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## Harlem Wizards return to Clinton April 17 at CJHS

Wizards' return visit is also a fundraiser for The Vault

CLINTON — The world-famous Harlem Wizards will return to Clinton on this month with their dazzling basketball tricks and community entertainment.

The event is scheduled in the Clinton Junior High School gymnasium on Thursday, April 17, starting at 6:30 p.m. The Wizards will take on a team of local "hometown heroes" called The Vault All-Stars, made up of Clinton teachers and community leaders.

The event is a fundraiser for The Vault and a program for all ages.

The Harlem Wizards will demonstrate their rim-rattling dunks, mesmerizing ball-handling and jaw-dropping tricks. Local residents can expect on-court experiences for kids to cheering on teachers and community leaders.

Kids with Wizards jersies can join the team for pre-game warm-ups, and audience members can volunteer in contests and comedy acts throughout the evening. As a grand finale, all students will be invited to join the Wizards on the court for an end-of-night dance celebration.

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## Mental Health Board issues annual report

CLINTON — Eleven agencies and organizations provided services to DeWitt County residents during the 2024 fiscal year with more than \$600,000 allocated by the DeWitt County Community Mental Health Board, according to the Board's annual report now available at www.dewittcountymhb.com.

The report shows the use of County, tax-levied mental health funds for programs and services supporting DeWitt County residents with mental illness, substance misuse, and/or intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Heritage Behavioral Health Center provided mental health, substance use, crisis response, psychiatry, and medication-related services for adults and children.

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Gordon Woods / Journal

Monte Campbell, left, and Mark Wilson, Clinton Lakes Ducks Unlimited, at the recent Chamber of Commerce annual Business Expo. Campbell and Wilson manned the Ducks Unlimited booth, selling raffle tickets and talking to visitors about the organization's fundraising efforts to build a memorial duck blind at the lake.

## Wheelchair-accessible duck blind planned for 2025

#### **Gordon Woods**

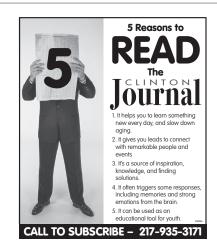
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CLINTON — The Clinton Lake Ducks Unlimited is currently fundraising to build a wheelchair/handicapped-accessible waterfowl hunting blind at Clinton Lake. The project is in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and volunteers.

Work on the waterfowl blind, which will be dedicated to Clinton Lakes Ducks Unlimited charter member Bob Reiman, will take place over the summer. Fundraising also will continue through the summer to raise capital for building materials.

Anyone who would like to donate money, merchandise, lumber or labor may contact a member of the duck blind building committee. Raffle tickets are also available by calling Monte Campbell at (217) 871-7529 or Mark Wilson at (217) 413-7502.

Other members of the building committee are Mike Bennett, (309) 825-4919; Joe Bennett, (309) 825-6646; Wayne Peters, (217) 412-9233, and Steve Schaefer, (309) 838-2626.







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## Students sought for Youth Engaged in Philanthropy'

BLOOMINGTON-High school students in McLean, DeWitt, Livingston and Logan counties are sought to participate in Youth Engaged in Philanthropy (YEP) during the 2025-2026 school year.

An initiative of the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation, YEP is a program in which high philanthropy by allocating grant funds to local nonprofits.

YEP provides opportunities to build leadership and teamwork skills while engaging participants in a unique, philanthropic experience. A nonprofit group, YEP funds local youth-run youth-oriented programs. Members will be responsible for developing grant guidelines and awarding a total of \$10,000 to selected youth-focused programs.

The 2025-2026 school year will be the 13th for YEP. The group will be limited to 15-20 participants.

The online application is available at https://bit. ly/2025ApplyforYEP and must be completed by May 18, 2025. Individuals selected to be a part of the 2025-2026 YEP group will be notified in late May and the first meeting will be June 8.

contact Amanda Cole, Family YEP Program Mentor, at Striegel or through the IPCF office at 309-662-4477.

About Youth Engaged in Philanthropy

Engaged in Philanthropy has awarded \$110,000 to nonprofit organizations in McLean, DeWitt, Livingston and Logan counties. As a part of our community's youth, YEP strives to connect those who care about youth with the monetary means necessary to pursue their vision. More information school students learn about is available at https:// ilprairiecf.org/yephomepage.

> About Illinois Prairie Community Foundation

Illinois Prairie Community Foundation, now in its 27th year, encourages and facilitates philanthropy in McLean, DeWitt, Livingston and Logan counties by connecting donors who care with causes that matter to them. The Foundation manages funds including endowments donor advised, fiscal sponsorship and scholarship funds. More information is available at www.ilprairiecf.org.

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Courtesy of the DeWitt County Sheriff's Office

### Thrasher awarded sheriff's association scholarship

Talan Thrasher is the DeWitt County recipient of the Illinois Sheriff's Association scholarship. Talan plans to attend Millikin University in the Fall.

### Wizards / from A1

The Harlem Wizards game is also an opportunity for the community to come together, have fun and raise funds for The Vault. The event will feature interactive extras like pre-game "Wiz Kids" warm-ups, participation, comedy and slam dunks. There will be merchandise giveaways, contests and

more, culminating in the Wizards' famous dance party.

"We are so excited to have the Harlem Wizards back in Clinton again," said Tammy Wilson, Executive Director of The Vault. "This is The Vault's major fundraiser for the year, and we are so blessed to have our commUNITY's support.

From business sponsors to adult and student volunteers to teachers, administrators, and community members, we are always blown away by how our DeWitt County community rallies behind our mission. Whether you come to help with the event or just come to enjoy the event, it will be a fun night for all."

#### Ticket Information

- Student Admission: \$12
- General Admission: \$15
- Reserved Seating: \$25
- Courtside Plus: \$40 (includes courtside seating and a pre-game meet-and-greet with Wizards players)

To purchase tickets and learn more, visit https://pretix.eu/harlemwizards/ clintonil04-17-25-06-30pm.





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#### **Clinton Police** Department

Citations:

Jimmy 03/24/25 Rodriguez 38, Streator was issued a citation for driving with no valid driver's license. Rodriguez was issued a notice to appear. 03/27/25 Wade Phillips 27, Clinton was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. Phillips was issued a notice to appear.

03/28/25 Krystal Workman 42, Kenney was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with suspended registration. Workman was issued a notice to appear.

03/29/25 Brandon Tulak 47, Decatur was issued a citation for operation of a motor ve3hicle with no valid driver's license. Tulak was issued a notice to appear.

03/29/25 Kimberly Bateson 33, Clinton was issued citations for operating a vehicle with expired registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. Bateson issued a notice to appear.

Arrests:

03/25/25 Emanuel Figueroa 36, Clinton was charged with retail theft. Figueroa was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections. 03/25/25 Aida Figueroa 37, Clinton was charged

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT / Mar. 7-21

Dewitt County Jail and was arrested on a DeWitt released to corrections

03/26/25 Kaleb Friesland 19. Clinton was arrested on a Dewitt County warrant. Friesland was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections. 03/26/25 Hunter Kivlehan Clinton 25, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol over .08, possession of adult use cannabis and driving without lights when required. Kivlehan was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

03/29/25 Trysten Hallahan 27, Clinton was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol over .08, unlawful display of registration and operation of uninsured motor vehicle. Hallahan was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

03//29/25 Emanuel Figueroa 36, Clinton was charged with criminal trespass to real property. Figueroa was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

#### **DeWitt County** Sheriff's Office

Toohill, Deston, Princeville, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with Solicitation to meet a child/

County Warrant charging him with DRVG Under Influ of Alcohol.

Kenneth Dyer, 32, Clinton, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with Violate Order Protection.

