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Quarterly Issues/Program List

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Public Safety	5-23-13	8:10a	1:30	Authorites Responds To Calls of Naked Man In Field
Public Health	5-29-13	7:10a	1:30	Police Continue Investigating 2012 Burglaries
Public Safety	6-24-13	12:10p	3:30	Sheriff To Focus On Domestic Violence

4-17-13 Clinton Police Chief Wants Citizens To Remember Bicycle Safety

4-17-13 bd 7a

Bicycle season is here and that means bicycle safety is imperative to everyone's well being.

Police Chief Mike Reidy says that motorists need to start becoming aware of cyclists that will be sharing the road this spring. He adds that drivers need to remember that bicycles as well as motorcycles have a place on the road. Just as the driver has to follow rules of the road, bicyclists need to as well. Reidy mentions that they are at risk of being issued a ticket as much as a driver.

Cut 1: bicycles1 :45 CUE: on a bicycle

Chief Reidy says that even though wearing a helmet may not look cool, people have only got one head. It's always important to pay attention when riding a bicycle and be aware of your surroundings. The road can be just as dangerous for distracted cyclists as it can for distracted drivers.

Cut 2: bicycles2 :32 CUE: on a bicycle

Another safety threat during bike season is theft. Reidy mentions that many thefts go unreported because numerous bikes are unregistered with the city. He recommends that once a bicycle is purchased, a picture be taken of it. It's also important to write down the serial number.

Cut 3: bicycles3 :55 CUE: much easier

Chief Reidy also adds that knowing all of your bike's information also makes it easier to make an insurance claim. Another tip is to engrave some kind of information, such as a driver's license number, on the bicycle.

5-21-13 DeWitt County Sheriff's Office Seeking Public's Help In Recent Crimes

5-21-13 sl 6a

The DeWitt County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's input in relation to a recent crime in DeWitt County.

DeWitt County Sheriff Jered Shofner says recently a couple DeWitt County auto shops were trespassed and had new and used tires stolen. The Sheriff says this crime is different than most they deal with because one of the stores had surveillance footage.

Cut 1: tiretheft1 :30 CUE: this individual

The Sheriff says this kind of crime is part of a trend they are seeing. Sheriff Shofner explains the prices on things like copper or other items of value are being stolen to support drug habits and the like.

Cut 2: tiretheft2 :43 CUE: look into that

Sheriff Shofner says those images are posted at his website, www.dewittsheriff.com or at their Facebook page. He encourages everyone to take a look.

Sheriff Shofner notes tips can be made anonymously through his website via email. They can also call CrimeStoppers at 217-935-333.

5-23-13 DeWitt County Sheriff's Office Responds To Naked Man Lying In DeWitt County Field
5-23-13 sl 6a

Around 10:30 AM Monday morning, the DeWitt County Sheriff's Office responded to a disturbance call about five miles south of Clinton on US Highway 51 of a naked man lying in a field.

Sheriff's deputies arrived on the scene to find a man rolling in the dirt and eating the soil. After several minutes, Clinton Police and more Sheriff's deputies arrived at the scene along with DeWitt County EMS crews and the Maroa Fire Department.

When the man was approached, it became clear to the authorities the subject was clearly under the influence of a controlled substance and became combative. DeWitt County Sheriff Jered Shofner called the situation "very volatile". He said they handle things very carefully so it would not get out of hand

While the subjects name could not be released, the Sheriff indicated the man was reported missing out of Macon County Sunday.

Before authorities arrived to the scene, several motorists had tried to approach the man to help him. Sheriff Shofner says in a situation like that, the first thing anyone should do is call 9-1-1 because you never know what the situation of the person under suspicion might be.

A doctor gave authorities the permission to give the man a shot to relax him, and he was transported by ambulance to the Dr. John Warner Hospital for further treatment.

5-29-13 Clinton Police Continue To Investigate 2012 Burglaries

5-29-13 sl

6a

A handful of burglaries dating back to last year in the City of Clinton continue to be investigated.

A number of local businesses, including the Flower Corner, El Reys, which was burglarized twice, 3-Star Family Restaurant, The Loft, The Yak Shak, and Clinton Chiropractic were all burglarized late last year.

Family Video of Clinton had an object thrown through it's front door, and the suspects made off with several movies and videogames.

