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McNack Makes CHS History As First State Champion

BY OWEN SCOLES
Staff Sports Reporter

Amitria McNack took home the first-place trophy for Clinton High School in the 145 lb weight class. Lucas McCemmy also went to state but was not as successful as his female peer. Clinton High School held a parade while they awaited her arrival back to Clinton from Mizzou Stadium in Columbia, MO. Coaches, fans, family, and friends are extremely proud to welcome Clinton's first female wrestler into the trophy case. "First off, Lucas had a fantastic tournament. First-time qualifiers usually get a little humbled by the entire atmosphere and level of competition but he stayed completely composed and wrestled outstanding all week. I couldn't be happier for him and what he accomplished this season. He's such a great kid on top of all of that. Amitria, what a night, what a week. She gave us all a scare in the semifinal match by pulling out a very close 11-10 win. I told Amitria back this summer that the expectation was a state title, nothing else. I'm a firm believer in progressing in everything you do, and after a 3rd place finishes for her



CLINTON CELEBRATED Amitria McNack as she returned home from Columbia on Friday, bringing home 1st place in the 145 lb weight class from the 2023 MSHSAA Class 2 Wrestling Championships.

last year, even 2nd place wasn't an option. The big thing I want to stress about her is her demeanor through it all. She's an outstanding wrestler, but outside of that, she has been very coachable. Sometimes a new coach can be hard on certain kids. She took everything in stride and stayed a humble champion from the first win of the year to the final win of the year as a state champion. What nobody sees is how she adamantly, and genu-

inely thanked every single kid along the road she possibly could who congratulated her as we returned to town and drove by the schools. That's a Champion that everyone can look up to. Wrestling-wise, she's 100% a competitor. She goes into every match with the mindset of winning. That mindset goes a long way. She's the one everyone is out to beat therefore, she's gonna get everyone's best match. She

knows this and stays poised when the time comes and we're very excited for the rest of her career. Wrestling up the state tournament, she was dominant in every aspect. The main goal was to go in and take care of business to win the state title, she made sure she did everything possible to accomplish that," said Todd Mowrey(CHS Wrestling Coach). Athletics Director, Alex Johnson also had some commentary to McNack 3

Celebrate Agriculture: Thank-A-Farmer Week

Our changing economy illustrates how agriculture impacts our lives now more than ever. Thanks to Missouri farmers, consumers have many choices for the locally sourced food and goods they enjoy. Around the world, consumers value what our farmers and ranchers produce. Missouri Farm Bureau and county Farm Bureau's across the state are joining forces to celebrate the importance of agriculture, March 5-11, during Celebrate Agriculture: Thank a Farmer Week!



According to the 2017 Census of Agriculture, the number of farms in Missouri declined 3,851 from 2012 to 95,320. Acreage

also declined by just over a half-million acres. Despite the drop in farms and farm acreage, Missouri continues to rank among the top 10 states in production of major commodities and provides an \$88.4 billion economic impact.

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Jig And Fly Classes Offer Big Boost For Beginners



GIVING AN EDUCATION, Instructor Nathan Bettencourt and Assistant Bill Grammer helped Rob Armstrong adjust his vise during class at Lost Valley Hatchery.

BY KEITH JACKSON
Staff Reporter

Anglers who wanted to learn how to tie flies and crappie jigs are learning the essentials in a series of classes put on by the Missouri Department of Conservation at the Lost Valley Hatchery in Warsaw.

The classes started February 21 and will conclude on March 9th. The series, presented by the MDC's education division, is led by volunteer Nathan Bettencourt of Clinton with help from Bill Grammer of

Warsaw. Eight students enrolled in the classes, filling all available spots. The students were equally divided between those who wanted to learn how to tie flies specifically and those who were more interested in learning how to tie crappie jigs. The techniques, skills and materials required transfer from one to the other.

"I saw Nathan tying flies at the Truman Lake Fishing Expo, said Connie Watson

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Ava Potter Has Score To Settle With Sports World

BY JENNIFER JACKSON
Staff Reporter

Ava Potter has a score to settle with the sports world.

"A lot of women's sports aren't broadcast," she said, "and there are not a lot of women broadcasters in sports."

She aims to do something about the latter.

Ava is a junior at Clinton High School, and works two paying jobs. One is a lifeguard at Clinton Aquatic Center. The other is an announcer at KDKD and The BIZZ, Radford Media's two radio stations.

"I like the hands-on experience and exploring a career," she said of the job.

Ava said she was working at the Primitive Olde Crow and Winery making pizzas, but when she heard about the job at the radio station from a friend. So she applied and was accepted.

"We hired Ava because she expressed interest in sports broadcasting and made the perfect fit for our sports crew," said Clay Radford, CEO of the Radford Media Group.



MAKING BROADCASTING WAVES, Ava Potter works at radio stations 95.3 KDKD FM and 104.9 The Bizz in pursuit of her interest in sports broadcasting.

Clay said he hires high school students to provide the opportunity to the next generation of broadcasters to get their start. He started at KDKD when he was 15 years old in high school, he said, working board op for sporting events.

Ava said she learned to operate both the old sta-

tion equipment and that of the new station. She plans to attend the University of Missouri and major in broadcast journalism with a minor in sports journalism. She plans a career in television sports broadcasting, and pictures herself reporting from the sidelines at professional

football games.

At Clinton High School, she's on the field, playing softball in the fall, soccer in the spring, and in the winter, is a power forward on the basketball team.

Ava also scored at February's District 10 Future Business Leaders of America

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Have I Got A Line For You!
By James Mahlon White



The trial of Alex Murdaugh has been fascinating to watch. He's been accused of murdering his wife and son. There's a new Netflix documentary about the family too. After watching it, I don't believe there was one member of the Murdaugh's that didn't kill someone intentionally or deliberately. There was the girl killed in a boating accident by his son, mysterious death of a teen linked to his other son Buster, and the maid who "fell down" the steps at their home. If you ask me Alex killed Maggie and Paul, planned it and laid out the trap. But he didn't take into account young people and their social media habits. Four minutes before the murder, Alex can be heard in the background on a video message Paul sent to a friend. What a tangled web. Have you ever watched the show Ray Donovan on Prime? That ruthless family reminds me of this one.

I was saddened to learn that Richard Bacon died. He had more sayings than anyone I've ever known. "Fine as frog hair" was one of my favorites. I miss him being on Main Street in Warsaw and sparring with Lyla. What a lively place they made it. Those were good days and he was a good man. God Speed Richard.

Where does the time go? That's an old, old question. Take care of yourself.

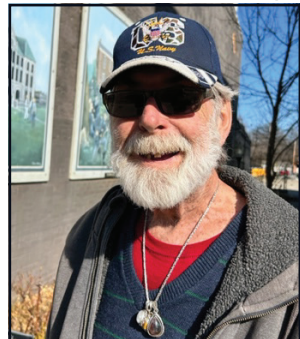
Til Next Week:
J.M.W.

Word on the Street

If you had to teach something, what would it be?



"Concrete work."
- Joshua High



"Software Engineering and Project Management."
- John Scott



"Kindness."
- Ramona Baldwin with Daughter, Mia

Let's stay on the subject of crime here. The Gov says that St. Louis Attorney General Kim Gardner should resign over public safety concerns. She was elected in 2016 on a platform of reforming the criminal justice system. Anyone who says "reform" these days is usually talking about chaos and degradation. Kim Gardner has done nothing but allow crime and criminals to run rampant in St. Louis. Most people I know won't attend sporting events or travel there due to downtown crime. Now an innocent bystander has paid the price for her neglect. Kim says this is just politics. Well, go to the hospital and explain that to the young girl who lost both of her legs. The man who caused this violated his GPS monitoring 51 times and had 10 violations in the last month, yet remained free. But she jumped right on the McCloskeys who were exercising their 2nd Amendment Right to own firearms and use them in defense of themselves and their property. This isn't a police funding issue. This is a "little to no consequences" issue. If we start to hold people accountable again it will stop. Criminals don't fear the law anymore.