Leslie Schumm, 52, Lincoln, was issued a Citation for Operating Uninsured Vehicle. Schumm was released with a Required Court Appearance.

Kwame Wiafe, Champaign, was issued a Citation for Speeding (79 mph in a 55 mph zone). Wiafe was released with no Required Court Date.

Shandy Massey, 27, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Speeding (80 mph in a 55 mph zone). Massey was released with no Required Court Appearance.

Ashely Toohill, 27, Wapella, was arrested on an In-State Warrant charging her with Retail Theft/Motor Fuel<\$150.

Jordan Boyer, 21, Clinton, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging her with Possession of Meth<5 Grams.

Cameron Cisco, 35, Clinton, was issued a for Expired Citation Registration. Cisco was released with no Required Court Appearance.

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Joshua Pentico, 27, Des Moines, was issued a Citation for Speeding 26 to less than 35 mph over limit (73 mph in a 45 mph zone). Pentico was released with a Required Court Appearance.

Sarah Putman, Urbana, was issued a Citation for Speeding (77 mph in a 55 mph zone). Putnam was released with no Required Court Appearance.

Minda Reyes, 36, Decatur, was issued a Citation for Speeding (88 mph in a 65 mph zone). Reyes was released with no Required Court Appearance.

All suspects are presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of law.

## Report / from A1

Piatt County Mental Health Center used funds to provide youth substance use prevention education in DeWitt County schools and to operate the DeWitt County Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC), now in its second year. ROSC supports those in recovery and provides connections to treatment, resources, and a community working together.

Prairieland Service Coordination and Encore Developmental Services used funding to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to work toward their life and work plans and goals. Capital funds assisted with the design and installation of Encore's new fire alarm system.

Sexual Assault Center, and McLean County Children's Advocacy Center assisted survivors of domestic violence, and physical and/ or sexual abuse/assault. Funds covered rent, utilities, and staff expenses which enabled these organizations to maintain a local presence. The Clinton Community YMCA, Farmer City Outreach, and

Dove, Growing Strong

Macon County CASA also used funding to support member scholarships for individuals with special needs, seniors' needs, and children in foster care, respectively. The Regional Office of Education 17 used funds to train school district faculty and staff members in Youth Mental Health First Aid to recognize and support students who may be in crisis or experiencing a mental health concern.

The Mental Health Board meets next on April 14 at 5 p.m. in the Vespasian Warner Library Activity Room. Monthly meetings will take place on the third Tuesday, monthly, starting May 20 at the same time and location. All meetings are open to the public.

The Board has allocated \$642,503 for fiscal year 2025 to organizations serving DeWitt County residents.

The Board will take applications for fiscal year 2026 funding from governmental and nonprofit organizations this June. For more information, see the Website or contact Sharon Mills, board administrator, 309-830-0696 smills@dewittcountymhb.

#### FTA. with retail theft. Figueroa mph zone). Pentico was Scott Alwood, 37, Clinton was transported to the released with a Required KFD hosting community blood drive April 18

with ImpactLife, the provider of blood components for local hospitals. The blood drive will be conducted from 11:15 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 18 at 110 E Sheldon St, inside the Firehouse.

What: Kenney Fire Department Community Blood Drive

When: Friday, April 18, 11:15 a.m. - 6:30

Where: Firehouse, 110 E Sheldon Street, Kenney

Appointments: To donate, please contact call ImpactLife at (800) 747-5401, Fritz at (217) 620-5407, Troy at (563) 321-0416, KC at (217) 416-1599, or Brian at (217) 737-5407 or visit www.bloodcenter.org and use code 61509 to locate the drive.

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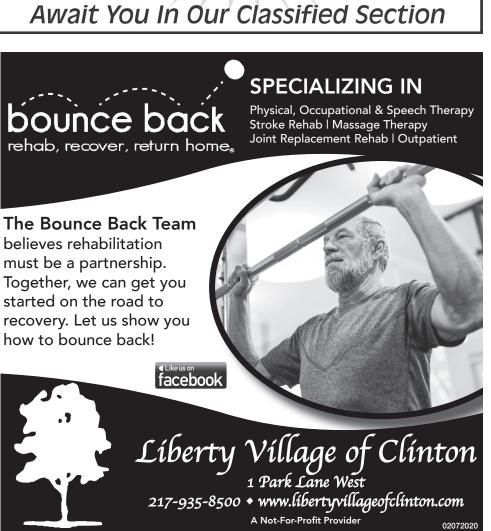
Donor Eligibility Criteria: Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age (16 with parental permission form available

KENNEY - Kenney Fire Department through www.bloodcenter.org) and weigh will host a community blood drive 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 2/21/25 are eligible to give at this drive.

> About Blood Donation: Blood donation is a safe, simple procedure that takes about 45 minutes to one hour. Individuals with diabetes or controlled high blood pressure may be accepted as eligible donors.

> About ImpactLife: ImpactLife is a community nonprofit organization providing blood products and services to more than 100 hospitals and emergency medical service providers in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin, as well as researchers and resource sharing partners across the country. For more information on blood inventories, donor promotions, and more, see www.bloodcenter.org and find us @impactlifeblood on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Threads, TikTok, X and YouTube.

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## **OPINION**

#### HISTORY ALMANAC

1953 - Fifteen doctors were released by Soviet leaders. The doctors had been arrested before Stalin had died and were accused of plotting against him

1967 - The U.S. lost its 500th plane over Vietnam.

1968 - Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated at the age of 39.

1973 - In New York, the original World Trade Center twin towers opened. At the time they were the tallest building in the world.

1974 - Hank Aaron tied Babe Ruth's major league baseball home-run record with 714.

1975 - More than 130 people, most of them children, were killed when a U.S. Air Force transport plane evacuating Vietnamese orphans crashed just after takeoff from Saigon.

1979 - Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the president of Pakistan, was executed. He had been convicted of conspiring to murder a political opponent.

1981 - Henry Cisneros became the first Mexican-American elected mayor of a major U.S. city, which was San Antonio, TX.

1984 - U.S. President Reagan proposed an international ban on chemical weapons.

1988 - Arizona Governor Evan Mecham was voted out of office by the Arizona Senate. Mecham was found guilty of diverting state funds to his auto business and of trying to impede an investigation into a death threat to a grand jury witness.

1994 - Netscape Communications (Mosaic Communications) was founded.

1995 - U.S. Senator Alfonse D'Amato ridiculed judge Lance Ito using a mock Japanese accent on a nationally syndicated radio program. D'Amato apologized two days later for the act.

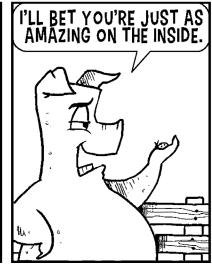
1999 - The Colorado Rockies and the San Diego Padres played the first major league season opener to be held in Mexico. The Rockies beat the Padres 8-2.

2017 - In Honk Kong, the Pink Star diamond sold at auction for \$71 million. The auction set a record for any diamond or jewel. The diamond is a 59.60-carats.

### **Amber Waves**









## Two terms?

One of Trump's strengths in negotiations is his ability to disrupt or unsettle the other side during negotiations. Skilled negotiators always know what their respective final objective is. It is simply to their benefit to make the other side uncertain about what that goal really is.

Trump is a master at keeping his final objective hidden at the frontside until after his opponent has made a move that can be used against the opponent. I personally believe Trump's tariff demand is simply a part of his trade negotiations at a higher level. Trump is always looking for leverage against an opponent, and historically he has proven his skill at getting that advantage.

Presidents in this country lose much of their political power in their second terms because everyone knows that the President's time in office is numbered and a new guy will be moving in. Presidents have their greatest clout during their first two years in office.

