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Students compete in Skills USA

Local students travel to Peoria to compete in the Skills USA Illinois Championships

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PEORIA — More than a dozen students from Clinton High School and Clinton Junior High School competed in the SkillsUSA Illinois Championships, held April 24-26 in the Peoria Civic Center.

More than 2,000 students from 80 Illinois schools competed in the championships. SkillsUSA is a nonprofit program in which high school, junior high and college students work toward apprenticeships and to help employers address the worker gap in skilled trades. It is a state and national association that helps prepare students for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including in the health industry.

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MayDays 2025

Residents were entertained over the weekend by Conner Family Amusements as part of the Clinton Chamber's annual MayDays Festival. See more photos on A8.

Calls to freeze Illinois annual gas tax increase set to go up again July 1

Kevin Bessler

The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD — In a state where its residents pay the second highest gas taxes in the country, another increase is on the horizon in Illinois.

Dubbed "Rebuild Illinois" in 2019, the capital plan doubled the 19 cent gas tax to 38 cents and linked annual increases to the Consumer Price Index. It increases again to 48.3 cents per gallon on July 1.

Revenue generated from motor fuel taxes is primarily dedicated to funding transportation-related infrastructure, but Ravi Mishra, policy analyst with the Illinois Policy Institute, said Illinoisans are not getting their money's worth.

"The state just keeps on taking more taxes and there has been very little to show for it," said Mishra. "From research that we have conducted, our roads have not gotten much better

since the increase in taxes."

There has been legislation introduced by Illinois Republicans that would temporarily halt fuel tax rate hikes linked to the CPI. They argue that there is plenty of money in the state's road and construction fund and that it is time motorists receive some relief at the pump.

As of May 12, the Illinois Road Fund had nearly \$3.7 billion sitting ready to be used for construction projects.

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DeWitt County 4-H shines at Illinois Horse Speaking and Hippology Contest

CLINTON — The Illinois 4-H Horse Speaking and Hippology Contest was held April 11-12 on the University of Illinois Campus. Three DeWitt County 4-H members participated in both contests and placed among the top ten in several divisions.

Stephanie Niesen delivered an impressive four performances in the 4-H Horse Speaking Contest, earning a top-five ranking. Niesen secured first place in

the Senior Individual Formal Speech with her presentation, "The Six Nutrients," earning the honor of representing Illinois at the National contest in Louisville, Ky., this November. See **HORSE** / A13

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CHS Graduates 2025

Editor's note: The 2025 Clinton High School graduates shown here were either inadvertently omitted from last week's Clinton Journal 2025 Graduate section or were misidentified. Braden Finch and Emma Williams were not correctly identified and juniors Adrien Riley and Sophie Webb were omitted from the section.



Braden Finch



Adrien Riley



Sophie Webb



Emma Williams

COLLEGE HONORS

Morgan Rustemeyer graduates from South Plains College

LEVELLAND, Texas — Morgan Rustemeyer, of Heyworth, graduated with an A.S. in General Studies from South Plains College, in Spring 2025.

Rustemeyer was among more than 800 students recognized for their academic achievements and resilience in a changing world.

South Plains College is a comprehensive, two-year community college that serves the greater South Plains area of Texas with innovative educational programs that span the arts and sciences, technical education, continuing education and workforce development.

Farmer City students named to SNHU President's List

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Spring 2025 President's List:

- Mandy Christian, of Farmer City
- Katelyn McCandless, of Farmer City

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President'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.

Summer volunteer opportunities available at Weldon Springs

CLINTON – The Weldon Springs Foundation has volunteer opportunities for the summer months at the park.

Helpers are needed to greet visitors at the Union Schoolhouse and Texas Township Hall nature center on weekends. Volunteers generally help from 10 to noon or noon to 2 p.m., but any amount of time is appreciated. Information on the history of the schoolhouse and training is available.

The Weldon Springs Foundation also plants and maintains garden areas around the schoolhouse, nature center and concession area. We are looking for helpers to join us in this endeavor to keep these areas looking beautiful.

We will meet on Saturday May 24 at 9 a.m. near the concession area to spruce up the planting areas. We will provide plants to add to the flower beds. We have good reason to make this area attractive!

A new manager has reached an agreement with the state to open the concession stand and restaurant. We know everyone joins us in welcoming the reopening of these facilities that will provide boat rentals, snacks and food for the many visitors who love Weldon Springs.

The Weldon Springs Foundation is a volunteer organization that supports programs and activities and helps keep our park beautiful. The foundation is open to new members for a small annual fee of \$10 for individuals and \$20 for families. We meet three times a year and meetings are open to all members.

Membership is not required to volunteer but financial support is appreciated.

To volunteer at the park, contact Stephanie Russell at 217 737 3081.

Park Educator Patti Kinder has a busy schedule ahead for the park.

Activities on the calendar include Fishing Derbys on June 14 and Sept. 7.

A June 14 Community Flag Day Ceremony sponsored by the DeWitt Clinton Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution will be held at 10 a.m. at Veterans Point.

Tour DeWitt will begin its event June 7 at the Concession Stand. We are fortunate to have several Master Naturalists, including Casandra Meyen and Roxanne Snelson who provide educational programs and bird walks at the park.

Look for more information on activities at Weldon Springs on our new website wsfil.org and follow us on Facebook. Donations may be made through the website or mailed to Box 323 Clinton, IL 61727.

Students named to ONU Dean's List

BOURBONNAIS, Ill. — To qualify for inclusion on the Dean's List, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale.

The following area students were named to the Dean's List:

- Isaiah White, of Clinton
- Heidi Heldt, of Weldon

Olivet Nazarene University is an accredited Christian, liberal arts university offering more than 140 areas of undergraduate and graduate study, including the Doctor of Education in ethical leadership. Olivet's 275-acre park-like main campus is in Bourbonnais, Ill., 45 miles south of Chicago. Additionally, Olivet offers Graduate and Continuing Studies via online education.

Lodge 84 presents scholarships during Gold Star Banquet

CLINTON — During the Gold Star Banquet, held at the Clinton High School on Tuesday, May 13, the Clinton Masonic lodge presented three scholarships as part of its "Richard E. Goff Memorial Scholarship" program.

The recipients were Noah Boysen, who was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for his studies at Richland Community College, Alex Barringer who was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for his upcoming studies in Emergency Management at Eastern Illinois University and Luz Hernandez, who was also awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for her studies in Computer Science at the University of Virginia.

The scholarships were presented by Gary L. Welch, Secretary of DeWitt Lodge # 84.

The program is in memory of Richard E. Goff, a local attorney and a strong supporter of continuing education and a member of DeWitt #84.