Get to Know Clinton, MO

NAME: Lena Pfeleiderer
BIRTHPLACE: Independence
YEARS IN CLINTON: 7years
FAMILY:
THE BEST THING ABOUT LIVING IN CLINTON IS: Old Glory Days
OCCUPATION: Silhouettes
WHAT I WANTED TO BE WHEN I GREW UP: I wanted to be a teacher as a kid.
FIRST JOB:
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: going to the skating rink in town.
THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE WAS WHEN: going to Disney world with my Dad.
MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT:
WHAT DO YOU VALUE MOST IN YOUR FRIENDS: is their kindness and humor!
YOUR GREATEST FEAR IS: probably going skydiving

I HOPE I NEVER HAVE TO: to experience anything like 2020 again!
I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO: the new candle shop and I'm looking forward to stopping in soon!
IF I WON THE LOTTERY, I WOULD: I would buy a medium size house and a new car.
MY DREAM TRIP WOULD BE TO: would be to go to Main and go to Niagara Falls!
HOBBIES: gardening, painting, and baking.
FAVORITE BAND OR MUSICIAN: The Beatles
FAVORITE MOVIE: Les Mes
FAVORITE DRINK: Dr. Pepper
FAVORITE SNACK: Chex mix
FAVORITE CANDY: Reese's
FUTURE GOAL: to Farm
WHICH PERSON DO YOU



ADMIRE MOST: my Dad he's always been there for my siblings and I and truly is one of the wisest and kindest people I know!!
ADVICE YOU WOULD GIVE YOUR YOUNGER SELF: never be scared to let go and move on when you feel that you're ready.
WORDS TO LIVE BY: Nothing is free in life everything is earned.

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add to her performance at State Competition: "Words can't describe what a great experience it has been being the AD in Clinton during Amitria's two years as a wrestler in the Clinton Cardinal Varsity Wrestling Program. As you probably know, she took third place last year before the classifications split. She lost to a juggernaut senior from Parkway West last year and used that as fuel to push herself into the position of a State Champion this year. Finishing the year 49-1, Amitria has grown both as a wrestler and a young lady and as I said, I couldn't be more proud of her progress. I also want to give a shout-out to all of the people who have been in her corner (pun intended). It truly takes a village and her village is STRONG! As far as Lucas is concerned, he exceeded expectations and wrestled very well at State. I know it was special for him as well to have his mom there for him cheering him on as both a parent and a coach! Congratulations to Amitria, Lucas, Coach Mowery, Coach Jolley, Coach Bristow, and Coach McMenemy on a GREAT season. The best part is, this is only the beginning!" AD Johnson is correct, it does take a village to support a kid through State Competitions and fuel them with the desire to win. Her mother is one of those people who rallies the troops in support of her daughter, here is some commentary from Sherry Jacobsen: "In 2017/2018 when dropping off her brother to Clinton youth wrestling practice she decides she wants to try wrestling. During her very first practice, her partner picks her up and slams her down. Takes the breath from her. We thought this was it, she's not going to like this, she's done. Nope, not Amitria! She gets back up and has since never given up. By the end of her first year in 2017/2018 she received rookie of the year. This was just the start. For the first two years of her wrestling career, she started wrestling boys as there were not many girl wrestlers yet. She was dominating the boy's brackets in youth. Placing 1st,2nd,3rd and even making it to youth state every year. She started to be an inspiration to other females, mothers, fathers, Etc. This is what I think gave her the drive to keep going and to push herself to work harder. Winning first comes with work. So many think that it just comes so easy for her but let me tell you, she goes to practice 5 days a week. When there's no practice she goes to the gym or she'll do three to four hours a night of hit videos at home in her room. After practice, she goes home to work with her biggest fan, her dad. For a few hours a night, they work on moves and watch videos from matches she lost and what she could have done to do better, and what she will do next time to be better. As parents, it's everything to have your daughter make it to the mountain, to the top of girls wrestling in high school wow! When you take your children to practice daily and travel to the tournament after the tournament from state to state year-round, non-stop and to see the Improvement and watch how hard she has worked to get herself to this moment well Winning State, It's the best feeling ever! We have always told our kids' hard work pays off. She's proved this to be true. From winning boys' divisions to placing 3rd as a freshman in HS State, runner up at Fargo Nationals (which is the biggest wrestling tournament in the world) to being ranked 3rd in the Na-

tion to now becoming Clinton's first-ever girl HS State Champ, it's exhilarating. Wrestling is our favorite sport. We love it because it teaches the kids so much. It teaches accountability. If you lose you can't blame anybody else but yourself, it teaches you to work harder. The Wrestling community is like family. We have met so many people along the way. It's the best

experience anyone could experience." Sherry would like to give a special thank you to Brandon Jolly for believing in her and letting her join the team. Coach Brad Bullock for always showing up to her tournaments and supporting her and a big thank you to the entire Clinton Community. Let's not forget head high school coach Todd Mowrey.



AMIRTRIA MCNACK and Head Coach Todd Mowrey.

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ica (FBLA) conference, where she and Xavier Mason brought home first-place medals in broadcast journalism. With Briley Wishard, Ava also took second place in social media strategies in the FBLA district, based at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. Ava was elected vice-president of membership, meaning she will help plan the district conference next year.

Broadcast journalism is a presentation category. For their entry, Ava and Xavier presented live coverage of a local story, a newscast about the Clinton High School football team winning their first game in several years, Ava said.

A key to the win: she doesn't get nervous speaking in public.

"It's fun," she said. "I enjoy it a lot."

They also submitted coverage of a global news story on the Ukraine/Russian war, Ava said. They'll present both stories again at the state FBLA competition in April at Missouri State University in Springfield, and if they place in the top four, will advance to nationals.

At the radio station, Ava has broadcast pre-game interviews with CHS football Coach Cody Carlson, interviewing him about his plans for the upcoming game and the season. She learned a lot about football from Carlson, she said.

She also got to broadcast one of the CHS football games, which was a little daunting at first, she said, but got easier as it went along. Participating in a precast of a football game with Spencer Edwards was also a good learning experience, she said, as was interviewing Clay Bradford about sports reporting.

At CHS, Ava said her favorite class is Laura Daniel's English composition. Ava has already picked out a topic for the next assignment, "Sexism in Sports Media," for a problem-solving essay. She said she thinks it's awesome that women are breaking down the barriers to become members of professional sports teams. The CHS football team is currently recruiting a kicker from the girls' soccer team to be on the football team next year, Ava said.

"I hope she ends up doing it," Ava said. "I think women are just as tough as men. If you believe you can do it, you should do it."

Ava works at 95.3 KDKD FM on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., and is also

on air on 104.9 The Bizz on Saturday afternoons. Clay said Ava has developed into a great all-round broadcaster that Radford Media is honored to have as part of their team.

"We are very proud of Ava and all the success she has achieved on-air, within sports, FBLA, and in academics," he said. "She is a bright star just starting her shine."

"We expect to hear and see a lot more from Ava Potter for many years to come."

FARMER
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duces enough food and fiber for 172 people, 106 in the U.S. and 66 abroad.

American consumers benefit from this bounty, yet spend less than 9 percent of their disposable income on food. By 2050, the global population is expected to increase by 9.1 billion people. Farmers will have to grow about 49 percent more food than is now produced.

With all that they produce, it is remarkable that farm and ranch families account for less than 2 percent of the U.S. population. Across the United States, there are 2 million farms with 3.4 million farm operators. This number includes owners, their families, hired workers, tenants and renters or sharecroppers. Many farms today find multiple generations working together to produce food and fiber.

So, join Farm Bureau as we Celebrate agriculture and Thank a Farmer.

"Agriculture is important to our daily lives and our community. Because 98 percent of the population doesn't farm, it is easy to take for granted the importance of our farmers," Brandy Rath (Promotion and Education Chairperson) says. "Celebrate Agriculture: Thank a Farmer Week is a great time to recognize the important contribution made by farmers!"

FLY TYING
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of Tightwad. "I crappie fish a lot, and I wanted to learn how to tie crappie jigs, so I signed up."

Thomas Barker of Cole Camp said much the same thing. "I got a fly rod last year, and I wanted to learn how to tie flies. I saw Nathan tying at the Fish Expo." He then joined the class.

