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## CHS spring concert 2025

A capacity crowd enjoyed last week's Clinton High School band annual spring concert. Senior and other awards also were presented. **See more photos on page A8.**

## Deteriorated sewer line will be replaced in the county building

Gordon Woods

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CLINTON — Age and conditions have taken a toll on the systems beneath the DeWitt County Building, requiring the county board to initiate some repairs.

The board voted recently to replace a sewer line serving the county building for \$8,550 from Trimble

Plumbing.

Property committee chairman Terry Ferguson briefed board members on the current situation.

“We’ve got a sewer leak on the back side of the building,” Ferguson said. “The pipe broke a couple of years ago in the restroom area, and now it’s gone on down the line.”

Ferguson said it was a cast iron line that settled

and rusted out. He said the work will currently involve only the restroom and hallway area.

“But, for those of us who remember, they built the courthouse in a mud hole,” Ferguson said. “And, I’m surprised the pipes and everything under the building haven’t settled and rusted out before now.”

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## ‘Mom would have loved you!’

*Editor’s Note: Clinton Journal manager Katy O’Grady-Pyne recently lost her sister-in-law. This article shares just a few highlights of her memories.*

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“Mom would have loved you!”

My sister-in-law Phyllis said these words to me many times over the 40 years I have known her. Phyllis was my husband’s sister and the only girl among the four siblings. Brother Ed is two years older, my husband Steve is eight years younger, and brother Tom, 11 years younger. Their mom died when Phyllis was only 16.

Losing a loved one is always hard, but the memories can bring smiles.



Phyllis and her niece Kelly, circa 2001.

When our son Casey was born, Phyllis’ kids were nearly grown. We were living in Riverton at the time with no family or friends nearby, so she came to help. Phyllis had a close bond with our

kids. I suspect she had the same relationship with her other sisters-in-law and their kids, but she always made me feel like ours was special.

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# NEWS

## County / from A1

Ferguson said, since the county building is approximately 40 years old, the necessity for additional work later would not surprise him.

In additional business, Ferguson also reported landscaping work around the county building was about to begin.

“They’re going to try to make it a weekend project so it minimizes impact on business hours here at the courthouse,” Ferguson said.

The board approved a joint funding agreement for a countywide guardrail upgrade project.

“...That will upgrade just over 20 guardrail locations throughout the county,” said road and bridge committee chairman Jamie Prestegaard. “The project does include a federal funding component to it.”

The agreement appropriates a maximum of \$300,000 from the county motor fuel tax fund.

Board members approved an offer of three healthcare plans through Blue Cross/Blue Shield for county employees beginning July 1. The county’s portion will remain at \$740 per month per employee.

“We did add a new health insurance plan that is going to be lower than the other two plans,” reported finance committee chairman Melonie Tilley.

Employees who pick the lower plan will save about \$3 over their previous plan.

“Otherwise, it’s no more

than about a \$30 increase if you choose one of the other two plans,” Tilley said.

The board also approved the following appointments and reappointments:

- reappoint Steve Schaefer to the Clinton Sanitary District for a three-year term to expire on the first Monday of May 2028
- appoint Kelly Burton, Clinton, to the DeWitt County Community Mental Health Board to fill an unexpired term with term set to expire March 31, 2026
- reappoint Rebecca Perry as trustee to the Kenney Fire Protection District with a term ending April 30, 2028.
- appoint Jeffrey Wrage as trustee to the Wapella Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term to expire on the first Monday of May, 2028
- reappoint John Perring as trustee to the Waynesville Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term to expire on the first Monday of May, 2028
- reappoint Robert F. Kuntz as trustee of the Clinton Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term to expire on the first Monday of May, 2028
- reappoint Robert D. Walters as trustee of the Weldon Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term to expire on the first Monday of May, 2028



Journal file photo

## NEW FLOOR AT THE MUSEUM

For those who are curious about the flooring projects which took place this past winter in the formal parlor and music room, the DeWitt County Museum Association Board of Directors will host a spring open house on the afternoon of Sunday, May 18, 1-5 p.m. at the C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum. This is a free event open to the public. All will be welcomed at the front door, admission-free.

Photos courtesy of DeWitt County Museum



# MayDays 2025

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NEWS

Electronic recycling day in Clinton June 28

CLINTON — The City of Clinton will sponsor an electronics recycling day from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 28 at 101 E. Washington Street.

Televisions, microwave ovens, large appliances and other electronic items will be accepted for disposal. A charge of \$20 for TVs and large appliances will apply, with a \$5 charge for microwaves and exercise equipment.

Cell phones, laptop computers, monitors, printers, back-up batteries, hard drives, cables and game systems are also among the items that will be accepted.

Participants are not required to be Clinton residents.

Midwest Computer Recycling will host the recycling day / (847) 582-1730 / ez2recycle.com.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Clinton Police Department

Citations

04/30/25 Justin Hackett 47, Clinton was issued a citation for passing a school bus while loading/unloading. Hackett was issued a notice to appear.

05/01/25 Jermain Mathews 40, Decatur was issued a citation for no rear registration light.

05/02/25 Dallas Atchison 20, Clinton was issued a citation for speed.

05/04/25 Payton Tarter 24, Clinton was issued a citation for speed

Arrests

05/01/25 Jamie Sheets 45, Decatur was charged with driving while license revoked and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Sheets was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

05/01/25 Mark Meade 19, Clinton was charged with aggravated battery / public place. Meade was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

05/03/25 Lamont Sanford 33, Decatur was arrested on a Macon County warrant. Sanford was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

05/04/25 Jaleesa Grayson 34, Normal was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended drivers license. Grayson was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and

released to corrections.

05/05/25 Randy Reiser 29, Clinton was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a revoked drivers license. Reiser was arrested on an Indiana warrant. Reiser was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

Dewitt County Sheriff's Office

April 25-May 2

Blake Torres, 34, Bloomington, was issued a Citation for Speeding (86 mph in a 55 mph zone). Torres was released with a Required Court Appearance.

Romeo Batsie, 18, Bartonville, was issued Citations for Operating Uninsured Vehicle; Leaving Scene of Crash; Failure to Report Crash to Authority; Driving Too Fast for Conditions; Violation of Classification and Operation of Vehicle without Evidence of Registration. Batsie was released with a Required Court Appearance.

Chelsie Brown, 36, Mansfield, was issued a Citation for Speeding (80 mph in a 55 mph zone). Brown was released with no Required Court Appearance.

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

Woods will present program at genealogical society May 13

CLINTON — The DeWitt County Genealogical Society will hold its May meeting on Tuesday, May 13, at 4 p.m. in the Genealogy Room of the Vespasian Warner Public Library.

Mark Woods will present “Copy and Restoration of Old Photos.” Members and the general public are welcome to attend.

Smart devices

Convenience versus safety -- sometimes it's impossible to have both when it comes to tech devices.

There are more smart devices than we could have imagined 10 years ago, and every day brings something new. We have smart door locks, thermostats, refrigerators, indoor and outdoor security cameras, televisions, cellphones, light bulbs, speakers and wall plugs.

