Today, Trump has serious problems with some federal district court judges over his agenda. Trump's agenda is to upset the apple cart and enact the changes he campaigned on. Those who oppose his changes are going to contest any change they believe is unlawful. That has been the history of elections since the beginning of the nation. The Courts have consistently held that the President has immense authority over foreign policy and immigration.

That a district judge ruled against Trump is not unusual in an immigration matter. Trump's response was and is unusual. Trump has attacked the local courts when

he, or his administration, have an adverse ruling. Vilifying the local court with public rants does not help Trump's cause. There is an appellate court available to hear the case and rule accordingly.

Trump's dissatisfaction with the trial court may well be valid, but his approach simply harms the separation of power doctrine. Let the Courts make their rulings and let the appeals go forward. These hearings will be expedited and the nation can expect an appellate ruling in the short term. Anger simply doesn't assist Trump's position and may well harm it. The immigration laws mostly support Trump's agenda. There will be those exceptions and that is what the Court can determine. Take a step back. Let the law work.

MAYOR'S RACE—WHOW conducted its Mayor's forum this past Wednesday. You can listen to the candidate's by going to the DeWitt Daily News website.

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

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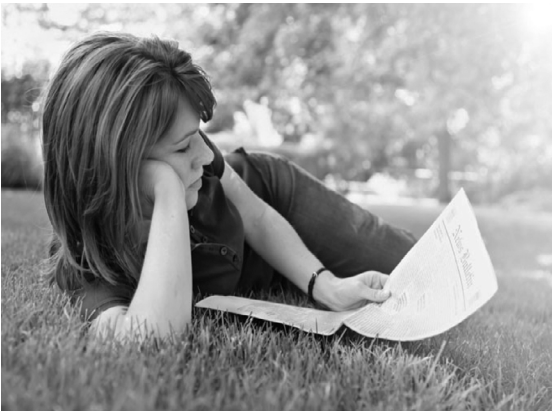
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OPINION / NEWS

DOGE one

First, on a short personal note, by chance, I met-up with a friend with whom I went through grade school on through to high school graduation. Having weathered much together, we feel free to be direct and honest with each other. I like and respect that.

Having read a few of my articles, she proudly held that she is a Trumper but added I had a right to my opinions. In other words, she does not judge against another’s rights as opposed to their behavior. I feel blessed to have such mature friends.

Although neither of us cared to debate politics, I did make one correction. I avoid giving personal opinions as best I can. In my teaching mode, I prefer giving verifiable evidence and allow the recipients to form their own opinions. She knew me well enough to agree, and we left it at that. Friendship should not be built on politics but upon trust and caring.

Again, I apologize for the fact that too much is occurring on the political front for my articles to be current. Thus, these articles are lagging. Be that as it may, the information is timeless in that it will affect our lives and future generations.

What we learn, be it current or history, can be beneficial if properly given, understood, and applied.

I listed, in my head, about two



dozen nonsensical accusations and proposals of Trump’s. They range from banning plastic straws to Hatians’s eating people’s pets in Springfield, Ohio. As I have surmised earlier, most, if not all of this, is designed to draw our attention away from the impending catastrophe being surreptitiously formed. A catastrophe designed to destroy a 250-year-old tree of liberty in one fell.

DOGE, the so-called Department of Government Efficiency, reminds me of a battleship used to soften the opposing forces on land so troops can invade the beaches. What has DOGE really done outside of chaos? Since this gets deeply involved, we need to keep certain unchangeable basics in mind.

DOGE undermines the useful work done by 18 inspector generals (IG) that it has now replaced without any actual government accountability. A non-elected, financial supporter of Trump (Elon Musk) was appointed to

run DOGE.

Although IG was answerable to Congress and always provided viable cause for their actions, by Musk being partisan with vested interests, he refuses to be held accountable. It is further noted that no credible cause was ever given for the firing of all 18 inspectors outside of being replaced by one person lacking credentials, proof of qualifications, and with questionable ethics. Now, we are ready to begin.

The first line of attack was to eliminate all nonpartisan IG agents without cause. IG handled waste, fraud and abuse caused by government agencies. These were dedicated experienced people with extensive training. They proved most proficient at their job. To legally terminate any IG requires a 30-day notification to Congress along with appropriate cause, as well as a hearing.

Clearly, Trump has installed loyalists with a vested interest rather than keeping the nonpartisans they replaced.

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

READERS’ LETTERS

Rep. Miller more about playing bully than doing her job

When I moved to the IL-15 District, I signed up for Representative Mary Miller’s newsletter.

Her latest newsletter was noticeably light on information about what she’s doing to lower consumer prices, support farmers, improve public schools or address the mass layoffs of civil servants. Nor, did I see any announcements for town hall events, where she could hear from the people she represents.

Instead, she chose to highlight her well-publicized bullying of Rep. Sarah McBride, the first openly transgender person to serve in Congress. Rep. Miller deliberately referred to her colleague as the “gentleman from Delaware” and continues to tout this as an accomplishment. Put aside your views on trans individuals and remember that Mary and Sarah are coworkers. Would you ever intentionally humiliate your coworker in front of everyone else at work? Her behavior doesn’t represent the kind, welcoming and friendly residents of the district I’ve encountered since moving here.

After reading her newsletter, I can only conclude that she is trying to distract us with culture war hot topics so we don’t notice how little she is doing to improve our lives, don’t notice her unwillingness to face the people she represents and don’t notice her inability to check President Trump and Elon Musk as they take away our services and ignore the U.S. Constitution.

Surely, there are other qualified candidates who can represent us. I would vote for anyone else who keeps their head down, focuses on what matters to our communities, and shows common decency.

Paul Winters
Monticello, Ill.

Editor’s note: Clinton and DeWitt County also make up part of the 15th District Miller represents.

Schools / from page A1

Jessica Patrick, principal of Douglas and Lincoln schools, told the school board one of the problems staff had been trying to work around involved limited flexibility in class sizes.

“If we look at Lincoln and Douglas, our class sizes are not necessarily equal,” Patrick said. “We do have larger class sizes at

Lincoln currently than we do at Douglas.”

Patrick said efficiency of scheduling staff also was a challenge.

“This encompasses quite a few staff members that are shared between buildings,” she said.

The English language and occupational/physical therapist staff are some of these, as well as speech.

“We also look at time spent in these buildings,” Patrick said. “Some of our staff has more time than others when it comes to being split between the two buildings.”

Patrick said it would be a challenge to share some of the new curriculum coming when grades were split between two schools.

Other issues raised

involve the sufficiency of classrooms in the two schools as well as toilet facilities for pre-k students who aren’t yet toilet-trained.

The plan is viewed as a temporary situation with an eye toward a possible new replacement school sometime in the next 10 years.

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CHURCHES / NEWS

Artworks of DeWitt County students among those at ‘Gallery of Hope’ April 5 at Rock Springs

2025 Gallery of Hope
April 5, 2025 | 1 p.m.-4 p.m.
Rock Springs Nature Center,
3949 Nearing Lane, Decatur

Student artwork will be on display during a special exhibit at Rock Springs Center, Macon County.

