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Healthcare	Aug. 2, 2022	12:10 pm	5:30	Warner Hospital Foundation Announces First Ever Golf Outing in September
Healthcare	Sept. 5, 2022	12:13 pm	5:00	Warner Hospital Ready for Emergency Room Renovation, West Side Entrance
Healthcare	Sept. 3, 2022	7:15 am	4:45	Former DeWitt/Piatt Bi-County Health Department Director Takes Interim Job in Christian County

>>Dodgeball Tournament in Clinton Friday to Raise Awareness About Mental Health

A couple of community groups are coming together this Friday for a dodgeball tournament to raise awareness around mental wellness.

Heritage Behavioral Health and the Suicide Prevention Workgroup in DeWitt County are coming together to host a dodgeball tournament Friday. Cory Baxter at Heritage says this is a fun, free event to raise awareness.

Cut: dodgeball1 :37 CUE: clinton high school

According to Baxter, they are looking for teams of six to ten that are in the high school to adult age groups. Registration is due this week.

Cut: dodgeball2 :23 CUE: participating

Friday's event is simply designed to raise awareness around mental health. Baxter explains the Suicide Prevention Workgroup does events like this to get in front of the community and bring awareness to suicide and promote prevention.

Cut: dodgeball3 :58 CUE: suicide

Registration for this event closes tomorrow, Wednesday, July 20. Visit heritagenet.org to register.

The event again is Friday, July 22 at 6 pm.

>>DeWitt County Mental Health Board Engaging Community Through Needs Assessment

A DeWitt County entity is asking for you to offer your thoughts on the County's response to mental wellness, substance abuse, and much more.

On the WHOW Morning Show Wednesday, Sharon Mills with the 708 Mental Health Board told Regional Radio the Community Needs and Resources Assessment can be taken now and it is a process that has been months and months in the making.

Cut: 708assess1 :57 CUE: that we get

According to Mills, they are asking residents to tap into their own experiences and use the survey to help the Mental Health Board to improve the services and response in the County.

Cut: 708assess2 :65 CUE: dewitt county

Upon the completion of the survey, Mills indicates they will use the data to help guide decisions on how to best direct funding, and guide them in strategic planning but also she hopes they will continue to focus on the areas of improvement the community identifies.

Cut: 708assess3 :48 CUE: resources

There are several ways to find the assessment to participate. Mills points anyone interested to visit their website, dewittmhb.com. You can also get a paper copy at any of DeWitt County's libraries. Additionally, you may see flyers across the community. If you are tech-savvy, you can scan the QR code and it will direct you to the survey.

Mills reminds, they will likely close the survey the first week of August.

>>Warner Hospital Foundation Announces First Ever Golf Outing in September

The Warner Hospital Foundation is announcing its first annual golf outing to take place this September.

Board Director Curt Homann on the WHOW Morning Show Monday told Regional Radio says it's a lot of work upfront to establish the event but hopes as it becomes an annual event, it will grow in popularity.

Cut: foundationgolf1 :68 CUE: outta be a good day

Homann will be pursuing sponsorships for the outing on Friday, September 9. He notes now is also the time to start getting registered.

Cut: foundationgolf2 :39 CUE: full team

The Warner Hospital Foundation will be the latest to introduce a golf outing among a host of local groups that offer such an event throughout the nice weather of the summer. Homann says while you might think adding another outing to the lineup would oversaturate the demand, he says golf outings are usually very successful for a number of reasons.

Cut: foundationgolf3 :55 CUE: tend to like em

There are a number of ways to support the get registered or sponsor the golf outing. Homann points anyone to the Warner Hospital Foundation Facebook page and send a direct message. You can also contact the Hospital itself and they will direct you to Homann for more details.

Again the outing is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 9 at the Clinton Country Club.

>>Warner Hospital Ready for Emergency Room Renovation, West Side Entrance

Warner Hospital and Health Services officials last week had engineers in to look at a couple of target areas for renovation within its facility and are getting ready to move forward with one that is becoming the front runner.

Friday on the WHOW Morning Show, CEO Paul Skowron told Regional Radio, the emergency room renovation is starting to be the front-runner for what will get done first. He explains the fact that most of the work will be indoors will help them get it started sooner.