Whether it's data breaches, surveillance, intrusions, hijack of your device or outright cyber attacks and theft of your information, smart devices can make you vulnerable if they are hacked.

Take smart thermostats, for example. Those smart gadgets track all kinds of things about you. Scariest of all is that they keep track of when you leave home and when you come back, information that a thief would like to have.

If you want a smart device, be sure you understand the downside and the risks. Keep the software updated, use strong passwords and understand the settings, especially on any device with a camera

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

or microphone. Your smart television speakers could work in the reverse and capture the sounds in the room, for example.

Before you buy a smart device, or to learn more about devices you might already have, go online to search for “dangers of smart devices.”

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Margie A. Chapman

CLINTON — Margie A. Chapman, 83, of Clinton, passed away at 4:30 a.m. on May 4, 2025, at Accolade Healthcare of Pontiac, Pontiac, Ill.

Services will be conducted at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2025, at the Clinton Church of God, Clinton, with Pastor Mark Cooper officiating. Visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday at the church. Private family burial at Woodlawn Cemetery, Clinton, will be at a later date. Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to Second Chance for Pets pet adoption.

Margie was born on April 14, 1942, in Clinton, the daughter of Ernest “E.J.” and Lillie (Hoge) Stokes.

Survivors include her children, Jenny (Mark) Scherf, Plainfield, Ill.; Harold (Annette)



Chapman, Lincoln, Ill.; Joe (Carla) Chapman, Sparta, Tenn.; and Tracy Chapman, New Johnsonville, Tenn.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and two on the way; and brother, Charles (Mollie) Stokes, Sarasota, Fla.

Margie was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, and two brothers.

One of Margie's greatest joys was watching deer at Weldon Springs.

Online condolences may be made at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com)

Mavis Arlene McMahon

CLINTON — Mavis Arlene McMahon, 93 of Clinton, passed away at 10:55 p.m. on May 2, 2025, at her home in Clinton.

A celebration of Mavis' life will be held from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at the Eagles Lodge, Clinton. The family entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with cremation rites.

Memorials in Mavis' name may be directed to Second Chance for Pets.

Mavis was born on May 11, 1931, in Clinton, the daughter of Jesse R. and Mary Alice (Bray) Hammer. She married the love of her life of 38 years, James F. “Mickey” McMahon.

Survivors include her daughter, Glenna Arlene (Keith) Sears-Willis, granddaughter, Tina (Shane) Sears-Baker, great-granddaughter, Morgan, great-grandson, Trey, two great-great granddaughters, two great-great grandsons, stepson, James (Sue) McMahon, sister-in-law, Evelyn Hammer, special nephew, Terry (Cori) Hammer, and



two friends who were like daughters to her, Becky Stewart and Donna Turney.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter, Glenda Marlene Sears, son, Michael Sears, granddaughter, Michelle Sears, and brother, Lyle Hammer.

Mavis was the proud owner of Arlene's Fab and Fashion. She loved to entertain guests and especially loved spending time with her family. She was also a member of the First Christian Church and Assembly of God Church in Clinton, along with the First Presbyterian Church in Kampsville, Ill.

Online condolences may be made at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com)

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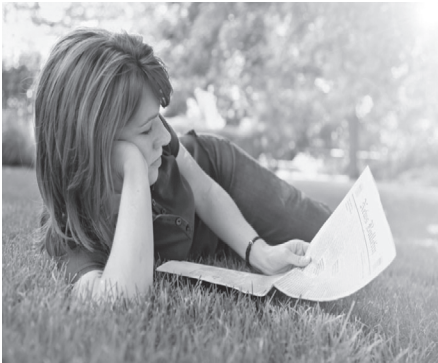
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# OPINION

## HISTORY ALMANAC

1955 - West Germany joined NATO.

1960 - The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved for sale an oral birth-control pill for the first time.

1962 - Scientists at Massachusetts Institute of Technologay successfully bounced a laser beam off Moon for the first time.

1974 - The House Judiciary Committee began formal hearings on the Nixon impeachment.

1978 - The bullet-riddled body of former Italian Prime Minister Aldo Moro was found in an automobile in the center of Rome. The Red Brigades had abducted him.

1980 - A Liberian freighter hit the Sunshine Skyway Bridge over Tampa Bay in Florida. Thirty-five motorists were killed and a 1,400-foot section of the bridge collapsed.

1987 - Tom Cruise and Mimi Rogers were married.

1994 - Nelson Mandela was chosen to be South Africa's first black president.

1996 - In video testimony to a courtroom in Little Rock, AR, U.S. President Clinton insisted that he had nothing to do with a \$300,000 loan in the criminal case against his former Whitewater partners.

2002 - In Bethlehem, West Bank, a deal was reached that would end the 38-day standoff at the Church of the Nativity. Thirteen suspected militants were to be deported to several different countries. The standoff had begun on April 2, 2002.

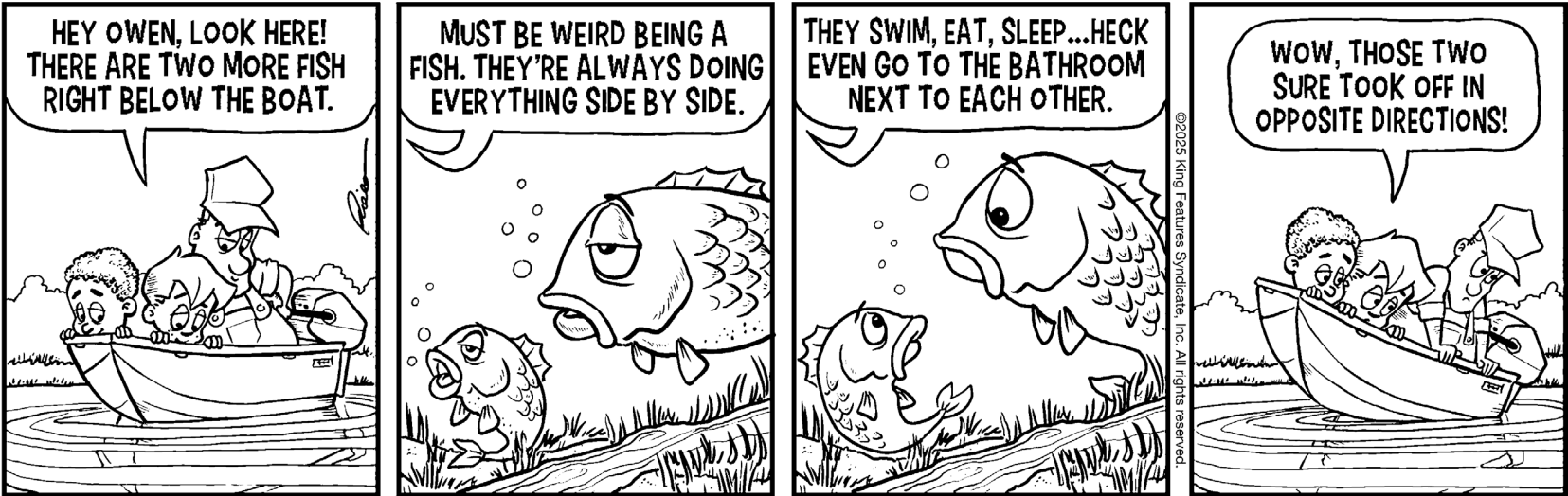
2002 - In Kaspiisk, Russia, 39 people were killed and at least 130 were injurde when a remote-controlled bomb exploded during a holiday parade.

