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Scoreboard plan moves forward

Cost for video display board
and sound \$340K

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CLINTON — Along with other upgrades that have been in progress at the high school football and track complex, it also will receive a new video display scoreboard, thanks to a recent vote by the school board.

During the board's April 22 regular meeting, athletic director Matt Koeppel laid out the choices he and high school principal Jerry Wayne researched.

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Sheriff explains increases in office's fees

Walker's response follows
questions from resident

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CLINTON — Former Clinton mayoral candidate Robert Kreitler visited the city council during its April 15 meeting to lodge a complaint about its ordinance enforcement. Last week it was the county's turn.

Krietler addressed county board members April 24 as the board prepared to consider increases in fees charged by the sheriff's office. Sheriff Mike Walker proposed the increases during the April 17 public safety committee meeting.

Walker proposed an increase to the fee charged for serving court papers from \$60 to \$85.

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CHS prom court 2025

The Clinton High School prom court posed for a photo during prom last Saturday. Left to right: Riley Adams, Luz Hernandez, C.J. Nichols, Amerie Hemphill, Ella Steward, Tyler Bales, Alania Helfand, Talan Thrasher, Carley Earle and Colton Walker.

Illinois vets protest expected Trump administration cuts

Sonya Dymova

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McHENRY — John Gerend, a Vietnam War veteran from Lake Villa, Illinois, was exposed to Agent Orange while on duty. Suffering from diseases associated with exposure to the toxic chemical, he said he still considers himself fortunate.

"I've had some issues with it — diabetes, some heart issues and so on — but there are

many more that have suffered a lot more than I have and need the care a lot more than I do," said Gerend, 77. "It's very upsetting to think that the people who have served their country and have lost limbs or mental health might now lose the benefits, all the support, both for mental health and physical health, and the doctors and medications available."

See **CUTS** / A7

Dust storms in Illinois: Examining the roles of weather and farming practices

URBANA, Ill. — Recent dust storms in Illinois have raised the question of the cause of these events. In the past few years, these dust events have caused fatal accidents among traveling motorists.

Another public concern is the drop in air quality during these storms.

Some of the emerging questions concerning dust storms include:

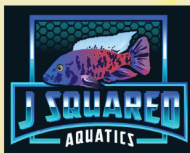
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NEWS

Fees / from A1

Kreitler said he researched similar fees charged by surrounding counties and also counties as far away as 50 miles. He mentioned some of the counties that were within about 1,000 people of being similar in size to DeWitt County.

Of the 30 counties Krietler said he surveyed, only one charged as much as is being proposed by DeWitt County with one other charging more than \$80.

“I don’t understand why DeWitt County needs to be needs to be as high as a county that is up around the Chicago area,” Kreitler said.

He said he understood needing to charge for mileage and fuel costs.

“But, to have a flat fee going up to \$85 ...I can’t see why we have to be that much higher than every county around us,” Kreitler said.

He said the serving increase would put DeWitt County about \$20 higher than McLean County.

Krietler suggested the county was using the increase as a way to make money.

“I think it’s kind of morally wrong that the county is looking to make an extra \$10,000 a year off of people who are already seeking a remedy in court,” he said.

Krietler said the increase added to the already common cost of several hundred dollars to file a case with the county.

Walker responded the county was not permitted to arbitrarily increase fees.

“We have to have a cost study done,” Walker said.

He said since the county already was conducting a cost study of the animal

shelter, the decision was made to also do the sheriff’s office.

“In 1989, when I started, the service fees were \$20,” Walker said.

Walker said the fee remained \$20 until after a cost study in 2012 or 2013, when the fee was increased to \$60.

“It’s been almost 13, 14 years, so, obviously, wages have increased since then, gas prices, insurance prices,” Walker said.

He said the firm conducted the cost study “looked at everything within our office to determine what the actual cost is.”

“So, it’s not the county board is trying to increase this to generate a revenue stream, it’s just to recover the costs it costs for deputies to go out and serve these papers,” Walker said.

Walker pointed out DeWitt County did not increase fees for 25-30 years. He estimated surrounding counties whose fees were lower than DeWitt probably had not initiated the cost studies necessary to justify fee increases.

“We’ve always been progressive enough to see when things are costing us more and to go out to try to recover those costs,” Walker said. “So, I think it’s the appropriate thing to do.”

Walker also pointed out some of the costs associated with filing a suit are recoverable if plaintiffs win a judgement.

The board voted to increase the serving fee from \$60 to \$85, the certified mail process service from \$45 to \$60, the fingerprinting fee from \$20-\$25, and the eviction stand-by from \$25 to \$65.



Courtesy of DeWitt Clinton DAR

State Regent visits DeWitt Clinton Chapter DAR

Illinois State DAR Regent, Christina Bannon visited members of the DeWitt Clinton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution during its April 19 meeting. The meeting was held at the Living Well United Senior Center, in LeRoy, where Bannon brought the program sharing components and traits of leadership. Pictured, left to right, Christina Bannon, Edith Brady-Lunny, DeWitt Clinton Chapter Regent, and Camille Redman, DeWitt Clinton Vice Regent.

Schools / from A1

Two companies were in the running to provide the new scoreboard. A third company also submitted a bid, but Koeppel said the firm’s bid was so much higher than the others, “we kind of nixed that one from consideration.”

OES Scoreboards the first Koeppel covered. He worked with the Chicago office of the Ontario, Canada-based company.

“Jerry and I drove up there and took a look of some of their products,” Koeppel said.

He said they were shown how the board operated.

“The usability really stood out to us,” Koeppel said. “It seemed very easy.”

He said the “learning curve” will be primarily operating the video portion of the board, including running sponsored ads.

“That’s something that’s programmed on the computer that is separate,” Koeppel said.

The scoreboard part of the system will be operated by a separate, conventional controller.

The two boards from the companies under consideration were pretty evenly matched, Koeppel said. Both companies were given the same dimensions to work with, approximately 16 feet by 30 feet, with the same features requested, video board above with the scoreboard below.

“The both come with play clocks,” Koeppel said.

The OES board had better video display resolution, so spectators farther away than 800 feet would not detect any pixilation.

The other company, Nevco, also operates in the U.S. and Canada.

Any device that can play through an HDMI cable will connect to the video screen.

“So, if you wanted to have a movie night, you could,” Koeppel said.

The OES board was about \$22,000 more than the Nevco, but Koeppel pointed out the OES screen was higher resolution and featured illumination in areas where the Nevco had none, such as the sponsor ads across the bottom of the scoreboard.

OES also covers any repairs for the first five years.

The Nevco sound system is incorporated into the board. The OES sound system is separate which makes it possible to direct sound to desired areas.

Superintendent Drew Goebel said it was important to “address the elephant in the room,” the \$340,000 cost.

The OES score board would be about \$300,000 plus about \$40,000 for the sound system.

“I’ve talked to Jerry, and I’ve talked to Matt about this,” Goebel said.

He said the money for the board would come out of district’s operations and maintenance fund.

“Over the past few years, the district has been able to do a lot of maintenance and upgrades and get things fixed,” Goebel said. “So, we’ve been able to stay within budget but fix so much stuff.”

He said, as the equalized assessed valuation (EAV) goes up, the district receives more revenue, but since many repairs and upgrades already have been done, it puts the district in a good financial position.

Goebel said some expenditures for the athletic department also would be cut to help cover the cost of the scoreboard.

“The budgets ...will decrease, and we’ll be able to cover that,” Goebel said. “We’ll pay it off in one year with no problem.”

The board approved the bid from OES.

The new scoreboard would by no means be the most expensive in the area. Koeppel said Williamsville High School spent an estimated \$500,000 on a new scoreboard.

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NEWS

Judith Evelyn (Welches) Pratt

BLOOMINGTON — Judith Evelyn (Welches) Pratt, 86, of Bloomington, died at 3:40 p.m. on April 24, 2025, at Martin Health Center after a sudden illness.

Judy was born on August 19, 1938, in Merrillville, Ind. to Charles William and Mary Margaret (Stewart) Welches. She married Donald Everett Pratt on June 8, 1963, in Gary, Ind. He preceded her in death on July 3, 2020. She was also preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

She is survived by her children, Julie (Ward) Workman, of Normal, her son Donald Eric Pratt (Dr. Stacey Barrenger), of Akron, Ohio and JoAnn (Joe) Martin of Wylie, Texas. Also surviving are five grandchildren: Will (Courtney) Moore of El Paso, Elizabeth M. (Grayson Chamberlain) Workman, of Salisbury, Md, Connor T. (Josie Bell) Workman, Jessica and Joshua Martin and two great-grandchildren, Aiden and Wyatt Moore.

Judy graduated from Merrillville High School in 1956 and went on to study at Spring Arbor College and Greenville College. She earned her Master’s Degree in Elementary Education at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in 1965.

Judy had a passion for teaching. From her third-grade students to adult learners, GED and ESL students and the prison education program, she improved thousands of lives over the course of her career.

After Don entered the ministry in 1974, Judy continued to serve every community in which they lived. She was the very model of a pastor’s wife, supporting every church in every way, from teaching Sunday School and running Vacation Bible School every summer to serving as youth counselor at church camp to helping with everything from weddings and baptisms to organizing dinners. Judy was a servant leader in the truest sense of the word.

Meanwhile, she continued to pursue her own interests, including hosting foreign exchange students from Denmark, Germany and Uruguay.



That experience led to a job working for Youth for Understanding for several years, during which she placed dozens of exchange students in communities across central Illinois.

