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More bids sought for solar review

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CLINTON — Members of the county's land use committee on Monday discussed the logic of having only one bid when it came to engineering matters. Specifically, having engineer firms scrutinize proposed solar energy projects.

"These two roll in and there might be others that are out there," said land use committee chairman Buck Carter. "When I look at these ...we should have more than one bid."

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Courtesy of DeWitt County Museum
Museum director Joey Long with a certificate marking the museum as a Blue Star Museum participant.

Homestead honored as a Blue Star museum

CLINTON — The C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum was recently awarded a certificate of recognition for being a Blue Star Museum. Through the Blue Star Museum program, the C.H. Moore Homestead & DeWitt County Museum will offer free admission to currently-serving military personnel and their families this summer from Armed Forces Day, May 17 through Labor Day, September 1.

See **BLUE STAR** / A2



Helen Michelassi, standing left, takes her oath of office as Clinton's new mayor from city clerk Kamren Wilford during the May 6 city council meeting.

Michelassi presides over her first council meeting

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CLINTON — Helen Michelassi took her oath of office from city clerk Kamren Wilford May 6 as Clinton's new mayor. Her first official act was to read a proclamation declaring May Older Americans Month in the city.

The council approved the reappointments of the following city officials for one year:

- John Hoblit, city attorney

- Kamren Wilford, city clerk
- Clint Lichtenwalter, city treasurer
- Tom Edmunds, budget officer
- Steve Lobb, public works director

In his report for the department of streets and public improvements, Ken Buchanan reminded residents to not place brush along the streets earlier than the week before city pick up. Brush pick up is the third week of the month, so brush should be at the street by at least Monday of that week, Buchanan said.

"Also, leaves need to be put in paper bags," Buchanan said. "A lot of people

are sitting leaves out, but they aren't getting picked up ...because we don't get the vac out in the springtime."

Buchanan also urged residents not to sweep leaves or blow grass clippings into the city storm drains because they cause blockages.

Wiring for new equipment at the water department was in progress, reported commissioner John Wise.

"So, hopefully we'll get that all hooked up, and we'll be back to being a normal operation," Wise said.

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“The C.H. Moore Homestead DeWitt County Museum is proud to continuously participate in the Blue Star Museums Program as a way to show our sincere gratitude to all who are currently serving in the military as well as their families, and we appreciate the certificate of recognition we received,” said museum director, Joey Long.

Blue Star Museums is a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families, in collaboration with the Department of Defense and participating museums across America. The free admission program is available for those currently serving in the United States military, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Navy, and U.S. Space Force, members of the Reserves, National Guard, U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps and up to five family members.

Qualified members must show a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), DD Form 1173-1 ID card or the Next Generation Uniformed Services (Real) ID card for admission free entrance into a participating Blue Star Museum.

City / from A1

“Once we get it running and cleared out a little, we will be flushing the mains.”

Wise also offered praise to city clerk Kamren Wilford for Municipal Clerks Week, as announced by the Illinois Municipal League. Wise thanked her for the additional duties she had assumed.

“She picked up those duties and has done that to an exceptional level,” Wise said. “I couldn’t function, and this city could not function worth a darn ...without Kamren.”

Commissioner Dan Ballenger said the city was increasing its enforcement of residential grass height.

“I’m just asking everybody to try to get your yards mowed,” Ballenger said. “We’ve got some city properties we’re working on. I talked to Steve, and he’s mowing them as we speak. So, we’re holding ourselves accountable, also.”

In another round of reappointments, the council reappointed the following people for one year:

- Stephen Paige, fire chief
- Dan Ballenger, assistant fire chief
- Tony Harris, public health officer
- Kamren Wilford, cemetery sexton

The following items were placed on file for the next council meeting:

- K9 unit equipment and training for the police department, not to exceed \$5,000
- Water tower cleaning proposals from Viking Industrial Painting for \$8,850 and Maguire Water for \$12,600
- Resolution accepting purchase offers for lots 11,12 and 13 in the city subdivision
- Fireworks contract with Pyrotecnico
- Jackson Street project bids from UCM for \$1,622,868 and Feutz for \$1,073,593
- Water utility truck bids from Baum Chevrolet for \$58,778, Mangold Ford for \$53,580 and Douglas Dodge for \$53,156
- Christmas display purchase for \$38,693
- Rotary Park pickleball court maintenance and nets from All Weather Courts for \$3,125
- Proposal for a Farmall 75a for street department from Central Illinois Ag for \$44,500
- Proposal for a 52-inch Toro ZMaster 200 mower for the water department from Central Illinois Ag for \$9,000
- The collective bargaining agreement with the Police Benevolent Labor Committee, Inc.
- Update to nuisance, inoperable vehicles and vehicle parking ordinances.



Virgie Converse celebrating 90th birthday Saturday

CLINTON — Virgie Converse, of Clinton, will celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house hosted by her family. Her open house will be held on May 17 from 2-4 p.m. at the Clinton First Christian Church.

Virgie was born on May 15, 1935 in Ocheyedan, Iowa. She is the mother of Rod (Jacqui) Wertz, of Clinton, and the late Randall (Kris) Wertz, of Pontiac, Ill.

Virgie has six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and one great-grandson on the way.

Virgie enjoys spending time with her family and friends, attending Bible study, reading and mission work for Pokot Missions.

CEA Spring Breakfast June 2

CLINTON — The Clinton Education Association will hold its annual Spring Breakfast on Monday, June 2, at 7:45 a.m.

Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. The breakfast will be held in the commons area of the Clinton High School.

During the breakfast, Teacher of the Year, C.E.A. Scholarships, recognition of retirees, and service awards will be presented. All current and retired employees of the district are welcome to attend.

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Discover the secrets of home preserving with University of Illinois Extension

DECATUR, Ill. — Unlock the secrets of home preserving with these University of Illinois Extension workshops and transform your garden and farmer’s market produce into delicious jams, pickles, fruit leather, and more.

Preserve at Home will be offered from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Illinois Extension offices in DeWitt, Macon, and Piatt counties. Participants will learn essential skills and discover valuable resources to safely water-bath and pressure can, as well as preserve through freezing, drying, and fermentation.

June 3: DeWitt County Extension Office, 1160 IL 54 Suite B, in Clinton (register by May 30)

June 10: Piatt County Extension Office, 210 S. Market St., in Monticello (register by June 6)

June 17: Macon County Extension Office, 3351 N. President Howard Brown Blvd., in Decatur (register by June 13)

“Everyone, from newbies to seasoned pros, will learn up-to-date information and new techniques for safe home canning and preserving,” says Nutrition and Wellness Educator Caitlin Mellendorf.

Participants attending the workshop may bring dial gauge pressure canner lids and gauges for a free accuracy test. Recipe samples will also be provided for those in attendance.

There is a \$5 fee for each workshop. Participants are asked to register in advance at go.illinois.edu/HomePreserve by the designated event’s deadline, or they may call 217-877-6042 to register.

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Judith Ann Heiberg

WAYNESVILLE — Judith Ann Heiberg, 82, of Waynesville, passed away at 2 a.m. on May 10, 2025, at Goldwater, Clinton.

Graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 16, 2025, at Evergreen Cemetery, Waynesville, with Pastor Mark Cooper officiating. The family has entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to the Clinton Church Of God or the Wounded Warrior Project.

Judith was born on October 18, 1942, in Waynesville, the daughter of James William and Hilda Francis (Gentry) Wampler. She married Ted Heiberg, Jr. on March 16, 2005 in Galena, Ill.

Survivors include her husband, Ted Heiberg, Jr., Waynesville; children, Lori Ann (James) Roedl, Dewey, Ill.; Mark Lee Sullivan, South Carolina; Michael Edward (LaTrice)



Sullivan, Clinton; Rita (Mike) Perring, Clinton; Helen (Daryl) Reiser, Clinton; Ruby (Steve) Howard, Clinton; Holly (Andy) Murphy, Waynesville; Erik Heiberg, Bloomington; 15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother, Jimmy Long.

Judith worked at the County Clerk’s office for 30 years. She loved spending time with her family.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Clinton Police Department

Citations

05/06/25 Graciela Gandarilla 26, Cicero was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. Gandarilla was issued a notice to appear.

