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Council hears about 175MW solar project

The 825-acre plan much larger than community solar projects

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CLINTON — The solar energy presentations keep coming as companies take advantage of the state's encouraging policies toward developing the industry in Illinois.

Community solar projects have increased 30 percent since 2021 because of the state's solar policies and incentives. Another in a line of companies presented its plan last week to the city council.

The city heard recently about a much larger solar project. Chase Ford, senior development manager with Nexamp, gave a survey of the company's proposed Prairie Flats solar project during last week's city council meeting.

The 825-acre project is much larger than the 20-60-acre plans the council previously has been approached about.

"I really wanted to talk through our project, where it stands with the city and also touch on who Nexamp is," Ford said.

Nexamp was formed in 2007 by two U.S. Army veterans of the Iraq war.

"They came back and had a strong viewpoint that all different types of energy needed to be developed domestically," Ford said.

Nexamp now has 500 employees in a company that is investor-backed. Nexamp functions as owner/operators of most of its solar projects.

"That's the intent for the vast majority of our projects, and that's the intent for this project," Ford said.

Nexamp's primary investors are Generate Capital, an investment bank based in San Francisco, and John Hancock Insurance, with some investment from Diamond Capital, which is owned by the Japanese company Mitsubishi.

Illinois has been an important growth area for Nexamp, Ford said. The company now has about 80 employees in the state, with Chicago operating as a second company headquarters.

"The vast majority of our jobs and hiring are out of Illinois," he said. "So, we've really been focused on areas in the Midwest."

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Katy O'Grady-Pyne / Journal

MTZ Realty marks opening of new office

Stacey Sharrow, designated managing broker MTZ Realty, cuts the ribbon to her new office in the former Watkins Jewelry on Mr. Lincoln Square. Welcoming the new business was Clinton Chamber executive director Janice Peterson (far right) and Chamber Events Coordinator Erin Angel (far left). Many Chamber members were on hand to welcome this new business to the community.

Twin City Amateur Astronomers donates telescope to Warner Library

CLINTON — The Twin City Amateur Astronomers (TCAA) last week donated a 4.5-inch aperture Zhumell reflecting telescope on a Dobsonian mount to the Vespasian Warner Public Library.

The donation, valued at approximately \$500, was made possible through a grant from the Astronomical League, an international organization supporting amateur astronomy with over 10,000 members, with support from the TCAA.

The donation aims to provide young astronomy enthusiasts access to a quality telescope, enabling them to explore the

night sky. The Warner Public Library was chosen because it does not yet have a loaner telescope, and due to the strong local interest in astronomy, as demonstrated by the popular Weldon Springs State Park programs.

The donation is part of the Astronomical League's Library Telescope Program, a national initiative that has placed over 40 telescopes in libraries across Illinois and many hundreds more nationwide. The program seeks to make astronomy

accessible to the public by equipping libraries with easy-to-use telescopes for patrons young and old to check out, much like a book.

"We want to make stargazing accessible to everyone, especially young minds eager to learn but without the means to own a telescope," said TCAA Vice President Meredith Barkhurst. "This initiative aligns with the TCAA's mission of fostering public knowledge and appreciation of the night sky."



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Douglas School Little Maroons for March

Douglas School's Little Maroons of the month for March showed responsibility and responsible decision making. Left to right: Elley, Penelope, Nathan, Ian, Holden, Mason, Liam, and Ava.

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Nexamp is currently constructing or already operating more than 20 solar projects in Illinois with another 30 planned for the state.

"So, we've really focused on Illinois," Ford said.

The Prairie Flats project is planned for an area bordering northeast Clinton, extending north from Road 750N and east of the Trinity Structural Towers facility. A portion of the proposed project extends south of 750N, surrounding one home.

The solar facility would connect to the grid at the substation located west of Route 51.

"This will be a 175-megawatt project, so quite a bit larger than some of those others you've been looking at," Ford said.

A number of developers have approached the city about commercial solar projects and their desire to be annexed into the city.

"We have two landowners under option for lease," Ford said. Totally about 900 between the two."

City commissioners expressed concern about the project surrounding a home, which is considered of historical significance.

Ford said he was working to contact the owners of the home. He said previous representatives of Nexamp talked to the owners to explain the company's plan.

"This was roughly two, three years ago," Ford said.

"They would be totally surrounded by solar panels," said commissioner Dan Ballenger.

Ford said he would be in contact with the homeowner soon.

If the city chose not to annex the project, it would fall under the county's solar energy ordinance. There is no indication yet how the council would decide.

During a recent public comment meeting, hosted by the city council, residents, in general, were not in favor of solar projects abutting the city limits or being annexed into the city.

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Are your representatives in Congress doing anything to save Social Security?

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a recent television interview, former Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, Martin O'Malley, said he feared the thousands of Social Security employees axed by Elon

Musk and his quasi "Department of Government Efficiency" would result in collapse of the agency.

O'Malley said many of the employees who were fired by Musk and his team were the people responsible for keeping the system functioning, the employees who best understood how it operated.

Multiple news outlets reported last

week that current Social Security employees working at the agency said staffing and service cuts, along with policy changes, were causing "complete, utter chaos."

The employees said the disarray threatened to send the agency into a "death spiral." They warned the cuts were leading to a structural collapse of Social Security.

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Business owners can make Social Security part of their retirement plan

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Social Security district
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Most business owners are focused on growing their business and legacy. But at some point, they must consider a plan for retirement. That's why it's important for business owners to begin thinking about how Social Security fits into their retirement planning. Social Security benefits are part of the retirement plan of almost

every American worker — including business owners. Since there are specific rules for business owners, they should speak with a financial advisor or accountant before applying for benefits. One of the

biggest mistakes some business owners make — aside from starting retirement planning too late — is not having a plan at all. This is where a financial expert can give advice on how to prepare for retirement.