While she enjoyed all of those pursuits, Judy found her greatest joy in spending time with her family. She made every birthday and holiday into an occasion to be remembered, and somehow took the celebrations up a level when the grandchildren came along.

Judy’s Christian faith was the foundation upon which she built her life and the driving force behind every decision. She was a strong and independent woman, the first in her family to go to college, the ultimate servant leader and the most loving and caring mom and grandma. We will remember her with love and admiration and will miss her every day until we meet again.

Judy’s visitation will be held at Calvary United Methodist Church, 1700 N. Towanda Avenue, in Normal, from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, April 30, with a funeral service immediately following at the church. The Rev. Vince Rohn will officiate. Cremation rites have been accorded, and a private interment service will be held later at Oak Hill Cemetery in Palmyra, Ill.

Cards and notes of remembrance can be mailed to the Pratt Family at 1902 Widemere Drive, Normal, IL 61761. If you wish to make a memorial contribution, please visit springarbor.edu and click on the “Give to SAU” button. Designate your donation as a Tribute Gift in Memory of Judy Welches Pratt, Class of 1958.

Calvert and Metzler Funeral Home, Bloomington, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Robert D. Doenitz

WAPELLA — Robert D. Doenitz, 90, of Wapella, passed away at 1:42 p.m. on March 23, 2025, at Luther Oaks, Bloomington.

Services will be conducted on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 10 a.m. at the Clinton United Methodist Church with Pastor Darrell Howard officiating. Burial will follow at Sugar Grove Cemetery, Wapella. Visitation will be held at the church from 9-10 a.m.. Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to Clinton United Methodist Church, The DeWitt County Museum, or Gentiva Hospice.

Bob was born on December 11, 1934, in Bloomington, the son of Charles and Catherine (Clay) Doenitz. He married Sharon Garber on November 18, 1956 in Jerseyville, Ill. She passed away on September 27, 2023.

Survivors include his children, Amanda Doenitz, Los Angeles, Calif., and Todd (Ellen) Doenitz, Plymouth, Mich.; five grandchildren, Halle (Jackie) Doenitz, Amy (Ryan) Lilly, Major Andrew (Breanna) Doenitz, Courtney (Mario) Macari, and Charles Doenitz; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and one sister, Mary Messamore.

Bob started his professional career as an accountant for Ralston-Purina, moving his family



across the country to states including Iowa, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina, before returning home to Bloomington.

He eventually transitioned to farming in Wapella and served as a Northrup-King seed dealer for many years. He was a strong supporter of The DeWitt County Museum, Apple & Pork Festival, and many local businesses. His hobbies included fixing antique clocks, working on his land, and traveling with his wife and friends to antique auctions.

Bob was known for his quick wit and outgoing personality. In his spare time, he enjoyed visiting his neighbors, friends and fellow farmers, whenever he had the chance. Bob also loved spending time with his grandkids, sharing his passions with them.

He was dedicated to his bride of 67 years, Sharry, accompanying her to quilt shows, festivals and anywhere else she wished to go. Above all, his faith in God guided him his entire life, as evident by the legacy he left.

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Abner ‘Ab’ J. Griffin

CLINTON — Abner “Ab” J. Griffin, 86, of Clinton, passed away at 4:45 a.m. on April 22, 2025, at his son’s residence, in Clinton.

Services were conducted at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Kenney Christian Church, Kenney, with Ernie Harvey, Jr. officiating. Visitation was be held from 3-4 p.m. on Saturday at the church. Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the Kenney Christian Church.

Ab was born on December 1, 1938, in Clinton, the son of Charles and Ruth (Rowe) Griffin. He married Brenda Kay Alverson on March 9, 1963, in Clinton. She passed away on January 5, 2014.

Survivors include his son, Brian (Tisha) Griffin, Clinton; two grandchildren: Zachary (Cynda) Griffin,



Clinton, and Kayley (Kris) Garrison, Clinton; three great-grandchildren: Olivia, Hunter, and Jackson; two siblings, Bob (Kelly) Griffin, Decatur, and Dick (Sandy) Griffin, Red Bud, Ill.

Ab was preceded in death by his parents.

Ab worked at Revere Copper & Brass, in Clinton, from 1966 until the closing of the plant in 1999. He was an Avid Chicago Cubs fan who enjoyed spending time with his family.

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What shall they call us?

SENIOR NEWS LINE
by Matilda Charles

“persons 65 years and older.”

Many of the style guides seem to be fixated on age 65, yet others suggest leaving the actual number out altogether if possible. It’s safer that way.

I don’t care if someone wants to call me a senior as long as they’re willing to help me by reaching for the item on the high shelf at the grocery store. I do care that nobody at the

dealership tries to sell me an unnecessary service for my car just because I’m an older female. I do care that the guy at the cellphone store doesn’t doubt me when I say that my phone battery is defective. I do care that my Social Security check is deposited on time.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary, bless their hearts, lists several definitions for “senior.” I like the second one: a person with higher standing or rank.

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OPINION / COLUMNS

HISTORY ALMANAC

1954 - Stan Musial of the St. Louis Cardinals set a new major league record when he hit 5 home runs against the New York Giants.

1960 - Caryl Chessman was executed. He was a convicted sex offender and had become a best selling author while on death row.

1965 - The “Early Bird” satellite was used to transmit television pictures across the Atlantic.

1969 - The ocean liner Queen Elizabeth 2 (QE2) made its maiden voyage.

1970 - Student anti-war protesters at Ohio’s Kent State University burn down the campus ROTC building. The National Guard took control of the campus.

1970 - Jockey Diane Crump became the first woman to ride in the Kentucky Derby. She finished 15th aboard Fathom.

1972 - In Kellogg, ID, a fire at the Sunshine silver mine, 91 workers died from carbon monoxide poisoning.

1974 - Former U.S. Vice President Spiro T. Agnew was disbarred by the Maryland Court of Appeals.

1974 - The filming of “Jaws” began in Martha’s Vineyard, MA.

1982 - The British submarine HMS Conqueror sank Argentina’s only cruiser, the General Belgrano during the Falkland Islands War. More than 350 people died.

1993 - At Washington’s National Gallery of Art, an exhibit of 80 paintings from the collection of Dr. Albert C. Barnes opened.

1993 - Authorities said that they had recovered the remains of David Koresh from the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, TX.

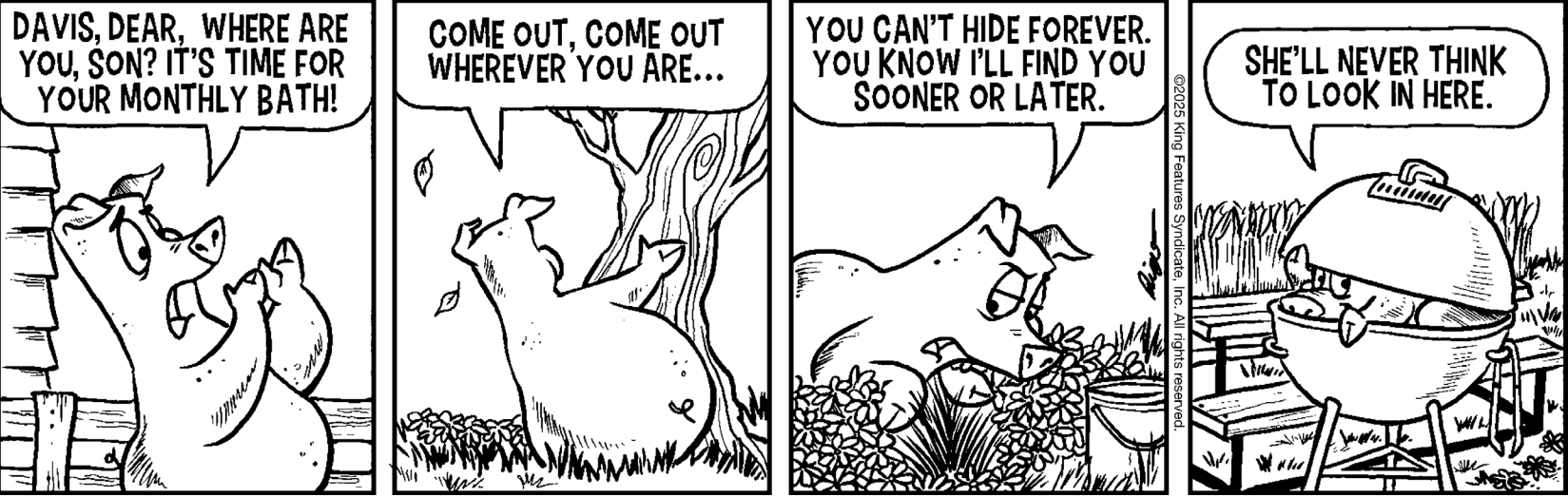
1994 - Nelson Mandela claimed victory after South Africa’s first democratic elections.

1997 - Tony Blair, at age 43, became Britain’s youngest prime minister in 185 years.

1999 - In Panama, Mireya Moscoso de Grubar, of the Aruffista Party, was elected president.

2002 - It was reported that Phyllis Diller had retired from touring.

Amber Waves



Editor’s Note: Due to a computer issue, Richard Koritz was unable to submit a column this week. We look forward to him returning next week.

Fake deployments and free plane rides

It takes an especially devious mind to come up with some of this stuff. We have to wonder what staff at the Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General (VAOIG) think when they’re investigating certain crimes. They probably aren’t smiling.

