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County goes another round with solar

As the city approaches its own unique issues with solar energy, the county continues refining its solar ordinance

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CLINTON — Solar energy lately is occupying some serious time with local governments. The city council recently had its latest round of discussions with a solar developer, and this week it was again the county board's turn.

The county board's land use committee talked Monday about fine tuning the county's commercial solar energy ordinance. Board members aren't necessarily receptive to an influx of interested solar developers, but they recognize the technology is expanding and want the ordinance to be ready.

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Sen. Turner hosts Youth Advisory Council at Captial

SPRINGFIELD — Last week, State Sen. Sally Turner (R-Beason) welcomed around 30 high school students from the 44th Senate District to the Illinois State Capitol to participate in her Youth Advisory Council (YAC) program. The students were able to learn more about state government, public service and the legislative process through a hands-on experience.

Students had the opportunity to tour the Capitol, visit the Senate chamber, and learn about the inner workings of state government. They also heard from lobbyists and policy experts about how legislation is shaped before taking part in their own mock committee debate.

"These students are the future of our government, so it is important for them to get involved at a young age," said Senator Sally Turner.

See **YOUTH** / A2



Photo courtesy of Clinton Tree Commission

Mike Reidy to be honored at Arbor Day event

CLINTON — The Clinton Tree Commission will honor former Clinton Police Chief Mike Reidy with a memorial tree planted at the April 26 Arbor Day observance.

A Greenspire Linden tree will be planted at the Clinton Arboretum located at East Jefferson and Taylor Streets. The ceremony will start at 10 a.m. Reidy was Clinton's police chief from 1993 to 2013. He passed away in April 2024 in Springfield where he lived after his retirement.

In case of rain, the ceremony will be

held at Douglas Elementary School, 905 East Main Street.

"Mike Reidy and his family were members of our community for many years. He served the department with honor and integrity. We are pleased to plant a tree in his honor as a symbol of our lasting gratitude for his service to Clinton," said Clinton Tree Commission chairman John Baker.

Arbor Day is celebrated in the U.S. and many other countries as a recognition of the importance of trees. The first Arbor Day in the U.S. took place in 1872 in

Nebraska at the suggestion of J. Sterling Morton, a newspaper editor who served as President Grover Cleveland's secretary of agriculture.

Clinton and other communities celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees and encouraging youth to learn about the importance of trees. Three Clinton 5th graders will be recognized at the April 15 Clinton City Council meeting for their prize-winning posters in the 2025 Tree Commission Arbor Day poster contest.



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Courtesy of Sen. Sally Turner office
Area high school students at Turner's recent Youth Advisory Council, held in Springfield.

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“We want to raise good public servants, and this is a great opportunity for them to get a glimpse of our government in action.”

Turner stressed that it was important for the youth to see how committees work and how a bill makes it to the Senate floor.

"It was a great day to learn and understand our state government," said Dee-Mack High School Student Sylvia Steier. "You can make the world a better place when you know what is going on in the government around you."

This event was an opportunity that allowed students to engage with one another in the legislative process, an experience that was a first for many of the students.

“I plan on being a politician when I get older, so this was an incredible experience to see if I truly want to continue that goal,” said Mabry Lynn, a High School Student from Olympia High School. “This event is an important opportunity to learn that you can advocate for yourself and others, and that lawmakers will listen to you.”

"I have enjoyed participating in Senator

Turner's Youth Advisory Council program," said Blue Ridge High School Student Karly Warner. "In the fall, I was able to work with students from other schools to create our mock bill. I will be playing the role of a citizen in support of the bill during our mock committee and arguing why this bill is important to me."

During their visit, students had the opportunity to hear from State Senator Erica Harriss of the 56th Senate District. The Illinois Railroad Association President, Tim Butler, also spoke to the students about his experience as both a former legislator and lobbyist.

"I learned that the lawmakers want to hear from us. The senators and representatives want to know what we want and what we need," said Carter Clark, a High School Student from Mt. Pulaski High School. "The youth need to be involved in local and state government because we are the future."

Turner's Youth Advisory Council provides students with a unique opportunity to engage with state government and develop a deeper understanding of how laws are made. The program is open to high school students across the 44th Senate District, and those interested in participating in future events are encouraged to contact their principal or superintendent for more information.



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Committee vice chairman Patrick Ryan suggested before the committee’s solar discussion began that the county should not actively encourage solar developers to come to DeWitt County.

The county is prohibited by the state from banning such developments, but committee members felt the county’s ordinance should address theirs and the public’s concerns to prevent any unwanted effects.

Solar battery storage has been a hot topic as the land use committee has worked through refining the ordinance. Although the focus of county officials’ talks have been about commercial solar energy operations and their battery storage facilities, committee chairman Buck Carter felt the zoning board of appeals (ZBA) had not seriously considered the emerging market for residential solar battery storage. This is common in home solar electric back-up systems as well as whole-house systems that can power a home entirely, in some cases.

Carter felt ZBA members did not consider the growth of that market to be major. “Battery storage for your home is cheaper than buying a generator,” Carter said. “So, it is going to happen; it is happening.”

The primary fear with large lithium battery storage is their potential fire hazard.

“We need to decide how, as a board, we best want to handle these changes to the ordinance,” Carter said.

Carter said he expressed his concerns to ZBA members and, who plan to take up the discussion further at a later time. He

added, the county needed to also address the possibility of stand-alone solar battery storage facilities, those not directly associated with specific solar generating sites, that might develop in the county.

“If it’s a stand-alone battery storage unit, I would think it almost has to come through the special use permit process,” Carter said.

“Little home battery things, that’s one thing. It’s the endless trailers of batteries that catch fire,” Ryan said.

Ryan alluded to a large battery fire in California that burned for several days and forced the evacuation of some residents.

“It’s a hazard that needs to be addressed through our ordinance,” Ryan said.

Committee member and county board chairman Joe Witte said if the ZBA

planned to address the battery storage issue again next month, “maybe they’ll have a little more context about why we put that in there.”

Witte said at some point the county might receive an application for a battery storage unit and should be prepared. He said he felt it was good to have “an independent body with a different set of eyes,” ZBA, looking over the ordinance.

“You can have different philosophies about solar and put it all into your ordinance or we can write better, more restrictive conditions at the time we do get an application based on the testimony at a hearing,” Witte said. “I think we have to look at it holistically and do what makes sense knowing there are different ways you can handle certain conditions.”

Thomas Elvin ‘Tom’ Belangee

FARMER CITY — Thomas Elvin “Tom” Belangee, 56, of Farmer City, passed away Friday, on April 4, 2025.