Cut: hospitalprojects1 :66 CUE: soon as possible

Not only does the fact the emergency room project is almost entirely an inside project make it a front-runner at this point to be taken on first, but there are three phases to the west side entrance project.

Cut: hospitalprojects2 :44 CUE: before thanksgiving

Skowron has to figure out how to handle the day-to-day adjustments of where people will wait. He speculates perhaps why they kept putting it off.

Cut: hospitalprojects3 :41 CUE: off so long

According to Skowron, the supply chain issues and inflation challenges should not hold this project back. If they had tried to take this project on six months ago, perhaps it would be a different story.

Cut: hospitalprojects4 :50 CUE: life will be better

The Wellness Center of the hospital will be targeted down the road as activity picks up leaving space limited. Skowron notes, for now, they are looking to improve the look of the entrance and its signage.

>>Former DeWitt/Piatt Bi-County Health Department Director Takes Interim Job in Christian County

Meet the Christian County Health Department Interim Director - Dave Remmert.

Remmert comes out of retirement to meet a community need after many years at the bi-county department in DeWitt and Piatt Counties.

Cut: remmert1 :30 CUE:

Remmert considers this a community service as he is taking on this role without a paycheck.

Cut: remmert2 :38 CUE:

Remmert addresses the current status of the Christian County Health Department and believes he has the tools to properly navigate the situation.

Cut: remmert3 :44 CUE:

Remmert emphasizes he will not be director for very long. Dr Remmert has his eyes set on hiring new staff. The Health Department is hiring nurses, office staff, and sanitarians.

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Education	Aug. 18, 2022	7:15 am	1:45	Clinton Schools Superintendent Encouraging Board of Education To Make Plans for District Facilities
Education	Aug. 20, 2022	12:10 pm	9:45	Clinton Schools Superintendent Stresses the Mission of the District to Staff
Education	Sept 21., 2022	12:13 pm	7:15	Clinton Board of Education Approves E-Learning Plan
Education	Sept. 23, 2022	7:15 am	5:00	Clinton Board of Education Begins Discussion on Facilities Future

>>Significant Increase in CPPRT Funds Fueling Strong FY23 Clinton Schools Budget

A significant increase in Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax, or CPPRT, is fueling a very strong Fiscal Year 23 budget for Clinton Schools.

Assistant Superintendent Drew Goebel told the Clinton Board of Education Tuesday night at its regular monthly meeting the CPPRT numbers are going to allow them to put away nearly a million dollars.

Cut: cpprtup1 1:16 CUE: that's a good thing

According to Goebel, the district can keep its tax-levy steady and increase its revenues because property values continue to increase. He points out the Clinton district has one of the lowest levies in the area.

Cut: cpprtup2 :58 CUE: five-point-five

Goebel is pleased because, after teacher salaries, which include raises for nearly all staff, they are still coming out significantly ahead.

Cut: cpprtup3 :60 CUE: in great shape

Superintendent Curt Nettles told the Board, in addition to the tax base increasing thanks to property values going up, the district's agreement with the power plant is going to be a big boost in covering increasing expenses.

>>Clinton Schools Superintendent Encouraging Board of Education To Make Plans for District Facilities

Nothing is imminent and they don't have to be grand but Clinton Schools Superintendent Curt Nettles is encouraging his Board of Education to start thinking about future planning for facilities.

While the district has five buildings that are all in good shape, if not nearly brand new, Nettles says the Board needs to start thinking about the things they need and the things they want.

Cut: facilitiesplan1 :34 CUE: in my mind

According to Nettles, the process will take roughly three to five years to complete. He hopes for a plan to be more comprehensive than just maintenance items.

Cut: facilitiesplan2 1:17 CUE: kinds of things

Funding for these things could come from a one-cent sales tax that would have to go to referendum. Nettles emphasizes again, the nice things folks see at schools in Macon, Champaign, and even Logan Counties are largely thanks to the one-cent sales tax.

Cut: facilitiesplan3 1:32 CUE: funding

Nettles says as activities return to normal schedules, Clinton Schools are hosting many school-sanctioned functions that will be bringing people from all over the area. He says that is a base to tap into with a one-cent sales tax.

