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A Farming Achievement

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AMBOY — We’ve all seen those old black and white spaghetti westerns on TV where there is vast acres of barren land and pioneers heading out on their covered wagons with all of their earthly possessions hoping to stake a claim for a better life as the winds swirl and the tumbleweeds roll by. Okay, so now that I have your attention, documented historical accounts state that those times were some of the most difficult in our country’s storied yesteryears.

Between 1910 and 1911, Morris July was up to the challenge and purchased 160 acres in Shaw Station, about five miles east of Amboy and three miles south of Sublette on Inlet Road and the hard work and legacy began.

Now, 121 years later, the July family farm still thrives. After a story ran in this publication last year about a farm owned by the Palmer family that was granted centennial status, Curtis July, the great-grandson of Morris became intrigued about his families’ prospects.

“We got curious about how long our farm has been around, so I contacted my sister Candi (Vine) and younger brother Dean and that’s how it started,” explained July.

Dean took on the task of digging for information and as a result, filled out all the necessary paperwork at the courthouse and last April the Illinois Department of Agriculture designated the July farm as a Centennial Farm.

“We are a small family and this recognition really means a lot to all of us,” said Curtis.

The Illinois Centennial Farms program has recognized more than 10,200 farms since it is inception in the early 1970s. Centennial Farm owners receive outdoor display signage and a certificate signed by the Governor and Director of Agriculture. The July family was recognized on Aug. 15 designated “Agriculture Day” at the Illinois State Fair.

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Weekend of events planned in Sublette

SUBLETTE – Pullin’ in the Park scheduled for Sept. 11 in Sublette was postponed due to the weather.

It will now be held on Sunday, Sept. 18 behind Ellice Dinges School. Check-in is at 8 a.m. and the pull starts at 11 a.m. There will be activities for children, including games and a bounce house.

The Sublette Country Car Show will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17.

The location is moved to Sublette Centennial Park rather than along U.S. 52. The show will feature Kaiser-Frazer, Willys-Overland, and Hudson and Nash, but all makes of antique, classic and special interest cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome.

There may even be a few tractors at the show. There will be no judging. Food will be available and there will be a 50/50 drawing.

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Amboy News file photo

Lee County Sheriff’s Office announces Labor Day ‘Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over’ campaign results

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Sheriff’s Office made one DUI arrest during the recent Labor Day campaign. In addition, no seat belt citations were written. Other citations included five speeding citations, one other non-moving violation and two warnings.

“As law enforcement officers, we do our best to protect motorists, pedestrians and other road users,” said Sgt. Derek Ranken. “While enforcement campaigns like these save lives, there is still much to be done. Please help

us spread the message: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.”

The Lee County Sheriff’s Office joined forces with other law enforcement agencies and highway safety partners throughout the state for the Labor Day traffic safety campaign.

The program was made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.



A Look Back At Amboy’s 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.



Private Estelle “Bud” Fenwick

Bud Fenwick was born in Raywick, Ky., to John Fenwick and Mary Bickett Fenwick on Jan. 30, 1920. Eventually, he would be joined by his two brothers and two sisters. World War I, described at that time as “the war to end all wars”

had ended a year and a half earlier, Woodrow Wilson was President, and Prohibition had begun with the 18th Amendment in effect that same month. Americans who followed their local newspapers might have read about Babe Ruth’s recent trade from the Red Sox to the Yankees, or the rejection of the League of Nations by the U.S. Senate.

Sometime during Bud’s



early years, his parents made the decision to move north, relocating to Northern Illinois. We know that Bud attended the Parochial School in Arlington, Bureau County, Illinois, and that his family settled on a farm near Walton, Illinois where he spent the remainder of his youth. When he was 16 years old, his mother died, leaving Bud and his siblings to take up more responsibility at home. He finished three years at Amboy High School, before

working as a hired hand on a neighbor’s farm. As with so many young people, the depression economy of the 1930’s made it necessary to prioritize wages over formal schooling, as a way to start on his own path in life.

On March 13, 1941, Bud married Elsie Stahl of Dixon. Like other young men his age, he registered for the draft that year, and was farming rented land on R.F.D.#4, outside Dixon. With America’s entry into World War II the follow-

ing spring, the couple must have spent many anxious days pondering an uncertain future. But the world brought more certainty when Bud was drafted into the army in December 1943.

Private Estelle Eugene Fenwick (“Bud”) completed his basic training at Camp Croft, S.C. Assigned to the 117th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division, he was sent overseas on June 1st of that year.

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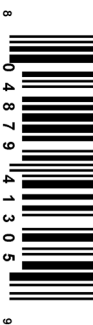
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LOCAL NEWS

Ortgiesen named AHS September Student of the Month

AMBOY — Amboy Senior Courtney Ortgiesen has been named the AHS September Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Kathy Ortgiesen and James Ortgiesen Jr. GPA: 4.308

Memberships and Involvement: “I am currently the Vice President of the Amboy High School National Honor Society. Throughout my four years of high school, I have been a part of Student Council and Leo’s Club. I have also participated in band for four years and have played volleyball and basketball for three years. Additionally, I am the Vice President of the Class of 2023.”

Awards and Honors: “This past year, I received NUIC Academic All Conference and was an honorable mention for NUIC All Conference for basketball. I have had highest honors throughout high school.”

Best Memories of AHS: “During my time at Amboy High School, I have had some very memorable moments. Whether that is



Courtney Ortgiesen

having an early morning practice before school for volleyball or the late nights setting up homecoming after watching the football game and the dances to follow the next day, all of these moments combined for a pretty memorable high

school experience.”

Future Plans: “Currently, my future plans are very unclear. I do plan to go to college but I am still figuring out which college is the right fit for me and what career I want to have.”

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The Forge Music Fest

“Let’s Hammer Out the Tunes”

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Build an emergency kit for National Preparedness Month

SPRINGFIELD — “If you want to be fully prepared for a disaster, you need an emergency kit.” That’s the message this September for National Preparedness Month. Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau wants everyone to review their family emergency plans, fill out a family communications plan, and build an emergency kit. Tate-Nadeau said, “It could be a matter of life or death because if you need to evacuate within minutes, you will need that kit packed and ready to go.”

While some items recommended for an emergency kit seem obvious, like water and non-perishable food, others might not be top of mind during an urgent evacuation order. “Some of the items that families find critical in a disaster are prescription and over-the-counter medicines, important documents like Social Security cards or insurance policies, cash, or personal care supplies like contact lenses and cleaners,” she said.

The general preparedness items include: Water (one gallon per person per day for three days)

Non-perishable food (three-day supply or ready-to-eat canned or other foods that require

no refrigeration or cooking, non-electric can opener, utility knife)

Flashlight with extra batteries

First aid kit

Battery-operated radio with extra batteries

Extra battery/external charger for cell phone

Copies of important family documents stored in a waterproof bag or container, cash

Face coverings for all family members

Hand sanitizer/disinfecting wipes

Find the family communications plan brochure at:

https://www2.illinois.gov/ready/SiteCollectionDocuments/IHS_Family_Communication_Plan.pdf

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The full emergency supply checklist can be found at:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/ready/plan/Documents/EmergencySupplyChecklist.pdf>

More tips can be on our website at Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA): www.Ready.Illinois.gov.

Educational Briefs

Patti Named to SNHU President's List

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Garret Patti, of Compton, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University’s Summer 2022 President’s List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who

have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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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 on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. for group chair exercises and walking. They have a great time together.

Afterschool program

Our programs has started. Attendance has been tremendous. At this time, we will be having a waiting list. You must call 815-857-4800 to be put on. If you are not registered, please do not send your child without speaking with us.

Volunteers

We have 66 kids signed up and we could use your help "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Gandhi. Please consider helping us help children during our afterschool program. It runs from 3:30 till 5 p.m. We need people to listen to children read, do basic math, and other small tasks. Give one hour or give a little bit more. Contact us at 815-857-4800 if interested.

Thank You's

We are always grateful for those that help us: John Lobner for furniture; Pat Yoo and Leon Poliquin for the towels; Mark and Kim Becker for the monetary donation for the paint; Cindy and Michael Phillips for the items; Elaine Powers for the monetary donation; Frank and Karen Stenzel for the silverware; Kathy Dietzen for the snacks; Martha Henley for the cookies; Beth Grossman for the party items; Cheryl Collum for the cereal and Irene and Eileen for delivering it; Donna Wellman for the cookies; Anonymous donation of cucumbers and tomatoes; Tonia and Dennis Nauman for the tv's; and Diamond Merboth for the items

Needs

Apples, Oranges, and Grapes

Final Word

Dear God, Source of all wisdom, Help us to use our time And our intelligence wisely, As we prepare for exams. Help us to dispose ourselves To listen to your Holy Spirit So that you, as our loving Spirit, May place us in a state of prayer And lead us to understand That the supreme wisdom Is knowing we are your children.

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Pictured above is Harold with daughter Candi in the bushel basket.

Courtesy photo

The Director of Agriculture Jerry Costello was quoted as saying; "This designation not only honors their farm operation today, but also their ancestors who labored through adversity to maintain the family farm. I'm privileged to present this distinction to the family."

With any farm operation, chores and hard work are a daily occurrence as Candi fondly remembers.

"I started helping my father Harold at 5 or 6 years old carrying pans of milk and feeding calves with a bucket that had a big nipple on it," she said. "I was introduced to what was to come and it kept me occupied and made me feel a part of it. It was fun"

Not much has changed over the decades but in 1987 when Harold July passed away, and his wife Jean decided to relocate to Amboy, the family decided to sell 5 acres and the farmhouse and buildings to Lance and Becky Walters who have since farmed the July land.

"We can't express enough of our appreciation for what the Walters have done," said July with sincerity in his voice. "They've been great stewards of the farm."

Lance Walter's family farm was nearby, and he shared that he grew up around the July family and went to church with them.

"Their father drove all of us to services and I helped bale hay, shell corn and sheer sheep," he said with a laugh. "When we got the chance to buy the farmhouses, we were very thrilled. We've fixed them up over the years and are happy with everything. We feel honored to have played a small part in the continuing legacy of the farm."

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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-The Amboy Farmers Market is held on Fridays from 8 a.m. – noon, in the Amboy Depot Museum parking lot shelter.

MAY TWP-The May Township meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the township maintenance building.