His funeral service was held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at Calvert-Belangee-Bruce Funeral Home, in Farmer City, with Pastor Dave Ashby officiating. Tom was laid to rest in Oak Park Cemetery, Clinton. Visitation was held from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice in Tom’s memory.

Tom was born on June 10, 1968, in Clinton, a son of Elvin and Julia (Hunt) Belangee. He is survived by his parents, Elvin and Julia Belangee, of Farmer City; brother, Tim (Melinda) Belangee, of Farmer City; sister, Erin (Brian) Young, of Sullivan, Ill., and their two children, William and Wesley.

Tom is also survived by a caring family of uncles, aunts and cousins. He



was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Dean and Nona Hunt and paternal grandparents, Elvis and Leona Belangee.

Tom graduated from Blue Ridge High School, in Farmer City. He retired after 28 years as a custodian at Clinton Community High School.

He enjoyed fishing and spending time at his lake home on Kentucky Lake. He was a Chicago Cubs and Illini fan.

Tom was a kind and thoughtful person, known for his gentle spirit and warm smile. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who knew him.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

On the afternoon of Monday April 14, 2025, Clinton Police were requested to assist the Illinois State Police with attempting to stop a semi tractor-trailer travelling southbound on US Highway 51 approaching Clinton.

Clinton Police and Dewitt County Sheriff’s Office personnel responded to the area and joined Illinois State Police Troop 5 troopers in attempting to stop the semi tractor trailer.

The driver entered Clinton via Illinois Route 10 from US Highway 51 and disobeyed multiple traffic control devices while travelling at a high rate of speed eastbound through Clinton.

The driver brought the semi tractor-trailer to a stop in a residential yard near the intersection of Illinois Route 54 and Portland Place where the driver, identified as Joseph C. Adams, 53, Clinton, was taken into custody by Illinois State Police.

Adams was transported to the McLean County Jail for processing on multiple charges. This investigation is being conducted by the Illinois State Police and no further information will be released by the Clinton Police Department at this time.

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

Sgt. Jacob Jostes graduates from Northwestern University’s Center for Public Safety

CLINTON The Clinton Police Department announced the recent graduation of Sergeant Jacob Jostes from the School of Police Staff & Command (SPSC), which is an academically rigorous full-time, 10-week management program for public safety professionals. Sergeant Jostes successfully completed the program as a member of SPSC Class #593, which was held in Champaign, from September 16, 2024 – January 17, 2025.

Since 1983, when its first class commenced, approximately 21,000 law enforcement leaders have graduated from the internationally-recognized School of Police Staff & Command program. The School of Police Staff & Command provides upper-level college instruction in a total of 27 core blocks of instruction plus elective blocks during the challenging course. The major topics of study include such critical topics as: Leadership & Management; Human Resources; Employee Relations; Contemporary Policing; Organizational Behavior; Planning & Policy Development; Budgeting and Resource Allocation; and Media Relations.

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Evanston.

The Clinton Police Department anticipates a variety of benefits from Sergeant Jostes’s participation in the program. Many of the program’s graduates go on to achieve a variety of leadership positions within their respective agencies.

The Center for Public Safety was established at Northwestern University in 1936 with the specific goal of expanding university-based education and training for the law enforcement community. Since then, the Center has broadened its original objective and now provides a variety of courses and programs in the areas of Traffic Crash Investigation & Reconstruction and Law Enforcement Management & Leadership Education.

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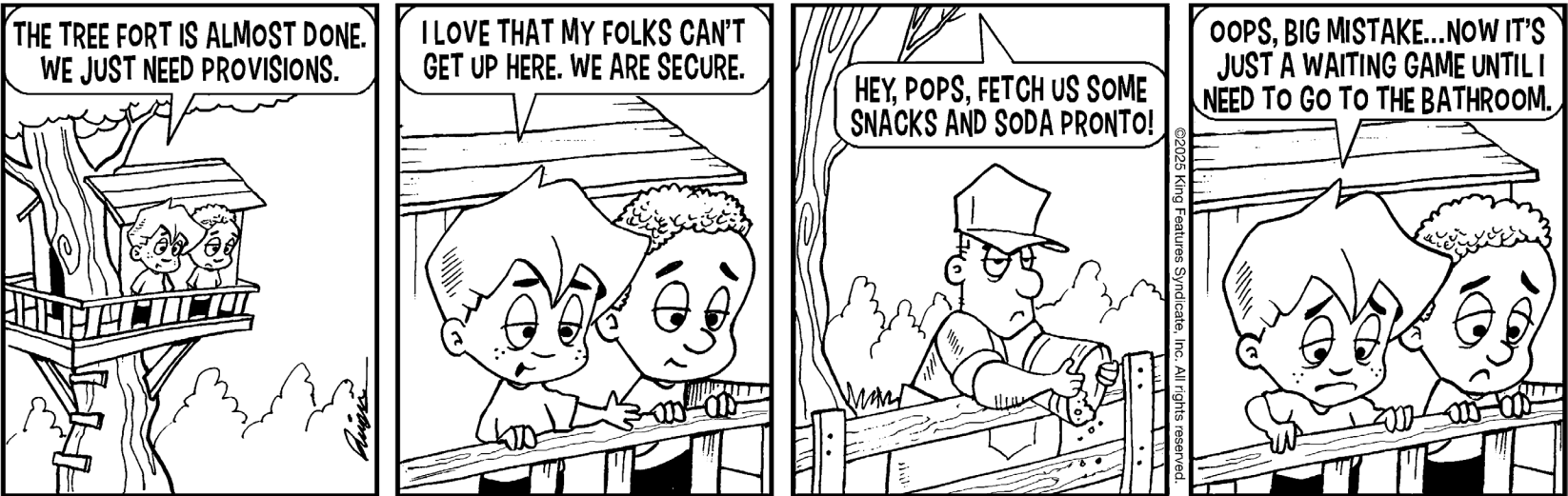
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OPINION

