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Lee County Board passes pro-agriculture resolution

DIXON — Lee County Farm Bureau (CFB) leaders are excited to call the Lee County Board an “Ally in Agriculture” after the board’s adoption of a Pro-Agriculture Resolution, demonstrating local elected officials’ support for farmers.

“Our farming community would like to thank members of the Lee County board for showing their support by adopting this resolution,” said Adam Henkel, Lee CFB President. “Agriculture is a major economic driver in Lee County, and this resolution shows that our elected officials have our backs when making important decisions affecting our farms and livelihoods.”

Lee County Board members unanimously adopted the resolution during their meeting on March 23 following comments from the Farm Bureau and local FFA members.

“I’m proud that the Lee County Board unanimously voted to adopt this resolution in support of agriculture,” stated Bob Olson, Lee County Board Chairman. “Agriculture is important to both the economy and the people of Lee County. This month’s

meeting fell during National Agriculture Week, which makes this vote even more meaningful.”

Local elected officials across the state are showing their support of their agricultural communities through the adoption of Pro-Agriculture Resolutions. County board members work with their local Farm Bureau to better understand the role agriculture plays in their local economy, such as providing jobs and generating property tax revenue, which is used to fund services for all citizens. The result is a strong working relationship between county officials and the agriculture community.

“Agriculture is the state’s largest industry, and passage of these Pro-Agriculture Resolutions show that our elected officials understand that agriculture goes far beyond providing food and fuel,” said Illinois Farm Bureau President Richard Guebert Jr. “When county boards pass these resolutions, they are showing their commitment to work with farm leaders so they can confidently be champions of agriculture.”



Lee County Farm Bureau President Adam Henkel presents the Ally in Agriculture designation to Lee County Board Chairman Bob Olson on March 23 following the passage of the pro-agriculture resolution. Pictured (L-R): Adam Henkel, Lee County Farm Bureau President, Bob Olson, Lee County Board Chairman, Natalie Pratt, Section 2 FFA Reporter and Kelton Schwamberger, Section 2 FFA President.

Photo submitted

LCFB donates adult farm book to five libraries

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – National Agriculture Week, March 19-25, and National Ag Day, March 21, came and left.

But it didn’t happen without being recognized, honored, and the Pankhurst Memorial Library in Amboy receiving its yearly book donation from the Lee County Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee.

“We have been donating books for 13 years. We make a different book selection every year,” said Danelle Burrs, Lee County Farm Bureau manager. “For the last 12 years, we’ve donated children’s books that we have selected from the Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom book selection.

“Ted Genoways’ book came up when the Illinois Farm Bureau hosted a book club last year.

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Pictured right, in honor of National Ag Day, recognized March 21, the Lee County Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee donated “This Blessed Earth: A Year in the Life of An American Family Farm” written by Ted Genoways to five public libraries in Lee County. Josie Willett (right) of the LCFB make the donation to the Pankhurst Memorial Library in Amboy.

Photo submitted



Lee County at an elevated community level for COVID-19

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced that the CDC is reporting 12 counties in the state are at an elevated Community Level for COVID-19 this week, compared to nine a week ago. All of those are at a Medium Community Level, including Lee and Ogle County. There are no counties at High Level

compared to one county at High Level last week.

IDPH Director Dr. Smeer Vohra said that IDPH welcomes the action by the FDA this week to authorize a bivalent booster shot – and the CDC’s subsequent recommendation of the shots - for children aged 6 months to 4 years old if they completed their primary vaccination

series of the Pfizer vaccine with the monovalent vaccine more than two months ago.

IDPH is also urging the public to seek treatment for COVID-19 quickly if they test positive for COVID-19. Treatment is widely available and IDPH announced recently that SIU Medicine has made it easier to obtain care by offering a new tele-

health test to treat service for COVID-19, in partnership with the department. The service is aimed at providing faster and easier access to treatment for Illinoisans who contract COVID-19. Those who test positive are encouraged to call 217-545-5100 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sun-

days to schedule a telehealth appointment to determine if medical treatment is recommended. Appointments will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Additional options for obtaining tests and treatments can be found at the following test to treat site or by contacting your provider for treatment options, within

5 days of feeling ill.

IDPH is helping Illinoisans stay prepared for any future surge of COVID-19 cases by offering 1 million free COVID-19 rapid antigen tests to Illinois residents in all zip codes outside the City of Chicago through a partnership with the Rockefeller Foundation’s public charity, RF Catalytic Capital and its Project ACT (Access COVID Tests) program.

As of March 23, 810 individuals in Illinois were reported to be in the hospital with COVID-19. Of those, 94 patients were in the ICU and 34 patients with COVID-19 were on ventilators.

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A Look Back At Amboy Area Heroes Who Served During World War II

Editor’s note: The Amboy News will be publishing a series of articles on veterans who served during World War II. These heroes are part of Amboy’s history and it is our honor to publish these articles so you can learn about their service to our country. This article was researched by Jack Mead and Tom Dempsey, and written by Dempsey.

P.F.C. Peter Karydes

When the First World War had ended in 1918, the Ottoman Empire was in disarray as the victors redrew boundaries and western

countries gained control of the middle east. Within two years, war broke out between Greece and Turkey, causing many people to flee their homeland. During this time, Andrew Karydes and his future wife Fotika were ethnic Greeks living within the boundaries of Turkey and facing the uncertainty of ethnic and religious violence. By 1920, both had emigrated to America, perhaps to pursue the American Dream and to live free and prosperous lives.

On June 28, 1925, Peter Karydes was born in Omaha, Nebraska, the oldest son of Andrew and Fotika. In the late 1920’s, the family moved to Sterling, where Peter’s father was employed in a local restaurant. Within



a decade, he had worked and saved enough to become owner of the Ideal Cafe in Dixon with the family now residing at 105 E. 4th St. in that city. Peter attended Dixon High School, where he was pictured as a member of the freshman class in 1942. Two years later, he enlisted in the U.S. Army when World War II was well underway.

After completion of basic training in Texas with the

rank of Private First Class, Peter was assigned to the 17th Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division arriving in the South Pacific in time for the invasion of Okinawa. The next D-Day for P.F.C. Karydes and his division was April 1, 1945 when U.S. forces made a landing assault on the island of Okinawa.

Beach landings in the South Pacific were relatively unopposed, since Japanese

soldiers did not fight on the beaches, but withdrew to caves and rocky hills where they could conduct a war of attrition. This strategy was effective and resulted in the deaths of over 12,500 U.S. soldiers, sailors, and marines during the 51 days of fighting on Okinawa.

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Woody’s True Value

The Amboy News will be relocating our physical office as of March 29, 2023.

Our new physical address will be 703 Illinois Ave., Mendota. We will be sharing an office with The Mendota Reporter.

With this move, our office will be open Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Our phone number will remain the same - 815-857-2311. This move will allow us to provide better customer service to our subscribers and advertisers.

The Amboy News will continue to publish each week and our subscribers should not see any disruption in delivery.

We will still have a dropbox where items may be left for us to pick up. News items can still be emailed to tgreenfield@amboynews.com



LOCAL NEWS

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"This book was used. It was an adult book geared toward adults, which was something we hadn't done before. We thought this would be a good book to donate this year to offer a

book to the adult library in addition to the children's libraries that we've done for the last 12 years."