AMBOY-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

AMBOY-The Amboy CUSD School Board will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15, at Central School.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 12:30-5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15, at Fort Madison United Methodist Church, 510 9th Street. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will meet Monday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m., at the Old NAPA Building, 399 N Metcalf, Amboy.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 19, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The Amboy/

Lee Center Multi-Township meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m., at the Amboy Township Building, 106 South Prospect, Amboy.

WALTON-Join the fun as the Lee County Democratic Party has their Annual Jerry Sheridan Picnic and Drawdown on Sunday, Sept. 25, at the Walton Tap. Picnic starts at 1 p.m.; drawdown starts at 3 p.m. Tickets for the drawdown which includes two meals are \$100 and a chance to win a share in \$13,000 in prize money with the grand prize being \$8,000. Meal ticket only is \$10. Contact Amy Palmer 407-353-0399 for tickets or questions.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, Sept. 26. Anyone interested in joining or wants more in-

formation on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1-6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 26, at American Legion, 1120 W. First St. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department will hold a flu clinic from 9 a.m. – noon on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at the Lee County Health Department. Walk-ins are welcomed. No appointment necessary. Please bring insurance card or be prepared to pay a fee. Hi-Dose available for those 65 and older. For more information, please contact 815-284-3371, ext. 2100.

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On D-Day plus 4, June 10, Bud and his division landed on Omaha Beach with the mission of supporting the breakout of Allied Forces from Normandy, and the liberation of France and Belgium from Nazi occupation. Despite Allied infantry, artillery, tanks, and bombing raids, German forces offered stiff resistance across canals, rivers, fields, and marshes. Much of the fighting involved taking out German Panzer tanks, machine guns nests, and small arms that were well positioned in the hundreds of hedgerows that surrounded the farm fields in Normandy. It would be August before Allied Forces were able to break out of Normandy, with routes connecting Omaha and Utah Beaches to in-land routes going south and east toward Paris.

Prepare now for cooler weather; bill payment assistance available to eligible households

NAPERVILLE — Now is the time to start preparing for cooler weather which can result in higher heating costs as thermostats go up and natural gas usage increases to keep homes comfortable and warm. Nicor Gas offers bill payment assistance programs to help offset winter heating costs when eligible household budgets may not be able to keep up with the increased heating demands.

Enrollment for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is underway now. The federal- and state-funded energy assistance program provides income-eligible households with monetary relief for their energy bills. Eligibility is based on several factors, including household size and income up to 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, which for a family of four equates to a gross monthly income of \$4,625 or less. For more information or to locate a local Community Action Agency to apply, call 877-411-9276 (WARM).

Other energy assistance programs and options available to Nicor Gas customers include:

Nicor Gas Sharing Program, which is administered by the Salvation Army and funded by Nicor Gas and its customers, provides eligible customers a grant up to \$500, based on account balance. To apply, contact a Salvation Army office listed at nicorgas.com/EnergyAssistance or call 773-205-3520.

Nicor Gas Energy Aide Program provides one-time grants up to \$350 to eligible customers with past due balances; the grants do not need to be paid back. Contact a local Community Action Agency to apply. Nicor Gas Budget Plan can help customers avoid unpredictable bills from month to month and even out the seasonal highs and lows of natural gas use. To learn more about the Budget Plan and how it works, visit nicorgas.com/BudgetPlan.

Payment arrangements provide eligible customers with more time to pay past-due balances and help avoid possible service disconnection. Customers can check their eligibility for a payment arrangement by visiting nicorgas.com/MyAccount. Throughout the season, customers may be eligible for one of more programs and can access the Energy Assistance Programs Flier and Worksheet can help maximize the benefits available to them.

We do not know the exact circumstances, but on July 30, following the successful breakout of Normandy, Private Fenwick was killed in action. Weeks later, on Aug. 17, his widow, Elsie, received a telegram that Bud was missing in action. Within a week, official word came to her that he had been killed in action, leaving behind three daughters, Mary Ellen, Carol Jeanne, and Joanne Patricia. At the time of his death, his brother, Raphael Fenwick, was serving in the army somewhere in Italy. On Aug. 28, a memorial mass was held at St. Mary's Church in Walton, officiated by Father Daley, with burial following at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Amboy.

Bud's sacrifice for freedom and human dignity is gratefully honored forever by his family, his home town and his country.

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LOCAL NEWS



THE PASTOR'S PEN

BEING STRONG WHEN YOU ARE WEAK

BY PASTOR RICK WULF

The East Grove Union Church of Rural Amboy

Hello, Friends, I wrote this article to the members of our church in our September Monthly Church Newsletter. I believe that God wants me to share it with you as well, as many of you may be facing challenging physical situations.

The Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 wrote: "And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted

above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

The question is raised how can he possess such an attitude? I believe that it is important, as with any passage of scripture to understand the context in which the

passage is found. We see the context in the first six verses of this chapter. He wrote: "It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself

I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me."

Paul was speaking in the third person telling of his heavenly experience, where "he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter." He shares how that experience was so real to him, that he wasn't sure if he was just dreaming or if God actually took him physically to Heaven. Regardless, because of that experience he had which he could have tempted him to boost about it, he shared that God allowed him to get a "thorn in the flesh", whatever it may have been, to keep him humble. Now, yes, this may seem like a special case for Paul alone, for who he was, what he experienced, and for what he was called upon by God to do, but I believe this principle of relying upon God in all things and for all things is universally true for us all. And yes, this may be easier said than done. Can we truly say with the Apostle Paul, "For when I am weak, then I am strong." That certainly takes a lot of faith, doesn't?

On Thursday, Sept. 1, I traveled with a good church friend up to Madison, Wis., to U W Healthcare for a lung biopsy to determine what a spot in my left lung is that has been there for years, apparently. Was I concerned? Yes. Was I worried? I tried not to be. I am at the point I believe, like so many others

of you who have bodies that are wearing down, that you have come to the place that you cannot do too much but to yield to God. I believe that is the meaning of the Apostle Paul's principle of "when I am weak, then I am strong." This apparent contradiction says, when we can no longer rely upon what we can do for ourselves or even what others can do for us. We come to that place in our complete experience, physically, spiritually, mentally, emotionally, morally, and socially to rely upon God alone. Because He is our Creator and the Sustainer of life. In real logic, He is the only One upon whom we can and should trust. Echoing Job's faith in Job 1:20-22 in response to all that happened to him, "Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. And he said: 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord.' In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong."

This is quite a challenging statement of faith to make and to believe. The neat thing about this philosophy of life is that our faith in God is what will get us through these challenging experiences that come to us. If you have that special relationship with God, then give Him the glory and honor Him, if you don't know for sure about where you stand in your relationship with God, then I would encourage you to seek Him with all your heart before it is too late! The Prophet Isaiah wrote in Isaiah 55:6: "Seek

the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near." Because no one except the Lord who knows the future, our proper attitude in life to possess is, to live this life, day by day, as if it were the last one that you will have. May you find the peace with God that you need and live by it!

The results of the biopsy are not what we had hoped for. Yes, it's the "C" word. More tests will need to be done, and a consultation with a surgeon. So, at this point we are praying and waiting. Rose and I and the people of the East Grove Union Church would certainly appreciate your prayers.

Andraé Crouch was a gifted Gospel singer/songwriter who went to be with the Lord over eight years ago. One of my favorites of his songs is: "Through It All." In the last verse and the chorus, he wrote: "I thank God for the mountains, and I thank Him for the valleys, I thank Him for the storms He brought me through. For if I'd never had a problem, I wouldn't know God could solve them, I'd never know what faith in God could do. Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in Jesus, I've learned to trust in God. Through it all, through it all, I've learned to depend upon His Word."

As you go through your life experiences, I strongly encourage you to call out to God in faith, and He will hear you and help you! He will help you, as we, too, are seeking Him to get us, "through it all!"

May God continue to bless and sustain you!



ICE CREAM SOCIAL for UKRAINIAN RELIEF

A free ice-cream social will be held for Ukrainian Relief Efforts by Christ our Savior Lutheran Church—2035 IL Route 26, Dixon, on Sunday, Sept. 25 from 1 to 5 p.m., or until the ice-cream runs out. A free will door offering will be available to support the Lutheran Church Charities' Relief Fund. One hundred percent of all donations will be given to this fund. Contributions will be used to issue grants for humanitarian aid and refugee support in parts of Romania, Latvia, Germany, Slovakia and Czech Republic; provide transitional housing through subsidized rent; and to offer English as a second language class to help displaced Ukrainians in Brasov & Romania. A representative from Lutheran Church Charities will be on site to answer any of your questions. Committee members (left to right) Pastor Andermann, Bev Duryea, Dennis Ayres, Joy Holden, Carolyn Binkley, Lore Dedey.

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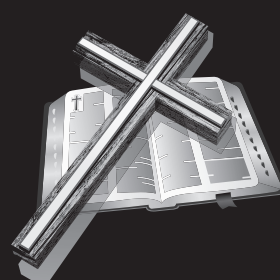
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SOCIAL NEWS



Local nature and history

By Jim “Mazie” Long

Late bloomers have their reasons

Procrastination is the genius behind these genuses.

Here it is the middle of September. Many of our wild plants have long since bloomed and produced seed, but the Asters are just now getting ready to bloom. It almost appears that they have no intention of producing flowers at all. They laughed in the sunshine all summer. Why do they wait?

We humans know that frost is coming, yet the Asters are in no hurry. They have had thousands of years to choose the right time to bloom. They have chosen wisely, for their late blooming has advantages. There is always a super abundance of bees and butterflies looking for flowers in the fall. The Aster’s flowers can all be pollinated. The seeds can mature just after frost when seed-eating insects are gone.

Divining a later bloom. The Witch-Hazel tree is another unusual plant, because it flowers in October and November when all the surrounding trees are dropping their leaves, preparing for winter.

The petals of the Witch-Hazel are conspicuous, strap-shaped and yellow. It is strange to see a tree blooming in the fall in Lee County. The fruit, a capsule, doesn’t mature until the following autumn. The capsule contains two large seeds. When the seeds mature, the capsule explodes and throws



Jim “Mazie” Long

the seeds several feet. If you are in the woods in the fall and are suddenly pelted with large black seeds, you can blame it on a Witch-Hazel.

Witch-Hazel branches have always been popular tools for “water-diviners” to find underground streams. An extract of the Witch-Hazel bark has also long been used to make ointments, and that is still true today.