Clinton Police Detective Jerry Causer says they have received a couple good leads and are investigating actively investigating those leads. He says they do have a couple suspects they are looking into. Right now Officer Causer says they are unsure if these wave of crimes are related and local.

Surveillance video was captured at Three Star Family Restaurant but Causer says the suspects all were in dark clothes with masks over their faces.

Anyone with any information on these crimes are encouraged to contact Clinton Crime Stoppers at 935-3333.

The investigation of these burglaries are actively being investigated.

6-24-13 DeWitt County Sheriff To Focus In On Domestic Violence

6-21-13 bd 6a

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault can be a problem anywhere, even in small areas like DeWitt County.

Police usually respond to over 400 domestic disturbance calls a year. According to Sheriff Jered Shofner, this is a staggering number for an area such as DeWitt County. Sheriff Shofner recently attended a working institute focused on violence against women, which focused on different issues, including response to domestic violence, human trafficking and serving orders of protection issued by the court.

Cut 1: abuse1 :49 CUE: United States

The Sheriff says instead of looking at specific incidents, a police officer needs to look at the personal conduct of an individual. If someone commits sexual assault, that act could only be the tip of the iceberg. Sheriff Shofner notes, it is likely a suspect has committed a string of crimes before they are caught.

Cut 2: abuse2 :39 CUE: future victims

Shofner adds that sexual assault crimes are unique in the way that have to be investigated. The victims of domestic and sexual crimes can experience the same type of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder that can plague a war veteran. Some reports for these crimes may also not reach law enforcement until days after they have been committed.

Cut 3: abuse3 :51 CUE: investigate these crimes

These crimes can be committed against anyone of all ages, but the majority of victims are against women, and still some target children. These types of crimes provide a challenge for police because the effects are not always easily visible. Each case is also unique unto itself.

Cut 4: abuse4 :42 CUE: little differently

Sheriff Shofner says the conference has inspired him to do better when dealing with domestic abuse crimes. He feels his deputies and Clinton police have done a good job in the past, but there is always room for improvement.

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Education	5-3-13	8:10a	2:30	BOE Seeks New Technology Opportunities
Education	6-10-13	7:10a	4:30	BOE Deems 2 nd Gym At New Elementary School Necessary
Education	6-13-13	12:10a	2:30	Clinton Schools Make Changes Regarding Cell Phone Use During School
Education	6-25-13	7:10a	4:15	CHS Summer Renovations To Increase School Security

4-19-13 Clinton Board of Education Shuffles Roles

4-19-13 sl 6a

The Clinton Board of Education held their first meeting since the April 9 election.

Because of the election, the Board had to nominate a new President, Vice President, and Secretary. Board President, Buck Carter nominated Rod Wertz for President. Wertz received a 5-2 vote to become the next Board President.

Cut 1: president1

:47

CUE: mr carter

Tom Pruser was elected to the Vice-President of the Board of Education. Secretary Nancy Stokowski maintains her role on the Board as Secretary.

Wertz, Pruser and Carter were all unchallenged incumbents re-elected to the School Board in the April 9 election.

5-3-13 Clinton BOE Seeking New Technological Opportunities At High School

5-3-13 sl 6a

As the Clinton School District continues to seek out a one-to-one computing initiative within all the schools, the district finds themselves seeking a variety of options.

Last year the district unveiled iPads in each building. Superintendent Dr. Jeff Holmes says that has been a hit in all the elementary schools and Jr. High school. He explains though at the high school, sharing iPads may not work as well as they had originally thought.

Cut 1: chrome1 :35 CUE: to do that

The district has shifted their focus to investing in the Google Chromebooks. Dr. Holmes likes a lot things about the small netbooks. He says because it is Google based, it allows a student to access their information and documents from anywhere, and it also is cost effective.

Cut 2: chrome2 :28 CUE: cost effective

Dr. Holmes notes, a student not having the netbook at home on a given night would not automatically mean their assignment is lost. He says Google would also allow them to access it anywhere there is an internet connection.

6-10-13 Clinton Board of Education Deems Second Gym At New Elementary School Necessary
6-10-13 sl 6a

The Clinton Board of Education continues to seek options on ways to have a second gym at the new elementary school.