05/06/25 Timothy Godbey 48, Clinton was issued citations for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. Godbey was issued a notice to appear.

05/10/25 Michael Bournias 30, Clinton was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. Bournias was

issued a notice to appear.

Arrests

05/06/25 Darcey Green 69, Clinton was charged with domestic battery. Green was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

05/07/25 Tyler Hendrix 22, Clinton was arrested on a Dewitt County warrant and also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Hendrix was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

05/07/25 Amber Reynolds 42, Clinton was arrested on a Dewitt County warrant. Reynolds was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

05/08/25 Steven Moore 23, Clinton was charged with disorderly conduct. Moore was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

05/08/25 Joseph Polen 23, Clinton was arrested on a Dewitt County warrant. Polen was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

05/10/25 Darian Kirk 31, Decatur was arrested on a Macon County warrant and cited for driving while license suspended and no front registration plate. Kirk was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

05/10/25 James Russell 30, Clinton was charged

with battery. Russell was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

05/10/25 Joshua Fatheree 37, Clinton was charged with battery. Fatheree was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

05/12/25 Rulber Funes-Martinez 36, Clinton was charged with operating a vehicle with no valid driver’s license. Funes-Martinez was transported to the Dewitt County Jail and released to corrections.

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

Our prisons must be full

Are we short on prison space in this country? We must be. It’s the only logical explanation for so many criminals being given probation instead of prison time.

For example, there were the scammers who sold misbranded N95 masks during the pandemic and price gouged hospitals. The masks were promised to be approved by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) when they were not and were accompanied by test-result literature that was actually for a different mask. Hospitals paid \$2.6 million for the masks that



by Freddy Groves

had much lower filtration efficiency.

So what was the punishment? One year of probation and a fine of only \$9,500.

Then, there was the real estate agent property manager who didn’t tell anybody about the lead-based paint in the housing where veterans lived with their families. Any structure built before 1978 likely has lead-based paint, a serious health hazard. The

agent knew this and still signed rental agreements without notifying residents about the paint. A baby living there was found to have high blood lead levels because of the lead in the paint.

The agent’s scammer pals, a hazardous material mitigation service, were hired to go in and clean up the lead paint. They didn’t and were eventually nailed with one count of the False Claims Act. And after putting lives in danger, what was the punishment for the real estate agent and the scammer pals? Probation and fines.

Then there was the guy

who schemed to grab Covid funding to the tune of nearly a half million dollars. Punishment: a fine and -- you guessed it -- probation.

And what of the guy who groped a student nurse at a VA hospital, a case of abusive sexual contact? The guidelines indicate he could have gotten up to two years in prison. Yet he gets a free pass. Once again: probation.

I can only conclude that our prisons are full. There’s no other explanation for only giving probation to these criminals.

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Senior discounts are now even more important



by Matilda Charles

The price increases we might see because of the expected tariffs make this a good time to get used to hunting for senior discounts on all the goods and services we need and want.

As usual, the definition of “senior” varies from store to store and restaurant to restaurant. One might stick to the age 65, when we used to start collecting Social Security, and others might look at age 50, when AARP starts identifying us as potential subscribers -- or anywhere in between.

Despite the occasional confusion about age, there are discounts to be had.

Shop your local stores first. They’re more likely to offer senior discounts because they want your business, and your repeat business.

Check Goodwill and The Salvation Army stores for discount days.

Ask your local grocery stores about senior discount days. You might need a loyalty card, but even those can often get you rewards cash.

Don’t forget pharmacies, eyeglass stores, gyms, clothing stores, travel agencies, movie theaters,

insurance agents, auto repair locations -- anywhere you spend money. They’re not likely to offer you any discount unless you ask for it. But they do want your business, and it’s to their benefit to give you a discount.

Scroll through the discount area of the AARP website and see if a membership makes sense for you. (I get \$20 off an annual Walmart+ plan, which pays for my AARP membership.)

Search for discounts online by looking for “senior discounts 2025” and your area. Then call in advance to verify that a certain discount is available.

Don’t be shy about asking. In fact, before you go to any restaurant or store, make it a rule to call and inquire, and to verify the age they consider senior. After all, it’s your money, and every dollar discounted is a dollar you get to keep.

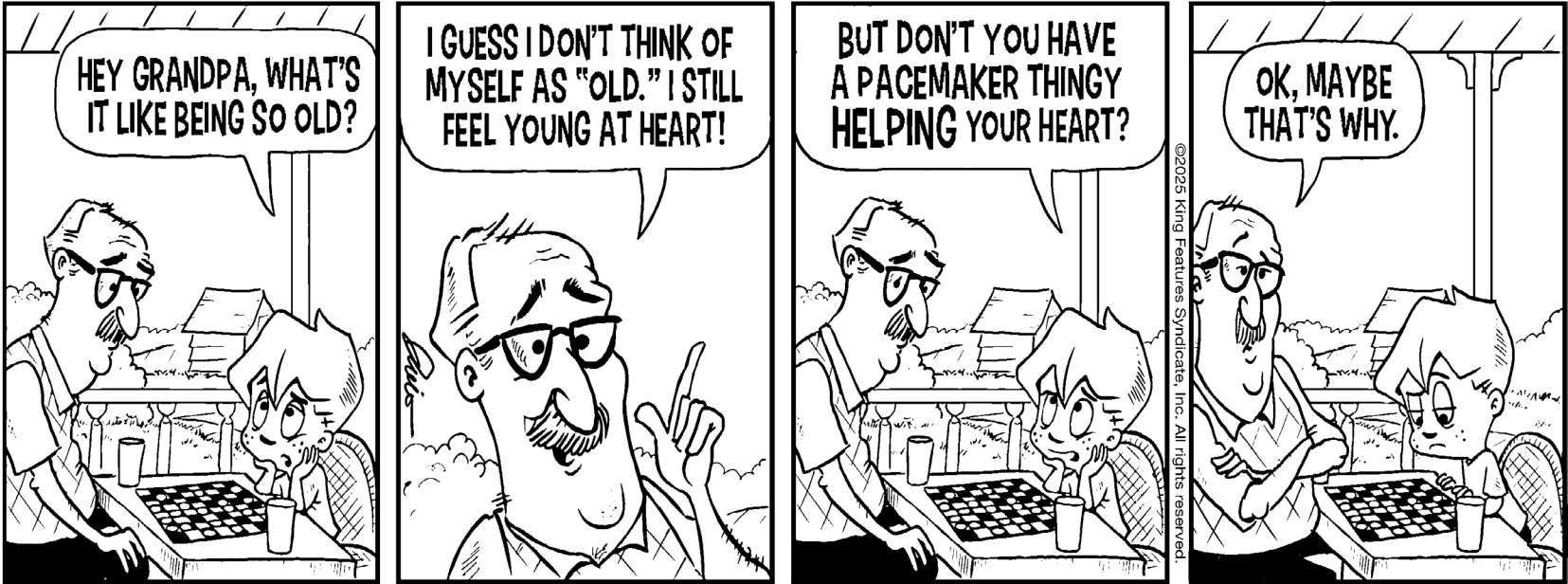
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OPINION

HISTORY ALMANAC

- 1946 - Jack Mullin showed the world the first magnetic tape recorder.
- 1948 - The body of CBS News correspondent George Polk was found in Solonika Bay in Greece. It had been a week after he'd disappeared.
- 1960 - A Big Four summit in Paris collapsed due to the American U-2 spy plane incident.
- 1960 - Theodore Maiman, at Hughes Research Laboratory in California, demonstrated the first working laser.
- 1963 - After 22 Earth orbits Gordon Cooper returned to Earth, ending Project Mercury.
- 1965 - Spaghetti-O's were sold for the first time.
- 1969 - Venus 5, a Russian spacecraft, landed on the planet Venus.
- 1971 - U.S. postage for a one-ounce first class stamp was increased from 6 to 8 cents.
- 1975 - Japanese climber Junko Tabei became the first woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest.
- 1977 - Five people were killed when a New York Airways helicopter, idling on top of the Pan Am Building in Manhattan, toppled over, sending a huge rotor blade flying.
- 1987 - The Bobro 400 set sail from New York Harbor with 3,200 tons of garbage. The barge travelled 6,000 miles in search of a place to dump its load. It returned to New York Harbor after 8 weeks with the same load.
- 1988 - A report released by Surgeon General C. Everett Koop declared that nicotine was addictive in similar was as heroin and cocaine.
- 1988 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that police do not have to have a search warrant to search discarded garbage.
- 1991 - Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address the U.S. Congress.
- 1996 - Admiral Jeremy "Mike" Boorda, the nation's top Navy officer, died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after some of his military awards were called into question.
- 1997 - In Zaire, President Mobutu Sese Seko gave control of the country to rebel forces ending 32 years of autocratic rule.