Business owners can use their personal my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount to determine eligibility for retirement benefits as well as get a benefit estimate. Our publication, If You

Are Self-Employed, at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10022.pdf, provides important information about Social Security taxes for business owners as well as how to report earnings. Don't delay, start your retirement planning today! For more information visit our Plan for Retirement webpage at www.ssa.gov/prepare/plan-retirement.

Please share this information with your loved ones.

Carla Jean Good (Rempe)

CLINTON — Carla Jean Good (Rempe), of Clinton, passed away in her home on April 5, 2025, aged 68.

Carla is survived by her daughter, Alicia Sparks (Will Sparks, Jack Sparks) of Williamsville, Ill., and son, Sean Good (Allie, Rylan and Harper), of Clinton, sister Diane (Barry) Phipps, brother David (Wanda) Rempe, brother Eric (Valorie) Rempe, sister Greta Boudeman, sister Teresa (William) Washburn, brother Steve Rempe and sister Janet Vinson (Rempe). She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Emma Jean Rempe, her niece, Joanna Boudeman, her sister, Joyce Rempe and her husband, William L. Good.



and redecorating over the years, making each of her houses a cherished home. Her love for laughter, dancing and having fun was clear to all who met her and was shared by her many lifelong friends. She was a proud mother and grandmother, celebrating her children and grandchildren's accomplishments with joy.

A private family service will be held at Oak Park Cemetery, Clinton; a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to www.teamrwb.org.

The family entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Carla was born on September 2, 1956, in Clinton, to Louis and Emma Jean (née Logsdon) Rempe. She worked in numerous positions over her 45-year career at State Farm Insurance, in Bloomington.

William and Carla married on April 30, 1977, in Clinton, and enjoyed 44 years of marriage before William's passing in 2021.

Carla poured her creative talent into home remodeling

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1961 - Israel began the trial of Adolf Eichman, accused of World War II war crimes.

1968 - U.S. President Johnson signed the 1968 Civil Rights Act.

1970 - Apollo 13 blasted off on a mission to the moon that was disrupted when an explosion crippled the spacecraft. The astronauts did return safely.

1974 - The Judiciary committee subpoenas U.S. President Richard Nixon to produce tapes for impeachment inquiry.

1980 - The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission issued regulations specifically prohibiting sexual harassment of workers by supervisors.

1984 - China invaded Vietnam.

1985 - The White House announced that President Reagan would visit the Nazi cemetery at Bitburg.

1986 - Dodge Morgan sailed solo nonstop around the world in 150 days.

1986 - In Groton, CT, the submarine Nautilus exhibit opened to the public.

1986 - Kellogg's stopped giving tours of its breakfast-food plant. The reason for the end of the 80-year tradition was said to be that company secrets were at risk due to spies from other cereal companies.

1996 - Forty-three African nations signed the African Nuclear Weapons Free Zone Treaty.

1998 - Northern Ireland's biggest political party, the Ulster Unionists, announced its backing of the historic peace deal.

1999 - Daouda Malam Wanke was designated president of Niger. President Ibrahim Baré Maïnassara had been assassinated on April 9.

2001 - China agreed to release 24 crewmembers of a U.S. surveillance plane. The EP-3E Navy crew had been held since April 1 on Hainan, where the plane had made an emergency landing after an in-flight collision with a Chinese fighter jet. The Chinese pilot was missing and presumed dead.

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

It takes a woman

When it comes to relations between the sexes, I must admit the guys often just don't get it or ignore the facts in front of them.

Congresswoman Anna Paulina Luna, this past week, came very close to stopping all action in the U.S. House of Representatives until her concern was addressed by the Speaker of the House, Michael Johnson.

Representative Luna grew up in the school of hard knocks in California. She joined the U.S. Air Force to improve her financial situation. She met her husband while both were in the military and eventually moved to Florida.

She is the parent of one child and can politically best be defined as an ardent conservative Republican. More importantly, she defines herself as a mom.

Sometimes that definition is forgotten in the wells of Congress. She made everyone aware that you don't mess with Momma, especially if Momma is a Momma Bear with young cubs.

For years, politicians on both sides of the aisle in D.C. checked on the health of their opponents and

supporters if a highly contested bill was to be voted on. Congress has required in-person voting by its members. If sick, or unable to be present for any reason, the member of Congress has no vote. You must vote in person.

There are some valid reasons for this since it does force members to be in proximity to each other and hopefully discuss pending legislation. In-person voting also allows for greater public scrutiny of the legislator as the vote is cast in an open and public forum.

Speaker Johnson has voiced that in person is required by the Constitution. I am not so sure about that.

In any event, there are several young mothers in Congress this term, and they are like most mothers, they give birth to babies. Rep. Luna had the audacity to think that a representative who is a new mom could vote by proxy, the act of granting someone else the power to vote on your behalf. Proxies are done every day in the corporate world by stockholders. It is not a new concept. However the powers that be in the House,



Speaker Johnson and his leadership group, completely rejected even a hearing on the proposal of Luna.

Luna then used some of the House rules to require that she be heard on the issue. Luna invoking the rules, essentially shut down all votes in the House until her matter was acted on. The Republicans are trying very hard to get a budget reconciliation bill passed to enact their agenda, and Luna stopped them cold as a brand new representative. The lady has some real moxie.

The boys caved to the new girl on the block. They all cut a deal. Luna doesn't get a true proxy, but she got what she wanted. The agreement is called a pairing in which another representative who would have voted the opposite of Luna will not cast a vote. Essentially, the two representatives will cancel each other out. Luna also got a bipartisan vote that clearly showed the House was looking favorably at her proposal.

