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Clinton City Council voted to repeal the insurance tax and the city has been awarded \$4 million grant for additional wastewater system upgrades. L-R: Tommy Kimbro, Bill Lickliter, Jerome Jenkins, Mayor Kelly (partially hidden from view), Betty Morrow and Laura Poole. Council Member Wynita Dillard arrived after photo, which was taken prior to the meeting.

- Council votes to repeal insurance tax
- Votes to pay Heflin Construction for coming to building collapse site
- To receive \$4 million grant for sewer system upgrades
- To receive \$78,000 for pickleball court

By GAYE BENCINI

Clinton City Council met in regular session Monday, April 6 at Clinton City Hall. Present were Mayor John Kelly, Council Members Wynita Dillard, Betty Morrow, Laura Poole, Tommy Kimbro, Bill Lickliter, and Jerome Jenkins; Assistant City Clerk Tamara Dillard; Chief Tom Dickson; visitors Mark Crass, Jim Crass, Mary Kimbro, Gaye Bencini, Kory Naranjo, Kenny Wilson, Charlie Finnell, Attorney Heather Johnson, Tim Gillium with Commonwealth Engineering, Brent Barclay, and Dwayne Thurman.

The Clinton City Council voted Monday night to repeal the 2024 ordinance that enacted a municipal license tax on insurance companies at the rate of 5.74

percent.

The first reading of the ordinance was held in April of 2024 to impose an insurance premium license fee to increase city revenue. This applied to insurance companies for the calendar year 2025 with payments to come to the city in 2026.

The second reading of the ordinance was to take place March 8, 2024, but at that special-called meeting, action was tabled to until the May meeting to eliminate health care.

Objections came at that time by business owners, like Peerless Premier's Alex Volansky, that those costs hitting the insurance companies were going to be passed on to the insurance customers.

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Bean will be back at Chicken Fest, grillin' for a cause

By GAYE BENCINI

When it comes to grillin', Dale Bean knows his stuff. He will be back again this year grillin' during Chicken Fest in Clinton, Ky., the weekend of April 24-25, once again for a worthy cause. Bean is grillin' to raise funds for the youth of Hope Church and friends to attend Global Youth Ministries this summer.

He will be setting up at the corner lot where the Clinton Hardware Store was located at the corner of Clay and Jefferson. If it rains, he'll move the set-up inside the metal building on the lot and keep grillin'!

He expressed thanks to the Hickman County Judge/Executive's Office, Kory Naranjo, Marc Naranjo, Gus Well Drilling, Tom Dickson, the rescue squad, Hales Farms and First Community Bank- all who



His hair is wild and his grillin skills are on point!

have contributed to the cause thus far.

He will have Tyson chicken wings on the rotisserie, porch chop (flat top grill) sandwiches, and hot dogs.

If there are farmers working in the field that day, call 270-207-8033 and the food will be delivered!

Donations are greatly appreciated!



Lisa Knox took this photo of an unusual boat on the Mississippi River at Columbus one evening last week. The ULA website states "R/S RocketShip is a unique cargo ship used to transport rockets from United Launch Alliance's (ULA's) 1.6 million square foot production facility in Decatur, AL. RocketShip has been in use for nearly two decades, bringing Delta IV rocket stages to Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, FL, and Vandenberg Space Force Base, CA. In 2011, it started carrying Atlas V stages and now transports Vulcan stages. RocketShip is a highly maneuverable, unique custom-built rocket transport ship able to navigate both rivers and open ocean—the only U.S. flagged ship with this versatility. The roll-on, roll-off cargo ship is 312 feet long, weighs nearly 19 million pounds, has complete living quarters and dining area for its crew of 16, a heli-pad on the top deck, a below-deck machine shop and sophisticated computers and navigational aids on the bridge.

"Whoa, Louie, No Louie"



On the left, Valeria and Reno Bodell; On the right, Phyllis and Danny Whitlock mounted on Sadistic Louie.

By DANNY WHITLACK PART 1

I think horses are beautiful, graceful, and majestic animals. I feel this way when I see horses grazing in their pasture or getting prepped for a race. Up close and personal, my experience with horses is a completely different thing.

As a youngster, I began to have bad experiences in regard to being around horses. The first experience I can recall was with a pinto horse that was being ridden by an older boy while I was visiting from Detroit with my grandparents. He invited me to mount behind him, so he would take me for a short ride. I made it onto the horse and we began our ride. He started up the road bank and I promptly slid off the back of the horse and fell several feet. My

pride was more damaged than my rear end.

I managed to avoid horses for several years. However, one evening in Fulgham, Paul (Jaybird) House was riding a black stallion in a field close to Fulgham. He asked me to ride behind him and I climbed up. We were riding along a fence line when a hog in the bordering field squealed loudly and charged the fence. This frightened the horse and the boys. The horse jumped sideways, Paul stayed on the horse, I did not. Again, I landed on my rear end with a jolt.

This trend continued over the years. As long as I avoided getting on the horses back, we were fine. Admiring horses from a distance became my go-to status. The horses and I had reached a truce. The truce held until I met a

horse named Louie.

Phyllis and I were on vacation to Yellowstone. Her sister and husband, Valeria and Reno, were with us on the trip. We had toured Yellowstone and other sights in the area and were looking for another experience. Reno suggested horseback riding on a Montana trail ride. I mumbled and grumbled about this choice but lost the vote. I was told that it would be fine and I would have a great time. We located a horse rental place and headed out. We booked four horses for the next morning.

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