Another student, Rob Armstrong, of Burlington, Ky., learned of the class online. "I'm a retired Delta Airlines pilot," he said. "I bought an RV and am traveling around. Right now, I'm parked down at

Shoal Creek near Joplin. This class was the only one I could find that was more than a one-day class." He makes the drive up from the Joplin area for each class.

The four classes focus on giving the students the basics of fly tying, a hobby that readily transfers into tying jigs intended for crappies.

The first two classes introduced students to the San Juan Worm, an extremely easy fly to tie, and one that is deadly on trout as well as bluegill. The second tie was a crappie jig, using a jig head from Everharts and sporting a marabou tail and chenille body.

The second class reviewed the basic knots and then launched into tying the Woolly Bugger—a fly that incorporates the marabou tail that was part of the crappie jig tied during the previous session. It's a universal fly that catches most fish when its size and colors are adapted to conditions. The second fly tied was a Lady Bug—a foam-backed fly that is a floating beetle imitation and one that is very effective for trout and bluegill.

According to Bettencourt, in the final two sessions, students will learn to tie the Hare's Ear Nymph and a partridge-and-yellow soft hackle. In the final session, the students will learn how to tie a marabou streamer and a dry fly, the Grizzly Hare. The flies tied in the beginner's class cover the basic groups of flies: nymph, wet, dry, streamer, attractor and jig.

This series of classes was the first at the hatchery, so it is a learning experience, said Kara Entrop, the Community Education Assistant at the Lost Valley Hatchery.

"We want to see what works and make any needed adjustments before we schedule others. But we are planning to offer more of the beginner's classes along with some intermediate classes at some point."

Entrop said that a crappie jig tying class would work well and likely would be popular for this area.

For more information on future classes, contact the Missouri Department of Conservation at either the Lost Valley Hatchery or the Clinton MDC office.



Yancy Barr, Warsaw, and his 10-year-old brother Tristan, work on tying a Woolly Bugger.



Tristan Barr of Warsaw concentrates on tying his first crappie jig.



Connie Watson of Tightwad concentrates on completing crappie jig, one of the reasons she enrolled in the class.



The first two lessons included the San Juan Worm fly and a crappie jig.

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE

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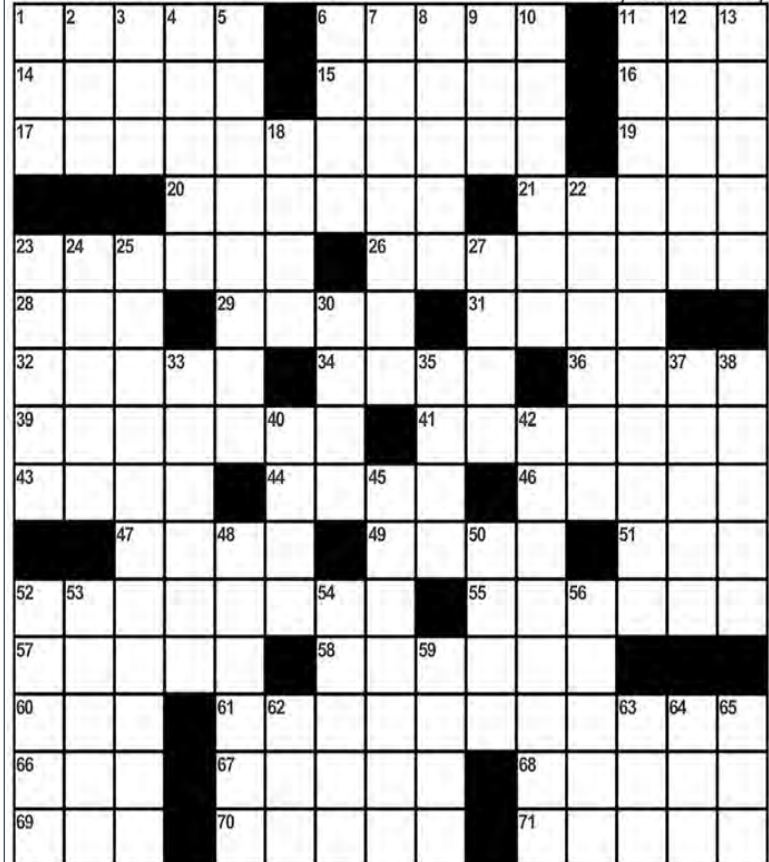
- 1) Certain informal parent
- 6) Wooded valleys
- 11) Female pronoun
- 14) ___ of expertise
- 15) Bye-bye, in Burgundy
- 16) Pin number?
- 17) Object on Israel's flag
- 19) Interject
- 20) Burning
- 21) Suitable material?
- 23) Annoying inconvenience
- 26) Professed
- 28) FBI employee, briefly
- 29) Eve's mate
- 31) Jacob's twin
- 32) Unedited version
- 34) Petticoat junction?
- 36) Blueprint detail, in short
- 39) Most spooky
- 41) Brandy cocktail
- 43) Words with "precedent"
- 44) Senate helper
- 46) Having an irregular edge
- 47) Spot in the distance
- 49) Point to the right
- 51) Harden
- 52) Barnum and Bailey's business
- 55) Home for an old king
- 57) Guiding beliefs of a group
- 58) In a lively manner
- 60) Doctor in a 1964 movie
- 61) Campus VIP
- 66) Nightmare street of film
- 67) Down provider
- 68) Barbecue leftover
- 69) "Sayonara!"
- 70) Run-down in appearance, as a motel
- 71) Furry weasel cousin

DOWN

- 1) ___ de deux
- 2) Dinner scrap
- 3) Ammo in a harmless shooter
- 4) Legal aides, informally
- 5) Recently
- 6) Baby's word for 1-Across
- 7) Japanese protein source
- 8) Cats have nine of them
- 9) Welcoming garland
- 10) Makes soapy bubbles
- 11) Business seed money
- 12) Steeplechase obstacle
- 13) Called off
- 18) Left the scene
- 22) Desk drawer item
- 23) Hellish place
- 24) See things the same way
- 25) First base?
- 27) Prefix for "circle"
- 30) ___ spumante (Italian wine)
- 33) Total disaster
- 35) Sailing the Atlantic
- 37) Renoir's prop
- 38) Minotaur's home
- 40) Verb for Simon
- 42) Unfastens
- 45) Longed for
- 48) Boot-wearing felines?
- 50) Sing "shooby-doo" and such
- 52) Paparazzi target, briefly
- 53) Venice setting
- 54) Dodge
- 56) Historical Alabama march site
- 59) Results may do this, in commercials
- 62) Make a sheepshank
- 63) Flow back
- 64) Business card no.
- 65) Prior, to poets

TWINKLE OF ONE'S EYE

By Carl Cranby





One of my guests gave me a bunch of kisses before and after the recording. My other guest talked about Dalmatia BnB. Watch and you'll find out that Rebecca is the real deal when it comes to boarding, breeding, training and more. This conversation ('Featured') can be found on the Chamber's Facebook page.

Years of experience: check. Customer service: check. There for you in an emergency: check. Marc Helm with Helm Plumbing, Electric and HVAC is now on the Chamber's Facebook page with a 'Featured'. Watch as Marc tells us about all the services they provide when you go to https://www.facebook.com/ClintonMO/

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It's National FFA Week! The ag committee of the Chamber held our first meeting of 2023 at the Businessman's Breakfast at the Clinton Rotary Club Tuesday morning. FFA members served up a delicious breakfast. If you, a business or whoever would like to join our committee, call us at the Chamber; 660-885-8166. We host a golf tournament, ag appreciation dinner, give out scholarships and more!

Speaking of agriculture, on Wed. of this week, I sent an email to nine area high schools and ten colleges and universities around the State with the information needed for students to apply for one of the three ag scholarships the Chamber gives away each year and the application for the Dr. John Chapin Scholarship that is given away through the Chamber by friends and family of the late Dr. Chapin.

Heartland Community Theatre is pleased to announce our upcoming 4th Sunday monthly movie matinee. Please come join us this Sunday, February 26th, 2023, starting at 2:00 p.m., for our latest edition! Our feature presentation is "The Ghost and Mrs.