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Robert Dean Earl

CLINTON — Robert Dean Earl, affectionately known as Bob, passed away peacefully on the evening of May 14, 2025, at 11:58 p.m., surrounded by his beloved family. He was 71 years old.

Born on October 6, 1953, Bob lived a life marked by creativity, integrity, and deep devotion. He was a man of remarkable wit and intelligence, known for his uncanny ability to build, fix, or craft just about anything.

A true craftsman and inventive spirit, he poured his heart into every project he took on, never doing anything halfway. Whether it was with his hands, his mind, or his heart, Bob gave everything his all.

Bob’s pride and joy was his family. He married the love of his life, Susan, in July of 1971. Their love story began early and endured with a strength and passion that inspired everyone around them. On September 21, 2014, surrounded by family, they renewed their vows—an emblem of the enduring bond they shared for more than five decades. Together, they raised two devoted sons, Timothy and Bradley, and shared the joy of watching their family grow and flourish.

Bob’s garden was a sanctuary for him—a place where he nurtured life and found peace. But his greatest joy came from spending time with Susan, their grandchildren, and supporting his family in all their endeavors. He was a guiding force, always present and proud.

Bob built more than just his loving family—he built a legacy of service and trust. Through his small business, Quality Glass & Trim, he served the families and businesses of his community with the same dedication and craftsmanship that defined his life.

Bob is survived by his



loving wife, Susan; his sons, Timothy (Wanda) and Bradley (Karen); his cherished grandchildren Dylan Earl (engaged to Abby Hamilton), Olivia Kane (Jonathon), Owen Earl, and Cameron Earl, his siblings Carolyn Butler (Bloomington, IL) , Beverly Donner (Taylorville, IL), and Suzanne Arndt (Bill) (Mattoon, IL), Larry Hoy (Cresent City, IL) , and Richard Earl(Judy) (Lincoln, IL), and his in-laws, Dave and Mary Bain (Cookeville, TN), Dan and Cheryl McHenry (Colfax, IL), Susie Bain (Saybrook, IL), Mike and Brenda Clark (Clinton, IL). He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Cynthia Earl, his sister, Rosalie Hoy, brother in-laws Dennis Bain, Harold Donner, and Russel Butler, niece Davina Gebauer, great nephews Donald Hoy and Steven Drake, and great niece Lindsay Skinner.

Bob accomplished much in his life, but more than anything, he was deeply loved. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched—with every story told, every lesson passed on, and every moment shared.

He will be missed beyond measure and remembered always. A celebration of Bob’s life will be forthcoming with details to follow. Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, IL assisted the family with cremation rites.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

Detailing more on stock

Welcome to my little corner of culinary delights. My article prior to this one merely set the stage for the coup de grace; canning.

I feel a need to detail more closely how to properly can stock for storage. It would be within reason to also give a refresher précis of the traditional applications. For something as important as stock, I do not see this as over kill.

I begin my explanation with what most others would begin using for stock; the store-bought variety. You find it in most any grocery store. I strongly hold to my claim that it cannot come close to being as good as those you make at home if done properly. However, I will give clues as to how to improve upon the type you purchase.

I hope everyone has kept in mind the delicate nature of flavor and how it can be easily diminished by improper treatment. The most notorious on the list would be over cooking and/or excessive simmering. Think of excessive simmering as constant nagging. The good that is intended is soured. The canning process for store-bought stocks suffered excessive heat. The flavor reaches a certain point and then diminishes. This does not even account for the preservatives added. This can be remedied up to a point but never fully recovered.

For store-bought stocks, add a mirepoix and simmer for a few hours. In this way, you regain the nearly lost vegetable flavoring. Add the required herbs toward the end of the simmering cycle. Strain and use. To



The Culinary Corner Chef Roger Joss

do all of this, you might as well make your own from scratch and enjoy the best. You and your family deserve the best.

It hardly seems worthwhile to make small quantities of stock as needed for a household. It is only worthwhile if made in huge quantities at a time. How then is it done? The answer is simpler than the procedure. The answer is to preserve it by canning or freezing. Since freezing has a short storage life, I prefer canning.

Prepare the stock in the traditional manner except use about half the mirepoix required and use no herbs (sachet). Even though the mirepoix is used, there will be need to add more later. After four to five hours on simmer, remove the scrap by using a medium to fine China cap. Put the remaining hot liquid into fruit jars. Add to this the other half of the mirepoix but small to medium diced rather than course chopped. Add a few pinches of salt. Process in a pressure cooker. Let cool on a rack and store for future use.

When the need comes to use the stock, pour stock from the jars into a pot. Bring up to simmer. Make the sachet pouch adding this to the stock. Allow this to simmer with the stock for no more than 30 minutes to 45 at tops. Strain through a fine China cap or an equivalent sieve.

Until next time, peace to all.

Todd S. Riordan

CLINTON — Todd S. Riordan, 72, of Clinton, passed away at 2:04 p.m. on May 18, 2025, at the Warner Hospital and Health Services, Clinton.

Services will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at the Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, with Kim Sargent officiating. Visitation will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Second Chance Pet Adoption.

Todd was born on October 26, 1952, in Streator, Ill., the son of Glenn and Elizabeth (Crawford) Riordan. He married Linda S. Evans on April 29, 2012, in Bloomington.

Survivors include his wife, Linda S. Riordan, Clinton; children, Rebecca (Tommy) Nerad, Ottawa, Ill., and their children, Zane and Ashlyn Billings; Nathan (Lauren) Riordan, Heyworth, and their children Hadley and Quinn Riordan; Derick (Erika) Riordan, Heyworth, and their children Oliver, Niko, and Penelope Riordan; the late Nicholas Riordan, his wife, Sarah and their children, Keegan, Kallan, and Brynnley Riordan; step-granddaughter, Lauren Hussemann, Minneapolis, Minn.;



siblings: Tim (Cindy) Riordan, Westmont, Ill., and their children Ryan and Micah Riordan

Todd was preceded in death by his parents and son, Nicholas.

Todd retired from Mitsubishi Motors, in Normal, and formerly worked at Bridgestone Firestone, in Bloomington and Decatur, as well as Vactor Manufacturing, in Streator. He was a longtime member of the Clinton Eagles Lodge and the American Pool Players Association. Todd was an avid Harley rider and also enjoyed riding his Gold Wing trike. Todd’s interests included gardening and tinkering in the garage. Most of all, Todd loved spending time with his family and was very proud to be “Papa Todd” to his 10 grandchildren.