>>Clinton Schools Superintendent Stresses the Mission of the District to Staff

We're just a few days into the new school year and the leader of the Clinton School District addressed his staff ahead of the start of the new year earlier this week.

At the Tuesday night Clinton Board of Education meeting, Clinton Schools Superintendent Curt Nettles told his Board he wants the staff focused on the mission of the district of educating the community's children and to leave any political agendas outside the walls of the school.

Cut: clintonschoolsculture 1:33 CUE: positive culture

Earlier this year the district rejected a controversial sex-ed curriculum imposed by the State of Illinois. Additionally, Nettles implored the district to re-focus on the mission statement coming out of COVID with more time for attention on those things.

>>Clinton Board of Education Approves E-Learning Plan

The Clinton Board of Education Tuesday night approved a district-wide e-learning plan.

Superintendent Curt Nettles told the Board he would prefer to use a couple of snow days before turning to e-learning but in the event they would need to save snow days, they would use the e-learning plan.

Cut: clintonelearning1 : CUE:

According to Nettles, teachers will be prepared for e-learning days so long as there is some warning of inclement weather or the need for one arises.

Cut: clintonelearning2 :

The district approved the e-learning plan as well as the tentative fiscal year '23 budget.

>>Clinton Board of Education Begins Discussion on Facilities Future

The Clinton Board of Education has begun a process of outlining future plans for the district's facilities.

At the Tuesday night Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Curt Nettles told the Board he felt the initial meeting of the facilities committee was a good one and they came up with some good ideas. Now they need to prioritize those ideas and get an idea of the cost.

Cut: boardfacilities1 :53 CUE: estimated costs

Nettles engaged with the district's architect to begin a preliminary discussion about costs to do an analysis of the district's ideas.

Cut: boardfacilities2 :61 CUE: what we have so far

Board President Dan Matthews wondered if the district would need to keep paying the architect for each project they want to be done but Nettles feels the district has the resources and manpower to get some things done without the need for the architect's input.

Cut: boardfacilities3 1:17 CUE: that happens tomorrow

Normally the facilities committee meets only a couple of times a year but going forward, Matthews hopes to see that committee meet about once a month.

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Local Government	Sept. 8, 2022	12:10 pm	1:10	Clinton Business Owner Requests City Address Sidewalks In Front of His Downtown Location
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>>Clinton City Councilman Calls for Search For City Administrator to Begin

Since the spring, the City of Clinton has been without an administrator.

The City hired long-time Administrator Tim Followell's replacement to begin at the start of the year but Darin Girdler resigned in the spring and since it would appear the search has been stagnant. Councilman John Wise says it's time for the City to resume that search.

Cut: cityadministrator1 1:31 CUE: get this advertised

Wise says right now there are several City employees collectively pulling the weight of responsibilities of the administrator. With a lot of things coming soon that will require the knowledge of an administrator, he says the City needs to get moving to find someone.

Cut: cityadministrator2 1:42 CUE: in my opinion

Newly sworn-in City Attorney John Hoblit will get information from the outgoing City Attorney Steve Meyers and will post the position.

>>Clinton Sales Taxes Down From 2021, Up from 2020

City of Clinton sales tax figures are down from last year but way up from 2020.

That's what Commissioner of Finance Tom Edmonds told the Clinton City Council last Monday night. He indicates the reason the community is far ahead of the 2020 figure is because of internet sales.

Cut: saletax :29 CUE: internet purchases

The Clinton City Council will meet again Tuesday, August 2 at 7 pm.

>>Clinton Business Owner Requests City Address Sidewalks In Front of His Downtown Location

Over the last month, the City of Clinton has addressed some sidewalk issues in front of a storefront on the north side of the square at the request of a business owner.

Now another downtown business owner is requesting the sidewalks in front of his store be addressed. Ed Cicenas owns EMC Photography in Clinton and says he has clients of all ages entering his business and believes the issues are an accident waiting to happen.

Cut: edrequest1 1:11 CUE: into the square

Cicenas says there are more than just his clients that frequent the sidewalk in front of his storefront including May Days, Apple n' Pork, and Homecoming attendees among others.

Cut: edrequest2 1:17 CUE: its not safe

Cicenas expressed concerns over an accident occurring that would be on his insurance.