The art display will be open to the public from March 1 -May 1at Rock SpringsNature Center. The event is Saturday, April 5 from 1 p.m. -4 p.m.

In addition to viewing the gallery, the event includes cupcake decorating, rock painting, friendship bracelets and more Students from Macon, DeWitt, and Logan counties have created the hundreds of pieces of art that will be on display.

To learn more reach out to Jessica Smiley
JSmiley@heritagenet.org or 217-420-4786.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 36:7-8

How priceless is your unfailing love. O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.

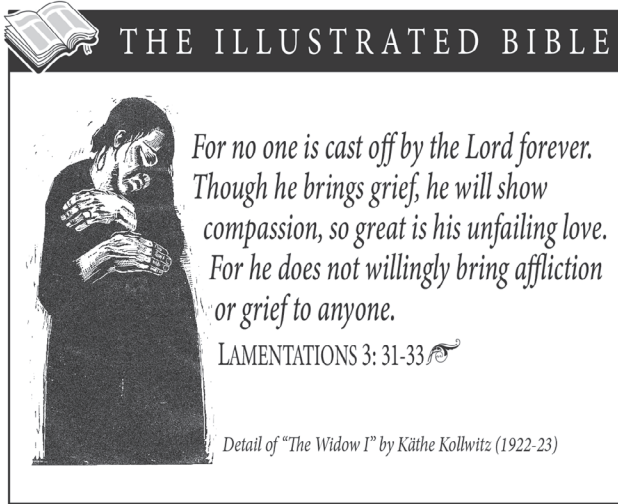
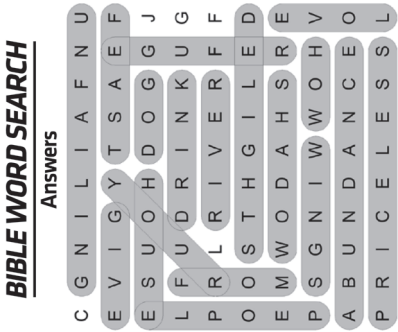
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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Romans (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From 2 Chronicles 14, where was Abijah buried? City of David, Jerusalem, City of Gath, Nazareth
3. According to Numbers 33, how old was Aaron when he died? 100, 113, 123, 132
4. Which of these sons of Jesse did not go into battle with Saul? Eliab, David, Abinadab, Shimea
5. From 2 Kings, who was Elijah’s successor? Solomon, Elisha, Nimshi, Nimrod
6. Which of Saul’s daughters loved David? Merab, Michal, Cornelius, Paulus

ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) City of David, 3) 123, 4) David, 5) Elisha, 6) Michal

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Area Churches Directory

Crosspoint of Clinton

412 S. Monroe Street, Clinton
(217) 935-8627
Sr. Pastor, Spencer McPheron
3 p.m.-Sunday worship
7 p.m.-Mondays family prayer
7 p.m.-Wednesday Bible study

Christ Lutheran Church & preschool

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

Clinton Church of Christ

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

Clinton Presbyterian Church

402 N. Center Street
Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.
Tel. (217) 935-6178
Fax (217) 935-6128
Pastor-Paul Stroup
clintonpresbyterian.org
9:15 a.m.-Sunday school
10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship with nursery available
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Clinton United Methodist Church

308 E. Main Street
Rev. Darrell Howard
(217) 935-5869

clintonumcil.org
9 a.m. Sunday Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School Children & Adult
5 p.m. Saturday Evening Worship in chapel
3:30 p.m. Thursday JC Stars After School Children’s program (pickup is available)
3rd Sunday S.W.A.G Sr & Jr High Youth
6 p.m. Extended Table 2nd and 4th Mondays
12:30 p.m. Wednesday Backpack Ministry

First Baptist Church

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

First Christian Church

100 N. Jackson Street, Clinton
(W. Main & N. Jackson)
clintonfcc.com
Adult Bible School 10:45 a.m.
Worship Services: 9:30 a.m.
First Kids Worship for 3-yr -olds - 5th grade is available at 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Nursery available at each morning service.

First Church of the Nazarene

Rt. 51 and Kleemann Drive, Clinton
Michael A. Taylor, pastor
8:30 a.m.-Sunday prayer around the altar
8:45 a.m.-continental breakfast
9:30 a.m.-Sunday school / Bible study
10:30 a.m.-morning worship
7 p.m.-Wednesday mid-week service

Kenney Christian Church

213 W. Benjamin Street, Kenney
(217) 944-2275
Ernie Harvey, minister
9:30 a.m.-Bible study

10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship

Lane Christian Church

(217) 935-2557
www.lanechurch.org
Jim Kilson, preaching and teaching minister
Marcus McCollom, youth and family minister
9 a.m.-Sunday school
10 a.m.-worship
5:30 p.m.-youth group
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St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

502 N. Monroe Street, Clinton
(217) 935-3727
Fr. Thomas R. Szydluk, pastor
8:30 a.m. - Wed. & Fri. mornings Mass
4 p.m.-Saturday Mass

Texas Christian Church

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

The Blessed Hope Seventh-Day Adventist Church

112 N. Monroe St., Clinton
(217) 731-4005
9:30 a.m.-Saturday, Sabbath school
11 a.m.- worship with pot luck afterwards

Wapella Christian Church

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

The Clinton Journal / Mayoral candidates’ 2025 questionnaire

Kelley Harvey

Please tell us a little about yourself, personally and professionally.

I moved to Clinton in 2012 and live here with my husband and our five children. In 2017, we decided to open our home to youth in foster care and fostered over 35 children. After adopting three children with special needs, we closed our license in 2022. I have remained involved in the foster care community by working with members of congress to advocate for foster care reform and by mentoring new foster parents and teaching them how to navigate the system.

I have a very diverse employment background that includes becoming a General Manager and Director of Marketing of a popular restaurant chain in the suburbs of Chicago. I used skills learned in restaurant management to be promoted to the National Customer Service Manager of a medical company based out of Bloomington; eventually I was promoted to Director of Marketing and Sales Representative Liaison at that company. At my previous job, it was my responsibility to launch new websites, create new revenue streams, monitor sales and help improve profits and to streamline and modernize office processes. In 2020, I decided to leave my very demanding job at the medical company to pursue a degree in respiratory therapy. My passion has always been to help those in need and try to create a better future for my children. If I am elected mayor, I will be able to serve others and create a brighter future for not just my children, but the children of our community.

What is your philosophy or view about the role of local government in enhancing the lives our community’s residents and serving their basic needs?

I firmly believe that if you want to make a difference, local government is going to have the biggest impact. I believe that any elected official should represent their constituents and that it is imperative for elected officials to listen to the people who elected them.

What do you believe are Clinton’s two or three most urgent issues and how do you propose addressing them.

The most urgent issue facing Clinton right now is that our city is being directly targeted by solar companies. More than 4 different companies are wanting to build solar farms in our community and landlock our city for the next 20 years. After listening to a 3 hour public hearing, it is clear that a majority of Clinton is not in favor of these projects. If elected, I plan on representing the majority of citizens and will not vote in favor of solar farms.