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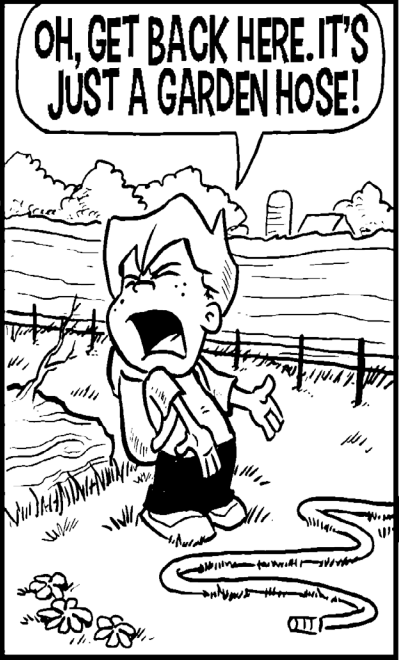
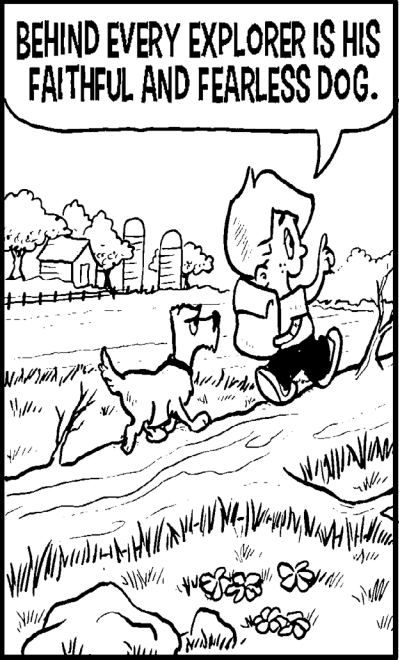
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OPINION

HISTORY ALMANAC

- 1938 - "LIFE" magazine's cover pictured Errol Flynn as a glamour boy.
- 1945 - In Luneburg Germany, Heinrich Himmler, the head of the Nazi Gestapo, committed suicide while imprisoned by the Allied forces.
- 1949 - The Republic of West Germany was established.
- 1960 - Israel announced the capture of Nazi Adolf Eichmann in Argentina.
- 1962 - The National Basketball Association (NBA) agreed to transfer the Philadelphia Warriors to San Francisco, CA. The team became the San Francisco Warriors (and later the Golden State Warriors).
- 1981 - In Barcelona, Spain, gunmen seized control of the Central Bank and took 200 hostages.
- 1985 - Thomas Patrick Cavanagh was sentenced to life in prison for trying to sell Stealth bomber secrets to the Soviet Union.
- 1992 - In Lisbon, Portugal, the U.S. and four former Soviet republics signed an agreement to implement the START missile reduction treaty that had been agreed to by the Soviet Union before it was dissolved.
- 1994 - "Pulp Fiction" won the "Golden Palm" for best film at the 47th Cannes Film Festival.
- 1995 - The Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was demolished.
- 1998 - British Protestants and Irish Catholics of Northern Ireland approved a peace accord.
- 1999 - In Kansas City, MO, Owen Hart (Blue Blazer) died when he fell 90 feet while being lowered into a WWF wrestling ring. He was 33 years old.
- 1999 - Gerry Bloch, at age 81, became the oldest climber to scale El Capitan in Yosemite National Park. He broke his own record that he set in 1986 when he was 68 years old.
- 2013 - Google acquired Makani Power for use for its Project Wing.
- 2016 - U.S. President Obama announced that the United States would end its ban of lethal military equipment sales to Vietnam. The restrictions had been in place since the end of the Vietnam War.

Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

Today's youth

Late May and early June is when most of this country tends to put its attention on the youth of our communities. It is graduation season.

Whether it's 8th grade, high school, or college, our youth become the center of attention during this season of graduation. There is a change in the air, and many of us in the older generations are not always ready to welcome our replacements into the fold of adulthood.

We criticize their clothing. They drive too fast. They are rude and cannot make change without a computer. Their hair is too long, too short or dyed with fashions we do not understand. Adults are never comfortable handing over the reins to the next generation.

The observation of the change of youth to adulthood forces me to take a look back. At 74, I have a lot to look back on. I had that beard, which my parents were not fond of. My hair was long and now it's short. I rode a motorcycle and drove too fast at times. My father lost his hair and my mother simply smiled.

Life is about change and evolving into adulthood. The names and faces change, but it is always about the young evolving into the role of parents and entering

the workforce. That has been true since the beginning of time.

At times, I have seen youth acting with aggression and false bravado. More often, I have seen youth stepping up to the plate. I now have some mobility issues. Those issues are helped by many of today's youth holding a door open or assisting with anything I am carrying. Today's youth also provide organized assistance to other groups.

The Clinton Academy, alternative school, recently volunteered to set up display racks for a quilt show at Little Galilee Camp. Many of today's youth volunteer to help seniors, or others in need, with yard work and house work. I have often seen younger drivers let seniors have that parking space closer to the door while they walked the extra distance. Today's youth are going to be the adults of tomorrow. That is simply life.

I would like to introduce you to a young Clinton lady who just graduated from high school. I believe she demonstrates the real face of today's youth and the potential of today's youth. I have known her for the five years since her parents moved to Clinton and have watched her develop academically, athletically and spiritually from a junior high



school student to a graduating senior. It has been a joy.

LYDIA CAHILL—Lydia is the youth of today that exemplifies why we should all have faith in the future. Lydia is an attractive young lady, but it is her spirit and joy in life that is her real beauty. Lydia simply excels in life. She is a big sister to brother Simon and a loving daughter to Mike and Jo Lynn. Lydia is a friend and helper to her classmates and church youth group.

Lydia is an athlete having run track and cross country for Clinton High School.

Lydia is also the number one academic student in her class and is the valedictorian. As valedictorian, she had the opportunity to address her class and the audience this past Sunday at graduation. Lydia excelled and presented one of the best speeches given by a student in Clinton. High school principal Jerry Wayne reviews all

valedictorian speeches before they are presented and said he was very impressed with her message and delivery.

Lydia had one more event this past Sunday that few in Clinton were aware of. Lydia and her family attend Lincoln Christian Church, in Lincoln. The Lincoln church does what many churches do on school graduation weekend, it had a youth Sunday wherein the youth are in charge of the services.

Lincoln Christian Church is a rather large church and has three service times on Sunday morning. Remember this is the Sunday morning before Lydia's address as valedictorian at 2 p.m. Lydia was the student who preached the sermon at all three services. I was not at the services in Lincoln but was told that she did a spectacular job.