Amber Waves



100 days

Every time there is a change in administrations in Washington, the pundits start talking about the first 100 days as being all defining of the new President’s agenda and accomplishments, especially now, with the 24/7 news cycle and every network wanting to have the inside story and be the first to broadcast it.

The news cycles have simply created an unrealistic expectation of what a President, or any elected official, can do. Change simply takes time and rarely does it occur overnight. We just got a new mayor in Clinton, and that portends some change. Locally, we need to give Mayor Michelassi some time to acclimate herself to the position and to make the changes she was elected on.

In like fashion, Trump will not make lasting changes overnight. There are differences of opinion in this country about how the nation should proceed. Add to that the differences with the positions of other nations and it is obvious that change is rarely fast. The key on the international side is always to first keep the peace and then negotiate the relationship.

IMMIGRATION—On this issue Trump did indeed move at warp speed to secure the border. Biden had voiced that the border was secure even when the news media was showing mass entry of illegal aliens. Trump literally exercised the executive powers he has and shut down the border that Biden said needed Congressional action to seal. Trump’s action on the border was probably the quickest action taken by a President outside

of a war scenario.

The action to remove those who gained entry into this country illegally will take a lot longer. Those with criminal records are relatively easy to deport. Those who actually claim asylum will need further evaluation and those cases will take time.

Illegal immigrants do not have all the legal rights of those who enter the nation legally, but there are still rules that need to be followed. Additionally, we have so many illegals in this country that the task of deporting may be insurmountable. This issue needs Congressional attention and some deep thought about policy. While we may dispute the authority under which Biden literally approved the entry of many into this country, we cannot dispute that they are here. The current policy of paying illegals to self deport seems to be gaining some traction and needs more attention.

TARIFFS—We all understand that tariffs have a net result of increasing prices in at least the short term. However, the U.S. has been the victim of unfair trade practices for decades. Many claimed that prices would go through the roof with Trump’s tariff agenda and the stock market would crash into a deep recession. We did have some price increases and there were significant stock market fluctuations.

Now, a few weeks later, the prices have moderated and the stock market is showing growth. The inflation figures that came out this morning are showing 2.4%, which is certainly an acceptable



rate after the 9% increases in parts of 2022. Trump’s negotiating style is unconventional and the players are all having to adapt. Give it time and see where we go. We may not like all the high prices in the grocery stores, but those prices were there before Trump came into office this time.

BUDGET/TAXES—For Trump and the Republicans to pull off their budget and tax plans with legislation by July 4 may well be a pipe dream. Musk and DOGE have shown to the nation that there is tremendous waste in government and we are often spending recklessly. At the same time, there is much that government does that people definitely need and have come to rely on. Carte blanche handouts are something that no taxpayer wants. However there are single parents and the infirm who need assistance and we are a nation that has always helped the underdog. I simply do not see this nation turning its back on the infirm and those in need.

The national budget and the tax structure to support it are extremely difficult issues to legislate and everyone has their own agenda. It would be nice to see Congress looking at the national good and

not just legislative districts, even though that is also important.

MY FAILURE—I have around 300 college credit hours and normally consider myself reasonably intelligent and able to solve my personal problems. On Monday my smartphone showed me that it was smart and I failed.

I had somehow lost my voice to text mode and wanted it back. My fat fingers are not very fast on a phone keyboard. I went to complete the task and reset my phone. The next thing I know my phone goes into some artificial intelligence mode and is telling me to tap this and that.

It then locks me out of anything except responding to this very irritating female voice that assumes she is working with a fool, and she was. With no phone I am in trouble.

I gave up and went to the AT&T store and begged the young man there to reprogram the phone. He took my phone and started punching the keys and handed it back to me saying it was fixed and that I had my voice to text back. I meekly asked him what I had down to precipitate my dilemma. He looked at me and said I had set the phone in blind person mode and it was awaiting my oral instructions.

Apparently my Galaxy Ultra does not understand oral commands as I assure you I gave it several. Alas, I must accept my failures in life. Have a great week.

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

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OPINION

Habeas corpus crisis

A columnist presented a well-defined discourse on the law governing executive powers. Also, he compared Donald Trump to Franklin Roosevelt, giving the proposition that Trump might be using Roosevelt’s conflict for justification. Although an abridged version, the columnist made good sense with a sprinkling of history. Good job. I wish to add a bit more history.

At the very outset, and I believe any judge would agree, we should never excuse any law breaker based on the fact that another got away with the same crime, Richard Nixon as the example. Consider too, the circumstances that play a big part in any case. Clearly, no judge would allow a partial or one-sided rendition of the evidence.

Roosevelt inherited the worse crisis the United States faced since the Civil War. The economy was shot, unemployment was beyond belief, poverty was extreme, manufacturing was all but destroyed, all of which led up to World War II. Drastic times often require drastic measures. And this would later include Harry Truman ending that war with the atom bomb.

In Trump’s case, he inherited nothing like that. Trump inherited a sound economy in his first term and all of the advantages there in; high employment, benefits, security and much more. Europe referred to the U.S. as the financial envy of the western world. America was prosperous and strong with many allies around the world. The American dollar has long been the trade standard around the world. However, Trump proceeded to chip away at the foundation of it all. The economy and beneficial agencies were weakened in his first term, disguising and even denying the damage with copious lies. Name me just one piece of legislation MAGA produced that was of any benefit.

Then came Biden, who inherited the results of Trump’s destructive

activities. Biden improved and fortified the infrastructures, rebuilt the economy to the point of being the envy of the world. The stock market reached record highs. He brought back humane treatment via the unions, aid, reduced drug costs, curbed pollution and protections against industrial hazardous activities using regulations. One could depend upon safe travel, safe drinking water, healthy inspected foods, higher wages, reduced drug costs, protection against viruses via vaccinations, and this is only a fraction of the benefits and aid Biden provided for all Americans besides aid to foreign countries (USAID). Never was it for the rich or for a select few.

Unlike Trump, Biden came to the aid of any state in need including red states. Although I prayed for the best from Trump, there was strong cause to be skeptical as evidenced by his last term. Having said this, Trump, for the second time, inherited a strong economy to once again cripple it and increase the national deficit. With the guard rails removed this time around, the damage could be horrendous. The stage is now set for disaster.

Some may claim that Abraham Lincoln took certain liberties contrary to the constitution. The same could be claimed about Roosevelt and Truman. Be that as it may, it must be analyzed in context with the events. Even in court, the spirit of the law is considered under special circumstances; not just the letter of the law.

Were Lincoln’s actions for selfish or for political reasons? Could the matter wait until it could be duly processed? Or perhaps it dealt with a national crisis, a forced issue. The law is for directing a course of action. If there is no direction, then special measures must compensate.

I see no advantage in the first two propositions since there existed no other activities that indicated authoritarianism. Therefore, it would be the third and last option.



In the case of Lincoln and Truman, that would be war threatening the Union or United States. In Roosevelt’s case, it would be both the economic depression and World War II. If this is not yet clear, I will add relevant specifics.

First and foremost, one needs to understand that a delay in pertinent war activities could cause unnecessary deaths. That is when, and only when, the president has the power of “commander in chief” of the armed forces. A threat must exist. Chief Justice Salmon Chase, in 1866, defined its powers as “the command of the forces and the conduct of campaigns.” Campaigns exist by a vote in congress. If war is declared, it must be declared by congress. Find it in article 2, section 2, clause 1 of the constitution.

In some rare cases, a president may have to order certain activities not endorsed by law. Example, if a policeman is threatened with a gun, he may not have the time to phone it in and ask for legal advice. He acts to save his life either by disarming the man or shooting him.