The Ted Genoways' work that was donated to libraries in Amboy, Paw Paw, Ashton,

Franklin, and Dixon is called "This Blessed Earth: A Year in the Life of an American Family Farm."

The book was published in September of 2017 and tells a story of the struggles, triumphs, corporate issues, national debates, and family emergence on a family farm in Nebraska.

"The book donation is one small thing that we do during National Agriculture Week," Burrs said. "Donating a book is our way of celebrating Agriculture Week and supporting our communities as well."

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St. Mary, Walton
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Holy Thursday, April 6th

† St. Patrick, Amboy –
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.
† St. Patrick, Amboy Silent Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament 8:00-Midnight
(Without Exposition)

Good Friday, April 7th

† St. Patrick, Amboy –
Veneration of the Cross, 3:00 p.m.
† St. Patrick, Amboy –
Confessions 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
† St. Patrick, Amboy –
Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 8th

† St. Patrick, Amboy –
Easter Vigil Mass, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9th

† St. Flannen, Harmon –
Easter Mass, 7:30 a.m.
† St. Patrick, Amboy –
Easter Mass, 8:00 a.m.
† St. Mary, Walton –
Easter Mass, 9:00 a.m.
† St. Patrick, Amboy –
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DEPOT DAYS DONATION - TEEN TURF

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for \$2,000 to Eileen Piper of Teen Turf. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating more than \$40,000 to local organizations this year.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



DEPOT DAYS DONATION - SHINING STAR

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for \$500 to Jessica Cash of Shining Star Children's Advocacy. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating more than \$40,000 to local organizations this year.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

VOTE FOR

**Incumbent Sublette
Village Trustees**

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and Scott Hanson**

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The preliminary seven-day statewide case rate is 67 COVID-19 cases per 100,000 Illinoisans.

In counties at the Medium Community Level, persons who are elderly or immunocompromised (at risk of severe outcomes) are advised to wear a mask in indoor public places. They should also get up to date on COVID-19 vaccines or get their bivalent booster, if eligible.

A total of 26,093,521 vaccines have been administered in Illinois as of today. The seven-day rolling average of vaccines administered daily is 3,445 doses, including the bivalent booster and first doses. Since March 17, 24,116 vaccine doses were reported administered in Illinois. Of Illinois' total population, more than 79% have received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, more than 71% have completed their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines, and more than 19% have received the bivalent booster dose, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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RECYCLE!**

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LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

Aerobics

We will be having Aerobics on Tuesday and Thursday. Everyone is invited to gather at Teen Turf these days at 10 a.m. for group chair exercises and walking. They have a great time together.

Fish Fry

A full Thank you will be in next week's paper

St. Patrick's Day Dance

The luck of the Irish was with some of the kids on our dance, Friday, March 17. It was so cool to see them dressed in green and having a blast. That's why we do what we do. We get paid in smiles. We had a guessing game, a shamrock shake, a giveaway, and a balloon drop. Super thank you's to our volunteers and workers: Mark for always manning the door; Mari for always helping; Sid and Maddy for DJing; Sandy, Shelli, Addison and Evalyn for helping in the kitchen and making the shamrock shakes; Donna Wellman for the balloon drop money and Shelli Bump and her family for the awesome baskets; Nikki, Kayla, Kevin, Danielle, Laura, Bonny, Bob and Will for making sure kids were safe; Shannon and Amber for helping with the games; Amber for taking pics; Impact students and workers-Payton, Aedan, Elijah, Michael, and Patrick. Special shout out to Brenna for helping with the games and your microphone work. As always thank you to Larry for his dance moves and his enthusiasm. Last but not least, we cannot thank Mrs. Piper enough for her vision of Teen Turf and what it has become for children over the years. Hope we didn't miss anyone.

Draw Down

May 6 for the Drive-Thru Dinner and our Auction will be on Air Auctioneer again starting noon on Wednesday, April 26 through May 4 ending at 8 p.m. Cost is \$50 per ticket. If you would like to donate a basket or a gift certificate, please contact us at 815-857-4800, email teenturf@yahoo.com, or message us through Facebook. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please see Eileen Piper, Pam Thomas, or any of our board members-Barb Harrison, Mark Grossman, Shelli Bump, Janine and Scott Huffman, Trese McNinch, and Kimberly Watley.

Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: Katie Dickinson for the donuts; George, Delores, and Jan Mason for the breakfast bars; Amboy Education Foundation for the veggies; Martha Henley for the cookies; Jill Groth for the supplies; Mark and Veronica for items; Donna Wellman for the cookies; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish; James and Laura Mares for the tomato soup; Louie and Carol Vaessen for the twin mattresses; Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation and the Books by the Bushel for the grant program; Barb Harrison and Jack Leffelman and Marguerite Daniels for the jewelry.

A special shoutout to our volunteers: Candy, Kathy K, Bonny, Chris, Donna, Shannon, Megan, Joelle, and Connor. Also a huge shout out to our Impact students too!

Needs

Granola Bars and Paper towels

Final Note

Almighty God, you are the only source of health and healing. In you there is calm, and the only true peace in the universe. Grant to each one of us your children an awareness of your presence, and give us perfect confidence in you. In all pain and weariness and anxiety teach us to yield ourselves to your never-failing care, knowing that your love and power surround us, trusting in your wisdom and providence to give us health and strength and peace when your time is best; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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On May 7, 1945, P.F.C. Peter Karydes became one of those casualties when he was killed in action during fierce combat.

On June 23, 1945, when Gen. Ushijima Mitsuru and Lt. Gen. Cho Isamu committed suicide at the entrance to a cave on Mabuni Hill (known to the Americans as "Hill 89"), coordinated fighting in the Battle of Okinawa came to an end. These deaths, combined with the status of the Battle of Okinawa as the last land battle of WWII, have rendered the Mabuni Hill area a sacred space in the

commemoration of the Asia Pacific War.

By June 1st, Andrew and Fotika Karydes had received official word from the War Department that their son had been killed in action. On Nov. 5, 1945, a Memorial Service was held in his honor at the Greek Orthodox Church in Rockford. Not until April of 1949 was his body returned for burial at the Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon.

Located within the Okinawa Perpetual Peace Memorial Park near the top of Hill 89, the name of Peter Karydes is

carved forever in the zig-zagging black granite monument to the over 200,000 people of all national origins who lost their lives during the Battle of Okinawa. Many visitors to this memorial offer prayers that young people like Peter will one day live free lives without knowing the horrors of war.

Citations:

Purple Heart, World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Army Presidential Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal

AMBOY- The Amboy CUSD School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 23, at Amboy Junior High School.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, March 27. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Junior Craft Club on March 27, from 4:30 - 6 p.m.

CHURCH

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"This has been a real eye opener to how many people love our church," Halsey said. "A lot of the donations coming in the mail are coming from people who haven't lived here in over 20 years. But they went to church and school at St. Patrick. The parish has been here since 1849.

"They care. It means a lot to people all over the place; not just in this community. I think the care comes from a historical standpoint just as much as a religious standpoint. When someone comes into Amboy, you can see the church no matter what direction you come in.

"They see the steeple."

There are three fundraisers that are either currently in motion or are happening in April.