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- 1949 - The Republic of Ireland was established.
- 1950 - The first transatlantic jet passenger trip was completed.
- 1954 - Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser seized power in Egypt.
- 1956 - Actress Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier of Monaco were married. The religious ceremony took place April 19.
- 1960 - The Mutual Broadcasting System was sold to the 3M Company of Minnesota for \$1.25 million.
- 1978 - The U.S. Senate approved the transfer of the Panama Canal to Panama on December 31, 1999.
- 1979 - The TV show “Real People” premiered.
- 1980 - Rhodesia became an independent nation of Zimbabwe.
- 1983 - The U.S. Embassy in Beirut was blown up by a suicide car-bomber. 63 people were killed including 17 Americans.
- 1984 - Daredevils Mike MacCarthy and Amanda Tucker made a sky dive from the Eiffel Tower. The jump ended safely.
- 1985 - Ted Turner filed for a hostile takeover of CBS.
- 1985 - Tulane University abolished its 72-year-old basketball program. The reason was charges of fixed games, drug abuse, and payments to players.
- 1989 - Thousands of Chinese students demanding democracy tried to storm Communist Party headquarters in Beijing.
- 1999 - Wayne Gretzky (New York Rangers) played his final game in the NHL. He retired as the NHL’s all-time leading scorer and holder of 61 individual records.
- 2000 - The Nasdaq had the biggest one-day point gain in its history.
- 2002 - The Amtrack Auto Train derailed in a remote area of north Florida. Four people were killed and 133 were injured.
- 2002 - The city legislature of Berlin decided to make Marlene Dietrich an honorary citizen. Dietrich had gone to the United States in 1930. She refused to return to Germany after Adolf Hitler came to power.

Amber Waves



Times they are a changing

Nature abhors a vacuum and seeks to find a balance. World politics acts in somewhat the same fashion.

World powers are always pushing against each other, and today that pushing match is getting pretty strong. Putin in Russia wants to return Russia to the glory of the czars. Xi in China wants nothing less than to reestablish the Chinese dominance of the emperors.

Here in the U.S. Trump wants to assert the power and independence of the United States. The egos of these three men is astounding. All three are pushing their own agendas, and it's obvious there will be tension between the three. All three have vast stockpiles of nuclear weapons, and that is a concern for all residents of this world.

Russia is pushing to advance its agenda in Ukraine. China is pushing to expand its agenda in Taiwan and the Philippines. The

U.S. is pushing for its position in the Panama Canal and for a greater military presence in Greenland. The U.S. and China are the two largest economies in the world today. Russia has been damaged by its war in Ukraine, but its wealth in oil and minerals is a solid economic base.

Russia and China have been waiving their military might, and both are seen as the bullies on the world platform. The power of the use of tariffs as a means to enact foreign policy became self-evident when Trump unleashed his tariffs in the past few weeks. The major powers are flexing their strengths and striving to assert themselves as the real power in this world. While manpower certainly goes to the Chinese, all three can destroy the world as we know it.

During WWII, Stalin, Roosevelt and Churchill all sat down and cut a deal to defend the world from the Axis powers. My trust in Putin and



Xi is minimal, save that both wish to survive and prevail, but both must be concerned about their own potential for failure.

The world is flirting with disaster, both economic and military, unless viable and working agreements can be forged by the major powers of the world. It is in everyone's best interest to come to the table and negotiate continuing agreements.

I acknowledge those agreements will always have to be adjusted and worked on. The alternative is world economic chaos or military confrontations. The world and

the U.S. don't need that turmoil. Let us hope that the world leaders realize that balance is in their best interests.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH— It is April 15 as I write this column. My wife and I stopped at the post office on our way into town. We were met by two ladies who handed us a baggie with two cookies from the church. The baggie had on it a note that read, “WE HOPE TODAY ISN'T TOO TAXING.”

That note made my day and the cookies were very good. It is little things like passing out a note and a cookie that remind us of the importance of churches in this country. Thank-you Presbyterians.

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

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by Freddy Groves

of service. Then, if you like, you can add a little info about why you want to connect with other veterans in your area. Once you do that, an email will go out to the veterans around you in the same ZIP code.

Take a look at the site at togetherweserved.com/buddylink.

From the main menu you can find the unit directory (158,000 units included so far), military photos, places to honor and remember veterans and, best of all, the veteran locator.

If you want to get an idea of the site before you sign up, take a look at the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/togetherweserved) or the Instagram page (www.instagram.com/togetherweserved), which is broken down by branch of service.

From the very beginning (2003), Together We Served's goal has been to help veterans reconnect with other veterans they've served with and to post photos (937,000 so far) and memories for others to see. Especially appreciated is the service recognition plaque that you can create with your badges, insignia and ribbon rack on a printable graphic that you can frame.

We won't have another official Buddy Check

until October, but there's no need to wait until then to hook up with veterans around you. And if you'll want to participate in the Buddy Check in October, don't wait until the last minute. You'll need to do a bit of peer-to-peer training (watching a 34-minute video) before then. At that point, your mission will be to reach out to 10 other veterans and be sure they're doing OK.

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Social Security waste and fraud? Evidence please

The Social Security Administration had been under attack under such Republicans as Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan, but not so inclusive as to dismantle it. Although it is now happening before our very eyes, few recognize the extent, seriousness or fathom the possible outcome.

A President can appoint Inspector General agents and fire them. But, he must give cause and allow 30 days for discussion. But to appoint an unprofessional person to replace all 18 Inspectors General is not only impractical by ludicrous. Without proper experience and training, this person would be totally unfamiliar with agency procedures to replace them. Each inspector general oversaw their own specialized agency having peculiarities particular to them. Leading a corporation is not the same as leading a governmental agency.

Elon Musk reports that he found extensive waste and fraud in the Social Security Adminsitration but has yet to offer the public any evidence to support his claim.

It is not logical that the government would order the

closure of 47 Social Security field offices but then expect recipients who are not computer literate to report in person to a Social Security office in order to make changes to their accounts. However, it would make sense if the plan were to dismantle the system in the first place.

The elderly, and especially those in nursing homes, hospitals and bedridden, would hardly be able to comply within such a short time limit if they could comply at all.

Any congressman would need to be heartless to agree to this, but, so far, Congress seems to be staying out of it.

Think about it. On the phone for hours trying to get an appointment. And then in line with 50 or more people being serviced by only two workers, then finding the office closed before you reach the counter.

A consensus, even among some Republicans, is that the administration's plan is to weaken Social Security services enough to cause the system to collapse. The approximately \$3 trillion in the trust fund would then be available to wealthy Wall Street firms under the guise of "privitizing" Social



Security.

For clarification, let us compare this to a once successful business. Take Revere Ware Company for our example. Lay-off half the employees and close down half of a successful manufacturing company. Keep customers waiting hours on the phone. Substitute cheap shipping means. Initially, the cuts appear as savings. In truth, production and quality crashes. Shipments arrive late. Customer base shrinks to an unsustainable level and the company must sellout and close down all together.

That workforce is necessary as well as expedient accessibility by the customers. This alone proves the purpose. SSA, veterans' benefits, Medicare, Medicaid, ACA, and more are all on the chopping block. If you disagree, how do you think they can survive

given the current strategy?

