

A groundbreaking event was held recently at the site of the Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry to be located Brandon LaChance/Amboy News

### **Helping Food Pantry raise** \$375,000 for new building

Sublette among towns the pantry serves

By BRANDON LaCHANCE

Amboy News Reporter

MENDOTA – The Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry has its new location at 710 Sixth Ave.

However, before the new building can be constructed.

the food pantry board and director Tracy Cooper need your help to raise the funds – \$375,000 – for H&H Builders to officially relocate the pantry.

When complete, the new Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry, which started in the Holy Cross basement in 1987 before moving to its current location at 918 Main St., will feature a wall of gratitude recognizing donors at the highest levels of giving and all donations will be highly appreciated.

"I think a wall of gratitude is a perfect way to represent and say, 'Thank you,' to those who helped the food pantry," Cooper said at the new building groundbreaking on July 11 for the building that will help feed residents of Mendota, Sublette, Earlville, LaMoille, Troy Grove, Triumph, Compton, Meriden, and West Brooklyn. "We will be thankful for every cent donated toward our goal. We can't thank the community enough for the help we've already received.

"This is for a great cause as we helped over 800 families during the pandemic and we currently assist approximately 200 families per month."

The wall of gratitude will include five levels. Donations of \$25,000 will put an individual or business at the diamond level. The platinum level is \$15,000, gold is \$10,000, silver is \$5,000, and bronze is \$1,000.

Donations can be mailed directly to the pantry or dropped offat 918 Main St. in Mendota from 8-11 a.m. Tuesday-Friday. There is a donation portal on the pantry's website, macfp. net, as well as codes for Venmo, GoFundMe, and PayPal.

Since the Mendota Area Christian Food Pantry is a nonprofit charitable organization, a 501c3, contributions to the building of the new pantry building are tax deductible.

#### Cost of full-day kindergarten mandate in Illinois questioned

SPRINGFIELD – Future kindergartners in Illinois will be spending more time in the classroom.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed a law requiring

school districts to establish a full-day kindergarten



**Pritzker** 

within the next four years. Under the law, every district must also establish a half-day program that is developmentally appropriate and provides opportunities for play-based learning.

Proponents point to research that indicates that children's early reading skills are enhanced with additional instruction

"Getting substantive,

consistent full-day kindergarten can be the foundation for our kids looking to build good educational experiences and ultimately steady, well-paying careers," state Rep. Mary Beth Canty, D-Arlington Heights, said in a statement.

The legislation also establishes the Full Day Kindergarten Task Force, which will conduct a statewide audit to inform the planning and implementation of full-day kindergarten programs.

Alison Maley, Government and Public Relations director with the Illinois Principals Association, said the law could be taxing on some school districts.

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## Miss Amboy contestants are...

## ☐ Introducing the first three of the nine Miss Amboy hopefuls

By BRANDON LaCHANCE Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – Depot Days is right around the corner, Aug. 24-27.

Carnival rides will light up the sky and the smiles of this year's Miss Amboy contestants will light up the stage in the Amboy Depot Museum parking lot.

This year, new director Ashley Grim has nine high school students competing for the Miss Amboy tiara.

For the next three Wednesdays, The Amboy News will showcase each Miss Amboy hopeful and what they'll bring to the stage and to the community.

Here are the first three Miss Amboy contestants:

Brianna Henkel The daughter of Cory and Sarah Henkel, Brianna Henkel is excited to be part of Miss Amboy because it's a way for her to connect with the community and it gives her a chance to speak with younger girls who strive to be in the pageant.

"I've always wanted to be a role model for younger kids. I've always wanted to come out there and talk about mental health," said Henkel, who is a junior at Amboy High School. "I figured this would be the perfect opportunity because so many people in this world struggle



**Brianna Henkel** 

with it. I struggle with severe anxiety. I'm pushing myself to be able to do this.

"I'm also doing this to represent my family as well. I've always wanted to be in the Miss Amboy pageant since I was a little girl and I'm finally strong enough to put myself out there.'

Henkel's favorite subject is English. Outside of the classroom, she enjoys being part of the band, musicals, plays, and has been a cheerleader for three years.

**Madison O'Malley** Madison O'Malley at-

tacked her senior check-off list before she even entered the Amboy High School hallways when she signed her name to the 2023 Miss Amboy pageant entry list.

The senior Clipper may not have signed up for previous pageants because of nerves.



**Madison O'Malley** 

**Brooklyn Strub** 

This year, that isn't the case. "I wanted to be in the Miss Amboy pageant because I wanted to try something new and I also wanted to step outside of my comfort zone." said O'Malley, the daughter of Mike and Emily O'Malley. "I am excited to get to know new people.'

O'Malley is a member of the Amboy volleyball and softball teams and is involved in the Leo's Club.

After graduation, she plans on attending college to study nursing.

#### **Brooklyn Strub**

Brooklyn Strub, an incoming Amboy High School junior, has received her driver's license but doesn't like to be behind the wheel in a vehicle.

Instead, she loves to drive her vocal cords on stage during any and all Amboy plays and musicals.

The daughter of Scott and Tammy Strub, she is excited to give back to the community.

"I am in the Miss Amboy pageant because I want to give back to Amboy. It has been a great community toward me since I moved here five years ago from Dixon," said Strub, who enjoys English and science classes. "I figured, what is a better way to give back than representing the community as well as I can as Miss Amboy."

Along with plays and musicals, Strub is involved in the color guard, student council, choir, and she has volunteered at Teen Turf since she moved to Amboy.

She used to be in track and field and cheerleading but when scheduling became a problem, sports were dropped because she favored the fine arts.

## Carnival ride inspectors are out across Illinois

SPRINGFIELD - Look for the green inspection permit on Illinois amusement park rides to make sure they're ready to ride. Illinois has a rigorous in-

spection and permit process, said Paul Cincchini, spokesman for the Illinois Department of Labor's Amusement Ride and Attraction Safely Board.