Mayor Roger Cyrulik told Cicenas his portion of the sidewalk has been on his radar and said they will start to look at addressing the issues and admitted it is a bad area of the sidewalk.

>>Clinton City Council Hears Comments on Animal Ordinance; Codifies Ambiguous Issue

The Clinton City Council Tuesday night heard from community members interested in a change in policy regarding animals in city limits of the livestock description.

Clinton Police Chief Ben Lowers admits he is the author of the code that would regulate the number of animals allowed in the City of Clinton explaining there has never been a code to enforce when the issue comes up - and he notes, it is a frequent issue the encounter.

Cut: animalcode1 :57 CUE: going to hear

According to the Chief, there have been exactly two complaints regarding the number of chickens on a property. He explains in the past there were only estimates regarding how many animals could be on a property and enforcement is difficult because nothing is in writing.

Cut: animalcode2 1:25 CUE: and so I did

The proposal drew the interest of over a dozen residents who showed up Tuesday night at the Council Chambers. Seth Reddington says this ordinance will impact his home in town.

Cut: animalcode3 1:16 CUE: might effect me

Sharon Reddington also spoke against the ordinance. She points out it has been an acceptable practice for over a generation to allow animals categorized as livestock to be at her residence in Clinton.

Cut: animalcode4 1:17 CUE: or the smell

To craft the ordinance, Chief Lowers looked at communities around Clinton. He used mostly the Farmer City ordinance as it is a community that closely resembles Clinton.

Cut: animalcode5 :69 CUE: reference to citizens

While many are critical of the ordinance, Chief Lowers looks at the situation as now there are rules in place to allow something the community wants whereas previously, this was technically an illegal practice.

The Council approved the measure 4-1.

>>Clinton Resident Takes Takes Exception to Notice of Overgrown Brush

A Clinton resident Monday night had scathing comments regarding the City's approach to ordinance violations regarding homeowner properties.

Bob Kreitler took exception to a recent warning he received from the City's zoning officer at the Monday night Clinton City Council meeting. Among his complaints was the timing of the notice that was issued late on Friday afternoon and with a holiday Monday, Kreitler says it'll take him about a day once he speaks to the officer when he returns to the office on Wednesday.

Cut: kreitlercomplaints1 2:09 CUE: on Friday

Kreitler called it "predatory enforcement of ordinances" and called the officer "a revenue collecting thug". Kreitler says he isn't sure what needs to be addressed at his home.

Cut: kreitlercomplaints2 1:19 CUE: that's what his problem

Responding to Kreitler's issues, Clinton Police Chief Ben Lowers says the City is already lenient in its enforcement of ordinances and called a voicemail message from Kreitler condescending.

Cut: kreitlercomplaints3 :50 CUE: we don't do that

According to the Chief, the City seeks to bring people into compliance and admitted they really don't even write tickets for violations, they simply want compliance from residents.

Cut: kreitleracomplaints4 1:25 CUE: like it all cleaned up

Kreitler was disgruntled over the nature of the warning that underlined the \$100 per day fine and seven days to come into compliance with the officer.

In the midst of bringing up another issue with an adjacent property to his house that the hospital owns, Kreiter was cut off and the public comment portion of the meeting was ended.

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County Government	July 27, 2022	7:15 am	4:00	DeWitt County Board Sorts Through Confusion on Marina Work
County Government	Aug. 2, 2022	12:10 pm	7:15	DeWitt County Board Sticking With Marina Operator After Insurance Paperwork Issues
County Government	Aug. 19, 2022	12:13 pm	12:00	DeWitt County Finally Has Plan for ARPA Funds
County Government	Sept. 23, 2021	7:15 am	2:50	New Flooring for County Building, Marina Purchases Highlight Brief County Board Meeting

>>DeWitt County Board Gets Update on Wind Farm

Last Thursday night, the DeWitt County Board received an update on the wind farm project which is beginning to wrap up before going live this fall.

Terry Fountain with Cummins Engineering, the firm selected by the County oversees the project, provided the Board with an update on how things are going. Restoration of the roads is underway.

Cut: windfarmupdate1 2:18 CUE: that issue

As the project wraps up, Enel will begin the restoration process of drainage ditches impacted by its work as well as restoring culverts. Fountain points out there is a lot of coordination between Cummins, Enel, and the County Engineer.