2002 - In Bahrain, people were allowed to vote for representatives for the first time in nearly 30 years. Women were allowed to vote for the first time in the country's history.

2019 - Pope Francis issued a new church law that required all Catholic priests and nuns to report clergy sexual abuse and cover-ups by their superiors to church authorities.

2020 - In the U.S., the Food and Drug Administration approved a coronavirus antigen test that could quickly detect virus proteins.

## Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

# Too much power

I am a firm believer in the doctrine of separation of powers in this country. Separating power between the executive (President), legislative (Congress), and judiciary (Courts) seems to keep all units in check, and no one gets the big head.

Our founding fathers tended to believe that Congress would actually be the entity that would wield the most power, and in many respects that has some truth. A President who pushes his agenda may seem like the executive has the most power. One can look at FDR and Trump for examples of this kind of power. Few, if any, of our founding fathers would have envisioned the judiciary as having the lead power role. Today one must actually ask if the judiciary is exercising too much power.

As with any organization, the judiciary has differences of opinion. In the legislature, differences are resolved by voting. If the proposed bill gets the majority vote it becomes the law. That is relatively simple.

The President has his power, and in his domain his actions become the law. The judiciary is similar, but in today's legal environment the times they are a changing, in the common slang.

A judge's ruling is typically

valid and authoritative in that particular courtroom or district. If the issue being determined is of a constitutional nature, the ruling reflects the law in that particular jurisdiction.

Constitutional issues tend to get appealed to an appellate court and then how the appellate court determines the law becomes the law for that appellate jurisdiction.

At times, the appellate courts disagree with each other and then the issue is referred to the state supreme court for a decision that will then be binding on the entire state.

Less rare is when an issue is of such magnitude it is appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court for a ruling, which will determine the law for the nation. One can see the sequence. It is not a fast process, although it can be expedited if the superior court accepts the case before all of the lesser courts weigh in with their opinions. This process provides an orderly and efficient way of resolving conflicts, and especially those conflicts that involve separation of powers.

Today, that system is being challenged by both the executive and the judiciary. Trump is pushing his executive orders, which reflect what he believes is his authority. Many federal district court judges



do not believe that Trump has that executive authority to the extent that Trump has exercised it.

Several federal district courts that disagree with Trump's assertion of his executive powers have entered orders for injunctive relief, which basically stops Trump from exercising that purported authority. What has created the legal conundrum is that the district judges have made their orders effective on a national basis and not just for their district. Now we have a true conflict in the separation of powers. The current mess, which primarily revolves around immigration issues, needs to be resolved and resolved quickly.

The U.S. Supreme Court can accept to review cases under an expedited appeal and thus make a ruling that will be effective on the entire nation or Congress can pass legislation defining immigration rights for those involved. Understanding that Congressional legislation always needs to be signed by the executive before it becomes law.

The bottom line is that the nation needs a definitive ruling on what Trump's power and authority is. Whatever that ruling, be it by legislation or Supreme Court rule, needs to be provided in the near future because the nation is in angst waiting for it. Whatever the final ruling is will affect not only Trump, but also future presidents.

Who is trying for too much power? Trump or the district judges?

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



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The benefits of Stand Downs

Will you be taking advantage of the services offered at the annual Stand Downs this summer? Or will you step up and volunteer to assist?

Either way, you're sure to benefit from what you'll find at a Stand Down.

The Stand Downs, started in 1988, provide services to homeless veterans or those at risk of homelessness. Whether you attend a one-, two- or three-day event, you'll be welcomed. Services are varied, and depend on the location and the length of the event. You might found hot showers, clean clothes and food. Direct care can range from haircuts, dental care, treatment for substance abuse and legal advice, to help with your VA claim, housing or mental health counseling, as well as health screenings.

You'll likely find employment search help and benefits counseling from the wide range of veteran service organizations, agencies or individual groups that work at each Stand Down.

Sometimes the events are right on the grounds of the local VA facility, or sometimes they'll be at a local fairground or park. To find a location and the dates in your area, check [www.va.gov/homeless/events.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/events.asp). Also keep an eye on the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans ([nchv.org/current-stand-downs](http://nchv.org/current-stand-downs)) for their list. Check both lists as time goes on and new events are added. They generally run through the summer into fall.

If you're going to need a ride, don't wait until the last minute. Call the contact person listed for each event and be sure they can help you.

As for volunteering, again, don't wait. Groups are putting their events together right now and need to know how many will be helping. To get started you can also call the closest VA medical center and ask for the Homeless Coordinator. No matter how you pitch in, your efforts will be appreciated.

Whether you attend a Stand Down as a veteran in need of services or as a volunteer, it might be the most rewarding thing you do this year.

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by Freddy Groves

Legal rights apply to everyone

Upon taking office, the Constitution prescribes in Article 2, Section 1, Clause 8, that the president of the United States is to swear an oath before he can officially take office. That part of the Constitution states clearly the following: "I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States."

It is with this in mind that, Kristen Welker, the moderator for NBC's Meet the Press, questioned President Trump regarding some disturbing concerns, not only with Trump's actions, but his abandonment of the Constitution in doing so. Since this was broadcast by NBC's Meet the Press, no doubt, Trump will accuse them of giving fake news and have FCC harass them.

Regarding the illegal deportation of immigrants and the 9-0 ruling by the Supreme Court to end deportation and to bring back two innocent deportees, Trump was questioned if he felt a need

to follow the Constitution. Trump said "I don't know. I'm not a lawyer. I don't know."

One might argue someone in his cabinet would have surely told him, that his adviser or Attorney General would know and advise him accordingly, prior to any missteps. My answer to that is, keep in mind who selected them and how little they know or have proven to not know. My own view is that a below average high school student would be clear about the meaning of the oath and even that of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments.

The Fifth Amendment states clearly that "No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." In addition, the supreme court has long held that noncitizens also have basic rights under the Constitution. This very point was put to Trump in the interview. This was his answer, "I don't know. It seems... it might say that, but if you're talking about that, then we'd have to have a million, or two million, or three million trials. We



have thousands that are... some murderers and some drug dealers and some of the worst people on earth. I was elected to get them the hell out of here and the courts are holding me from doing it."

It would be apropos for me to site some court cases since it seems Attorney General Pam Bondi backs the President regardless of his statements.

Court case Shaughnessy v. U.S. 345 U.S. 206 (1953) ruled that "It is true that aliens who have once passed through our gates, even illegally, may be expelled only after proceedings conforming to traditional standard of fairness encompassed in due process of law."

Court case Mathews v. Diaz 426 U.S. 67, 77 (1976) ruled that "There are literally millions of aliens within the Jurisdiction of the United States. The Fifth Amendment, as well as the

Fourteenth Amendment, protects every one of these persons from deprivation of life, liberty, or property without due process of law."