Stephen Miller, in the name of Trump, wants habeas corpus suspended in order to expedite deportation of migrants. Believe it or not, habeas corpus was enacted by Parliament in England in 1679 A.D. Therefore, it was nothing new. Its original purpose was to prevent the king of England from arbitrarily incarcerating people without just cause. It follows that habeas corpus was enacted for controlling the king (the president in our case).

The same was incorporated into

our constitution when it was being debated and framed. In 1861, Abraham Lincoln suspended habeas corpus so he could detain those who might be spies or Confederate sympathizers. This was unconstitutional at the time. After a legal battle, the importance of it was realized and clause two was added in 1863, which states, “shall not suspend, unless when, in case of rebellion or invasion, the public safety may require it.” Article 1, section 9, clause 2.

Several of Roosevelt’s projects to fight the depression were unconstitutional. However, that is for another time.

Clause two was used by Roosevelt during World War II. He had those with Japanese heritage put into concentration camps, but they were not shipped out to an infamous foreign prison. Even nationalized Japanese were detained.

Keep in mind that certain conditions are merited under a state of war. War is a clear threat as well as anything related to war activities. Probable cause for physical endangerment may apply.

However, a person simply being an immigrant is not probable cause for incarcerating him.

I think it is ludicrous, harmful, dangerous, costly and unusual punishment upon an innocent people. I see it as a crime against decency if not humanity. Clearly, it is un-Christian.

Christ said, “I was in prison and you comforted me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was hungry and you fed me.”

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



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CHURCHES

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalms 37:8-9

Refrain from **anger** and **turn from wrath**; do **not fret**—it **leads only** to evil. **For** those **who** are **evil will** be **destroyed**, but **those** who **hope** in the **LORD** will **inherit** the **land**.

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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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Answers

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Jonah (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which hour mentioned in the Bible means the last possible moment that something can be done? First, Second, Eleventh, Twelfth
3. Hebrews 9 says that when Christ appears a second time, it will be to Awake the Heavens, Start anew, Save those who look for Him, Cease all evil
4. How many times did the Israelites march around the walls of Jericho? 1, 2, 7, 13
5. From I Kings 17, the ravens brought Elijah bread and Water, Oil, Flesh, Nuts
6. What Philistine city was home to Goliath? Jericho, Bethel, Gaza, Gath

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Eleventh, 3) Save those who look for Him, 4) 13, 5) Flesh, 6) Gath

More than 1,200 brand-new trivia questions in Wilson Casey’s latest book “Quest for Bible Knowledge” available in bookstores and online.

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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
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308 E. Main Street
Rev. Darrell Howard
(217) 935-5869

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10:30 a.m. Sunday School Children & Adult
5 p.m. Saturday Evening Worship in chapel
3:30 p.m. Thursday JC Stars
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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

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8:30 a.m.-Sunday prayer around the altar
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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

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www.lanechurch.org
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9 a.m.-Sunday school
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Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding? To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are His.

🕊 JOB 12:12,13 🕊

Detail of “The Artist’s Mother: Head and Bust, Three-Quarters Right” by Rembrandt van Rijn (1628)

NEWS

Returning to stock

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. Stock is the base ingredient for superb soups. In an earlier article, I covered the traditional way for making stock. I am reminded that I neglected an important factor in storing it. I now wish to rectify this with your indulgence. Okay, so I am not perfect.

Stock is considered a building block in soup making. By that, it is meant that soup variations are made from a base. Therefore, a thorough knowledge of any base is imperative in fine cooking and especially in creating new recipes. If then I neglected to disclose all, I must swallow my pride and make amends. The important factor is to cover all necessary information in culinary arts making any and all pertinent corrections.

In my earlier articles, I



The Culinary Corner Chef Roger Joss

gave detailed instructions on how to make your various types of stock. Those types would be meat stock such as beef, veal, ham, and pork. There would be your poultry stocks such as chicken and turkey. There would also be your fish stock and vegetable stock. All of this I covered. However, I neglected to fully explain the various ways in which these stocks can be saved and stored for later use. I need first to give some history behind this. What I am about to reveal is not found in cookbooks or taught in any culinary schools of which I am aware.

In the old days, stock was

all day on the back burners in restaurant for their use. Herbs and seasonings were added toward the last for reasons I stated earlier. This was acceptable since stock was generally used within the next few days for soups. However, changing times do not necessarily change outdated procedures. Unfortunately, many traditional recipes go unchanged as well as many cooking fallacies.

It hardly seems worthwhile to make small quantities of stock. If then large amounts are made, much needs to be saved for later use. Now days, especially with home cooking, there is no immediate need to use large quantities. In one month, I can have enough scraps for making ten gallons worth of stock without enough call to use it all at once. What is to be done? Preservation of

course. Canning is ideal for that if done correctly.

In a past article, I instructed on the effects of heat on herbs. Prolonged simmering destroys flavor. For example, prolonged simmering of spaghetti sauce greatly compromises the flavor. To even do it beyond 45 minutes is unadvisable. Therefore, the herbs and garlic to be used in finishing stock should not be added if the stock is to be canned. Create the stock as usual without adding the herbs or vegetables. Just prior to canning the stock in a pressure cooker, add medium diced mireproix into the jars with the stock and process. When to be used latter, pour and simmer, add the herb pouch toward the last and strain.

Until next time, peace to all.

County / from A1

Carter was referring to separate bids submitted by Cummins Engineering to help the county analyze the proposed Santa Anna Township Solar, LLC plan and the Triple Black Diamond Solar Power, LLC plan.

Carter told the committee he felt it was inappropriate to not seek additional bids for the work. He recommended contacting other engineering firms, such as Chastain & Associates, with which the county has also done business, to solicit additional bids for the work.

“I think we should have at least two prices before we recommend a bid,” Carter said.

County board administrative assistant Dee Dee Rentmeister said she was under the impression the county had designated Cummins to review all solar project applications.

Committee member and board chairman Joe Witte said he thought the same because of the time element involved.

“We’re waiting a month or we would have to call a special meeting to get somebody started on an application,” Witte said.

It was pointed out later the county board approved Cummins only to work on the application from Blue Iris Solar.

Carter said he felt the application from Triple Black Diamond was premature, since the company has not yet finalized its agreement with the Village of Weldon.

Rentmeister and county zoning administrator Elizabeth Weikle said there were problems with the agreement that had not been resolved and were stalling progress.

Witte said the county would want to engage an engineer well in advance of the ending of the 60-day period the county requires for review before a project can start.

Weikle said all three proposed commercial solar projects sin the county were currently under review by the county.

“We’ve told one of them they’re missing documents, and were about to tell another one they are missing documents,” Weikle said.

She said the third project was about to begin review, “because they just started submitting documents.”

“Before any engineering firm ... our review would start first, and then we give them notice of things they’re lacking on the non-engineering side of things,” Rentmeister said.

Committee member Chris Hammer said he also would like to see more than one bid for the engineering services.

Land of Lincoln Honor Flights will continue June 3

SPRINGFIELD — Mission #74 will serve 96 veterans, including six Korean Era veterans 90 Vietnam era veterans from 66 Illinois home towns: Alton, Ashland, Auburn, Beason, Bingham, Bloomington, Blue Mound, Carman, Caseyville, Champaign, Chandlerville, Charleston, Chatham, Cooksville, Cowden, Danville, Decatur, Dieterich, Edinburg, Effingham, Eureka, Fairbury, Forrest, Franklin, Freeport, Germantown, Gibson City, Greenville, Hillsboro, Illiopolis, Indianola, Jacksonville, Jerseyville, Lovington, Mahomet, Mattoon, Monticello, Mt Pulaski, Naperville,

Olney, Petersburg, Pontiac, Quincy, Rantoul, Rochester, Rockford, Rossville, South Jacksonville, Sadorus, Secor, Shipman, Shobonier, Springfield, Staunton, Troy, Tuscola, Urbana, Vandalia, Villa Park, Weldon, White Hall, Windsor, Wood River and Yale as well as O’Fallon, Missouri. The June 3 veterans represent all branches of the military.

These Veterans and their Guardians will report June 3, 2025 to the Abraham Lincoln Capitol Airport at 4:00 AM to travel to Washington DC on a chartered Sun Country 737 aircraft to visit the World War II, Korean and Vietnam War Memorials,

as well as Arlington National Cemetery Tomb of the Unknowns, the Lincoln Memorial, the National Air & Space Museum in Chantilly, Virginia, the US Marine Corps Memorial and the US Air Force Memorial. This day of honor is provided at absolutely no cost to our veterans and is completely funded by donations from the general public.