Trump is now in what amounts to his second term of office. His political clout would be starting to slide, but we have had some crazy elections of recent date. Trump is proving his detractors wrong and appears to be gaining in that commodity called political clout. Trump is the master of keeping the topic Trump personally until his is able to foment a resolution to the issue that he wants.

Current talk of a third term for Trump appears to be just a tactic to maintain his agenda as he starts his second term as an elected President.

George Washington set the standard by refusing to run for a third term and leaving office after eight years. That informal standard was followed by successive Presidents until Franklin Roosevelt. Roosevelt was President during WWII and decided that it would be best for the nation if the nation simply retained its current President.

four times to the office of President. After WWII the nation and Congress really started to question if any President should have an unlimited stay in office. Congress passed what would be the 22<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the Constitution, limiting the time in office for any President to two elected terms. The states ratified the amendment

He succeeded and was elected



in 1951 and it is the current law.

Trump is now in his second elected term as President, that second term when political clout normally lessens. Fear not, Trump is allowing pundits to speculate on how a third term could be achieved. By allowing discussion on this third term idea, his opponents are distracted, and Trump is pushing his agenda, the same bargaining tactics that Trump has always adhered to. I give very little credence to Trump seriously seeking a third term, but I do admire the theatrics.

BILL MAHER—Maher is a left-leaning comedian with a true insight into politics. He is funny and articulate, even with a potty mouth. What sets him apart is his ability to discern political opinions without regard to his own political preferences.

While Maher has voiced his disagreement with the far left of the Democratic Party, he has consistently opposed Trump's political positions in a direct and forceful manner. Trump just invited Maher to dinner at the White House. Why? Trump does enjoy a debate, but this is more than that. As stated above Trump seeks to sidetrack his opposition. Having Maher to the White House gives more attention to Trump and maintains his clout.

Discussions of third terms and having Maher over for dinner are simply an art form for Trump and his agenda. Trump keeps his real political agenda going by diverting attention to his other activities, but at all times keeping the agenda as Trump. Trump is the consummate politician.

Enjoy the theatrics of Trump, as it is great theater, but keep your eye on the agenda and see how it is progressing.

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

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## **OPINION / COLUMNS**

## DOGE 2

It appears, for now, that DOGE is going to be foremost in Trump's plans to dismantle the Constitution and our democracy. It is logical, then, to conclude that DOGE will be expressed throughout most of Trump's intentions and actions.

This being the case, DOGE is a most important Trump asset and thus indispensable politically. With Inspectors General out of the way, corruption can go ballistic.

Therefore, it needs to be thoroughly studied, understood and watched. The masterful part of this DOGE is its versatility to affect nearly every political agency and have access to nearly all our government's documents; classified and otherwise, and has the potential to be a dangerous instrument of destruction: a Pandora's Box.

In battle, the element of surprise and distraction are key elements to putting the opposing side to great disadvantage. Excuses for justifying the attack comes later. Hitler proved this with his use of Heinz Guderian's blitzkrieg tactics against Poland and others. The unsuspecting have no time to prepare or respond. Hitler also successfully used it in the political arena.

In the political arena, legal procedures are ignored partly because



no viable cause exists to change the law. It follows, then, that evidence would be lacking, and therefore, proves the illegality of Musk's actions as well as Trump's.

All of this is obvious, since no time was allowed for investigations. The billions of dollars Trump claims have been saved have not been supported by any evidence presented to the public. Verifiable evidence required of IG agents is lacking with DOGE.

Continuous requests by some in Congress for a hearing on this matter went ignored. This alone begs the question, "What have they to hide?" Either they legitimately cut waste and fraud or they did not. If legitimate, why not answer for it before Congress? That declination is your proof.

Should Trump not work at fulfilling his campaign promises that got him elected? Or is all of this a distraction? Recall Trump saying that grocery

prices would come down on day one. Yes, come down faster than anyone can imagine. But, he said nothing of wholesale firings, reducing Medicare and Social Security and eliminating important institutions and agencies for the needy; to mention only a few.

All of his benevolent promises were solely to get himself elected. That was very necessary for him. If only he could get reelected, he could install Project 2025 that he claimed he knew nothing about. Once it gets fully installed, it will establish him as an authoritarian dictator with only his loyalists running his political realm.

I feel it is brazenly evident that Trump lied constantly just to reach this major goal. You disagree? Then answer me which or what promised benefits he has even attempted? Is it asking too much to name one provable benefit.

I am sorry to say this. But notice how he is now backpaddling on every single promise complete with no alternative solutions or counter promise. His promises have proven to be as empty as the morals that produced them.

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

READERS' LETTERS

## **Kudos to Clinton** Academy students

I am the 2025 Quilt Show Chairman of the local quilt group Salt Creek Patchmakers. I want to take this opportunity to share our experience with the students of Clinton Academy.

In our country today we don't always see positive interactions between students and the general public. This however was not the case with the students from the Clinton Academy. We had students from both the morning and afternoon sessions help us on Thursday, March 20 with the setup of our annual quilt show.

I cannot praise the students enough! They gladly helped with table and chair setup, setting up our quilt racks and then with the actual hanging of the quilts. They took instructions well from our guild members that were in charge of setup. They worked hard and never complained. I was also impressed with their inquisitiveness about the actual quilts. Asking how they were made and the costs of making them.

I can say without a doubt, partnering with the Clinton Academy saved us hours of setup time. The students were awesome and their teachers were awesome as well!

Kudos to Clinton Academy students for their willingness to help a local organization. And for being respectful, hardworking, and inquisitive!

> **Kathrvn Merrick** 2025 Quilt Show Chairman Salt Creek Patchmakers Quilt Guild

## Rust on the surgical instruments?

Good grief. Just how Department of Veterans Affairs facility have? A recent VA Office of Inspector General report itemized just how many when they inspected one particular hospital.

Starting at the door of this facility, there was the small problem of signs leading to the emergency room, which the facility no longer had. Other outdoor signs were so faded they

were difficult to read. many deficiencies can one Interior navigational signs were inaccurate. Add to that, there was no place to sit once one got in the door, only in the vending machine area down the hall, described as "dirty and disorganized."

> Two employees were designated as toxic exposure navigators, staff meant to give the screenings to veterans. It was determined that over 450 screenings had not

been done.

One disturbing deficiency at this particular facility concerned the delays in notifying patients of abnormal test results. The VAOIG had dinged this facility a few years ago for that same problem and saw there had been no improvement. The plan: Develop a process to ensure prompt communication of test results. Target date for that: July 31, 2025.

And then we have the



by Freddy Groves

areas where biohazardous materials were stored, vet there was no sink nor hand sanitizer, no warning signs about the "potentially infectious material" along with cracks in the floor, holes in the walls, dust on the bed rails and handbooks that were years

out of date.

The biggest problem unearthed by the VAOIG concerned the continued improper sterilizing processing of reusable medical equipment, something the VAOIG had reported on the previous year. The facility claimed that improvements had been made, yet during the inspection itself, even more problems with the sterilizing process came to light -- including surgical

instruments with rust.

It's gut-wrenching to read VAOIG reports like this and know that some veterans have no choice but to seek their health care at facilities with serious deficiencies like those at this VA facility.

I hope the new VA secretary reads these reports when they cross his desk.