Other priorities for me include supporting local businesses by cleaning up and marketing the town. I am also concerned about the lack of youth opportunities locally and would love to develop a park district and local mentorship opportunities.

Tell us about your vision for Clinton and the kind of community we should try to build heading into the future.

My vision for Clinton is to have a self-sustaining community. We have amazing businesses, agriculture, healthcare and recreation already established, but we still have empty buildings and opportunities for growth. I would love to have a city that our community members take pride in and a place where others want to visit. Above all, I would love to make this city a place where citizens travel out of town because they wanted to and not because they had to for necessities, recreation and entertainment.

Why do you feel you could do the best job or have the most appropriate approach to leading Clinton over the next two years?

Anyone that knows me would tell you that I am capable of truly unbelievable things. I am authentic, transparent, brilliant, hard-working and one of the most compassionate people that you will ever meet. There are not many people that hold executive positions by the time that they are 30 years old, but I was able to hold that title at two different companies while not having formal college education. My age, energy level and ability to think outside the box, truly give me the best advantage to modernize and make Clinton thrive. It is time for the younger generation to step up and help secure the future of our town.

Candidates for the April 1 mayoral election are Douglas England, Kelley Harvey, Robert Kreidler, Helen Michelassi, Seth Redington and Doug Tucker. The Journal invited all six to participate in this candidate questionnaire. We have published the responses from those who participated.

Helen M. Michelassi

Please tell us a little about yourself, personally and professionally.

I am a Clinton native, graduated from Clinton High School and received my Bachelor’s degree from Lincoln College. I have been happily married for over 40 years. Steve and I were blessed to be foster parents for many years and welcome amazing young people to our family. My volunteer work with Write Stuff for Kids and the Christmas Food Baskets is important to me. I am currently the Director of Prairieland Service Coordination Inc, a nonprofit serving 27 Illinois counties, including DeWitt. We serve over 6,000 Individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities. I will be retiring from Prairieland in June.

What is your philosophy or view about the role of local government in enhancing the lives of our community’s residents and serving their basic needs?

The city has multiple roles that enhance residents’ lives while meeting critical needs. This includes ensuring essential services are provided: high quality water and health services, working cooperatively with local schools and providing appropriate response to emergency situations. Managing the city finances and budgets is also critical work for local government. Further, local government supports local business and works to grow community business and resources, promotes the city at the local and state level and works to ensure all ordinance violations are addressed and resolved efficiently. When local government works in collaboration with community members, all residents’ lives are enhanced.

What do you believe are Clinton’s two or three most urgent issues and how would you propose addressing them?

The decisions concerning the development of a new city hall, fire and police facilities need to move forward. These are critical public safety concerns for all Clinton residents. Discussion needs to be held at City Council meetings, with updates provided about where we are on this project.

Several issues can be addressed by implementation of the Strategic Plan developed last year. I view the plan’s recommendations for the development of an internal and external communication practice for the city, bringing property owners into compliance with ordinances and attracting visitors and businesses to the city as priorities.

Tell us about your vision for Clinton and the kind of community we should try to build heading into the future.

I envision Clinton as a vibrant city with excellent opportunities.

The city can be an active partner in supporting local businesses, maintaining and creating jobs and expanding recreational activities. We offer a safe place to live and a great place for tourism and visitors. Clinton can welcome visitors year-round, for recreational activities, shopping, local events, hotel stays, and excellent restaurants. Clinton is a great city, and I see tremendous potential, with all of us working together to make it happen!

Why do you feel you could do the best job or have the most appropriate approach to leading Clinton over the next two years?

I have the professional experience needed to step into the role of mayor.

I have secured funding, through applications and grant writing, for programs and projects totaling \$11.9 million dollars, and negotiated benefit packages and salaries for over 110 staff. I am currently responsible for oversight of all operations as Executive Director, including the development and implementation of a \$9.2 million budget. I work collaboratively at the state, local and federal level. I have developed and implemented operational policies and procedures at both the agency and state level.

As mayor, I will commit the time, leadership. experience and commitment to move Clinton forward.

Seth Redington

Please tell us a little about yourself, personally and professionally.

As a life-long resident of Clinton, I have maintained a 26-year membership with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners’ of America, working with various companies locally and nationally.

Throughout my career, I have held multiple leadership positions and actively volunteered with organizations, such as the Clinton American Legion, Clinton First Church of the Nazarene, ABATE, youth baseball leagues and food banks. I try to stay aware of those in need and help where I can.

I value time spent with family and friends, as well as enjoying outdoor activities, like fishing and cooking out.

What is your philosophy or view about the role of local government in enhancing the lives of our community’s residents and serving their basic needs?

As local government officials, we are elected by the people. I will be open, honest, approachable and available whenever needed. This is not an 8-to-5 job.

I will listen to the people’s needs and take them seriously. I believe it’s crucial for our residents to know that we hear their needs and are listening.

What do you believe are Clinton’s two or three most urgent issues and how would you propose addressing them?

I believe our most urgent issues right now are our streets, sidewalks and improvement of our water lines. I would keep an eye out for available grants that we could apply for to continually improve our water department in all aspects. I also think our trees need a little attention to help prevent damage to properties.

Tell us about your vision for Clinton and the kind of community we should try to build heading into the future.

I think it’s essential to make it easier for groups and organizations to have outdoor activities by streamlining the process and reducing bureaucratic hurdles, which will encourage people to get out and do more as a community. Our parks and Mr. Lincoln’s Square need to be utilized more often.

Why do you feel you could do the best job or have the most appropriate approach to leading Clinton over the next two years?

I am confident that I possess the exceptional leadership skills required to excel as mayor, thanks to my extensive leadership training and experience. I have acquired the top-notch financial training and education empowering me to make informed decisions. I have successfully been on jobs valued at \$200 million from inception to completion.

I regularly attend schools in Las Vegas, enriching my knowledge and skills, and I come back to share this with our local members. I am proud to be part of a union with 54,000 members in our four-state area, as well as 990 local members.

As an elected trustee locally and an elected delegate to Mid-America Council of Carpenters, I firmly believe that my unique blend of experience and education enables me to inspire and lead Clinton towards a brighter future.