How little we know about the ecology of many plants.

Editor’s Note: James Brady Long was born in Amboy on June 12, 1926. Known by many as “Mazie”, 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 protection continued as he ventured 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 contributed 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.

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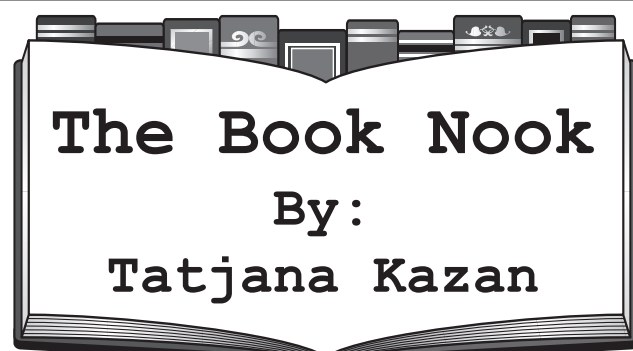
Asters are perennial wildflowers. Over 90 species of Aster are native to North America. Most have been reclassified outside of the original Old World genus Aster, now cataloged under the genus Symphyotrichum – Editor.

Drawn down planned for Sept. 25

WALTON—Join the fun as the Lee County Democratic Party has their Annual Jerry Sheridan Picnic and Drawdown on Sunday, Sept. 25, at the Walton Tap. Picnic starts at 1 p.m.; drawdown starts at 3 p.m.

Tickets for the drawdown which includes two meals are \$100 and a chance to win a share in \$13,000 in prize money with the grand prize being \$8,000.

Meal ticket only is \$10. Contact Amy Palmer 407-353-0399 for tickets or questions.



The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

BLACKOUTS

Do we ever get over our fear of the dark? When I was a kid, I was sent off for the summer to a hamlet of six houses and some sheds, a dirt road, and a grocery store the size of a walk-in closet. This tiny enclave was surrounded by a massive, nearly impenetrable forest. The ominous pitch blackness of this forest was the source of all my fears. In Roger Canaff’s thriller “City Dark” (2022), half of which takes place during the celebrated 1977 New York City Blackout, city dark beats forest dark by a mile.

The story opens a few minutes before the city’s five boroughs go dark at 9:37 p.m. on July 13, 1977. A heatwave grips the city, which is already on edge because of the notorious Son of Sam murders. The blackout brings all traffic to a standstill, strands thousands of riders on the subway, and opens the door wide to looters, where, per the Post, “even the looters were being mugged.” A woman and her two sons, Robbie, 15, and Joe, 10, are on their way to Staten Island. When they run out of gas, she abandons the boys and plunges into the darkness in search of a gas station. They will never see her again.

The boys finally abandon the car and start out on their harrowing odyssey across the city. I very much enjoyed Canaff’s vivid depiction of the myriad dangers the boys must face, but also the fun many New Yorkers are having in spontaneous block parties, the looters darting through broken store windows, facing down frazzled store owners, guns and baseball bats at the ready.

The story then shifts to 40 years later. An elderly homeless woman, her neck broken, is found on the beach at Coney Island. Some scribbled notes lead the police to the protagonist of the novel, Joe at 50. He is a successful and respected New York City special victims prosecutor (like his creator Canaff) and an alcoholic who gets blackout drunk on weekends. The victim is Joe’s and Robbie’s mother. Joe cannot remember anything, but when there is a DNA match to a drop of blood from the crime scene, and when someone close to him is murdered, neck also broken, Joe is arrested. A friend, tenacious and brilliant Aileen Bradigan, takes Joe’s case.

We learn of the how and why of this thriller as the boys navigate their way to safety and as Joe, 40 years on, goes dry, dispelling his personal blackouts. He is a well-drawn, sympathetic protagonist, as is the supporting cast of women cops and lawyers. Moreover, their adversary is a satisfyingly evil pedophile. The plot is not especially ingenious and a late revelation is a bit clunky, but all in all, it’s a story worth reading.

Paint The Town this Saturday in Morrison

MORRISON—Paint the Town online registration is an easy way to sign up and pick your squares to paint. Join us on Saturday, September 17, for Paint the Town. This year, Morrison’s one-of-a kind family visual arts festival will feature 1,750 squares ready for painting by children, families, and artists of all ages. To pre-register to paint please visit www.paintthetownmorrison.com. Pre-registration cost is \$20 per person and can be done up to 11 a.m. on the day of the event. After 11 a.m., the cost increases to \$25 per person.

Third times a charm. When the 25th anniversary event in 2019 was rained out and the pandemic cancelled 2020 and 2021 events, the Children’s Art Preservation Association (CAPA) resolved to rewind the clock and not miss celebrating this important milestone - the event’s slogan for 2022 is Paint the Town Rewind. Surrounding the Main Street Morrison event, almost 50 business windows will be painted by amateur and professional artists, and once again, Morrison’s town center will be filled with color, music, and mouthwatering food for children and families.

Community support has always been the backbone

of Paint the Town.

Volunteers make up every aspect of event organization and planning and are always

needed to fill positions on planning committees or provide help all the way up to the day of the event.

To volunteer for Paint the Town contact Angela Reamer at 815-499-8128, or by email, angela.reamer@gmail.com

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Opinion

Accountability is lacking at the state level

Should it take more than eight years to fire state employees involved in the beating of a disabled patient in an Illinois state facility?

It's a question that begs to be asked in the wake of an investigation conducted by several news organizations: Lee Enterprises, Capitol News Illinois and ProPublica.

Here is the set up for the investigation:

"As Blaine Reichard rose from a breakfast table at the Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in southern Illinois, a worker ordered him to pull up his sagging pants.

A 24-year-old man with developmental disabilities, Reichard was accustomed to workers at the state-run residential facility telling him what to do. But this time he didn't obey.

"I'm a gangsta! This is how we do it where I am from!" responded Reichard, who, despite his street-tough defiance, still slept with a teddy bear."

Multiple witnesses told the Illinois State Police that shortly after this exchange, Reichard was taken to the floor, held down by four mental health techs and repeatedly punched in the face.

One of the employees has pleaded guilty to a felony and

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



the three others have pleaded guilty to misdemeanors. But almost eight years after the beating none have been fired or disciplined in the workplace.

None.

According to the investigation, "After pleading guilty, the three (misdemeanants) returned to work at Choate, mowing lawns, cooking or doing laundry. About three years ago, their status returned to administrative leave. They no longer do any work at Choate, but they still receive a state paycheck today. Since the incident, taxpayers have paid the trio more than \$1 million combined. Their annual salaries range between \$50,000 and \$54,000, IDHS records show."

Will they be fired? Well, the state is still considering the matter -- eight years after the beating. Eight years.

Molly Parker, one of the investigative reporters involved in the case, said the union representing the employees got them bumped to paid administrative leave -- rather than keeping them working at the center in positions where they were not in contact with patients while awaiting a decision on whether

they should be disciplined.

Oh, and by the way these men are still receiving health insurance benefits and credit toward their pensions.

Is anyone advocating for the taxpayers who are paying these men to do nothing? It would appear not.

As for the lone felon in the group, he was suspended without pay when he was charged in 2016 and he remained on the state payroll during the 15-month period between the time of the incident and the time he was charged, collecting nearly \$56,000 while on administrative leave.

Public employees are often called to do challenging work. Whether it's teaching a classroom of third graders, writing speeding tickets, incarcerating criminals or caring for developmentally delayed people in state institutions, most do what is asked of them.

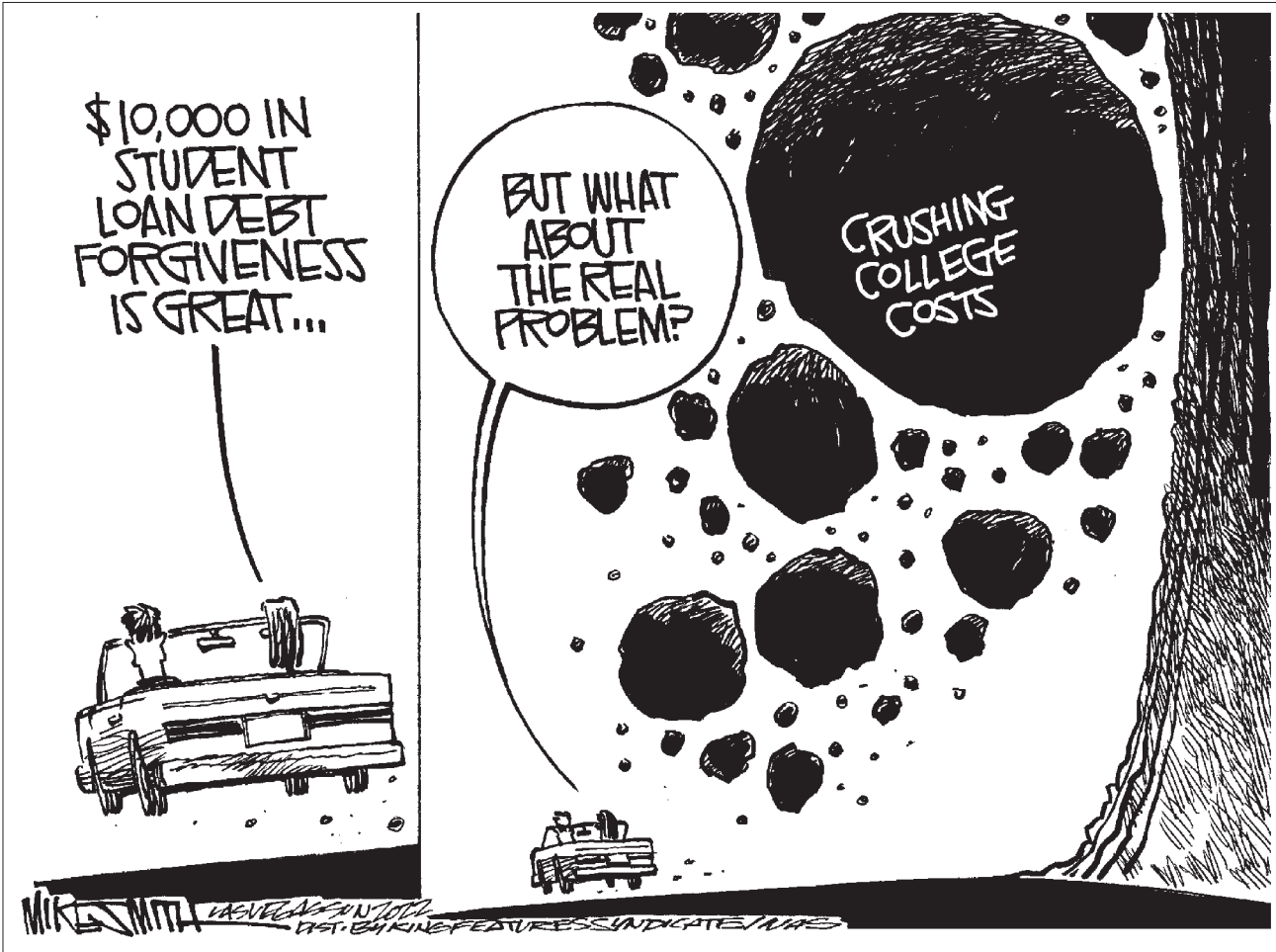
But how do we address those who violate the rules and bring harm to those in their care?