According to Superintendent of Clinton Schools, Dr. Jeff Holmes, the Board of Education deems it necessary to have a second gym at the school. He explains though, they do not necessarily have to have it built with the main building all at once. He says the building pad will allow for it to be built at a later date.

Cut 1: gym1 :56 CUE: won't occur

Dr. Holmes says he would like to use some of the left over contingency money towards the building of the second gym. He explains by mid-winter they should know how much of their contingency funds will be available. As of their May Board meeting, the contingency fund totaled around \$700-thousand.

Cut 2: gym2 :31 CUE: second gym

As for the current construction of the elementary school, Dr. Holmes says there has been significant movement at the site in recent weeks. He explains cement has been poured for the site paving. Dr. Holmes notes we could begin to see a resemblance of a building by the end of the month.

Cut 3: gym3 :28 CUE: out there

Dr. Holmes says the timeline is aggressive to have the building enclosed in time for the winter months. He notes they are excited at the progress, and hopes for continued good weather to allow crews to continue their progress.

6-13-13 Clinton Schools Make Changes Regarding Cell Phone Use In Schools

6-13-13 sl 6a

When Clinton students return to classes next fall, there will be some changes regarding carrying cell phones around in school.

The district will change their rules next year when it comes to students carrying cell phones around. Clinton Schools Superintendent Dr. Jeff Holmes says safety has changed the way they view kids having their cell phones with them during class time.

Cut 1: cellphones1 :22 CUE: very serious

As students move through the various grade levels, the amount of time they can use their cell phones will increase. Dr. Holmes explains at the Jr. High level, students will not be able to use their cell phones, but they will be able to carry them around. As high school students, they will be able use them in between classes, and at lunch.

Cut 2: cellphones2 :37 CUE: cell phone policy

Dr. Holmes believes allowing students to have cell phones in the classrooms is similar to allowing them to have iPads in the classrooms. He says it is the teachers' responsibility to set the tone for what will be acceptable and unacceptable uses of technology in the classrooms.

6-25-13 Clinton High School Summer Renovations To Increase Campus Security, Add New Look
6-25-13 sl 6a

The final phase of a project at Clinton High School stemming from upgrades last summer are underway.

Last summer the high school underway renovations, mainly to the high school's cafeteria and commons area, and this year, the final touches to those renovations are underway in the auditorium. According to Superintendent of Clinton Schools, Dr. Jeff Holmes, the school's auditorium is receiving an extensive facelift which includes new seats, paint, and lighting.

Cut 1: auditorium1 :47 CUE: be in place

The upgrades are going to add some nice improvements to the auditorium. Dr. Holmes explains they will be able to have an orchestra pit available if the theater department was to perform a musical. But, if there is not orchestra for a production, that area would be added seating. The seating capacity in the auditorium is also been increased with the new seats.

Cut 2: auditorium2 :38 CUE: us as well

Another summer project at Clinton High School will create a more secure entrance. Dr. Holmes explains currently, anyone that is buzzed into the building basically has access to the whole building, but a remodel to the high school office will not allow that next year.

Cut 3: auditorium3 :36 CUE: office first

The Board of Education earlier this year also approved the installation of a new entrance program, which requires anyone who has or wants access to have a card to scan first. This was mainly implemented to limit the amount of keys going around staff other personnel.

Cut 4: auditorium4 :32 CUE: throughout the day

Renovations to the school's auditorium are scheduled to be complete early next week, and Dr. Holmes says it will be a completely new look to that part of the school.

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Economic Dev.	4-8-13	7:10a	3:30	Local Business Owner, Fisherman Team Up For Food Drive
Economic Dev.	4-26-13	8:10a	3:30	Local Business Owner Not Pleased With County Board
Economic Dev.	5-1-13	7:10a	3:30	DeWitt County Business Climate Not Completely In Line With State
Economic Dev.	6-26-13	12:10p	2:30	Local Business Awards Scholarship To CHS Student

4-6-13 Local Business Owner Thanks Community For Support

4-6-13 sl 6a

The owner of a local business who's store was destroyed Easter Sunday is speaking out to thank the many people in the community for their support

Scott Baum is the owner of Ted's Garage in Clinton. Ted's was destroyed Easter Sunday in a fire that originated in a storage unit of Baum Chevrolet Buick's. Baum explains the fire spread to the restaurant because of westward winds that evening.