Court case Plyler v. Doe, 457 U.S. 202, 215 (1982) ruled that "Holding that unlawfully present aliens were entitled to both due process and equal protection of laws under the Fourteenth Amendment."

My conclusion is that we need a proper Congress willing to exert its authority no matter party affiliation. We need a viable judicial system of impartial justices and judges.

President Trump swore to uphold the Constitution. But, this is all part of an impending autocracy. The line of succession if Trump were to be removed from office is a dismal progression through a string of MAGA sycophants and anti-democratic plotters.

Trump saw to it that those whom he picked would be no better than he with the added feature of not knowing their duties, or not caring. As I have said, it is all covered in "Project 2025."

IDNR accepting applications for Illinois Natural Areas Stewardship grants

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is accepting applications for Illinois Natural Areas Stewardship grants through June 13, 2025.

Eligible applicants are conservation land trusts exempt from taxation

under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code and whose originating documents include in its purposes the restoration and stewardship of land for conservation purposes.

The goal of the grant program is to increase

the delivery of much-needed stewardship activities to natural areas protected within the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission (INPC) system. Stewardship needs at natural areas throughout the state have continued to outpace the ability to

deliver these services by individuals, volunteers, organizations, and government agencies.

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# CHURCHES

## BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Lamentations (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Romans 11, which tribe did Paul describe himself as a member of? Benjamin, Rome, Barnabus, Tarsus
3. What’s the “Decalogue” another name for? Ark of Covenant, Holy Grail, Ten Commandments, Last Supper
4. In which “Garden of” did Adam and Eve live? Everest, Eden, Heaven, Paradise
5. From Romans 5:6, Paul noted that Christ died for the ... . Believers, Unbelievers, Righteous, Ungodly
6. What was Adam made of/from? Eve’s rib, Earth’s dust, Ray of light, Fig leaf

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Benjamin, 3) Ten Commandments, 4) Eden, 5) Ungodly, 6) Earth’s dust

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## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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Psalms 37:7

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

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

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# Area Churches Directory

### Crosspoint of Clinton

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

### Christ Lutheran Church & preschool

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

### Clinton Church of Christ

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

**Clinton Presbyterian Church**  
402 N. Center Street  
Office hours: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.  
Tel. (217) 935-6178  
Fax (217) 935-6128  
Pastor-Paul Stroup  
clintonpresbyterian.org  
9:15 a.m.-Sunday school  
10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship with nursery available  
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**Clinton United Methodist Church**  
308 E. Main Street  
Rev. Darrell Howard  
(217) 935-5869

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

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

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

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

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

10:30 a.m.-Sunday worship  
**Lane Christian Church**  
(217) 935-2557  
www.lanechurch.org  
9 a.m.-Sunday school  
10 a.m.-worship  
5:30 p.m.-youth group  
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**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**  
502 N. Monroe Street, Clinton  
(217) 935-3727  
Fr. Thomas R. Szydlak, pastor  
8:30 a.m. - Wed. & Fri. mornings Mass  
4 p.m.-Saturday Mass

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

**The Blessed Hope Seventh-Day Adventist Church**  
112 N. Monroe St., Clinton  
(217) 731-4005  
9:30 a.m.-Saturday, Sabbath school  
11 a.m.- worship with pot luck afterwards

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

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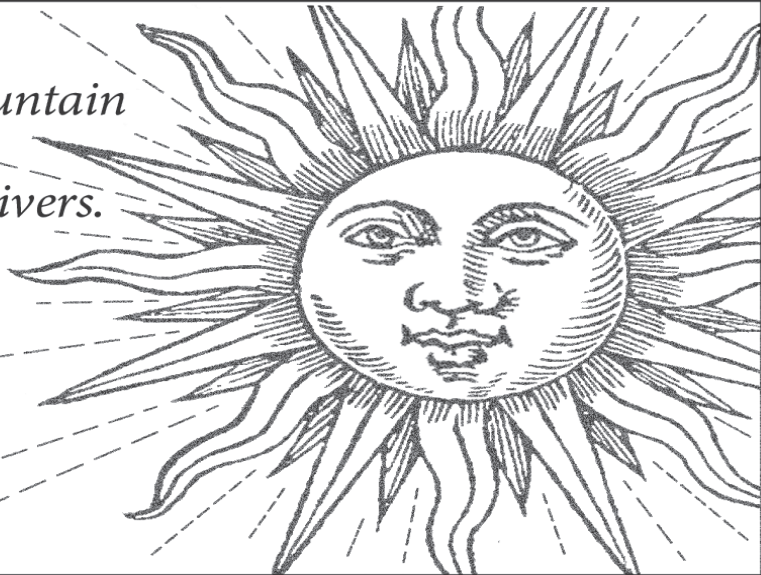
## BIBLE WORD SEARCH



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

You broke open the fountain  
and the flood;  
You dried up mighty rivers.  
The day is Yours,  
the night also is Yours;  
You have prepared  
the light and the sun.

PSALM 74:15,16



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NEWS

Special / from A1



Phyllis (aka Aunt Fuzzy) with her nephew Casey, circa 1990.

When Casey got old enough to try to say her name, Fuzzy was the name he assigned her. Thankfully, she was ok with it because every child born to her brothers after our son also called her Aunt Fuzzy.

About 20 years ago, Phyllis and her husband moved to Longboat Key, Florida, a place she called “paradise.” Their home sat less than 10 feet from the Gulf of Mexico. Phyllis loved Florida. She loved the sun. She loved the beach. She loved sunsets over the ocean--a nightly ritual with visitors--and she would always have a smile on her face as she stood in awe of the beauty of the sun disappearing into the ocean in front of us.

When our son was playing the PGA mini-tour circuit in Florida several years ago, he was not able to come home for Thanksgiving, so he would drive across the state to spend that day with Aunt Fuzzy and her family. It made me feel better knowing he wasn’t alone on a holiday, and Phyllis loved including him.

Over the years, we visited multiple times. Phyllis loved it when the family came to visit. The more family, the better. As people would be talking and laughing, I would see Phyllis watching everyone with her classic side eye, curled up on a bar stool with her arm wrapped around one knee and the hint of a smile on her face, watching and listening as the conversations and laughter swirled around her.

Phyllis knew how to laugh. When she found something especially funny, she would belt out this big, loud laugh that you couldn’t help but join in. She also knew how to give the best hugs. Always tight, always rocking side to side, and ALWAYS extra-long. As a child, our daughter would complain about Aunt Fuzzy’s hugs, but she learned she just didn’t have an option. Aunt Fuzzy showed her love with the biggest and longest hugs.

Each year on your birthday, Phyllis would call and sing Happy Birthday and tell you that “you look like a monkey and smell like one too.” Every call ended with “love you” and a kiss, and the question: “When are you coming down?”

Phyllis had been in bad health for many years, and every trip we made to any part of Florida included a visit to her. Even though she was bedridden the past few years, we’d sit together and hold hands and give her life updates and laugh at old memories. And she would always smile and tell me, “Mom would have loved you.”