Muir" (1947), starring Gene Tierney, Rex Harrison and George Sanders. A young widow and her daughter decide to move from her controlling in-laws' London home in 1900, and the widow forms a unique relationship with the ghost of a seaman, after she discovers that her seaside cottage is haunted, which they just moved into. Admission is always FREE for this monthly event, along with gourmet popcorn and beverages. Hope to see everyone at the Heartland Community Theatre, 108 North Washington, Clinton, for our movie matinee event this Sunday afternoon!!

We have sold out of the large and small banners so...THANK YOU! In exactly two weeks (from 2/1-2/15), we sold 45 banners that will go up and down Second and Ohio streets and 85 banners that will be in the Square District, so... THANKS AGAIN! From May 1st until just after the 4th of July, there will be 130 new banners welcoming residents and visitors to Olde Glory Days each year!

We are almost there.... Next Saturday March 4th is the big day! Benware Tractor and Auto's Customer Appreciation Sale only happens once per year so make sure you're there! Milwaukee reps will be on site making deals. Don't forget to bring your friends and share with others. KDKD will be on-site and we will have a party going in the parking lot.

Henry County Health Center New Facility Fundraiser-HCHC seeks your support to help achieve the mission of promoting health and wellness for Henry County residents. HCHC has a four-tiered fundraising ap-

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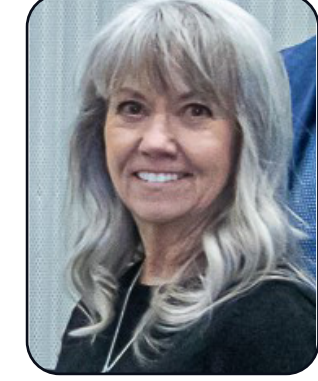
For our Chamber members: The Greater Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce has partnered again with E&M Consulting, Inc. to produce our annual Community Guide & Business Directory. The publication will be available in both print and digital formats. E&M will manage the entire project, including advertising sales and layout/graphic design. We have found that they are highly professional and produce a high-quality publication, and we ask that you give them a moment of your time. E&M will be contacting all members about the

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Also for our Chamber business members: I want to tell you about Amazon Delivery Partners. The following is from their website: When Chamber page 14

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IN HONOR OF NATIONAL FFA WEEK Carmen Bohannon, Katie Schaffer, and Hannah Miller visited area businesses, including The Clinton Daily Democrat, delivering cherry pies. It just so happened to also be Cherry Pie Day. Pictured with the FFA members is Christina, a member of the Democrat staff.



Equity Bank to Sponsor Informational Meeting for Cattlemen

On January 1, 2017, two significant changes occurred that impacted the availability and use of antibiotics in the feed and water of food producing animals.

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The other change was many of these antibiotics, which had been available over the counter, now required either a Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) if used in feed or a prescription if used in drinking water. This brought a significant number of antibiotics under veterinary supervision, but some continue to be available over the counter. That is about to change, however.

On March 16th, Dr. Craig Payne, veterinarian with University of Missouri Extension, will be at the Henry County Cattlemen's meeting to discuss these changes in greater detail and how it will impact animal owners. The meeting will be held at Dietz Family Buffet, 630 p.m. For further information contact Marilyn Lesmeister (660) 492-2166

Clinton Court-Mat Warming



ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD Clinton High School crowned the 2023 Court-Mat Warming Royalty. From left to right: Xavier Ray (king), Kennedy Cook (queen), Mia Bagley (princess), and Sam Baughman (prince).

Quite the Craftsman



CRAFTSMAN BROOKS ROSS created a unique mailbox for his aunt and uncle for their 41st Anniversary. Brooks is a self taught craftsman who will try just about anything. He is a former graduate of CHS and was raised in Clinton. His parents, Keith and Sherry Ross still reside in the Clinton area.



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WEDNESDAY • MARCH 8, 2023 Evening

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WORD SEARCH: TWINKLE OF ONE'S EYE. A 13x13 grid of letters with words hidden. Includes the title and author 'By Carl Cranby'.

WEEK OF MARCH 6 WEEKLY HOROSCOPE

Horoscope text for the week of March 6. Includes signs: Pisces 2/19-3/20, Aries 3/21-4/19, Taurus 4/20-5/20, Gemini 5/21-6/20, Cancer 6/21-7/22, Leo 7/23-8/22, Virgo 8/23-9/22, Libra 9/23-10/22, Scorpio 10/23-11/21, Sagittarius 11/22-12/21, Capricorn 12/22-1/19, Aquarius 1/20-2/18.

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To Distribute Grants

The Truman Lake Community Foundation (TLCF) will distribute more than \$70,000 in grants this year, \$35,000 this spring, and your organization has an opportunity to receive some of the funds. If your school, 501c3 not-for-profit organization, church, or governmental entity is seeking money for a project, then the TLCF might be able to help. The 2023 TLCF grantmaking cycle will run until 5:00 pm March 10, 2023. Grant applications must be completed online at <https://tinyurl.com/2awtmwj6>. There are various foundations on the website, so be sure to look for the Truman Lake Community Foundation Grantmaking Program Spring 2023. Awarded grants will be distributed in April 2023.

From the generosity of various organizations and community members, the Truman Lake Community Foundation has ballooned to manage more than twelve million dollars in assets. Generally, TLCF uses interest earnings on some of their funds to facilitate the grants and give back to the community. Since TLCF's founding, it has given out 384 grants totalling nearly \$600,000.

For any questions, contact Bryan Himes at bryan.himes@sherwoodk12.net or call 660-499-2239.

GFWC Lorna Kemper Club



GFWC LORNA KEMPER CLUB met Feb 20th at the Clinton United Methodist Church. Mary Miller gave the program and history of the GFWC international headquarters located in Washington DC. The meeting was opened with pledges to the American and Mo flags. Roll call was taken and minutes were read and approved. A meeting was conducted and closed with the Club Collect. Refreshments were served by hostess Doris Hunter. (Pictured)

College," said Kathryn Sloan, interim dean. "In being named to the Dean's List, Grace demonstrates excellence in academics and a commitment to our mission of peace through education. It's an honor to recognize Grace for this spectacular achievement and for making Fulbright College and the University of Arkansas so incredibly proud."

"I'd be remiss not to also recognize and thank the family, friends and Fulbright College faculty and staff who have supported Grace," Sloan added. "We're immensely grateful for their continued influence and support."

Sisk is one of more than 8,000 students who study and research in Fulbright College, which has degrees across the fine arts, humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. Learn more about the U of A's Fulbright College at fulbright.uark.edu.



Named to Dean's List

Grace Sisk of Chilhowee was named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List in the Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences at the University of

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Looking Back:
95 Cardinal State Medals

McNack is a State Champion! Amitria McNack added her name to this list of CHS State Wrestling Champions. This makes the 95th State Medal earned by a Clinton Cardinal. Also earning a trip to the 2023 Championships was Lucas McMenemy. He was one match away from earning a medal. I am sure he is looking to next year. Amitria was the first Lady Cardinal to win a medal in 2022 and the first to win a State Championship in 2023. The MSHSAA State Girls Wrestling Championship started in 2018. The Lady Cardinal program has grown each year. The amount of work represented on this list is immeasurable. The amount of Cardinal pride is also immeasurable. Who will be next to make this prestigious list? All the Cardinal wrestling head coaches are listed at the end of this article. The Cardinal program started in 1965 (58 yrs.). Joey Haynes broke the ice in 1972, winning the very first Cardinal State medal. This year Todd Mowery lead the Cardinals, assisted by Denise McMenemy and J.D. Bristow. Both Denise and J.D. are former Cardinal wrestlers. J.D. won a State medal in 2014.

State Champions 1st Place (13): 1989 Kendal Koch (our very first

State Champion), 1990 Kendal Koch, 1991 Shane Green, 1991 Brandon Peck, 1992 Jon Koch, 1992 Doug Walrath, 1994 Matt Morrison, 1994 John Pickens, 1997 Steve James, 1999 Bobby Scrogam, 2007 Logan Huggins, 2009 Andy Skaggs. 2023 Amitria McNack. Note: Andy Skaggs is now the CMS Wrestling coach. Andy is the last boy State Champion. Also, note the Cardinals won nine medals in 1991 and won the Team State Championship. They have placed in the Top 10 many times.