Countdown to Easter Raffle

Tickets for the raffle began in January. Before the first winning raffle ticket was selected on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, the \$8,000 the parish had to bring in to cover the raffle give away was made, as it has brought in approximately \$10,000.

The drawings are still happening every Monday-Thursday (\$25 each), on Sundays (\$100), Easter Sunday (grand prize of \$5,000), and the Easter Octave days of April 10 and April 16 (\$100). Tickets are available at St. Patrick Catholic Church for the 15 remaining drawings from March 29 until April 16.

Long Branch chicken

On April 16, Long Branch in Amboy will be serving ¼ dark chicken, ¼ light chicken or chicken strips in part of "Save Our Steeple." The chicken tickets cost \$12 with \$4 of each order going toward St. Patrick. The tickets are available at St. Patrick Church or at Long Branch. Dine in, carry out, or delivery in Amboy is available once you call 815-564-8395, 815-499-0842, or 815-857-3486 between noon and 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 16

Prep Freeze Cook

Prepackaged meals from Prep Freeze Cook are available to help save the steeple and the roof. Prep Freeze Cook, which prepares the meals locally in central Illinois and uses fresh ingredients, offers 10 meals which serve five people for \$182 and 10 meals which serves two people for \$91.

St. Patrick will receive 20 percent of all sales from the meal pickup from 4:15-5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26 at St. Patrick Catholic Church located at 32 N. Jones St. in Amboy.

The meal orders, forms available at the parish, will need to be turned in by April 10.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Lego Club from 10-11 a.m., on April 1.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold for adults its Diamond Painting Club program on April 3,

from 4:30 - 6 p.m.

SUBLETTE- A blood drive will be held from 1-6 p.m., on Tuesday, April 4, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, in Sublette. Call Carol at 815-849-5533 to make an appointment to donate.

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VOTE BY MAIL~ signed applications will be accepted through Thursday, March 30, 2023, and is available for properly registered Lee County voters. Applications are available on the website or by contacting the Election Department of her office.

EARLY VOTING~ must be conducted in person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. and Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Closed legal holidays. The votes cast during this time will not be counted until Election Day. Once a ballot has been cast it cannot be rescinded.

Website: www.leecountyil.com
Email: election@countyoflee.org
Phone: 815-288-3309

Nancy Petersen
Lee County Clerk & Recorder

CLIPPER KIDDIE

This Week's Student of the Week is:
Gibson Leffelman

Student's Favorites:

- Favorite Color - Red
- Favorite Animal - Doggy
- Favorite Food - Fruit
- Favorite Book - Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
- Favorite Game - Guess Who
- Favorite Song - Wheels On The Bus

CLIPPER KIDDIE

This Week's Student of the Week is:
Oakley Herrmann

Student's Favorites:

- Favorite Color - Pink and Purple
- Favorite Animal - Lions
- Favorite Food - Popsicles
- Favorite Book - Are You My Mother?
- Favorite Game - Hide And Seek
- Favorite Song - The Floor Is Lava Song

Amboy Fire Department Drawdown
Saturday, April 1, 2023

@ Amboy Fire Station, 25 NE Avenue, Amboy

\$50 Contribution
(includes 2 meals & 1 entry to drawdown)

5pm -7pm Hog Roast w/sides
7 pm Drawdown
8pm-11pm Band

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Old Car Donations Needed
The Amboy Fire Department is looking for donations of old cars to be used in upcoming training April 15th. To donate, contact the Amboy Fire Department at 815-857-2325.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Look before you leap – BBB lifts veil on tips for wedding expos how to avoid wedding bell blues

ROCKFORD – Last year was record-breaking, with more than 2.6 million couples tying the knot. That's 400 thousand more than in 2021. Nationwide, to pay for that perfect day, it cost, on average, \$28,000; in Illinois, the figure is slightly higher at \$32,000.

With all the time and money that goes into a wedding, the Better Business Bureau urges caution when planning for the big day.

Because of the intricate details involved, from choosing the venue, florist, caterer, and photographer to the honeymoon location, couples face a labyrinth of decisions to have all go perfectly.

Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the BBB says, "To lessen the stress and simplify the process, brides often turn to wedding expos to take care of multiple to-dos at one event. However, unfortunately, at times, that's where their

problems may begin. Couples must be diligent and do their homework on businesses before signing any agreement. It's important to see reviews and ratings and a great place to start is by checking BBB.org as a free referral source to find reputable businesses."

BBB Tips for shopping for wedding services:

- Ask vendors for references. Don't rely on brochures or online reviews, which can be faked.

- Watch for unexpected fees. Some caterers, hotels or reception venues try to charge extra for "plate splitting," "cake-cutting," or "corkage" fees, especially if you bring in a cake or liquor purchased from another source. Ask whether any fees will be added to the cost per person such as taxes and gratuities.

- Dresses that don't measure up. Brides have complained to BBB about bridal shops ordering the wrong sizes and colors of gowns as well

as dresses that arrive too late for timely alterations. Make sure your order specifies new merchandise, sized to fit you and your bridesmaids. Remind the shop of your schedule in advance.

- Wedding transportation problems. Get details in writing including cancellation policies and ask how the company handles problems if you aren't satisfied. Don't pay the entire amount in advance.

- Musicians. Couples shouldn't rely on a website, demo tape or phone conversation when hiring a band or other music service. Find out where you can hear the musicians play before you hire them. Get a written commitment from the band or musician, including the amount of time they will play and costs to extend the time the night of the event.

- Photographer issues. A common complaint is that the photographer a couple hired doesn't show up for the wedding or fails to deliver pictures until months after the wedding. Find out when and how pictures will be delivered.

- Floral changes. Fresh flowers are a perishable commodity. Make sure there is a full understanding in writing on delivery time and on how changes or any problems will be handled.

- Bridal gown preservation. Check with a reputable cleaner on the cost of cleaning and storage for your gown.

OBITUARIES

Marcia Blake

Oct. 24, 1960 - March 20, 2023

DIXON—Marcia Blake, 62, of Dixon, died on Monday, March 20, 2023 at Dixon Health Care.

She was born on Oct. 24, 1960, in Amboy, the daughter of Wayne and Marian (Birdsall) Weidman.

Marcia was a Child Care Aid for Head Start and Open Sesame for many years. She was a huge Chicago Cubs fan. Marcia made over 500 scarves for the operation Christmas Child project at Grace United Methodist Church in Dixon.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Marcia is survived by her son, Joseph Blake, of Dixon;

siblings, Linda Weidman, of Amboy, Dennis (Brooke) Weidman, of Amboy, Gary (Christine) Weidman, of Amboy, Dean Weidman, of Amboy, and Brian (Gwen) Weidman, of Dixon; four nieces and nephews; and special friend, Karol Harrison, of Amboy.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a private family service was held. A fund has been established for Joseph. The family would also like to extend a special thank you to Morgan for taking care of Marcia and to Ashley her counselor at Sinnissippi.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home



in Amboy.

Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Mary L. Fisher

Jan. 31, 1938 - March 24, 2023

OREGON — Mary L. Fisher, 85, died Friday, March 24, 2023 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon.

She was born in Wadena, Iowa, on Jan. 31, 1938, the daughter of Howard and Marie (Brackin) Thomas. She graduated from Oregon High School Class of 1956.