As we were leaving after a visit in November 2023, Phyllis wanted to know when we’d be back. We fought tears as we hugged goodbye because I think we both knew we most likely wouldn’t see each other again.

But we came close. Phyllis passed away in February of this year while we were in Florida. We had just watched our son play in a golf tournament and were leaving the course when we got the call to hurry. The plan had been to visit the next day, but instead, the seven of us piled up in the rental van and drove across Florida, only to arrive 10 minutes too late.

We still got to say our goodbyes, hug her daughter, and share memories, but I’m sad she didn’t get to meet my son’s wife or my first grandchild. If she had met them when she was healthy, they would have both gotten tight, swaying, extra-long hugs.

I like to think she’s now healthy and walking hand in hand with her mom and dad, smiling at them with those big brown eyes and telling her mom how much she would have loved me.

Godspeed, Fuzzy. You made my life better, and I am blessed to have had you in my life.

Personal advantages

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. In some respects, I had an advantage growing up regarding culinary adventures.

My mother became widowed when my father was killed in the Navy. She did not care to remarry. Even though we were struggling, my mother loved to travel and try out new things. My grandmother was also widowed and had to work as a waitress. There were few jobs for an inexperienced woman of her age in those days. We all lived together in one apartment on Main Street.

In the culinary area, I was most fortunate. Because my grandmother worked as a waitress, I got to personally know cooks before I even began grade school. I ate in many fine restaurants. At the age of eight, I ate my first deviled crab in the shell in Key West. It was delicious. I had my first key Lime pie on Key Largo. At the age of ten I had my first whole lobster in California and I ate Chinese food in San Francisco’s China Town. I could not understand what



The Culinary Corner Chef Roger Joss

was so great in kids wanting to eating hotdogs. To have cereal for breakfast was not common for me. I ate a full mid-western breakfast at Hoff’s Café on Manroe Street before going to class at Lincoln Elementary School.

When I was a teenager, Julia Child’s cooking shows began to appear on television. Her shows were the first televised cook shows. I was enraptured by that wonderful woman talking about one of my favorite subjects. She was so down to earth, unpretentious, and unpredictable. For the first time, I cared for cooking more than just eating the food. It was about this time I began making messes in my mother’s kitchen. Shortly thereafter, I purchased cooking equipment from a restaurant supply store in Bloomington. My grandmother was a very good cook in her own right.

My mother allowed me to use her kitchen. The first thing I did was to bake all kinds of things from my mother’s Betty Crocker Cookbook. I think French bread was the first item I made. Baking was simple enough for me. It would not be until later I would learn to love roasting and stove top cooking even more.

I had friends in Danville I visited in my late teens and early 20’s. Their father just happened to be a certified Chef. He and I hit it off well. He cared enough to teach me much on those short visits. Before that, I got to know the original owner of the Shack, George Bianucci. He taught me some of the things he knew. Yes, in so many ways, I was fortunate.

No matter the person’s background, poor or rich, they can learn to be a good cook if they apply themselves. The key is to not think you are so good that there is nothing more to learn from others. “Seek and ye shall find.”

Until next time, peace to all.

IDNR / from A5

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NEWS

CHS spring concert and band awards



Band photos courtesy of Edvydas Cienas / EMC Photography  
Emma Leimbach received the John Philip Sousa award during the recent Clinton High School band spring concert. This national award goes to one senior who exemplifies what it means to be a band member at a high school. Hugging Leimbach is Melissa Hale. Both of the seniors were also the drum majors for the band and are shown with Nathan Wheeler, band director. Leimbach and Hale also helped pass out the other awards to the rest of the seniors.



Shown are some of the CHS senior band members receiving their senior plaques during last week's spring band concert, held in the high school auditorium.



SPORTS

CGSA season gets under way



The pink uniform girl taking a swing during batting is Stevie Lyons from the Team J Squared Aquatics from the 4U teams.

CLINTON — Approximately 170 girls went out for the Clinton Girls Softball Association (CGSA) this year with 17 teams ranging from age 4 up to high school. Some of the older teams are also traveling teams.



The green uniform girl at bat is Zina Wright from Team Elevate Fitness from the 4U teams. Zina here tees-up at bat.

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Kwyn Morris, in catcher’s gear, is from Team Dewitt Savings Bank from 8U teams. The boy helping her with her gear is her brother Kyndrick Morris

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TAKE FOUR

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♠ 876 ♥ K32 ♦ AK98 ♣ J92		North		♠ KQ9 ♥ Q65 ♦ T7632 ♣ 65	
♠ AJT43 ♥ JT4 ♦ Q54 ♣ 73		West	East		
		Declarer			
		♠ 52 ♥ A987 ♦ J ♣ AKQT84			

E-W Vulnerable

South	West	North	East
1♠	1♠	Dbl	2♠
4♥	All Pass		

North's bid was a Negative Double, showing the unbid suits. She usually has 4 cards in the unbid major for that bid, but was stuck for a good alternative. Anyway, South lands in 4♥, and you are on defense. Can you beat this precarious contract?

**Take 1:** Spades are led, Declarer ruffing the third round. The ♥8 is ducked around to East's Queen. But East has no Spades left, and it's easy for Declarer to win whatever is returned, draw trumps and claim the rest. Cut!

**Take 2:** The defense has a certain trump trick and they must make sure that it is West who wins that trick. This allows Spades to be continued, causing Declarer to lose trump control. So, when the ♥8 is led, West must hop up with the Ten, forcing Declarer to play Dummy's King. Now a Heart to Declarer's Ace and a low Heart to East's Queen. Again the wrong defender has won the Heart trick. Cut!

**Take 3:** OK, suppose West plays his ♥T on the first round, forcing Dummy's King, but then, on the second round, East cleverly jumps up with the Queen. No, that won't work either, Declarer simply lets the Queen win. Cut!

**Take 4:** As before, West plays the ♥T, and East must do his part by dropping the ♥Q under Dummy's King! Great defense! This guarantees that West wins the defense's Heart trick and he is the one who can play Spades. Down one!

That would be an awfully hard defense to find at the table, don't you think? If fact, it's tough enough even when looking at all four hands. But a thing of beauty nonetheless, all the more so as it gave both defenders a starring role.