2nd Place (17): 1972 Joey Haynes, 1974 Chip Whitlow, 1986 Todd Parks, 1990 Brandon Peck, 1990 Lyle Banner, 1990 Jeff Hunter, 1991 Steve Young, 1993 Andy Komer, 1994 Cody Kirk, 1998 Matt Gum, 2000 Scott Anderson, 2001 Scott Anderson, 2002 Scott Anderson, 2008 Matt Hedrick, 2012 Gabe Suthoff, 2013 Josh Ryan, 2017 Benny Ladd.

3rd Place (18): 1975 Chip Whitlow, 1977 George Curry, 1990 Shane Green, 1992 Shay Owens, 1995 Mark McQuitty, 1996 Tommy Miles, 1996 Steve James, 1996 Narvin Clouse, 2000 BJ Switzer, 2001 BJ Switzer, 2004 Brandon Jolley, 2007 Matt Hedrick, 2007 Andy Skaggs, 2008 Andy Skaggs, 2014 Grant Taylor, 2015 Grant Taylor, 2016 Grant Taylor, 2022 Amitria McNack.

4th Place (13): 1988 Kendal Koch, 1991 Doug Walrath, 1993 Jon Koch, 1993 Brad Chaney, 1994 Jon Koch, 1998 Clay Kirk, 1998 Bobby Scrogam, 2006 Andy Hamilton,
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Pickleball Tourney Takes Over



A SECOND PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT was held at the Clinton Community Center on Friday, Feb. 24. There were 12 teams (24 players). Kathy and Kevin Sullivan won the tournament with Bob Owen and Barry Schmedding coming in second. Several teams tied for third. Back row: Mark Parker, Gene Henry, Bob Owen, Barry Schmedding, and Kevin and Kathy Sullivan. Front row: Tim Komer, Irene Komer, Janet Huskey, and Lynn Schweiger. Not pictured, but also tied for third, Amy Michael and Marlene Martin. Thanks to all that helped and to all that participated. Check out Pickleball Clinton Mo on Facebook for PB information.

Lady Cardinals Victorious In Close Game Over Warrensburg

In the first quarter of the game, fans and coaches could tell that it was going to be a close matchup and almost mimic last week's game at Harrisonville.

At the start of the first quarter, Clinton's Skyte Wilson started raking in the points with Vyla Brown following closely behind her. Ava Potter knocked down a two pointer during the quarter as well. Hannah Campbell and Briley Wishard were both fouled and had a chance at free throws. Wishard brought back two points for the Cardinals after she stepped off the free throw line and Hannah Campbell was not so fortunate, shooting 2 and making 0.

The Warrensburg Tigers had many scorers including A. Nunnely, K. Maxwell, G. Hill, and M. Buck. The end of the first quarter score was 14-11.

In the second quarter, Campbell redeemed herself making 3 free throws. Allie Cardwell shot a two pointer and made it, Mercedes Brown scored 3 points, Potter for 2, and Wishard for 2. The Tigers turned it on in the second quarter, it seemed they might be leaving the Cardinals in the dust for this game. A. Nunnely, M. Myers, K. Maxwell, G. Hill, M. Buck, and E. Wiederhoeft all scored points for the Lady Tigers in the second period. Those points scored brought the half-time score to 26-32.

Wilson and Wishard were both given the chance in



THE DEFENSE of the Lady Cardinals was stifling once again in their win over Warrensburg last Tuesday. Clinton finished the regular season at 21-5 and will begin districts this week.

the third quarter to shoot 2 free throws, both only making one. Brown made two, 3 point baskets and Cardwell made one, 3 point basket.

In the second and third quarters the Cardinals defense was shaken by the hard press the Lady Tigers used to score. Warrensburg scorers for the third quarter were G. Hill, M. Buck, and E. Wiederhoeft. The end of the third quarter score was 37-41.

In the fourth quarter the Clinton Lady Cardinals kicked it into sixth gear on the offensive side and the defense stuck their arms up and blocked most shots made by the Lady Tigers.

The Cardinals were determined to dig themselves out of the hole they had made in the second and third and win the game. Brown scored 2, Brown with 7, Wilson scored 6,

and Wishard with 1. **CLINTON (53):** Vyla Brown (2), Allie Cardwell (5), Mercedes Brown (20), Hannah Campbell (3), Katie Schaffer (0), Skyte Wilson (13), Allie Goucher (0), Ava Potter (4), and Briley Wishard (6).

WARRENSBURG (50): A. Nunnely (2), M. Myers (5), L. Teichman (0), K. Maxwell (13), G. Hill (12), A. Lightfoot (0), M. Buck (6), and E. Wiederhoeft (0).

Clinton Moving On In Districts After Win Over Knob Noster

The Clinton Cardinals boys' basketball team put up a fight in the fourth quarter to be able to progress through districts and will play again on Wednesday, March 1, after beating Knob Noster, 60-50 in the opening round.

Knob Noster put up a good fight in the first-third quarter and took the lead for most of that time. They did not stand a chance against the Cardinals' hard press at the end of the game all through the fourth quarter.

Dom Jackson, Brayden Ethridge, and Xzavier Ray all scored points in the first quarter bringing the Cardinals against Knob Noster score to 11-12 at the end of the first.

It was another close matchup closing in on half-time for this game. Knob scored an additional 16 points and Clinton scored 15, bringing the halftime score of this game to 26-28.

In the third quarter, the Cardinals really started to kick it into high gear and start scoring points. Richard Brown scored nine points in the third quarter. Surpassing Dom Jackson, Emrie Neil, and Kaiden Townsend who only scored a couple in the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was quite interesting as Knob Noster started to foul the



THE CLINTON CARDINALS fast paced offense gets up and down the floor. That tempo created problems for Knob Noster, at times, in the Cardinals 60-50 win on Monday night.

Cardinals again and again. Emrie Neil scored 2 baskets in the fourth, Dom Jackson had one basket and Brayden Ethridge also scored a 2 point basket. The rest of the eight-teen points scored in that quarter were from fouls that

Knob Noster gave Clinton. **CLINTON (60):** R. Brown(14), D. Jackson(20), E. Neil(8) B. Ethridge(4), M. Alexander(0), J. Wilson(6), J. Balke(0), G. Ethridge(0), X. Ray(2), and K. Townsend(6).

KNOB NOSTER (50): B.

Freitas(0), J. Hugie(7), S. Livingston(7), C. Zimmer-schild(0), E. Gentry(0) T. Hudson(0), H. Deleceuw(0), B. Zink(0), A. Collier(0), E. Gidydos(0), D. Curr(0), and L. Martin(31).



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2007 Donnie Bullock, 2008 Logan Huggins, 2008 Chris Harris, 2010 Gabe Suthoff, 2014 JD Bristow.
 5th Place (13): 1984 Todd Parks, 1988 Archie Goucher, 1988 Brandon Peck, 1989 Roland Johnson, 1991 Jared Morgan, 1991 Bill Steward, 1995 Casey Kirk, 1995 Tommy Miles, 1999 Matt Gum, 1999 Brandon Goth, 2006 Logan Huggins, 2016 Benny Ladd, 2021 Matt Balke. Note: Matt Balke is the last boy Cardinal State medalist.
 6th Place (21): 1982 Clint Lam, 1985 Mike Posey, 1987 Kendal Koch, 1987 Jeff Hunter, 1988 Shane Green, 1988 Jeff Hunter, 1991 Cody Kirk, 1991 Jason Elkins, 1991 Andy Komer, 1991 Shay Owens, 1992

Cody Kirk, 1992 Jared Morgan, 1993 Cody Kirk, 1994 Brad Chaney, 1995 Kevin Etters, 1996 Clay Kirk, 1999 Clay Kirk, 2005 Steve Hensley, 2006 Chris Harris, 2009 Casey Mothersbaugh, 2013 Grant Taylor, 2018 Jesse Knisely.
 CHS Wrestling Coaches (17): 1965-'70 Allen Ritchie, '71-'74 Abe Clark, '75-'76 Dean Martin, 1977 Steve Blomme, '78-'80, Fran Schwenk, '81 Ray Niles, '82-'83 Dan Jones, '84-'99 Ray Niles, 2000-'03 Glen Mays, '04-'05 Dan Johnson, '06-'07 Kevin Fowler, '08-'09 Grant Leighty, '10-'11 Bill Jolley, '12-'14 Dan Tuttle, '14-'17 Spike Fogle, '18-'20 Ethan Olson, 2021, Mark Lovelace, 2022-present Todd Mowery.

authors and illustrators at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 5 in the Elliott Student Union. This year's special guest speaker is award-winning author, Gary Schmidt. His novel "Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy" was awarded a Newbery Honor in 2005 as well as a Printz Honor. He received a second Newbery Honor for "The Wednesday Wars" in 2008. "Okay for Now," the 2011 sequel to "The Wednesday Wars," was a National Book Award finalist and also won a 2012 Children's Choice Book Award.