Accountability is lacking. Some point their fingers at a bureaucracy that moves at a slug's pace. Others blame union contracts that they say make punishing bad employees difficult.

I'm not going to weigh in on why accountability is lacking -- only that it is.

And few in public office are doing anything to better hold bad employees to account.

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at: sreeder@illinoistimes.com.



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 YEARS AGO Sept. 8, 1972

A man was shot and killed by a fellow laborer in an Illinois Central tool car at the Negro camp a mile north of Eldena. Both men had been engaged in track construction in and around Amboy for several seasons. Witnesses said the men had argued while playing cards. They also testified that a considerable amount of moonshine whiskey had been consumed.

There was a large attendance at the auction of the Theresa Bashan farm at Temperance Hill. The highest bid was \$245 per acre but she decided to sell at that price.

75 YEARS AGO Sept. 11, 1947

Coach Dominetta reports the largest, but lightest squads out for football with 40 bags vying for position on the team. Among them are returning lettermen Ron Ellis, Glen Goy, Ray Shannon,

Ed Buchanan, Ken Robbins, and Don Eckburg.

Operations have begun at the Midwest Rug Mills in the former IC round house. John Boss, head of the Mills, announced Roy Wiser is in charge of production and Marye Hegert is employed in the office.

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50 YEARS AGO Sept. 14, 1972

Schuette Brothers Hardware ran an advertisement announcing their quitting business sale. 25 % off every item in stock.

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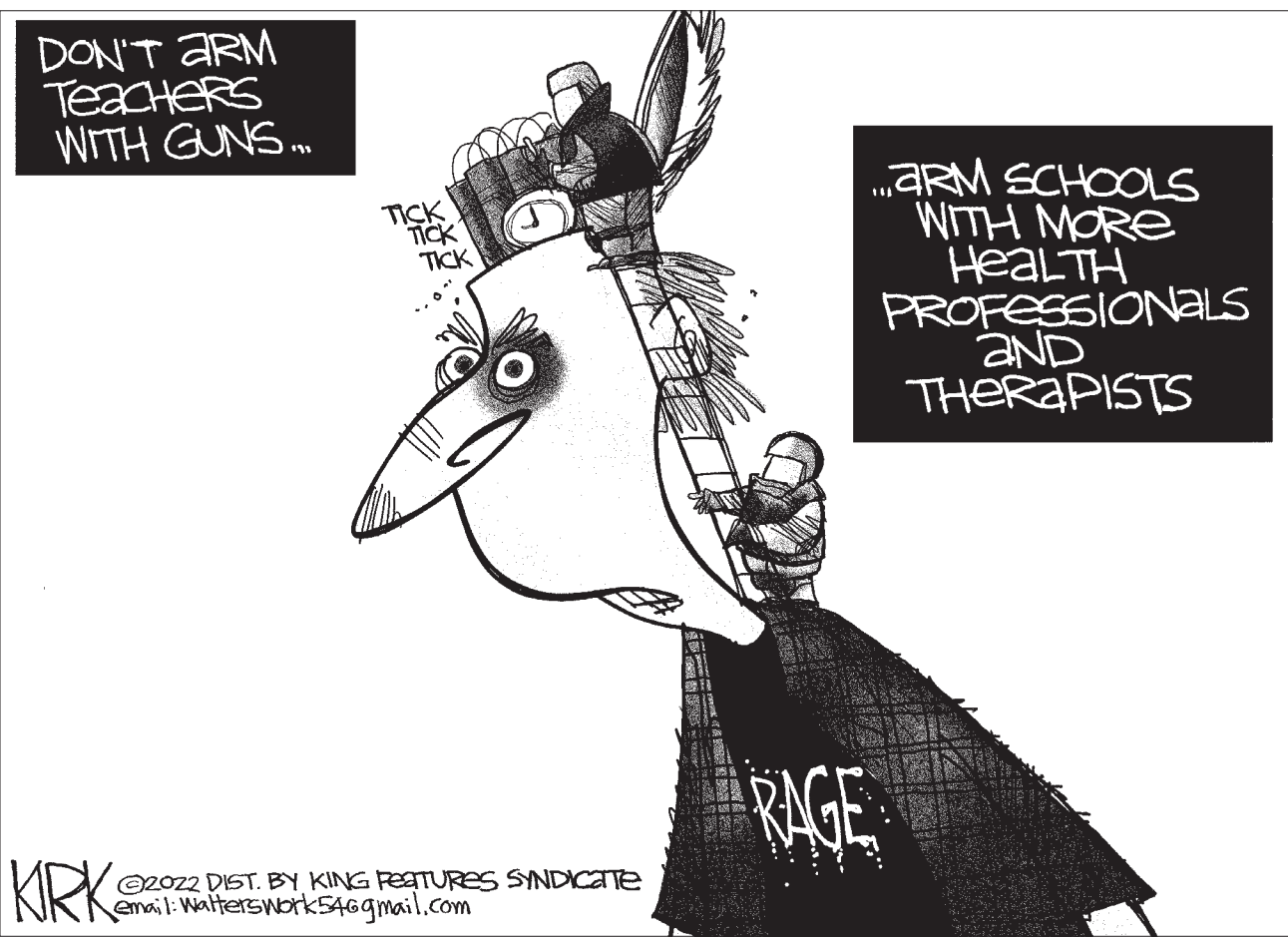
Fanelli's Smoke Shop advertised six throw-away bottles of Blue Ribbon Beer for \$1.20.

25 YEARS AGO Sept. 11, 1997

The Amboy Council #8277 will participate in the 29th annual drive to raise funds for the mentally handicapped on September 19 and 20. This statewide drive involves over 330 Councils in Illinois.

On Wednesday, Sept. 17, 102-year old Louie Scott will be throwing the opening pitch at the Cubs vs. Cardinals game. A bus loaded with Louie's fans will leave from Heritage Square and a bus full of rowdy fans will gather to leave from the Princeton area. It is thought that Louie will probably have more fans than the star players.

Amboy Fire Chief Rocky Sensenig presents Ron Hargitt, Treasurer of the Amboy Depot Museum Historical Commission, with a check in the amount of \$2,000 for the Depot restoration. The money was raised through the Depot Days Bar-B-Q sponsored by the Amboy Fire Dept.



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Educational Briefs

Spring semester graduates,
Dean's List and Bronze
Tablet honorees named

CHAMPAIGN — The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign has announced 9,193 Dean's List students, 261 Bronze Tablet honorees and approaching 10,000 graduates for the 2022 spring semester.

Dean's List eligibility is limited to the top 20% of a student's college class or curriculum. To be eligible, students must complete at least 12 academic semester hours taken for a letter grade.

Dixon

Cadyn Grafton, sophomore, Engineering
Grace Morgan Mitchell, senior, Liberal Arts and Sciences
Page Stees, freshman Liberal Arts and Sciences
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Kaitlyn Ortgiesen, senior, Liberal Arts and Sciences
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Anna Logan, sophomore, Engineering
Connor Colby, freshman, General Studies

Sublette

Margaret Vaessen, sophomore, Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences

A total of 9,850 students graduated in May. Among the recipients:

Amboy

Lauren Gerdes, Graduate College, Master of Human Resources and Industrial Relations

NIU Summer 2022 Graduation List

DEKALB — Over 560 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in August. Included among the graduates were the following students from your area:

Dixon

Jennifer LeMoine, Bachelor of Arts, Environmental Studies
Jill Silvest, Master of Science in Education, Educational Administration

Steward

Kelly Wakefield, Master of Science in Education, SPED-Assistive Technology Used by Persons with Visual Impairments

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White reminds motorists
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SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is once again calling on drivers to “move over” when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle or any stopped vehicle displaying flashing lights.

The Move Over Law, also known as Scott's Law, is designed to protect law enforcement, emergency responders and other drivers who are stopped on the side of roadways. White's office added a reminder about this important law on all driver's license renewal notices in 2019.

“If you see a vehicle stopped on the side of the road, reduce speed and change lanes, if possible,” said White. “We have a responsibility to drive safely, and we have a duty to protect those who protect us by moving over when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle. It is the law.”

Motorists convicted of violating the Move Over Law face a minimum fine of \$100 up to \$10,000 and the offense goes on the motorist's driving record. A violator's driver's license is suspended for 24 months in the event of a fatality and six months in the event of personal injury.

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To the Electors of the State of Illinois:

The Illinois Constitution establishes a structure of government and laws for the State of Illinois. There are three ways to initiate change to the Illinois Constitution: (1) a constitutional convention may propose changes to any part; (2) the General Assembly may propose changes to any part; or (3) a petition initiative may propose amendments limited to structural and procedural subjects contained in the Legislative Article. The people of Illinois must approve any changes to the Illinois Constitution before they become effective. The purpose of this document is to inform you of proposed changes to the Illinois Constitution and to provide you with a brief explanation and a summary of the arguments in favor of and in opposition to the proposed amendment.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ADD SECTION 25 TO ARTICLE I OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE I — BILL OF RIGHTS

SECTION 25. WORKERS' RIGHTS

(a) Employees shall have the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing for the purpose of negotiating wages, hours, and working conditions, and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work. No law shall be passed that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and work place safety, including any law or ordinance that prohibits the execution or application of agreements between employers and labor organizations that represent employees requiring membership in an organization as a condition of employment.

(b) The provisions of this Section are controlling over those of Section 6 of Article VII.

EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment, which takes effect upon approval by the voters, adds Section 25 to the Bill of Rights Article of the Illinois Constitution. The new section will guarantee workers the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively and to negotiate safety conditions, wages, hours, working conditions, and economic welfare. The amendment prohibits the passage of any new law within the State that restricts or prohibits workers from engaging in collective bargaining with their employer over wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment, like safety protocols or training.

Arguments In Favor of the Proposed Amendment

This amendment will protect workers' and others' safety. That includes guaranteeing nurses' right to put patient care ahead of profit and making sure construction workers can speak up when there's a safety issue. It will protect workers from being silenced when they call attention to food safety threats, shoddy construction, and other problems that could harm Illinoisans. This amendment protects firefighters and EMTs who put their lives on the line to protect Illinoisans. It means they get the training and safety equipment they need to do their jobs, and can speak out when they see a problem without fear of retaliation. This amendment will help our economy by putting more money in workers' pockets who join together and get raises. That will mean more money going into our communities and small businesses as people join the middle class with good-paying jobs.

Arguments Against the Proposed Amendment

A fundamental right provided to all citizens under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution is the right to free speech and freedom of association. This amendment prohibits any law or ordinance that allows union workers to choose whether they wish to be a member of the union or not. Under the 2018 United States Supreme Court decision Janus v. Illinois AFSCME, non-union government workers cannot be required to pay union dues as a condition of working in the public sector. Approval of this constitutional amendment will deny that protection to private sector workers. The amendment also states that lawmakers could never "interfere with, negate, or diminish" certain rights. These terms are broad and undefined and leave lawmakers without the ability to clarify through legislation. Our Illinois Constitution provides such protection to public employees. The result of that protection has been to squash efforts by state lawmakers and voters to address Illinois' pension fund deficits.

FORM OF BALLOT

Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution

Explanation of Amendment

The proposed amendment would add a new section to the Bill of Rights Article of the Illinois Constitution that would guarantee workers the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively and to negotiate wages, hours, and working conditions, and to promote their economic welfare and safety at work. The new amendment would also prohibit from being passed any new law that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and workplace safety. At the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, you will be called upon to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

YES

For the proposed addition of Section 25 to Article I of the Illinois Constitution.

NO

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I, Jesse White, Secretary of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Proposed Amendment, the Explanation of the Proposed Amendment, Arguments in Favor of the Amendment and Arguments Against the Amendment and a true copy of the Form of Ballot for this call as the regularly scheduled general election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, as set forth in compliance with the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, Done in the City of Springfield, this sixth day of September, 2022.

Jesse White

Jesse White
Secretary of State

The link below has information about a proposed constitutional amendment that will be considered at the November 8, 2022 general election.

以下连结提供将在2022年11月8日大选中提出拟议的宪法修正案相关信息。

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HARVEST SAFETY

6 simple tips for a safe harvest season

Safety should be a major concern for all farmers during harvest, but as the season goes on, it can be easy to miss details or neglect safe practices that can put you or others at risk. Here are six simple safety tips to maintain throughout the season to keep yourself and your crew out of harm's way.

1. Keep your machine's safety features, mirrors and windows clean both in and out of the field

Grain carts are one of the most commonly used pieces of equipment during harvest, but they also have the most potential for blind spots. With few lights on the back of the cart and large areas of obstructed visibility, it's important to keep the safety features available in good working order. Check your cart's turn signal and brake lights prior to leaving each field to ensure safe operation down the road.

Be sure to regularly wipe any dust or debris from safety reflectors, lights and mirrors on your grain cart both in the field and on the road, as well as those on your combine, tractor and gravity wagons. If your cart or wagon doesn't come with turn signal lights, a backup strobe like this one can be used to make your implement more visible in low light situations. Keep glass cleaner and paper towels or rags in your cab to clean your machine daily, and prevent accidents that can occur from not seeing a car or other obstacle on the road.

2. Inspect your PTO's safety shields for all operation

The Power Take Off (PTO) can cause severe injury without proper safety precautions. NEVER step over the PTO shaft, either while it is running or when it is not in operation. This includes a tractor and grain cart combination as well as a tractor attached to an auger against a grain bin. It is always better to take few extra seconds and walk around the equipment.

Inspect the guards on the PTO shaft every season. With the tractor turned off and the

key stored in the operator's pocket, use one hand to spin the shield 360°. If the guard can spin without stopping or turning the power drive train, the shield is working properly. If the guard does catch or rub at any point in time, the guard should be repaired or replaced before being put back into service. Don't forget to check the PTO shafts on the combine head as well to prevent crop from getting tangled around the shaft.

3. Look out for stray metal and other debris

After the derecho storm earlier this month, pieces of metal and other debris may have found their way into your fields. Be observant as you harvest your fields and watch out for large debris that could seriously damage your machines and slow down your harvest. If you do experience a plug in your corn head, follow this procedure to safely remove it.

Bring the combine to a stop and back up a few feet so the head of the combine is located over harvested crop.

Bring the combine's threshing element to a slow speed on idle.

Open the deck plates as wide as they will go.

Using the reverser switch for the head, lightly bump the switch in reverse a few times to see if the plugged material becomes dislodged. If the material does not become dislodged, stop running the head. Constant running of the head can cause damage to the slip clutch, making it weak and creating excess heat.

Follow the combine lock-out procedure before ever working around or under a raised combine head. Make sure all hydraulics and shafts are removed from the combine and safety cyclinder block/stops are applied.

Using cut resistant gloves, grab a handful of material at a time and slowly begin pulling it out of the snapping rolls. Be careful; there is likely to be something lodged in the snap rolls and it could be sharp objects such as nails or sheet metal.

4. Be aware of your crew's



location

A good practice is to honk the horn of the combine or tractor three times before starting the machine or engaging the components so other members of your crew know the machine is moving, and to give them time to move out of the way and remove themselves from moving parts.

5. Check your tow ropes and chains when extracting stuck equipment

While not every area in the state may have this problem

each season, it's important to know how to stay safe when pulling out a stuck tractor or combine. When possible, use tow ropes in good condition instead of chains. If only chains are available, inspect them to make sure both ends are in good condition and the chain itself does not have any broken, bent or weak links. Be sure that the machine you pull with and the chain are large enough to tow the weight of the stuck machine. Never stand between a stuck vehicle and the implement

towing it. Chains and ropes can break and will seriously injure anyone in their path. It's best to stand far way and communicate with the operator of the equipment using either cell phones or two-way radios.

6. Be conscious of your mental health and seek help when necessary

There is a growing concern about mental health in the agriculture and farming community, and a harvest season with unusual circumstances like this year can

cause additional stress. Be mindful of your own mental health, as well as that of your employees, co-workers and family.

Continue to keep up with these practices as you go through the harvest season. By using these tips and maintaining awareness of your surroundings, you can protect yourself, your investment and others on the road and in the field for a safe harvest season.

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Monday, Sept. 19

Noon CDT - Crashes Involving Agricultural Vehicles in the Southwest Region
2 p.m. CDT - ATV/UTV Safety for Farm Women

Tuesday, Sept. 20

Noon CDT - Putting Time and Distance Between Someone at Risk of Suicide and Lethal Means: An Overview of the CALM Workshop
2 p.m. CDT - Heat and Wildfire Smoke Exposure Among Agricultural Workers: Examining Exposure Risk and Potential Strategies to Protect Workers

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Noon CDT - Protecting and Promoting the Health of Young Agricultural Workers: The Role of Employers and Supervisors
2 p.m. CDT - Farm Youth Mental Health: What We Know and How to Help

Thursday, Sept. 22

Noon CDT - Roundtable Discussion: Grain Bin Safety
2 p.m. CDT - Confined Space: Grain Bin Entry
Friday, Sept. 23

Noon CDT - More than Milk: Strong Bones and Injury Prevention for Aging Women in Ag
2 p.m. CDT - ¡Basta!

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Have a safe & healthy harvest season.

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HARVEST SAFETY

Safety reminders during fall harvest season

With the urgency felt by farm families during the fall season, here are some safety reminders.

Equipment

Unfortunately, many farmers use older equipment during the harvest season that does not have recommended safety features. Keep your equipment in good condition and check to ensure all guards are properly positioned. Check to make sure that you have the recommended lighting on your tractor and implements especially when traveling in the early mornings or evenings.

Rest and Breaks

During the harvest time, it is very easy for farm family members to not get adequate rest, take breaks, and even eat meals. In order for you to remain alert during harvest, you cannot sacrifice rest

and nutrition. When doing fieldwork, take short breaks throughout the day to get out of the tractor to stretch. Stay hydrated and pack nutritious snacks or meals so that you during harvest, a person may sometimes accept help from a neighbor, family member, or friend. However, it is important for you to provide that person with farm safety training related to the task that they will be helping with on the farm.

Youth Safety

If you have youth (either your own, hired, or volunteers) working for you during the harvest season, evaluate the job they are doing to ensure they are not taking on more responsibility than they are mentally, cognitively, and physically able to accomplish. Always provide training for youth workers prior to doing any work and check in with

them on regular intervals to check on their progress and safety.

Body Mechanics

Not all harvesting is done with tractors and combines. Some fall crops require hand harvesting and heavy lifting. Remember it is better to make multiple trips with lighter loads than to strain your body by lifting or carrying too much. When carrying an object, hold the object as close to your body as possible and lift with your knees rather than your back.

Sleep

Do not ignore your health during the harvest season. As hard as it might be, try to get adequate sleep which will help you rejuvenate from a hard day and prepare you for the next busy day.

Accessing the Tractor

During chopping, a person can get on and off the tractor



numerous times to hitch and unhitch wagons. Consider using a hitching system to reduce the number of time you need to get on and off the tractor. If it is unavoidable, maintain 3 points of contact when getting on or off the tractor and avoid jumping off of the tractor or tractor steps to improve your safety and to protect your joints over time.

Personal Protective Equipment

Use personal protective equipment such as ear plugs, gloves, and safety glasses when appropriate.

Traveling on Roadways

Check to make sure that you have the recommended lighting on your tractor

and implements especially when traveling in the early mornings or evenings. When possible, avoid traveling on roadways during the busy morning and evening commute times. Use an escort vehicle when necessary.

Do your part to make this a safe and healthy harvest season.

Safety essentials when visiting a farm

The nursery rhyme does not state, “Old MacDonald had a farm and on this farm there was a bunch of dangerous things.” But maybe it should?