Lydia is the example of why we as a community should have confidence in the youth of today. Lydia is an athlete, a scholar, and most importantly a young lady grounded in her faith. Lydia simply gives all of us confidence in the future.

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

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OPINION / COLUMNS

Changes at the VA

Under the new presidential administration, and under the guidance of the new VA Secretary Doug Collins, the Department of Veterans Affairs has made several significant changes. The core mission: providing the best possible care and services to veterans, families, caregivers and survivors. As Secretary Collins said, “We have already stripped away many of the costly distractions that were coming between VA beneficiaries and the benefits they have earned.” Here are a few examples: What Collins called “DEI



by Freddy Groves

and gender ideology” has been taken off the table, saying that the “VA should not be in the business of helping people try to change their sex.” That’s going to save the VA \$14 million.

Working from home is a no-no now, with a schedule being created to get everyone back in the office by summer. No more “phoning it in from

home,” per Collins. And I have to agree -- service on the phone is much better when employees are in the office within earshot of colleagues. When it comes to duplicate and unnecessary contracts, so far the VA has identified “hundreds of millions of dollars” that they can divert back to services for

veterans. They’ll continue to take a look at the 130,000 VA contracts to see what further dollars they can save. The modernization of the electronic health record program was something that stalled over the last two years, but already, just since March, they’ve worked to be able to bring nine more

medical facilities online by next year and all of them by 2031. In his opinion piece and video, Collins addresses the pushback he’s gotten from various sources that only want the VA to keep going as before. Not going to happen, per Collins. His job is to work to put veterans first, and that’s what he

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Diligently search for truth?

Recognizing truth requires effort. To harp on the proposition that somehow a presidential act needs time to blossom or mature into a desired result is presumptuous. To say, after misdiagnosing a problem, “We should wait and see,” suggests the need for a second opinion. Personally, I would have died from a tumor had I not received a second opinion.

It is unproductive to be in a position in which you constantly have to make excuses for your representatives in congress or your president, but there seems to be a lot of that currently happening. Presidential acts should be analyzed before they are enacted, not implemented on a trial and error basis. Don’t assume everything will ultimately work out. Too many lives are affected by political policies to be arbitrary or experimental.

Thus, there is the need for debate that should prevail over any person’s dictum. The objective is a clear and full bill given the assurance it serves the populous. Such opportunities for debate and adjustments are impossible when any president begins independently mass-producing executive orders on day one. From history, we know that arbitrarily applied high tariffs produce higher consumer prices affecting runaway inflation and possibly a trade war culminating in a recession or depression. Plain and simple.

If the emoluments clause is ignored, you can expect unchecked corruption. If habeas corpus is suspended outside of its purpose, it could be used to persecute political rivals and other citizens. Simply put, if a policy’s forecast is untenable, then something is wrong.

Therefore, apply cause and effect to President Trump’s 100-day results. So far, as I see it, Mr. Trump and his MAGA supporters in government neither welcome debate nor accept



outside advice. That which they do accept is one person’s dictums; Trump’s. This is easy enough to prove. Name any piece of legislation that Republicans have introduced on the floor of the house that was not dictated to them, more or less, by President Trump. During his first one-hundred days in office, the President has wreaked havoc. The most disturbing has been the deportation of illegal immigrants, and some American citizens, without due process to an infamous prison in El Salvador, whose president, it is now coming to light, has made deals with the gang leaders he claims to be fighting.

The Trump administration also has fired 18 inspector generals who would have interfered with attempts to dismantle important and necessary government agencies that protect citizens, crippled Social Security and Medicaid by firing masses of employees at an agency that already was short-staffed, cut off foreign aid to parts of the world teetering on the brink of starvation, and the list goes on.

The Trump administration is moving toward eliminating the Department of Education, getting rid of SNAP benefits and allowing private information on individuals to be taken by Elon Must from the IRS offices.

So far, it sounds insane, does it not? This is but the tip of the iceberg. The list is ponderous.

Can we accept the view that the President needs to acclimatize? This is his second term, you know, and Project 2025 already outlines his

course of action for this second term. The Trump administration’s actions have been far from universally applauded. On the international scene, Canada and Mexico have voiced strong exceptions to Trump’s tariffs and direct verbal insults, and most of the rest of the free world, including American allies, no longer knows where it stands with respect to the U.S.

At home, a majority of Americans aren’t sure where they stand, either. Mr. Trump’s poll numbers are bad, and protests are building. The NATO federation has complained along with the late Pope Frances and now the new Pope Leo XIV. And this Pope is even an American from Chicago.

The tariffs were so haphazardly put together, the U.S. is even tariffing Hund Island, whose only inhabitants are penguins.

Recognizing truth requires effort. Congresswoman Elizabeth Warren read, into the record, her rendition of Trump’s 100 days as President. Her take on it was most interesting. She listed one act of corruption committed by Mr. Trump during this second term for each day of the 100-day period. I did not believe she could find that many. But she did it. I recommend each person look it up for themselves and read it from the Congressional Record. I believe YouTube has a video clip of it.

If you wish to involve yourself in politics, do not wear blinders or have tunnel vision. Look at all possibilities, good and bad, from various angles and sources.

Personally, I trust independent and government sources. Never take my word for it; for that matter, anyone’s word. Look it up yourself.

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

New OPPORTUNITIES Await You In Our Classified Section

CHURCHES

BIBLE TRIVIA

By Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Malachi (KJV) in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Which king was stricken with leprosy because he disobeyed God’s command and burned incense on a holy altar? Uzziah, Solomon, Joab, Petra
3. From 1 Kings 19, what prophet experienced an earthquake while standing on a mountaintop? Paul, Ahab, Andrew, Elijah
4. Who was the first woman to be ashamed of her lack of clothing? Eve, Anna, Pilate’s wife, Miriam
5. In Acts 9, what dressmaker was restored to life by Peter’s prayers? Naomi, Priscilla, Lydia, Dorcas
6. Where did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead? Sinai, Bethany, Tarsus, Smyrna

ANSWERS: 1) Old, 2) Uzziah, 3) Elijah, 4) Eve, 5) Dorcas, 6) Bethany

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson Casey’s latest book, “Test Your Bible Knowledge,” available in bookstores and online.
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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie’s Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 37:10-11

A **little** while, and the wicked **will** be no more; **though** you **look** for **them**, they will **not** be **found**. **But** the **meek** will inherit the **land** and enjoy peace and prosperity.