Cut 1: baumspeaks1 :24 CUE: all hte way up

The community support shown has been tremendous for Baum and his staff. He explains they have received many cards and phone calls and he appreciates all the support.

Cut 2: baumspeaks2 :18 CUE: reopen

According to Baum, they are still undecided if they are going to rebuild and reopen. He says it may be a couple weeks before a decision is reached.

Cut 3: baumspeaks3 :11 CUE: we can do

Baum says he appreciates all the people that were involved in helping with the fire this past Sunday. From the Red Cross to the police department to the fire departments, he says he appreciates their time and the amount of resources that went into battling the blaze.

4-8-13 Local Business Owner, Fisherman Team Up For Food Drive

4-8-13 sl 6a

A local business is teaming up with a local fisherman to collect food donations for a local food pantry.

This week, students in the Clinton School District will be taking home letters about a food drive they can contribute to over the coming weeks. Local fisherman, Eddie Cross and Rebecca Moore, owner of Round Again in Clinton have teamed up to get youth in the area involved in a food drive to benefit the First Christian Church's food pantry. Cross explains this is something he's very passionate about and hopes to instill a spirit of giving in today's young people.

[audio:4813fooddrive1.mp3] [/audio]

This a cause that means a lot to Cross. He explains a recent survey shows almost one in four people in DeWitt County face food insecurities. He says that is something no one should have to deal with. He says it is putting a lot of pressure on food pantries to provide for them, and he wants to find a way to help both.

[audio:4813fooddrive2.mp3] [/audio]

Cross explains he was a beneficiary of food pantries services as a child, and this is something he wants to give back to.

[audio:4813fooddrive3.mp3] [/audio]

Moore says she is doing her part in this effort to help raise food for the First Christian Church's food pantry. She explains the elementary and junior high classes in the Clinton School District are getting involved.

[audio:4813fooddrive4.mp3] [/audio]

Students in the Clinton School district will be able to take food donations in to their respective classrooms. For those wanting to participate but do not have a student in school, you can take your donations to Round Again Sports in Cedar Square, just off Business 51 in Clinton.

4-26-13 Local Business Owner Not Pleased By Conduct of County Board Members

4-26-13 sl 6a

Thursday night, a local business owner in DeWitt County voiced his displeasure with the way the County Board has been conducting themselves.

Local Business owner, Jeff Gibbs claims he has been the subject of threats for his recent comments before the County Board. Gibbs also claims he has also had the EPA called to investigate his business by way of an anonymous tip.

Cut 1: gibbs1 :66 CUE: confide in

Gibbs called on all Board members to check their personal agendas at the door and represent the people they were elected by. Gibbs feels if that is something Board members cannot do, they should resign their posts.

Cut 2: gibbs2 :52 CUE: to do

Gibbs believes the Marina could be a centerpiece for the County, however, it is "an eyesore".

Cut 3: gibbs3 :58 CUE: do the same

Gibbs has spoken before the Board now several meetings in a row, and he says he has become greatly concerned with the way the County is being run, and will not be going away. He also promised when the next election cycle comes around, he would be actively involved.

5-1-13 DeWitt County Business Climate Not Completely In Line With State's

5-1-13 sl 6a

Last week Texas Governor Rick Perry made a stop in Chicago to recruit some of Illinois' largest business to transplant to Texas.

Later last week, Florida's Governor, Rick Scott reached out via a mailing to Illinois' largest companies. It is unfortunate for Illinois that these are not the only two attempts in recent years to poach Illinois businesses. The DeWitt County Development Council aims to keep jobs in DeWitt County and bring jobs to the County as well. Executive Director Ruth Stauffer says, if we were in their shoes, we would probably try to recruit businesses to our state as well. Stauffer says it comes down to taking care of our businesses.

Cut 1: business1 :27 CUE: move out

When it comes to the business climate in Illinois, Stauffer says there is a little bit of a disconnect between the Illinois business climate and the DeWitt County business climate. She explains any business coming to Illinois is going to have to look past the negatives of the state to see the positives.

Cut 2: business2 :28 CUE: of positives

Stauffer is optimistic the state of Illinois is working to make it more appealing for businesses to want to come to Illinois. She notes doing business in Illinois ultimately comes down to what the business is in need of.