Social Security is not remotely related to any Ponze scheme. It is money workers pay in to so as to not become a burden later on others or on charity. It was their money in the first place used by the government like a loan. Ostensibly, it does not belong to the government. What is so difficult to understand about this/

Once these agencies and administrations are deficient in their services, they appear more of a liability than an asset. It is at this point that President Trump will administer the coup de gras. After that, there will be no benefits. It would all be privatized. Privatization basically means your future will be dictated by billionaires.

We must elect those who know how to see through lies and misinformation and stand-up against temptation and threats.

Please, write to your Congress person of both parties.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Gethsemane (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What’s the only book of the Bible that mentions Christ’s tomb being sealed? Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
3. From Matthew 28:2, who rolled back the stone from the door of Jesus’ tomb and sat upon it? Simon, An angel, Villagers, Disciples
4. When Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary” came upon the risen Jesus, who did He ask them to inform? Priests, Disciples, No one, Villagers
5. From John 20, which disciple doubted Jesus had risen unless he could see the wounds? Peter, Andrew, Thomas, Thaddeus
6. How long did Jesus remain after His resurrection before He ascended into heaven? Instantaneously, 1 hour, 7 days, 40 days

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Matthew, 3) An angel, 4) Disciples, 5) Thomas (called Didymus), 6) 40 days

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalms 37:1-2

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NEWS

Chemistry in baking

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. I hope my readers recall my article about cooking with chemistry in mind. Not only must we know how certain ingredients chemically react with each other, but also in what ways we can prevent that reaction and still use the same ingredients.

I think my classic example was not turning water into wine but turning wine vinegar into water. What I am about to prove to you now deals with the same reaction but in a preventive state. I know I am sounding confusing. So, let us get into it.

To brush you up on this, I shall detail the reaction of which I mentioned. When putting an acid in with a base, one can get a neutralizing effect. Other reactions could get violent. In the case of



The Culinary Corner
Chef Roger Joss

hydrochloric acid added to sodium bicarbonate (Baking soda NaHCO_3) cause a molecular reaction; a molecular change. Hydrogen from the acid combines with a hydrogen atom from the baking soda. One oxygen atom taken from the carbonate to be added to the two hydrogen atoms to form water. The sodium atom combines with the chlorine atom to form salt. That which is left is carbon dioxide. It is this gas boiling off that levitates the dough.

Baking powder is primarily sodium bicarbonate with a small amount of cream of tartar and corn starch. The tartar

provides the acid necessary for reacting with the soda once liquid is introduced. Thus, the required gas is produced. The starch is merely to keep baking powder from caking. It goes without saying that to add any acidic liquid, such as buttermilk or limon juice, the reaction is triggered beforehand. How then can we add real limon without prematurely triggering the baking powder? I'm glad you asked.

I am known among some circles for my English tea cakes. Unlike most, mine resembles a poofy cookie with a texture that holds together well when dunked in tea or coffee. And yet, it is light almost similar to angel food cake. I use baking powder in it for the leavening. Any acidic ingredient being added to the dough, effervescence would immediately take

place before it reaches the oven.

I have an actress friend that loves very strong lemonade. She also loves my special tea cakes. As a treat for her, I decided on lemon flavored tea cakes. But how? I glaze mine by dipping the tops into beaten egg white and then granulated sugar. I place them on a cookie sheet glazed side up and bake at 400°F since the cakes are small. But I still have not told you how I add the lemon.

Do not use lemon juice. That is too watery causing the egg white to be too thin. Very little would adhere, and that which does could flow off. I beat into the egg white a few drops of lemon extract. The glaze is on the exterior and applied just before baking.

Until next time, peace to all.

A new internet scam

I'd thought I could identify an internet scam when it showed up, but there's a new one out now. It's slick and potentially dangerous if you fall for it.

It's called the CAPTCHA scam. CAPTCHA stands for "completely automated public turing test to tell computers and humans apart." They are those annoying interruptions when you're trying to access a webpage. You typically have to click a box to prove you're not a robot. Then you have to type in the skewed letters on the screen and click all the parts of the streetlight, or car or bus or whatever the image is. All this before it allows you to go to the page you're trying to see.

The newest scam is that these CAPTCHAs are spreading malware in your computer with every step.

This is a sneaky scam because we've been lulled into complacency about those CAPTCHA verification tests, and we might tend to just click on it to get through it. Things are different now. If you come across a CAPTCHA, check the address of the webpage by looking for

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

"https" to be sure that little "s" is present.

Here's how the scams work:

You might be instructed to download a file or to press certain keys.

Or, after completing the first step, you might end up on a fake webpage that looks a lot like the one you were trying to get to.

Once you get through the steps, malware is installed on your computer without you knowing, and its job is to hunt for personal information on your machine.

If you suddenly get a CAPTCHA popping up when you don't expect it, back out of the page. Don't go there.

Even if you're sure you're safe, don't download anything that a CAPTCHA steers you to.

And as always, keep good virus protection on your computer.