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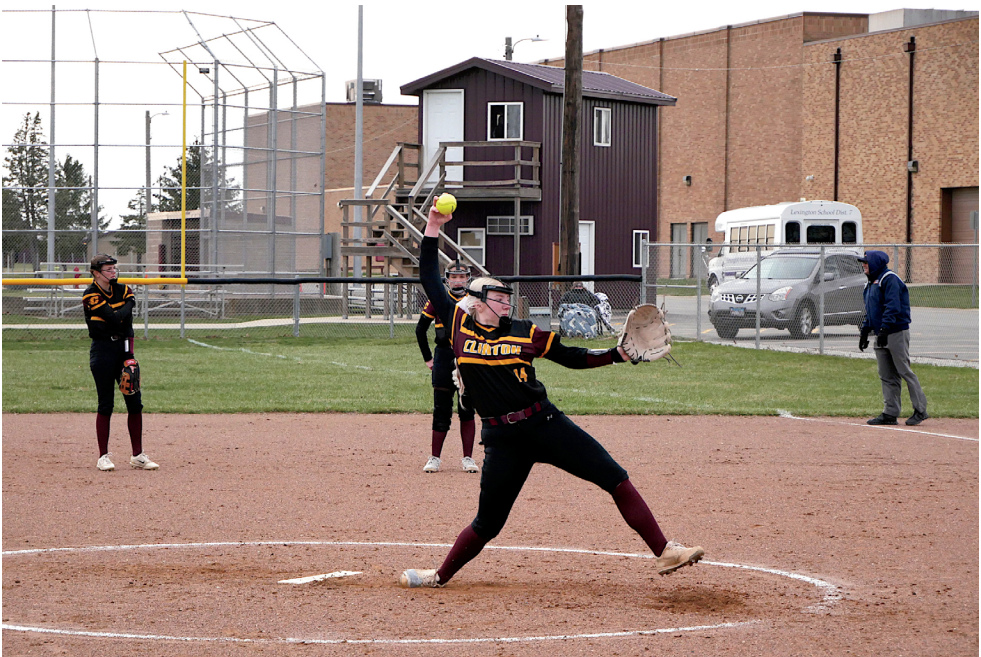
NEWS



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Clinton falls to Lexington 16-1 at home

The CHS Lady Maroons' varsity softball team lost 16-1 Mar. 21 to Lexington at home. The Lady Maroons also were scheduled to play at home this week against MacArthur.





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Clinton Otters go to State

The Clinton Community YMCA Otters swim team were treated to a spaghetti meal by the United Methodist Church before the upcoming Y State swim meet. Results of the meet will appear later in the Journal.

The humble hamburger

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. What, hamburger again? Now that is a statement not often heard among teenagers. A nice juicy hamburger is always a welcomed addition in a group of not just teenagers. Children of all ages, on up to adults, find it enjoyable. And chefs should not look down on the humble hamburger. I know that Chef Ramsay does not, and Chef Julia Child didn't. The point I am making is that if this is true, more should be done about it. In the last article, we got a good start. And now, let us continue again with hamburger.

Some of you may not recall that I covered this subject of hamburgers in articles 089 to 092 starting back in June 29, 2018. Since this was early in my writings, it covered the basics. I needed to cover



The Culinary Corner Chef Roger Joss

it early for the simple fact it would be included with other articles such as spaghetti sauce. It would be good for you to dredge up those earlier articles for refreshing your mind. I now cover the more advanced application of hamburger preparations and cooking. With hamburger, one need not stay with the classical approach. As I often have stated, experiment, try new things, be adventurous. You might surprise yourself. I will give a few suggestions. We know hamburger deals with ground beef. Why not include strips of other meats mix into the hamburger?

Shred the meat such as thin sliced beef or ham. Could try certain lunch meats. Sauté the meat with a sprinkling of herbs. Mix this in with the uncooked hamburger. Might wish to add a few other items such as mushroom pieces. Think of other favorite food that could be incorporated. We like pizza. It might be fun trying to create a hamburger incorporating the toppings you enjoy on a pizza. But keep in mind that you are building a hamburger and not an actual pizza. Therefore, do not add pepperoni as you would on a pizza. Shred the pepperoni first. Do not forget to add your oregano. What would a pizza burger be without it? For the Cheese, you could add a slice. I would suggest grating it and possibly broiling it. Another type of burger

one can try is one with vegetables. For this, I would suggest the julienne cuts especially for bell peppers. Rather than have sliced or slivered onions distributed on top, course chop or mince the onion and mix into the hamburger. But before mixing, squeeze some of the juice out of the onions. Do not expect great successes to occur first thing. Never get disappointed when trying something new. This is a learning process time-period that teaches you the methods best used for the type of cooking you wish to achieve. Give yourself plenty of leeway for mistakes. For it is from mistakes one learns to improve in uncharted waters. Above all, enjoy doing it. Until next time, peace to all.

Heritage and Warner Hospital sponsor mental health first aid

CLINTON — Mental health first aid teaches adults how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health concerns or substance use. This 7.5 hour training will give you the skills you need to provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use concern and connect them to appropriate care. Individuals may choose to get mental health first aid certified for a variety of reasons. Mental health challenges are common and often unexpected. It is important to always be prepared to help someone

in need. Heritage Behavioral Health and Warner Hospital & Health Services is sponsoring the program. **2025 Mental Health First Aid Courses:** Warner Hospital Wellness Center, located at 418 W. South Street, Clinton Friday, May 9, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. To learn more or find a training that works for you, please email JSmiley@heritagenet.org. Limited slots are available.

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	North	
	West	East
Declarer		
♠ 74 ♥ K7 ♦ AKJ532 ♣ A42	♠ JT952 ♥ JT95 ♦ 876 ♣ T	
	North	
	West	East

N-S Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1♦	Dbl	Rdbl	1♠
3♦	Pass	3NT	4♥
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

After N-S reached 3NT, East, figuring that his side had a profitable sacrifice, offered his partner a choice between 4♥ or 4♠. This pushed N-S to the perilous contract of 5♦, which, as you will see, Declarer is about to bungle.

Against 5♦ West leads the ♠K, won by Dummy’s Ace and trumps are drawn. Declarer can count 10 top tricks, but where is the 11th? Not the ♥K as West needs the ♥A to justify his Takeout Double. That means that a 4th Club trick is required. Are Clubs 3-3? Let’s count the hand. East bid both majors and is no doubt at least 4-4 in those suits. He also showed up with 3 Diamonds. That leaves two Clubs at most. But would East bid so much with 4=4=3=2 distribution and virtually no HCP? No, it seems more likely that East is 5=4=3=1 and, if so, Declarer must hope that East’s Club is the Jack or Ten or Nine. She cashes the ♠A and, seeing East’s Ten, prepares to take an impressively deep finesse of the Eight on the second round!

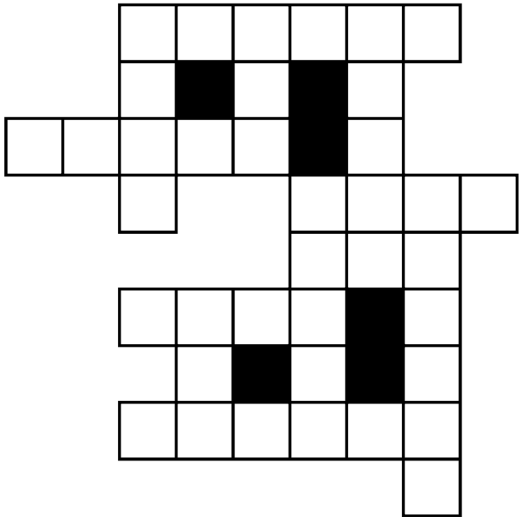
Well counted for 11 tricks except for one tiny detail. That’s right, West can also count and he inserts the Nine on the second round of Clubs. Now Declarer is locked in Dummy with no safe way back to his hand (if he plays a Spade, East will be sure to win and fire a Heart through). Down one.