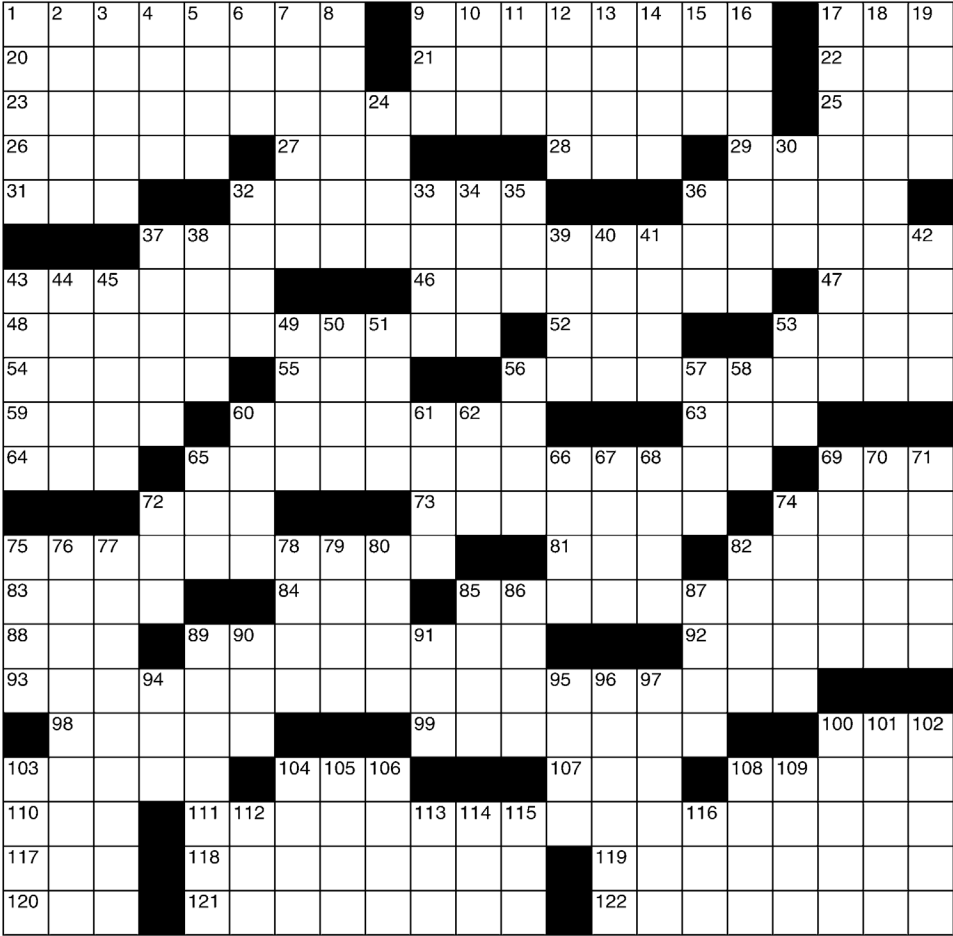
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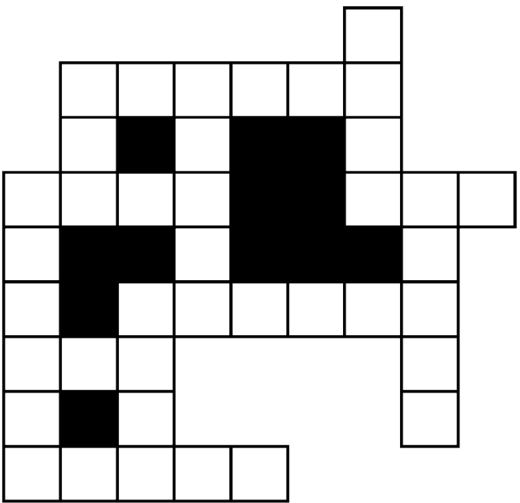
- 1 Spicy cured brisket  
9 Competitive cowboy contests, informally  
17 Roads: Abbr.  
20 Trash-filled lots, e.g.  
21 Distinctive feature of "DeVito"  
22 "The Simpsons" barkeeper  
23 2021 animated film featuring search-and-rescue dogs  
25 Veneration  
26 Light-splitting thing  
27 Roman 901  
28 That lady  
29 Ticked off  
31 Jillian of TV  
32 High-end retail chain, informally  
36 Shaq's sport  
37 2022 Marvel film with Chris Hemsworth  
43 Last part of some plays  
46 It's close to Cedar Rapids  
47 Ear: Prefix  
48 2017 superhero film with Gal Gadot  
52 Top of a "j"  
53 Italian wine, for short  
54 First-aid plants  
55 — out a living  
56 2013 superhero film with Henry Cavill  
59 Goes bad  
60 Navratilova of tennis  
63 Texter's hugs  
64 Previous to  
65 2015 sci-fi film with a dinosaur theme  
69 "NCIS" aier  
72 Brooch  
73 Rescued person's cry  
74 Like limes  
75 2014 fantasy film with Angelina Jolie  
81 Brit. mil. fliers  
82 Old Aegean region  
83 Ever and —  
84 Pub potable  
85 2019 animated musical film set in Pride Rock  
88 NBC show since '75  
89 Lie out to tan  
92 Just so  
93 2018 space Western film with Alden Ehrenreich  
98 Chicken — masala  
99 Dessert with a cookie crust  
100 Pic that may be on a pec  
103 Slip up a bit  
104 "That hurts!"  
107 [not my typo]  
108 Bluish purple  
110 Skater Midori  
111 What each of eight long answers in this puzzle was  
117 Agent, briefly  
118 Heighten  
119 Ballot casters  
120 Radio spots  
121 Not crying  
122 Fish that swims upright  
DOWN  
1 Pig in a kids' TV series  
2 Spin — (do some tale-telling)  
3 Attach, as a coat lining  
4 Dosage qtls.  
5 Gad about  
6 Craft  
7 "Laura" lyricist Johnny  
8 Brand of infant formula  
9 Tax rate fig.  
10 Rally cheer  
11 Unlock, to a bard  
12 Cup edges  
13 "Conversely," to a texter  
14 Foo Fighters guitarist Grohl  
15 Manning of the gridiron  
16 Purchase in excess  
17 Little bit of medicine  
18 Wet wipe  
19 Fruit core bit  
24 Car for a VIP  
30 Filmdom's McKellen  
32 "The Maltese Falcon" genre  
33 Athletic shoe brand  
34 An inert gas  
35 Wood cutter  
36 Food preservative abbr.  
37 Ocean motions  
38 Goes fast, old-style  
39 Zip, in Spain  
40 Brand of rodenticide  
41 Latin jazz great Puente  
42 Muddy up  
43 Clued in  
44 Palette option  
45 Govt.-issued bond  
49 Erode (away)  
50 Cajun veggie  
51 1986 Series winners  
53 — Z (the gamut)  
56 Non-PC computers  
57 Origami feature  
58 Apply turf to  
60 Local bond, for short  
61 "That so?"  
62 Takeaway logic game  
65 Brand of peanut butter  
66 Ending for silver or stem  
67 Ellipsoidal  
68 Mortgage deal, for short  
69 "Zip your lip!"  
70 Pickling need  
71 Theater part  
72 Writer's tool  
74 Fine sweet wine  
75 Swarm  
76 Marked with comments  
77 Suckers  
78 Is unable to  
79 Idris of "The Dark Tower"  
80 Close at hand  
82 "Are you — out?"  
85 "There's gold in them — hills!"  
86 At this spot  
87 Siouan people  
89 Group of vessels for serving rice wine  
90 D.C.'s home  
91 Binary base  
94 Approves of  
95 Middling  
96 Livens (up)  
97 Stir to laughter  
100 Private teacher  
101 States boldly  
102 Curt  
103 Pre-euro coin  
104 Community rec center  
105 Sharif of film  
106 In fine health  
108 A lot  
109 In re  
112 Purpose  
113 "Norma —"  
114 "Butter"  
K-pop group  
115 The, in Aries  
116 Arthur of "Maude"



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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.