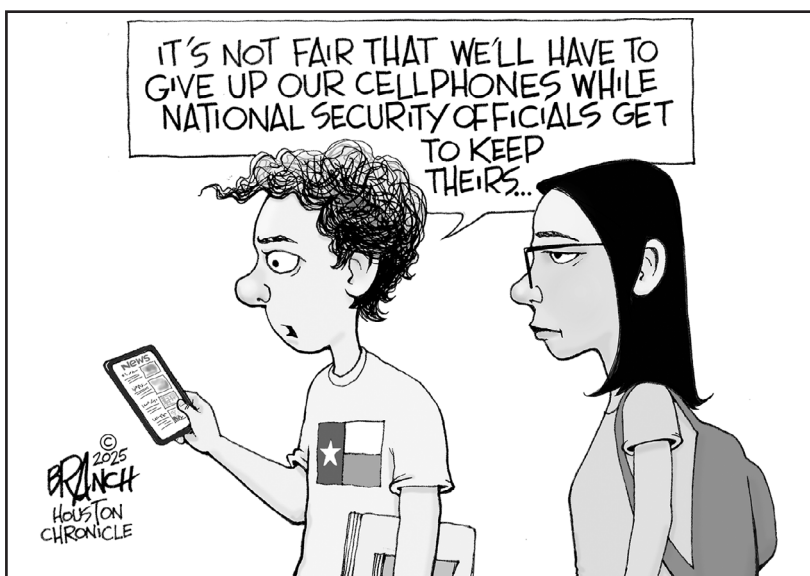
Today almost everyone has Zoom on their phones and computers, which clearly provides a video of the caller and his or her actions. The time-honored concept of vote by proxy is also available.

It is time that governmental entities give at least consideration to remote voting in legislative sessions. I certainly acknowledge that remote voting has both some technical difficulties at times and there is always the possibility of fraud, but we are in the 21st century. It is time to modernize.

I am not suggesting unlimited or constant remote voting as the representatives do need to be in session with each other. Common sense seems to say we can carve out a few exceptions for maternity/family leave for a few weeks or to allow a representative to recover at home after surgery or an illness.

Even if you disagree with Lana's political preferences, she is striving to best have representatives serve their respective constituencies. This is a bipartisan proposal that warrants serious consideration. It takes a woman.

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OPINION / COLUMNS

Democracy floundering

Our democracy is composed of three branches of government. Each of those branches administers authority over myriad facets of governance. These are held tightly together by the Constitution and the laws it set forth.

Think of these government branches as tree branches and the Constitution as a cord or rope holding them together. Should that rope weaken, enough pressure put on any one branch of government might cause that rope to break. In which case, our democracy can fall apart or be dismantled.

That Constitution and its laws were weakened in Donald Trump's first term. I fear it will break in his second. So far, I have not been wrong in my assessments; although I wish I were.

He has put a lot of pressure on the treasury with the highest deficit ever. Now he is attacking Social Security. This will next carry over to veteran's benefits, Medicare and Medicaid.

Although this change in Social Security puts a great handicap upon the vulnerable, including elderly parents, grandparents, sickly, mentally disadvantaged and impoverished, it trickles down to younger generations who must bear the responsibility, generations who might eventually find themselves needing Social Security.

Locally funded charities are already strained. This will have greater pressure put on them to help. There can be no peace under chaotic conditions, only discord. A confused state of mind is thus generated.

Confusion is just what a dictator wants. It hinders rational thinking and planning. It slows down, and even prevents, an organized counter strike. For example, any sudden changes to a policy that affects millions of people in substantial ways can create catastrophic harm and confusion.

An important feature to this is keeping everyone too busy to ponder the intent behind it. Therefore, many overlook the objective by not seeing the forest for the trees. The objective is a systematic dismantling of our democracy for ushering in fascism. What else could it mean?

As long as it appears idiotic, the majority thinks it will eventually "blow over." In truth, it is one of several steps toward tyranny.

"Soft conversion" means allowing the public to know of the change well in advance so all can be informed and prepared for the proposed changes. Trump signing 100 or more executive orders, half of which legal experts deemed illegal, on his first day, and to now sign extreme and devastating orders to cripple Social Security with hardly any warning, in fact, has a sinister undertone.

Veterans, Medicare and Medicaid are next. That which Trump cannot destroy or convert he will intimidate and threaten. This is what bullies do. Bullies are dictators in training.

Trump signed an unprecedented number of executive orders on the first day after being sworn in for his second term. Why so many orders all at once without the benefit of



Congress and discussion? The answer is obvious. He knew many violated the Constitution; the very document he swore on that same day to uphold, follow and protect.

The quicker he could get his orders enacted, the less likely the courts could stop them in time. Worse yet, it is less likely the courts could reverse those already enacted. Yes, it was all planned out in Project 2025. Please read that document and know that the above is not a collection of my opinions. It is in accordance with that project.

It has been my philosophy that, if a lie is discovered, then by all urgency, discover the reason behind it. Lies are meant to hide something; that is obvious.

It has been said to read between the lines. In the case of Trump, we must learn to read between the lies. Over most things, Trump ostensibly puts forth brazen lies. As a rule, dishonest business men do this so much, it becomes a way of life for them.

During Trump's address to the joint session of Congress, he spewed forth a record number for a single Congressional speech, about 12 lies. Some claim more. It was not so much a State of the Union Address as it was a stump speech

by saying what he was promising, while concealing the implications.

One that stands out, which could prove devastating, is Social Security. It was a lie Trump told during the joint session speech. He claimed that great fraud was found in the Social Security Administration. Proof has yet to be presented by DOGE on any of its efforts.

Hypothetically speaking, if such fraud existed, reducing staff would likely increase it. Musk knows it is all lies with a sinister purpose behind it. Remember what I wrote about suppressed intent? That is why he refuses to defend his claims before Congress.

If he is so innocent, he should want to prove himself publicly before Congress, the body elected to represent and protect the people. If Republican Congressmen believe Musk to be innocent, then they should force him to stand accountable if for no other reason than to protect their own dignity and honor.

There appears to be no savings to be had from this alleged mismanagement, only chaos, lies and the deliberate victimization of those who can least afford it.