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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

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
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PC - A Place to Belong - Believe – Become

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)
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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
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www.lanechurch.org
9 a.m.-Sunday school
10 a.m.-worship
5:30 p.m.-youth group
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(217) 935-3727
Fr. Thomas R. Szydluk, 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



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

ROMANS 12:17,18



Holy Family With a Bird by Simon Vouet (1633)

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Warner Hospital & Health Services

Annual Health Fair

• Featured are some scenes from the annual health fair sponsored by Warner Hospital & Health Services held at the First Christian Church on May 15.



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NEWS

Clinton Chamber of Commerce Annual MayDays Festival

• Featured are some scenes from the annual MayDays Festival sponsored by the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau, held May 15-18.



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Clinton Junior High School

Annual Spring concert



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• See photos from the CJHS art show in next week's Journal.

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BRIDGE BITES

SECOND HAND HIGH

“Second hand low” is common advice, but this is a hand where it pays to ignore that recommendation.

♠ K ♥ 96 ♦ AJT98 ♣ J9764		North		♠ A762 ♥ JT87 ♦ Q75 ♣ QT	
♠ JT98 ♥ 432 ♦ K6 ♣ K853		West	East		
		Declarer			
♠ Q543 ♥ AKQ5 ♦ 432 ♣ A2					

E-W Vulnerable
South West North East
1NT Pass 3NT All Pass

North saw no reason to mess about showing the minors, so she jumped straight to game in the most likely contract. West had the obvious lead of the ♠J, won by East's Ace. Back came a Spade and Declarer could see 9 tricks if she could bring in the Diamonds. She finessed the ♦J, losing to the Queen. The defense cashed

their Spades, but Dummy's Diamonds were good. Declarer's 9 tricks were a Spade, three Hearts, four Diamonds and a Club. Somebody goofed, who was it?

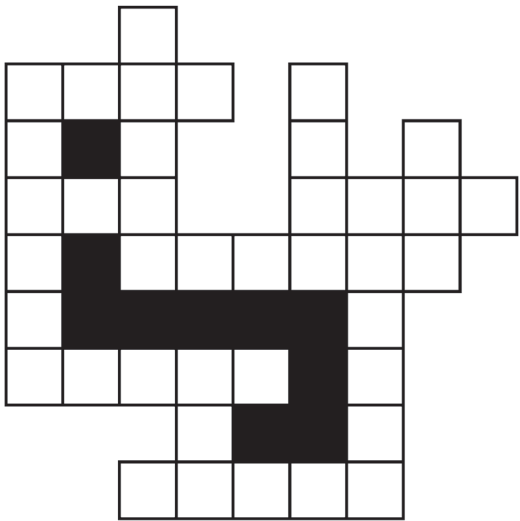
Yes, indeed, West was the goofster. We are always told “second hand low, third hand high” but (as usual) there are exceptions and this was one of them. When Declarer led that first round of Diamonds, West must hop up with the King! This alert play makes it impossible for Declarer to bring in the Diamonds for four tricks. If she takes the ♦A on the first round then East will duck the second round of Diamonds ... and if Declarer ducks the first round then the best she can do is to score three Diamonds, which is not enough.

It's a recurring theme. Dummy has AJTxx or AT9xx or some such holding ... Dummy has no side-suit entries ... West has the Queen or the King ... and the winning play by West to play “second hand high” in order to jam Declarer's communications.

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



TEO
HOSEND
♥ELHAS
LTGU
TYNGLE
NSA
LULN
♥DYTUS
YEH
♥TESHLU
GLOAN
♥EUDS



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.

	-		×	6	= 12			
+		+		+				
	+		÷		= 9			
×		+		-				
	+		-		= 9			
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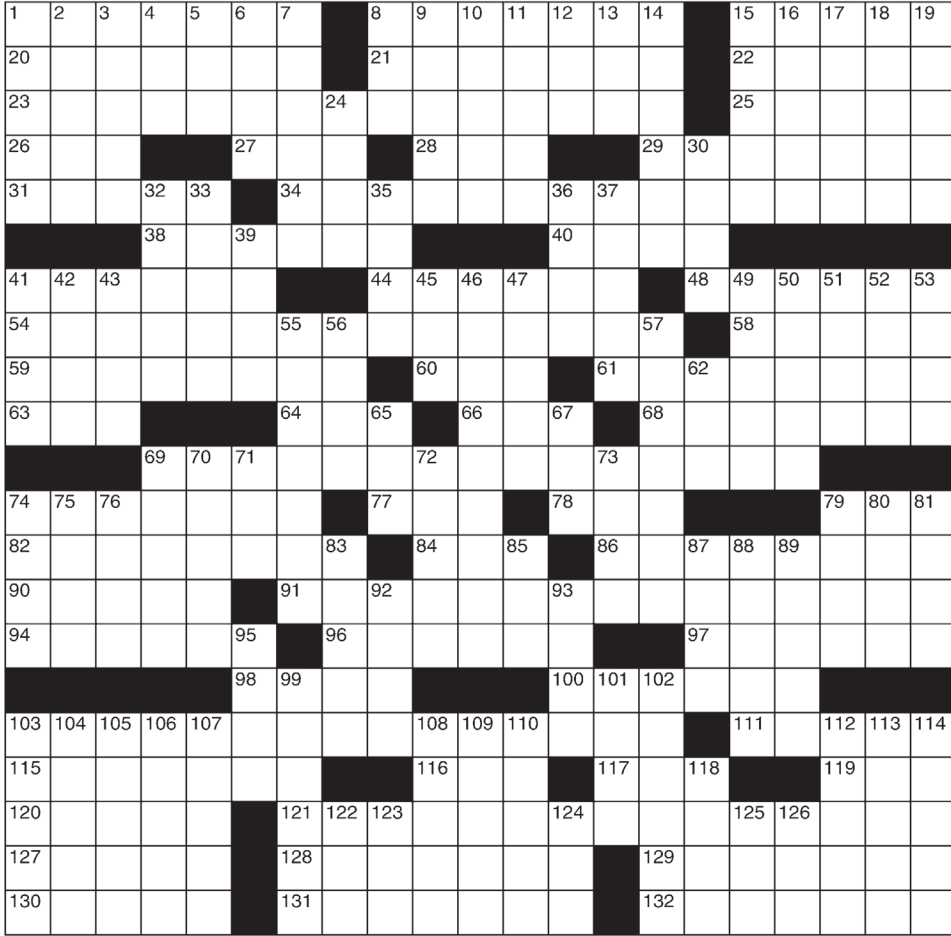
DISCRETE CHARACTERS