"We have a group of highly trained and highly experienced ride inspectors who work throughout the year," Cincchini said

At a street fair in the northern Illinois village of Antioch on Sunday, July 16. a 10-year-old boy was thrown from the Moby Dick ride and was seriously injured. The Moby Dick ride requires riders to be fastened into cars. The cars go up and down as the speed of the ride accelerates.

On July 20th, as part of the post-accident investigation, Illinois seized the Moby Dick ride that was involved in the Antioch accident.

The many components of a ride that require inspection include tracks and rails, structural steel, bolts, fasteners and connectors, axles, pivots, lap bar parts and roller coaster cars, the e-Journal of Nondestructive Testing, says on its website.

The Illinois Department of Labor cannot comment on the Antioch incident or



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any specific amusement park accident, Cincchini said.

A person who also rode the Moby Dick ride in Antioch on the 16th claimed that the lap bar on the car was not locking down properly when that individual took the ride. NBC's Today Show reported.

Cincchini said that every ride, even rides at carnivals that travel in from other states, is inspected by state inspectors before it is allowed to operate in Illinois. Proof of inspection is a large green inspection medallion that is required by law to be displayed at each ride site.

Illinois'AmusementRide and Attraction Safely Department has an after-hours and weekend phone number at 217 299-5512 where people can call if they see something that makes them suspicious or if they experience unsafe conditions or if they see an accident. "We encourage people

to say something if they see something," Cicchini said.

Trained adults are required to operate rides. Operators are required to have a manual of operation from the manufacturer for each ride on site. For homemade

rides, operators are required to write an operation manual and have it on hand.

Illinois regulates and inspects carnival rides, haunted houses, go kart tracks, trampoline parks and bounce houses. Last year was the first year that the state began inspecting trampoline parks.

Thirty people were injured on Illinois amusement park rides in 2022. The largest number of verified injuries occurred at trampoline parks, Cicchini said. People reported knee, ankle, arm, leg and foot injuries as the result of incorrect landings.

## Fritts coming to Amboy Family Restaurant

DIXON- State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) has officially begun his 2023 Summer Tour. The tour consists of traveling office

hours and coffee and conversation events held on alternating weeks from June 7 to Aug. 30. Coffee and Conversation events will all be held at locally-owned coffee shops and restaurants. Fritts will also be traveling to local businesses and municipal governments to better understand their

The events scheduled for the month of August include the following:

Traveling Office Hours: Aug. 23 at Earlville City Hall, located at 210 W. Railroad Street, Earlville, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Aug. 23 at Waterman Village Hall, located at 215 W. Adams Street, Waterman, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Aug. 23 at Shabbona Village Hall located at 308 E. Comanche Avenue, Shabbona, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Coffee & Conversation:** 

Aug. 30 at Amboy Family Restaurant located at 211 E Main Street, Amboy, from 8 to 10 a.m.

For more information about the 2023 Summer Tour, including the full schedule of events, visit repfritts.com/ summertour.

## 24/7: www.amboynews.com

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"One of the major concerns that we had was there was no funding allotted for this and not only will some districts need additional space, they will need additional teachers," Maley said.

Bryan Soady, associate executive director of Governmental Relations with the Illinois Association of School Boards, said there have been local referendums on this proposal that have been defeated.

"This is a mandate that we think will require volunteer, elected school boards to force this on taxpayers who have stated they don't want it," said Soady.

Districts that currently do not offer a full-day program can apply for a waiver to extend the implementation date up to two years past the 2027-2028 school years if they meet certain criteria.

The majority of states require school districts to offer either full- or half-day kindergarten, however, less than half actually mandate student attendance. California recently proposed legislation that would require kindergarten enrollment and for days to be longer than four hours, but the bill was vetoed in September 2022 by Gov. Gavin Newsom, who cited cost as a factor.



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the new High School entrance.

All proceeds to benefit the students of Amboy, CUSD 272.

## **HME Ahrens-Fox appoints Dinges Fire** Company as an authorized HME dealer

WYOMING, Mich. - HME Ahrens-Fox (HME) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dinges Fire Company (DFC) as a new HME dealer covering six states located in the Mid-West. DFC is authorized to sell and service the complete HME portfolio in its assigned

Dinges Fire Company is privately held and located in Amboy. The company has demonstrated consistent growth - particularly over the last eight years. Their success is the result of multiple factors including:

- Offering a broad assortment of quality brands and products.
- · Building a team with deep knowledge of the fire service and a passion for protecting First Responders.
- Creation of a scalable business model that's built around the needs of the customer and anchored by purpose-built systems for customer support, operations and marketing.
- · Building trust with customers by prioritizing transparency.
- A consistent commitment to support the communities in which they operate.

"HME is committed to expanding its business in the Mid-west and we see the addition of the Dinges Fire Company to the HME dealer network as a large step forward in achieving that goal," said Gary Troost, President, HME Ahrens-Fox. "The Dinges team is differentiated by their business success and culture. Their ability to maintain standards, customer satisfaction levels and execute on plan and - throughout their many growth cycles – sets them apart."

Both HME and the DFC share a passion for the fire service. With a workforce that has over 2,000 years of fire service experience, DFC is uniquely qualified to serve as a trusted advisor to fire departments as they evaluate and source new apparatus.

Dinges Fire Company will represent HME in Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota and Michigan (Western).

"Our team is excited. We see the combination of the HME product and the Dinges customer experience as a very compelling value proposition that will accelerate our apparatus business in multiple geographies," said Nick Dinges, Chief Executive Officer, Dinges Fire Company.