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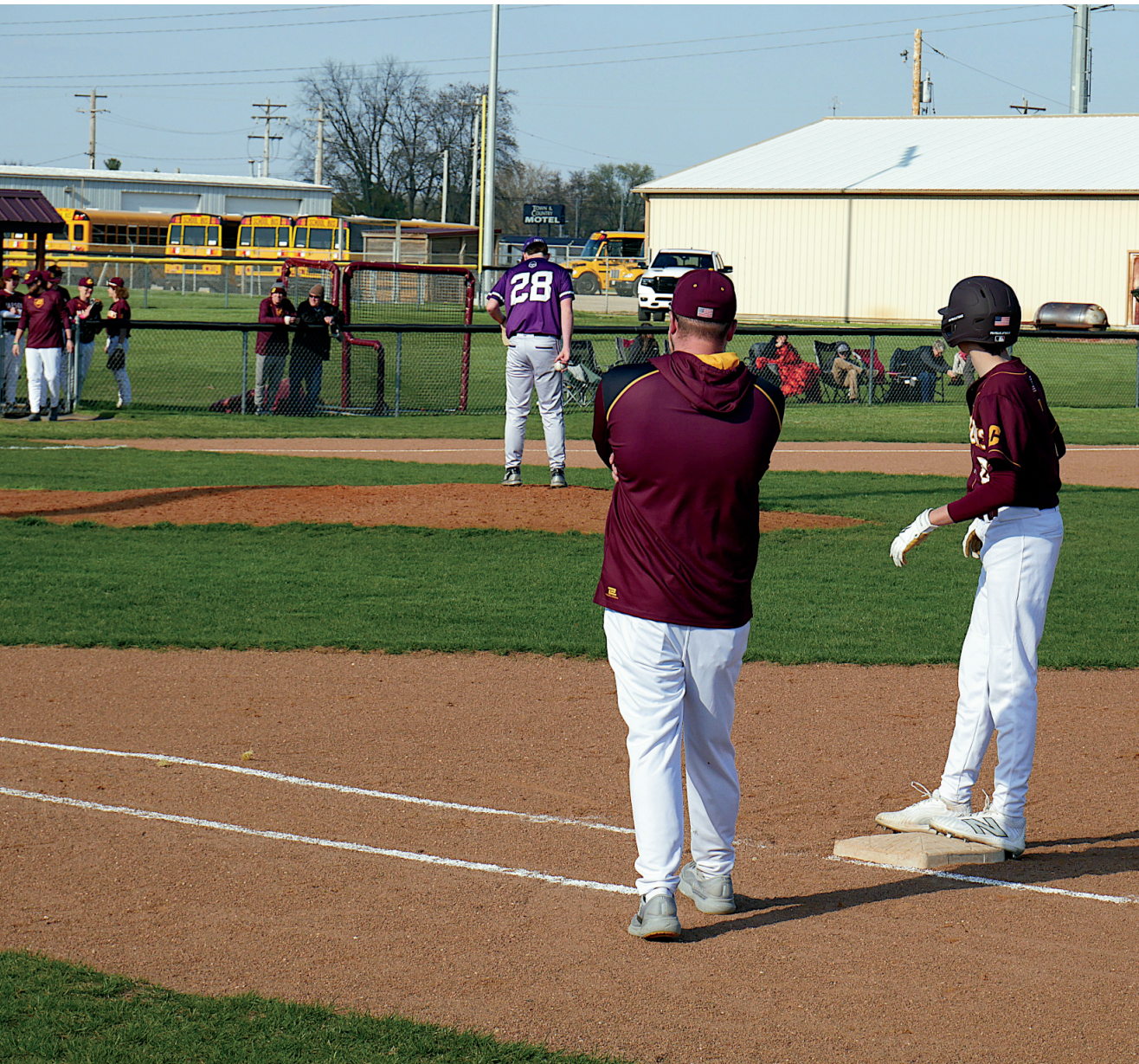
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SPORTS

Dotson scores first World of Outlaws victory on first night of Illini 100

FARMER CITY – Ethan Dotson and ASD Motorsports joined forces last May with one goal in mind – win races at the highest level of dirt Late Model racing.

They did just that Friday at Farmer City Raceway, as the Bakersfield, Calif. native became the 103rd different winner in the history of the World of Outlaws Late Models.

“There were a lot of times I thought about quitting,” Dotson said in Victory Lane. “Super glad I didn’t. Grateful for everybody that helped me along the way. There’s a lot of good people that, without them, I wouldn’t be here.”

Dotson’s charge to victory started in the ninth spot while Jason Feger and Ryan Gustin led the field to green in the Feature. A rash of early yellows plagued the start of the race, including one for Feger after he spun out of the lead in Turn 4 on the opening lap.

A poor restart for Gustin handed the lead over to Devin Moran while Drake Troutman waited in the wings for his chance to pounce from second. Soon after, Moran would become the second race leader to have trouble, as Tristan Chamberlain spun on Lap 14 and left Moran with nowhere to go, forcing the No. 99 to the rear for his involvement in the caution.

That put Troutman on top for the restart with Ricky Thornton Jr. and Dotson in tow. The No. 74X nailed the restart from the outside of Row 2 to get alongside Troutman before pulling ahead in the battle of the MD3 Rookie of the Year contenders.

With eight circuits remaining, Troutman’s solid night came to an end when he cut a right-rear tire and brought out the caution. That gave the field one more shot at Dotson, and while Thornton remained on Dotson’s tail throughout the final dash to the checkers, Dotson didn’t let him

get close enough to make a move.

As if a World of Outlaws win could ever come at a bad time, Dotson’s triumph came right when the ASD Motorsports crew needed a morale boost. The team got off to a solid start at Volusia Speedway Park, but failed to finish better than ninth in March between Smoky Mountain Speedway and Swainsboro Raceway. With the win, Dotson now finds himself atop the rookie standings and fourth in the overall points.

“I kind of had some bad stuff, I wrecked the car and we kind of just kept racing it,” Dotson said. “It just put us behind, we were chasing our tail and stuff. Just finally got one of my good cars that I wrecked back and everything just went as planned.”

Thornton continued to establish himself as one of the hottest drivers in the country on Friday, as his second-place run was his fourth-straight runner-up in Late Model action and 14th podium of 2025.

“Ethan was really good,” Thornton said. “I should have picked the top on one restart that I didn’t. Troutman got in way slower than I thought and I about wrecked both of us. That let Ethan drive around both of us, and he was really good in traffic too. I feel like we can work on our stuff, get a little bit better for tomorrow. Honestly, we didn’t change anything all night. Our car’s really good, driver needs to be a little bit better.”

Rounding out the podium was the local hero Brian Shirley with his best World of Outlaws finish of the season. “Squirrel” knew he had to get his season back on track at home after a seven-race top-10 drought, and he put his local knowledge to good use to bring the No. 3S home third.

“I definitely felt comfortable in the car,” Shirley said. “Wasn’t sure who was behind me, I just knew where the track would



Courtesy of Farmer City Raceway
Ethan Dotson during Friday night race in Farmer City.

end up there. It always ends up around the wall in Turns 3 and 4. Tried to give myself a shot without costing myself a spot.”

Brandon Sheppard and Tyler Erb picked up their best results of the year with the Outlaws in fourth and fifth, respectively.

RACE NOTES:

- Daniel Adam set the Dirt King Simulators Fastest Hot Lap.
- Ricky Thornton Jr. won the Simpson Quick Time Award.
- Ryan Gustin won TheGreatest-StoreOnDirt.com Heat 1.
- Devin Moran won STAKT Products Heat 2.
- Jason Feger won Keyser Manufacturing Heat 3.
- Garrett Alberson won Jarrett Rifles Heat 4.
- Shannon Babb and McKay Wenger won the Landa Pressure Washers Last Chance Show-downs.