Please, contact your representative in Congress, especially Republicans. This is their show, and they should face the audience.

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2. Where does Jesus speak of separating the sheep from the goats? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
3. Who told Saul that rebellion was as bad as witchcraft? Moloch, Mamath, Marduk, Samuel
4. From Proverbs 18, "Whoso findeth a wife findeth ..." Himself, Life, Good thing, Family
5. How old was Moses when he died? 100, 120, 160, 190
6. How many sons did Judah have? 3, 5, 6, 12

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Matthew (25:31-33), 3) Samuel, 4) Good thing, 5) 120, 6) Five

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Psalm 36:11-12

May the **foot** of the **proud** not **come against** me, **nor** the **hand** of the **wicked drive** me **away**. **See how** the **evildoers lie fallen**—**thrown down**, not **able** to **rise**!

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3:30 p.m. Thursday JC Stars After School Children's program (pickup is available)
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6 p.m. Extended Table 2nd and 4th Mondays
12:30 p.m. Wednesday Backpack Ministry

First Baptist Church

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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

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Worship Services: 9:30 a.m.
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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

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10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship

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www.Texaschristianchurch.org
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10 a.m.-Sunday worship
6 p.m.-Sunday evening worship
6 p.m.-Wednesday prayer meeting

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9 a.m.-Sunday school
10 a.m.-worship



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone — an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent. ACTS 17: 29, 30

Detail of sculpture of Aztec god 'Quetzalcoatl'



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NEWS

Health and foods

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights.

Healthy eating should be the way of life in order to live happier and longer. However, in our modern civilization, that is not easily done.

Children are raised on junk foods high in carbohydrates, sodium and cholesterol to say nothing of the calories. I did not become conscientious of these matters until after I had culinary training to become a chef.

A chef is to be trained in all matters of cooking as well as types of foods and their affects. We must learn about food allergies and also diseases affected by certain foods and the kinds of foods that can bring about diseases.

High blood pressure is greatly affected by being over weight. Sugars and carbohydrates can greatly harm diabetics. Certain foods raise bad cholesterol



The Culinary Corner Chef
Roger Joss

in the blood which produces restricted blood flow and even strokes. And the list goes on.

As a chef, we must know which foods are most common for causing an allergic reaction. A chef also needs to know which ingredients react badly with certain ailments or diseases.

You have two types of allergies, infections and consumed. The consumed would be food allergies and poisons. Infections would be such things as hay-fever and skin contact as with poison ivy. The food allergies would be such things as flour, eggs, peanuts, soy, milk, etc.

You have two levels

of food allergies; allergic reaction and food intolerance. The former creates unpleasant reactions such as nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, headaches and/or swelling and rash. Some of these foods to which the person is allergic can consume small amounts. Food intolerance simply means severe circumstances even in small amounts. It can even cause death.

We are also taught which foods and herbs are healthy for and helpful to the body. There are many books produced that claim they can teach you not only healthy cooking but also which foods are best for certain ailment. I cannot judge on such books since I lack the time to read them. For the most part, I believe they are good and worth reading by the naivest. Chefs have their own books that cover such needs. I will share some of

this with you.

Some may feel I was redundant by saying “healthy for and helpful to the body”. Healthy foods are those foods that provide nourishing building blocks for a healthy body. You have heard it said that fish is brain food. Foods that are helpful to the body are foods that counter act the harm other foods are doing to your body.

Although cinnamon adds flavor to foods, it also reacts with sugar in the bloodstream reducing the harmful effects. That is why I try to add plenty of cinnamon to such things as rice pudding, bread pudding, and pastries to name a few. Rolled oats, although nourishing, serve to help reduce cholesterol before it gets into the bloodstream.

Until next time, peace to all.

Social Security to recover overpayments

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Word is that Social Security is going to “claw back” any overpayment to the tune of 100 percent of the monthly benefit check until it’s all paid back, inciting panic across the land.

But it’s not necessarily true.

That recovery of benefits will only affect overpayments that began on March 27 of this year. Yes, they’ll take full payments until that overpayment is repaid. But any overpayments made prior to that date will be made at the rate that was in place before: 10% of the benefit check.

So, if your check is usually \$1,000, the amount they’ll take out is \$100, not your full check. It will be the same if you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI). They’ll take 10%, not the full check.

Not that having any amount deducted will be easy.

Before you start to panic that you might get the dreaded “overpayment” letter from Social Security, here are a few facts, courtesy of a report by Social Security’s Office of the Inspector General:

Overpayment (and even underpayment) doesn’t happen very often, in less than 1% of benefits paid.

There are two main reasons why an error can occur: People report the wrong information about their income or fail to make corrections if there are changes (especially those who are under full retirement age and still working), and there are problems with Social Security’s processing, specifically errors made when workers enter the data.

If you receive the overpayment letter, you might be able to waive the recovery of the amount owed, especially if the overpayment was not your fault. Go to the Social Security website and look for SSA form 632 (www.ssa.gov/forms/ssa-632.html).

If that doesn’t go well, you can appeal by using SSA form 561 (www.ssa.gov/forms/ssa-561.html).

You can also try calling them at 800-772-1213. If that doesn’t work, look for a Social Security office in your area by going to secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp and putting in your ZIP code.

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Turner legislation to support veterans and young farmers passes Illinois Senate

SPRINGFIELD — Two key pieces of legislation sponsored by State Senator Sally Turner (R-Beason) unanimously passed out of the Illinois Senate this week, moving one step closer to becoming law.

Senate Bill 39, which ensures affordable housing for at-risk veterans, and Senate Bill 2372, which seeks to improve farmland access for young farmers, will now head to the House for further consideration.

“Our veterans and our farmers are an invaluable part of our communities, and these bills reflect

our commitment to supporting them,” said Senator Sally Turner. “Whether it’s a veteran facing homelessness or a young farmer struggling to access land, these pieces of legislation offer practical solutions to those challenges.