The Honor Flight participants will return to the Springfield airport at 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday June 3.

The general public, friends, family and LLHF alumni veterans are encouraged to pack the airport to welcome

home these heroes. Joan Bortolon, LLHF President, states: “The welcome home at the airport is the experience our veterans earned and deserve - but never received. For many of these heroes, this is the first time they will experience a sincere and heartfelt welcome home.”

Greeters are encouraged to arrive early and show appreciation for and support of these veterans who sacrificed so much for our country. Parking is free and volunteers will be in the parking area to assist guests to open spaces. A shuttle bus is available to take guests directly to the airport terminal door.

Stephanie Hanshaw named to SNHU Dean’s List

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Stephanie Hanshaw, of LeRoy has been named to Southern New Hampshire University’s Spring 2025 Dean’s List. The spring terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned

a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.



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NEWS

‘International Night’ at the library



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Lillian Hammer & Iris Hammer
Town and Country 4-H Club

CLINTON — On Tuesday, April 8, the members of the Town and Country 4-H club invited the public to attend their “International Night,” held at the Vespasian Warner Public Library.

The children and their families presented displays featuring interesting facts, culture and tasty treats from 11 countries. An intercultural book display was also presented by the library. Nearly 100 people were in attendance.

Submitted by Lillian Hammer, age 13 and Iris Hammer, age 8.



NEWS





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Both Vulnerable
South West North East
1NT Pass 2♣ Pass
2♦ Pass 3NT All Pass

3NT is the normal contract and 9 top tricks are available. But this event was duplicate bridge where it's not always enough just to make your contract, it's also important to make overtricks. So, the question for you South players is "How do you make 10 tricks after an opening Diamond lead?"

Hearts are the best place to get that extra trick and there are two ways to tackle the suit ... either finesse the Ten hoping that West has the Jack ... or lead towards the Queen hoping that East has the King. As you can see both plays work and will earn that valuable overtrick. But playing East for the ♥K is dangerous! If it turns out that West has the King then he can shift dramatically to the ♠J and South's cold contract is down one! The correct play is to win the opening lead in hand and finesse the ♥T, forcing East to win the trick. On this deal, East is the "safe hand", the one that cannot make the deadly Spade shift through Dummy's King.

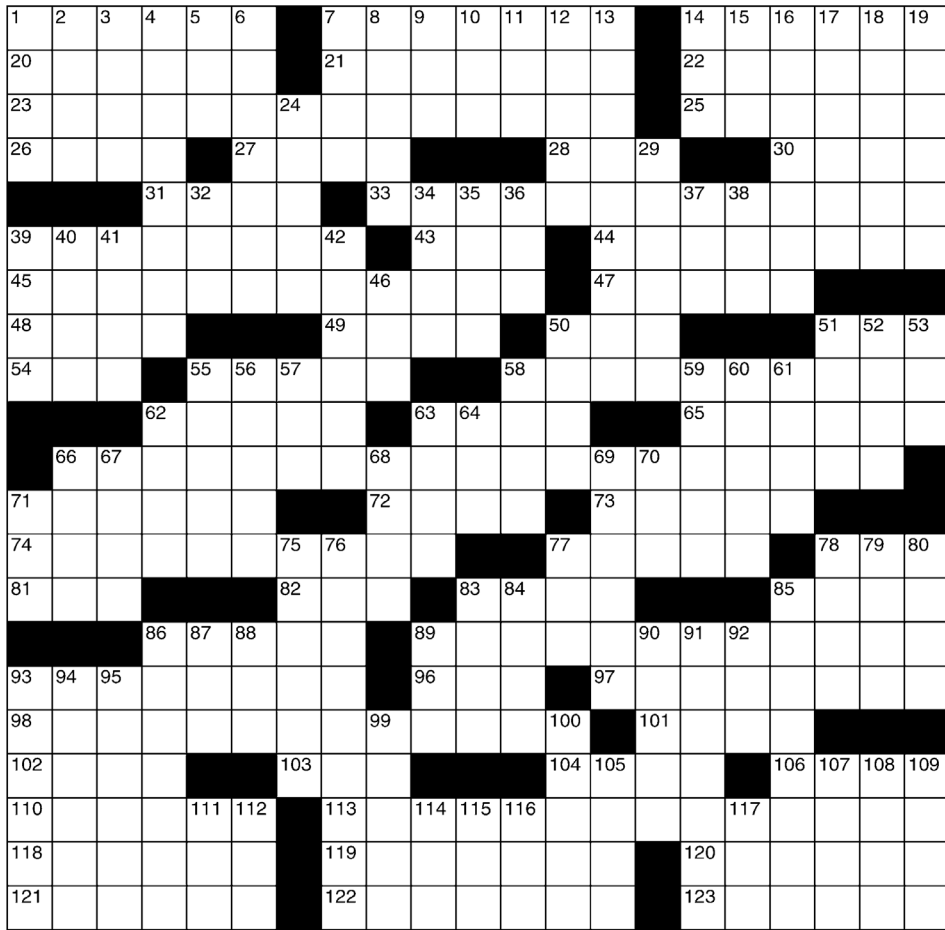
Post Script When Declarer led a Heart towards Dummy's AT West could have made a brilliant and spectacular play! If he rises majestically with the Jack then Declarer will fear that West started with the King as well. If that's the case then the 10th trick cannot be developed without letting the danger hand gain the lead and the play of the ♥J might persuade a nervous (aka chicken) Declarer to settle for 9 tricks. But a bold Declarer will go for the gusto, playing a second round of Hearts and risking the contract for the precious overtrick.

For bridge in the Clinton-Bloomington-Normal area, contact Mike Tomlianovich by phone:309-825-5823 or by email: mjtomla@gmail.com