Cut 3: business3 :36 CUE: flood salt creek

The sales tax figures have been strong locally. Stauffer attributes this to the many unique businesses located in DeWitt County, and also the strength of the automobile industry locally.

6-26-13 Local Business Awards Scholarship To Clinton High School Student

6-26-13 sl 6a

A local business recently awarded a yearly scholarship.

DeWitt Savings Bank each year awards a local student with a 4-year, \$1000 scholarship. President of DSB, Steve Willis says they had 11 applicants this year and Clinton High School Graduate Morgan Hickman was the recipient of this year's scholarship.

Cut 1: dsbscholar1 :37 CUE: to weed through

Willis says they began awarding scholarships in 2002. He explains the scholarship is a way of the banking investing back into the community.

Cut 2: dsbscholar2 :21 CUE: our community

The guidelines for applying for the scholarship are somewhat fluid. Willis explains they try not to pin too many requirements because he wants as many students as possible to apply. He says the committee they put together that awards the scholarship looks at everything from academics, to athletics, to other extracurricular activities.

Cut 3: dsbscholar3 :28 CUE: had 50

Willis encourages all seniors each year to inquire with their guidance counselors about the scholarship. He especially encourages parents to encourage their students to apply for the scholarship.

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County Government	4-22-13	7:10a	4:15	County Board Member Makes Discriminatory Remarks
County Government	5-3-13	8:10p	3:00	County Board Approves New Board Appointment
County Government	5-10-13	7:10a	5:00	County Board Approves Motion For Special State's Attorney
County Government	6-7-13	8:10a	5:30	Board Member Has Strong Words For Other Members
County Government	6-21-13	12:10p	3:30	County Board Approves Latest Appointment

4-22-13 DeWitt County Board Member Makes Discriminatory Remark Towards Potential Trustee
4-22-13 sl 6a

An item on the DeWitt County Board's agenda from Thursday night received a surprising vote.

It is not often an appointment comes before the DeWitt County Board that fails, however, it happened last Thursday. The Board was set to vote on the re-appointment of Dick Meadows to the Kenney Fire Protection District Board of Trustees. After Board Member Terry Hoffman voted, he explains he has learned things about Meadows that questions his ability to continue in the role he has held for many years.

Cut 1: noappoint1 :53 CUE: at the moment

The measure failed by a 5-5 vote. Meadows was in attendance of the meeting, and spoke up for himself. He questioned the Board as to the things he had done that were "so terrible" that he could not be reappointed to the position.

Cut 2: noappoint2 :39 CUE: 35 years

Board member Danny Ballenger took great exception to the failed measure. The Board does not make the appointments, and Ballenger feels they should not start. The Trustees are chosen by their peers.

Cut 3: noappoint3 :28 CUE: don't need em

Hoffman then made a very discriminatory statement that was not received well by Ballenger nor the crowd on hand. Hoffman stated "age catches up with us". Hoffman quickly changed his choice of words to "health catches up with us".

Cut 4: noappoint4 :50 CUE: for yourself

Meadows current term expires April 30, however, the County Board is not scheduled to meet again until May 2.

Before the issue was put to rest, Meadows pointed out he had spent the past week working at the fire house fixing things that needed to be done.

Tuesday we'll hear from Kenney Fire Chief Earl Jiles, who was also at the Thursday meeting.

5-3-13 DeWitt County Board Appoints New Board Member; Another Board Member Resigns
5-3-13 sl 6a

The DeWitt County Board has appointed a new Board member to replace the seat vacated by Kelly Riggs who resigned in mid-March.

Doug Tucker was sworn in Thursday night as the newest member of the County Board. Tucker says he never thought he would get into politics, but when asked, he felt he could do good work for the County. Tucker is a Republican.

Cut 1: appointment1 :29 CUE: republican party

Board members asked Tucker to speak before them and give his opinions on certain matters before the Board. Tucker spoke specifically towards the issue of the landfill, and it is his view toxic waste must be stopped from being dumped at the landfill site.

Cut 2: appointment2 :24 CUE: be stopped

Riggs seat was the only vacant seat on the Board until Board Chair Sherrie Brown announced the resignation of Board Member Mark Gardner. Seats must be filled within 90 days.

Other business from the Thursday night meeting...