About HME Ahrens-Fox

HME Ahrens-Fox is a leading specialty vehicle manufacturer. Headquartered in Wyoming, Michigan, the company provides solutions to firefighting and emergency response organizations of all sizes and types

throughout North America. HME designs, engineers, manufactures, and supports mission-critical equipment for the fire service which help them protect the diverse communities they serve. As a manufacturer of custom bodies, pump modules and chassis, the company participates in the key elements of the value-chain. HME is privately held by The Atonne Group, LLC which owns and operates a diverse group of companies in heavy truck components, metal fabrication, aircraft re-manufacturing, energy, specialty materials, real estate development and retail.

About Dinges Fire Company

The Dinges Fire Company is the leading distributor of Fire, Rescue and EMS Equipment in the Midwest with over 110+ team members operating in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. Our mission is to protect our Nation's First Responders with high-quality products while providing unmatched customer service after the sale through a staff of highly educated team members supported by great technology.

Dinges Fire Company is a "Firefighter Owned and Operated Family Business" founded in 2001 and is headquartered in Amboy.

### CGH recognizes Olalde as its Sunshine Award winner

STERLING – Desiree Olalde, a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and Certified Med Tech (CMT), in the CGH Critical Care Unit was recently recognized as a recipient of the Sunshine Award for extraordinary service. The Sunshine Award was created to honor and recognize outstanding service and compassionate care by those in non-nursing roles, such as CNAs, CMTs or MAs.

Stephanie Waller, RN, Digestive Health Center,

and Sunshine Award Coordinator, read the nomination as the award was presented: "Desiree went out of her way to get ahold of a family member for a very critical patient that we were having a hard time contacting. Desi clocked out for lunch and went to the daughter's home so that she could come and be with her mother. This was not something that was required or expected, but she stepped up and put the patient and family first. Through my two and half years of working with Desi, she has always gone above and beyond the normal job description. She has such compassion for each of her patients, and this instance was not out of the ordinary

for her. She always gives 110% when at CGH and is such an important asset to the CCU. I am honored to work with her and to follow the example she sets!"

Other CGH staff members nominated for the 2nd quarter Sunshine Award included: Kylee Hoagland, Kelly Mitchem, Milli Moreno, Vinh Nguyen, Courtney Parker, Kelsi Peterson, Sally Salerno, Rebecca Stiner, and Kaitlyn Velazquez.

If you would like to submit a nomination for extraordinary service that you or a family member have received at CGH Medical Center by a staff member in a non-nursing role, please visit www. cghmc.com/sunshine.







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## **TEEN TURF**

#### 4H Pie Sale Thank you

We can't thank these folks enough for our great pie sale Lee County Fair and 4-H Show this past weekend: To those that bought pie or snacks, your generosity was amazing and over the top.

Volunteers: Brian Wendekind, Margaret Shaw, Addison Bump, and Paige Twindell.

Most important the Pie Makers/Buyers:

Connie Kemp, Barb Harrison, Donna Wellman, Michele Cheshire, Cindy Phillips, Bert Glenn, Mark and Tammy Henkel, Karen Stenzel, Shelli Bump, Tammy Strub (pie cutter too), Margaret Shaw, Katey Dickinson, and Shirley Rees.

Thank you to the Lee County Fair Board for being accommodating and being so supportive.

#### **School Supplies**

If you are in need of school supplies, please call us at 815-857-4800 or message us on Facebook.

**Barnyard Bingo** 

Teen Turf is going to have Barnyard Bingo Saturday August 26th during Depot Days. How it works: a pen is set up with 100 squares marked out and people buy a square for \$10 with half the money going into the pot. The animal is let into the pen at 5 p.m. and whichever square the animal poops on first wins the pot of \$500. The other \$500 goes to Teen Turf to help the kids. The pen will be set up just east of the Sporting Goods store and across the street from Sensient Flavors on Main Street. The animal will make his debut at 5 p.m.

Eileen Piper, Pam Thomas, some volunteers, and Board members (Barb Harrison, Mark Grossman, Trese McNinch, Shelli Bump, Janine and Scott Huffman, and Kimberly Watley) have tickets.

#### Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: Anonymous donation of school supplies; Justine Albee school supplies; Sandy Schamberger for the monetary donation; Barb and George Spataro for the monetary donation; Alice and Leroy Dukes for the monetary donation and anonymous donation of food and snacks.

#### **Needs for School Supplies**

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#### Needs

New Plastic Water bottles to use for afterschool students

#### **Final Note**

We pray that we persevere in all things, especially in spreading Your gospel with motivation and determination because Your Word says that You will ensure our salvation when we do so. We pray that we do not become discouraged by the world, instead help us push through the trials and tribulations we face in Jesus Name, Amen.

**ROCKFORD** – Predictions are that 2023 back-to-

school spending by parents will be at a level unmatched

in previous years. That's music to the ears of scammers.

With that in mind, the Better Business Bureau warns

parents to be cautious while spending their hard-earned

and the necessary shopping to prepare their kids for

the coming school year," says Dennis Horton, director

of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business

Bureau. "Scammers know this and are prepped and

ready to go, as that means more opportunity to connive

National Retail Federation (NRF) says shoppers are

expected to spend an average of \$890 per family. Spend-

ing for families with college-age students is pegged at \$1,367. The demand for electronics, i.e., laptops and

This year, Illinois will not offer reduced sales tax on

school-related items. Horton notes, "Scammers may

seek to profit here by sending emails and texts about

BBB offers advice to help shoppers obtain the best

• Research big ticket items: Whether your children

are learning in-person at school or online from home,

For the con artist, the dollar signs are there. The

busy parents."

tablets, will be high.

sales tax reduction schemes.'

deals and avoid getting ripped-off:

"Parents are trying to squeeze in vacations, jobs,

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**DIXON**-The Lee County Health Department will have Immunization Clinics for Children and Adults by appointment only. Call 815-284-3371 to make an appointment or for information on other services available. You may also visit the website at www.lchd.com for a list of services available.

AMBOY- You are invited to join fellow senior citizens for a free exercise program. The program has moved from The Amboy Sports Park to indoors at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US Highway 52, Amboy. Sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. Chairs are provided for an approximate 30-minute workout. For more information, call Chris at 815-857-3963.