Super Crossword

ROUGH JOURNEY AHEAD

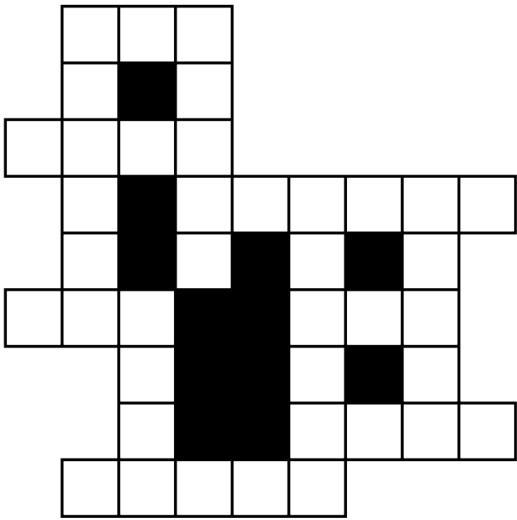
- ACROSS
- 1 Neighbor of Croatia
- 7 Pakistan's largest city
- 14 Rajiv or Indira
- 20 For only the price of production
- 21 Rarely used golf club
- 22 Aleve rival
- 23 Spectators' loud cheers
- 25 Sizable sofas
- 26 Angled
- 27 Southeast Kansas city
- 28 River islet
- 30 Beginner's painting class
- 31 Sousaphone, e.g.
- 33 Loaf flavored with a certain fragrant herb
- 39 Incorporates gradually
- 43 Hitler Griffey
- 44 Having a basic knowledge of arithmetic
- 45 "The Wild Wild West" actor
- 47 São — (largest of the Cape Verdes)
- 48 Actress Jessica
- 49 — parmigiana
- 50 Hi- — image
- 51 Golfer's peg
- 54 Vote in favor
- 55 Clarinetist Shaw
- 58 Wander
- 62 Temporary, as a committee
- 63 Creator of Oz
- 65 Neighbor of Croatia
- 66 Acquiesce, figuratively
- 71 Virgil epic
- 72 Noted Deco master
- 73 Paper opinion pieces
- 74 Many a song by Journey or Chicago
- 77 Eight x five
- 78 Knight's title
- 81 Suffix with journal
- 82 Alley- —
- 83 Flatware item
- 85 Ho-hum thing
- 86 Hurl
- 89 Site-to-site transfer of data
- 93 "Glass half full" attitude
- 96 JFK posting
- 97 Deprived of parental care
- 98 It's east of Croatan
- 101 "The devil — the details"
- 102 Cure- — (panaceas)
- 103 Alabama-to-Illinois dir.
- 104 Per unit
- 106 Pound pen
- 110 Popular video-sharing service
- 113 Apt thing to drive on while pondering this puzzle's theme?
- 118 Villa
- 119 Fine-food fan
- 120 Turn to ice
- 121 "Get —" (John Travolta film)
- 122 Chooses
- 123 Hurled
- DOWN
- 1 Fishhook part
- 2 Siouan tribe member
- 3 Read hastily
- 4 The Rhine flows into it
- 5 Thermal or lateral lead-in
- 6 Initially
- 7 Germany's Helmut
- 8 Lend — (pay attention)
- 9 — center (community facility)
- 10 Make public
- 11 — -Magnon
- 12 "— I supposed to know?"
- 13 Darjeeling or pekoe
- 14 Gallivant
- 15 Darth Vader, in boyhood
- 16 CNN political commentator Ana
- 17 U.S. capital's vicinity
- 18 Allude to
- 19 Not alfresco
- 24 Drink mixer
- 29 Fact
- 32 Atop, to poets
- 34 Gumbo
- 71 Exist
- 35 Fasten shut
- 36 Terminus
- 37 Vocalist Sumac
- 38 Ask earnestly
- 39 Ask earnestly
- 40 Golf target
- 41 "SOS" band
- 42 Tyro
- 46 Born, on a society page
- 50 Lively frolic
- 51 Sousaphone, e.g.
- 52 Oklahoma city
- 53 Self-help writer LeShan
- 55 Go off script
- 56 Old Valerie
- 57 "Mazel —"
- 58 Ill-mannered
- 59 Up until now
- 60 "I Am Woman" singer Helen
- 61 Mined metals
- 62 Supermodel Wek
- 63 Minstrel poet
- 64 Social insect
- 66 Some antique autos
- 67 In time past
- 68 Gather in
- 69 Depend on
- 70 Mo. in spring
- 75 Unlace, e.g.
- 76 Having vulgar interests
- 77 To and —
- 78 Imminently
- 79 "Dies —" (hymn)
- 80 Comic Foxx
- 83 Salty Greek cheese
- 84 Neighbor of Yemen
- 85 Boils a little
- 86 Wild West sheriff's badge
- 87 Med. plan
- 88 Comic actor Mayall
- 89 Minister's study: Abbr.
- 90 "Love Story" novelist
- 91 Switch to second gear, maybe
- 92 Chi preceder
- 93 Speechifies
- 94 Buff up
- 95 Chat with
- 99 Steal
- 100 John of lawn tractors
- 105 Fruit drinks
- 107 Wows
- 108 Stare
- 109 Stared at
- 111 Ex-Giant Mel
- 112 Lock go-with
- 114 Crooner
- 115 Here, in Arles
- 116 Fizzling thing
- 117 Miracle- —



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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.

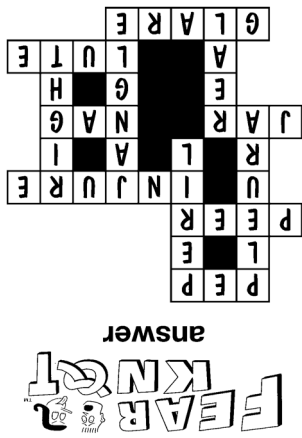
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County Clerk

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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 PEN-
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TION**

TO: Erica Taylor, Silas Taylor, Non Record Claimants, Unknown Owners 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 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@dewittcountyilaw.com

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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,

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LINCOLN SCHOOL
Special Education Teacher for 2025-2026 school year, application deadline May 30th, 2025

ATHLETICS
CJHS Asst Wrestling Coach for 2025-2026 school year
CJHS Asst. Baseball Coach for 2025-2026 school year
HS Track Assistant – Girls for 2025-2026 school year

HS Track Assistant – Boys for the 2025-2026 school year
CJHS 8th Grade Volleyball for the 2025-2026 school year
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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

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May 9, 16, 23, 2025

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DEWITT COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
CASE S 272-2025

Notice is given that a request for a Special Use Permit has been filed with the above-named Board. Ashley Miller, applicant, and Marla Miller, owner, are requesting a special use permit to operate a kennel.

S12 T19 R2~5 A PT
LOT 1 SE SW & PT
LOT 2 SW SE.~

The named property is zoned RD-2 and is commonly located at 4220 Weldon Springs Rd., Clinton, Illinois, 61727, parcel # 12-12-400-003. The property contains approximately 5 acres.

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that a public hearing on the above-mentioned request will be held on June 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible. Said hearing will be held in the DeWitt County Building, at

201 W. Washington St., Clinton, IL.

David Waters,
Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

LEGAL 20352
May 16, 2025

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DEWITT COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
CASE V-347-2025

Notice is given that a request for a variation has been filed with the above-named Board. Ashley and Marla Miller are requesting a variance from \$155.065 – Minimum Setbacks of the DeWitt County Code. Said variance request is to reduce the set back requirements for a structure at 8 feet from neighboring property line.

S12 T19 R2~5 A PT
LOT 1 SE SW & PT
LOT 2 SW SE.~

The named property is zoned RD-2, and is commonly known as 4220 Weldon Springs Rd., Clinton, Illinois, 61727, located in Texas Township, Parcel No. 12-12-400-003.

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties that a public hearing on the above-mentioned request will be held on June 2, 2025, at 6:15 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible. Said hearing will be held in the DeWitt County Building, at 201 W. Washington St., Clinton, IL.

David Waters,
Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals

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Notice of Public Sale is hereby given that an auction will be held online on www.lockerfox.com beginning on June 11th at 12:00 pm ending June 18th, 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

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Notice of Public Sale is hereby given that an auction will be held online on www.lockerfox.com beginning on June 11th at 12:00 pm ending June 18th, 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

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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; Unknown Heirs/Devisees of Nicholas Tetens, deceased; DeWitt County Clerk; 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.

Permanent Index
No. 05-28-354-002

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 Passcode 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

CLINTON CUSD #15 TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2024-2025 AMENDED BUDGET

The Clinton Board of Education will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on June 24, 2025 on the adoption of the 2024-2025 Amended Budget. The tentative budget will be available for public inspection beginning May 30, 2025 and is available at the Unit Office located at 1210 West Route 54, Clinton, Illinois 61727 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

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May 16, 2025



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PUBLIC NOTICE
Vegetation Management Activities in
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Please be advised that Ameren Illinois will perform vegetation management in your area in the near future. Our professional vegetation management specialists will be managing vegetation on transmission rights-of-way that could affect our electric lines. This vegetation management work is necessary to protect the integrity of the electric system and to prevent potential safety hazards.

This work might include: aerial or manual trimming, removal of vegetation, mowing, application of environmentally-safe herbicides, and inspections. Interested persons may call the Ameren toll free number 1-800-232-2477 or visit our website at www.ameren.com/transmission to understand any potential dispute resolution opportunities, processes, rights and/or remedies. Customers and property owners may appeal the particular vegetation work planned on their property by 1) calling the Ameren toll free number mentioned above referencing CODE TMT or 2) accessing the website mentioned above referencing CODE TMT or 3) contacting the Illinois Commerce Commission Consumer Services Division at 1-800-524-0795. Common addresses of properties affected by the planned vegetation management have been provided to the office of the mayor or of any affected municipality and the office of the county board chairman of any affected county. Sincerely, Ameren Illinois

LEGAL 20358
May 16, 2025



Your Yard

Spring Yard Work? Remember Safety First

Spring Yard Work? Put Safety First

Know your machine

Follow manufacturer's guidance

Don't disable, adjust or remove safety devices

Use fresh fuel

Use manufacturer-approved batteries

Keep kids and pets away from working equipment





(NAPSI)—If you’re like most people, spring is the time to get out your lawn equipment to shape up your yard. But before you fire up your lawn mower, trimmer, and other yard gear, the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) reminds you to keep safety in mind.