Farmers perform an essential service, providing food and other products that consumers commonly take for granted. The inner workings of a farm are something to treat with respect. Most of the families who live and work on a farm understand the potential hazards of such an environment. However, individuals visiting a farm may be unaware of these dangers. Understanding farm safety helps keep everyone safe.

According to the organization Kids Health, the age groups at greatest risk for injury on farms are children ages 3 to 4 and teenagers ages 13 to 14. Most injuries can be prevented, though, with a little education and precautionary measures.

Machinery

There are many different forms of machinery on a farm to help keep it working efficiently. These items can pose serious safety risks. Although tractors are the type of farm equipment that causes the most injuries, some adults still think it is safe to allow children to ride along.

Injuries that may result from farm machinery include pinching of clothing or parts of the body, where a person may become trapped in the gears or components of equipment; cuts from equipment that shears crops; bruising or cuts from projectiles thrown by mowers or other field equipment; and crushing or trapping injuries from machinery that falls or tips over.

Animals

Part of the excitement of visiting a farm is seeing and petting the animals. Although many animals may be docile and domesticated, they can still be unpredictable.

Animals that are startled by yelling or loud noises also may become restless and dangerous.

Children should understand that animals may unintentionally cause injuries. It may be in a horse’s defense mechanism to kick when it is scared. To avoid such injuries, never approach animals from behind. Also, when baby animals are present, a female may be protective of her brood and go on the defensive.

Another inadvertent injury that may occur is from bacteria or viruses from the animals. Animal feces may contain bacteria, and there may be other microorganisms on the animals themselves. It is a smart idea to always wash your hands after handling a farm animal to prevent the spread of disease.

Here are some other precautions that can be taken when visiting a farm.

- Don’t allow children



to wander around unsupervised.

- Rides on farm equipment should be discouraged.
- Before starting machinery, operators should locate children and other guests and clear them from the work area.
- Don’t allow children near machinery.

- Children under the age of 16 should not be allowed to operate any farm vehicles.
- Watch for hand tools or other equipment, and keep children away from them.
- Do not touch animals unless a farm worker allows it. Then follow his or her instructions.
- Don’t provoke farm

animals or attempt to startle them.

- Supervise children around ponds, feeding troughs or manure lagoons. It only takes a few inches of water to pose a drowning risk.

Farms are interesting places to visit, especially for children.

Farmers urged to watch electrical hazards during harvest

URBANA - The rush to harvest can reap grim results – electrocution. Missing important safety steps results in many farm workers being killed and hundreds injured each year when farm equipment makes contact with overhead power lines. Safe Electricity, the statewide safety awareness program of the Illinois Electric Council (IEC), urges farm workers to review farm activities and work practices that take place around power lines to prevent tragic accidents.

“Take note when moving equipment like portable grain augers, oversized wagons, and large combines. Everyone who works on the farm should know the location of power lines and keep farm equipment at least 10 feet away from them,” says Molly Hall, director of Safe Electricity. “The minimum 10-foot distance is a 360-degree rule – below, to the side, and above lines. Ensuring proper clearance can save lives.”

“Equipment contacting overhead power lines is the leading cause of farm electrocution accidents in the Midwest,” said Bob Aherin, University of Illinois Agricultural Safety Specialist. “Moving portable grain augers poses the greatest risk because those who are on the ground moving the equipment would provide a direct path for electricity if there’s a contact with overhead wires.

“Always lower grain augers before moving them, even if it’s only a few feet. Variables like wind, uneven ground, shifting weight or other conditions can combine to create an unexpected result,” Aherin said. “Use extreme caution when raising the bed of a grain truck. It can be difficult to estimate distance and sometimes a power line is closer than it looks. A spotter or someone with a broader view can help.”

Farm workers also are advised not to use metal poles when breaking up bridged grain inside and around bins and to use qualified electricians for work on drying equipment and other farm electrical systems.

Some other equipment safety considerations:

- Always lower portable augers or elevators to their lowest possible level - under 14 feet- before moving or transporting; use care when raising them.
- When moving large equipment or high loads near a power line, always use a spotter, or someone to help make certain that contact is not made with a line.
- Be aware of increased height when loading and transporting larger modern tractors with higher antennas.
- Never attempt to raise or move a power line to clear a path.

“It’s also important for operators of farm equipment or vehicles to know what to do if the vehicle comes in contact with a power line,” Hall says. “It’s almost always best to stay in the cab and call for help. Warn others who may be nearby to stay away and wait until the electric utility arrives to make sure power to the line is cut off.”

“If the power line is energized and you step outside, your body becomes the path and electrocution is the result,” Aherin said. “Even if a power line has landed on the ground, the potential for the

area nearby to be energized still exists. Stay inside the vehicle unless there’s fire or imminent risk of fire.”

In that case, the proper action is to jump – not step – with both feet hitting the ground at the same time. Do not allow any part of your body to touch the equipment and the ground at the same time. Continue to shuffle or hop to safety, keeping both feet together as you leave the area.

Once you get away from the equipment, never attempt to get back on or even touch the equipment. Many electrocutions occur when the operator dismounts and, realizing nothing has happened, tries to get back on the equipment.

As in any outdoor work, be careful not to raise any equipment such as ladders, poles or rods into power lines. Remember, non-metallic materials such as lumber, tree limbs, tires, ropes and hay will conduct electricity depending on dampness and dust and dirt contamination.

The overhead electric wires aren’t the only electrical contact that can result in a serious incident. Pole guy wires are grounded to the neutral; but, when one of the guy wires is broken, it can cause an electric current disruption. This can make those neutral wires anything but harmless. If you hit a guy wire and break it, call the utility to fix it. Don’t do it yourself. Always call the electric utility.



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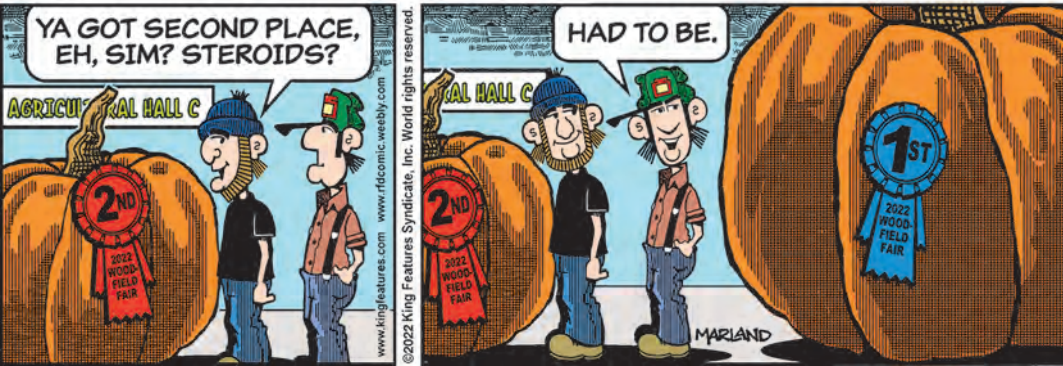
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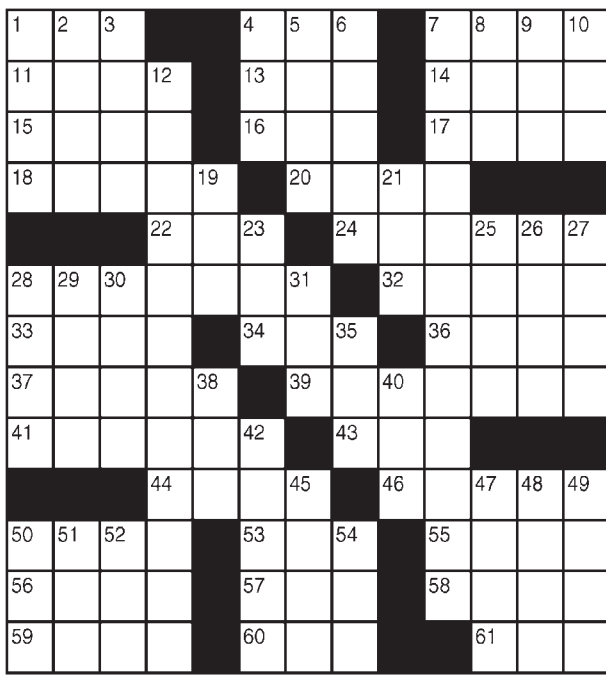
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- 29 Mayberry moppet
- 30 Give up
- 31 Golf prop
- 35 Rm. coolers
- 38 Salty expanse
- 40 Exploit
- 42 Out of practice
- 45 Zhivago's love
- 47 Bigfoot's cousin
- 48 Begged
- 49 Printing error
- 50 Scribble (down)
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- 52 Apr. check cashier
- 54 Gratitude

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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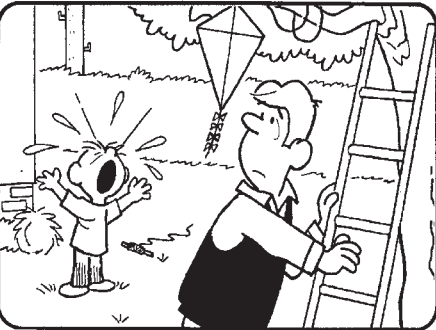
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦
 ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Pole is missing; 2. Bricks are missing; 3. Arm is moved; 4. String holder is missing; 5. Kite tail is missing; 6. Hair is different.

SARDINE

Today's Word

1. Silent
2. Chaste
3. Debris
4. Alone

solution

SCRAMBLERS

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: P equals W

QNQDOVC PXM CXGXCRKX PNCZ

GYOXXF PYLT VCLYKOW VMNDL

LTX PNCOF'W SVCYNDW XSYOW:

PYKZXF-QXFVY.

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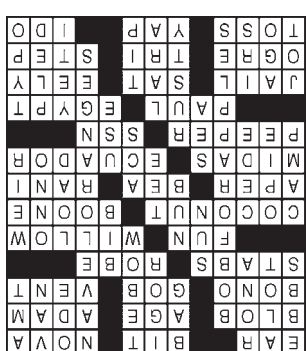
Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which European country has the largest population?
2. HISTORY: The storming of the Bastille took place in which country in 1789?
3. ASTRONOMY: What is the brightest star in any constellation called?
4. MYTHOLOGY: Who is Thor's father in Norse mythology?
5. COMICS: Where is the superhero Aquaman from?
6. MOVIES: How many characters does Mike Myers play in the "Goldmember" movie?
7. LITERATURE: How many lines does a haiku poem have?
8. TELEVISION: What was the name of the ranch on the 1960s western "Bonanza"?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state's official animal is the raccoon?
10. BUSINESS: What is the Ford Mustang automobile named after?