>>Dick Meadows was re-instated to the Kenney Fire Protection District Board of Trustees. We will have more on this story in the coming week.

>>An Ad-Hoc Advisory Marina Committee was formed.

>>A liquor commission was formed.

>>Howard Kendrick was reappointed to the Wapella Community Fire Protection District Board of Trustees.

>>David Taylor was reappointed to the Waynesville Fire Protection District Board of Trustees.

>>Robert Kuntz was reappointed to the Clinotn Community Fire Protection District Board of Trustees.

>>Steve Schaffer was Reappointed to the Clinton Sanitary District.

5-10-13 DeWitt County Board Approves a Resolution to Appoint Special State's Attorney 6-5.
5-10-13 sl 6a

The DeWitt County Board approved a resolution to file a petition to appoint a Special State's Attorney on Thursday Night.

There was much contention concerning the resolution presented personally by Board Chair, Sherrie Brown. Board Member, Camille Redman, questioned Brown about the attorney who reviewed the resolution. Brown said that her own personal attorney looked it over but refused to disclose the name of her attorney. Board Members, Dan Ballenger and David Newberg joined Redman in inquiring about the name of the Board Chair's attorney. Ballenger also made mention of the fact that the allotted 5 minutes the Board was given to review the resolution was not enough time.

Cut 1: attorney1 :54 CUE: 5 minutes

Ballenger and Redman both wanted to hear from State's Attorney Karle Kortiz before they voted on the resolution. They argued that the Board's legal counsel is Kortiz and that Brown's personal attorney shouldn't be able to represent the entire Board. Brown rebutted that her attorney was only representing the specific resolution. Ballenger handed the resolution to Kortiz who was seated behind the Board. Brown added that the document was a resolution to file a petition.

Cut 2: attorney2 :53 CUE: the system

The discussion was followed by the reading of a letter signed by various DeWitt County Officials. Board Member, Sue May, read the letter aloud before the entire Board and attending public. It made mention of the fact the officials would not be using any "special" State's Attorney. They will make their decisions based on the decisions of DeWitt County voters. The five officials included Sheriff Jered Shofner, County Clerk Dana Smith, Treasurer Christy Long, Coroner Randy Rice and Probation Officer Dave Beery.

Cut 3: attorney3 1:29 CUE: constituents deserve

Reactions by the crowd that attended were lively. Opinions were heard from both sides throughout the audience. The resolution for a petition passed by a vote of 6-5.

Cut 4: attorney4 :29 CUE: motion carried

State's Attorney Karle Koritz said he had not seen the resolution until Ballenger handed it to him. Koritz says the Board has no legal authority to make a resolution like that. He says little to no thought went into the resolution.

5-10-13 DeWitt County Board Approves a Resolution to Appoint Special State's Attorney 6-5.

Cut 5: koritz5

:45

CUE: it's unprecedented

Koritz stems this motion back to certain members of the County Board wanting to control the State's Attorneys office. He says the same people who support the motion are the one's who will be taking the County to trial over allege illegal taxes. Koritz says they cannot chose their representative and then chose the opposing counsel at the same time.

Cut 6: koritz6

:42

CUE: high compliment

Koritz comments were greeted with cheers from a large majority in attendance and a few boos.

During the discussion, Bill Spencer had to be removed from the Court Room for repeatedly engaging in discussion despite warnings from Chairwoman Brown. Spencer's removal was met with cheers as well.

6-7-13 DeWitt County Board Member Has Strong Words for Other Members

6-7-13 bd 7a

One member of the DeWitt County Board made some strong statements against certain other members at Thursday night's Board meeting.

Board Member Camille Redman says she was compelled to make a statement based on information she wanted to make general knowledge. She began to delve into the accomplishments of the current County Board since December. The doing away of the committee system was her first topic. Redman explains the majority Reform party's decision was based on false information that the previous Board held secret meetings. She added this decision has also created three hour County Board meeting where not much is accomplished.

Cut 1: redman1

:70

CUE: still pending

Redman's next point concerned the money attempted to be taken away from the much-discussed Animal Shelter. She also discussed the attempt to do away with the job duties of County Board Administrative Assistant, Dee Dee Rentmeister. Public pressure aided into Rentmeister keeping her job, according to Redman. Redman adds public pressure ensured that, Kenney Fire Chief, Richard Meadows kept his job after being questioned about his ability to perform his duties due to age and health.