“We all want to get outside and work on our yards, but your equipment needs some attention first,” says Kris Kiser, President and CEO of OPEI, an international trade association representing outdoor power equipment, small engine, utility vehicle, golf car and personal transport vehicle manufacturers and suppliers. “A little prep can go a long way in keeping things safe and running smoothly.”

Here are a few simple tips:

- Follow manufacturers’ guidance. It sounds basic, but it’s important. If you lost the manufacturer’s owner’s manual, you can usually find it online.
- Inspect your equipment. Check fuel, oil and air filters. Look for damaged or missing parts.
- Never disable, modify or remove safety devices.
- Use fresh fuel. Buy the amount of fuel you need. Never store equipment with fuel in the tank. Remember, storing fuel in hot, humid conditions will make the fuel grow stale more quickly.
- Charge batteries using an appropriate charger. Use the charger that came with your equipment and follow the manufacturer instructions. Follow their guidance on storing batteries properly.
- Clean and store equipment properly. Wipe off dirt and debris and keep your equipment in a dry spot.
- Always keep kids and pets away while operating equipment.

For more safety information about outdoor power equipment, visit www.opei.org.

Top backyarding trends for 2025

(NAPSI) — The popularity of backyarding will continue to increase in 2025, says the TurfMutt Foundation, which has encouraged outdoor living and caring for green spaces for the last 15 years. Backyarding is the act of moving everyday activities such as dining, entertaining, relaxing, and working to outdoor green spaces including family yards, parks, sports fields, and other green areas.

Things are always changing economically, culturally, and in terms of what people prioritize in their lives; however, the importance of the family backyard and community parks remains consistent. People have come to appreciate the many health, well-being, environmental, and economic benefits of the green space around us, and the TurfMutt Foundation says that communities should be making it a greater priority.

Here are the top backyarding trends for 2025:

- The need for urban backyarding will increase. Homebuyers moved to the suburbs in droves during the pandemic, but mandates to return to in-person workspaces continue driving people back to city centers. This means greater importance on making the most of small urban backyards, balconies, or patio gardens. There will also be an increased desire for “public backyarding” spaces, like neighborhood parks, pocket parks, community gardens, dog parks, and more.
- Cities investing in green space will be sought after. Community investment in spaces for “public backyarding” as a keystone amenity has proven to produce happier residents. Green space makes cities more livable, creates wildlife habitats, and improves environmental conditions within city corridors. The city of Louisville is ahead of this trend with Mulligan’s Bark Park and The TurfMutt Foundation Great Lawn, both in the city’s historic downtown.
- Outdoor activity areas will accommodate all ages. According to the National Association of REALTORS®, there are now more multi-generational households than ever before. This is largely because of the cost of homeownership and the need to pool money to afford housing. Other factors are an aging population that requires care or young adults “boomeranging” back home due to high housing costs. Backyards will be revamped for flexible activity zones that accommodate all manner of activities.
- Backyards will become wellness retreats. The focus on improving mental health in big and small ways will continue to gain steam in 2025, and the backyard and public green space will play a pivotal role. People will set up calming spaces in their yards to support a slower lifestyle, seek out opportunities to disconnect from technology, and reconnect to the natural world right at their back door and in neighborhood parks.
- Pet-friendly spaces will level up. More than 66 percent of American households own a pet, and more millennials are choosing pets over having kids. Expect greater pet pampering in the backyard with water fountains, digging areas, and at-home agility courses. Pet lovers also will seek out communities that cater to their canines with dog parks such as Mulligan’s Bark Park, agility courses, splash pads, pet-friendly shopping and dining corridors, and more.

To learn more about the TurfMutt Foundation, download the TurfMutt Foundation’s International Backyarding Fact Book and sign up for Mutt Mail, a monthly e-newsletter with backyarding tips and all the news from the TurfMutt Foundation, visit TurfMutt.com. You can see Mulligan the TurfMutt on the CBS Lucky Dog television show on Saturday mornings.

Did you know?

Inflation has garnered countless headlines in recent years, and much of that news has focused on the notably higher cost of food. Though the cost of some items at the grocery store has gone down in 2024, many items remain significantly more expensive than they were as recently as three or four years ago.

In an effort to overcome rising food costs, some consumers have thought about gardening. According to Washington State University, the average household with a food garden spends around \$70 per year on seeds and garden supplies. The reward for that small investment is roughly \$600 worth of food.

Though the financial investment associated with a food garden might be minimal, it’s important for prospective gardeners to recognize that the commitment of time required to establish and sustain a food garden can be significant.



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Illinois state parks draw highest number of visitors in more than a decade

Ben Szalinski
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois state parks saw more visitors in 2024 than any point in the past 15 years, according to new data from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Illinois’ 290 state parks and 56 historic sites recorded more than 41 million visitors last year, which was the most in 15 years, following several significant capital projects to upgrade and improve many of the parks.

Interest in state parks has been growing since the pandemic, IDNR Director Natalie Phelps Finnie said in an interview.

“During COVID, people were stir crazy, shut in, and they once again realized how important nature is to all of us,” Phelps Finnie said.

An aggressive advertising campaign by the state has also helped, she said. The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity launched the state’s “Middle of Everything” marketing campaign in 2022, which promotes tourism at the state’s top recreation and cultural attractions in TV commercials, billboards and online advertising.

Starved Rock State Park in LaSalle County topped the list in 2024 with 2.4 million visitors coming to explore the canyons and waterfalls nestled in gorges along the Illinois River in north-central Illinois.

The second-most visited park last year was Illinois Beach State Park, near Zion, with 2 million visitors. IDNR completed a major \$73 million project last year to preserve the park from erosion.

“It’s always been a high number of visitors, but certainly the uptick we’ve seen since the beach was restored and since the resort is being invested in once again and remodeled,” Phelps Finnie said.

Beach State Park holds Illinois’ only undeveloped stretch of Lake Michigan shoreline, but it’s subject to the ferocious waves of the lake. The conditions have sometimes eroded up to 100 feet of shoreline a year in parts of the park.

To preserve the park’s shoreline, IDNR’s project included building 22 breakwater structures in the lake to decrease the power of the waves hitting the shore. Several of the structures are entirely submerged while others that poke out the surface

of the lake are designed to provide nesting for migratory birds.

The project also included extending the public beach further into Lake Michigan. Erosion had diminished the beach to come within feet of the parking lot and hotel at the park.

The state also announced earlier this year it will put \$60 million toward deferred maintenance projects. More than half of that will go to Starved Rock for trail improvements, facility renovations and building a new wastewater system.

The department is also working on adding electric vehicle chargers at state parks and renovating the Old State Capitol in Springfield.

This summer, IDNR plans to restore and upgrade the Crenshaw House in Gallatin County to include a visitor center at a location on the reverse underground railroad, where slaves were held. John Crenshaw used slaves at his southern Illinois home where he manufactured salt, according to IDNR. Crenshaw is also believed to have kidnapped freed or escaped slaves to sell them back to slavery in the South.

“We’re excited that the investment is being made and these parks are getting the attention they deserve,” Phelps Finnie said.

Lincoln’s New Salem Historic Site in Peterburg, where the 16th president lived in his 20s, was the state’s most visited historic site last year with 360,000 visitors. The site is in line for funding to repair aging buildings.

IDNR announced in March it will invest \$8 million to repair up to 23 replica log buildings at the site that depict how the village looked when Lincoln lived there in the 1830s.

“You have things fall into disrepair and then it dominoes,” Phelps Finnie said. “It builds. So what was once maybe \$100 million or so is now a little over \$1 billion worth of deferred maintenance” across IDNR’s properties.

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Governor signs order to protect personal autism data in response to federal action

Jade Aubrey
UIS Public Affairs Reporting
/ Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker issued an executive order Wednesday that bars state agencies from collecting and disclosing data about autism to the federal government unless it’s medically or legally necessary.

The order was in response to a move by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services earlier Wednesday to research and create a national autism database.

In a statement, Pritzker called the project a “threat” to the rights of disabled individuals. The order stated that the project raises privacy concerns about the collection and use of data, as well as potential “discriminatory profiling or surveillance of individuals with disabilities.”

“Every Illinoisan deserves dignity, privacy, and the freedom to live without fear of surveillance or discrimination,” Pritzker said. “As Donald Trump and DOGE threaten these freedoms, we are taking steps to ensure that our state remains a leader in protecting the rights of individuals with autism and all people with disabilities.”