For example, this one: A veteran managed to grab 130 free airline flights while pretending he was on active duty and being sent on military assignments. The guy was an airline baggage handler, but only for one



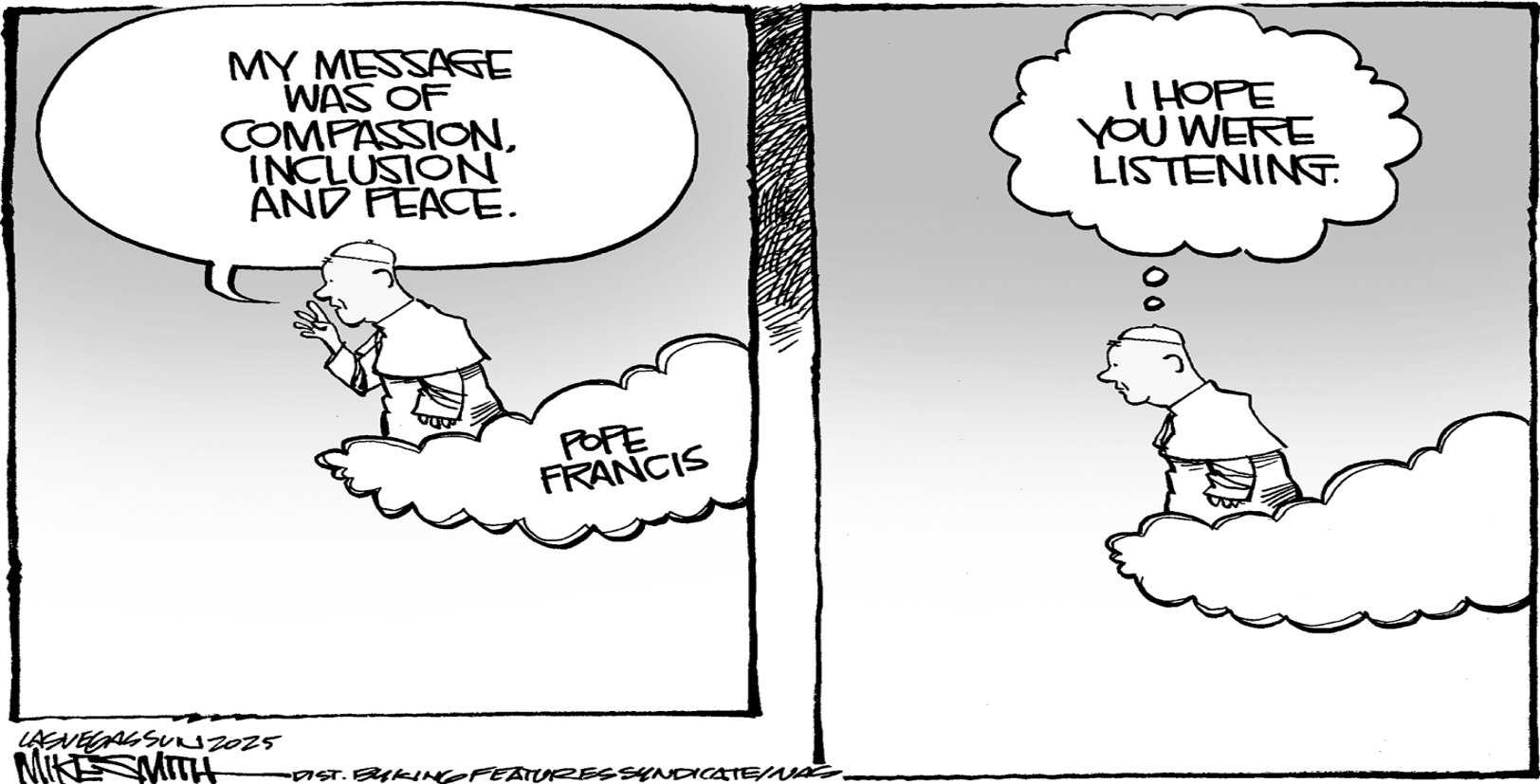
by Freddy Groves

week. Then he showed his airline employer a fistful of fake military documents that said he needed eight months off for deployment. During that time he jetted around the globe using the free flights benefit of employees, hitting all the hot-spot tourist destinations, from the Caribbean, to South

America, to Europe and all points in between -- and documented the trips online. At the end of that period, he gave the airline more fake military documents and managed to extend the whole scam for another two years. Meanwhile, while still employed by the airline and pretending he was entitled to free unlimited flights, he snagged a job as a federal air marshal. Also, meanwhile, he took a job at a sporting goods retailer and pulled

the same “I have to go do my military service” scam, likely so he could get the store discount. It didn’t help that the fake military orders he created were allegedly signed by someone who didn’t exist. The scammer’s undoing began in part because he wanted to take his federal air marshal weapon with him on the plane and there was confusion about why an airline employee baggage handler, which he still claimed to be, would be carrying an air marshal

weapon while on personal travel and while he was supposedly still in the military. Once investigators started digging into it, they unearthed a jaw-dropping 130 flights the scammer had taken. I hope he enjoyed his vacations in the sun, because he could be looking at 20 years in the slammer. (c) 2025 King Features Synd., Inc.



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OPINION / NEWS

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Clinton Police Department

Citations

04/21/25 Amber Bell 31, Clinton was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating a vehicle without insurance. Bell was issued a notice to appear.

04/21 Edgar Bonilla 63, Clinton was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with expired registration.

04/23/25 Jacob Baumgartner 36, Clinton was issued a citation for operating a vehicle without insurance. Baumgartner was issued a notice to appear.

04/24/25 Isabella Reid 25, Maroa was issued a citation for speed. Reid was issued a notice to appear.

04/25/25 Ethan Clark 18, Clinton was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. Clark was issued a notice to appear.

04/25/25 Chloe McKee 22, Desoto was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with expired registration.

04/25/25 CatherineTyrrell 58, Downers Grove was issued a citation for speed.

04/25/25 Ethan Clark 18, Clinton was issued a citation for speed.

04/26/25 Jarrod Hedenberg 35, Lincoln was issued a citation for driver’s license expired for more than one year. Hedenberg was issued a notice to appear.

04/26/25 Raven Wood 25, Decatur was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with suspended registration. Wood was issued a notice to appear.

04/27/25 Heather Russell 33, Kenney was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with suspended registration. Russell was

issued a notice to appear.

04/27/25 Andrew Rempe 34, Clinton was issued a citation for no valid driver’s license. Rempe was issued a notice to appear.

Arrests:

04/23/25 Ashley Brown 36, Rockford was charged with driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. Brown was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

04/25/25 Billy Reynolds 58, Clinton was charged with driving while license revoked, operation of an uninsured vehicle, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Reynolds was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections

04/25/25 Yeison Chacon-Padron was arrested on a McHenry County warrant. Chacon-Padron was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

04/27/25 Kassi Wherry 29, Bloomington was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Wherry was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

DeWitt County Sheriff’s Office

April 11-25

Allison Montgomery, 31, Clinton, was issued a Citation for Speeding (80 mph in a 65 mph zone). Montgomery was released with no Required Court Appearance.

Edwin Hawkes, 71, Champaign, was issued a Citation for Speeding (77

mph in a 55 mph zone). Hawkes was released with no Required Court Appearance.

Ashlynn Glick, 28, Lincoln, was issued a Citation for Speeding (75 mph in a 55 mph zone). Glick was released with no Required Court Appearance.

Dakota Moyer, 23, Clinton, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with Resist/PC Off/Corr Emp/FRFTR/FTA.

Carteiz Fowler, Jr., 26, Jacksonville, was arrested and charged with Use or Possession of Account Number or Code with Intent to Defraud.

Staci Hieronymus, 43, Atlanta, was issued a Citation for Speeding (74 mph in a 55 mph zone). Hieronymus was released with no Required Court Appearance.

Norman Eborg, 82, Bloomington, was issued a Citation for Speeding (71 mph in a 45 mph zone). Eborg was given a Notice to Appear and was released with a Required Court Appearance.

Steven McCaw, 69, Havana, was issued a Citation for Speeding (80 mph in a 55 mph zone). McCaw was released with no Required Court Appearance.

Byron Cole, 46, Springfield, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant Charging him with Driving on Revoked License.

Byron Smith, 41, Decatur, was arrested on a DeWitt County Warrant charging him with Retail Theft/Disp Merch/<\$300.

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

Debate on the Constitution

When I studied the Dead Sea Scrolls and Scriptures, I had my favorite passage. When I studied Egyptology, I had my favorite dynasty. And the list goes on.

Now, I wish to quote one of my favorite sections when I studied the Constitution at I.S.U. Please bear with me. Every sentence of this fantastic quote is influential and of quality from the New York Journal, dated November 29, 1787. Yes, during the time the constitution was being framed and debated.

I will warn you; prior to the 19th century, they did not bother much about when to end a paragraph and start another. Their sentences can also be run-ons and fairly long with the assistance of many commas.

“To the PEOPLE of the State of NEW YORK.

November 29, 1787.

“There can be no free government where the people are not possessed of the power of making the laws by which they are governed, either in their own persons, or by other substituted in their stead.