Registration for Sunday Luncheon has now been closed but authors will be available to sign books from 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday in the Elliott Student Union atrium. The Book Sale also will be available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Elliott Student Union ballroom. These events are free and open to all. Proceeds from festival book sales directly support next year's festival. On Monday and Tuesday, March 6-7, authors and illustrators are scheduled to speak to children in grades 3-10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at various locations across campus. Registration has now been closed but there are several sessions that will be livestreamed from Hendricks Hall on both Monday and Tuesday. Please visit the website to register and contact festival director, Maya Kucij, at kucij@ucmo.edu or 660-543-4306, with any questions.

The 2023 Children's Literature Festival received

grants from both the Missouri Arts Council, a state agency, and the Missouri Humanities Council. Additional support from UCM's Office of Academic Affairs has allowed the Festival to waive fees for the second year in a row.

The Children's Literature Festival has long history at UCM that spans more than five decades, bringing school children to campus in grades 3-10 to hear and meet nationally recognized children's authors. The festival's roots date back to 1969 when Philip Sadler, professor of Children's Literature, and Ophelia Gilbert, laboratory school librarian, invited five authors to come to what was then the Central Missouri State College campus. All were from Missouri,

and one author, Cena Christopher Draper, lived in Warrensburg. Children from the laboratory school listened to them speak about their experiences as authors and got their books autographed. The next year, 13 authors came and were recognized, and year by year the festival grew, both in number of presenters, and attendance of school children and their teachers. In 2017 the event attracted 25 presenters and roughly 3,700 attendees over what has become a two and a half day festival. In 2018 more than 30 authors and illustrators were on campus and more than 4,000 attendees.

The festival welcomes participants with disabilities. To learn more visit clf.ucmo.edu or call 660-543-4306.

efficiency in the cattle operation," says Davis. University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Bulletin reported that heifers that did not conceive during their first breeding season and were kept have an 55% average lifetime calf crop. Therefore, Davis urges cattle producers to cull these open heifers to promote optimum reproductive efficiency in the cattle operation.

"Open heifers need to be marketed to the feedlot by approximately 18 months of age to get optimum salvage value," says Davis. Heifers that enter the breeding season at approximately 14 months should be approximately 18 months at pregnancy check time and can still be marketed to meet the choice grade. If culling is delayed and heifers are marketed later their value may be reduced due to inability to reach the choice grade. Therefore, Davis urges early pregnancy checking and marketing the open heifer within that 18 month window for optimum cattle operation profitability.

"Culling these open heifers also makes more feed resources available to cattle that will be producing calves in the coming year," says Davis. With limited feed resources it is important to feed bred heifers that will provide the cattle operation return. Davis urges cattle producers to cull these heifers that did not conceive in their first breeding season because feeding them is wasting money and negatively affecting the bottom-line of the cattle operation.

This article outlines why keeping heifers that did not become pregnant in the first breeding season is detrimental to the cattle operation. Therefore, Davis urges cattle producers to pregnancy check approximately 60 days post breeding season and cull open heifers. For more information on early pregnancy checking and culling open heifers following their first breeding season contact your local MU Extension Livestock Field Specialist.

Children's Literature Festival Begins this Weekend at UCM

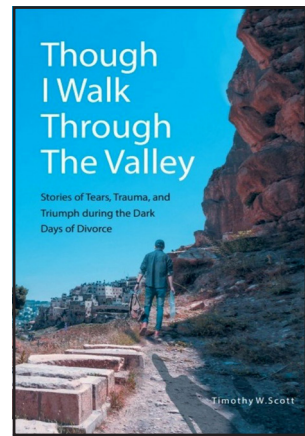


A GROUP OF CHILDREN walk across campus while attending the 2022 Children's Literature Festival, an event that celebrates its 54th year at UCM March 5-7.

The University of Central Missouri will celebrate the 54th Annual Children's Literature Festival March 5-7, with more than 20

nationally recognized authors and illustrators in attendance. The festival begins with a luncheon with visiting

Book Signing to be Held at Bread of Life Book and Gifts



TIMOTHY W. SCOTT, THE AUTHOR of "Though I Walk Through the Valley," will be doing a book signing at Bread of Life Book and Gifts at 130 S. Main St. in Clinton on the east side of the Clinton square. The signing will take place from 10:00-1:00 on Friday, March 10th. "Though I Walk Through the Valley" is a Christian book written to bring hope and healing to those who are experiencing the painful valley of divorce. The book also brings understanding to those who have never had to walk this difficult journey. Come by Bread of Life Books and Gifts on March 10th and pick up your copy of this life changing book."

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checking and culling open replacement heifers should be done for optimum beef cattle operation productivity and profitability. "Culling heifers that did not conceive during their first breeding season will promote optimum reproductive

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The Clinton Daily Democrat is happy to again sponsor the Annual Spring City-Wide Garage Sale.

To participate, fill out the form below, bring it to the Democrat office with a check for \$20 payable to The Clinton Daily Democrat. Forms and checks can also be mailed to: **Clinton Daily Democrat, 104 S. Main St., Clinton, MO 64735.** All forms must be received by noon, Friday, April 14th. No refunds (rain or shine).

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City of Deepwater / 6 month Financial Report									
	General Fund	Capitol Improve Fund	Cemetery Fund	Fire Fund	Roads Fund	Sewer Fund	Water Fund	Other Funds	Total
Jun-22									
Cash,07/01/2021	74,423	43,637	63,081	23,009	143,186	51,175	4,817	29,212	432,540
Receipts	49,220	2,843	2,644	7,002	14,346	56,436	34,580	1,067	168,138
Disbursement	57,154	140	1,159	12,080	37,537	62,624	34,093	0	204,787
Cash,12/31/2022	66,488	46,340	64,566	17,931	119,996	44,987	5,304	30,279	395,891

Other Funds Include: ARPA, POST, Building, Petty Cash, Water Deposit Account

LIABILITIES:

Mo Sales Tax Collected	111	Bond "A"	590,664
Payroll Taxes	57	Bond "B"	0
Accounts Payable	3,155		
Total Liabilities	3,323	Total LT	590,664

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Whereas, Calvin L. Carr and Debra K. Carr, by Deed of Trust, dated the 11th day of October, 2012, and recorded in the Recorder's office for Henry County, Missouri, in Deed of Trust Book 698 at page 876 conveyed to Jeff Dull, Trustee, the following described property, situated in the County of Henry, State of Missouri, to-wit:
LOTS 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, AND 12, IN BLOCK 4 OF R.W. MAJOR'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF WINDSOR, HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI.
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March 27, 2023
between the hours of nine o'clock a.m. and five o'clock p.m., to-wit; 1:30 p.m. for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the cost of executing this trust.
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Insertions: March 2, 9, 16, and 23, 2023
NOTICE
Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c (b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior written consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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ACCEPTING BIDS
The Clinton Park and Recreation Department will be accepting sealed bids for the following surplus item: 2009 John Deere Zero Turn Mower. The mower will be parked at the Park Department Maintenance Shop located at 723 W. Tulip Dr. for viewing. Please contact John McClendon at (660)885-8621 or Brad Combs at (660)885-2181 with any questions regarding the mower. Contact Deborah Nelson for a bid spec sheet or to submit your bid at: City Hall, 105 E. Ohio, Clinton, MO 64735; 660-885-6121; or dnelson@CityofClintonMO.com. Bids are due no later than 10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 16th. The City reserves the right to accept/reject any and all bids.
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Job Opening
The Henry County Commission is accepting resumes for an Emergency Management Director / Flood Plain Coordinator. Primary responsibilities include: command and administer Henry County's emergency management preparedness functions; liaison with all government agencies on emergency management issues; member of the commission's executive management staff; responds to and assumes command of major events involving Homeland Security and / or disasters; coordinates training programs and emergency operations drills; assists area governments with their emergency and mitigation plans and grant applications; and administers the submittal process for federal and state reimbursement claims for the County's costs during emergency operations. Additional responsibilities as Flood Plain Coordinator include administering and processing flood plain permits for Henry County.
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Urich Cemetery Association is taking bids for lawn care for the Urich cemetery for 2023. Send bids to Glen Stewart, 751 NW 1521st, Urich MO 64788. Deadline is March 15th.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Clinton School District is inviting General Contractors to submit sealed bids for a Pole Barn Building project at the Clinton Technical School, 602 S. 5th Street, Clinton, MO 64735.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

A default has accrued on a certain note secured by a deed of trust executed by GARRETT D. WILSON dated 2/21/2020 and recorded on 2/21/2020 in BOOK 2020 PAGE 532.