Executive Order 2025-02 also requires state agencies to follow strict privacy and data protection requirements when they do disclose such data, including making personal information anonymous where it’s practicable and only disclosing the minimum amount of personal information that’s legally necessary.

The move was prompted by an HHS announcement of a research project on Wednesday. The project will allow the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Medicare

and Medicaid Services to have access to data and medical records of Medicare and Medicaid enrollees diagnosed with autism in an effort to research autism, Newsweek reported.

It also directly responded to remarks made last month by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who called autism an “epidemic” and said that President Trump has tasked him with finding a cause for the “epidemic.”

“Autism is a neurological difference—not a disease or an epidemic,” Pritzker’s order read. “People with disabilities, including individuals with autism, are too often stigmatized and underestimated, and public policy should never diminish the diverse strengths and potential of this community.”

This is not the first time Kennedy has touched on his beliefs about autism. During

an interview in 2023, he confirmed that he believes that vaccines cause autism, a theory the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and a wide body of research have long since debunked.

Executive orders aren’t often enacted by the Illinois governor, as last year he only signed three. This is the second order he has signed this year and is his latest action against the Trump Administration since his trade mission to Mexico this spring.

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May 17
1991: Severe thunderstorms moved across Illinois during the afternoon and evening hours. Baseball-size hail was reported at Oakwood in Vermilion County, with 2 inch diameter hail at Minonk, in Woodford County. In Logan County, a semi was overturned in Elkhart due to 80 mph winds; several trees were also blown over.

2017: A dust storm affected central Illinois from mid afternoon into mid evening. Visibility was reduced to near zero in open areas, and caused closure of several roads. This included I-72 from Jacksonville to Springfield, and I-55 from McLean to Bloomington. Winds gusting from 40 to 50 mph, dry topsoil, and loose soil from recent planting, combined to produce the blowing dust. Further northwest, severe thunderstorms produced tornadoes in Rock Island, Mercer, and Henry Counties.



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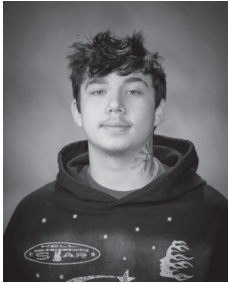
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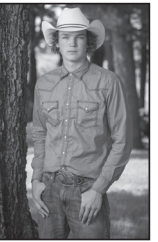



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Demand is rising for career and technical education

(METRO) — A four-year college degree is not necessarily the next step for students after they graduate from high school. The rising cost of college tuition has revitalized interest in career and technical education (CTE).

According to data from the National Student Clearinghouse, enrollment at community colleges rose 2.6 percent in 2023 compared with a year earlier, enhanced by a 16 percent surge at schools with a focus on CTE. Similarly, a survey by Edge Research commissioned by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation found on-the-job training seems to be more valuable to both high school students and non-enrolled graduates than a four-year degree, with 83 percent of the former stating it is excellent or good in value, compared to 80 percent for college. Favor for CTE schools is up 63 percent from the previous year.


The New England Association of Schools and Colleges says CTE has evolved from a traditional vocational school model to one that offers academics and skills for higher education and careers in skilled trades, technology and applied sciences. Demand for this type of education continues to grow, with various state superintendents and directors of CTE programs indicating they can only accommodate a fraction of the applicants they get for CTE programs.

“Since 2004, Vermont has seen a decrease in its overall student population, however we have had an increase in CTE students in that same period,” says Jay Ramsey, Vermont State Director for Career and Technical Education.

While a traditional four-year university might be the right path for some individuals, CTE has proven ideal for many others. New York City schools Chancellor David Banks has said it’s a sentiment being shared across the nation, that there is another way and another track for students to be successful. CTE may help students get more excited about school and view themselves in careers they may not otherwise be exposed to.

The National Center for Education Statistics puts the average annual tuition for a four-year degree at a private institution in the United States at roughly \$35,000 (and public at approximately \$10,000. Room and board costs also must be considered, and those can increase the overall cost by a significant amount. The average tuition for a trade school can be around \$17,600 a year, but rates vary based on the trade. Most of the CTE schools do not require students to reside on campus, which helps to save money.

Exploring the Career and Technical Education route can be highly satisfying and financially rewarding. Careers are diverse, and students can find a track that enables them to start training and working by investing less than they would if they were to attend a traditional college.



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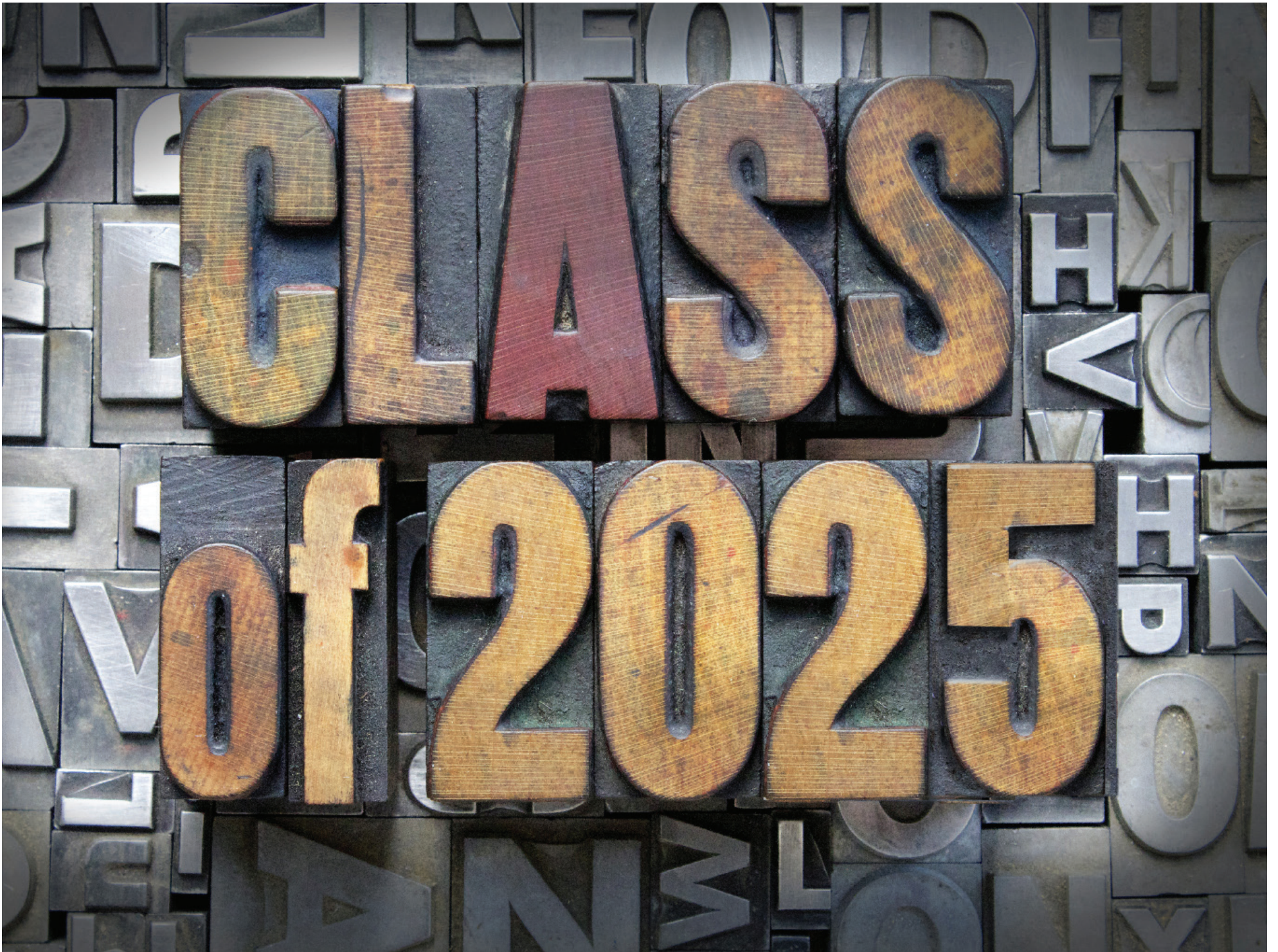


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