- Jason Feger won the Bilstein Pole Award.
- Dennis Erb Jr. drove from 22nd to 11th for the FOX Factory Hard Charger Award.
- Ethan Dotson was the MD3 Rookie of the Race.
- Ricky Thornton Jr. won the WELD Racing Second-Place Finisher Award.
- Brandon Sheppard was the ARP Fourth-Place Finisher.
- Tyler Erb was the MSD Fifth-Place Finisher.
- Bobby Pierce was the Swift Springs Sixth-Place Finisher.
- Nick Hoffman was the VP Racing Fuels Eighth-Place Finisher.
- Max Blair was the Lifeline USA Ninth-Place Finisher.
- Kyle Bronson was the COMP Cams 10th-Place Finisher.
- Ryan Gustin was the Cometic Gaskets 12th-Place Finisher.

- UP NEXT: The Illini 100 wraps up with a 60-lap, \$20,000-to-win Feature at Farmer City Raceway on Saturday, April 12. For tickets, click here.
- Feature (40 Laps): 1. 74X-Ethan Dotson[9]; 2. 20RT-Ricky Thornton Jr[6]; 3. 3S-Brian Shirley[13]; 4. 1-Brandon Sheppard[12]; 5. 1T-Tyler Erb[10]; 6. 32-Bobby Pierce[15]; 7. 25-Jason Feger[1]; 8. 9-Nick Hoffman[11]; 9. 111-Max Blair[7]; 10. 40B-Kyle Bronson[20]; 11. 28-Dennis Erb Jr[22]; 12. 19R-Ryan Gustin[2]; 13. 58-Garrett Alberson[4]; 14. 2-Cody Overton[23]; 15. 16-Tyler Bruening[16]; 16. 22*-Drake Troutman[5]; 17. 19-Dustin Sorensen[25]; 18. 96-Tanner English[21]; 19. 75-Daniel Adam[14]; 20. 20TC-Tristan Chamberlain[26]; 21. 9M-Tim McCreddie[24]; 22. 99W-Mckay Wenger[18]; 23. 99-Devin Moran[3]; 24. 12-Ashton Winger[8]; 25. 18-Shannon Babb[17]; 26. 20-Jimmy Owens[19]



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Ethan Dotson in Victory Lane following Friday’s race.

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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 super-

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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

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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:

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Kari L. Harris County Clerk

No. 2025DBA-0220

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Assumed Name Publication Notice

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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. 2025TX4 The Property is located at: 715 S Paris, DeWitt,

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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,

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Dated: April 1, 2025.

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

vision 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.

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Aprl 11, 18, 25, 2025

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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 De-

Witt 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

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

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Assumed Name Publication Notice
Public Notice is hereby given that on Monday, April 7, 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: DANDELION DECLUTTERING
502 N MAIN ST;
APT 1
FARMER CITY, IL 61842
Dated this 7 day of

April, 2025
/s/ Kari L. Harris
County Clerk
No. 2025DBA-0223 {SEAL}

LEGAL 20329
April 11, 18, 25, 2025

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PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Farmer City will hold a Public Hearing on April 21, 2025, to approve an ordinance adopting the Fiscal 2025-2026 budget for the city of Farmer City. The Public Hearing will take place in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. Copies of the Proposed Budget will be available for viewing by the public at City Hall, 105 S Main St, or online at www.cityoffarmercity.org.

LEGAL 20330
April 18, 2025

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DeWitt County is accepting sealed bids for replacement flooring in the sheriff's office. Bid specifications are available online at www.dewittcountyil.gov under Request for Proposals. Please contact Kevin Kemp at kkemp@dewittcountyil.gov to set up an appointment to take measurements. Sealed bids should be submitted no later than 3:00 p.m. on May 7, 2025 to Dee Rentmeister. Bids can be submitted via email – drentmeister@dewittcountyil.gov or via mail attn: Dee Rentmeister, P.O. Box 439, Clinton, IL 61727 or in person at 201 W Washington St., Clinton, IL.

LEGAL 20331
April 18, 2025

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Town of Harp in the County of DeWitt State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2026, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Harp Town Hall from and after 8 o'clock AM., 10th day, April, 2025. Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 8 o'clock PM., 12th day of May, 2025, at Harp Town Hall in this Town and that final action

on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held at 7 o'clock PM., on the 2nd day of June, 2025. Dated this 8th day of April 2025.
/s/ Daniel Enos, Supervisor
/s/ Debra J. Wilson, Clerk

LEGAL 20332
April 18, 2025

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for road purposes of the Town of Harp in the County of DeWitt, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2026, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Harp Town Hall from and after 8 o'clock A.M., 10th day, April 2025. Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 8 o'clock P.M., 12th day, May, 2025, at Harp Town Hall and that final hearing and action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to held at Harp Town Hall at 7 o'clock P.M., 2nd day of June, 2025.
/s/ Debra J. Wilson, Clerk

LEGAL 20333
April 18, 2025

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Road District Treasurer's Annual Report
Joint Bridge Fund
To the Highway Commissioner, Harp Road District, DeWitt County, Illinois
I, Daniel Enos, Treasurer of Harp Road District, DeWitt County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement I a correct report for the fiscal year beginning 4-1, 2024 and ending 3-31, 2025.
BEGINNING BALANCE 4-1, 2024 \$175,069.98

REVENUES
Property Tax \$90,006.23

TOTAL REVENUES: \$90,006.23

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$0

ENDING BALANCE 3-31, 2025 \$265,076.21.
Subscribed and sworn to this 8 day of April 2025
/s/ Daniel Enos

Treasurer

LEGAL 20334
April 18, 2025

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Road District Treasurer's Annual Report
Road & Bridge Fund
To the Highway Commissioner, Harp Road District, DeWitt County, Illinois.
I, Daniel Enos, Treasurer of Harp Road District, DeWitt County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning 4-1, 2024 and ending March 31 2025
BEGINNING BALANCE 4-1, 2-24 \$865,336.00
REVENUES
Property Tax \$120,008.50
Replacement Tax \$89,111.67
Interest Income \$43,684.06

TOTAL REVENUES: \$252,804.23

EXPENDITURES
Administration \$3,278.95
Maintenance \$259,728.06
Insurance \$5528.00
Social Security \$539.91

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$269,074.92
ENDING BALANCE 3-31, 2025 \$849,065.31
Subscribed and sworn to this 8 day of April 2025
/s/ Daniel Enos
Treasurer

LEGAL 20335
April 18, 2025

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Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs
General Assistance Fund
I, Daniel Enos, Supervisor of Harp Township, DeWitt County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning 4-1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2025.
BEGINNING BALANCE 4-1, 2024 \$64,771.43
Interest Income \$2,072.02

TOTAL REVENUES: \$66,843.45

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$0
ENDING BALANCE 3-31, 2025 \$66,843.45