**AMBOY-**The Amboy American Legion will not meet again until the third Monday in October.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Crochet Club on Wednesday, Aug. 9, from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

**AMBOY-**The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 9, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

#### LEE CENTER TWP-

The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 10, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

STERLING- University of Illinois Extension Whiteside Master Gardeners offers Saturday with a Master Gardener Series. BBB Alert: Watch out for back-to-school

shopping scams avoid learning the hard way

Explore gardening on the second Saturday of each month at the Whiteside Extension office, 12923 Lawrence Rd. Sterling, from 10 a.m. to noon. "How Many Different Flowers Grow "will be the topic for Aug. 12. Registration is required and can be completed at go. illinois. edu/whitesidesaturdays

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Tales for Tots program on Saturday, Aug. 12, from 10-10:45

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will host its book club on Monday, Aug. 14, from 5 - 6 p.m.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 14, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St., Sublette.

**AMBOY-**The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, Aug. 14. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

DIXON- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., on Tuesday, Aug. 15, at Elks Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd., Dixon. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

**AMBOY-** The Amboy CUSD School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 17, at Amboy Junior High School.

The AMBOY-Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold for adults its Diamond Painting Club program on Monday, Aug. 21, from 4 - 6 p.m.

**AMBOY-**The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**LEE COUNTY-** Have you ever thought of going outside to your backyard greenhouse during the cold weather months to pick fresh lettuce or plant some basil? Four Seasons Gardening sessions led by Extension's horticulture experts are free to attend, and registration is required at go.illinois.edu/ FourSeasons.

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Leonardo Lopez, MD, chief medical officer, left, and Heather Bomstad, vice president/ chief nursing officer for OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, right, with Stacy Piller, APRN, this year's Conkey Family Award winner.

#### S. Piller chosen Conkey Family Award winner at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center

MENDOTA – The 42nd Annual Conkey Family Award winner was announced recently at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center as part of National Health Care Week. Stacy Piller, APRN, from the OSF Medical Group, was named this year's

Piller has been a Mission Partner for 24 years and is described by her multiple nominations as compassionate, caring, and putting her patients first. Her nominations included, "She goes above and beyond for patients, more than just getting to know them as a person but getting to know their family, their life barriers and ultimately their

"Stacy has the biggest heart of any provider I have ever had the pleasure to work with. She goes out of her way to visit patients, even going as far as Rockford to check on patients and their families to provide emotional support."

The Conkey Family Award was established in 1982, with the first award presented in 1983.

## Donation made to Flutes for Vets program

life and health care goals,"

shared a Mission Partner.

LaSALLE - Starved Rock Country Community Foundation recently facilitated another donation to Flutes for Vets of Central Illinois, a nonprofit helping military veterans cope with PTSD and other mental

The recent donation from the Captain Thomas John Heitmann Memorial Fund held by SRCCF brought donations to Flutes for Vets to \$3,000. The contribution was made by Tom and Mary Heitmann of Mendota to Flutes for Vets President Ken Troyan of McNabb.

Troyan's program teaches veterans how to play Native American woodwind-style flutes. In two years, 22 veterans have graduated from the free, 12-lesson program and been awarded one of the hand-made flutes.

No music knowledge is required to participate. For information or to donate, contact Troyan at (309) 369-1752 or Kennethtroyan@

"We are confident the number of veterans learning the flute will continue to grow,"

"I am proud to be associated with Starved Rock Country Community Foundation and the way it helps so many make our community an exciting place to live," he said, adding, "the foundation has been instrumental in helping Flutes for Vets achieve our goals for veterans.

For information on SRCCF, contact Fran Brolley at (815) 252-2906 or fran@srccf.org.

## Back to school safety tips for parents, students and motorists

ROCKFORD — It's almost time for the school bells to ring and students to return to their classrooms. The Red Cross offers 10 ways to help make sure your student is safe as they head back to school for the upcoming year.

• If your student rides a bus to school, they should plan to get to their bus stop early and stand away from the curb while waiting for the bus to arrive.

· Students should board the bus only after it has come to a complete stop and the driver or attendant has instructed them to get on. They should only board their bus, never an alternate one.

 All students should stay in clear view of the bus driver and never walk behind

• Cross the street at the corner, obey traffic signals and stay in the crosswalk.

• Never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

• If children go to school in a car, they should always wear a seat belt. Younger children should use car seats or booster seats until the lap-shoulder belt fits properly (typically for children ages 8-12 and over 4'9"), and ride in the back seat until they are at least 13 years old.

• If a teenager is going to drive to school, parents should mandate that they use seat belts. Drivers should not use their cell phone to text or make calls and avoid eating or drinking while driving.

Some students ride



their bike to school. They should always wear a helmet and ride on the right, in the same direction as the traffic is going.

• When children are walking to school, they should only cross the street at an intersection, and use a route along which the school has placed crossing guards.

· Parents should walk young children to school, along with children taking new routes or attending new schools, at least for the first week to ensure they know how to get there safely. Arrange for students to walk to school with a friend or

Parents of younger kids, especially those going to school for the first time, should make sure the child knows their phone number, address, how to get in touch with their parents at work, how to get in touch with another trusted adult and how to dial 911. Teach them not to talk to strangers or accept rides from someone they don't know.

#### Drivers, Slow Down!

Drivers should slow down as children head back to school. Know that yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is getting ready to stop and motorists should slow down and be prepared to stop. Red flashing lights and an extended stop sign indicate the bus is stopped and children are getting on or off.

Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped. Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety. This includes two and four-lane highways. If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping. Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place

#### Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation annual freezer meal fundraiser is now in progress

AMBOY — The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is hosting its semiannual freezer meal fundraiser on Oct. 5 from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Lee County Farm Bureau,

37. S. East Ave, Amboy. Members of the community are invited to purchase a set of 10 prepared and frozen meals for \$190.