Cut: windfarmupdate2 2:42 CUE: to look at it

There is still work to be done as it relates to drainage districts. Fountain explains there could be tiles that need to be replaced.

Cut: windfarmupdate3 1:41 CUE:

Fountain indicates there are issues currently for Enel with the sub-station and connecting to the grid. He indicates that the Cummins Engineer purview but Enel is working with the electric company to correct that.

He anticipates the farm going live in the fall.

>>DeWitt County Board Sorts Through Confusion on Marina Work

As breakwater work at the one end of the Clinton Lake Marina gets going this week, last week at the DeWitt County Board meeting, the Board had to sort through some confusion regarding another area in need of attention.

Following the Board meeting last Friday on the WHOW Morning Show, Board Chair Terry Ferguson told Regional Radio the Board approved the Marina as an emergency to expedite addressing the issues and explains what the Board was debating.

Cut: boardonmarina1 1:48 CUE: see what happens

Travis Houser is the Vice Chair of the Marina Committee and explained to the County Board last Thursday the situation at the Marina has gotten much worse and the goal was to use equipment coming this week to help mitigate some of the existing issues.

Cut: boardonmarina2 :48 CUE: closest to the shore

According to Houser, the section of Marina not getting worked on this week needs to be protected and feels if they were to split the new breakwater being installed this week, it would be a way to do that.

Cut: boardonmarina3 :28 CUE: that way

The Board rejected the bid they received in favor of breaking up the 300-foot breakwater they are getting this week to have one section of 200 feet and another section of 100 feet.

Ferguson says he is confident the solution they have come up with could keep the County from having to make further investments in breakwaters at the Marina.

>>DeWitt County Board Sticking With Marina Operator After Insurance Paperwork Issues

The DeWitt County Board last week decided it would stay with its Marina operator after it was brought to light at the regular County Board meeting in July Joe Caldwell and his organization was out of compliance on insurance coverage.

In July when the findings came to light, board members pressed to have a special board meeting to direct State's Attorney Dan Markwell to take corrective action but Caldwell ultimately filed the paperwork ahead of the Board's special meeting last Tuesday. Board Chair Terry Ferguson indicated during the meeting it was proposed to terminate Caldwell's contract, which was voted down.

Cut: countymarina1 2:18 CUE: leave it alone

The question the County Board has largely been unable to answer is just how long has the operator been without insurance? Some speculation is it was the entirety of his first year as operator plus the first half of this year. Ferguson believes it is an easy oversight to make.

Cut: countymarina2 :47 CUE: enforce

According to Ferguson, the County Board heard from a couple of marina users that spoke in favor of Caldwell and his organization praising the job he's done at the marina. Ferguson felt those comments went a long way for the Board.

Cut: countymarina3 :56 CUE: of the board

Ferguson reminds the Board extended Caldwell's contract through 2023 to allow him time to work through all the COVID challenges and make the appropriate changes at the Marina.

Cut: countymarina4 1:37 CUE: going forward

Ferguson indicates breakwater installation at the Marina continues this week. Rain mid-week last week held things up a little bit and so that project continues.

Also at the special meeting last week, the Board approved a \$67,500 mowing tractor from Central Illinois Ag for the highway department.

>>DeWitt County Finally Has Plan for ARPA Funds

It took nearly a year, but the long journey of DeWitt County settling on funds for its American Rescue Plan Act funding has finally been settled.

Thursday night at the DeWitt County Board meeting, the Board voted on how to allocate roughly \$3.3-million. Dan Matthews, with help from County Administrator DeeDee Rentmeister, brought forward a rough outline of funding for entities and non-profits that applied for a piece of the pie that the County Board made available.

Cut: finallyarpa1 :47 CUE:

The proposal makes available funds for a small business grant program that would help to be administered through the DeWitt County Development Council. Matthews deferred to Megan Myers to help explain that program.

Cut: finallyarpa2 1:41 CUE:

In reviewing applications for the ARPA funds, Buck Carter found a common theme among the first responder applications for chest compressors for heart attack patients. He felt it would be a worthy investment to provide the area fire departments each with a unit and three for the DeWitt County EMS.