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## **CHURCHES**

#### **BIBLE TRIVIA**

By Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of 2 Peter (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. How did God identify Himself when speaking from the burning bush? I am who I am, King of all, Jesus Christ, Lord of Jehovah
- 3. Which of these was not one of the 10 plagues in Egypt? Locusts, Wicked skins to stone, Water turned to blood, Livestock diseased
- 4. 2 Kings 19 and which other book and chapter are almost alike word for word? Jeremiah 50, Job 16, Isaiah 37, Deuteronomy 7
- 5. Which judge of Israel had 30 sons? Samson, Jair, Ephraim, Gideon
- 6. What king dug wells in the desert? Abner, Isaac, Uzziah, Abimelech

to stone, 4) Isaiah 37, 5) Jair, 6) Uzziah ANSWERS: 1) New, 2) I am who I am, 3) Wicked skins

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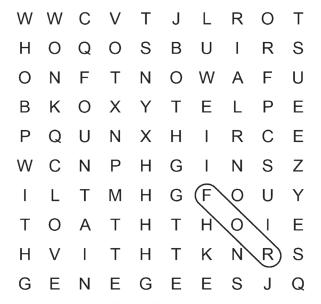
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Psalm 36:9-10

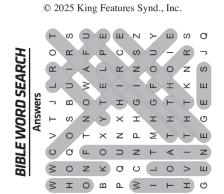
For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Continue your love to those who know you, **your** righteousness to **the upright** in **heart**.

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

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## **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 wor-

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 Senior high youth group meets twice a month.

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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

#### **First Christian Church**

prayer meeting

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, Ken-(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 9 a.m.-Sunday school 10 a.m.-worship 5:30 p.m.-youth group "We're ordinary people helping each other become faithful followers of Jesus."

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502 N. Monroe Street, Clinton (217) 935-3727 Fr. Thomas R. Szydlik, 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

#### ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said,* "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

ACTS 17: 22-24

View of the Areopagus today

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## **Handy tips**

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. In the past, I have put in articles dealing with useful information not normally used for or understood as useful for kitchen applications without some guidance. This being the case, I too overlook certain useful applications of otherwise ignored items. What about tin cans that are no longer made out of tin? What about netting used for packaging whole citric fruits and onions?

Let us begin with cat food cans. No, we are not going to use them in the kitchen unless you wish. containers made out of aluminum I would



Culinary Corner Chef Roger Joss

highly recommend them to be recycled. And I do not mean via the trash collector. In fact, I do not recycle anything through them. It is not a community service.

I discovered that I was being charged a goodly amount just for them to take my recycling materials. Even the hopper, the household must pay rent to use it. Whenever I need to go out of town, I take my recycling with me to an

approve facility.

A good incentive in this is not just to save money, but to donate your recycling money to a Children's hospital such as St. Jude's or McDonald's House. The last application of recycling is reusing it in the home.

Since they are not tin cans anymore, the Asperger in me compels me to call them food cans. Many, if not most, of your food cans are made of steel. If a magnet sticks to it, it is steel. Recycling value for a large can (#10) is less than one cent. Seems hardly worth the effort. Now I shall center on tuna cans.

Notice how nicely food

cans stack. This is due to the lip forming of the can. The frustrum conical edge at the bottom of the can is off-set so it will just fit within the circle of the rim ragged edges. or flange at the top of the adjoining can.

Next thing to notice is all of the little things we collect and that get lost in kitchen drawers. Some of that can be bag clips, screw caps from bottles, rubber bands used for holding broccoli stims together, corks and stoppers, Pastry tips and much more. Oh yes, one could store those extra ketchup, mustard, salt & pepper packets fast food places put into the sack for your convenience.

I find the steel tuna cans to be a nice size for small storage. Wash them out thoroughly and sure there are no sharp or Replace the paper covering with an adhesive label. Identify on the labels the contents.

One last thing to note. It would be terrible should anyone, and that includes cats that have no business in the kitchen, knocking the cans over. Do not leave them stacked and out in the open on a counter. At the very minimum, keep them in a cabinet or purchase a PVC pipe to store them in.

Until next time, peace to

## Representative payees help you manage your Social Security

#### **Selena Higgins**

Social Security district manager, Normal

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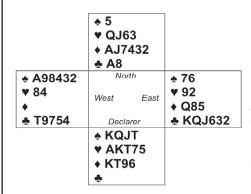
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#### **BRIDGE BITES**

#### **FISHING FOR CLUES**

As the play-of-the-hand develops Declarer is constantly on the look-out for the clues which will point to the right line of play. But these clues don't always come gift-wrapped, sometimes Declarer must go fishing.



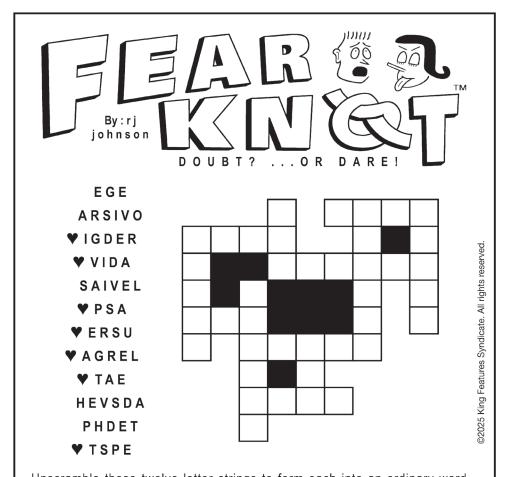
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South	West	North	East		
1♥	Pass	2+	Pass		
3♦	Pass	4♥	Pass		
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass		

Against 6♥, West tries a Heart lead and Declarer draws trumps in two rounds. It's a fine slam but not quite iron-clad. There's a Spade to be lost, and the key to success is not to lose a Diamond. How would you play the hand, looking only at the N-S cards?

If Diamonds are 2-1 then Declarer is home free, but suppose that the suit is 3-0. Now, Declarer has a guess. If he thinks that West is more likely to hold three Diamonds then he'll play his ♦K on the first round, later finessing against West's Queen if East does indeed show out. Conversely, he'll play Dummy's ♦A first if he suspects that East might have the three Diamonds. Which do you choose?

At this point it's a complete guess, so, before playing on Diamonds, Declarer goes fishing. He concedes a trick to the Spade Ace, and let's say that West returns a Club. Declarer ruffs that, then cashes Spades, and reels in a whopper of a clue when East shows out on the third round! Ha! Now Declarer knows that East started with four cards in the majors, and West with eight. The odds have changed dramatically! If one of the defenders has three Diamonds it's surely East. So Declarer plays Dummy's ♦A on the first round, and says a silent "Yippee!" when West shows out. 12 tricks if Declarer delays the Diamond play and first looks for clues in the other suits.

For bridge in the Clinton-Bloomington-Normal area, contact Mike Tomlianovich by phone:



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 **FULLY STATED**

#### **ACROSS** 44 —'s razor 1 Despises ("keep it sim-7 Tennis great ple" principle) 47 Fallon's Rafael 12 Loutish guy network

**15** Drop-49 Singer Ora (declines) 50 Irritability, 19 Corned beef sandwich 53 — Lingus

20 Kind of daisy 21 Bullring shout 22 Perfume bottle

23 Baseball's "Iron Man" fully stated? 26 Western U.S.

gas brand 27 Hit sketch show since '75 **28** Atop

29 Move, as a

seedling 31 Stitch clothes 32 Statistic of a chemical

element, fully stated? 39 Protein in egg white and milk

41 Panther 42 2010s dance move often done with the Whip 43 Tropical

vines

84 UConn women's basketball coach Auriemma

fully stated? 2000

55 Some racing autos 56 Evil "Get Smart" group **57** Tyro, in gaming lingo

58 Actor Cage, informally 60 Sneeze 62 Prefix with

63 "Aladdin" monkey 65 Auto-cleaning site, fully stated?

71 Once surnamed 72 "Thank you, Yvette!'

unrefined metal, fully stated? 78 — -di-dah 79.001 inch

86 Radiohead title track of **87** Prone (to) 88 British islet 90 Biblical boat

95 Architect Ludwig Mies van der -97 Fun, in brief 99 "The -

101 Grads tourism 105 Mistaken

69 "I knew it stated? all —!"