Experience has taught mankind, that legislation by representatives is the most eligible, and the only practicable mode in which the people of any country can exercise this right, either prudently or beneficially. But then, it is a matter of the highest importance, in forming this representation, that it be so constituted as to be capable of understanding the true interests of the society for which it acts, and so disposed as to pursue the



good and happiness of the people as its ultimate end. The object of every free government is the public good, and all lesser interests yield to it. That of every tyrannical government, is the happiness and aggrandizement of one, or a few, and to this the public felicity, and every other interest must submit. – The reason of this difference in these governments is obvious. The first is so constituted as to collect the views and wishes of the whole people in that of their rulers, while the latter is so framed as to separate the interests of the governors from that of the governed. The principle of self-love, therefore, that will influence the one to promote the good of the whole, will prompt the other to follow its own private advantage. The great art, therefore, in forming a good constitution, appears to be this, so to frame it, as that those to whom the power is committed shall be subject to the same feelings, and aim at the same objects as the people do, who transfer to them their authority. There is no possible way to effect this but by an equal, full and fair representation; this therefore, is the great desideratum in politics. However fair an appearance any government may make, though it may possess a

thousand plausible articles and be decorated with ever so many ornaments, yet if it is deficient in this essential principle of a full and just representation of the people, it will be only like a pointed sepulcher – for, without this it cannot be a free government; let the administration of it be good or ill, it still will be a government, not according to the will of the people, but according to the will of a few.” - The Debate on the Constitution, part one, by The Library of America, Bernard Bailyn editor. Pages 423 & 424.

These are powerful words echoing over two plus centuries. These provoking thoughts outline the essential direction for our representatives to fairly establish and protect a free and fair government of, for and by the people.

To do any less is a violation of this sacred trust as well as those that gave their energies, expertise and even their lives to protect and preserve it for generations to come.

Therefore, that violation is against everything for which these United States stands. No intimidation, lies, false promises or anything else an aspiring dictator applies should deviate, by one iota, any public servant from their binding oath to do their sacred duty.

A dictator is only as powerful as we allow. That is the view of this author. Let your views be heard by your Congressional representatives.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Obadiah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which Babylon king went insane living in the fields eating grass? Nebuchadnezzar, Solomon, Daniel, Herod
3. From Genesis 23, what was the first land purchase in the Bible? Garden, Hilltop, Cave, River shore
4. Which apostle was foreordained to minister to the Gentiles? Thomas, Paul, Andrew, John
5. According to Song of Solomon 1:2, what is love better than? Food, Wine, Money, Song
6. Which son of the dying Jacob did he compare to a vicious lion? Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Nebuchadnezzar, 3) Cave, 4) Paul, 5) Wine, 6) Judah

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by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 37:5-6

Commit your **way** to **the LORD**; **trust** in **him** **and** he **will** do **this**: He will **make** your **righteous reward shine** like the **dawn**, **your** vindication **like** the **noonday sun**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram.
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10 a.m.-worship



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

He who finds a wife
finds a good thing,
and obtains favor
from the Lord.

PROVERBS 18:22

Detail of “Queens of Persia at the Feet of Alexander”
by Gerard Edelinck, 1675



NEWS

Cuts / from A1

“I am mad about what’s going on. I’m angry,” he added.

A retired U.S. Army first lieutenant, Gerend was among the 200 people who gathered outside the McHenry Veterans Affairs clinic Sunday to protest the Trump administration’s plans to slash the agency’s workforce, sparking fears among veterans over the prospect of worsening care and growing unemployment.

Across Illinois, protests have been gaining strength since the proposed cuts were revealed. They range from veterans protesting last month at the Capitol in Springfield to demonstrations by nurses and staff at the Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago, who are concerned about the dangers to proper care and risk for veterans.

In an internal memo to senior agency leaders on March 4, VA chief of staff Christopher Syrek said the agency’s initial goal was “to return to our 2019-end strength numbers of 399,957 employees.” VA Secretary Doug Collins later confirmed the department’s target is to fire roughly 80,000 employees later this year, but he insisted the agency would strive for more efficiency while not cutting benefits and care to the 9 million veterans it serves. According to the Pew Research Center, a quarter of the workers at the Department of Veterans Affairs are themselves veterans.

The move comes after the VA expanded during the Biden administration, fueled by the passing of legislation like the 2022 Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics, PACT, Act, expanding medical benefits for veterans who were exposed to toxins from burn pits of trash on military bases.

“I’m getting later in my years, so it’s gonna affect some younger folks possibly more than me, so I’m more afraid for them than I am for myself,” said Gerend, who has used VA services for 12 years.

VA workers in distress

The VA attempted to lay off at least 2,400 probationary employees in February. According

to the department, those in “mission-critical” positions — including Veterans Crisis Line responders — were not affected. Yet, several crisis line staffers received a notice, according to union leaders.

Some of the department’s Illinois workers were axed, too, and U.S. Sen. Tammy Duckworth said the ensuing “chaos” had left the VA less efficient with longer wait times and more backlogs in service.

“I was almost finished with my two-year-long probationary period when I received an email saying I was terminated because of my performance effective that day, (Feb. 24),” said one Illinois-based VA employee, who spoke on the condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation. “I had outstanding performance reviews, but the fact that they labeled it as a performance-based solution meant that I couldn’t get unemployment (benefits).”

The employee was rehired in March after a federal judge ordered the Trump administration to reinstate the fired probationary employees at several departments, including the VA.

In April, however, the Supreme Court halted the federal judge’s ruling, allowing the federal government to keep thousands of probationary federal employees it attempted to fire off the payroll while lower courts weigh whether the downsizing efforts are legal.

“Everybody is nervous and on edge,” the employee said. “Their jobs are not secure. Nobody’s jobs are secure.”

With the threat of more cuts looming, some Illinois facilities have already started laying people off, causing health care workers more distress.

Heather Fallon, a VA nurse in the Chicago area, said one of her colleagues returned to the facility as a patient after learning that their job “was being eliminated.”

“The person had a conversation with family over dinner about how they are going to pay for their daughter’s college,” she recalled. “The patient

ended up developing some pain related to the stress, coming to the emergency department and being admitted because of the health problems that were precipitated by the stress that that person was under.”

“That really affected our staff quite a lot,” Fallon added.

Some fear that the upcoming mass layoffs, especially in smaller towns across rural Illinois, are going to negatively impact populations at large.

“Danville is a small town. It consists of about 29,000 people, and if we lose 400 good-paying government jobs, that will devastate our economy here,” said Mickensy Ellis-White, a veteran of the Iraq War from Vermilion County and former chair of the Vermilion County Democratic Party. “Where are those people going to go to get new jobs? That’s going to negatively affect all of us.”

The level of care diminishes

Even before the cuts were announced by the Trump administration, it had been difficult for health facilities within the VA system to maintain enough staff and resources, like beds, available. According to the 2024 VA Office of Inspector General report, 86% of all Veteran Health Administration medical facilities reported severe staffing shortages of medical officers, whereas 82% reported severe shortages of nurses.

The mass slashes to the department’s workforce will only worsen the preexisting lack of personnel, according to Fallon, who said she knows of several nurses who have already submitted job applications to other places in the private sector as the threat of the layoffs looms. “A friend of mine at the St. Louis VA had her care appointment canceled because they didn’t have a provider, and that’s a direct result of the cuts,” said Jessica Motsinger, a disabled U.S. Navy veteran living 12 miles east of St Louis in the Metro East. “It really is devastating, and if it hasn’t really affected somebody, it will very shortly.”

This is not an isolated incident.

“We had a patient yesterday who needed services that we didn’t have open beds at our facility. The solution was that they were going to send him to a different facility, more than an hour away, and he was very upset about that,” Fallon said. “He wasn’t able to go home to get his belongings, and he didn’t feel like his belongings were safe where they were, and his family wouldn’t be able to visit him there, so he would be very isolated.”

According to the official data, 247,140 Illinoisians were enrolled in the VA health care system in fiscal year 2023, and the state’s veteran medical facilities provided services to 162,366 unique patients. Although the impacts of the layoffs are likely to extend throughout the state, the cuts would hit northeastern Illinois the hardest, the counties with the highest percentage of veteran population.

Many veterans are fearful of what is to come — but also angry.

“They think that, since we use the word ‘disabled,’ somehow we’re receiving benefits that we’re not entitled to,” Motsinger said. “But people don’t get this just because we somehow scammed somebody or paid something, we’ve totally earned this. We raised our hand; we offered to sacrifice our lives.”

“I’m sorry America decided to have war for over 20 years. Now you have veterans, an entire generation that you owe us to care for us, not asking for anything other than what we’ve earned,” she said.

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Effervescence

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights.

I fear situations will get worse. I do not know about you, but I am addicted to coke. Wait a minute. I am talking about Coca-Cola. My addiction includes Pepsi. Pepsi, in particular, might have difficulties here in the United States due to tariffs. Canada is angry with us and I do not blame them. As a result, Canada might ban essential products rather than place a tariff on them. Either way, Pepsi might become scarce soon. I will outline an alternative. I am going way back for this one.

In my early adventurous years, I took up the art of making wine and beer. I wanted to see if I could do it. Wine was simple if the right kind of yeast was used and a selection of good grapes. Beer was trickier. The procedure used on beer is similar to that used in making champagne. One needs to use a hydrometer to get the correct alcohol level and a pressure reading for obtaining the correct pressure and carbonation saturation. It is also necessary to bottle it correctly.

Now, we need to know the basics of producing carbonated beverages. As a child, I liked watching Hellen Chambers create the cola drinks at the soda counter. She owned Chamber’s drugstore eastside of the square. Hers were the best. Put in the ice, a short measure of syrup, and then shoot in the carbonated water. Give it a few stirs and serve. That is how I got hooked on cokes.