After graduation; she worked at Del Monte Foods until 1977 when she became a full time homemaker. She married the love of her life Roger Fisher on Aug. 6, 1966 in Oregon. She enjoyed almost 49 wonderful years by his side until he preceded her in death on July 13,

2015. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, the May Flower Historical Society, and Daughter of the American Revolution. In her spare time, she could be found relaxing at home watching her soaps on tv. Her family was her life and she was a loving mother and grandmother.

She is survived and missed by her daughter, Arminde (Randy) McClung, of Rockford; siblings, Vicki Hunt, of Franklin Grove, Duke (Mindy) Thomas, of Chana, and Garth (Pat) Thomas, of Grand DeTour; grandchildren, Walter McClung and Nina McClung; and many

nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; siblings, Wayne Thomas, Robert Thomas, and Nancy Greenfield; nephew, Ethan Thomas; and great-nephew, Matthew Thomas.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., on Thursday, March 30, 2023, at the Farrell Holland Gale Funeral Home in Oregon. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2023, at Trinity Memorial Gardens in Rochelle with Pastor Franky Lay officiating.

Memorials are established in her name.

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The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

ARTIC MURDERS

Asa Larsson's Nordic crime novel "The Second Deadly Sin: The Arctic Murders" opens with a scream. A dog, a Norwegian elkhound, "shrieks as if the gates of hell have just opened up before it. It is a sound that fills Johansson with cold terror. And then silence." Johansson rushes out and shoots the intruder, a huge black bear. At daybreak, the town's huntsmen, led by the county inspector, go out to track the wounded bear. When they come upon a dead bear, the inspector slices open his stomach to make sure they have the right animal. Amid the muck, he finds part of a human hand. So begins the unflinching depiction of cruelty, of murders and betrayals, and above all, of greed that has its origin as far back as World War One.

"The Second Deadly Sin: The Arctic Murders" is the fifth book in the Rebecka Martinsson Series. These murders take place around Kiruna, the capital of Swedish Lapland, 90 miles north of the Arctic Circle. In winter, daylight increases from about 40 minutes in early January to almost 6 hours at the end of January. In summer, the midnight sun is a 24-hour period of sunlight. Rebecka Martinsson grew up in Kiruna, as did her creator.

Rebecka Martinsson is a tax attorney at a prominent law firm in Stockholm when the sudden death of a childhood friend brings her back to Kiruna. Rebecka believes that her friend was murdered and stays on in Kiruna to investigate. By the fifth book, Rebecka has become a District Prosecutor, though her boyfriend in Stockholm moves mountains to get her back. Krister Eriksson, the policeman who runs the Kiruna canine unit, an indispensable job in the vast wilderness surrounding Kiruna, quietly loves Rebecka. The two of them come upon the body of Sol-Britt Uusitalo who was viciously hacked to death with a hayfork. Krister finds Sol-Britt's little grandson Marcus in a playhouse but the boy can only bark like Krister's dogs.

In a parallel story, in 1914, schoolteacher Elina Pettersson is on the train from Stockholm to Kiruna. On the train she meets the man known as the King of Lapland. He is Hjalmar Lundbohm, the managing director of a mining company that to this day is the largest and most modern underground iron ore mine in the world. He is largely responsible for Kiruna's existence. Elina and Hjalmar fall instantly in love. Inevitably, he betrays her, yet she still believes in him: "Who can love perfection? No, love requires solicitude, and solicitude requires the loved one to have faults, requires wounds, frailty. Love wants to heal. Perfection has no need of healing. Perfection cannot be loved, merely worshipped." But when she becomes pregnant, she cannot bring herself to tell him. Their son will be in his nineties when the black bear finds him.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago March 23, 1923

The only contest for the spring election is for Amboy Township Supervisor with Gilbert P Finch and John P. Harvey being the candidates.

G.L. Carpenter, agent, advertised a Remington Portable Typewriter with a standard keyboard for \$60 with carrying case.

Star and Durant cars will be sold in Amboy this year by W.G. White, local agent. Features of the Star and Durant Fours are simplicity and strength of construction, accessibility of parts, and worth the money.

The Illinois State Fair Advisory Board is planning to purchase an additional 208 acres, which will make Illinois fairground the largest in the country with a total of 364 acres.

75 Years Ago March 25, 1948

Contributions to the Red Cross fund by residents of Amboy Township totaled \$173, according to Supervisor E.F. Barnes, chairman.

Al Seloover of Dixon announced the sale of Delmar Cleaners to Edward M. Sullivan of Amboy effective March 27. Mrs. Richard Berkeley, Mrs. Elbert Smith and Mrs. Bessie Dayhoff will continue to work with the new owner. Jack Murphy of LaSalle will join the staff as manager. Bob Boyle, who formerly drove the pickup and delivery truck, will re-join the staff.

50 Years Ago March 22, 1973

Amboy High School will present "Oklahoma!" as its annual spring musical.

Amboy Lions Club sponsored an All-Star Wrestling bout at Amboy High School gymnasium. Three matches were presented with the main event featuring the Crusher and Nick Bockwinkel.

Jim Mason received Honorable Mention when the Associated Press named its All-State Team. Mason was also chosen at the Shark Conference Most Valuable Player and was named to the Shark All-Conference First Team.

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BY PASTOR RICK WULF,

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Hello, Friends, Happy Spring. Well, we've almost made through March. I trust that your time has passed well for you.

The weather continues to challenge us. For us here in Northern Illinois, it has been relatively mild, apart from a few cold days. How will it end? Only God knows.

The spring birds are all back now, the spring flowers are almost all up, and will soon be blooming to give us some much, needed color in our gardens. Through these past winter months, some people have a hard time because of everything appearing "dead." We know

that the perennials are just "sleeping," but soon will be back to their beautiful colors. That's what I am looking forward to. The hope of the revival of life in plants is in a small way like our hope in Christ of the spiritual revival of our lives, except our revival doesn't go through cycles like plants do. Our spiritual growth is or should be an ongoing, ever-increasing experience. The beautiful thing about our spiritual life won't be finalized until we get to Heaven. Only then will we be complete in Christ.

Our hope in Christ is encouraged as we look around the "calendar corner," and think about Holy Week as it quickly approaches. I trust that whatever observance you have practiced during this time, that your anticipa-

tion of recognizing, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, that your celebration of Resurrection Sunday will truly be a blessed time for you this year. The great truth, because He lives, we too shall live is what helps us through the tough times in life. What we see in this life experience is not all that there is! As Christians, our hope in Christ is great. The Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 15 wrote: "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive." As Christians in the midst of a very uncertain world, the Bible assures us that our faith in Christ gives us perfect hope that when this life should end, there is a security for the future. But even more, Christ offers us a rich and meaningful life

right now.

His words found in John 10:10 are such a comfort and encouragement to us. He promisingly said, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." He offers so much to us who will just simply trust and obey Him. The first part of that verse helps us to understand one of the reasons why our world is in such turmoil. In the first part of verse 10, Jesus referring to the devil says, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy."

As an update on my ongoing cancer condition, I would appreciate your continued prayers. I have a PET Scan on Monday, the 27th, and won't see the doctor 'til Thursday, so I will have to report to you in next month's article the results. God is good.