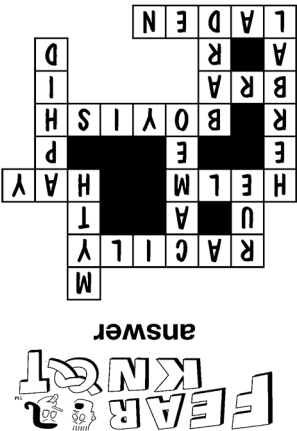
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Go Figure!

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Commonly known as 101 E THIRD ST, DEWITT, IL 61735

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

The real estate is improved with a residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to

quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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For information, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

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Attorney File No. 14-24-06776

Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Case Number: 2024 FC 19

TJSC#: 45-965

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tained will be used for that purpose.

Case # 2024 FC 19

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

**LEGAL**

**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 DE-CLUTTERING 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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**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

LEGAL

**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 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

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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

LEGAL

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.

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 10, 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 21st day of April, 2025.

Alicia L. Sparks, independent executor of the estate of Carla Jean Good, 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 20345  
April 25, May 2, May 9, 2025

LEGAL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 6TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DEWITT COUNTY - CLINTON, ILLINOIS

M&T BANK

Plaintiff,

-v.-

LISA DIANE DIBIS-CEGLIE et al

Defendant

2024 FC 19

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14-24-06776

Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Case Number: 2024 FC 19

TJSC#: 45-965

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Case # 2024 FC 19

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

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**Assumed Name Publication Notice**

Public Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of DeWitt County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as:

**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

LEGAL

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

DEWITT SAVINGS BANK, an Illinois Banking Corporation  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
ERICA TAYLOR and SILAS TAYLOR, NON RECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and POSSIBLE TENANTS IN POSSESSION, Defendants.

2025-FC-8

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Erica Taylor, Silas Taylor, Non Record Claimants, Unknown Own-

ers and Possible Unknown Tenants in Possession of the following described real estate:  
Property commonly known as: 216 N. Alexander, Kenney, Illinois 61749 with a legal description as follows: Lots 5 and 6 in Block 17 in Kenney’s West Addition to the Village of Kenney, in DeWitt County, Illinois Parcel No.: 11-16-429-001  
You and each of you are hereby notified that there has been filed in the Circuit Court of DeWitt County, Illinois, the above cause to foreclose the mortgage dated August 13, 2021 and recorded August 19, 2021 as Document No. 260734 in the DeWitt County Recorder’s Office, Clinton, Illinois in the face amount of \$92,000.00 made by Erica Taylor and Silas Taylor, wife and husband, to DeWitt Savings Bank, which mortgage foreclosure was filed on the 21st day of April, 2025 in the Circuit Court for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, DeWitt County, Illinois, which case is titled as above.

You are advised that if you fail to appear or answer in the above cause on or before the 11th day of June, 2025, then you may be defaulted in your right to redemption and all other rights shall be forever barred in this cause and all other rights that you may have will be barred.

Dated this 25th day of April, 2025.

DeWitt Savings Bank, an Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff  
BY: TAYLOR & LYNCH, LLC  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bryce A. Lynch

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

LEGAL 20350  
May 9, 16, 23, 2025

LEGAL

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

Estate of:  
Delores A. Rutledge



Deceased.  
CASE NO. 2025-PR-22

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF CLAIM DATE

Notice is given to the creditors of the death of Delores A. Rutledge, of 108 S. Elizabeth St., Clinton, Illinois 61727. Letters of Office were issued on April 25, 2025, to Joseph D. Patrick, Independent Executor, 602 E. Van Allen St., Tuscola, Illinois 61953, whose attorney is Kevin Hammer, 219 E. Main Street, Clinton, Illinois 61727. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the Estate must be filed in the office of the Clerk of DeWitt County Circuit Court, DeWitt County Courthouse, 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, Illinois 61727, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 9, 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 29th day of April, 2025.

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

LEGAL 20351  
May 9, 16, 23, 2025

LEGAL

Notice of Public Sale is hereby given that an auction will be held online on [www.lockerfox.com](http://www.lockerfox.com) beginning on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm ending June 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:02-12:03 pm to sell the following individuals' articles to enforce lien against such articles, for storage furnished at Storage Unlimited, 1506 Route 54 East, Clinton IL 61727, (217) 935-3200 under a rental agreement with:

12:02 pm, Jamie R. Jones, occupant of space 1F10, items: kerosene heater, old trunk, home goods, outdoor décor and misc.  
12:03 pm, Crystal M. Fleenor, occupant of space 1M15, items: smoker, grill, new mt bike and misc.

LEGAL 20354  
May 9 & 16, 2025

LEGAL

Notice of Public Sale is hereby given that an auction will be held online on [www.lockerfox.com](http://www.lockerfox.com) beginning on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm ending June 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:04-12:05 pm to sell the following individuals' articles to enforce lien against such articles, for storage furnished at Storage Unlimited, 18709 Dewitt Rd Dewitt, IL 61735, (217) 935-3200 under a rental agreement with:

12:04 pm. Bianca R. Webb, occupant of space 2A61, items: and ladder, toys, and misc.  
12:05 pm, Bianca R. Webb, occupant of space 2o52, items: RV salvage only, no title, no keys.

LEGAL 20355  
May 9 & 16, 2025

LEGAL

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS, Case No. 2025TX8, JICTB, Inc.

To: Estate of Lenore Schuler, deceased; Occupants of; Gilbert Moore, Potential Heir/ Devisee of Lenore Schuler, deceased; Unknown Heirs/ Devisees of Lenore Schuler, deceased; Estate of Nicholas Tetens, deceased; Tristain Tetens, Potential Heir/Devisee of Nicholas Tetens, deceased; Dakota Tetens, Potential Heir/Devisee of Nicholas Tetens, deceased; Adrianna Tetens, Potential Heir/Devisee of Nicholas Tetens, deceased; Skylar Tetens, Potential Heir/Devisee of Nicholas Tetens, deceased; and all other persons/ entities UNKNOWN having or claiming any right, interest or title in the following described real estate:

All of Lot 1 except the West 60.35 feet thereof and except the East

25 feet thereof in Bates Addition to the City of Farmer City; also, all of Lot 2, except the West 60.35 feet thereof and except the East 25 feet thereof and except the South 5 feet thereof all being situated in Bates Addition to the City of Farmer City. Situated in the County of Dewitt, in the State of Illinois.

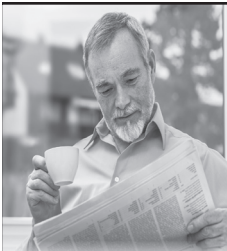
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On April 9, 2025, JICTB, Inc. filed a Petition for Order of Tax Deed. The object of the plaintiff's petition is to foreclose on the Tax Sale Certificate No. 202100031 for the delinquent taxes on real estate described above which was issued by the DeWitt County Treasurer on October 19, 2022. The taxes due under the certificate are for the 2021 tax year. The petition asks the court to direct the county clerk to issue a tax deed if the property is not redeemed from the sale on or before October 1, 2025, and that Petitioner, as grantee of tax deed be put in possession of said parcel of real estate. The Petition for Order of Tax Deed will be brought before the DeWitt County Circuit Court on October 24, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in Courtroom A or via Zoom (Meeting ID 838 2042 1501 Pass-code 655220). If you fail to redeem, the court may enter a judgment for the relief demanded in the petition.