LEGAL 20336
APRIL 18, 2025

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Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs
Town Fund
I, Daniel Enos, Supervisor of Harp Township, DeWitt

County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning 4-1, 2024 and ending 3-31, 2025.
BEGINNING BALANCE 4-1, 2024 \$121,912.09
REVENUES
Property Tax \$55,244.45
Replacement Tax \$11,404.16
Interest Income \$141.49
Miscellaneous Income TOIRMA Ins. Refund \$1,091.00
Corn Belt Energy Capital Credit \$285.28

TOTAL REVENUES: \$68,166.38

EXPENDITURES
Administration \$39404.45
Cemetery \$720.00
Audit \$150.00
Insurance \$1,942.00
Social Security \$8,178.43
Town Hall Remodel \$10,295.25
Furnace repair \$2,004.62
Electrical repair \$192.50

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$62,887.25
ENDING BALANCE March 31, 2025 \$127,191.22

LEGAL 20337
April 18, 2025

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed proposals for furnishing and applying materials for the City of Clinton's Jackson Street resurfacing project, will be publicly opened and read at the Clinton City Clerk's office, 118 West Washington Street, Clinton, Illinois, 61727, at 10:00 AM on April 29, 2025. Proposal forms and plans will be available in the office of Cummins Engineering Corporation, 135 West Lake Shore Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62703. The Clinton City Council reserves the right to waive technicalities and to reject any or all proposals as provided in BLRS Special Provision for Bidding Requirements and Conditions for Material Proposals. A proposal guaranty in the proper amount, as specified in the BLRS Special Provision for Bidding Requirements and Conditions for Material Proposals, will be required. Bid Bonds will be allowed as a proposal guaranty. The successful bidder at the time of execution of the contract will be required to deposit a contract bond for the full amount of the award. Failure on the part of the

contractor to deliver the material within the time specified or to do the work specified herein will be considered just cause to forfeit his surety as provided in Article 108.10 of the Illinois Department of Transportation's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the City of Clinton and shall be enclosed in an envelope endorsed "Material Proposal, Jackson Street Resurfacing.

LEGAL 20338
April 18, 2025

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TAX DEED NO. 2025TX9
FILED 4/10/2025
TAKE NOTICE
County of DEWITT
Date Premises Sold October 19, 2022
Certificate No. 202100007
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number N/A
Warrant Number N/A
Installment Number N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property Located at 103 East 5th Street, Waynesville, Illinois
Legal Description or Property Index No.: 01-29-354-001
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on August 18, 2025. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a Tax Deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before August 18, 2025. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of DeWitt County in Clinton, Illinois on September 9, 2025 at 9:00am via Zoom. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have

expired at that time. **YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY** Redemption can be made at any time on or before August 18, 2025, by applying to the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Clinton, IL. For further information contact the County clerk **ADDRESS: 201 W Washington, Clinton, IL 61727** **TELEPHONE: (217) 935-7780** **P&N PROPERTIES, INC** Purchaser of Assignee **Dated: 4/14/2025**

CASE NUMBER: 2025TX9 Vona LaDew as Trustee of the Vona LaDew Revocable Trust pursuant to the provisions of a written Trust Agreement dated December 16, 2021; Steve LaDew; Sheldon E LaDew; Nathan LaDew; Paper Profits LLC; US Mortgage Resolution Trust; Village of Waynesville; Occupants; DeWitt County Clerk; Claimants, Judgment Creditors and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as “unknown owners” “Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots”

LEGAL 20339 April 18, 25, May 2, 2025

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TAX DEED NO. 2025TX10 **FILED 4/10/2025** **TAKE NOTICE** County of DEWITT Date Premises Sold October 19, 2022 Certificate No. 202100035 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and Special Assessment Number N/A Warrant Number N/A Installment Number N/A **THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES** Property Located at 3400 Thorps Road. Waynesville, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No.: 06-10-100-009 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on August 18, 2025. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his assignee pays any subsequently accru-

ing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a Tax Deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before August 18, 2025. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of DeWitt County in Clinton, Illinois on September 9, 2025 at 9:00am via Zoom. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. **YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY** Redemption can be made at any time on or before August 18, 2025, by applying to the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Clinton, IL. For further information contact the County clerk **ADDRESS: 201 W Washington, Clinton, IL 61727** **TELEPHONE: (217) 935-7780** **P&N PROPERTIES, INC** Purchaser of Assignee **Dated: 4/14/2025**

CASE NUMBER: 2025TX10 Rodney M Hoffman; Unknown Spouse of Rodney M Hoffman; Occupants; DeWitt County Clerk; Claimants, Judgment Creditors and Decree Creditors, if any of the above described as “unknown owners” “Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots”

LEGAL 20340 April 18, 25, May 2, 2025

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS **DEWITT COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF BARNETT SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT COUNTY OF DEWITT, STATE OF ILLINOIS**

NO. 50-TX-1

DRAINAGE NOTICE TO LAND-OWNERS TO INCREASE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO 70 ILCS 605/4-21

PUBLIC NOTICE IS GIVEN that on the 9th day of April,

2025, the commissioners of the above drainage district filed with the clerk of the above court in the above case a Petition to Increase Annual Maintenance Assessment from \$15,000.00 to \$36,000.00, a copy of which is attached and made a part of this notice. **NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the petition and supporting documents have been set for hearing on the 23rd day of May, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom A of the DeWitt County Courthouse at 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, Illinois 61727 before the Honorable Judge Karle Koritz, at which time all interested persons may appear and be heard upon all issues if they see fit to do so. **DATED** this 14th day of April, 2025.

Barnett Special Drainage District, by its attorney, Bryce A. Lynch

This Notice Prepared By: **BRYCE A. LYNCH 629777** **TAYLOR & LYNCH, LLC** 216 SOUTH CENTER STREET P.O. BOX 478 CLINTON, ILLINOIS 61727 **TEL: (217) 935-2183** **FAX:(217) 935-8219** **E-MAIL: attorneys@dewittcountylaw.com**

LEGAL 20341 April 18 & 25, 2025

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PUBLIC NOTICE Pursuant to Section 17-40 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/17-40), the percentage to be applied to the assessed valuation of locally assessed property other than that assessed under Sections 10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200 of the Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/10-110 through 10-140 and 10-170 through 10-200) in DeWitt County as certified by the Department of Revenue for the assessment year 2024 is 0.00% by the application of an equalization factor of 1.0000.