ACROSS

- 1 Broken stone for paving
8 Big petroleum company of the past
15 Actress Talia
20 Erstwhile empress of Russia
21 Very narrow, as a road
22 Got the lead out?
23 Decision to award Eris' apple to Aphrodite
25 Blah feeling
26 NHLer Bobby
27 Upset infant's sound
28 "Look, mice!"
29 Least severe
31 Stein drinks
34 Original lion-logo film studio
38 Arriver's declaration
40 — buco
41 A Nixon daughter
44 City northeast of Toronto
48 To wit
54 Cascara and red ash are members of it
58 Deem worthy
59 Poet Rich or actress Barbeau
60 "Yang Yang" singer Yoko
61 Painting in the Louvre
63 San Luis —
64 Doc bloc
66 Shoveled
68 Boots out
69 Hardware pieces for attaching shelves to walls
74 Wrinkly-faced dog
77 Wallach or Manning
78 Outlaw
79 Similar to
82 Diner offering
84 Ancient
86 Sits to appear on the cover of, say
90 Pest control company
91 Hovel
94 Shredded, as Parmesan
96 Takes care of
97 1980s game consoles
98 Honolulu site
100 Snazzily dressed
103 2011 Steve Carell rom-com
111 Sphere
115 Port near Buenos Aires
116 "Louisville Lip" of boxing
117 Jeff Lynne's rock gp.
119 "Is that true about me?"
120 Scope of influence
121 The "AA" and "BB" of an AABB scheme
127 Din
128 "Hamilton" composer Lin-Manuel
129 City grid parts
130 Lace snarls
131 Ends of sonnets
132 Phrase with no repeated letters (like each of this puzzle's seven longest answers)

DOWN

- 1 Dead-end work position
2 Sky-blue hue
3 Corps core
4 Uru. neighbor
5 Not well lit
6 Over again
7 Take care of
8 Oozy gunk
9 Lacking in nourishment
10 Skunk Pepé of cartoons
11 Like crumbly piecrusts
12 Rowing blade
13 Reggae's — Kamoze
14 Best Musical before "Phantom"
15 Silvery fish
16 Dharma follower
17 Private
18 Recycle
19 Fixes up text
24 Son of Odin
30 Holy relic
32 Lake of TV talk
33 Hit hard, biblical-style
35 Novelist Uris
36 "— get it!" ("Oh, makes sense!")
37 Sacred song
39 Violinist Hilary
41 Kind of ski lift
42 Very impolite
43 2012 hit for Flo Rida
45 Calif. air hub
46 Advertising leaflets
47 Stevie Wonder's "My Cherie —"
49 "Stop!", asea
50 Stags, e.g.
51 Film director Kazan
52 Intense desire
53 "For" votes
55 Doing Atkins, say
56 Do-fa linkup
57 "Get what I'm saying?"
62 Atlanta-to-Akron dir.
65 Suffix with pent-
67 Chitchat
69 Apple or pear
70 Offer a view
71 Permit
72 Sphere
73 Mafia bigwig
74 Hazy air stuff
75 Mister, in Münster
76 "Lonely Boy" singer Paul
79 At a distance
80 Sets of points, in math
81 Torah holders
83 — pork (Chinese entree)
85 Sleuth: Abbr.
87 Purse part
88 Nitrate, e.g.
89 Ration
92 Pick- — (refresher)
93 Bygone bird
95 Verb before "thou," perhaps
99 Words after man or sergeant
101 With, to Luc
102 House speaker after Ryan
103 Metallic sound
104 Novarro of silent films
105 H.S. science class for college credit
106 Roster of least-sought-after celebs
107 "Eleni" director Peter
108 "— your disposal!"
109 Group trying to sack a QB
110 Swiss chocolatier
112 Like — in headlights
113 Ton of, informally
114 Bette Midler's "Divine" stage persona
118 Alibis, e.g.
122 Go quickly
123 Divs. of eras
124 Propane, e.g.
125 In favor of
126 Knee's place

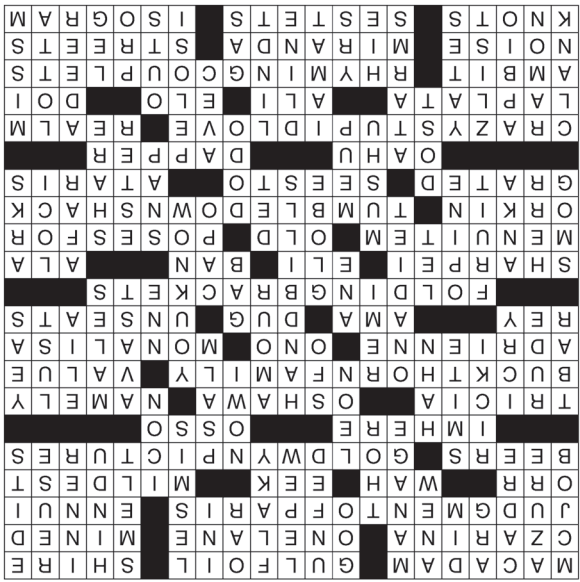


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Go Figure!

		= 12			= 9			= 9	
6	+		1	-	2	=	5		
×			÷		-				
7	+	4	+	8	=	19			
-		+		+					
9	+	5	×	3	=	42			



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305 GARAGE/RUMMAGE SALES
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Yes, PO Box 43, Wapella, IL 61777 or call Jane Buraglio at 217-519-4364 or Cheri Miller at 217-202-4025 by June 1, 2025. (30705232025)

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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 AC-

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 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

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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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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

LEGAL

SALE OF 103 SOUTH MALTBY STREET BY THE VILLAGE OF WAYNESVILLE ILLINOIS BY SEALED BID

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Waynesville, Illinois, intends to sell a parcel of land, located at 103 South Maltby Street, Waynesville, Illinois.

Sealed bids for the purchase of said property may be submitted to the Village Clerk of the Village of Waynesville, 200 East Second Street, P. O. Box 60, Waynesville, Illinois 61778 until Friday, June 6th at 2:30 p.m. A copy of the sealed bid is available for pick up at the Village Clerk's office in the Village Hall.

Bid opening will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Friday June 6, 2025 at Village Hall.