ALL OF LOT ONE (1) IN SMITH'S MINOR ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CLINTON, HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI. Commonly known as: 1307 S. Water St, Clinton, Missouri 64735

REQUESTS FOR BIDS / INVITATION FOR BIDS CITY OF CLINTON, MISSOURI CLINTON REGIONAL AIRPORT State Block Grant Project No. 22-022A-1

Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 AM (CDT), Thursday March 23rd, 2023, and then publicly opened and read at Clinton City Hall, 105 E. Ohio, Clinton, Missouri 64735

Digital copies of the bid documents including project drawings and technical specifications are on file and may be inspected at: Planroom.GarverUSA.com

An optional pre-bid conference for this project will be held at 10:00 AM (CDT), Thursday, March 9th, 2023, via virtual meeting. Pre-Bid Conference attendance is optional for bidders on this project.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid. The bid guaranty may be by certified check or bid bond made payable to the City of Clinton.

Bids may be held by the City of Clinton for a period not to exceed ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract.

In accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, and the Missouri Prevailing Wage Law, the Contractor will be required to comply with the wage and labor requirements and to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedule of wage rates established by the United States Department of Labor and the Missouri Division of Labor Standards, respectively.

The City of Clinton, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

This project is subject to the requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation. The owner has established a contract goal of 8 percent participation for small business concerns owned and controlled by qualified disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE).

- Executive Order 11246 and DOL Regulation 41 CFR PART 60 - Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity.
DOL Regulation 29 CFR Part 5 - Davis Bacon Act.
DOT Regulation 49 CFR PART 29 - Government-wide Debarment and Suspension and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ROBERT E. RICHTER, SR. TO: All persons interested in the estate of Robert E. Richter, Sr., decedent.

The undersigned is acting as Trustee under a trust the terms of which provide that the debts of the decedent may be paid by the Trustee upon receipt of proper proof thereof. The address of the Trustee is 608 E. Ohio Street, Clinton, Mo. 64735.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to present their claims to the undersigned within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice or be forever barred.

Michael X. Edgett, Trustee

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI

IN RE: The Change of Name of) Case No.: 23HE-AC00001

COLTIN DEAN WAYNE UMLAUF NOTICE OF CHANGE OF NAME

You are hereby notified that the name of COLTIN DEAN WAYNE UMLAUF has been changed to COLTIN WAYNE KRUSE by Judgment of the Circuit Court of Henry County, Missouri which was entered on the 23rd day of January, 2023.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the estate of Franklin Stewart Main, decedent. The undersigned, Comerica Bank & Trust, NA is acting as Trustee under a trust, the terms of which provide that the debts of the decedent may be paid by the Trustee upon receipt of proper proof thereof.

Comerica Bank & Trust, NA By: Ashley Friedrich Title: VP

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HENRY COUNTY State of MISSOURI

S&W Foreclosure Corporation) Cause No.: 22HE-CC00026
PLAINTIFF,)
- vs. -) Division No.:
Virginia Siercks, et al) DEFENDANTS.)

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The State of Missouri to Defendants: Virginia Siercks and the Unknown Heirs and devisees of Kenneth Siercks, for the property known as: 218 N 8th Street, Clinton, MO 64735, or anyone claiming thereunder: You are hereby notified that an action has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Henry, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is an excess proceeds following a sale:

ALL OF THE NORTH HALF (N1/2) OF LOTS THIRTY-THREE (33) AND THIRTY-FOUR (34), IN AVERY'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CLINTON, HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI, EXCEPT RIGHT-OF-WAY OF THE ST. LOUIS AND SAN FRANCISCO RAILWAY

The names of all parties to said action are stated above in the caption and the name and address of the attorneys for Plaintiff are Jason O. Bright, Linda S. Tarpley, and Zachary G. Edwards, LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 13801 Riverport Drive, Suite 502, Maryland Heights, MO 63043.

You are further notified that unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against judgment by default within 45 days after February 9, 2023, judgment by default will be rendered against you. Witness my hand and the seal of the Circuit Court this day, JANUARY 27, 2023.

/s/ WENDI MCGHEE by SLR CLERK

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IN THE 27TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

In the Estate of VELMA LEE MORGAN, Deceased. Case No.: 23HE-PR00004

NOTICE OF LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION GRANTED (Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of VELMA LEE MORGAN, Decedent:

On FEBRUARY 6, 2023, the following individual was appointed the personal representative of the estate of VELMA LEE MORGAN, decedent, by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Henry County, Missouri. The personal representative's business address is:

BRENDA L. HARRELSON, 408 N 2ND ST, CLINTON, MO 64735

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

NATHAN BEARD, 304 S OHIO, SEDALIA, MO 65301, (660) 827-5650

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law.

Date of the decedent's death: 10-JAN-2022 Date of first publication: February 16, 2023

Crissy Johnston Probate Clerk

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI PROBATE DIVISION

In the Estate of:) Case No.: 20HE-PR00062
Ella Jean Flowers,) Deceased.)

NOTICE OF FILING FINAL SETTLEMENT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION

To All persons interested in the estate of Ella Jean Flowers, Deceased: Notice is hereby given that a final settlement and petition for determination of the persons who are successors in interest to the personal and real property of the decedent and of the extent and character of their interests therein and for distribution of such property will be filed in the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Henry County, Missouri at Clinton, Missouri by the undersigned on March 28, 2023 or as continued by the court.

Dated: 2/10/2023 Donald Robert Minks Personal Representative 129 S. Washington, Clinton, MO 64735 (660)-890-0724 Zachariah A. Maggi #60909 Attorney for Personal Representative f9x4c

IN THE 27TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI HAROLD L DUMP, II

In the Estate of KEM GILMORE, Deceased. Case No.: 23HE-PR00007

NOTICE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY GRANTED (Supervised Administration)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of KEM GILMORE, Decedent:

On JANUARY 25, 2023, the last will of the decedent having been admitted to probate, the following individual was appointed personal representative of the estate of KEM GILMORE, decedent by the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Henry County, Missouri. The name and business address of the personal representative is:

DEBORAH KAY DEGRAFFENREID, 114 NORTH 4th, CLINTON, MO 64735

The personal representative's attorney's name, business address and phone number is:

J. ERIC MITCHELL, 102 WEST JEFFERSON, PO BOX 309, CLINTON, MO 64735, (660) 885-6161

All creditors of said decedent are notified to file claims in court within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if a copy of this notice was mailed to, or served upon, such creditor by the personal representative, then within two months from the date it was mailed or served, whichever is later, or be forever barred to the fullest extent permissible by law.

Date of the decedent's death: 21-DEC-2022 Date of first publication: FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Crissy Johnston Probate Clerk

Receipt of this notice by mail should not be construed by the recipient to indicate that the recipient necessarily has a beneficial interest in the estate. The nature and extent of any person's interest, if any, can be determined from the files and records of this estate in the Probate Division of the above referenced Circuit Court.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI JUVENILE DIVISION

IN RE THE ADOPTION OF: ALEX JEAN LINDSAY - DOB: February 3, 2014 JLL PETITIONER NO. 23HE-JU00003

And John Doe, Unknown Natural Father

NOTICE UPON ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION (NO PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED)

STATE OF MISSOURI TO DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT: John Doe, unknown natural father.