LEGAL 20342 April 18, 2025

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CARRIE J. OLDS, DECEASED 2025-PR-20

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION Notice is given of the death of the above-named

decendent; Letters of Office were issued on April 11, 2025 to Katherine H. Olds, 7256 Wildflower Way, Bath, NY 14810 as Independent Administrator. The attorney for the estate is Yelyzaveta Paskevych 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 Coun-

ty Courthouse, 201 W. Washington Street, Clinton, IL 61727, on or before November 2, 2025. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of the Claim filed with the Clerk of the Court must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

The estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless an interested party

terminates Independent Administration by filing a Petition to Terminate under Section 28-4 of the Illinois Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4). A form of a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court at the above address.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2025.

Katherine H. Olds, Independent Administrator of the

Estate of Carrie J. Olds, deceased

YELYZAVETA PASKEVYCH 6349706 **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 20343 April 18, 25, & May 2, 2025



Courtesy of DeWitt County Friendship Center

BINGO at Friendship Center

Players set up their cards for another BINGO day recently at the DeWitt County Friendship Center.

Governor suggests he is in favor of expanding nuclear power in Illinois

Kevin Bessler
The Center Square

(The Center Square) – As Illinois Republicans continue to make a push to expand nuclear power in the state, the governor appears to be on board.

Illinois generates more electricity from nuclear power than any other state in the country, with 11 working reactors at six locations.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed legislation in 2023 that lifted a decades-long moratorium on new nuclear power reactors, but was aimed at exploring the use of small modular reactors, or SMRs.

One measure in Springfield would allow for the expansion of nuclear power beyond small modular reactors. The measure would

remove provisions prohibiting the construction of new nuclear power reactors with a nameplate capacity of more than 300 megawatts of electricity.

“We’re looking forward to having a bill that comes to my desk that will allow us to expand the options for nuclear in the state of Illinois but it has to be done in the right way,” said Pritzker.

While signing a trade agreement with Illinois, United Kingdom Consul General Richard Hyde said his country could become involved with an expansion of nuclear power.

“Illinois has adopted a standard and definition of small modular reactors, which we think is a little old fashioned,” said Hyde. “We would love to open up like states around you and let Rolls Royce

come and bring their technology into Illinois and drive forward small modular reactors.”

Rolls Royce is developing SMRs in Great Britain. A reactor in Canada is the only example under construction in the Western Hemisphere.

David Kraft is with the Chicago-based Nuclear Energy Information Service. He said there are other safe energy sources that will be pushed aside if more nuclear power comes online.

“We have solutions that don’t produce radioactive waste or any kind of radioactive hazard waiting in line to be connected, and we do know if more nuclear gets built, fewer of those projects will be connected,” said Kraft.

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Courtesy of Clinton High School

CHS January Students of the Month

Featured are Clinton High School’s Students of the Month for January, Miguel Mendoza - Junior; Jacey Black - Freshman; Brannon McCue - Senior; Marshawn Fitch - Freshman, and Isaac Winebrinner - Junior.

U OF I EXTENSION

A layered landscape provides space for wildlife all year

Nicole Flowers-Kimmerle
Horticulture educator
University of Illinois

URBANA, Ill. — There are many ways to support pollinators and other wildlife in home landscapes, such as providing floral resources throughout the season, planting host plants, and planting native plants. In addition, consider creating a space for them to live out their life cycles by creating vertical layers in the landscape.

Natural Systems as Models

Take a look at natural systems such as forests and prairies, and layers of vegetation will be evident. Forests consist of grasses, flowers, shrubs, understory, and canopy layers. Prairies also have distinct layers throughout the season, from low-growing early-season plants to the tallest late-

blooming flowering plants and native grasses.

By mimicking these natural layers, space is provided for pollinators to complete their entire life cycle from larvae to adults. Layers also offer sheltered spaces for other wildlife, from frogs to birds to mammals.

Keystone Tree Species

One important thing to consider is adding keystone tree species to the layers. Keystone species are a relatively small number of plants that support many animal species. Oaks, willows, cherries, pines, and poplars support many moths, butterflies, and other beneficial insects.

Adding keystone trees is an essential first step to support wildlife, but creating layers of shrubs, flowers, and grasses underneath the trees is critical to support pollinator and beneficial insect populations at all stages of

their life cycle.

Creating Space for Wildlife to Thrive

According to pollinator conservationist Heather Holm, “Soft Landings are diverse native plantings under keystone trees (or any other regionally appropriate native tree). These plantings provide critical shelter and habitat for one or more life cycle stages of moths, butterflies, and beneficial insects. In addition to plants, soft landings include leaf litter, duff, and plant debris.”

Turf grass underneath trees can struggle to thrive in shaded areas and is limited in its ability to support diverse animal species. Adding plugs of various native plants underneath established trees is a way to create soft landings without damaging the tree roots.

Adding Native Plants

Native ferns, sedges, and flowering plants are good additions underneath a tree to create layers.

Ferns can provide shelter and a safe space for overwintering animals. Some native ferns that can be good additions are maidenhair fern (*Adiantum pedatum*), lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*), and Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*).

Sedges provide a grass-like texture to shaded areas. Some native sedges that provide soft landings are Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*) and rosy sedge (*Carex rosea*). Bottlebrush grass (*Elymus hystrix*) is another addition to a shaded area that provides structure.

A variety of flowering plants can be added to the shaded ground layer. Many flower in the spring before the tree canopy


is filled with leaves, but others flower throughout the season. Consider adding some of these native flowers: wild columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*), wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*), Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*), zigzag goldenrod (*Solidago flexicaulis*), and common blue violet (*Viola sororia*) to name a few.

Adding a variety of native plants under established trees allows pollinators, beneficial insects, and other wildlife space to thrive in a home landscape.

For questions on natural landscaping, connect with a local University of Illinois Extension office from the statewide map.

Nicole Flowers-Kimmerle is an Illinois Extension horticulture educator for Fulton, Mason, Peoria, and Tazewell counties.


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Weather History

April 18
1880: A violent tornado, estimated at F4 intensity, touched down north of Rockford near Rockton, moving northeast to near Beloit, WI. Two farms were swept away in Illinois, killing one person in Illinois near the state line.

1996: Severe thunderstorms moved across central Illinois, producing large hail in many locations, as well as one tornado. This tornado moved across the southeast part of Decatur during the late evening, producing \$1.5 million damage and injuring 9 people.



Courtesy of Clinton High School

CHS February Students of the Month

Featured are Clinton High School’s Students of the Month for February, Amelia Madson - Senior; Lila Deerwester - Sophomore; Jarrett Turney - Junior, and Wyatt Turney - Freshman.

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Selena Higgins
Social Security district
manager, Normal

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