Declarer’s play was flawless right up to the point where he called for Dummy’s ♠A at Trick 1. Instead, he must hold up the Ace and win the second round. That way, later in the play, he can get safely back to hand with a Spade ruff and take that second Club finesse. Yet another contract bites the dust because of hasty play at Trick 1.

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

GO FIGURE!

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

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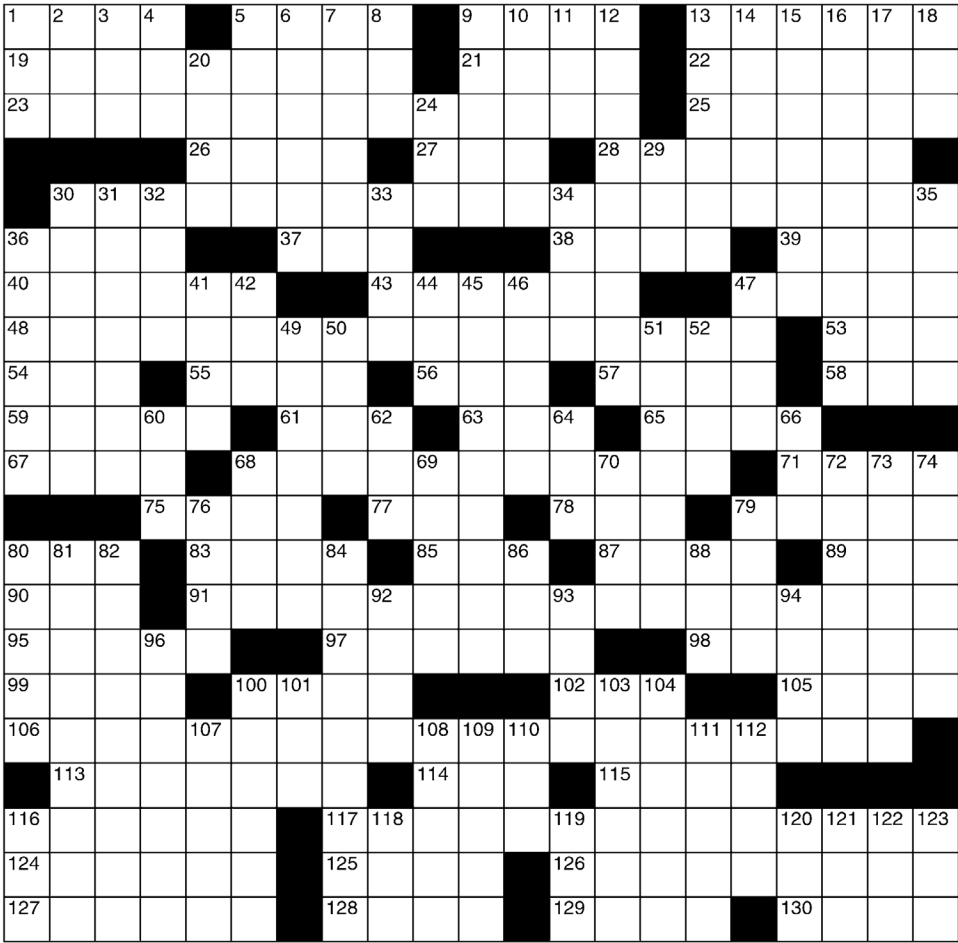
ACROSS

- 1 Pleased
- 5 Rocker Townshend
- 9 Helper for Frankenstein
- 13 Jumped ship
- 19 Member of a canine unit
- 21 Nada
- 22 Remove adhesive strips from
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Nonstudent resident of a college city
- 26 Microsoft Word creations, informally
- 27 Regret a lot
- 28 First-time fathers
- 30 Riddle, part 2
- 36 Prego competitor
- 37 — -mo
- 38 Tiny, informally
- 39 Manner for short
- 40 Tavern spigot
- 43 In addition
- 47 Largest known asteroid
- 48 Riddle, part 3
- 53 Sch. near Harvard
- 54 Disposed (of)
- 55 Actor Sharif
- 56 Nero’s 2,001
- 57 Fearful
- 58 Bro relative
- 59 — orange (inedible fruit)
- 61 Smidgen
- 63 “POV” network
- 65 Huck Finn’s floater
- 67 Bandleader Arnaz
- 68 Riddle, part 4
- 71 Broiling bar
- 75 Lane of the Daily Planet
- 77 Nintendo console
- 78 Tyrant Amin
- 79 Tree of the pine family
- 80 — a deal!
- 83 — -chic fashion
- 85 Old horror star Chaney
- 87 Prefix with Chinese
- 89 Island guitar, for short
- 90 Pro-firearm org.
- 91 Riddle, part 5
- 95 Joust
- 97 Pencil add-on
- 98 Martial arts teacher
- 99 Italian wine city
- 100 Delhi dress
- 102 Org. for the Ravens, but not the Falcons
- 105 Lock lips with
- 106 End of the riddle
- 113 Conditionally free prisoner
- 114 Letters before gees
- 115 Maui feast
- 116 Not endless
- 117 Riddle’s answer
- 124 12-step support group
- 125 Chocolate-and-caramel candy
- 126 Talus
- 127 Arid expanse
- 128 Plumlike fruit
- 129 Hit with a stun gun
- 130 Brainstorm

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- 1 Vehicle navig. aid
- 2 Baseball great Gehrig
- 3 Lofty peak
- 4 Salsa, e.g.
- 5 Mexican coins
- 6 Decrees
- 7 Lump in the throat
- 8 Yolked thing
- 9 Rack up
- 10 Thick and sticky
- 11 Yoko from Tokyo
- 12 Mended, as a sweater
- 13 “How come, though?”
- 14 Battery end
- 15 “I’m the culprit”
- 16 Valleys, plateaus and canyons
- 17 “Attack of the Clones,” vis-à-vis “Star Wars”
- 18 Actress Ruby
- 20 Part of UPC
- 24 Pooch’s bark
- 29 D.C. hrs.
- 30 General discomfort
- 31 Schedules
- 32 Responsibility
- 33 “Our Gang” novelist Philip
- 34 God, in Madrid
- 35 Relaxes
- 36 Musket-loading tool
- 41 Healing plant e.g.
- 42 Pug or peke alternative