73 Lode of

83 Hoppy drink

suffix

**DOWN** 1 Circle bits 2 Coffee bit 3 Uproar

Professor" 100 Tribe of the Southwest 103 Ear-busting

106 Annual beauty contest, fully 111 Sorority letter

114 Uproar 117 At the drop

82 Singer Cherry 127 French ice cream

128 Focal point 130 Enzyme

131 Useful thing 132 Believers in God, of sorts

fully stated? 6 - - Caps (candy brand)

113 Solitary

actor, fully stated? 125 Christ, in Italy 126 CPR expert

**129** Punta del –

4 Kabuki sash

7 Not for 8 Truism 9 Country

15 Egg cells

119 "Mystic River"

5 Sports official

singer Carter 10 Scottish port 11 Luau gift 12 Certain cola container

13 Hebrew "A" 14 Rail against 16 Initial perfor-Broadway,

17 Inked cheek image, e.g. 18 Period when sales slump 24 Destroy 25 Baby buggy in Britain 30 Airport agcy

33 North African capital 34 Muscat's

land 35 Soup with tofu 36 Junk email 37 Kind of wrestling

Habana

38 Alway ("The 39 Comparable Jeffersons" 40 Pale purple song) 44 Bear, in Baja 92 German auto 45 Alternative 93 "Citizen to vanilla. 94 Impressionist 96 "Mom" informally

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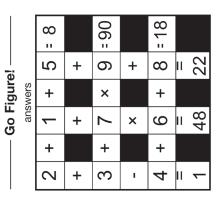
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68 Writer Levin tools 118 Mon. follower 69 Birthday 120 Links gp. topic 70 Hair stiffener 121 Letters before 73 Running riot 96-Down

122 PC readout 74 Buffs again **75** Devotee of a sort **76** Put in writing 123 Winning sign 77 Trial balloon 124 Singer 79 Criminals DiFranco

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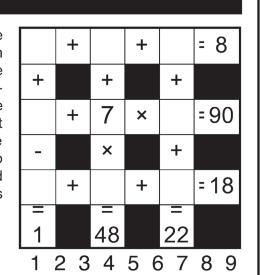
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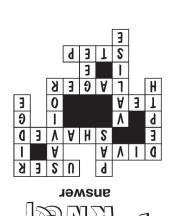


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#### **LEGAL**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DEWITT COUNTY, **ILLINOIS** Freedom Mortgage Corporation, **PLAINTIFF** Cameron Dralle, **DEFENDANT** No. 2024FC9 NOTICE OF SHER-IFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE **PUBLIC NOTICE** IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to

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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 THE SOUTH-**EAST QUARTER** OF SECTION 27,

**TOWNSHIP 20** NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCI-PAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF DEWITT, IN THE STATE OF ILLI-NOIS. 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.

#### **CT INVESTMENTS MINI STORAGE**

5x10......\$35/month

10x10.....\$50/month

10x15.....\$70/month

10x20.....**\$90**/month



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At Cleary Building Corp.

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#### **CLINTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOLS**

VACANCY NOTICE NO. 18 Please apply on-line at https://jobs.redroverk12.com/org/CUSD15 \* unless noted otherwise.

**Clinton High School** Science Teacher for 2025-2026 school year, application deadline April 25, 2025

Special Ed. Teacher for 2025-2026 school year, application deadline April 25, 2025

<u>Lincoln</u> **Special Education Teacher** for 2025-2026 school year, application deadline April 25, 2025

**Athletics CJHS Head Wrestling Coach for** 2025-2026 school year **CJHS Asst Wrestling Coach for** 2025-2026 school year **CJHS Head Cheer Coach for** 

2025-2026 school year **CJHS Asst. Baseball Coach for** 2025-2026 school year \* for all coaching positions please

apply online or email letter of interest, resume, and letters of recommendation to Matt Koeppel, AD, at mkoeppel@cusd15.org

Transportation \*apply online or pick up application at Bus Garage, info contact christansmith@ cusd15.org

**Bus Monitor, part time** Bus Drivers must have or be willing to obtain CDL.

Bus or Van Driver, part time Sub Bus/Van Monitors, Sub Crossing Guard, (as needed) Sub Bus Drivers & Sub Van **Drivers (as needed)**, Bus Drivers must have or be willing to obtain CDL.

#### **Custodial**

Custodian, PM Shift, apply online or pick up application at the Unit Office

#### **Other**

CJHS Job Coach for 2025-2026 school year, Experience working with people with disabilities a plus. Will assist, support, and work closely with students in the school and community by providing vocational support to prepare students for employment. Will work with individual students or small groups of students with job skills. Application deadline April 25, 2025, more info please contact Kari Veldman kveldman@ cusd15.org

Substitute Paraprofessional, must have or be willing to obtain \$\frac{20}{50}\$ a paraprofessional license. Please click link for info how to become certified. https://roe17. org/licensure/paraprofessionallicense-information-para

"An Equal Opportunity Employer" All employees must pass state & federal background checks. Employee salary & benefits information available at https://www.cusd15.org/page/vacancies. \*part time benefits vary depending on position and hours.

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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 tiff's attorney:

file or contact Plain-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 MORT-**GAGE FORECLO-**SURE LAW. 6114-950618

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

**LEGAL** STATE OF ILLI-NOIS IN THE CIR-**CUIT COURT** OF THE SIXTH JU-DICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF DE-WITT Estate of: Priscilla Irene Lamb Deceased. CASE NO. 2025-PR-16 NOTICE BY PUBLI-CATION OF CLAIM DATE Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Priscilla Irene Lamb, of 507 ANTS. 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 De-Witt 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 - CHAN-**CERY DIVISION** CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SER-VICES, LLC, Plaintiff, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF WINIFRED DUNN, DECEASED; **DEWITT SAVINGS** BANK; HEATHER MYERS; ALLEN DUNN; CYNTHIA SUTHERIN, AS SPECIAL REP-RESENTATIVE OF WINIFRED L. DUNN, DE-CEASED; UN-KNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RE-CORD CLAIM-Defendants. Case No.: 2024FC20 Property Address: 919 W North St, Clinton, IL 61727 NOTICE BY PUBLI-**CATION** NOTICE IS HERE-BY 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 FOLLOW-ING DESCRIBED LAND, TO WIT: **BEGINNING AT** A STONE IN THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTH-WEST 1/4 OF SECTION 27, **TOWNSHIP 20** NORTH, RANGE 2 EAST OF THE 3RD PRINCIPAL MERID-IAN, 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 SOUTH-WEST 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 titleholders 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

County, Illinois. Identification of recording: Document No. 229523 NOW THERE-FORE, 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. 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 additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://illinoiscourts. gov/self-help or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid. org. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to www. illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application. **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 INFOR-MATION WILL BE **USED FOR THAT** PURPOSE. Lender Legal PLLC 1800 Pembrook Drive, Suite 250 Orlando, FL 32810

Service Émails:

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for Plaintiff

4, 2025

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CIRCUIT

OF

Deeds of DeWitt

IN PROBATE

Esq.

Mrak@lenderlegal.

s/ Michael Rak,

Michael Rak, Esq.

Counsel of Record

ARDC # 6340367

March 21, 28 & April

IN THE CIRCUIT

SIXTH JUDICIAL

IN THE MATTER

OF THE ESTATE

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2025-PR-17

**CLAIM DATE** 

NOTICE - INDE-

MER, DECEASED

COURT FOR THE

**DEWITT COUNTY -**

LEGAL 20294

6297077 TAYLOR & LYNCH, LLC 216 SOUTH CEN-TER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, IL 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183 Tel: (407) 730-4644 FAX: (217) 935-8219 E-MAIL: attorneys@ EService@Lenderdewittcountylaw.