Allow us to help your

family with meal preparation. It's as easy as it soundsstop by the Lee County Farm Bureau office and pick up 10 delicious meals that have been prepared and frozen for your convenience. All you will need to do is thaw and cook them. Each meal will serve 3-5 people. Proceeds go to the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation to fund agriculture education efforts for the youth of Lee County. Registration and payment are due to the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation by Sept. 17. To register, visit www. lcfbfoundation.org or contact



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Across much of nature, August is a time of growing

## **Harbinger of Change** It all happens under an August moon

Jim "Mazie"

Long

Ornithologists

have a German

word for it: "Zu-

gunruhe," which

means: "anxiety

to get going." A

migratory bird

held in captivity

will exhibit such

anxiety in Au-

gust. It will hop

about, flutter its

wings and flit

from perch to perch. Just

as its migratory peers in

the wild do. Even a caged

bird knows it should be

travelling soon. -- Editor

Brady Long was born in

Amboy on June 12, 1926.

Known by many as "Ma-

zie", he grew up in Amboy,

served in the army during

World War II, then studied

forestry at the Michigan

College of Mining and

Technology. His studies in

botany and forest protec-

tion continued as he ven-

tured into farming here.

A beloved story-teller, his

farm became a place of

learning and adventure

for relatives and friends.

In his later years, he con-

tributed a series of local

nature articles to The

Amboy News. Upon his death in 2000, his many

hand-written drafts were

gathered and initially

curated by Brenda Boyle.

The present, renewed series draws from those

drafts, both unpublished

and previously published.

Editor's Note: James

hine on August moon. Now is the season for the Meadow-beauty to display its rose-purple flowers, in blankets and in out-of-the-way

places. It is time for the Hawk moths to visit

the fragrant, lavender flowers of the Burgamot Mint that grow abundantly on prairie remnants.

It is the season when the young owls are almost full grown and their parents are kept busy every night feeding them.

Blackbirds are beginning to gather in flocks. The Kingbirds have suddenly become abundant.

The Canada geese are testing their wings to see if their flight-feathers have grown back. They have been flightless for over a month. They shed their main wing feathers in June and cannot fly until the feathers grow back in late July. It is a happy day when parents and young both take to their wings.

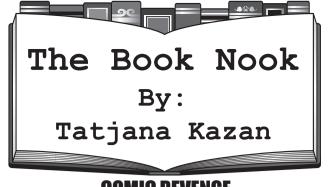
Mother raccoons are now followed everywhere by four or five young. In the moonlight they head for the nearest pond or sweet corn patch.

Soon, the swallows will be heading south.

All of nature senses that winter is on the way. We humans only know that it is summer and the weather is hot and dry.

August marks the end of the reproductive cycle for birds. Across much of nature, now is a time of growing restlessness.

**RECYCLE!** 



#### **COMIC REVENGE**

The frothy pink cover of Bonnie Garmus's novel, "Lessons in Chemistry," with a woman's eyes coyly peering over a pair of cat-eye sunglasses, her blonde hair in a French twist secured by a no. 2 pencil is not at all a light summer read for a day on the beach. In an interview, Garmus recalled some indignant letters from misled readers: "They were like, 'You're the worst romance novelist ever!'" In fact, "Lessons in Chemistry" is a comic novel about a woman who refuses to be anything but herself in the benighted 50's and early 60's.

Her name is Elizabeth Zott, a brilliant research chemist whose career is derailed in 1953 by her lecherous academic adviser. She is hired by the Hastings Research Institute, where she becomes the object of attacks by suspicious male colleagues, including her truly loathsome boss who thinks nothing of stealing and publishing her work, and firing her when she becomes a threat. At Hastings, casual misogyny is usually laughed off by the women who view Zott's single-mindedness as pretentious nonsense. (Garmus rightly insists, "the book isn't anti-men, it's anti-sexism.")

The novel opens in 1961: Elizabeth is a single mother, Madeline, her highly intelligent six-year-old daughter, thrives under Elizabeth's love and broadmindedness; and Elizabeth is the reluctant, deeply depressed star of a wildly popular afternoon cooking show for housewives called "Supper at Six." Elizabeth refuses to smile or to read the cue cards. Instead, using chemistry in her creation of hearty stews and heavenly cookies, she begins to seriously educate her viewers not only in chemistry, but also in self-worth and the capacity to change. Elizabeth's mantra is "Chemistry is change." She tells her audience, "Courage is the root of change and change is what we are chemically designed to do... Design your own futures and then get started."

Elizabeth is "permanently depressed" because she had found and then lost the love of her life, Nobel-nominated chemist Calvin Evans. Their life together is at the heart of the novel and the source for a good deal of Garmus's terrific humor. For Calvin, the equality of women and men is self-evident. Like Elizabeth, he had an appalling childhood.

Elizabeth's parents abandoned her; her father was a charismatic preacher who gloried in his role and ended up serving a life sentence for murder. Calvin was sent to All Saints, a Catholic orphanage for boys in Iowa whose corrupt bishop nearly destroyed the boy. Science saved Elizabeth and Calvin. "When women understand chemistry, they begin to understand how things work. When women begin to understand these basic concepts, they can begin to see the false limits created for them." Thus, Elizabeth tells her TV audience, "The reduction of women to something less than men...is not biological: it's cultural."

## Wittenauer family reunion planned for Aug. 13

**AMBOY** — Roger and Sandy Wittenauer are hosting this year's Wittenauer family reunion (and have since 2004). They realize the value and importance of family gatherings and how the annual reunion serves that purpose. The many members of the Wittenauer family desire to keep in touch as it shrinks and grows from year to year. Roger and Sandy will continue to plan an annual reunion and hope to see you there.