Cut: finallyarpa3 2:27 CUE: farmer city fire department

Aaron Kammeyer continued his calls for the Board to establish guidelines for the money and for there to be more clarity so those that applied. Kammeyer wondered if the County was planning to take care of the entirety of its building needs with ARPA funding, which seemed to be the consensus.

Cut: finallyarpa4 1:43 CUE: 150-thousand dollars

Kammeyer felt the Board did not have a plan in place for how they wanted to proceed with the funds and Board members took exception to that notion. Board Chair Terry Ferguson hoped the Board would focus on requests that had a lasting impact and not temporary things.

Cut: finallyarpa5 3:47 CUE: sometime right

The YMCA's request for \$150,000 was a request the board reduced to afford the chest compressors for first responders. The issue became should the Clinton Fire Department be given a chest compressor or should it fall on the City of Clinton to decide to fund

things for the Clinton Fire Department.

Cut: finallyarpa6 1:48 CUE: got money

As the Board put more clarity on the amounts for each applicant, the conversation shifted to accountability and how to get money to the groups. Rentmeister explained it would need to be determined if the groups would spend the money and then be reimbursed or given the money and provide receipts of purchase.

Cut: finallyarpa7 1:12 CUE:

County Clerk Dana Smith provided one last breakdown of the funds and how they would be distributed....

Cut: finallyarpa8 1:27 CUE: 99-cents

The Board had been set to discuss the funding earlier this month but the agenda for the meeting was not posted in time for the set date and so it was canceled.

The Board unanimously approved the funding.

>>New Flooring for County Building, Marina Purchases Highlight Brief County Board Meeting

The DeWitt County Board made approved a significant flooring project for the County Building and upgrades for the Clinton Lake Marina Thursday night at the regular monthly meeting.

Travis Houser explains \$15,000 for replacement floats at the Marina is much needed. Board Chair Terry Ferguson agreed and felt this would be something that precedes longer-term maintenance items down the road.

Cut: shortmeeting1 :46 CUE: good start

Property Committee Chairperson David Newberg asked the Board to approve new flooring for a significant portion of the north end of the DeWitt County Building known as "The U".

Cut: shortmeeting2 1:28 CUE:

The Board also approved a quote for upfitter work for a County truck for just over \$29,200.

Cut: shortmeeting3 :20 CUE: they need for it

Thursday night, the County Board approved Ronald Ferguson to the Clintonia Special Union Drainage District, Mark Hobbie to the DeWitt/Piatt Bi-County Health Department Board, Moe Winstead to the 9-1-1 Board, and Richard Dean to the Rutledge Empire Drainage District Board.

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Economic Development	Aug. 5, 2022	7:15 am	3:30	Local Business Owners Asks City of Clinton for Action on Crumbling Downtown Sidewalks
Economic Development	Aug. 8, 2022	12:10 pm	2:00	DCDC Hoping to Establish Late-Fall Annual Meeting
Economic Development	Aug. 13, 2022	12:13 pm	3:30	Clinton Chamber of Commerce Ready for Haunted House Season
Economic Development	Sept. 12, 2022	7:15 am	4:05	Clinton Chamber of Commerce's Terror On Washington Street Haunted House Coming Together

>>Business Mentors Needed for Central Illinois Business Programs

Leadership for a pair of local business programs at area high schools is in need of mentors.

Melanie Brown facilitates the Central Illinois CEO program and Lisa Shepard facilitates the Sangamon Valley CEO program and they are in need of local business owners to guide their students.

Cut: ceomentors1 :55 CUE: these students

Brown explains mentors are anyone with a business background and who meets with the students once a month in person and they are there to listen to the students guide them through any challenges they may be facing.

Cut: ceomentors2 1:19 CUE: numbers person

A mentor and student relationship work best when the match is a good fit and Shepard says that's what they try to do. Shepard notes they try to do things before the matches are made to make sure they will be solid.

Cut: ceometnors3 :46 CUE:

It's not too late to become a mentor. Shepard encourages any local business owner that might like to invest in a young person in their community to reach out to the respective CEO chapter in your area.

Cut: ceomentors4 :60 CUE: once a month

You can learn about the two programs by visiting centralillinoisceo.com or sangamonvalleyceo.com. Both groups are on Facebook as well.