Once again, it is our Christian faith that gives meaning and purpose to our lives. Because He lives, we live.

May God continue to bless and sustain you.

Kish College to host CTE Open House on April 5

MALTA — Kishwaukee College will host an open house for Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, April 5, at Kish in the Caukin Building. The CTE Open House will allow prospective students to view Kish's state-of-the-art labs and equipment and network with instructors and area employers.

Kish CTE programs provide students with the skills and training necessary to fill in-demand roles in the local workforce. At Kish, CTE programs are adapted to local labor needs as the College models its courses based on community input. Featured programs during the CTE Open House include Automotive Technology, Business and Marketing, Criminal Justice, Diesel Power Technology, Horticulture, Office Systems, Truck Driver Training, Welding and more. Local employers will be in attendance to discuss career opportunities in their respective fields.

The event is free and open to the public. Guests are asked to park by the Caukin Building, and directional signs will be available.

A new identifying symbol was designed as the new logo for the Sublette Bank. The striking contemporary design relates the bank to the chief natural assets of the area, namely agriculture and recreation.

25 Years Ago March 26, 1998

At the recent meeting of Green Hills Council's Tall Pine District held in Dixon, Girl Scout leader Carol Schnaiter of Amboy was recognized with an Outstanding Leader Award. The Outstanding Leader of the Year Award was developed by Girl Scouts of the USA to recognize troop leaders for outstanding leadership.

American Legion Poths Lavelle Unit 453 celebrated the 79th birthday of the American Legion organization with a dinner on Sunday evening at 7 p.m. at the Long Branch. There were approximately 50 members and guests in attendance.

There were over 200 children from local towns participating in the Amboy Kids Wrestling Tournament held Saturday, March 21 at the Amboy High School.

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LOCAL NEWS

Amboy Junior High announces its third quarter honor roll

AMBOY — Amboy Junior High School announces its third quarter honor roll.

Eighth Grade Highest Honors

Callan Christoffersen, Aaron Costner, Jacob Dinges, Liliann Leffelman, Jose Lopez, Gage Mumm, and Henry Nichols

Seventh Grade Highest Honors

Addison Blaine, Landon Carter, Bryson Deery, Gianna Dempsey, Faith Fenwick, Abigail Fox, Kilah Helm, Jason Hemmen, Henry Klein, Tyler Mahar, Grady McLaughlin, Aarav Patel, Charlotte Patterson, Chase Rasmussen, Abel Valdez, Sydney Whelchel, and Tinley Whitney

Sixth Grade Highest Honors

Mallory Bodmer, Isabelle Klein, Adelynn Kreiser, Scarlett Payne, Charlie Schoenholz, Cooper Welch, and Parker Zimmerly

Fifth Grade Highest Honors

Mason Heath, Amelia Kant, Rylen Koch, Eli Lewis, Teagan Moore, Abel Mumm, Blake Mumm, Maxwell Patterson, Mason Payne, Kylie Vaupel, Kendyll Whitney, and Kylee Zellhofer

Eighth Grade High Honors

Madison Althaus, Lainey Davis, Jason Dickinson, James Eisenberg, Ty Florschuetz, Carli Grennan, Leighton Gulley, Madisyn Heath, Logan Ketchum, Morgan Kreiser, Anthony Linder, Alexa McKendry, Tori Pollock, Alyxandria Shepard, Braden Shoemaker, Jack Thomas, Chloe Vaupel, Tanner Welch, and Aubrey Wells

Seventh Grade High Honors

Owen Althaus, Channing Bellows, Hailey Cagle, Madelyn Clarida, Brian Clements, Ayla Costner, Kylee Grotzinger, Caylee Hummel, Ethan Lewis, Gabrielle Miller, Ella

Noble, Teagan Payne, Aden Spinelli, Kaylee Zimmerman

Sixth Grade High Honors

Mackenzie Alletto, Jacie Blaine, Tavarius Briar, Addison Bump, Owen Dallam, Erika Decker, Owen Eisenberg, Sophya Fonderoli, Joivvee Hirsch, Camryn Noble, Sydney Noble, Kinsley Pogue, Anthony Sus, Hannah Whitman, Parker Williams, Jaron Wittenauer

Fifth Grade High Honors

Payton Angermeier, Leah Bonnell, Cooper Fox, Vanessa Gross, Tinley Helms, Jaxon Hudson, Cylas Jackley, Enrique Lara Alonso, Annabelle Leffelman, Jack McCoy, Amelia Nichols, Thomas Payne, Caidie Phelps, Madison Phillips, Nolan Scully, Alexis White, Scott Willstead, Bailey Wittenauer, and Jacob Wittenauer

Eighth Grade Honors

Bryar Full, Lane Goff, Carli Grennan, Chase Huggins, Hayden Hunsberger, Magdalena Keene, Gavin Nichols, Isabella Rosentreter, Jayden Sliger, Joseph Van Loo, and Westin Wittenauer

Seventh Grade Honors

Bryden Boyer, Amylia Bump, Makayla Burt, Aubrey Gabbard, Karona Gall, and Nicholas Warner

Sixth Grade Honors

Laci Daniels, Kodie Dempsey, and Amiyah Villarreal

Fifth Grade Honors

Logan Albee, Dominic Broker, Sarah Buckley, Charley Henkel, Shawn Hummel, Madison Lohmiller, Mackenzie Pollock, Hunter Roberts, Avery Wittenauer, and Zoey Zambrano

Tickets for Illinois State Fair grandstand shows on sale March 31

SPRINGFIELD—The 2023 Illinois State Fair is five months away and the excitement is building for this year's grandstand lineup. Public on sale for the announced shows for the 2023 Illinois State Fair Grandstand concert series will be Friday, March 31 at 10 a.m. on the Ticketmaster website.

"We are excited to continue the tradition of bringing multiple genres of music to our grandstand," said Illinois State Fair Manager Rebecca Clark. "Families shouldn't have to break the bank to see one of our amazing shows and I think fairgoers will once again see we are bringing in top talent at affordable ticket prices."

This year, the Illinois State Fair is excited to welcome Old Dominion, REO Speedwagon, Alter Bridge with Mammoth WVH, and Mar-

en Morris to the Illinois Lottery Grandstand stage. Additional acts will be announced in the coming weeks.

New this year, the Illinois State Fair is offering a pre-sale opportunity on March 30 for fairgoers who become a Main Gate Insider. The Main Gate Insider is a free subscriber service that provides users with exclusive access to Illinois State Fair deals and updates on the newest attractions and events happening at the Fair. Fairgoers can sign up to be a Main Gate Insider by visiting the Illinois State Fair website, statefair.illinois.gov.

Ticket sales for all announced shows will be available at Ticketmaster.com. Fairgoers are reminded that Ticketmaster is the only authorized ticket seller for the Illinois State Fair. All other websites and offers may be

fraudulent and buyers should beware.