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1. Russia.
2. France. It is celebrated on July 14.
3. Alpha.
4. Odin.
5. Atlantis.
6. Four (Austin Powers, Dr. Evil, Fat Bastard and Goldmember).
7. Three, with a total of 17 syllables.
8. The Ponderosa.
9. Tennessee.
10. A WWII fighter plane.



Solution time: 22 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

1	8	6	3	9	2	4	5	7
2	3	4	8	7	5	9	6	1
7	5	6	1	4	6	8	3	2
8	6	5	7	3	4	2	1	9
6	1	3	6	2	8	7	4	5
4	2	7	6	5	1	3	8	6
3	6	1	4	6	7	5	2	8
9	4	2	5	8	6	1	7	3
5	7	8	2	1	3	6	9	4

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Wicked-pedia.

the world's various evils.

Popular web reference work filled with articles about the world's various evils.

answer

CryptoQuip

Classified Marketplace

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101 LEGAL NOTICES

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY
COMMISSION**
STS HYDROPOWER, LLC
PROJECT NO. 2446-052
NOTICE OF APPLICATION TENDERED FOR FILING WITH THE COMMISSION AND SOLICITING ADDITIONAL STUDY REQUESTS AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE FOR LICENSING AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF FINAL AMENDMENTS
(September 9, 2022)
Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.
a. Type of Application: New Major License
b. Project No.: 2446-052
c. Date filed: August 30, 2022
d. Applicant: STS Hydropower, LLC (STS Hydropower)
e. Name of Project: Dixon Hydroelectric Project (Dixon Project)
f. Location: The project is located on the Rock River in the towns of Dixon and Grand Tour and the city of Dixon in Lee and Ogle Counties, Illinois. The project does not include any federal lands.
g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a) - 825(r)
h. Applicant Contact: Mr. David Fox, Senior Director of Regulatory Affairs, Eagle Creek RE Management, LLC, 7315 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1100W, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, (240) 724-8765, david.fox@eaglecreekre.com
i. FERC Contact: Laura Washington (202) 502-6072, Laura.Washington@ferc.gov
j. Cooperating agencies: Federal, state, local, and tribal agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues that wish to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document should follow the instructions for filing such requests described in item I below. Cooperating agencies should note the Commission's policy that agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document cannot also intervene. See, 94 FERC ¶ 61,076 (2001).
k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.
l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: October 29, 2022.
The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact

FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2446-052.
m. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.
n. The Dixon Project consists of the following existing facilities: (1) a 305.92-acre reservoir; (2) a 610-foot-long concrete overflow dam; (3) a forebay; (4) transmission equipment is composed of generators connected to a 2.3-kilovolt bus; (5) a tailrace; and (6) a powerhouse containing five generating units with a total installed capacity of 3 megawatts.
The Dixon Project is currently operated in a run-of-river mode and generates an annual average of approximately 14,995 megawatt hours. STS Hydropower proposes to continue operating the project as a run-of-river facility and does not propose any new construction to the project.
o. A copy of the application can be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) issued on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).
You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.
p. Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

MILESTONE	TARGET DATE
Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary)	Dec. 2022
Request Additional Information	Dec. 2022
Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments	June 2023
Issue Scoping Document 2 (if necessary)	Oct. 2023
Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis	Oct. 2023

Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.
Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.
No. 0901
(09/14/22)

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE) No.
ESTATE) 2022
OF) PR 44
WILLIAM)
ARTHUR)
EASTMAN,)
Deceased.)
CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of WILLIAM ARTHUR EASTMAN, of 924 Mary Av., Dixon, Lee County, Illinois on July 17, 2022. Letters of Office were issued on August 18, 2022, by the 15th Judicial Circuit Court of Lee County to the representative and Independent Administrator, LEE EASTMAN, 687 Shadow Wood Drive, Dixon, Illinois. The attorney for the representatives and Independent Administrator of the estate is Robert J. Thompson, 119 West First Street, Ste. 200, P.O. Box 1016, Dixon, Illinois 61021. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the

Lee County Services building, 309 South Galena Avenue, Dixon, IL 61021, or with the representative, LEE EASTMAN, 687 Shadow Wood Drive, Dixon, Illinois 61021 within six (6) months from the first publication of this Claim Notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of specific notice to known creditors, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that time period is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and/or to the attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.
BY:
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Representative/
Administrator.
Robert J. Thompson
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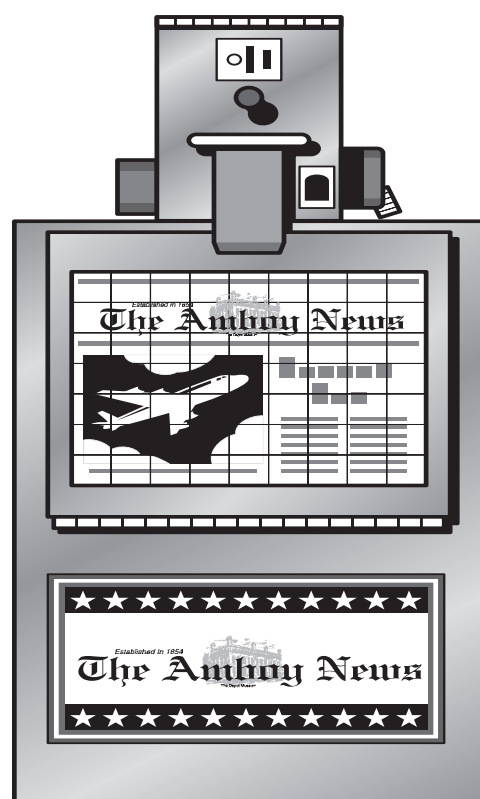
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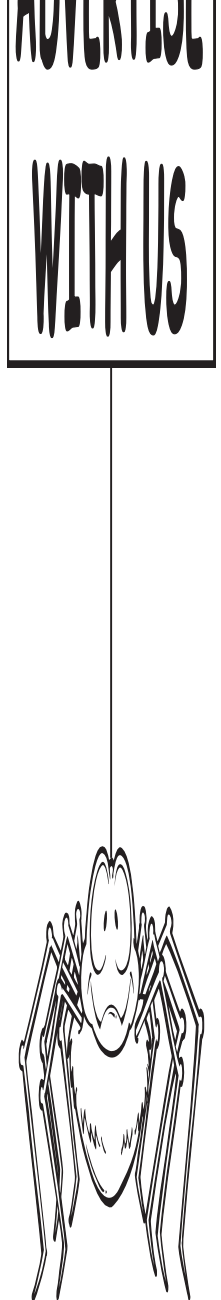
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SPORTS

Clipper runners compete at invitationals

AMBOY — Amboy cross country runners competed in the Seneca Invitational on Sept. 2.

The Clipper varsity boys had four runners in the competition, with Charlie Dickinson taking 21st place in a time of 19:41.9. Next to cross the finish line was Garrett Pertell in 33rd place at 21:11.6, followed by Kelton Schwamberger (46th, 22:20.2) and Jaden Haley (55th, 23:05.9).

Sandwich was first in the team standings with 43 points. Other teams figuring in the standings were Herscher (65), Morris (70), Seneca (87), Streator (131), Ottawa (156), Beecher (161) and Kankakee Bishop McNamara (170).

Four Lady Clipper runners were entered in the junior varsity girls' race. They included Samantha Nauman (10th, 20:19.3), Addison Pertell (12th, 20:29.5), Anna Carlson (13th, 20:31.1) and Natalie Pratt (14th, 20:36.6).

Minonk Fieldcrest won with 22 points, followed by Ottawa (46) and Ottawa Marquette (58).

Amboy traveled to Princeton for the Gary Coates Invitational on Sept. 10.

The Clippers' Kyle McNinch claimed the overall first-place finish in the boys' race with a time of 16:45.75. Next through the chute for Amboy was Atticus Horner in 14th place in a time of 18:28.85, while Dickinson also finished in the top 20 with an 18th-place showing in 18:56.14. Garrett Pertell (23rd, 19:11.65), Haley (38th, 20:23.89) and Schwamberger (43rd, 20:35.55) also ran for the Clippers.

Sterling Newman topped the team standings with 52 points, followed by Mercer County with 63 and Amboy with 77. Lowpoint-Washburn (91), Bureau Valley (129), LaSalle-Peru (162), Morris (165) and Rockridge (180) rounded out the team standings.

In the varsity girls' race, the Lady Clippers had four runners in the competition. Pratt took 35th place in a time of 25:48.48, while Addison Pertell (36th, 25:58.80), Carlson (38th, 26:01.86) and Nauman (51st, 27:25.57) completed the AHS lineup.

The top five scoring teams were Sherrard (43), Mercer



Amboy's Kyle McNinch claimed the overall first-place finish in the boys' race with a time of 16:45.75 at the Gary Coates Invitational on Sept. 10 in Princeton.

Courtesy photo

County (50), Lowpoint-Washburn (82), Fieldcrest (118) and Princeton (118). Rockridge (126), LaSalle-Peru (145) and St. Bede (149) also competed.

Amboy golf results

Amboy High School golf results are as follows:

Aug. 30 @ West Carroll

Varsity boys

Amboy 188, West Carroll 210

Amboy scores: Hayden Wittenauer 38, Wes Wilson 38, Carson Barlow 49, Logan O'Brien 63, Brysen Full 65

Varsity girls

No team scores

Amboy scores: Andrea Buhrow 68, Emma Dinges 62, Greta Horner 67, Gracie Holmgren 77

Sept. 7 vs. Forreston

Varsity boys

Forreston 195, Amboy 211

Amboy scores: Wes Wilson 37, Hayden Wittenauer 48, Carson Barlow 60, Brysen Full 66, Logan O'Brien 71

Varsity girls

Forreston 230, Amboy 253

Amboy scores: Greta Horner 63, Emma Dinges 63, Andrea Buhrow 59, Gracie Holmgren 68

Sept. 8 vs. Lena-Winslow/Pearl City & Fulton

Varsity boys

Fulton 171, Amboy 202, L-W/Pearl City 240

Amboy scores: Wes Wilson 40, Hayden Wittenauer 47, Carson Barlow 57, Brysen Full 58, Logan O'Brien 73

Varsity girls

No team scores

Amboy scores: Andrea Buhrow 56, Emma Dinges 59, Greta Horner 58

Farms and Barns art exhibit opens in Dixon

DIXON — The Next Picture Show (TNPS) is pleased to present the 18th Annual Farms and featuring 91 artworks by forty local, regional, and national artists.