JICTB, Inc., Petitioner

Stuart E. Morgenstern, #6275553  
Attorney for Petitioner  
1 W. Laurel Street  
Pinckneyville, Illinois 62274  
(618)357-5315

LEGAL 20356  
May 9, 16, & 23, 2025



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# Turner launches 2025 Outstanding Teacher Program in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week

SPRINGFIELD — In celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week, State Sen. Sally Turner (R-Beason) is once again honoring the incredible work of educators through her “2025 Outstanding Teacher of the 44th Senate District” program.

The initiative seeks to recognize teachers who have made a meaningful impact on their students and school community through dedication, innovation, and excellence in the classroom. Senator Turner encourages students, parents, colleagues, and community members to nominate deserving educators who go above and beyond.

“I am proud to once again launch my Outstanding Teacher program

to recognize the amazing work educators do each and every day,” said Turner. “Our teachers play a critical role in shaping future generations, and this program is a small way to say thank you for all they do.”

Eligible nominees must currently teach at a grade school, middle school, or high school within the 44th Senate District. The winner(s) will be selected based on the quality of the nomination submitted, not the number of submissions received.

Nominations are open through May 31 and can be submitted online. The winner(s) will be notified during the summer. The selected teacher(s) will receive formal recognition from the Illinois

State Senate, including an official certificate, a chance for special acknowledgment in Springfield, and a gift card in appreciation of their service.

“Teachers often go unrecognized for the countless ways they support, inspire, and uplift their students,” said Turner. “This program gives us a chance to spotlight those everyday heroes who are quietly making a profound difference in our schools and communities.”

For more information and to submit a nomination, please visit <https://senatorsallyturner.com/state-senator-sally-turners-2025-outstanding-teacher-of-the-44th-senate-district/>.

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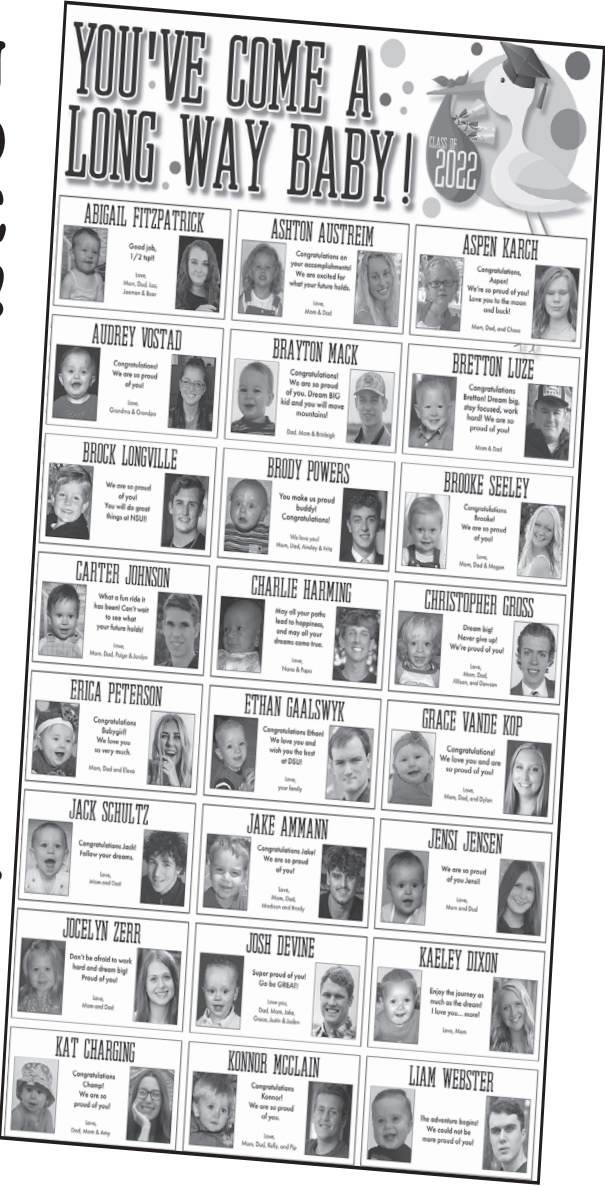
Submit a baby photo and senior photo of your favorite graduating senior, a message with up to 15 words and a \$10 placement fee.

Email photos and message to [kpyne@theclintonjournal.com](mailto:kpyne@theclintonjournal.com).

Please call 217-935-3171 to make payment.

Deadline is 2:00PM on Friday, May 9.

This special feature will be published on Friday, May 16.



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Saturday  
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High 76



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High 77



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High 77



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High 80



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High 84



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Sunny  
High 87

## Weather History

### May 10

1880: A tornado estimated to be F4 intensity moved across 20 miles of Scott and Morgan Counties. The tornado touched down near Alsey and moved north-east, passing 8 miles south of Jacksonville. The tornado was strongest in the Pisgah area, where 30 buildings were destroyed. Seven people were killed. Further east, an F3 tornado touched down just north of Clinton, and moved northeast to near Arrowsmith, across DeWitt and McLean Counties.

1996: Thunderstorms produced 3 to 5 inches of rain across parts of east central Illinois during the morning, leading to flash floods. In southern Champaign County, the town of Broadlands sustained major flood damage to 5 homes and minor damage to another 29, as well as to the local high school. In Vermilion County, parts of Danville had to be evacuated after flood gates were opened on Lake Vermilion.



### Thursday, May 15, 2025

5:00pm - 10:00pm Conner Family Amusements  
5:30pm Flag Ceremony @ flagpole, Mr. Lincoln's Square  
National Anthem  
Flag Ceremony by DeWitt County Veterans: American Legion Post #103, AmVets Post #14, VFW Post #4168, Clinton Fire Department, & The Boys and Girls from BSA Troops 1142 & 7142

### Friday, May 16, 2025

5:00pm - 10:00pm Conner Family Amusements  
5:00pm - 10:00pm Food/General/Non-Profit Vendors  
6:00pm - 8:00pm The 8th Annual Clinton Sing Off  
\*A fundraising event brought to you by the Clinton High School Theatre\*

### Saturday, May 17, 2025

11:00am - 10:00pm Food/General/Non-Profit Vendors  
12:00pm - 10:00pm Conner Family Amusements  
12:00pm - 4:00pm Twisted H Farm's Petting Zoo  
\*sponsored by Edward Jones Financial Advisors: Alec Martin, Bryce Starkey & Kim O'Donohue\*  
3:00pm Clinton Fire Department Water-ball Competition  
7:00pm - 10:00pm Live Music Featuring Sojourn Rocs on Mr. Lincoln's Square Stage

### Sunday, May 18, 2025

1:00pm - 5:00pm Conner Family Amusements  
1:00pm - 5:00pm Food/General/Non-Profit Vendors



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