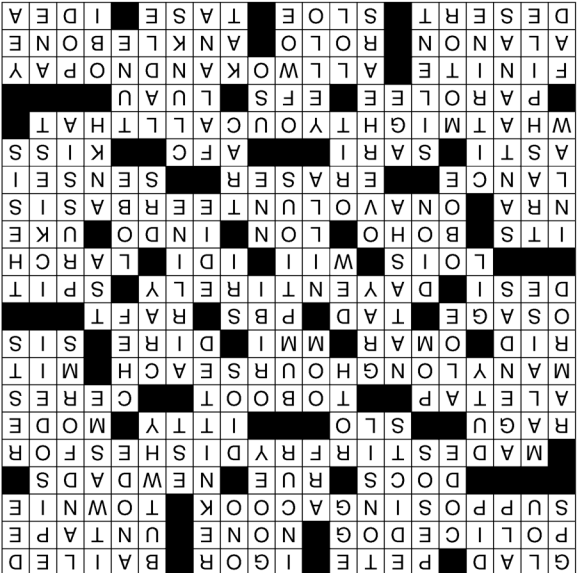
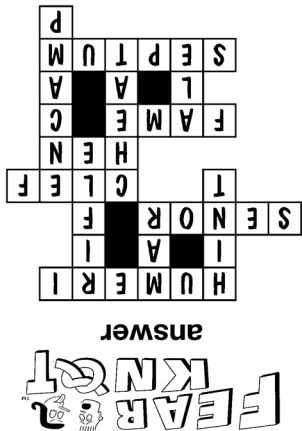
- 44 — -pah-pah
- 45 Offensively self-assertive
- 46 African antelope
- 47 Kitchen VIP
- 49 “Rocky and Bullwinkle” villainess
- 50 Slate-colored
- 51 Delta, for one
- 52 Big name in big computers
- 60 Street poet
- 62 Dawn drops
- 64 Lanka
- 66 Gp. often flagging bags
- 68 Celine of pop
- 69 — Wafers
- 70 Actress Falco
- 72 Old German kingdom
- 73 Most disgusting
- 74 Student’s Ph.D. paper
- 76 Certain wind instrument
- 79 Ear part
- 80 Wife’s sibling,
- 81 Rubbish heap
- 82 Hot California winds
- 84 Listens to by chance
- 86 LA-to-IN dir. figures
- 92 “Pics — didn’t happen!”
- 93 — II (Gillette razor)
- 94 Egyptian cross
- 96 Topaz quartz
- 100 Unspoken
- 101 Get ripe
- 103 Entertainer Lola
- 104 Makes heavy, dull sounds
- 107 Auto engine
- 108 Mello — (soft drink)
- 109 Tale — (sob story)
- 110 Troop support gp.
- 111 Soup scoop
- 112 Ditty
- 116 Craze
- 118 Cyber-guffaw
- 119 Kit — (candy bar)
- 120 Kyoto sash
- 121 Pea holder
- 122 Suffix with meth- or prop-
- 123 In-favor vote



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REAL ESTATE

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

Freedom Mortgage Corporation, PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Cameron Dralle, DEFENDANT
No. 2024FC9
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 29, 2025, the Sheriff of DeWitt County will sell the mortgaged real estate described below to the highest bidder in an online auction, located at <https://DeWittCountySheriff-IL.roup.com/>. Bidding will begin on May 5, 2025, at 10:00 AM CDT and will remain open until at least May 7, 2025, at 10:00 AM CDT. The auction's end date and time will be extended automatically if one or more bids are placed within the last two (2) minutes of the auction. These extensions of time will continue until at least three (3) minutes elapse with no bidding. The notice of sale relates to the following described mortgaged real estate:
PIN: 07-27-464-006
Improved with a: Single Family Home
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 321 N Quincy St, Clinton, IL 61727

Sale Terms
The winning bidder must pay the full bid amount within 24 hours of the auction's end. Accepted payment methods include certified or cashier's check. Personal checks are not accepted. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection. If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit that is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to

a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. The property will NOT be open for inspection, and the Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates 15W030 North Frontage Rd, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527
Phone: (630) 794-5300
Please refer to file number: 14-24-02876
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

LEGAL 20273 RE
March 28, April 4, April 11, 2025

LEGAL

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Legal Description: THE NORTH HALF OF A TRACT OF LAND 132 FEET SQUARE IN THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE WEST HALF OF LOT 1 OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DEWITT, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.
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WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.
6114-950618

LEGAL 20273
March 28, April 4, April 11, 2025

LEGAL

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE

IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, CIRCUIT COURT
COUNTY DEWITT 25-MR-1
Public notice is hereby given that on March 28, 2025 at 10 am in Courtroom A at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, IL 61727 there will be a hearing on my Petition in said Court praying for the change of my name from Tehya Jean Spallinger to Tehya Jean Smith.

TEHYA JEAN SPALLINGER

LEGAL 20282
March 14, 21, 28, 2025

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT ISAAC WINSTEAD, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No.: 2022FC9
Property Address: 501 S Chicago St, Dewitt, IL 61735
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING, ROBERT ISAAC WINSTEAD defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 IN BLOCK 1 IN ROBBINS'S ADDITION TO MARION, NOW THE VILLAGE OF DEWITT

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Commonly known as: 501 S Chicago St, Dewitt, IL 61735
Names of the title-holders of record: Robert Isaac Winstead.
Date of the Mortgage: November 5, 2014.
Name or names of the mortgagors: Robert Isaac Winstead.
Name of the mortgagee: Bank of America, N.A..
Date and place of recording: November 17, 2014; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of DeWitt County, Illinois.
Identification of recording: Document No. 242951
NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before April 13, 2025, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
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PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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s/ Chandray Strong, Esq.
Chandray Strong, Esq.
Counsel of Record for Plaintiff
ARDC # 6321577

Legal 20284
March 14, 21, 28, 2025

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CLINTON, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF LEONARD L. SPURLING, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LEONARD L. SPURLING, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF LEONARD L. SPURLING, DECEASED, RANDY E SPURLING, DEEDEE STROUD, BRENDA L REYES, PATRICIA A VAUGHAN, TERRY S VINSON AND WILLIAM P. BUTCHER, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF LEONARD L. SPURLING, DECEASED, Defendants.
CASE NO. 24-FC-21
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Leonard L. Spurling, deceased, Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Estate of Leonard L. Spurling, deceased, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 203 S Fuller St., Kenney, IL 61749, more particularly described as:
i. The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
ii. The court in which said action was brought is identified above.
iii. The names of the title holders of record are: Heirs and Devisees of Leonard L. Spurling, deceased
iv. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:
LOT 1 IN BLOCK 15 IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW VILLAGE OF KENNEY, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DEWITT, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Permanent Index Number: 11-15-318-005
v. A common address or description of the location for the real estate is as follows:
203 S Fuller St., Kenney, IL 61749
vi. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
Names of the Mortgagors: Showanda R. Polite, a single person and Leonard L. Spurling, a single person
Names of the Mortgagee: National City Mortgage Co
Date of the Mortgage: December 16, 2003
Date of the recording: December 22, 2003
County where recorded: DeWitt County
Recording document identification: Document No. 206772 in Book 480 on Page 183
UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, P.O. Box 439, Clinton, IL 61727-0439 on or before April 11, 2025, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE. AND
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, DeeDee Stroud, Defendant, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 203 S Fuller St., Kenney, IL 61749, more particularly described as:
LOT 1 IN BLOCK 15 IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW VILLAGE OF KENNEY, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DEWITT, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.
Permanent Index Number: 11-15-318-005
Commonly known as: 203 S Fuller St., Kenney, IL 61749
UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, P.O. Box 439, Clinton, IL 61727-0439 on or before April 14, 2025, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE. CLERK OF THE COURT
THIS IS AN AT-

TEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
Julie Beyers (#6217185)
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
Attorneys at Law
601 East William Street
Decatur, IL 62523
Send Notice/Pleadings to:
Veronika J. Miles (#6313161)
Email: Non-Cook-Pleadings@hsbat-tys.com
Telephone: (217) 422-1719
Facsimile: (217) 422-1754
6114-951264

LEGAL 20286
March 14, 21, 28, 2025

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD DUANE HARRIS, DECEASED
2025-PR-11

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT CO-ADMINISTRATION
Notice is given of the death of the above-named decedent;
Letters of Office were issued on March 10, 2025 to Stanley T. Harris, 613 S. McClun St., Bloomington, IL 61701 and Jill K. Martin, 2634 Tabor Rd., Clinton, IL 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 September 29, 2025. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the Claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it is filed. The estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless an interested party terminates Independent Administration by filing a Petition to Terminate under Section 28-4 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4). A form of a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court at the above address.