Senate Bill 39 ensures that the electric vehicle charging requirements in the 2023 Electric Vehicle Charging Act do not apply to tiny homes built for veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. These homes, constructed and funded by nonprofit

organizations such as the Central Illinois Veterans Commission (CIVC), provide critical support for those who have served the nation.

Meanwhile, Senate Bill 2372 creates the Farmland Transition Commission, which will study the barriers individuals aged 25 through 40 face when trying to purchase or access farmland. The Commission will meet quarterly and submit annual recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly to help improve farmland transfer

opportunities.

“These measures focus on securing opportunities for those who have served our country and those who will shape its future,” continued Senator Sally Turner. “Ensuring veterans have access to stable housing and young farmers have a pathway to land ownership strengthens our communities, supports our economy, and upholds the values that define Illinois.”

With unanimous passage in the Senate, both bills will now move to the House for further consideration.

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NEWS

Genealogical Society meeting April 15

Mike Sypult will present railroad program

CLINTON — The DeWitt County Genealogical Society will

hold its April meeting on Tuesday, April 15, at 4 p.m. in the Genealogy Room of the Vespasian Warner Public Library.

Mike Sypult will present

“Railroad History in Clinton.”

Members and the general public are welcome to attend.

Clinton student among Heartland ag students to win national awards



Courtesy of Heartland College

Left to right: Kaden Farrell - Employment Interview - Agronomic Services (3rd place); Cade Luginbuhl - Career Planning - Natural Resources (2nd place); Brody Wilson, Clinton - Precision Agriculture (3rd place); Lauren Monk - Agriculture Education (3rd place); Payton Wiltz - Precision Agriculture (2nd place); Phil Merril - Did not place; Kaylee Lewis - Career Progress - Natural Resources (1st place), Employment Interview - Natural Resources (2nd place); Emily Pina - Employment Interview - Floriculture, Landscape, and Nursery (1st place).

NORMAL — Seven Heartland Community College students placed in a national competition to demonstrate agribusiness skills.

Students competed in ten categories at the National Professional Agricultural Student Organization (PAS) conference held March 17-20 in Sheridan, Wyoming.

Heartland’s group of students produced two national winners, three national runner-ups, and three more individuals who placed third nationally.

“Every single one of our individual contest participants ended up in the top three in the nation,” said Heartland PAS faculty advisor Miranda Buss. “These students have worked their tails off preparing for contests while keeping up with their classes, and most of them holding a part-time job. It’s an amazing feat!”

Student winners are:

- Kaylee Lewis: National Title - Career Progress - Natural Resources
- Emily Pina: National Title - Employment Interview - Floriculture, Landscape, and Nursery

Employment Interview - Floriculture, Landscape, and Nursery

- Payton Wiltz: Second Place, Precision Agriculture

- Cade Luginbuhl: Second Place, Career Planning - Natural Resources

- Kaylee Lewis: Second Place, Employment Interview - Natural Resources

- Lauren Monk: Third Place, Agriculture Education

- Brody Wilson: Third Place, Precision Agriculture

- Kaden Farrell: Third Place, Employment Interview - Agronomic Services

The National Professional Agricultural Student Organization is a student-led organization that allows students to build and sharpen their skills so that they are ready for the workplace. Through competitive style learning and real-life application, our members are skilled professionals and prepared to work in all areas of the agriculture industry.



Joy at Easter

Clinton United Methodist Church
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Pastor Darrell Howard

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday - April 13th “Children’s March with Palms” at 9AM in the Sanctuary and online
Holy Thursday - April 17th - Open Communion 6:30 to 8PM
Good Friday Service - April 18th
 C.A.M.A. Community Worship at Clinton United Methodist Church 7PM in the Sanctuary and online
Easter Sunday April 20th - 9:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary
 Go to www.clintonumcil.org or call 217-935-5869 for more information
 Clinton UMC’s **Easter egg hunt** on Mr. Lincoln’s Square is Saturday April 12th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM for Elementary age children and younger.

Note: There will be no live streaming on Holy Thursday and No Live steaming on Easter Sunday. Palm Sunday and CAMA Good Friday Service **will** be live streamed.

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 VELEZ-NOBLE, ALEXIS E.
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 WILLIS, WYATT G.

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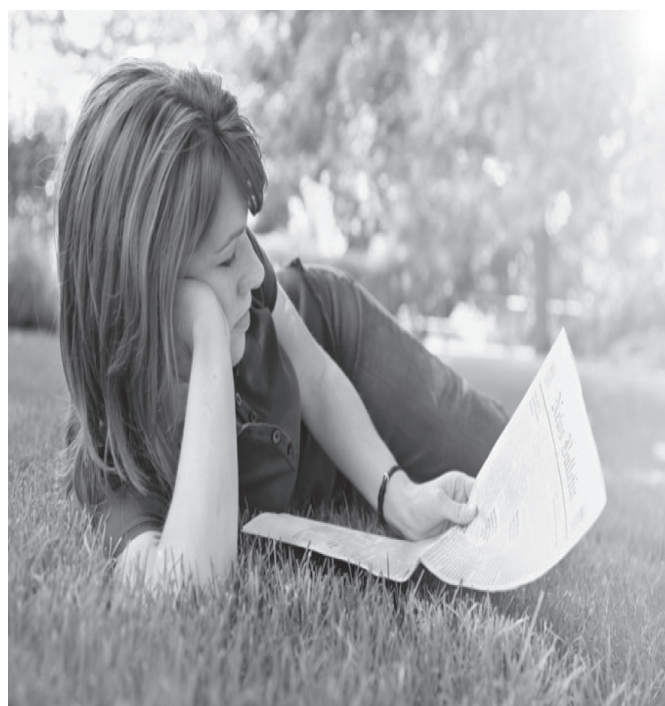
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REAL ESTATE

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 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

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: 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. 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 prop-

erty 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 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

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AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. 6114-950618

LEGAL 20273
March 28, April 4,
April 11, 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, 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 VILLAGES 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 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 INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Lender Legal PLLC 1800 Pembroke Drive, Suite 250 Orlando, Florida 32810 Tel: (407) 730-4644 Service Emails: cstrong@lenderlegal.com EService@LenderLegal.com LLS13417 /s/ Chandray Strong, Esq. Chandray Strong, Esq. Counsel of Record for Plaintiff ARDC # 6321577

LEGAL 20302
March 28, April 4 & 11, 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 indepen-

dent 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

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

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

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

LEGAL

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

Estate of:
Richard Bruce
Kendall
Deceased.
CASE NO. 2025-PR-12

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION 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, Independent 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 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 October 4, 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 25th day of March, 2025.