Friday, Aug. 11: Old Dominion and Special Guest to be Announced

Tier 3 - \$34 / Tier 2 - \$47 / Tier 1 - \$68 / SRO Track - \$68 / Blue Ribbon Zone - \$123

Tuesday, Aug. 15: REO Speedwagon with TBD

Tier 3 - \$33 / Tier 2 - \$38 / Tier 1 - \$45 / SRO Track - \$45 / Blue Ribbon Zone - \$100

Wednesday, Aug. 16: Alter Bridge with Mammoth WVH

Tier 3 - \$25 / Tier 2 - \$30 / Tier 1 - \$35 / SRO Track - \$35 / Blue Ribbon Zone - \$90

Saturday, Aug. 19: Maren Morris with TBD

Tier 3 - \$50 / Tier 2 - \$58 / Tier 1 - \$68 / SRO Track - \$68 / Blue Ribbon Zone - \$123

*A \$30 Pre-Show Party ticket is offered as an additional upgrade for all paid concerts.

This is also a great time to purchase Mega and Jumbo passes, admission bargain books and seasonal infield parking passes. All items are available for purchase online. Discounted Mega Passes are available for \$70 and a Jumbo Pass which includes the Giant Slide for \$80 through July 31st. Beginning Aug. 1, the price will increase \$20 on both passes.

Admission Bargain Books and Seasonal Infield Parking Passes are also available for purchase online. For just \$45, the Admission Bargain Book provides eleven any-day admissions to the 2023 Illinois State Fair. The Seasonal Infield Parking Pass is only \$40. This allows you to park on the infield all 11 days of the fair.

Rep. Fritts passes three bills in Illinois House vote

SPRINGFIELD - This week, three bills that were filed by State Representative Bradley J. Fritts (R-Dixon) passed in the Illinois House of Representatives. The bills now move to the Illinois Senate for consideration.

House Bill 2963 permits Dixon Park District to place solar panels on land given to them by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The INDR and local elected officials are in support of this bill.

Fritts said, "I am very happy that HB

2963 advanced out of the House with a vote of 112-1. This bipartisan bill is a great local initiative that will keep property tax increases at bay by offsetting the operating costs of the park district."

House Bill 2582 removes a duplicate test in place for motorcycle license applicants under the age of 18. Both tests are identical and incur a fee.

House Bill 3588 creates the Care for Retired Police Dogs Program, which provides

funding for the medical care of retired K-9s. It passed on a vote of 100-1 with 2 voting present.

Fritts continued, "This bill will help out police dogs that dedicate their lives to keep us safe. Their work often results in long-lasting injuries and illnesses. The least we can do to support police dogs is ensure their medical treatment is funded once they retire."

Fritts concluded, "I want to thank my fellow representatives for voting in favor of

these bills. All of the bills I filed this year are local initiatives, brought to me by the people of District 74. Passing these bills will greatly improve the lives of my constituents, and I am thankful to have bipartisan support. I look forward to my colleagues in the Senate lending their support so we can continue to help the people of Illinois."

For more information about Representative Fritts, visit RepFritts.com.

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In this day and age of families constantly on the go, it is also critical for people to have multiple ways to receive notifications and updated information about severe weather warnings. FEMA offers a FREE mobile app that provides fast and reliable weather alerts from the National Weather Service (NWS). The app can be tailored to offer alerts for up to five different locations nationwide. The mobile app can also help you locate open shelters and disaster resource centers near you in the event of an emergency.

For more information about what to do before, during and after a storm, please visit www.Ready.Illinois.gov. There you will find a Severe Weather Preparedness Guide, developed by IEMA and NWS, which provides tips on how to prepare for all weather emergencies. Additional tips and information are available on the Ready Illinois Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ReadyIllinois) and Twitter page (www.twitter.com/ReadyIllinois).

Tornado Watches and Warnings

Two key alerts relate specifically to tornado conditions.

Tornado Watch - Conditions are conducive to the development of tornadoes in and close to the watch area.

Tornado Warning - A tornado has actually been sighted by spotters or indicated on radar and is occurring or imminent in the warning area.

In addition, severe thunderstorms can produce tornadoes, or cause damage of their own from wind gusts of 58 mph or greater and/or hail 3/4-inch in diameter or larger.

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Severe Thunderstorm Warning - A severe thunderstorm has actually been observed by spotters or indicated on radar, and is occurring or imminent in the warning area.

While tornadoes can still occur without a watch or warning being in effect, advances in the science and technology have greatly increased the ability of meteorologists to provide advance notice of them.

It is difficult to generalize the clues that portend tornadoes, and even potentially dangerous, because people looking for given conditions may be led to a false sense of security when these conditions are not present.

When a Tornado Threatens

You can improve the odds of your home surviving high winds by taking these precautions, but you won't make it tornado-proof. Nor do these measures guarantee your safety. Take these additional steps to protect yourself and your family as fully as possible:

- Decide in advance where you will take shelter (a local community shelter, perhaps, or your own underground storm cellar or in-residence "safe" room). When a tornado approaches, go there immediately. If your home has no storm cellar or in-residence "safe" room and you have no time to get to a community shelter, head to the centermost part of your basement or home —away from windows and preferably under something sturdy like a workbench or staircase. The more walls between you and the outside, the better.
- Become familiar with your community's severe weather warning system and make certain every adult and teenager in your family knows what to do when a tornado "watch" or "warning" sounds. Learn about your workplace's disaster safety plans and similar measures at your children's schools or day care centers.
- Study your community's disaster preparedness plans and create a family plan in case you are able to move to a community shelter. Identify escape routes from your home and neighborhood and designate an emergency meeting place for your family to reunite if you become separated. Also establish a contact point to communicate with concerned relatives.
- Put together an emergency kit that includes a three-day supply of drinking water and food you don't have to refrigerate or cook; first aid supplies; a portable NOAA weather radio; a wrench and other basic tools; a flashlight; work gloves; emergency cooking equipment; portable lanterns; fresh batteries for each piece of equipment; clothing; blankets; baby items; prescription medications; extra car and house keys; extra eyeglasses; credit cards and cash; important documents, including insurance policies.
- Move anything in your yard that can become flying debris inside your house or garage before a storm strikes. Do this only if authorities have announced a tornado "watch," however. If authorities have announced a tornado "warning," leave it all alone.
- Don't open your windows. You won't save the house, as once thought, and you may actually make things worse by giving wind and rain a chance to get inside.
- Don't try to ride out a tornado in a manufactured home. Even manufactured homes with tie-downs overturn in these storms because they have light frames and offer winds a large surface area to push against. In addition, their exteriors are vulnerable to high winds and wind-borne debris.

Finally, review your homeowner's insurance policy periodically with your insurance agent or company representative to make sure you have sufficient coverage to rebuild your life and home after a tornado. Report any property damage to your insurance agent or company representative immediately after a natural disaster & make temporary repairs to prevent further damage.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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Dated March 7, 2023.
No. 0302
(March 29, 2023)

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Public Notice is hereby given that on March 6 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 The Drunken Poet located at 8127 E Route 38, Ashton, IL 61006. Dated this 6th day of March A.D. 2023.
Nancy Peterson, County Clerk
By Penny Skibinski, Deputy
Legal No. 0304 (3/15, 3/22, 3/29 2023)

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Nancy Peterson, County Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Invitation to Comment on a Proposed Communications Tower Facility

US Cellular Corp. proposes to construct a 300-foot (304ft overall) self-supporting telecommunications tower in an agricultural field located south of Sterling Road in Amboy Township, Lee County, Illinois. Coordinates for the proposed tower location: 41-43-16.23N, 89-19-23.92W. Interested persons are invited to identify historic sites already listed in, or that may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places in this vicinity and to identify potential effects the facility may cause to these sites. Questions or comments may be submitted to the following contact: Jake Rieb, Edge Consulting Engineers, 624 Water Street, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578; Phone: 608.644.1449; Email: jrieb@edgeconsult.com. This notice is provided in accordance with the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 C.F.R. Part 1, Appendices B and C. (#35671)
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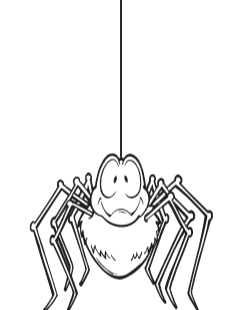
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OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Lake Mendota, other area locations open for spring trout fishing season on April 1

SPRINGFIELD – The 2023 Illinois spring trout fishing season will open Saturday, April 1, at 58 ponds, lakes, and streams throughout the state.