Dated this 10th day of March, 2025.

Stanley T. Harris and Jill K. Martin, independent co-executors of the estate of Harold Duane Harris, deceased

BRYCE A. LYNCH 6297077
TAYLOR & LYNCH, LLC
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LEGAL 20290
March 14, 21, 28, 2025

LEGAL

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF DEWITT
Estate of: Priscilla Irene Lamb Deceased.
CASE NO. 2025-PR-16
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE
Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Priscilla Irene Lamb, of 507 N. Maple St., Clinton, Illinois 61727. Letters of Office were issued on March 12, 2025, to Helen Elaine Gibson, Independent Executor, 2345 S. Mt. Zion Rd., Decatur, Illinois 62521, whose attorney is Kevin Hammer, 219 E. Main Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 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 must be filed in the office of the Clerk of DeWitt County Circuit Court, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 21, 2025, or, if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in the 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 by the claimant to the representative and to the representative's attorney within ten days after it has been filed. Dated this 12th day of March, 2025.

Kevin Hammer Attorney for the Estate of Priscilla Irene Lamb
219 East Main Street
Clinton, IL 61727
217/935-7063
kevinghammer@hotmail.com

LEGAL 20291
March 21, 28, April 4, 2025

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF WINIFRED DUNN, DECEASED; DEWITT SAVINGS BANK; HEATHER MYERS; ALLEN DUNN; CYNTHIA SUTHERIN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF WINIFRED L. DUNN, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No.: 2024FC20
Property Address: 919 W North St, Clinton, IL 61727
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF WINIFRED DUNN, DECEASED 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: Winifred L. Dunn.
Name of the mortgagee: DEWITT SAVINGS BANK.
Date and place of recording: May 17, 2010; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of DeWitt County, Illinois.
Identification of recording: Document No. 229523.
NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before April 20, 2025, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.
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PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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s/ Michael Rak, Esq.
Michael Rak, Esq.
Counsel of Record for Plaintiff
ARDC # 6340367

LEGAL 20294
March 21, 28 & April 4, 2025

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SARAA. PRIMMER, DECEASED
2025-PR-17

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION
Notice is given of the death of the above-named decedent;
Letters of Office were issued on March 13, 2025 to Melissa Lenz, 22061 N. 825 East Road. Carlock, Illinois 61725 as independent executor. The attorney for the estate is Bryce A. Lynch of Taylor & Lynch, LLC, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois, 61727.
Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, IL 61727, on or before October 6, 2025. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the Claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it is filed. The estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless an interested party terminates Independent Administration by filing a Petition to Terminate under Section 28-4 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4). A form of a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court at the above address. Dated this 14th day of March, 2025.

Melissa Lenz, independent executor of the estate of Sara A. Primmer, deceased

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LEGAL 20295
March 21, 28 & April 4, 2025

LEGAL

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

Estate of:
Arlene B. Hoffman
Deceased.
CASE NO. 2025-PR-14

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Arlene B. Hoffman, of 115 S. Isabella St., Clinton, Illinois 61727. Letters of Office were issued on March 13, 2025, to Sandy Barretts, Independent Executor, 66 Somerset Dr., Clinton, Illinois 61727, whose attorney is Kevin Hammer, 219 E. Main Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 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 must be filed in the office of the Clerk of DeWitt County Circuit Court, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 21, 2025, or, if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in the 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 by the claimant to the representative and to the representative's attorney within ten days after it has been filed. Dated this 14th day of March, 2025.

Kevin Hammer
Attorney for the Estate of Arlene B. Hoffman
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LEGAL 20297
March 21, 28, April 4, 2025

LEGAL

Annual Town Meeting
Wilson Township's Annual Town meeting will be held at Wilson Town Hall on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to transact miscellaneous legal Town business and to hear reports.

The regular April monthly meeting of the Township will be held Tuesday, April 8, 2025 following the Town Meeting.

Jo While-Clerk
March 18, 2025

LEGAL 20301
March 28, 2025

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. ROBERT ISAAC WINSTEAD, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. Case No.: 2022FC9 Property Address: 501 S Chicago St, Dewitt, IL 61735 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING, 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: LOTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 IN BLOCK 1 IN ROBBINS'S ADDITION TO MARION, NOW THE VILLAGE OF DEWITT Commonly known as: 501 S Chicago St, Dewitt, IL 61735 Names of the titleholders of record: . Date of the Mortgage: November 5, 2014. Name or names of the mortgagors: Robert Isaac Winstead. Name of the mortgagee: Bank of America, N.A.. Date and place of recording: November 17, 2014; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of DeWitt County, Illinois. Identification of recording: Document No. 000313140013. NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before April 27, 2025, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT. E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need addi-

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LEGAL 20302
March 28, April 4 & 11, 2025

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWN BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Town of Wapella, in the County of DeWitt, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2026, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Wapella Township Hall from and after 8 o'clock pm, 8th day of April, 2025.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7 o'clock pm, 13th day, May, 2025, at the Wapella Township Hall and that final action on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Township Trustees at the meeting to be held at 7 o'clock pm, on the 10th day of June, 2025.

Dated this 8th day

of March, 2025.

Jay Haycraft, Supervisor
Lindsay Donovan, Clerk

LEGAL 20303
March 28, 2025

LEGAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for road purposes of the Wapella Township, in the County of DeWitt, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2026, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Wapella Township Hall from and after 8 o'clock pm, 8th day of April, 2025.

Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7 o'clock pm, 13th day, May, 2025, at the Wapella Township Hall and that final action on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Township Trustees at the meeting to be held at 7 o'clock pm, on the 10th day of June, 2025.

Dated this 7th day of March, 2025.

Jay Haycraft, Supervisor
Lindsay Donovan, Clerk

LEGAL 20304
March 28, 2025

LEGAL

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

Estate of:
Marla G. Burton
Deceased.
CASE NO. 2025-PR-18

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Marla G. Burton, of 6923 Red Fox Dr., Clinton, Illinois 61727. Letters of Office were issued on March 18, 2025 to Shelby L. Kinder, Independent Administrator, 6923 Red Fox Dr., Clinton, Illinois 61727, whose attorney is Kevin Hammer, 219 E. Main Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 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 must be filed in the office of the Clerk of DeWitt County Circuit Court, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before September 28, 2025, or, if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in the 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 by the claimant to the representative and to the representative's attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2025.