To make your own, follow the same procedure. Carbonated water can be



The Culinary Corner Chef Roger Joss

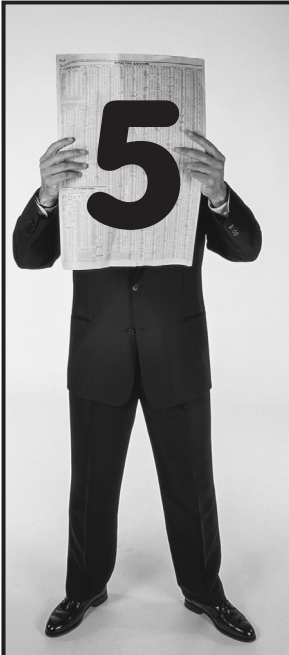
bought at the grocery store. It is generally used for making alcoholic mixed drinks. Therefore, look in the alcoholic beverage isle. If for some reason they do not have it, then make your own using the same principle for making beer.

As explained in an earlier article, sodium bicarbonate mixed with an acid produces salt, water and carbon dioxide. One will need to experiment to get the correct proportions of both. I would tell you, but I forgot. The trick is to get it to the point when neither the acid nor the bicarbonate can be tasted; it is neutral. Now we are ready.

Put the base and acid into a round bottle first. Then add your syrup and filtered water. Then cap it quickly. The cap should be tight enough to hold in the pressure being produced by the reaction but loose enough to allow the excess pressure to escape. The pressure helps to compress the gasses sufficiently to stay in the water. As soon as the bottle is opened for consumption, you should be able to see bubbles coming to the surface. When experimenting, I found fruit jars used in canning works well.

The ideal amount of pressure needed is between 40 to 55 pounds per square inch at room temperature. No more and no less.

Until next time, peace to all.



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Arbor Day 2025



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A tree was planted in the city arboretum in honor of the late Mike Reidy, former Clinton Chief of Police. Joann Reidy and sons Billy and Joe and their families attended the Arbor Day ceremony to honor former Chief Reidy.



The Clinton Scouts participated in the flag raising ceremony on Arbor Day.



Clinton Police Chief Ben Lowers paid tribute to former Clinton Police Chief Mike Reidy in his remarks at the April 26 Arbor Day ceremony. Reidy's wife Joann and sons Billy and Joe and their families, attended the ceremony during which a Greenspire Linden tree was planted in honor of the chief who passed away on April 27, 2024.



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Arbor Day 2025



Clinton students who were winners of the Arbor Day Poster Contest were recognized at the Arbor Day ceremony, along with the Junior Foresters from Clinton Elementary School.



Local children and members of the Reidy family helped plant the Greenspire Linden tree in the Clinton Arboretum located at East Jefferson and Taylor Street.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
PUBLIC MEETING

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold a virtual public meeting on the Clinton Power Station License Renewal Application to collect comments on the NRC's draft supplement environmental impact statement.

The meeting will be held via webinar on Tuesday May 6, 2025 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm (ET).

The information for the meeting can be found at the NRC Public Meeting Notice System link below:

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Pass Pass

Perhaps East should have tried 5♦ over 4♠, that would be a cheap sacrifice if 4♠ is making. Instead, she guesses to defend and must find a nice defensive play if she is to justify her shyness in the bidding.

You are that shy East, so try looking at only the N-E hands. West leads the ♦K, won by Declarer's Ace. A Diamond is ruffed in Dummy, followed by a Spade to Declarer's Ace. Then a Club to Dummy's Jack and your Queen. What next?

At this point, you cannot play a Club or a Diamond without blowing a trick, so you must shift to a Heart. Which Heart? It seems routine to play a low Heart, but let's stop and think. If Declarer has the ♥K it won't matter what you do, so let's assume that West has the King. If West has the ♥J to go along with that King then you can shift to any old Heart, again it won't matter. So the case to worry about is the one you see looking at all four hands.

Look what happens if you shift to a low Heart. Dummy plays low, West must play the King, losing to the Ace. That's only one Heart loser for Declarer. The required shift is the Heart *Ten*! Your Ten and Eight have Dummy's Nine "surrounded" and that's what makes the surprising shift to the Ten the winning play. The Ten is covered by the Jack, King and Ace, after which East's Q8 sits over Dummy's 92, providing two Heart tricks for the defense.

Surrounding plays don't happen every day, and are easy to miss in the heat of battle. But now that you are an expert on the subject you will no doubt spot this one right away:

Dummy T65
West A432 East KJ9
Declarer Q87

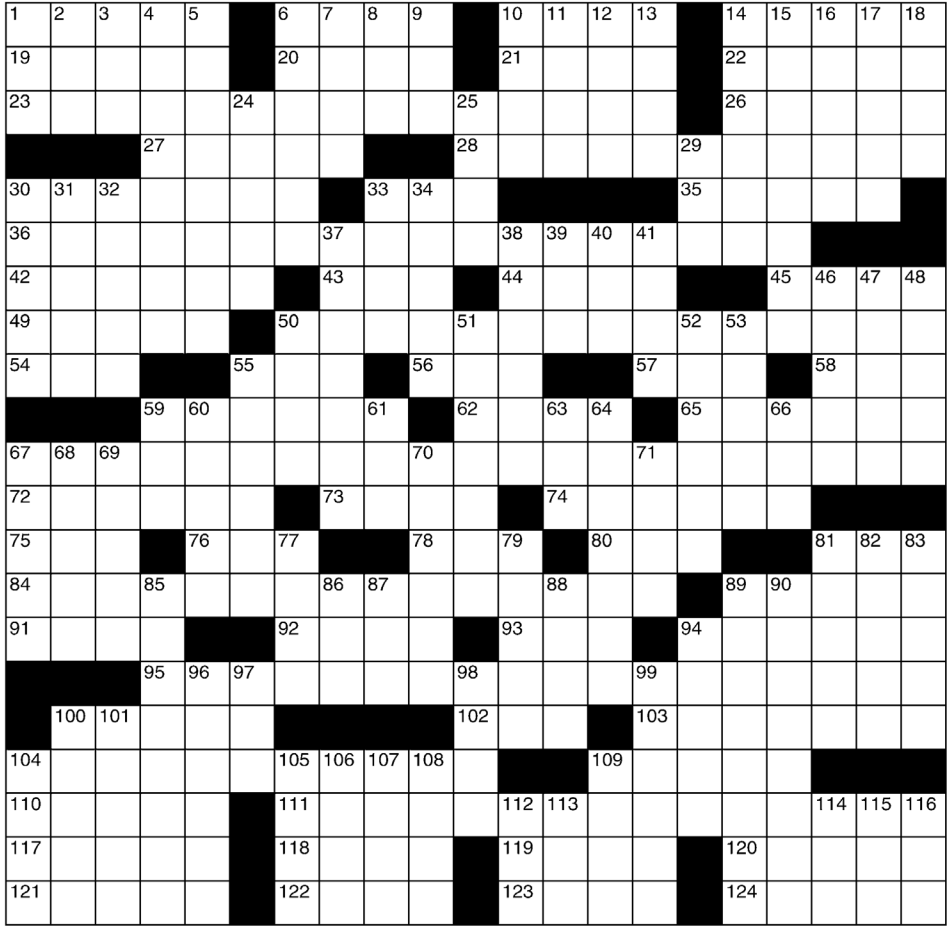
East's J9 surround Dummy's Ten and it is a shift to the *Jack* which is the winning play, picking up the whole suit.