> **LEGAL 20295** March 21, 28 & April 4, 2025

STATE OF ILLI-

#### **LEGAL**

NOIS IN THE CIR-**CUIT COURT** OF THE SIXTH JU-**DICIAL CIRCUIT** COUNTY OF DE-WITT Estate of: Arlene B. Hoffman Deceased. CASE NO. 2025-PR-14 NOTICE BY PUBLI-CATION 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 De-Witt 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.

PENDENT ADMIN-

above-named dece-

Notice is given of

the death of the

Letters of Office

were issued on

March 13, 2025

to Melissa Lenz,

Road. Carlock,

Illinois 61725 as

22061 N. 825 East

independent execu-

tor. The attorney for

the estate is Bryce

A. Lvnch of Tav-

lor & Lynch, LLC,

216 South Center

478, Clinton, Illinois,

Claims may be filed

Clerk of the Court at

in the office of the

the DeWitt County

Courthouse, 201

Street, Clinton, IL

October 6, 2025.

Any claim not filed

within that period

is barred. Copies

of the Claim filed

with the Clerk of

to the Represen-

tative and to the

The estate will

be administered

vision, unless an

interested party

Attorney within 10

days after it is filed.

without Court super-

terminates Indepen-

dent 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 Inde-

pendent Admin-

istration may be

obtained from the

Clerk of the Court at

the above address.

Dated this 14th day

Melissa Lenz, inde-

pendent executor

Sara A. Primmer,

BRYCE A. LYNCH

of the estate of

deceased

of March, 2025.

the Court must be

mailed or delivered

61727, on or before

W. Washington

Street, P.O. Box

61727.

**ISTRATION** 

dent:

Kevin Hammer Attorney for the Estate of Arlene B. Hoffman 219 East Main Street Clinton, IL 61727 217/935-7063 kevinghammer@

**LEGAL 20297** 4, 2025

COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHAN-**CERY DIVISION** BANK OF AMERI-CA. N.A.. Plaintiff, ROBERT ISAAC WINSTEAD, UN-KNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RE-CORD CLAIM-ANTS, Defendants. Case No.: 2022FC9 Property Address: 501 S Chicago St, Dewitt, IL 61735 NOTICE BY PUBLI-**CATION** NOTICE IS HERE-BY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING. UNKNOWN ÓWN-ERS AND NON-RE-**CORD CLAIMANTS** defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you

a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 IN BLOCK 1 IN ROBBINS'S ADDI-TION TO MARION, NOW THE VIL-LAGE 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 THERE-**FORE, 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-pro-

viders.htm to learn

more and to select

a service provider.

tional help or have

trouble e-filing, visit

http://illinoiscourts.

talk with your local

circuit clerk's office.

If you cannot e-file,

you may be able to

get an exemption

that allows you to

by mail. Ask your

information or visit

www.illinoislegalaid.

org. For information

file in-person or

gov/self-help or

If you need addi-

hotmail.com

March 21, 28, April

#### **LEGAL**

about defending IN THE CIRCUIT yourself in a court an appearance or fee waiver) or to apply for free legal help, go to www. illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application **PURSUANT TO** THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT. THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A ATTEMPTING TO **COLLECT A DEBT** AND ANY INFOR-MATION WILL BE **USED FOR THAT PURPOSE** Lender Legal PLLC 1800 Pembrook Drive, Suite 250 Orlando, Florida 32810 Tel: (407) 730-4644 Service Emails: cstrong@lenderleand other defengal.com dants, asking for EService@Lenderthe foreclosure of Legal.com

LLS13417 s/ Chandray Strong, Esq. Chandray Strong, Esa. Counsel of Record for Plaintiff ARDC # 6321577

LEGAL 20302 March 28, April 4 & 11, 2025

#### **LEGAL**

STATE OF ILLI-NOIS IN THE CIR-**CUIT COURT** OF THE SIXTH JU-DICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF DE-WITT Estate of: Marla G. Burton Deceased. CASE NO. 2025-PR-18 NOTICE BY PUBLI-CATION OF CLAIM

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 De-Witt County Circuit Court, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the circuit clerk for more representative, or both, on or before September 28. 2025, or, if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the case (including filing 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.

DEBT COLLECTOR 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**

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE GLEN D. RYER-SON, DECEASED

2025-PR-8

#### **CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDE-**PENDENT ADMIN-**ISTRATION**

Notice is given of the death of the above-named dece-

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 Clerk of the Court at the representative the above address.

Dated this 24 day of March, 2025.

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

BRYCE A. LYNCH 6297077 TAYLOR & LYNCH, 216 SOUTH CEN-TER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, IL 61727 TEL: (217) 935-2183 FAX: (217) 935-8219 E-MAIL: attorneys@dewit-

LEGAL 20307 March 28, April 4, April 11, 2025

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#### **LEGAL**

STATE OF ILLI-NOIS IN THE CIR-**CUIT COURT** OF THE SIXTH JU-DICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF DE-

Estate of: Richard Bruce Kendall Deceased. CASE NO. 2025-

NOTICE BY PUBLI-CATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Richard Bruce Kendall, of 206 W. Clinton Ave., Farmer City, Illinois 61842. Letters of Office were issued on March 24, 2025, to Elaine Kendall Ceniza, Indepen-

dent Executor, 1330 Village Oaks Ln., Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043, whose attorney is Kevin Hammer, 219 E. Main Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727. The estate will be administered without court super-

DISTRICT IS NOW vision unless under ON FILE. ANYONE Section 28-4 of the WISHING TO IN-Probate Act (755 SPECT THE TEN-ILCS 5/28-4) any TATIVE BUDGET interested person MAY DO SO AT terminates indepen-THE TOWNSHIP dent administration BUILDING, 412 E. at any time by mail-CROSLEY, KENing or delivering a NEY, IL MONDAY petition to terminate THROUGH FRIDAY to the clerk 8:00 AM UNTIL Claims against the 4:30 PM. A HEAR-Estate must be ING WILL BE HELD filed in the office of ON MONDAY, MAY the Clerk of De-5, 2025 AT THE Witt County Circuit TOWNSHIP BUILD-Court, DeWitt ING AT 6:45 PM AT

County Courthouse,

201 W. Washington

St., Clinton, Illinois

61727, or with the

representative, or

both, on or before

October 4, 2025, or,

if mailing or delivery

of a Notice from the

required by Section

18-3 of the Probate

Act, the date stated

in the Notice. Any

or before that date

of a claim filed with

the Clerk must be

and to the repre-

it has been filed.

of March, 2025.

Kevin Hammer

Bruce Kendall

219 East Main

217/935-7063

hotmail.com

**LEGAL 20308** 

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Street

Attorney for the

Estate of Richard

Clinton, IL 61727

kevinghammer@

April 4, 11, 18, 2025

**Assumed Name** 

Public Notice is

hereby given that

on Tuesday, March

25, 2025, a certifi-

mailed or delivered

sentative's attorney

within ten days after

Dated this 25th day

claim not filed on

is barred. Copies

representative is

DATED THIS 4th DAY OF APRIL 2025

ADOPTED.

KARI WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP CLERK

WHICH TIME THE

**BUDGET WILL BE** 

**LEGAL 20310** April 4, 2025

#### LEGAL

#### **TUNBRIDGE TOWNSHIP BUD-GET ON FILE**

THE TENTATIVE **BUDGET FOR THE** FY 2025-2026 TUN-**BRIDGE TOWN-**SHIP IS NOW ON FILE. ANYONE WISHING TO IN-SPECT THE TEN-TATIVE BUDGET MAY DO SO AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING, 412 E CROSLEY, KEN-NEY, IL MONDAY THRUOGH FRIDAY 8:00 AM UNTIL 4:30 PM. A HEAR-ING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025 AT THE TOWNSHIP BUILD-ING AT 6:45 PM AT WHICH TIME THE **BUDGET WILL BE** ADOPTED.