The Village of Waynesville, Illinois, reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Any questions concerning the real estate or sale terms may be directed to the following:

Angela West Village Clerk 200 East Second Street Waynesville, IL 61778 Ph: 217-949-3264

LEGAL 20359
May 23, 30 & June 6, 2025/

LEGAL

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FOR CREEK TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT 15200 Middle St., Lane, IL 61750

FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2025

TOWNSHIP-REVENUE SUMMARY:

Property Taxes

-71,033.51; Replacement Tax- 21,917.53; Dividends – 453.00; Interest – 197.57
TOTAL REVENUES: \$93,601.61

TOWNSHIP-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

Massey Mowing – 11,575; DH Painting – 4,050; TOIRMA – 2,853 All disbursements equal/greater than \$2,500: \$18,478 All other disbursements less than \$2,500: \$8,929.25
TOTAL VENDORS: \$27,407.25

TOWNSHIP-COMPENSATION SUMMARY:

Range: Under \$25,000: Megan Barth; Jack Nichols; Katy Nichols; Stephen Parker; Theodore Riva; Roger Wantland; Rebecca Wheat; Roger Wilson; Debra Zacher; Sam Nichols; Noah Kilson
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$32,021.28

ROAD DISTRICT-REVENUE SUMMARY:

Property Taxes-116,467.92; Replacement Tax-35,279.82; Interest-469.64; Dividends – 453.00
TOTAL REVENUES: \$152,670.38

ROAD DISTRICT-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

Martin Equipment – 89,953.46; Rowe Construction -33,487.03 Iliana – 33,239.00; McLeod Express – 28,508.50; Clauss Specialties – 21,000.00; TOIRMA – 3,486.00; Evergreen FS – 3,466.52; Big B Agro – 2,772.40 All disbursements equal/greater than \$2,500: \$215,612.91 All other disbursements less than \$2,500: \$6,293.33
TOTAL VENDORS: \$221,906.24

ROAD DISTRICT-COMPENSATION SUMMARY:

Range: Under \$25,000: Roger Wantland, Nathan Spencer, Johnathon Turney, Terry Spencer
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$18,239.72

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION

ALL FUNDS-REVENUES \$246,271.99 ALL FUNDS-EXPENDITURES \$299,574.49 NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE (\$53,302.50) FUND BALANCE April 1, 2024 \$1,171,752.92 FUND BALANCE March 31, 2025 \$1,118,450.42

I attest that, to the best of my knowledge, this report

represents a complete and accurate statement of the financial position of Creek Township as of the end of this fiscal year. Subscribed and sworn to this 8th day of April 2025.

/s/ Katherine S. Nichols
Katherine Nichols-Supervisor/ Treasurer

I, Rebecca Wheat, Clerk of Creek Township, DeWitt County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

/s/ Rebecca Wheat, Clerk
Rebecca Wheat – Clerk
/s/ Theodore Riva, trustee 4/8/25
/s/ Debra Zacher, trustee 4-8-25
/s/ Roger Wilson, Trustee 4-8-25

LEGAL 20360
May 23, 2025

LEGAL

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2

AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX PROPERTY INTO THE CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Trustees of the CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT, DeWitt County, Illinois:

SECTION 1: Location of the properties at parcel no. 07-27-251-002, 07-27-251-003, and 07-27-253-001 are currently not within the corporate limits of the CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT.

SECTION 2: The above properties are contiguous to and are served by the CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT with sanitary sewers that are connected and serviced by the CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT.

SECTION 3: The above-described properties shall be annexed into the CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT of the County of DeWitt in the State of Illinois pursuant 70 ILCS 2405/23.5.

SECTION 4: The CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT clerk shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the area a copy of this ordinance, and such publication shall constitute notice that the determination is effective and that this is the determination of this

public body.

PASSED this 6th day of May, 2025.

APPROVED:

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT, DeWitt County, Illinois.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT, DeWitt County, Illinois.

PASSED: May 6, 2025.

PUBLISHED: May 23, 2025.

ADOPTED: May 6, 2025.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF DEWITT)

CERTIFICATE

I, CHRIS SHARPE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I am the clerk in and for the CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance passed by the PRESIDENT and BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT, being entitled ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2, ORDINANCE TO ANNEX PROPERTY INTO THE CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT, DEWITT COUNTY, ILLINOIS, at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of May, 2025, the ordinance being part of the official records of said CLINTON SANITARY DISTRICT.

DATED this 6th day of May, 2025.

CHRIS SHARPE, clerk of the Clinton Sanitary District

LEGAL 20361
May 23, 2025

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Skills / from A1

From Clinton High School, Taylor Anderson competed in Aviation Maintenance Technology, Sophie Thrasher in Job Skill Demonstration, Savannah Wheeler in Robotics: Urban Search and Rescue, and Owen Rexshell in Robotics:

Urban Search and Rescue. From Clinton Junior High School, Lillian Hammer competed in Extemporaneous Speaking as well as in Job Skill Demonstration. Jackson Jones competed in Job Skill Demonstration, Charlotte Tripp competed in Prepared

Speech, Brylie Morrison, in T-Shirt Design and Jenna Groves, also in T-Shirt Design. The following students from Clinton Junior High School competed in the Team Engineering Challenge: Lillian Hammer, Jackson Jones, Brylie

Morrison, Charlotte Tripp, Jenna Groves and Cari Aughenbaugh. The championships include more than 140 career competitions with awards in more than 100 industries. This year’s event was sponsored by Caterpillar, Inc.

Red Cross responding to multiple states after destructive tornadoes tear across Midwest

MIDWEST — The American Red Cross is providing comfort and support to people across multiple states after May 16 deadly tornadoes and storms. Red Cross disaster teams are working around the clock with our partners to make sure everyone has a safe place to stay, meals, emotional support and comfort. Shelters are open in Missouri, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. We have mobilized relief supplies and additional disaster workers and are working with local and state officials to help ensure people get the help they need. When it is safe to do so, Red Cross volunteers will help assess the residential damage in affected communities. This work will help us to better understand what help families may need in the coming days and weeks. There were more than 900 reports of storms and as many as 30 tornado reports which caused widespread destruction across the region and left hundreds of thousands without power. The threat of severe weather isn’t over. The National Weather Service reports the region should