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Super Crossword

TRIPLE-E PLAY

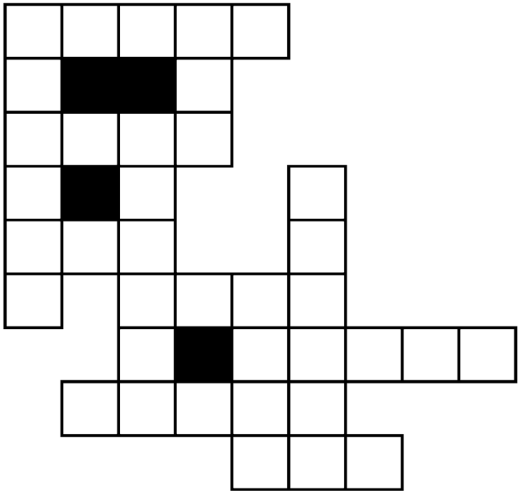
- ACROSS
1 Degrade
6 Sandler of "Grown Ups"
10 Adverse fate
14 Birch's cousin
19 Bob of folk rock
20 It uses poses called asanas
21 "Waterloo" group
22 Wife of Gorbachev
23 Paper version of an online publication, informally
26 Cairo's home
27 1989 Series champs
28 Share the same view
30 Region of northern France
33 That man's
35 The "P" of S&P
36 Assessment of a worker's performance
42 Moon goddess
43 Dernier — (latest thing)
44 Patronage: Var.
45 Befuddled
49 Give rise to
- 50 Hearty brunch dishes
54 People with clout
55 That woman
56 NBC TV inits.
57 The "S" of RSVP
58 Pi follower
59 Port in Italia
62 Moore of the Brat Pack
65 San — (certain Californian)
67 Christmas carol whose titular flower symbolizes Mary
72 Hindu god incarnate
73 — bene
74 Brainpower
75 TV's Turner
76 Q followers
78 Curve part of psychic acts
81 Just out
84 Portrayer of Rainbow Johnson on "Black-ish"
89 Clan
91 Kett of comics
92 Bona fide
93 Lamb nurse
- 94 Israeli money
95 "Sixteen Tons"
100 See
103 Sets off to the right of the margin
104 Fish also called "unagi"
109 Fury
110 Root in perfumery
111 R.E.M.'s debut single
117 Garlic mayonnaise
118 Old overlord
119 Pub projectile
120 Rapids craft
121 Jam-packed
122 "Don't look —!"
123 With 100-Across, sailor's greeting
124 Flee to marry
- DOWN
1 Tack on
2 "Later!"
3 Styled like
4 Sob stories
5 Make a king
6 Sailor's positive reply
7 Performs
8 Era
9 Furious
10 Itinerary info
11 Big Apple stage award
12 Wind quintet instrument
13 Lots of
14 Playground retort
15 Like a shallow bay in an atoll
16 Handy sort
17 Some sports awards
18 Per-unit cost
24 Color again, as hair
25 Rae of "Insecure"
29 Start for glottis or Pen
30 Joe of "Home Alone"
31 "To clarify ..."
32 Grade just above average
33 Man, in Berlin
34 Wall-climbing plants
37 Level of rank
38 Actress Sobieski
39 Fleece-lined boot brand
40 Insurance co. bailed out in 2008
41 General — chicken
46 1994 French Open winner
47 Actor Hawke
48 "I feel — coming on!"
50 Thunder god
51 Makes lovable
52 Olympic skater Ito
53 "The Waste Land" poet
55 Scanty
59 "Fat chance!"
60 Enlightened
61 Kin of "equi-"
63 Wifely title
64 Early PC operator, often
66 Gp. activated by a 911 call
67 Espresso with hot milk
68 Undisguised
69 Attacked
70 Sells online
71 Metallica drummer
77 Beach bird
79 Inch along
81 Pentax rival
82 Roger of film review
83 Solders, e.g.
85 Tall marsh plants
86 Golf's Trevino
87 — Vegas
88 Is in the red
89 2017-19 HBO drama series
90 Doctor's pass-along to a specialist
94 Burn slightly
96 Itty-bitty
97 Science educator Bill
98 Greeting to 'Enry 'Iggins
99 Forty-five times two
100 Actress Dressler
101 Chef's wear
104 "The Grapes of Wrath" hero Tom
105 Mex. miss
106 Sunrise side
107 Dutch cheese
108 St. Pat's land
109 Prefix with space
112 Rx watchdog
113 Cheer word
114 Artist Yoko
115 Dad
116 Apt shoe width to wear when solving this puzzle?



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

GO FIGURE!

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

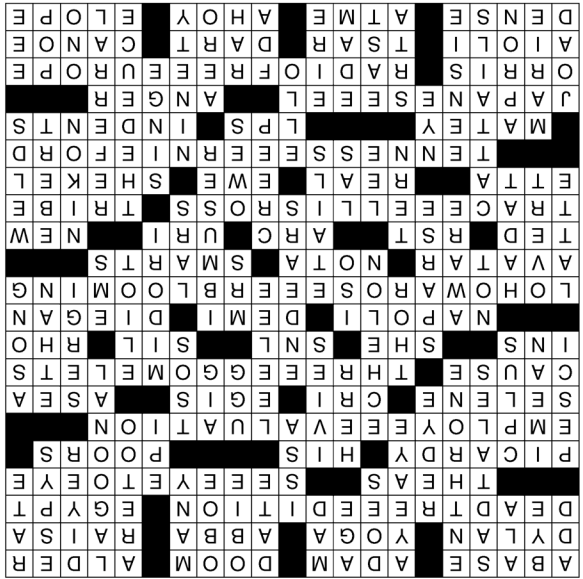
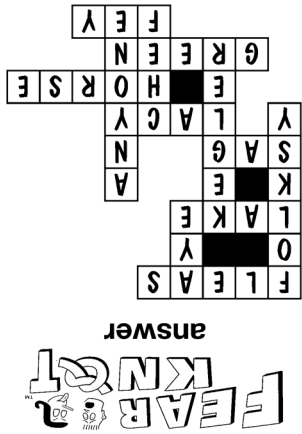
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DEWITT COUNTY - CLINTON, ILLINOIS

M&T BANK

Plaintiff,
-v.-

LISA DIANE DIBIS-CEGLIE et al

Defendant

2024 FC 19

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Property Index No. 09-18-488-004 nka 09-18-488-007

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April 25, May 2,
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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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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 decedent; 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 County 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

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April 18, 25, & May 2, 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 CARLA JEAN GOOD, DECEASED
2025-PR-21

CLAIM DATE NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

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

Letters of Office were issued on April 25, 2025 to Alicia L. Sparks, 905 Maple Grove Lane, Williamsville, IL 62693 as independent executor. The attorney for the estate is Yelyzaveta Paskevych of Taylor & Lynch, LLC, 216 South Center Street, P.O. Box 478, Clinton, Illinois, 61727.

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Dated this 21st day of April, 2025.

Alicia L. Sparks, independent executor of the estate of Carla Jean Good, deceased

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LEGAL 20345
April 25, May 2, May 9, 2025

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LEGAL 20346
April 25, May 2, 2025

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LEGAL 20347
April 25, May 2, May 9, 2025

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**RUBBISH ROLL OFFS
450 MAPLE ST
PO BOX 183
WELDON IL 61882**

Dated this 9 day of April 2025

/s/ Kari L. Harris
County Clerk

No. 2025DBA-0224

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LEGAL 20348
May 2, May 9, May 16, 2025

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On Monday, May 5 at 9:00 am OR 1:30 pm, a meeting conducted via Google Meet at the following web address:

9:00 am meet.google.com/cho-zfppdyg or via phone by calling (US) +1 225-522-1504#PIN: 949 984 591# or
1:30 pm meet.google.com/jra-juzm-khc or via phone by calling (US) +1 262-843-5248#PIN: 902 105 524#.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2025-

26 school year. If you are the parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Clinton CUSD 15, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Kari Veldman, Special Education Administrator, 217-308-8064.

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• Has spring weather become windier, leading to storms that coincide with the period when crop fields are most vulnerable in April and May, before and just after planting?

• When the winds increase over bare or recently planted farm fields, are soil particles now more likely to be picked up and moved by the wind?

• How many deaths occur from dust storms in Illinois?

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in an April 2023 article, dust storm deaths are underreported. NOAA states that 14 to 32 deaths from these storms occur per year across the country. In 2023, eight people were killed in one dust storm on a central Illinois interstate highway.

Factoring In Weather

A recorded review of April wind speeds for Illinois from NOAA shows that 2023 and 2024 were higher than average. Wind speeds in the month of May, however, were lower than the historical average. While, in general, soil moisture has been adequate the past few years, there have been times of below-average soil moisture.

According to the Illinois State Water Survey at Prairie Research Institute research tracking, this was the case during the severe dust storm in May 2023.

“Another factor related to weather is to examine the potential evapotranspiration, which is the amount of moisture that plants and soil can give off if the moisture is available,” says Duane Friend, climate change specialist with University of Illinois Extension. “Current weather research shows that potential evaporation has, in fact, increased in recent years, but most of that evaporation has occurred during the summer, not the spring.”

Even though it doesn’t appear any trends can explain the recent dust storms, there can still be very localized conditions where surface soil may be dry, and winds may be sufficient on individual days that could cause dust storms to occur. The answer is that weather is not causing widespread dust storms but might be a factor in localized situations.

Factoring in Farming Practices

Dust storms are not new occurrences in Illinois. The Dust Bowl storms of the 1930s quickly

come to mind, but dust storms also occurred in the 1960s and 1970s. The storms abated as reduced tillage practices occurred partly due to concerns about erosion and a method to conserve fuel during and after the oil crisis of the 1970s.

But what has changed? With modern tillage methods, the speed of farming has almost doubled in just a few years. Farmers invested profits into updating farm machinery with high-speed equipment.

Why has farming speed increased? First, in the late 2010s, the planting season stretched well into June in some years, resulting in lower yields. In some cases, fields could not be planted due to weather conditions. Planting faster allows crops to be planted earlier, resulting in higher overall yields. Technological advances in farm machinery have expanded farm equipment’s speed and productivity, leading to more efficient cultivation of more row crop farmland planted in April and May.

Additionally, vertical tillage tools are good at breaking up corn stalks. Vertical tillage lifts and loosens the top area of the soil. However,

multiple passes on corn stalks left over from the previous crops leave behind reduced plant residue on the surface, resulting in soil particles becoming airborne. Even with vertical tillage equipment, fall tillage greatly reduces soybean stubble, which can hold soil particles in place. After multiple tillage passes, a loose horizon of topsoil that can easily blow is left behind.

Farmers fall till to increase the odds of getting planted in the spring should rains occur and then till again in the spring before planting. Two and three passes with tillage equipment are not uncommon, each pass reducing the protection of soil particles and reducing topsoil to a powder. Imagine pouring baby powder into a hand and then blowing on it. What happens is a smaller-scale version of what happens on farm fields. The particles blow away.

Factoring in Profitability

Are more frequent and intensive tillage practices more profitable? Conservation research has shown profitability decreased or stayed the same with increased tillage passes and intensity of seedbed preparation on corn. According

to a 2015-2023 Data Summary Report, The Business Case for Conservation, released by Precision Conservation Management, light tillage had a slight benefit with soybean production but not with more frequent and intensive tillage practices.

Farmers may be reluctant to give up their investment. So, what can be done? “One option is to reduce the number of passes across a field with tillage equipment, including on corn stalks,” says Kevin Brooks, commercial agriculture educator with Illinois Extension.