An early opportunity at selected trout sites – the spring catch-and-release fishing season – will open March 18. No trout may be kept during the catch-and-release fishing period, but anglers can keep trout after the opening of the regular season beginning April 1.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) stocks more than 80,000 rainbow trout each year in bodies of water where trout fishing is permitted during the spring season. An additional 80,000 trout will be stocked for the fall trout fishing season, which begins in October.

The Illinois Catchable Trout Program receives funding support from those who use the program through the sale of Inland Trout Stamps.

For the 2023 spring trout season, no trout may be taken from any of the stocked sites from March 13 until the season opens at 5 a.m. April 1. Anyone attempting



to harvest trout before the legal harvest season opening will be issued citations.

All anglers, including those who intend to release fish caught before April 1, must have a fishing license and an Inland Trout Stamp unless they are under the age of 16, blind or disabled, or are an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. The daily

harvest limit for each angler is five trout.

For more information on trout seasons and other Illinois fishing opportunities, check the website at www.ifishillinois.org.

Illinois 2023 fishing licenses and Inland Trout Stamps are available now at IDNR license and permit locations, including many bait shops, sporting goods stores,

and other retail outlets. For a list of locations, visit <https://www.exploremoreil.com/agentlocator>.

Fishing licenses and trout stamps also can be purchased online at <https://www.exploremoreil.com>.

For information about all site regulations, anglers should contact individual sites that will be stocked with catchable-size trout. Not all sites open at 5 a.m. on opening day. Anglers are reminded to check the opening time of their favorite sites prior to the open date.

Area locations that will be open for the 2023 spring trout season are:

- Bureau County – Hennepin Canal Parkway
- Kendall County – Big Lake, Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area
- LaSalle County – Illinois and Michigan Canal Lock 14, LaSalle; Lake Mendota, City of Mendota
- Ogle County – Pine Creek, White Pines Forest State Park**
- Whiteside County – Centennial Park Pond, Rock Falls

(**Denotes sites open for catch-and-release early spring season fishing)



Getting outside and engaging in any activity has a variety of benefits for children and adults.

Outdoor activities benefit children

Modern amenities and indoor comforts have made life easier in many ways, but they've also helped to fashion a generation of people who spend much of their time inside. A recent report from the international research firm YouGov found that around 90 percent of study respondents from North America and Europe spend close to 22 hours inside every day. Children may get a little more time outdoors than adults, particularly if they participate in outdoor sports.

There are distinct advantages to engaging in more outdoor activities. Here's a look at some of them.

- Improved mood and reduced risk of depression: The YouGov report notes that around 15 percent of the world's population is affected by different levels of seasonal affective disorder, which is believed to be a direct result of lack of daylight. Symptoms go away when days are longer and individuals can enjoy more sunshine. Children who go outside and get ample exposure to sunlight may experience a more positive mood and renewed energy.

- Lower risk of obesity: Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg from the American Academy of Pediatrics says outdoor play can help reduce obesity in today's youth. Children can enjoy self-directed physical activity that also stimulates awareness of one's surroundings.

- Improved vitamin D levels: Vitamin D has been dubbed the "sunshine vitamin" because sunlight hitting the skin prompts the liver and kidneys to create vitamin D in the body. A

deficiency in vitamin D can lead to depression and heart failure and may compromise the immune system. Children can improve current and future health by maintaining adequate vitamin D levels through healthy exposure to sunlight.

- Lower stress levels: Students of all ages are faced with stressful situations that come at them from every angle. The arrival of the global pandemic has been an added stressor that continues to affect children and adults. According to research by the University of Essex, outdoor exercise offers mental health benefits that exceed those gleaned from indoor exercise. Spending time in a green space can result in improved mood and self-esteem. A 2017 study of Japanese students found those who spent time in the forest for two nights returned home with lower levels of cortisol, a hormone used as a marker of stress, than students who remained in the city. The practice of de-stressing outdoors is often referred to as "forest bathing" or "nature therapy."

- Better focus: A dose of nature may help children diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder improve their concentration levels. A 2008 study from researchers at the University of Illinois found that children with ADHD demonstrated greater attention performance following a 20-minute walk in a park as compared to a residential neighborhood or downtown area.

Getting outside and engaging in any activity has a variety of benefits for children and adults.

Spring activities for families to enjoy together

Spring is one of the most popular seasons of the year. After several months of chilly temperatures in many regions, spring provides a welcome reprieve from the cold.

Moderate temperatures makes it much more comfortable and inviting to venture outdoors, particularly for families with children who might not adapt to the cold as well as adults. The following are some family-friendly activities that make the most of spring renewal.

Visit botanic gardens

If there's a botanical garden nearby, a visit in spring is a great time to soak in the beauty of nature. That's because an abundance of flowers bloom during the spring, meaning a garden will be in peak form. Visitors can meander through rows of rose bushes or tour the labyrinth of trimmed hedges. Beautiful, flowering cherry trees, with their delicate pink or white petals, also are sights to behold in spring.

Prepare a home garden

Visiting a garden is one thing, creating one at home is another. In addition to planning a vegetable garden to enjoy tasty pickings throughout summer, you can devote some property to flowers that will attract wildlife. Check with a garden center about which flowers and plants attract butterflies and other beneficial insects. Many garden centers sell butterfly and hummingbird mixes to attract wildlife.



Venture into streams or lakes aboard kayaks or canoes, getting exercise and seeing the scenery in the process. Bring a fishing pole along and cast it into the water for a few hours of recreation.

Go animal watching

Flowers are not the only thing on display come the spring. Many animals, including birds, are born this time of year. Baby animals are not only adorable, they can be entertaining to watch grow. Families can spend time viewing the animals that visit their yards or surrounding parks, being careful to keep their distance. Adults may be quite protective of their young, so it's better to watch from the lens of a camera or with binoculars. Always resist the urge to help

a baby animal who seems like it was abandoned. The parent may be a short distance away gathering food or trying to avoid drawing attention to the young to deter predators.

Get out on the water

A bright, warm day is an ideal time to enjoy the open water. Spring is a season when many marinas reopen and avid boaters put their vessels back into the water. You also can venture into streams or lakes aboard kayaks or canoes, getting exercise and seeing the scenery in the process. Bring a fishing

pole along and cast it into the water for a few hours of recreation.