This will be the 19th annual gathering. Roger and Sandy have secured the Centennial Shelter at Amboy City Park for Sunday Aug. 13. Please bring two dishes to pass, your own table service and drinks of your choice. Lemonade will be provided. Plenty of reminiscing and sharing can be expected along with updating the Wittenauer Family Tree. Gather at 11 a.m. and eating

Bring a relative, friend or guest. There's always plenty of food and friendship for all who come. If anyone cares to bring entertainment or games, please feel free to jump right in and do it. After all, this is your reunion.

Let's see if you are the one who has come the farthest this year, or you're our newest family member. Don't miss this event. We're all family...no matter what.

# **UNIVERSITY**

**BLOOMINGTON** 

Illinois State University has announced its Dean's List for Spring 2023.

Local students named to the list include:

Calista Crone, Lee County, School of Teaching and Learning, College of Education

Cameron Crone, Lee County, School of Information Technology, College of Applied Science and Technology

Madison Cumberland, Lee County, School of Teaching and Learning, College of Education

Collin Grady, Lee County, School of Kinesiology and Recreation, College of Applied Science and Technology

Kendall Sanford, Lee County, School of Kinesiology and Recreation, College of Applied Science and Technology

Nick Tarr, Lee County,

# **DEAN'S LIST**

#### Finance, Insurance and **ILLINOIS STATE** Law, College of Business

## Eligible students must complete 12 or more

semester hours. Courses completed after the official end of the semester and courses taken with a Credit/No Credit option will not be counted for this purpose.

## **ILLINOIS STATE GRADUATES**

**BLOOMINGTON**— Emma Bickett graduated

Cum Laude from Illinois State University in May.

She graduated from the School of Teaching and Learning.

Tickets may also be purchased at two locations

on Main Street during

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## ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

**100 Years Ago Aug. 3, 1923** 

Over 300 Lutherans from Amboy and Ohio spent Sunday in Green River Park. Sunday school and church services were held in the amphitheater with Rev. O.H. Wonn, pastor of the Ohio Church. A dinner was served at noon with games and races in the afternoon.

Dr. B.H.S. Angear of Sublette was appointed Illinois Central Railroad surgeon.

The Aschenbrenner Pharmacy is being re-decorated ceiling, walls, fixtrues and floors.

#### **75 Years Ago Aug. 5. 1948**

New chains and swing seats at Green River Park were purchased by the Park Board and were installed by the Amboy Lions Club.

An ice cream social was held on the lawn of the

Methodist Church Saturday evening. The Standard Dairy announced that the price of a

quart of milk would go up to 22 cents a carton. Bottled milk remained the same at 20 cents a quart.

#### **50 Years Ago** Aug. 9. 1973

Jon and Paul Hawes, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hawes, placed second and fourth, respectively, in the recent wrestling tournament in Sterling. Fifteen boys participated in the tournament sponsored by the Sterling Park Board. They were accompanied by their coaches, Jim Mahar, Larry Hawes, and Walter Kant.

Mrs. Ronald Biester accepted the position as librarian at Pankhurst Memorial Library. Mrs. John Daniels was the children's librarian.

#### **25 Years Ago Aug. 6, 1998**

Andrew Harrison, Aaron Setchell, Kyle Henkel, and Wes Morrissey won the Chubby Challenge 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. The team was undefeated in the tournament held last weekend in Franklin Grove. The boys were coached by Mike Morrissey.

The Amboy High School sophomore basketball team captured the Oregon Basketball Championship by defeating Asthon-Franklin Center in the championship game. The consisted of Phil Katzberg, Jason McLaughlin, Ryan McCoy, Bryce Lynch, Brad Fields, Brian Jahn, Kevin Hopper, Cody Darbe, Aaron Weidman, Abram Fassler, and Doug Brinkmeier.

"Marketing for the New Millennium," an informational marketing seminar sponsored by the County Farm Bureaus of Lee, Bureau and LaSalle, will be held August 13 at Pitstick Pavilion in Spring Valley.

Jim Travi, a financial advisor/district manager for Waddell & Reed in Sterling, has earned the nationally recognized Chartered Mutual Fund Counselor (CMFC) designation. Introduced in 1996, the CMFC is fast becoming one of the most respected credentials in the financial services industry.

## Shining Star partners with Shell Gas Station for Shell's "The Giving Pump"

**DIXON** — Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center is proud to partner with Johnson Oil for the Shell USA (Shell) "The Giving Pump" as part of its Force For Good initiative to drive positive change in local communities by giving back. Starting today and running through September 30th, 2023, a portion of the purchases made by consumers who use the designated pump at Shell stations at 1250 Franklin Grove Rd/Rt 38 Dixon, IL. will support Shining Star Children's Advocacy Center.

"The Giving Pump" at Shell station at 1250 Franklin Grove Rd. Dixon will be specially marked with colorful signage to inspire consumers to fuel up and support this local charity. It's easy to participate in the program, and it costs customers nothing extra.

"We appreciate the support of Johnson Oil Shell station to help us continue our mission of transforming victims of child abuse into survivors? - Jessica Cash - Executive Director

- Shining Star CAC.

More than 7,500 Shell stations

across the U.S. are participating in this 2-month Giving Pump initiative. Those looking to find a participating station can visit shell. us/givingpump.

Through The Giving Pump, Shell Wholesalers and retailers have donated over \$4.7 million and supported over 500 charities.

Visit shell.us/givingpump to find additional program details, participating sites and content on local charity partners, to keep up with the latest news.

## Fritts honors T2 **Enterprises for** July local business highlight

**DIXON-** For his July 2023 local business highlight, State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) chose to highlight T2 Enterprises in Earlville. Fritts spent time touring the business and presented the owner with a certificate of appreciation for his contributions to the community.

T2 Enterprises is a multi-faceted business owned and operated by Tony Troyer. The first part of the business is a unique Arabian Carriage experience that services special events such as weddings, funerals, and festivals throughout Illinois and Wisconsin. Troyer has operated this service for over 15 years and has been an active member of the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce since 2005.