DATED THIS 4th **Publication Notice** DAY OF APRIL 2025

> KARI WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP CLERK

LEGAL 20311 April 4, 2025

#### **LEGAL**

cate was filed in the

Office of the County

names and post-of-

owning, conducting,

and transacting the

business known as:

**FOIL & FADE HAIR** 

**623 N JACKSON** 

ST CLINTON, IL

Dated this 25 day of

No. 2025DBA-0220

April 4, 11, 18, 2025

**TOWNSHIP ROAD** 

**DISTRICT BUD-**

THE TENATIVE

**BUDGET FOR** 

THE FY 2025-

2026 TUNBRIDGE

TOWNSHIP ROAD

**GET ON FILE** 

March, 2025

Kari L. Harris

County Clerk

**LEGAL 20309** 

**TUNBRIDGE** 

LOUNGE

61727

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**LEGAL** 

fice addresses of

all of the persons

Clerk of DeWitt

County, Illinois,

setting forth the

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

TO THE PATRONS OF AMEREN ILLI-NOIS:

Please be advised that Ameren Illinois will trim trees and other vegetation in and around the town(s) of Clinton, Wapèlla &Unincorporated, DeWitt County, Illinois. Our qualified utility arborists will trim trees and vegetation that could interfere with electric lines that run from pole to pole and elsewhere. This work is necessary in order to minimize the likelihood of outages and safety hazards. There is no charge to you for this service.

If you have any questions about this work, please call 1-800-755-5000 or visit our website at MySafeTrees.com. You may address your concerns in the manner specified on our website. You may also call the Consumer Services Division of the Illinois Commerce Commission at 1-800-524-0795. Maps have been provided to the mayors and the county board chairpersons of the affected areas.

Sincerely, Ameren Illinois Forestry Department

**LEGAL 20312** April 4, 2025

#### LEGAL

HARP TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT

Requesting bids to replace roofs on 2 Please contct Terry Ferguson, Highway Commissioner, to look at project and receive bid specifications. 217-519-0016 tferg51@gmail.com 12601 Washington Rd., Clinton, IL 61727

**LEGAL 20313** April 4, 2025

#### LEGAL

#### **Assumed Name Publication Notice**

Public Notice is hereby given than on Friday, March 28, 2025, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons

owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as:

#### **TURN & BURN** TRUCKING LLC 420 W. BENJAMIN **KENNEY, IL 61749**

Dated this 28 day of March, 2025 /s/ Kari L. Harris/

County Clerk No. 2025DBA-0221

**LEGAL 20314** April 4, 11, 18, 2025



#### SCAM NEWS

### Make sure you know who's on the other end of that message

(NAPSI)—Beware: The person on the other end of that digital communication might not be who they claim to be.

Imposters work very hard to convince consumers they are a friend or relative, or that they are from a legitimate source, such as a bank or government agency. These fraudsters then take personally identifiable information (PII) and use it to steal victims' money.

"There are many types of imposter scams," U.S. Postal Inspector in Charge (INC) Eric Shen of the Postal Inspection Service Criminal Investigations Group says. "But they all start with messages like, 'I'm in trouble..., 'I need...,' 'You've won!...,' or 'I have a great offer for you!' These scammers lull consumers into a false sense of trust, gain access to privileged information, and then drain financial accounts.

United States inspectors offer these simple tips to help consumers protect themselves from imposter scams:

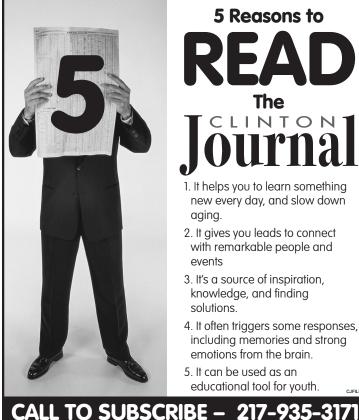
Take your time to financial decisions. Whether it's investments or unsolicited offers, such as the lottery or sweepstakes, don't rush into sending your money to someone you don't know.

it really representative from your bank sending that email or text? To be certain, call your bank at the number you were given when you opened your account. Don't call a number that you haven't verified, and never click on any links in an email or text from a person or business you don't recognize.

Grandparents: Before sending money to help your grandchildren in a desperate situation, call them or their parents at a number you recognize to confirm they sent

- If you meet someone over the internet who professes their love for you right away, but needs financial assistance to meet you, exit the conversation as quickly as you can.
- The Postal Service will NEVER send you an unsolicited text. Any text or email claiming you have a USPS delivery problem is designed to steal your personal information. Delete these messages, but before you do, send the bogus text or email to spam@uspis.gov.
- Put your phone number on the National Do Not Call Registry at 1-888-382-1222 or at www.donotcall.gov.
- Scammers may ask for payments by gift card, prepaid debit card, crypto currency, gold bars, or by mailing cash. Anyone who tells you to pay with a gift card is probably a scammer. Federal agencies will never ask for instant payments or for personal information. Ignore the messages or hang
- During tax season, scammers pretending to be IRS agents may call or email. The IRS offers these telltale signs of a scam: spelling errors or incorrect grammar; a link or attachment with a slightly misspelled URL or an unusual one such as irs.gov; a threatening or urgent request to pay now, to follow a link, or to open an attachment. If you get a suspicious request from the IRS, contact IRS customer service to authenticate it.
- If you are a victim of a scam or suspect fraud, report it: Submit an online report to the Postal Inspection Service or call us at 877-876-2455.

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#### Field knowledge gained at Illinois Extension youth crop competition

URBANA, Ill. — For youth looking towards a career in agriculture, specifically within the agronomy sector, the Youth Crop Scouting Competition with University of Illinois Extension is a perfect stop along the way.

Not only can competition experience be added to a resume, but it is a unique opportunity for high school students interested in agriculture to work as a team to explore and help solve today's crop-related issues. The competition is a platform for students to demonstrate their expertise, skills, and knowledge towards becoming future agriculture professionals.

On Aug. 4, teams of high school students will rotate through various crop testing stations set up in corn and soybean fields to test their knowledge on topics including weeds, insects, disease identification, corn and soybean growth stages, abiotic disorders, pesticide application, and integrated pest management.

"It's exciting when youth and teams return year after year wanting to place higher or earn more points at a certain station," says Meagan Diss, competition coordinator and commercial ag specialist with Illinois Extension. "That truly shows the impact of the event and dedication the youth have to keep growing."

Understanding what is happening in today's farm fields strengthens relationships with growers and provides the advantage of strategically making best management decisions to maximize yield and profit. Students are helping push the of future agriculture forward by participating in competitions through Extension's Illinois 4-H and Illinois Association FFA.

University staff will judge the teams to determine results, and the top four teams will win cash prizes sponsored by industry and university partners. Cash prizes awarded to the top four teams include \$500, \$300, \$200, and \$100. The top two teams will also advance to represent Illinois at the regional competition hosted this year in Iowa.

"University researchers and Extension experts always look forward to the annual event for conversations questions youth bring with them," says Diss. "It's truly an unmatched experience for networking, opportunity, educational and personal growth while having fun."

The competition field rotations begin at 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Crop Sciences Research and Education Center, 4202 South 1st St., Champaign. Team check-in starts at 8 a.m.

The competition is open to high school students completing grades 9 to 12 in the spring of 2025. Official teams include two to five students, and an adult coach must lead all teams. Teams are encouraged to sign up prior to the end of the current school year, as space is limited to 10 total teams.

For event details or to register teams by July 3, visit go.illinois.edu/CropScouting. New this year, all teams will be required to provide completed release forms, by physical or digital copies, turned in prior to the competition, or the team will not be allowed to participate.