You are notified that an action has been commenced against you in the Circuit Court of Henry County, Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to secure a Decree of Adoption for your child and to change her name.

The names of all the parties to said action are stated above and the name and address of the attorney for plaintiff(s)/petitioners is:

James A. Waits 401 West 89th Street Kansas City, MO 64114

You are further notified that, unless you file an answer or other pleading or shall otherwise appear and defend against the aforesaid petition within 45 days after February 23, 2023, the date of first publication of this notice, judgment by default will be taken against you. You may be entitled to have an attorney appointed to represent you at no cost to you and you should contact the court if you desire to seek an appointed attorney.

It is ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in Clinton Daily Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation published in Henry County, Missouri.

CIRCUIT CLERK, JUVENILE DIVISION CIRCUIT COURT OF HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI February 15, 2023 BY Wendi McGhee by SLR DATE DEPUTY/CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on the date stated below I mailed a copy of the foregoing notice and a copy of the petition filed in this cause to each defendant/respondent whose address was stated in the affidavit or verified petition of the plaintiff(s)/petitioners requesting service by publication.

CIRCUIT CLERK, JUVENILE DIVISION CIRCUIT COURT OF HENRY COUNTY, MISSOURI February 15, 2023 BY Wendi McGhee by SLR DATE DEPUTY/CLERK F23X4x4c

CECC CHEFS



IMAGINATIVE PLAY is so important for children, and the Clinton Early Childhood Center provides some pretty amazing opportunities for the district's littlest Cardinals. Students in Mrs. Petry's class have been busy in their classroom's new dramatic play center, a pizza parlor. After reading the book "Pete's a Pizza", students have been having fun pretending they are chefs. Students are learning all about shapes, sequences, counting, and graphing. They finished this fun learning unit by making their own mini pizzas!

SkillsUSA Students Compete in Districts



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLINTON TECHNICAL SCHOOL students who competed in the West Central District SkillsUSA Contest earlier this month. All students listed below will be moving on to the state competition later this year. *Welding Fabrication Team-1st place: Ella Huggins (Clinton), John Neuschwander (Lakeland), and Tyler Johnson (Clinton) *Welding Individual-1st Place: Cole Ostermeyer (Sherwood) *Welding Tech Info-2nd place: Angelina Chavez-Walter (CCA) and 3rd place: Braydan Schmidt (Osceola) *Job Skills Demo A-3rd place: Jerry Harding (Clinton) *Job Interview-3rd place: Carl Williamson (Windsor) *Job Skills Demo Open-1st place: Raygen McCalister (Windsor) and 2nd place: Isabelle Villarreal (Calhoun) *Health Occupations Professional Portfolio-1st place: Maycee Wray (Clinton), 2nd place: Zoie Woodruff (Clinton), and 3rd place: Allie Goucher (Clinton) *SkillsUSA Knowledge-1st place: Maycee Wray (Clinton) and 2nd place tie: Danari Pamuji (Clinton), Mia Bagley (Clinton), Jackson Brown (Sherwood) *Nurse Assisting Tech Info-1st place: Gavin Tennial (Clinton) and 2nd place: Danari Pamuji (Clinton) *Medical Terminology-1st place: Danari Pamuji (Clinton) and 2nd place: Kayla Law (Clinton) *Carpentry Tech Info-1st place: Jackson Brown (Sherwood) and 3rd place: Garrett Swift (Sherwood) The following Clinton SkillsUSA students serve as West Central District officers: President - Chloe Evans (Clinton) Reporter- Bridget Newman (Clinton) Parliamentarian- Kaleigh Roberts (Lakeland) Historian- Isabelle Villarreal (Calhoun)

Family, Community Team up to Fight MDS



BRENDA HUNTER, standing right, and her support team include from left, seated, mother Nancy Woirhaye, niece Krista Thompson and standing, from left, nieces Kelsi Green and Nicole McWain, and sister Bretta Plumlee.



THE KITCHEN CREW at last Saturday's lunch were Sharon Goth (right), Jewel Frame, Gail Mothersbaugh and Lana Monard.

BY JENNIFER JACKSON
Staff Reporter

Last Saturday, the Clinton Rotary Club overflowed with people in gray and red shirts who came to a chili lunch and raffle. The mood of the room was exuberant, but the event was not a celebration of the Kansas City Chief's Super Bowl win.

It was a fundraiser to support Brenda Hunter in her battle against MDS, which is related to non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

The chili lunch was organized by a team of Brenda's family, including her sister, Bretta Plumlee, plus friends and former co-workers at Golden Valley Memorial Healthcare. The team planned the chili lunch on Zoom meetings, Bretta said, and donated food and tableware.

Brenda is retired after working at Golden Valley

Memorial Health Care for 35 years, her sister said. She was diagnosed seven years ago with MDS, and has received chemotherapy treatments and blood transfusions at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, a research hospital in Houston, Texas.

Brenda is now in need of stem cell transplants. At the end of March, Bretta is scheduled to go to Houston to donate stem cells. Then Brenda will go to Houston for the transplants, followed by intensive chemotherapy, and possibly stay for months, until her immune system responds, Bretta said.

The family is hoping for quicker results, Bretta said. Bone marrow transplants or blood stem cell transplants, which replace unhealthy stem cells with healthy ones, can cure MDS or delay a relapse.

Organizers Krista Thompson and Kelsi Green, two of Brenda's nieces, have already helped raise more than \$20,000 to help cover medical and travel expenses, Bretta said. C-Squared supports the fundraising effort by making the gray and red t-shirts and red wrist bracelets.

Last Saturday, 250 people poured into the Rotary Building, filling the 12 tables set up in the main hall, plus tables in the front hall meeting room. Each table had a paper covering inscribed with the words "Her Battle Is Our Battle" and "#Brenda Strong."

Many people wore t-shirts printed by C-Squared with the supportive sentiments. Brenda's mother, Grandma Nancy, and Krista Thompson took donations at the door. They also had cards for people to sign to give to Brenda.

In the kitchen, Sharon Goth, Jewel Frame, Gail Mothersbaugh and Lana Monard ladled up two types of chili, beef and tomato, and white chicken chili. It was served with corn chips, shredded cheese, cornbread, cake, lemonade and iced tea. Friends and family members contributed the ingredients for the lunch, Bretta said. Family friend Bill Thole donated ingredients for the cornbread

and brownies, which were baked at the Clinton Senior Center, Bretta said. Community volunteers helped serve, and young family members carried trays and bussed tables.

"The Clinton Rotary Club graciously donated use of the room," Bretta said.

At a table on the front wall, Brenda's niece Nicole McWain, and Brenda's daughter, Ava Herrera, sold raffle tickets as part of the fundraising effort. A great number of people bought raffle tickets, Bretta said.

Raffle prizes included a Kansas City Chief's package — a Super Bowl cap, KC pennant, program books, and an official KC Chiefs football signed by George Kartoftis — donated by the Thompson family. Other prizes were a KC fire pit with everything to make s'mores, a guided fishing trip on Truman Lake with Richard Bowling, and a side of beef, donated by the Anstine family.

Winners of the raffle prizes will be announced later this week, Nicole said. For more information, go to Brenda's Battle with MDS facebook.

Bretta said the team wants to thank the community for their support and donations for Brenda's battle, but mostly, she said, "for your continued prayers."

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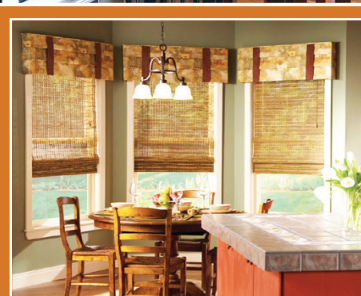
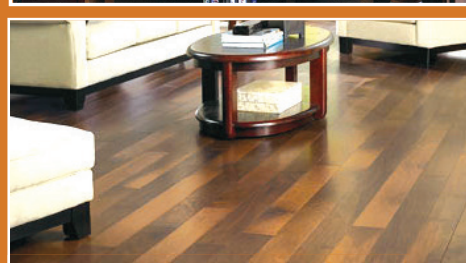
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