Cut 2: redman2

:81

CUE: change their mind

Redman also questioned how members of the Reform party could vote to remove Kortiz as the Board's attorney when they were given 5 minutes to read a 50 page document and resolution. She added that several members of the County Board were part of a delegation attempting to remove Kortiz. Board Chairman Sherrie Brown was questioned about who the Board Members were part of the delegation as well as her unnamed personal attorney. Brown did not answer except for telling Redman to "continue with her attack". Redman, along with Board Members Dan Ballenger and David Newberg, stated that they were not part of the delegation.

Cut3 : redman3

:63

CUE: for the record

Redman mentioned Brown was interviewed for an article in the DeWitt County Constitution. The article mentioned that Judge Garry Bryan canceled the meeting. Some Board Members are questioning Bryan's decision. Redman questioned which Board members gave a document to the newspaper that was not supposed to go public. No Board Members answered her questions. She concluded by mentioning that several Board Members are questioning Judge Bryan's decisions and health. She referred to the recent event a "new low" to the Board and an "embarrassment".

6-7-13 DeWitt County Board Member Has Strong Words for Other Members

Cut4 : redman4

:64

CUE: what has been done

Board Members Ballenger and Newberg thanked Redman for her words once she finished. Ballenger also asked the question, "where is the transparency?"

6-21-13 DeWitt County Board Approves Latest Board Appointment; Appointment Questioned
6-21-13 sl 6a

The DeWitt County Board had a lot to discuss Thursday night, and one of the major, and questioned items was the appointment to replace the seat vacated by Mark Gardner in District B.

A motion was brought forth to the Board to appoint Keith Koons to the Board. Residents may remember, it was District B which had a tie between incumbent Terry Ferguson and George Wissmiller. Democratic process dictated a coin be flipped to determine the winner, which Wissmiller was the winner of. Board member David Newberg spoke highly of Koons, and says he would represent District B well.

Cut 1: appointment1 :56 CUE: all sincerity

Because Ferguson was the runner up in the election from last November, Newberg posed the question to County Chairwoman Sherrie Brown, why Ferguson was not to be the one appointed. Chairwoman Brown said she would address it a public forum for District B, upon response from those in attendance, Brown stated she has the authority to make replacements and appointments.

Cut 2: appointment2 :67 CUE: i answered that

Board member Danny Ballenger also spoke highly of Koons, however, he too believed because of the close vote in November, Ferguson should have been the one appointed.

Cut 3: appointmeng 3 :42 CUE: second on the floor

Koons appointment passed by a vote of 6-5.

Quarterly Issues/Program List

There follows a listing of significant issues responded to by WHOW, Clinton, IL, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of 04/01/13 to 06/30/13. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which these stories appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

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4-10-13 Clinton Approves Electric Aggregation, DeWitt County Declines

4-10-13 sl 6a

The City of Clinton has voted allow the City Council to seek out electric bids for lower energy rates.

A referendum on the ballot for voters in Clinton was approved Tuesday night, and a referendum for those in DeWitt County outside of Clinton was shot down. Jered McMorris, an Energy Consultant with Good Energy says he's ecstatic for the residents of Clinton.

Cut 1: energy1 :21 CUE: in Clinton

The next step is for Good Energy to represent the City of Clinton in going out for bid for lower energy costs. Good Energy will also be hosting informative meetings for residents to come out and get information about what electric aggregation is and how they can be a part of the program.

Cut 2: energy2 :49 CUE: will be there

Once the rate has been locked in and the contract agreed to, residents will begin to see those rates on their bills. McMorris notes things should wrap up around July, just in time for the dog days of summer, when those cheap energy rates will come in handy.

Cut 3: energy3 :20 CUE: of summer

In DeWitt County, the measure failed by a 56 to 44 vote. In Clinton, the vote passed at a 63-37 vote.

Get complete election results at dewittdailynews.com.

4-18-13 Clinton Sets Timetable For White Street Sewer Upgrades

4-18-13 sl 6a

In the next few weeks, some road construction will begin in front of the Dr. John Warner Hospital, on White Street, will begin.

The City of Clinton has entered into a contract to have about \$300-thousand worth of roadwork done there. City Administrator Tim Followell explains the construction is slated to take place between the end of April and the middle of August. He notes it is not an extensive project, and should be complete within 30-40 days.