The second portion of the business, T2 Power Washing, has been in operation since 2016. Troyer's service operates within a 50-mile radius of Mendota and Earlville and offers residential and commercial washing services, including standard house washing, paint prepping, stain/sealing decks, and more.

"I chose to honor T2 Enterprises because of the unique services offered by owner Tony Troyer, as well as his dedication to remaining an active member of the community," said Fritts. "Tony advocates for pro-equestrian legislation and speaks at local events on behalf of the industry. But, one of the main reasons I selected this business is Tony's work with the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce's Operation Elf, where he donates free rides to hundreds of local children." For more information on T2 Enterprises, visit the

Facebook Pages for T2 Powerwashing and T2 Arabian Carriage Rides. To nominate a local business in District 74 for a

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## King Crossword

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#### **ACROSS**

by Dave T. Phipps

YEAH, MOM WAS RIGHT.

I SHOULD JUST LET HER DO THE TALKING.

by Gary Kopervas

KARDYAS

by Jeff Pickering

by BUD BLAKE

WE'LL HAVE

PONT WORRY ABOUT

WOW! WE

... UNLESS YOU'RE DONATING BLOOD.

AVOCADO TOAST

HEAR, HEAR!

UHH, WHEN I MET YOUR

MOM I WENT UP TO HER AND

SAID ... WELL, I THINK I ...

AVOCADO!

HOT POGS

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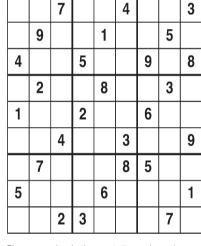
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by Linda Thistle



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

#### **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging 

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1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a

group of kangaroos called?
2. MOVIES: What kind of enchanted

- flower is featured in the animated film "Beauty and the Beast"?
- 3. GEOGRAPHY: How many pyramids are in the Pyramids of Giza in 4. TELEVISION: What did the sur-
- geons on the "M.A.S.H" TV drama call their tent home? 5. FOOD & DRINK: When was the
- first restaurant franchise of Kentucky Fried Chicken founded? 6. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of
- 7. CHEMISTRY: What is the only
- letter that doesn't occur in the Periodic
- 8. MYTHOLOGY: What is the Roman god equivalent of the Greek god Her-
- 9. LITERATURE: Which famous singer-songwriter won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2016?
- 10. MUSIC: Which country is the pop band ABBA from?
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**WORD LADDERS** 

Can you go from YEARN to CRAMS in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

**YEARN** 

**CRAMS** 

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Solution time: 21 mins. Answers King Crossword —

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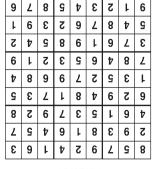
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**TEAMS, TRAMS, CRAMS** 

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**MORD LADDER** 



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## **CryptoQuip**

for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

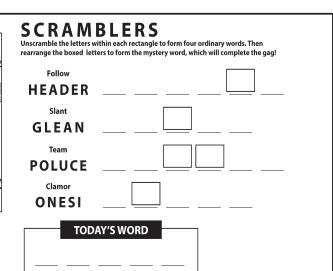
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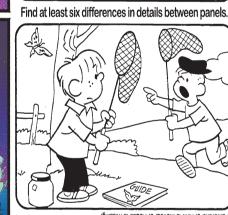
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Differences: 1. Butterfly is moved. 2. Fence rail is missing. 1. Adifferent. 5. Arm is moved. 6. House is missing.



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#### 101 LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE In the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Lee County, Illinois. Estate of JAMES M. STREGE, Deceased. No. 2023 P 00026. Notice is given to creditors of the death the above-named decedent. Letters of Office were issued to Pamela S. Bass. 4731 Bonnie Drive, Sebring, FL 33872, as Independent Administrator with the Will Annexed, whose attorney of record is Sexauer Law, P.C., 100 N. LaSalle St., Suite 2200, Chicago, IL 60602. The estate will be administered without Court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (III. Compiled Stat. 1992,

Ch. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk in Lee County Courts Building, 309 S. Galena Avenue, Suite 320, Dixon, IL 61021, or with the representative, or both, on or before January 29, 2024 or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the

Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the claimant to the representative and to the attornev within 10 days after it has been filed. No. 0704

#### (July 26, Aug. 2 and 9, 2023) ASSUMED NAME

**PUBLICATION** 

NOTICE Public Notice is hereby that on August 2 A.D. 2023 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Lee County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as River Country Properties located at 23 S. Davis Avenue Amboy, IL. 61310. Dated this 2nd day of August A.D.

2023. Nancy Peterson, County Clerk No. 0801

(Aug. 9, 16 and 23, 2023)

#### NOTICE

A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, September 14, 2023, 6:30 p.m., at the Amboy Central School, Amboy, Illinois for the purpose of reviewing the Budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024. The Tentative Budget will be on display at the Ambov C.U.S.D. #272 District Office, located at 11 E. Hawley Street in Amboy, Illinois and at www. amboy.net until September 14, 2023.

No. 0802 (Aug. 9, 2023)

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105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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#### 113 FINANCIAL

NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

#### 119 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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#### 127 **SERVICES AND** REPAIRS

FURMAN'S Lawn Care and Tree Work. Mowing, bushes, spring clean up, weeding and much more. Call Jeremy Furman 815-761-9619. Please leave a message will return call ASAP. Fully insured, in business since 1999. Servicing Rochelle and surrounding areas.

#### 201 DOMESTIC/CHILD **CARE**

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in

#### 301 **ANTIQUES**

WANTED TO BUY: Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting... Call Dick Harms at 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail.

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#### 307 **MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE**

**BUNDLED** Newspaper -\$3 per Bundle. End Roll- Cost Depends on Weight of Roll. Available Monday-Friday 562-4171 (8AM-NOON ONLY) Rochelle News Leader.