Make wind chimes

Enhance the garden or decor around the home by making wind chimes or other percussion items that can create beautiful music when spring breezes blow. Commercially available kits are sold, but wind chimes also can be made from items like bamboo or even strung shells.

These are just a few family-friendly activities to enjoy this spring.

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SPORTS

Amboy baseball team earns first win over Durand-Pecatonica

AMBOY – The Amboy varsity baseball team broke into the win column for the first time this young season with a 12-8 triumph over Durand-Pecatonica on March 21 at Parker Field.

Landon Whelchel led the Clippers with four hits in the contest as they tallied five runs in the first inning and

never looked back.

Quinn Leffelman, Landon Montavon, Tucker Lindenmeyer and Jackson Rogers also had multiple-hit games for Amboy.

Brody Christoffersen was the winning pitcher, working four innings. He gave up three hits, two earned runs and struck out five.

Amboy had an 11-1 lead through five innings. Du-Pec tallied six of its runs over the final two frames.

The Clippers scored all of their runs in the first two innings and went on to post an 8-2 victory over Oregon on March 23 at Parker Field. Whelchel led off the first

with a walk and cruised home on a double by Christoffersen. Leffelman followed with an RBI single.

Rogers, who had a pair of hits for Amboy, drove in two runs during a five-run second inning uprising. Leffelman, Lindenmeyer and Garrett Pertell also had RBIs in the frame.

Montavon was the winning pitcher. He went six innings, allowing six hits

and two runs while striking out seven.

Lady Clippers record first win over Pecatonica

AMBOY – The Amboy varsity softball team got its first win of the season with an 11-5 decision over Pecatonica on March 21 at the AHS field. The visitors owned a 5-0

lead heading to the bottom of the fourth when Amboy got on the board with two runs. The Lady Clippers added another run in the fifth, and then they exploded for eight

runs in the sixth to claim the victory.

Addison Shaw had a single and a double for Amboy, while Ellie McLaughlin and Haleigh Stenzel delivered

two singles apiece.

Alyvia Whelchel earned the pitching win for the Lady Clippers, striking out eight, walking two and giving up just two hits.

Jones names to Special Mention All-State team

AMBOY – Amboy High School's Elly Jones has earned more post-season honors for her play during the 2022-23 basketball season.

The AHS junior has been named to the Special Mention All-State team by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.

Other players from the Northwest Upstate Illini

Conference to garner IBCA All-State recognition include Gracie Furlong and Addie Hefel of Galena, first team; Whitney Sullivan of Orangeville, second team;

Taylor Burcham of Galena, third team; Grace Groezinger of Lena-Winslow, Elaina Rager of Pecatonica and Lindee Poper of Polo, special mention.

Lee County Sheriff's Office announces

St. Patrick's Day DUI enforcement

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Sheriff's Office announced that it made zero DUI arrests and issued three seat belt citations during the St. Patrick's Day enforcement period. In total the Lee County Sheriff's deputies conducted 17 traffic stops. They also issued six speeding citations, one uninsured motorist citation and one warrant arrest.

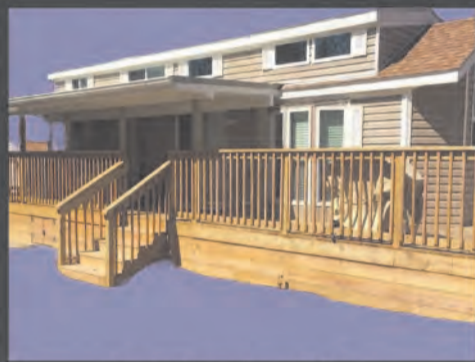
"We strongly enforce traffic laws for one reason – to save lives," said Chief Deputy Ranken.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office joined forces with state and local law enforcement and highway safety partners in the St. Patrick's

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AHS Girls Track @ Forreston-4 pm	AJHS Scholastic Bowl @ Bureau Valley-4:15 pm
AHS Softball & Varsity Baseball @ AFC-4:30 pm	Central School Drawing Club-Art Room-3:20-4 pm
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Wednesday, April 5	Saturday, April 8
AHS Art Club-Room 210-3:30-4:30 pm	AHS Baseball @ River Ridge-Varsity-11 am/Fresh/Soph-1 pm
AHS Fresh/Soph Softball @ Lena Winslow-4:30 pm	AHS Girls & Boys Track @ Mendota-10 am
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Winter Hours
Monday-Saturday, 7am-9pm
Sunday, 8am-8pm

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Amboy Deli Hours
Mon-Sat 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
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Sale Prices Valid March 29 - April 4 – Limited Quantities – While Supplies Last

PRODUCE & WEEKLY SPECIALS

**Taylor Farms
Chopped Salad
Kit**

10-13.7 oz



\$3.49/ea.

Idaho Potatoes

3 lb Bag



\$2.29/ea.

**Vine Ripe
Tomatoes**



\$1.49/lb.

**Baby Bella
Mushrooms**

8 oz



\$1.99/ea.

**Mann's
Cauliflower Florets**

10 oz



\$3.69/ea.

Yellow Onions

3 lb Bag



\$1.99/ea.

**Bothhouse Baby
Carrots**

2 lb bag



\$1.79/ea.

Red Radishes

1 lb bag



\$1.89/ea.

HOT BUYS

AMBOY DELI
**U.S.D.A. Choice
T-Bone Steak**



\$11.99/lb.

Reg. Price \$18.99/lb.

AMBOY DELI
**Bone-In Plain
Pork Chops**



\$3.29/lb.

Reg. Price \$3.99/lb.

OR

\$4.29/lb.

Reg. Price \$4.99/lb.

**Bone-In BBQ
Pork Chops**

AMBOY DELI
**New York Strip
Steak**



\$11.99/lb.

Reg. Price \$15.99/lb.

AMBOY DELI
**U.S.D.A. Choice
Porterhouse
Steaks**



\$12.99/ea.

Reg. Price \$18.99/lb.

Fritos or Cheetos

8-10 oz Excludes Party or Family Size



\$3.99/ea.

Reg. Price \$5.69/ea.

**Food Club 2%
Gallon Milk**



\$2.99/ea.

Reg. Price \$3.99/ea.

WEEKLY SPECIALS

**Food Club Orange
Juice**

59 oz Assorted



\$2.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$3.89 ea.

**Hillshire Farms
Turkey or Chicken**

7-9 oz



\$4.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$6.59 ea.

Food Club Bacon

16 oz Assorted



\$3.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$4.99 ea.

**Food Club
Cottage Cheese**

24 oz



\$3.29 ea.

Reg. Price \$3.89 ea.

Food Club Mayo

30 oz



\$3.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$4.49 ea.

**Food Club
Stuffing Mix**

6 oz



\$1.49 ea.

Reg. Price \$1.99 ea.

**Food Club Sour
Cream**

16 oz



\$1.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$2.19 ea.

Sunny D Juice

128 oz.



\$2.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$4.09 ea.

**Blue Bonnet
Spread**

16 oz



\$1.69 ea.

Reg. Price \$1.99 ea.

**Food Club
American Singles**

16 oz



\$3.69 ea.

Reg. Price \$4.19 ea.

**Oscar Mayer Fully
Cooked Bacon**

2.5 oz



\$4.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$6.99 ea.