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

LEGAL 20308
April 4, 11, 18, 2025

LEGAL

Assumed Name Publication Notice

Public Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, March 25, 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:

FOIL & FADE HAIR LOUNGE
623 N JACKSON ST CLINTON, IL 61727

Dated this 25 day of March, 2025

Kari L. Harris
County Clerk

No. 2025DBA-0220

{SEAL}

LEGAL 20309
April 4, 11, 18, 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 ST.,

KENNEY, IL 61749

Dated this 28 day of March, 2025 /s/ Kari L. Harris/ SW County Clerk No. 2025DBA-0221

LEGAL 20314
April 4, 11, 18, 2025

LEGAL

TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 202100011 TO:

Jack Dial
Gayla Dial
Occupant
Jack Dial
Gayla Dial
Lamkin and Lamkin, P.C.
United States Attorney General
United States Attorney
Internal Revenue Service
Internal Revenue Service
Illinois Attorney General
Illinois Department of Revenue
DeWitt County Clerk
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property;

Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of DEWITT County, Ill. as Case No. 2025TX3

The Property is located at: 407 S EAST, WAYNESVILLE IL 61778 Property Index Number: 01-29-385-005 Said Property was sold on 10/19/2022 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2021. The period of redemption will expire on 8/13/2025. On 08/29/2025 at 9:00 AM the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed. Ivy Jack, Petitioner 6114-951947

LEGAL 20315
April 11, 18, 25
2025

LEGAL

TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 202100072 TO:

Estate of Wilbur Reynolds
Estate of Wilbur Reynolds
Estate of Edna Reynolds
Fred Loeffler
Occupant
Estate of Larry Reynolds
DeWitt County Clerk
Wilbur Reynolds
Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in

said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of DEWITT County, Ill. as Case No. 2025TX4

The Property is located at: 715 S Paris, DeWitt, IL 61735 Property Index Number: 09-19-295-003 Said Property was sold on 10/19/2022 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2021. The period of redemption will expire on 8/13/2025. On 08/29/2025 at 9:00 AM the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed. Ivy Jack, Petitioner 6114-951948

LEGAL 20316
April 11, 18, 25,
2025

LEGAL

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

In the Matter of the ESTATE OF RITA L. OAKLEY, Deceased.

Case No. : 2025PR9

AMENDED NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Notice is given of the death of RITA L. OAKLEY. Letters of office were issued on February 18, 2025, to BETHANY ANNE MAZZA, 3204 Gerig Drive, Apt. #11, Bloomington, IL 61704 as Independent Executor, whose attorneys are MOORE, SUSLER, MCNUTT & WRIGLEY, L.L.C., 3071 North Water Street, Decatur, Illinois 62526.

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 may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at 201 West Washington Street, Clinton, IL 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 11, 2025, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be

mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it was filed.

Dated: April 1, 2025.

Bethany Anne Mazza, Independent Executor, By: MOORE, SUSLER, MCNUTT & WRIGLEY, L.L.C., Her Attorneys, By: /s/ S. Greg Johnson S. Greg Johnson

S. GREG JOHNSON
MOORE, SUSLER, MCNUTT & WRIGLEY, L.L.C.
3071 North Water Street
Decatur, Illinois 62526
Telephone: (217) 872-1600
Facsimile: (217) 872-1610
E-mail: johnson@decaturlaw.com

LEGAL 20317
April 11, 18, 25,
2025

LEGAL

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

Estate of: Janice P. Sprague Deceased.

CASE NO. 2025-PR-19 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Janice P. Sprague, of 5284 Hoover Rd., Clinton, Illinois 61727. Letters of Office were issued on March 31, 2025, to Norma J. Nichols and Julie E. Kelly, Independent Co-Executors, 324 N. Oak St., Maroa, Illinois 61756, and 420 N. Walnut St., 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 October 11, 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 3rd day of April, 2025.

Kevin Hammer
Attorney for the Estate of Janice P. Sprague
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Clinton, IL 61727
217/935-7063
kevinghammer@hotmail.com

LEGAL 20318
April 11, 18, 25, 2025

LEGAL

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF DEWITT
Estate of: Frances D. Webb Deceased.
CASE NO. 25-PR-15
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Frances D. Webb, of 621 W. South St., Clinton, Illinois 61727. Letters of Office were issued on April 2, 2025, to Victoria D. Thrasher, Independent Administrator, 803 E. Johnson St., 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 October 11, 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 3rd day of April, 2025.

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

LEGAL 20319
April 11, 18, 25, 2025

LEGAL

DEWITT COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE R128-2025

Notice is given that a request for a rezoning has been filed with the above-named Board. Brandon and Jessica Berg, owner and applicant, have requested that the following property be rezoned from the present Rural Development-2(RD-2) to Rural Development-3 (RD-3) District use to allow for the split of property to build another house on the following described property:

SEC 28 T21 R2~NE NW & PT NW NE - BEG 2257.25W NE COR NE, SW1000, SW429.07, W50, N1327.66, E460 TO POB (EX S 1.43 ACS MORE OR LESS)~

The named property is commonly known as 8578 Carl Springs Rd., Wapella, Illinois, 61777 located in Wapella Township. Parcel No. 02-28-200-014.