For questions or if you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this program, contact Meagan Diss at mcdiss@illinois.edu or 217-300-5386. Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time to meet access needs.

## Trump administration blocks more than \$400M in funding for Illinois health programs

Nearly \$2B in federal funds is not being sent to Illinois, according to governor's office

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SPRINGFIELD — President Donald Trump's administration is pulling back \$477 million from Illinois that was to be used to prevent infectious disease and treat mental health and substance abuse issues.

The Illinois Department of Public Health announced this week the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is taking back \$125 million allocated to IDPH and 97 local health departments for infectious disease prevention. Another \$324 million appropriated by Congress for "future use" in preventing and treating infectious disease also is being blocked.

Separately, the Illinois Department of Human Services was notified this week that \$28 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for mental health and substance use disorder treatment would be terminated. The funds had been appropriated by Congress in the American Rescue Plan Act for 77 Illinois community organizations providing mental health and substance abuse treatment services to residents.

"This decision to terminate already awarded federal funding will cause immeasurable harm and disruption to the health and safety of the people of Illinois and generate larger expenses in the longer run," Gov. JB Pritzker said in a statement.

IDPH's funding for infectious disease prevention will see a "debilitating impact," Director Sameer Vohra said in a statement. IDPH has been using the funding to track the spread of diseases, invest in lab upgrades, build up the public health workforce, and improve vaccination efforts.

A report published Thursday by Trust for America's Health, a nonprofit research organization, ranked states into one of three tiers based on their preparedness for a public health emergency, and Illinois ranked in the middle tier.

Illinois is one of 47 states with detailed "surge plans," that outline IDPH's ability to handle a sudden surge in testing demand and implement changes like reallocating staff and acquiring supplies, according to the report.

Over the past decade, IDPH published several surge plans including an "Ebola Virus Disease Preparedness and Response Plan" in 2019 and a "Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Plan" in 2020.

A surge plan is a "critical indicator of a state's emergency preparedness" that demonstrates a state's capabilities to tackle a crisis, the report said.

It noted that seasonal flu vaccination rates also give an insight into the state's emergence response capabilities. According to IDPH, about 28% of Illinoisans received a flu shot for the current season.

IDPH also is keeping an eye on the spread of bird flu with the now-ceased federal funds. Although the CDC says bird flu does not currently pose a threat to humans, there is concern that interaction between the seasonal flu virus and the bird flu virus might create a new strain that could start human-to-human transmissions and increase the risk of a pandemic, Vohra said in a February interview with Capitol News Illinois.

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Funding for IDPH's and DHS' programs was appropriated by Congress but is now being rescinded by executive agencies. The Illinois Attorney General's Office has already sued the Trump administration over other spending cuts, including on disaster funding, clean energy grants and teacher preparation grants.

Funding for IDPH's infectious disease prevention programs was appropriated by Congress in the 2020 CARES Act — a law signed by Trump designed to help businesses, individuals, and health care institutions access funding during the height of the pandemic. Funding for DHS' mental health and substance abuse program was appropriated by Congress in the American Rescue Plan of 2021 — a wide-ranging

stimulus bill signed by President Joe Biden that included funding for programs intended to alleviate effects of the pandemic.

"The State of Illinois will do everything in our power to restore this vital federal funding and continue to invest in common sense public health solutions to keep our state safe and healthy," Pritzker said.

A judge issued a preliminary injunction blocking Trump's broad federal spending freezes in January, but Illinois and other states have continued to be notified that money already destined for the state's use is being rescinded.

The \$477 million being pulled from IDPH and DHS is part of roughly \$1.8 billion in federal funding the state is expecting to receive but remains in limbo. It's also the latest example of the state losing money that's already being put to use.

At the beginning of March, the Illinois Department of Agriculture learned the Trump administration will not reimburse the state for costs in the Illinois-EATS program incurred after Trump took office, leaving the state without \$18 million of reimbursements. The program provides fresh food from Illinois farms to community distribution sites.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture terminated a \$26.3 million grant earlier this month to the Illinois State Board of Education that helped Illinois schools and child care facilities buy locally grown fresh produce from Illinois farmers for use in meals and snacks.

Other areas of funding also remain uncertain as federal judges issue injunctions preventing the federal government from blocking funding already obligated to states and the Trump administration changes course about whether it will end or continue programs.

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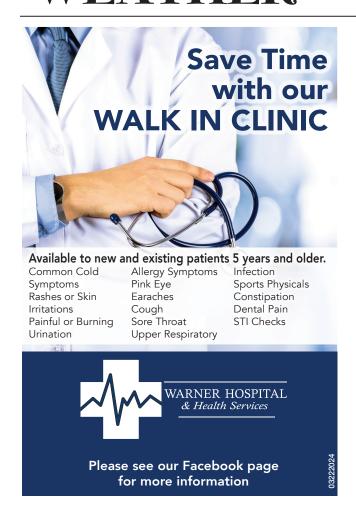
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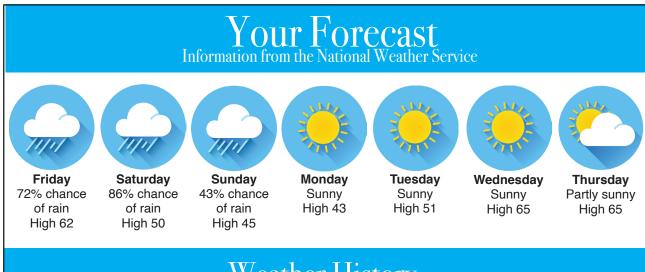
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### Weather History

#### April 5

1988: Severe thunderstorms moved across the northern 2/3 of the state. Baseball size hail at Galesburg caused \$10 million damage to 700 cars and many homes. In East St. Louis, a wind gust of 77 mph and golfball-size hail was reported. Winds at Bloomington's airport gusted to 75 mph, causing the control tower to be evacuated. Other strong winds included 70 mph at Taylorville and 69 mph at Decatur. Extensive damage was reported due to the storms.

#### April 6

1872: A tornado touched down near Bogota, southwest of Newton in southeast Illinois. The tornado, estimated at F3 intensity, destroyed barns, homes, and timber. Three people were killed in homes about a mile apart.

## Is a 55-plus community right for you?

The first thought we have about those over 55 communities is sure, others will be like us, our every need and want will be taken care of.

But is that always true?

There is, of course, a long list of good things about living in a seniors community. In most cases there will be activities with lots of social opportunities. Depending on the community, there might be a pool, a golf course and tennis courts, a fitness center with classes, scheduled activities, excursions and trips.

For the most part, homes in these communities are smaller since many of us will be downsizing anyway and outdoor maintenance and yardwork will be done by others.

Sounds great, right?

There is another side, though, to the 55+ communities, and some of the negatives are fairly significant.

Variety in social opportunities may be very limited. After all, everyone there will be our age with few opportunities to interact with younger people. If your family situation changes and

#### SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

you need to move your child and grandchildren in with you, it likely won't be possible in a 55+ community, and even visits will probably have a time limit. And there's the issue of inheritance: If you want to leave your home to a child in your will, they couldn't live there.

If you ever decide to sell, your target buyer pool will be limited to other 55+ seniors. Even renting, if that's allowed in the community, will be limited to senior occupants.

Then there are the high fees to cover all the amenities, HOA and taxes -- expenses that can go up at any time. Even in the beginning, your monthly costs could be in the thousands of dollars.

Before buying into a 55+ community, get advice -- a lot of it. Ask questions, get feedback, visit a potential community more than once and talk to people who live there, if possible.

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## Book sale, other events at Warner Library in April

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

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) Team: Events for ages

(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

## 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

The or visit www.bloodcenter. will org and use code 71395 to lood locate the drive.

Eligibility Donor 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.



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