On display from Sept. 10–Oct. 22, the all-media exhibit of original art focuses on rural americana. Media used

includes acrylic, alcohol ink, digital photography, oil, pastel, silk, and watercolor.

Dixon based artist Jayne Rose will serve as judge and present awards at the opening reception Friday, Sept. 16, 6–8 p.m., featured music will be performed by Well Strung.

The exhibit is sponsored by Sauk Valley Bank and available for viewing from Sept. 10–Oct. 22 at 113 West First Street, Dixon. Hours are Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please watch for farm equipment on the roadways

From The Heart Calendar winners

August 2022 From The Heart Calendar Winners

Aug. 1 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$50

Aug. 2 - Village of Progress, Oregon, \$25

Aug. 3 - From The Heart, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 4 - Judy Witasik, Steward, \$25

Aug. 5 - Joel Staley, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 6 - Heidi Martinez, Byron, \$25

Aug. 7 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$50

Aug. 8 - Michele Perez, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 9 - Peggy Phipps, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 10 - Caleb & Canyon Ritter, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 11 - Rochelle Foods, \$25

Aug. 12 - Laura Steinke, Davenport, Iowa, \$25

Aug. 13 - Debra Gorski, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 14 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$50

Aug. 15 - Roger Sheely, Oregon, \$25

Aug. 16 - Juana Hernandez, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 17 - Richard E. Bearrows, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 18 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

Aug. 19 - Myra Chatic, Sterling, \$25

Aug. 20 - David Long, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 21 - Rochelle Masonic Lodge, \$50

Aug. 22 - Kyle Kissack, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 23 - Tom Hill, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 24 - Jane Schell, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 25 - Lucinda Zoeller, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 26 - Stephanie A. Guerrero, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 27 - Edward Jones, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 28 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$50

Aug. 29 - Caroline Kessen, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 30 - Scott A. Stevens, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 31 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25

Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month.

IDNR to conduct meetings about Chronic Wasting Disease

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) will host a series of public meetings throughout northern Illinois to provide updated information about Chronic Wasting Disease, its effect on future deer populations and IDNR's efforts to control the disease.

IDNR staff will be available to answer questions about the disease, commonly referred to as CWD. Landowners, hunters and concerned citizens are encouraged to attend.

CWD is an always fatal neurological disease that threatens the long-term health of white-tailed deer in Illinois. First documented in Illinois in 2002 near Roscoe, CWD has been detected in 19 counties across the northern edge and northeastern portions of Illinois, as far south as Kankakee and Livingston counties. Affected counties include Boone, Carroll, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, Livingston, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Will and Winnebago.

Unless otherwise noted, meetings will begin at 7 p.m. with a 45-minute presentation and discussion to follow.

Monday, Sept. 19, Starved Rock State Park Visitors

Center, 2668 E. 873 Road, Oglesby

Wednesday, Sept. 21, Des Plaines Conservation Area, 30550 S. Boathouse Road, Wilmington

Saturday, Oct. 15 at 1 p.m., Stockton Township Library, 140 W. Benton Ave., Stockton

For more information about the meetings or about CWD, contact Chris Jacques, wildlife disease program manager at 773-636-0819.

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September 19-23

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Wednesday – A). Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, glazed carrots, wgr dinner roll, fruited jello. B). Liver and onions.

Thursday – Chicken ala king, w wgr buttermilk biscuit, broccoli, mandarin oranges.

Friday – Tilapia and garlic butter, wild rice, peas, wgr dinner roll, fruit cocktail.

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SPORTS

Amboy stays undefeated with fourth quarter comeback

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY – Week 1 of the 8-man football season saw No. 1-ranked Amboy beat No. 2 Polo.

So, when Amboy came into Week 3 still No. 1 and Milledgeville promoted to No. 2, it wasn't an unfamiliar situation for the Clippers.

Struggles early on questioned Amboy's undefeated status as the Clippers were trailing Milledgeville in the fourth quarter.

They dug deep, made huge plays, and stole the win, 40-36, to remain No. 1 and undefeated.

"It was a big game. Milledgeville came out and played really well against us. They ran a different type of defense than we expected," Amboy coach Scott Payne said. "We were down 10 points with six minutes left. The kids never gave up. We had a little diversity and they took it head on and came back. They pulled off a great win for us."

"In their first two games, Milledgeville was playing a 3-3 defensive scheme. That's what they were playing against us last year. On Friday, they were running a 6-2 front. They blitzed every gap with the two linebackers. They confused our offensive line."

"At halftime we made adjustments. The kids responded well to the adjustments and understood them. That was the difference in the second half for us."

Many players were key throughout the game, but when it was time for a senior to lead, quarterback Tucker Lindenmeyer took the reins to put points on the board.

"We got the ball back and



Senior quarterback Tucker Lindenmeyer unleashes a pass against Milledgeville during Friday's Week 3 contest. Lindenmeyer finished 9-of-16 passing for 230 yards and three touchdowns. He also had over 100 yards on the ground.

Photo courtesy of Brenda Merriman



Amboy junior Landon Whelchel catches a pass from senior quarterback Tucker Lindenmeyer during Week 3 of 8-man football Friday in Amboy. The No. 1-ranked Clippers came back in the fourth quarter to beat No. 2 Milledgeville, 40-36.

Tucker completed a 20-yard pass to Brennan Blaine. He broke a tackle and took off for a touchdown," Payne said. "We got the 2-point conversion and we kind of stole the momentum right there. The kids were fired up and ready to go."

"We came out on defense and got a stop with about three minutes left. We went down the field and we scored in four plays. Lindenmeyer ran the ball in from about 30 or 40 yards out to score the go-ahead touchdown."

"It was one of those games that you enjoy watching afterwards, but when you're going through it, it's stressful."

The lone Clipper senior finished 9-of-16 passing for 230 yards and three touchdowns, while adding over 100 yards rushing.

Lindenmeyer's first touchdown throw was 10



The Clippers lone senior, quarterback Tucker Lindenmeyer, had the offense moving against Milledgeville in a 40-36 come-from-behind win. Lindenmeyer, who had over 100 rushing yards and was 9-of-16 passing for 230 yards and three touchdowns, helped Amboy climb from a 10-point deficit with six minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. After throwing a touchdown to Brennan Blaine, a completed 2-point conversion, and a defensive stop, the fearless QB ran in the go-ahead score.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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yards to junior tight end Vincent Zembrzusk. Normally a blocking tight end, the TD catch was the first of the season for Zembrzusk.

The second and third of the QB's scoring throws were to junior Brennan Blaine. The duo has connected for

seven touchdown passes this season.

However, Lindenmeyer, Payne, the receivers, and now, opposing defenses, know anyone can catch a ball in the endzone for the Clippers.

"Friday night we had an-

other receiver Troy Anderson step up. He was huge with two catches for 76 yards," Payne said. "That caught Milledgeville by surprise. To have all of these options is great. It's going to be hard for teams to defend us when we have so many different guys we can get the ball to and can score touchdowns."

Next up for the Clippers is Milford at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16 in Amboy.

This game could be the same situation as Polo and Milledgeville, No. 1 vs.

No. 2.

"We have to have the same energy. Milford is coming to town and they'll probably be ranked No. 2 or No. 3 after we beat Milledgeville," Payne said. "It could be another potential No. 1 vs. No. 2 for three of the first four weeks of the season for us."

"Milford is a good football team with a lot of size up front. Their quarterback can throw the ball. We're going to have to be absolutely ready to go defensively."

Lady Clippers drop two-set match to Forreston

AMBOY — Amboy dropped a two-set match to Forreston, 25-16, 25-17, in varsity volleyball action on Sept. 6 at the AHS gym.

Elly Jones led with two kills, Kiera Karlson had two aces serves and two digs, and Tyrah Vaessen distributed six assists.

Polo defeated the Lady Clippers, 25-13, 25-15, on Sept. 8 at Polo.

Emersyn Noble collected 13 digs for Amboy.

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Monday, Sept. 19

AHS Fall Play Practice-Auditorium
 AHS Flag Practice-3:30-4:30 pm
 AHS Fresh/Soph Football (H) - Kirkland
 Hiawatha-5:30 pm
 AHS Golf @ Woodbine Bend, Stockton-4 pm
 AHS Volleyball @ Forreston-5 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 20

AHS Fall Play Practice-Auditorium
 AJHS Art Club-Art Room-3:15-4 pm
 AHS Cross Country @ Mendota-4 pm
 AHS Golf @ Park Hills, Freeport-4 pm
 AHS Volleyball (H) Milledgeville-5 pm
 AJHS 5th/6th Volleyball (H) Montmorency-6th-5 pm/5th-6 pm
 AJHS 7th/8th Volleyball @ Montmorency-8th-5 pm/7th-6 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 21

AHS Art Club-Room 210-3:30-4:30 pm
 AHS Fall Play Practice-Auditorium
 AHS Flag Practice-3:30-4:30 pm
 AHS Volleyball @ Eastland-5 pm

Thursday, Sept. 22

AHS Fall Play Practice-Auditorium-
 Central School Drawing Club-Art Room-3:20-4 pm
 AHS Golf @ NUIC Tournament-Stockton-TBA
 AJHS 5th/6th Volleyball (H) East Coloma-6th-5 pm/5th-6 pm
 AJHS 7th/8th Volleyball @ East Coloma-8th-5 pm/7th-6 pm

Friday, Sept. 23

AHS Flag Practice-3:30-4:30 pm

Saturday, Sept. 24

AHS Cross Country @ Baker Park,
 Kewanee-9:30 am
 AHS Golf @ Deer Valley, Deer Grove-8 am
 AHS Varsity Football @ Orangeville-1 pm
 AHS Varsity Volleyball @ Polo Tournament-TBA
 AJHS 7th/8th Volleyball @ Dixon Reagan Tournament-TBA

Sunday, Sept. 25

AHS Powder Puff-Football Field-4 pm