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that a public hearing on the above-mentioned request will be held on May 5, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible. Said hearing will be held in the DeWitt County Building, at 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, IL.

David Waters,
Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

LEGAL 20320
April 11, 2025

LEGAL

DEWITT COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

CASE S 271-2025
Notice is given that a request for a Special Use Permit has been filed with the above-named Board. Shari Marshall, owner and applicant, is requesting a special use permit to operate a vacation rental.
SEC 10 T20 R2~PT NE - BEG 1919.84 W NE COR, SE210, SW94.14, SE289.96, SE180.62, SE178.34, SE78.89,

NW900.48, W206.65 TO POB
The named property is zoned I and is commonly located at 9648 Thorps Road, Wapella, Illinois, 61777. PIN 07-10-200-009. The property contains approximately 3.05 acres.
Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that a public hearing on the above-mentioned request will be held on May 5, 2025, at 6:15p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible. Said hearing will be held in the DeWitt County Building, at 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, IL.

David Waters,
Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

LEGAL 20321
April 11, 2025

LEGAL

Notice is hereby given that Budgets and Appropriation Ordinances for the Corporate Town of Clintonia Township, DeWitt County, for fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2026 are available for public viewing at the 9180 Township Road, Clinton, IL 61727. They can also be viewed on the Clintonia Township website: clintonia-township@frontier.com.
Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budgets and Appropriation Ordinances will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. at the Clintonia Township Office. Final Action on the ordinance will take place at the public hearing.

Clintonia Township Clerk
Debra Coale

LEGAL 20322
April 11, 2025

LEGAL

Notice is hereby given that Budgets and Appropriation Ordinances for the Road and Bridge District of Clintonia Township, DeWitt County, for fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2026 are available for public viewing at the 9180 Township Road, Clinton, IL 61727. They can also be viewed on the Clintonia Township website: clintonia-township@frontier.com.
Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budgets and Appropriation Ordinances will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

at the Clintonia Township Office. Final Action on the ordinance will take place at the public hearing.

Clintonia Township Clerk
Debra Coale

LEGAL 20323
April 11, 2025

LEGAL

Assumed Name Publication Notice

Public Notice is hereby given that on Friday, April 4, 2025, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk for DeWitt County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as:

MAIN STREET NAILS
202 MAIN STREET
FARMER CITY IL 61842

Dated this 4 day of April, 2025
/s/ Kari L. Harris/ba
County Clerk

No. 2025DBA-0222

{SEAL}

LEGAL 20324
April 11, 18, 25, 2025

LEGAL

For Sale By Sealed Bid
Dura-Patcher machine. 292 hours. Used very little. Overall clean unit. Selling as is condition. Minimum starting bid \$20,000. Contact Brandon Donovan at (309)303-9185 with questions or to request photos. Please mail bid to: Wapella Township Attn: Brandon Donovan, Road Commissioner 704 Walnut Circle Wapella, IL 61777
Bids will be opened at the May 13, 2025 meeting. The Wapella Township Board reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.
Posted April 6, 2025
Lindsay Donovan, Township Clerk

LEGAL 20328
April 11, 2025

Missing inventory

If you're getting care at a Department of Veterans Affairs facility and staff can't find the equipment or supplies needed for your treatment, somebody has goofed up, likely somebody in inventory control.

One hospital alone, as investigated by the VA Office of Inspector General, was supposed to stock \$203 million in equipment and \$5.5 million in expendable supplies. In verifying the accuracy of the inventories, 82% of items in a random sample of surgical or medical items were found to be incorrect. That's 49 of the 60 items checked. As an example, inventory records showed over 1,100 decontamination gowns. In reality, there was one gown.

Then there were the over 1,500 expired items, the 94% of items that were not in the locations where they should have been and the new supplies found in dumpsters.

Interestingly enough, the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) had conducted quality control reviews two years in a row, which meant they received documents and information from the facility. Their on-site reviews didn't find the deficiencies the VAOIG did: missing data, expired supplies, inventory discrepancies, missing medicine cabinets,



by Freddy Groves

lack of correct use of the barcode system and more. Then there was the lack of training.

And the VISN reviewers -- because they lean heavily on data supplied to them -- apparently didn't notice the unlocked bins of veteran files, containing personal and health information, sitting outside the warehouse door.

The finger of blame for the expiration of biological and non-biological implant items can be pointed in several directions: staff because they weren't tracking the inventory, the various departments that used different methods to track their items, vendors that weren't made responsible for monitoring the items they supplied. And when problems did surface (damage and loss, for example), no one investigated.

The end result of this VAOIG inspection was chilling: Patients were medically at risk because of expired implant items and financially at risk due to their personal and health information sitting in bins outside the warehouse door.

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Despite two decades of education and enforcement, drivers still failing Scott's Law

Last year, Illinois State Police reported the highest number of crashes involving troopers

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SPRINGFIELD — For a moment, Illinois State Trooper Alex Womack was flying, tumbling in mid-air, alternately seeing sky then ground.

He doesn't remember hitting the road.

He regained consciousness and realized he had been hit by a truck and was lying in the middle of a darkened interstate near East St. Louis, unable to move with cars traveling 70 mph headed toward him. He remembers seeing the oncoming headlights.

"I was able to raise my one arm off the ground," Womack said.

An oncoming driver saw his upraised arm in his headlights and slammed on the brakes, managing to stop just feet away. That shaken driver pulled the injured trooper off the roadway to safety.

Womack had just become the 19th of 26 Illinois state troopers involved in a Scott's Law crash in 2019 — a year when two troopers were killed and a dozen, including Womack, were injured. Those crashes spurred legislative changes and heightened public awareness campaigns.