#### 315 WANTED TO BUY



#### 405 **HOUSES FOR SALE**

ALL REAL ESTATE

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#### 509 **HOUSE FOR RENT**

HOUSE FOR RENT: Three bedroom house near Franklin Grove, no pets. Call 815-456-2453. (08-13-23)

#### 511 **STORAGE UNITS**

10x20 Inside Storage, Outside and Inside Storage for semitrucks/trailers, boats, campers, etc.

## An Advertising

When Mark a spider in his wondered response:

peace ever

afterward."

#### **AMBOY AREA GARAGE SALES**

YARD SALE 601 Sixth Ave., Mendota Saturday, Aug. 12 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Small appliances, kitchen items, microwave, Ryobi electric snowblower, Earthwise reel mower, vinyl records, CDs, women's clothing (M), air mattress. Halloween decorations.

**Buy, Sell, Trade or Rent** through the **CLASSIFIEDS** 

# **Proverb**

Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found newspaper and whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper to see which merchant was not advertising, so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed

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#### 601 **VEHICLES FOR SALE**

# 2020 Chevy 1500 4x4 LTZ Z71

2020 Chevy 1500 4x4 LTZ, Z71, GM Certified, Loaded with Leather, Heated and Cooled Seats. Maroon, 47K Miles and More!

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.\$19,500

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2019 Chevy K-2500 Crew Cab, LTZ Diesel, 4x4 Z71, 97K Miles, Red...\$50,900 Brown... 2019 Chevy K-1500 Crew Cab, LTZ 4x4, 2016 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab 4x4 LT,

2018 Chevy Equinox, AWD, Premier ....\$18,900 Diesel, 168K Miles, Black.....\$19,900

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....\$36,900 Leather, 126K Miles, White......\$25,900

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# Summer alcohol safety: heat, humidity, and alcohol can be a dangerous mix

**SPRINGFIELD** — The Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) would like to remind those drinking outdoors this summer to stay safe by avoiding risks associated with consuming alcohol in hot weather. Outdoor festivals and activities are in full swing across the state, and in Illinois, July and August are the hottest months of the year. During these summer months, alcohol consumption often increases while enjoying outdoor activities, such as barbecues, beach days, camping, festivals, fairs, and other popular summer activities where people may be outside in the heat for extended periods of time. Spending even a short amount of time outdoors in excessive heat can be dangerous by itself, but when alcohol is added to the mix, the health risks are

Hot, humid summer days cause fluid loss through sweat, and alcohol consumption causes fluid loss through frequent urination; together, these can be a deadly combination and can quickly dehydrate even the healthiest individual.

It is difficult to regulate body temperature in the sun and hot weather, which can lead to overheating and heat-related illnesses. Dehydration, heat stroke, and heat exhaustion can happen quickly, and can affect even the healthiest individuals. According to the National Weather Service, anyone who starts to feel dizzy, lightheaded, or sick should get out of the sun and find a cooler environment to rest and drink water; seek medical attention immediately if a person vomits more than once or if symptoms worsen or last longer than one hour.

"We want to encourage everyone enjoying outdoor summer activities to be mindful of the heat," said Illinois Liquor Control Commission Executive Director Lisa Gardner. "As always, we want merrymakers to have fun but be safe, as extreme heat plus alcohol can be a dangerous cocktail."

Remember these tips when drinking outdoors in hot temperatures:

Drink lots of water;

Take breaks from the sun indoors or in the shade;

Wear sunscreen and a hat or visor; and Limit time in the midday sun; according to the EPA, the sun's rays are the hottest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For information on cooling centers across the state, visit: https://keepcool. illinois.gov/cooling-centers.html. The ILCC urges everyone drinking in hot temperatures to stay cool, and always drink responsibly.

About the Illinois Liquor Control Commission

The Illinois Liquor Control Commission's mission is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Illinois through careful control and regulation of the manufacture, distribution, and sale of alcoholic liquors and through the development of strategies to reduce youth access to alcohol products and the provision of training and education on responsible beverage service.

To learn more about the ILCC and its divisions, visit www.ILCC.Illinois.gov.

## Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland coming to Rockford

ROCKFORD - Cirque Musica Holiday Wonderland is a must-see holiday event to usher in the magic of the season. Igniting joy and wonder to the Coronado Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. "Wonderland" is an all-new musical journey that will transport audiences to a magical land far away for a fun-filled, unforgettable holiday-themed show

experience.

On sale began Friday, Aug. 4. Tickets will be available for purchase on Ticketmaster.com, in-person at the Coronado Performing Arts Center box office, or by calling 815-968-5222. For more information, please visit coronadopac.org/events/cirque-wonderland.

Featuring the talented cast of Cirque Musica, spectators will be dazzled by the acrobats, aerialists, hilarious hijinks, and holiday cheer. The show blends the spellbinding grace and daredevil athleticism of today's greatest circus performers with a musical mix of timeless seasonal favorites.



the addition of former St. Margaret's Health providers to its Ministry. OSF has completed phase one of its purchase, which includes Midtown Plaza complex, Midtown Health Center, and Granville Clinic.

Joining OSF Medical Group - Primary Care at the former Midtown Primary Care location:

Dr. Grant Reed, Dr. Andrew Zidow, Dr. Michelle Vasquez, Dr. Anju Patel, Dr. Kara Fess, and Advanced Practice Provider (APP) Hallie Konieczki.

Joining OSF PromptCare at the former Midtown walk-in location:

Dr. Rahul Sampat, and APPs Amy Corsolini, Brigitte Pratt, Candace Ramirez, Melissa Ramirez, Keith Christensen, and Tamara Dunlap-Workman.

Dr. Shawn Bailey will join Granville Primary Care. Dr. Dexter Angeles, Dr. Robert Koogler, and Todd Kuzma, APP, will be located at Midtown Plaza.

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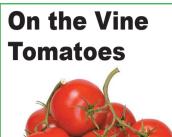
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