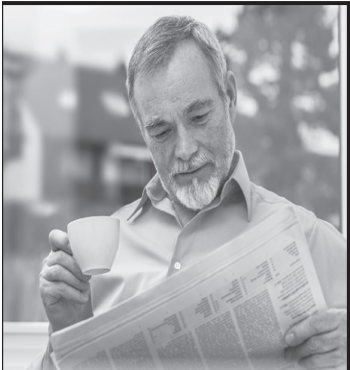
expect severe weather, heavy rain, large hail, severe winds, dangerous lightning, flash flooding and tornadoes, for the next several days, gradually moving to the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. Another round is predicted for the Southwest. People should get ready now. Safety information is available here for different disasters, including tornadoes, thunderstorms and flooding. FIND A SHELTER If you need a safe place to stay, find open shelters on redcross.org, the free Red Cross Emergency app or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) and selecting the disaster option. You can also find shelters by following your local county and city officials on social media or monitoring local news. Red Cross shelters are open to everyone in need, and all disaster assistance is free. We do not turn away people who need assistance during a disaster. We provide aid to all those in need, regardless of race, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation or citizenship status. We don’t require people to

show any kind of identification to enter a Red Cross shelter, just their name and where they were living before the disaster. DOWNLOAD THE RED CROSS APPS Download the free Red Cross First Aid app so you’ll know what to do if emergency help is delayed and the free Emergency app for weather alerts, open Red Cross shelter locations and safety steps for different emergencies. Choose whether you want to view the content in English or Spanish with an easy-to-find language selector. Find these and all of the Red Cross apps in smartphone app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or going to redcross.org/apps. HOW YOU CAN HELP People are depending on the Red Cross for help now, and we need your support. Please click, text or call to support Red Cross Disaster Relief and help people affected by disasters like storms and countless other crises. Visit redcross.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) or text the word REDCROSS

to 90999 to donate. Your gift enables the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters big and small. CLIMATE CRISIS The Red Cross is responding nonstop, with a major disaster occurring as often as every 15 days. As the climate crisis worsens and disasters become more frequent and intense, the Red Cross is increasing our capacity to help those in need. We urge everyone to get ready now in case a disaster threatens your community. HOME FIRE RESPONSE Over the past week, local Red Cross volunteers responded to 3 home fires and helped 8 people in Peoria, Newton and Champaign which account for most of the more than 60,000 disasters that the Red Cross responds to annually across the country. Red Cross volunteers provided items to meet immediate needs after a fire and additional support in the form of shelter, health and mental health services and one-on-one support.

Tax / from A1

“As Springfield nears the end of the 2025 Spring Session and budget talks ramp up, it is important for legislators to remember increasing the motor fuel tax not only impacts their constituents directly, through their increased cost at the pump, but also indirectly, through increased costs of goods and services throughout the economy,” said Nate Harris, CEO of the Illinois Fuel and Retail Association. IPI notes that Illinois’ practice of applying sales taxes to gasoline after the motor fuel tax is charged effectively creates a tax-on-tax predicament for drivers. Mishra said Illinoisans shouldn’t be punished because of the incompetence in Springfield. “It’s a structural issue that Illinois just keeps on burning taxpayers just because they can’t manage their budget,” said Mishra.



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Horse / from A1

Additionally, Niesen placed third in Interpretative Reading and fifth in both Senior Original Individual Presentation and Extemporaneous Division. Lexi Merriman also excelled, finishing in the top ten in both of her divisions for the 4-H Horse Speaking Contest. Merriman placed fourth in Senior Individual Formal Speech

with her presentation, “The Public’s Perception of the Equine Industry,” and sixth in Senior Original Individual Presentation. The 4-H Horse Speaking contest features five divisions and fosters self-confidence and public speaking skills among 4-H members. All presentations are required to be original, factual, and related to the horse industry.

While live animals are not permitted, model animals may be used. In addition to their success at the 4-H Horse Speaking Contest, DeWitt County 4-H members also performed well at the State 4-H Hippology Contest. Lexi Merriman finished sixth in the Intermediate Division, Lillian Elsea finished seventh, and Briley

Thomas twelfth. The Illinois 4-H Hippology Contest tests members’ knowledge on horse health, breed characteristics, management, and feeding. Participants also face a timed problem-solving challenge in front of a panel of judges. Horse ownership is not a pre-requisite for these 4-H contests.



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Local 4-H members earn statewide recognition and scholarships

DECATUR — Awards season is here, and 4-H members from DeWitt, Macon, and Piatt counties have been recognized for their outstanding achievements in animal sciences, personal leadership, and project learning.

Davis Howell, DeWitt County 4-H member, received a State 4-H Animal Sciences award, which honors youth who have demonstrated excellence and mastery in their animal science projects. Along with the award, Howell will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Elizabeth Cornett, Macon County 4-H member, was awarded a State 4-H Leadership award for her dedication to developing leadership skills through holding offices, serving on committees, leading programs, and giving public presentations on behalf of 4-H. Cornett will also receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Abby Pilcher, Piatt County 4-H member, received an Illinois 4-H Experience Emerald Clover in Project Learning. The Emerald Clover awards recognize members who participate in at least eight or more activities or events at the county, state, or national level in areas such as community service, leadership, and project learning.

In total, forty-five 4-H members across the state received scholarships from the Illinois 4-H Foundation. These scholarships span a variety of divisions, including Animal Sciences, Civil Engagement & Global Living, Creative & Performing Arts, Food Systems, Healthy Living & Nutrition, Leadership, Natural Resources & Environmental Science, Personal Growth, and STEM & Robotics. Recipients were selected based on merit and a demonstrated commitment to 4-H excellence.

An awards celebration was held in April for the scholarship recipients in conjunction with a Signing Day event celebrating graduating 4-H seniors.

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Weather History

May 24
1943: Champaign recorded 11.20 inches of rain during the month of May, setting a record for the month, and is the third wettest of any month on record. Springfield recorded 10.60 inches during the month, finishing as its fourth wettest May on record.

May 25
1989: Severe thunderstorms rolled across central and southern Illinois during the early afternoon. In Carlin-

ville, hail of 2-1/2 inches in diameter caused \$1 million damage, including 55 broken windows at the Macoupin County Courthouse. Six people were injured. Tennis-ball size hail fell at Litchfield. In Vandalia, baseball size hail caused \$4 million damage at the correctional center. The hail caused major roof damage and 1,000 broken windows, and even cracked 19 bullet-proof windows. Baseball size hail was also reported south of Effingham.

ROSC to host ‘Speakers Jam’ Saturday, May 24

CLINTON — DeWitt County Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) will host its second annual Speaker Jam on Saturday May 24 on Mr. Lincoln’s Square.

The event will be held from 3-5 p.m. and features four speakers who will share their recovery stories. Chad J, Bob S, Brendan B and Jennifer S will explain how addiction impacted their lives and the recovery process.

“We encourage everyone to come out and support our speakers and their journey to overcome addiction. They are truly stories of strength, hope and resilience,” said Maggie Memmott, ROSC Coordinator.

Food will be served during the free community event.

In addition to the ROSC Speakers Jam, the organization works with community organizations

to provide training in NARCAN use as part of the effort to reduce overdose deaths.

DeWitt County ROSC is part of a statewide network of organizations funded in whole or in part by the Illinois Department of Human Services and Substance Use Prevention and Recovery. For more information on ROSC services, contact Memmott at 217 935 3427 or mmemmott@piattmhc.org.

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