Scott's Law, also known as the Move Over Law, requires that all

vehicles move over, if possible, or slow down when passing a stopped or disabled emergency vehicle with its flashing lights on. It was passed in 2001. Since 2019, state police have been involved in 140 crashes caused by drivers violating the Move Over Law.

In 2024, there were more crashes than in the past five years — 27 in all — including a fatal collision that killed Trooper Troy Clay Carns, an 11-year veteran and father of two. Carns died Dec. 23, 2024, after he was struck while clearing debris from the highway after a crash on Interstate 55 near Channahon.

The crash that killed Carns happened 24 years to the day after Chicago Fire Department Lt. Scott Gillen died after he was struck by a passing car at an accident scene. The legislation that later became known as Scott's Law was named for Gillen.

The 2019 deaths of two troopers in an eight-week period once again put the Move Over Law in the spotlight.

On Jan. 12, 2019, Trooper Christopher Lambert died after a crash on Interstate 294 in Cook County. On March 28, 2019, Trooper Brooke Jones Story died in crash on U.S. 20 in Stephenson County.

One of Brendan Kelly's first duties as the newly appointed director of the Illinois State Police was delivering the eulogy at Jones Story's funeral.

Since then, one of Kelly's missions has been to educate the public on the Move Over Law, including enforcement details to

ticket violators and campaigns to educate drivers. In 2019, ISP issued nearly 6,300 citations for violating the Move Over Law — which was nearly 5,300 more than the combined totals of the two previous years.

"We will continue to hammer home this message as long as it takes because this is a matter of life and death for our officers and for the safety of the public," Kelly said.

A person who violates the Move Over Law now faces a minimum fine of \$250 up to a maximum of \$10,000 for a first offense. If the violation results in injury to another person, the violator's driver's license will be suspended for up to two years.

In the wake of the 2019 deaths, Gov. JB Pritzker formed a task force that recommended changes in the law and stiffer penalties for violators, improvements in protective equipment and lighting for trooper, and public awareness campaigns.

Three days after the task force released its first report, there was another crash.

On Feb. 15, 2021, Trooper Brian Frank, with his marked squad car's emergency lights activated, stopped in the left lane of Interstate 55 northbound near Route 30 near Joliet to block traffic for a crash that had just occurred. While still inside his squad car, a black Cadillac struck the rear of Trooper Frank's squad car, leaving him with serious brain injuries.

Lauren Frank, Trooper Frank's wife, became an advocate for the Move Over Law, including advocating for a bill on Aug.

12, 2021, that strengthened the penalties against violators.

Brian Frank continues to recover from his catastrophic brain injury and remains in a "minimally conscious state."

Brian Angel Casillas, the driver who hit Frank, received a 15-month prison sentence.

The Move Over Law protections were further expanded this year. Beginning on Jan. 1, drivers must change lanes, reduce speed, or stop when approaching or passing any emergency vehicle, including police, sheriff, ambulances and maintenance vehicles, with the flashing lights activated. Drivers are also required to yield the right-of-way to any authorized vehicle or pedestrian actually engaged in work on a highway or a construction zone.

ISP is also employing technology to reduce Scott's Law crashes. Late last year, the agency announced a partnership with HAAS Alert — a company that provides safety alerts to drivers, notifying them of ISP activity in the road ahead and urging them to slow down and move over. HAAS provides real-time GPS-based traffic information in Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Mercedes-Benz, RAM and Volkswagen vehicles.

ISP provides information about crashes, traffic stops, motorist assists or debris on the roadway, which is then pushed out to in-vehicle GPS systems. As drivers approach the GPS location of the trooper, they will see a police icon and receive an alert to slow down and move over.

ISP also partnered with Google to provide notifications in Google

and Waze Maps to expand the alerts on their platforms.

So far this year, there have been four crashes in Illinois, injuring three troopers.

Womack, the trooper who was struck in March 2019, sustained a broken femur, humorous, compressed discs in his vertebrae. He underwent two surgeries and months of physical therapy. He didn't return to full work duties for more than a year, but he said he was thankful to be alive.

"By the grace of God, I was saved. It just wasn't my time to go," Womack said.

Kyamran B. Makharadze, 26, the truck driver who hit Womack, was charged with aggravated driving under the influence and aggravated reckless driving. He pleaded guilty in 2023 and received a year in prison.

Womack returned to work after months of recovery. Today, he said when he pulls over drivers for violating the Move Over Law, he tells them what happened to him.

"I hope it's a lesson," Womack said. "I work on the side of the road. That's my office. And, at the end of the day, I just want to go home."

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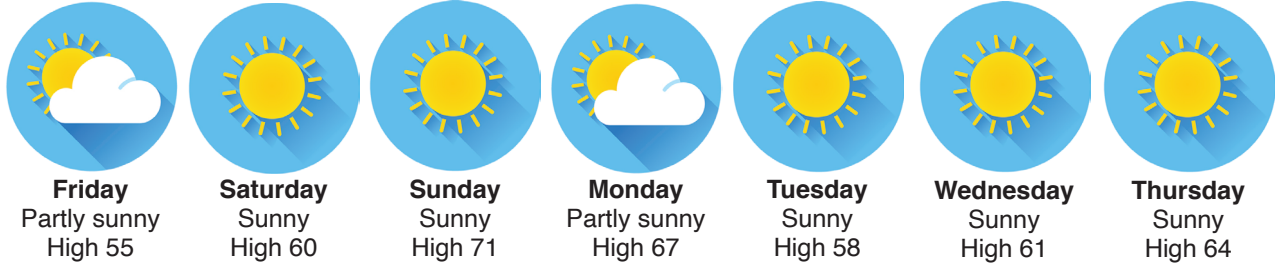
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1994: Very heavy rainfall led to flash flooding across central Illinois on the 11th and 12th. Rainfall totals ranged as high as 5-1/4 inches in less than 6 hours. Two people drowned while trying to drive across flooded roads in Sangamon and Montgomery Counties.

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