Second, fall tillage on soybean stubble should be eliminated altogether. This elimination is especially important because research shows no benefit to fall tillage on soybean stubble, both on yield and financial returns.

While pinpointing the exact causes of recent dust storms may be difficult due to the many factors involved, all can agree on the need to prevent future tragedies. Farmers can consider reducing or eliminating tillage.

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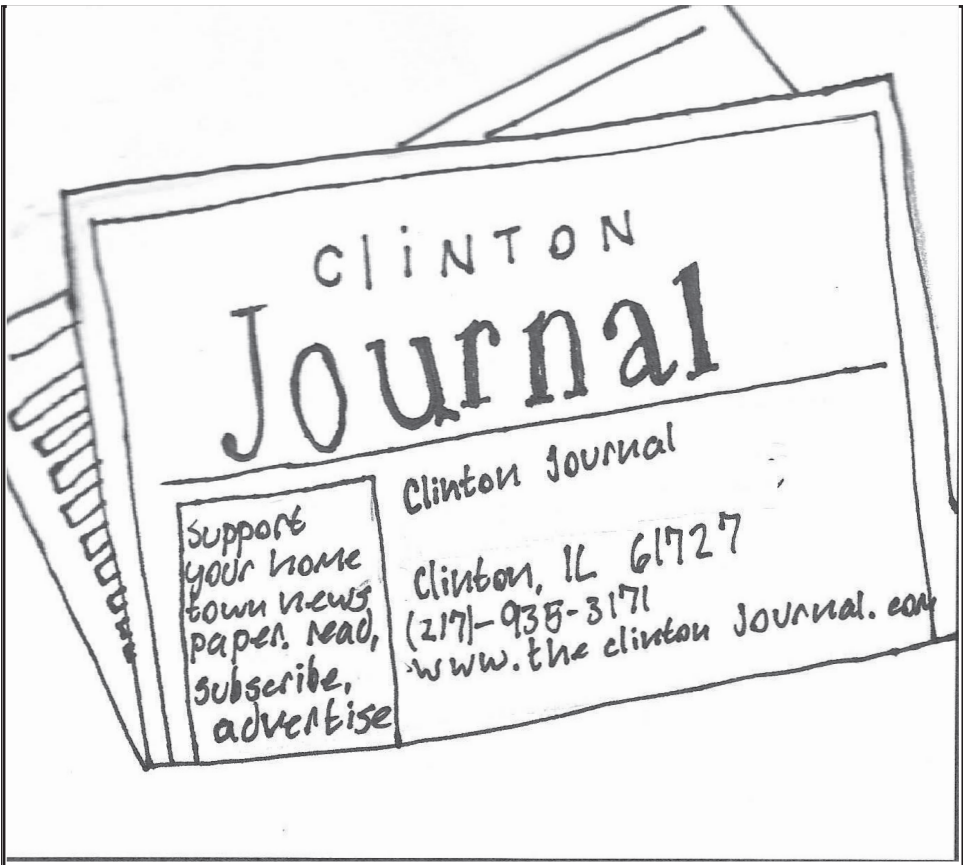
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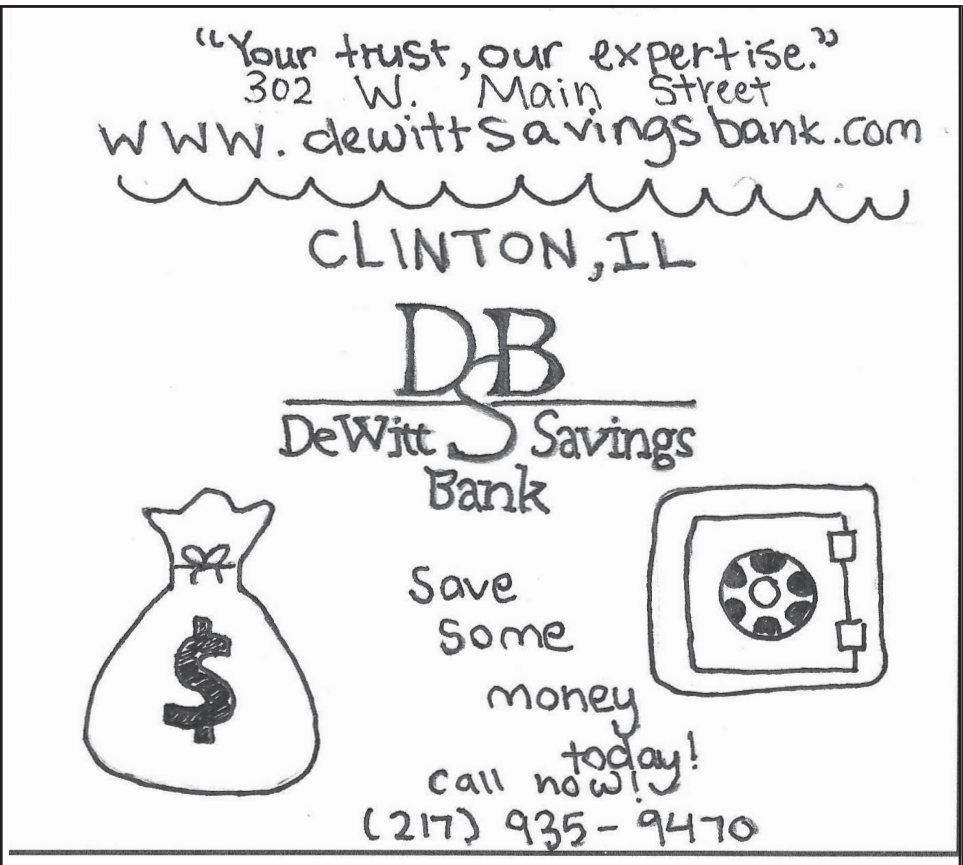
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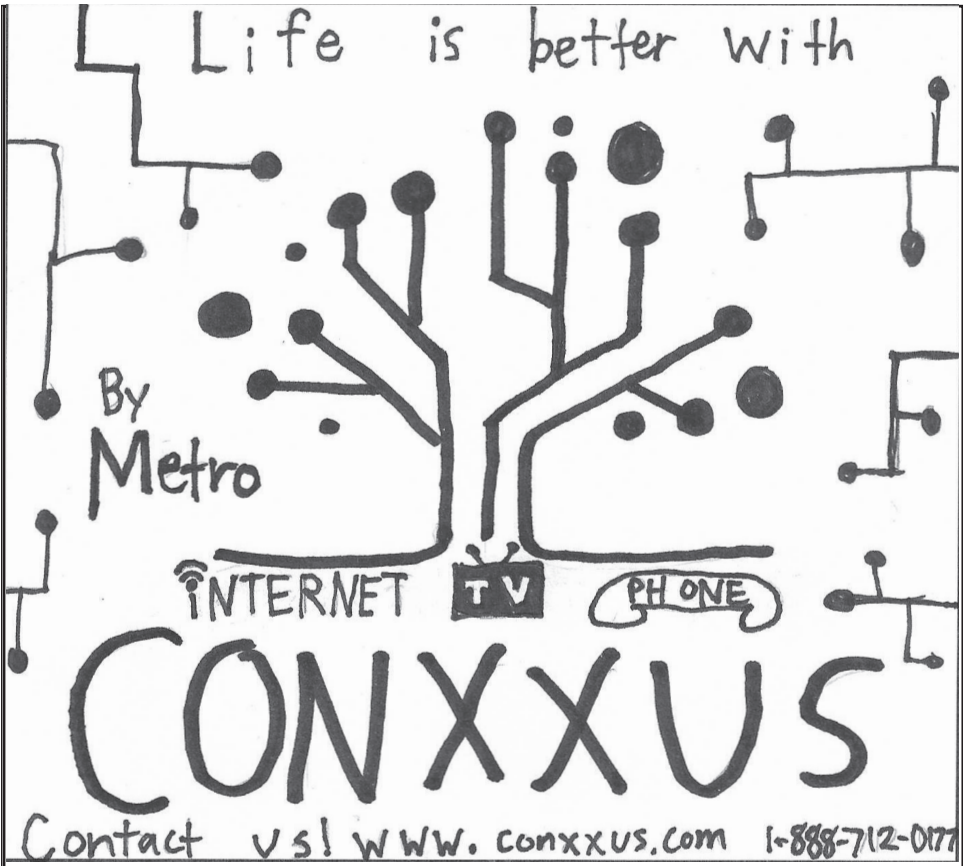
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Eastern Illinois Foodbank announces ‘Foodmobile’ in DeWitt County

Contact: Sophie Ellis, Eastern Illinois Foodbank, 217-328-3663
When: Saturday, May 17 2025
Where: DeWitt County

DEWITT COUNTY – Eastern Illinois Foodbank (EIF) is distributing food to area families facing food insecurity. The Foodmobile will travel throughout DeWitt County on 05/17/2025, with distribution

sites and times and for each town listed at <https://www.eifoodbank.org/help/mobile.html>.

The distribution is part of the Foodbank’s Foodmobile Program, a system of mobile food pantries designed to help bring nutritious food to rural or underserved areas.

Income guidelines are as follows:

DHS MAXIMUM MONTHLY GROSS INCOME FOR RECEIPT OF USDA COMMODITIES

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Monthly Income	\$3,913	\$5,288	\$6,663	\$8,038	\$9,413	\$10,788	\$12,163	\$13,538	\$14,913	\$16,288

For households with more than 10 persons, add \$1,340 for each additional person up to 300% FPL.