Cut 1: whitestreet1 :57 CUE: give or take

Currently the storm sewer in place is minimal, but Followell notes the improvements should enhance the sewer in place and allow for quicker drainage of the water that hits the street. Followell says the sewer upgrade should preserve the quality of the road for some time by getting the moisture off the road quicker.

Cut 2: whitestreet2 :49 CUE: win win

Being very close to one of Clinton's busiest intersections, Followell does not see it congesting traffic or causing problems in the area. He notes hospital employees may be impacted the most by the work.

The City also has extensive sewer work planned in other parts of the city, tune in to Regional Radio News in the coming days for details on those projects.

5-20-13 Clinton Mayor's Research Reveals Hospital Board Appointments Could Come From Outside The Area
5-20-13 sl 6a

Last week the Dr. John Warner Hospital Board of Directors received a letter from Clinton Mayor Carolyn Peters stating she would be pursuing suitable candidates for the Hospital Board from outside Clinton's city limits.

The Mayor did extensive research to find if she could make appointments without residency requirements. In the letter the Mayor states she contacted two other city owned hospitals and found their directors did not all reside within their city's boundaries. This was what spurred her investigation.

Cut 1: residency1 :44 CUE: researching that

The Mayor then went to Representative Bill Mitchell and initially approached the Attorney General's office. Mayor Peters says Rep. Mitchell was very helpful and had proposed legislation that would put restrictions on where Board members could live in relation to a hospital's "service area".

Cut 2: residency2 :43 CUE: service area

The legislation by Rep. Mitchell was eventually pulled because other city owned hospitals had board members residing, but serving, outside their "service area".

The DJWH Board currently has several Board members serving who are on temporary terms, awaiting appointments to be made to replace them. The Mayor says she did this investigation because she has had a hard time finding qualified people to appoint.

Cut 3: residency3 :59 CUE: possible board member

Mayor Peters says she will begin to seek Board members without the former recognized restrictions in place. She says she has waited to pursue potential Board members because she wanted to make sure she was within the rights to make appointments from outside the city limits.

5-21-13 Clinton Finalizes Electric Aggregation Details

5-21-13 sl 6a

Clinton City of officials met with other communities recently to agree on a contract for electric aggregation.

Clinton Mayor Carolyn Peters updated the Clinton City Council Monday evening on the meeting in Bloomington last week. Mayor Peters explains there were quite a few bids and for various terms. City leaders opted for a 22-month term with an option for renewable energy.

Cut 1: aggregation1 :61 CUE: was included

The bids were not as low as expected. Mayor Peters explains they chose to go with a 50% renewable energy rate of the energy residents will receive. She adds they were warned prior to the meeting that the rates would higher than previous bid cycles.

Cut 2: aggregation2 :64 CUE: savings average

Commissioner Tom Edmunds was in attendance of these meetings in Bloomington, he emphasizes Ameren is indifferent to this process. He explains their profits come from the delivery of energy the energy.

Cut 3: aggregation3 :68 CUE: 22 months

Within the next two months, citizens should begin to see the new electric rate reflected in their bill. There will be two opportunities for residents to opt out of the program, as it is not a required program.

6-5-13 Clinton Mayor Discusses Board Appointments

6-5-13 sl 6a

Monday night, the Clinton City Council approved two new members to the Dr. John Warner Hospital Board of Directors.

One of those appointments was a doctor at Decatur Memorial Hospital. Clinton Mayor Carolyn Peters defends the appointment of Dr. Lee Barnes. She says he is not in an upper level management position, which was a concern expressed by Commissioner Tom Edmunds Monday.

Cut 1: boardconflict1 :44 CUE: doctor employed

The appointment of Dr. Barnes and David Wilson will take over for Randy Workman, the active President of the Board, and also the outstanding vacancy of BA Nelson's position. Mayor Peters says she also has to fill the spot of Aaron Kammeyer, who resigned from the Board last week.

Cut 2: boardconflict2 :37 CUE: they're able

Mayor Peters could potentially bring three more appointments to the City Council. She says she has one possible candidate to replace Kammeyer's vacancy, but as of now does not have anyone considering the vacancies of Deb Tillie or Brian Ennis.