>>Local Business Owners Asks City of Clinton for Action on Crumbling Downtown Sidewalks

An owner of downtown Clinton storefront property in the midst of opening a business is requesting the City address crumbling sidewalks adjacent to her storefront.

Melissa Morris owns the storefronts once occupied by Darwin's Barbershop Shop on the north side of Clinton Square and is requesting the City address concerns she has over sidewalks that are falling apart to the point they have resulted in an injury and are a safety hazard.

Cut: missyrequest1 1:30 CUE: over this hump

While the City has taken steps to correct the issue, she feels it is not enough and other tenants nearby are concerned. She points out they have done what they can but it is not enough.

Cut: missrequest2 1:21 CUE: another day

Mayor Roger Cyrulik, who owns a cement business, explained to Morris the work would need an engineer to review and he emphasized when embarking on concrete work, you want only have to do it once.

Cut: missyrequest3 1:14 CUE: bear with us

Mayor Cyrulik told Morris they have plans to make improvements to that area but Morris had more questions about issues that will linger until then.

Cut: morrisrequest4 1:58 CUE: in front of us

The Mayor assured Morris the issue is being worked on and would be fixed.

>>DCDC Hoping to Establish Late-Fall Annual Meeting

A DeWitt County organization is hoping to start an annual dinner later this year to highlight the good things they are accomplishing.

Curt Homann is the Executive Director of the DeWitt County Development Council and on the WHOW Morning Show Friday told Regional Radio he hopes to start an annual dinner before the hectic holiday season later this fall. He feels it would be a good chance for the community to get to know about the things they are doing.

Cut: dcdcdinner1 :54 CUE: annual dinner

According to Homann, an annual dinner would be a good opportunity to highlight some of the grant recipients from the year but he feels it's a good way for like minds to get together and share ideas with one another.

Cut: dcdcdinner2 :37 CUE: we would do that

As developments on an annual dinner come about, Homann points those interested to follow the DCDC on Facebook.

>>Clinton Chamber of Commerce Ready for Haunted House Season

The Clinton Chamber of Commerce is readying for its annual haunted house season.

On the WHOW Morning Show Friday, Marian Brisard announced the dates for this year's Terror on Washington Street Haunted House noting because Halloween falls on a Monday this year, there will not be a Halloween night Haunted House.

Cut: hauntedhouse1 :42 CUE: are hard days

Brisard says progress on the annual haunted house will likely go all the way up to opening day.

Cut: hauntedhouse2 :34 CUE: for the customers

Brisard explains they are taking the entrance room where guests would normally have the rules of the house presented and turning that into another scare room. She notes rules will be presented outside.

Get more information about the annual haunted house by visiting clintonhauntedhouse.com.

>>Clinton Chamber of Commerce's Terror On Washington Street Haunted House Coming Together

If you drive by the Terror on Washington Street Haunted House throughout the week, you'll probably notice Chamber officials and volunteers at the site getting things ready a couple of days per week.

As the time gets closer to opening weekend, you'll likely see a more regular presence but the progress being made now has Chamber Executive Director Marian Brisard excited for the season ahead.

Cut: hauntedhouse221 :63 CUE: For our advertisers

Each March, the Chamber takes off to St. Louis for a big convention of haunted houses and from that convention, they bring back new ideas. Brisard is very excited about the changes in the house for this year.

Cut: hauntedhouse222 :43 CUE: spoil anything

Between being able to operate the haunted house with no COVID restrictions and having new scares, Brisard feels this may be one of the best years yet for the haunted house.

Cut: hauntedhouse223 :38 CUE: music and the lighting

Brisard is also very proud of the pre-entry entertainment attendees can participate in while they wait. She feels that is one of the things that separates their haunted house from others.

Cut: hauntedhouse224 :47 CUE: second chance for pets

According to Brisard, the haunted house takes dozens and dozens of volunteers to make it possible to happen each weekend. She indicates they are starting to get some of the volunteer base returning.

Cut: hauntedhouse225 :64 CUE: thankful for that

The haunted house opens Friday, October 7, and Saturday, October 8. She points out they will not offer a haunted house on Halloween night in lieu of trick-or-treat events on the square.

Visit clintonhauntedhouse.com for a full list of the dates and times for the haunted house

as well as dates for the friendly ghost tours.