Updates regarding future food distributions can be found at the Foodbank’s website at www.eifoodbank.org

‘Foodmobile’ in Farmer City May 3

When: Saturday, May 3 2025 from 9 – 10 AM
Where: Trinity Community Fellowship, 1300 W. Clinton Ave, Farmer City, IL

FARMER CITY – Eastern Illinois Foodbank (EIF) is distributing food to area families facing food insecurity. The distribution will be held at Trinity Community Fellowship in Farmer City, Illinois on 05/03/2025 from 9 – 10 AM

and is open to residents of DeWitt, Piatt, and McLean counties. Those attending are asked to bring boxes or bags to transport food.

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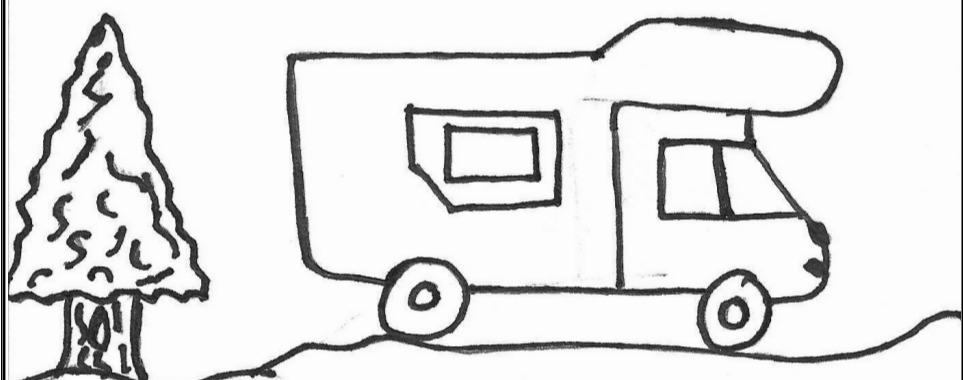
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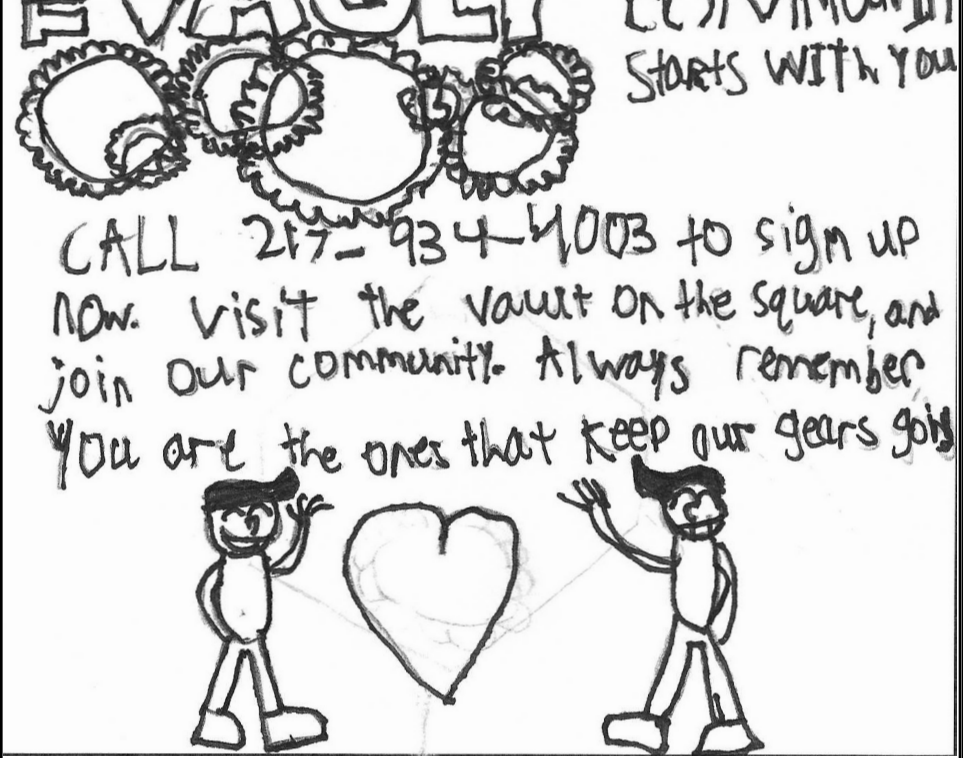


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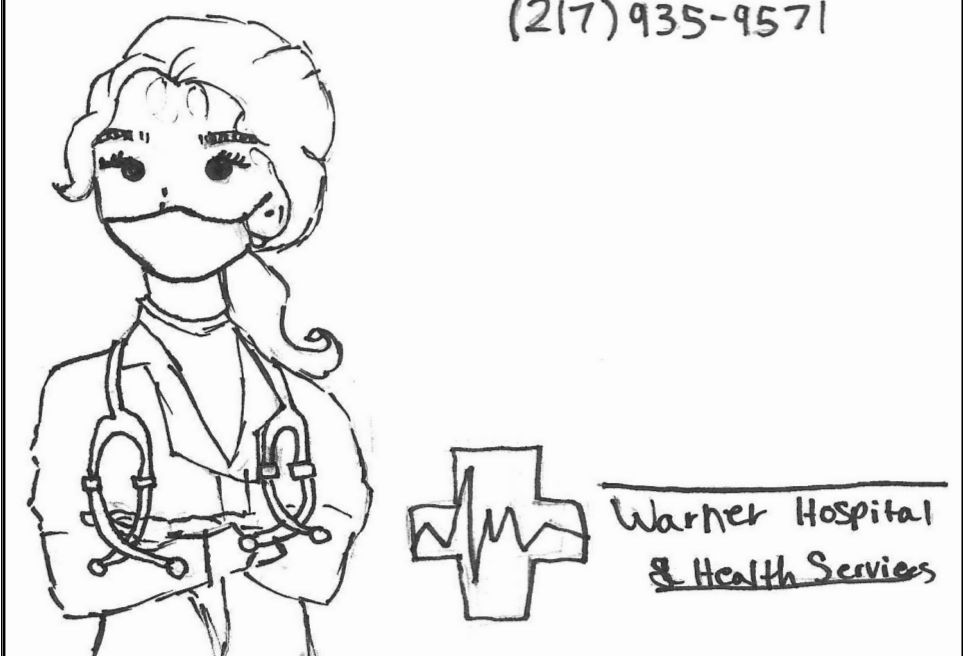
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Information from the National Weather Service



Friday
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chance of rain
High 69



Saturday
Sunny
High 63



Sunday
Sunny
High 71



Monday
Sunny
High 73



Tuesday
Sunny
High 77



Wednesday
Sunny
High 77



Thursday
Sunny
High 78

Weather History

May 2
1929: Winter made one last appearance in central Illinois. Springfield reported 6/10 of an inch of snow, which is the latest date that measurable snow has fallen in the city.

1942: A family of strong tornadoes moved across central Illinois. Tornadoes touched down in eastern

Morgan County, then moved northeast. The tornadoes hit south of New Berlin, then moved across far northwestern Springfield, passing south of Elkhart, and lifting near Waynesville, in DeWitt County. In the town of Franklin, 105 homes were damaged or destroyed, with some debris carried four miles. One person died, and 12 were injured.

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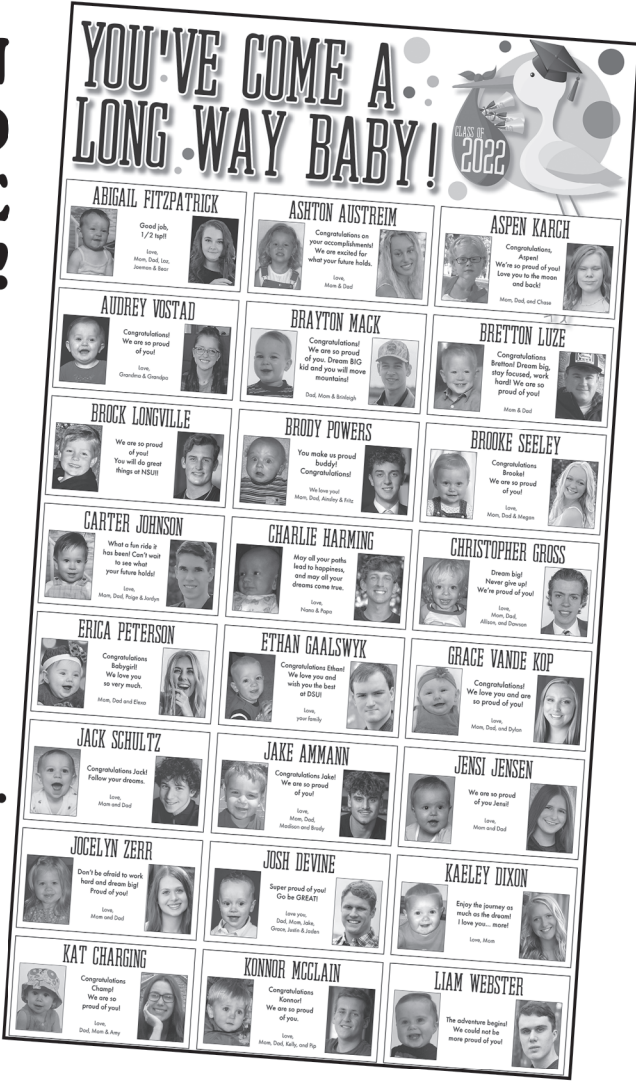
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