Kevin Hammer
Attorney for the Estate of Marla G. Burton
219 East Main Street
Clinton, IL 61727
217/935-7063

LEGAL 20305
March 28, April 4 & 11, 2025

LEGAL

NOTICE
The City of Clinton, Illinois, will hold a public hearing at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, the 15th day of April, 2025, in the City Council Chambers of the City Hall, 118-120 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, for the purpose of hearing written and oral comment from the public concerning the proposed annual budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026.

The public hearing can be attended electronically. The link and telephone number are:

Link:
<https://zoom.us/j/94300931782?pwd=YktPL2pPY-3BzdHZsT3Ntc-GVKRUhPZz09>
Meeting ID: 943 0093 1782
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A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays at City Hall, 118 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois.

Kamren Wilford
City Clerk of the City of Clinton, Illinois

LEGAL 20306
March 28, 2025

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GLEN D. RYERSON, DECEASED

2025-PR-8

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Letters of Office were issued on March 21, 2025 to Sue R. Sterr, 14049 Sycamore Ln. Clinton, Illinois 61727 as Independent Administrator. 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 October 13, 2025. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the Claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

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

Dated this 24 day of March, 2025.

Sue R. Sterr, Independent Administrator of the Estate of Glen D. Ryerson, deceased

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NEWS

Book sale, other events at Warner Library in March

CLINTON – The Friends of Warner Library will host their spring Book Sale on Friday, April 11 from 12 p.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday, April 12 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The sale will take place in the Revere Ware Room located on the lower level of the Vespasian Warner Public Library in Clinton. Shoppers will find bargains on books, movies, and more.

The popular \$1 bag sale will also make its return on Saturday. All shoppers should plan to bring their own bags to the Book Sale. Educator discounts will continue during the sale (\$1 a bag pricing on Friday, 2 bags for \$1 on Saturday). This is a Cash only sale.

The Friends have a goal this Spring of raising \$5,000 for a canopy to provide shade over the outdoor patio seating area on the library’s lawn. Thank you to the members of the Friends of Warner Library for their work on the Book Sale and support throughout the year. Please contact the library if you are interested in becoming a member of the Friends of Warner Library.

April Calendar of Events

The library also offers a variety of in-person, virtual, and grab ‘n go events each month. All library events are free and open to the public, but advance registration is required for events

marked with an *. Visit the library’s website at www.vwarner.org, Facebook page @VespasianWarner, or call 217-935-5174 to learn more about the events listed below.

Toddler Time (Ages 0-3 & Caregivers) – Every Wed. at 10am

Preschool Pals (Ages 3-5 & Caregivers) – Every Fri. at 10am

Family Lego Club (Ages 3-7 & Caregivers)-Every Tues. from 5-6pm

(Y) Youth: Independent youth events. No grown-ups. Minimum age is 8.

Lego Club-Every Wed. from 5-6pm

(T) Teen: Events for ages 12-18 only.

*DND - Sat. 4/5 at 10am

*Yoga - Sat. 4/19 at 10am

(A)Adult: Events for ages 18+ only.

*10am Spring Paint Class - Sat. 4/5 at 10am

*West Coast Swing Dance Class - Thur. 4/24 at 6pm

(E) Everyone: All ages are welcome. Adults are encouraged to attend on their own or register with a friend.

Grab ‘N Go – Craft stick catapult, available while supplies last.

*Astronomy - Thur. 4/3 at 7pm

Friends of Warner Library Meeting – Sat. 4/5 at 10am

*International Night – Tue. 4/8 at 6:30pm

Questions & Answers

Question:
What is the estimated average Social Security payment that a person receives each month?

Answer:
The estimated average monthly Social Security benefit for a retired worker in 2025 is \$1,976.00. The average monthly Social Security benefit for a worker with a disability in 2025 is \$1,580.00.

Question:
How do I earn Social Security credits and how many do I need to be eligible for benefits?

Answer:
We use your total yearly earnings to figure your Social Security credits. The amount needed for 1 credit in 2025 is \$1,810. You must earn \$7,240 to get the maximum 4 credits for the year. The amount



needed to earn 1 credit usually increases each year when average wages increase.

To be eligible for Social Security benefits, you must earn a certain number of credits. The number of credits you need depends on your age when you apply and the type of benefit. No one needs more than 40 credits for any Social Security benefit. You can read more about credits in our publication, How You Earn Credits at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10072.pdf. For more information, visit our website at www.ssa.gov/retirement.

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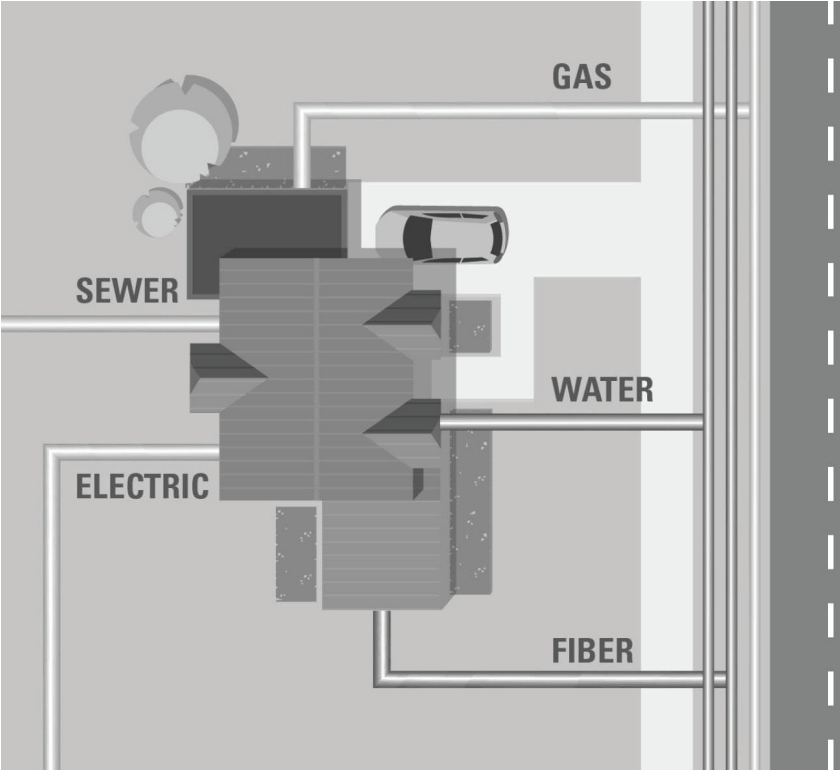


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Weather History

March 28
1998: A tornado touched down a mile southwest of Mattoon around 5:30 am, and traveled to the northeast. It damaged 4 homes in the initial touchdown area, and turned over 4 empty 30-ton coal cars on the railroad tracks. It then destroyed 6 buildings in a storage complex, and several homes and businesses. After moving aloft for a short time, it touched down again, with damage limited to roofs and treetops. Overall, about

\$3 million damage was recorded. Three people were injured, one seriously.

March 29
1922: Records for the wettest March were established in Decatur, with 9.82 inches, and Champaign, with 8.35 inches. A total of 6.81 inches in Springfield was the 3rd wettest March on record.

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