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More than fireworks

Amboy Fire Department brings more to the celebration

BY BRANDON LACHANCE Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – Everyone knows the 4th of July means the sky will be lit with beautiful, fantastic, freedom celebrating fireworks.

The Amboy Fire Department wanted to bring a little extra community bonding, more fun, and a bigger celebration to the annual Independence Day festivities.

In 2017, Fire Chief Jeff Bryant Sr. debuted the City of Amboy and Amboy Fire Department Independence Celebration and it continues this year on July 2.

"It started when the Amboy Fire Department was celebrating its 145th year in 2017 as we became a vigilant fire company in 1871, the Amboy Fire Company 1 in 1873, Amboy Fire Department in 1922, and Amboy Fire Protection District in 1944," said Ashley Bryant, AFD's administrative assistant, volunteer fire fighter, EMT, and Chief Bryant's daughter-in-law. "We had the celebration when we were founded, and we had planned all of the same activities for the celebration. We wanted to get our name out there and celebrate our community.

"We joined it with the July 4th celebration

and now we've made a tradition to keep it up every year."

This year's activities start with kid fun from 4-7 p.m., as a water slide, bounce houses, face painting, axe throwing, foam machines, a mobile game room, superhero characters, and bubble making stations will be available.

There will also be popcorn, popsicles, and water for refreshments.

A party isn't a party without music as Snap Shot, a family friendly classic rock band, will be on stage from 7-11 p.m.

The City of Amboy will host the firework show at dusk.

"July 4th itself is worth celebrating. This is an event that we've done for the last three to four years," Ashley Bryant said. "We really have fun hosting it and having a fun day for the community and the visiting families from surrounding areas and the campgrounds.

"It's something we take pride in hosting and putting on free entertainment for the kids and the community. We want to make sure everyone is invited and they're free to come down and enjoy themselves. We look forward to seeing everyone have a fun night."

The expenses for the fire department's event are funded by donations from about 20 business in Amboy and surrounding communities.

Amboy Depot Days 50/50 tickets go on sale July 1

BY BRANDON LACHANCE Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – Before we know it Depot Days will return to downtown Amboy.

In preparation, antique cars are getting tuned up and polished, kids are figuratively – maybe literally – creating the list of carnival rides they'll ask their parents to ride, and 50/50 tickets can be purchased starting July 1 in hopes of winning the grand prize.

"When the 50/50 first started, 31 years ago, I was the one who raised his hand and said, 'Hey, I'll do the 50/50' and here I am 31 years later still involved," said Jeff Gerdes, Amboy Fire Department Lieutenant, who has been with the AFD for six years. "Back then, Depot Days was a small carnival. There were 10-12 antique car and hotrod enthusiasts that said, 'Let's try to put a car show together and see what happens.' Sure enough, it was a success although it was small. Every year it just keeps growing and growing. "The first winner of the 50/50 drawing won \$750. As the car show grew, the attendance to the weekend grew and we sold more tickets. It's just snowballed into what we have now."

\$1.00

Last year's 50/50 winner took home \$105,580.

The largest Depot Days pot was a little over \$149,000.

"It is new life money. Over the past, we've had winners pay off college debt, pay off or put down a deposit on a new house, buy vehicles, and pay bills," Gerdes said. "It's not a \$100 pay out; it's a lot of money. It's life changing for everyone who wins in some way or another."

When tickets go on sale July 1, they will be sold for \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets.

The 50/50 tickets will be available for purchase until Aug. 28, which is the last day of Depot Days.

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Collision claims life of long-time civic servant

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – John Fritts spent many hours, days, months, and years serving his community.

Around 3 p.m. on Monday, June 20, Fritts passed away in a two-vehicle collision doing what he had done for most of his life, serving the community. over the years when citizens would visit the courthouse.

"John was also known for his ability to perform math calculations without the use of a calculator or a computer, a quality that stood out in the many County Board Finance reads there were numerous ambulances and a helicopter on the scene.

On the Citizens for Bradley J. Fritts Facebook page, Bradley Fritts wrote:

"My family suffered a tragic loss on Monday when my campaign chairman Uncle John was killed in a car accident. I was hospitalized overnight but have been released and am physically well. John was a pillar of our large Fritts family because of the leadership, faith, and love that he showed. He set a wonderful example of Christian values. Thank you for the tremendous outpouring of love, prayers, compassion, and support. Generous supporters and volunteers will continue the campaign in the absence of my family, while we take the time to mourn the loss of John."

Fritts served as the Lee County Treasurer for 24 years (1994-2018). Before his election in 1994, he served on the Lee County Board for eight years.

The Board honored and remembered Fritt's many years of public service with a moment of silence during the June 23 board meeting. "John's public service was not limited to the Lee County government. He exemplified service in his everyday life by volunteering for many other boards, committees and events," Ryerson wrote. "His passing has left a void in the heart of the Lee County family – and the broader community."

"John will be missed by the entire Lee County Family," wrote Wendy Ryerson, Lee County Administrator, in a press release on Wednesday, June 22. "He will be fondly remembered as a good man with a warm smile and a remarkable ability to remember names, a talent he demonstrated frequently Committee meetings he attended."

On Monday, June 20, Fritts was serving as the campaign manager for Republican Bradley J. Fritts, who is running for Illinois State Representative.

The vehicle both John and Bradley, along with a few other family members, were in during their campaign trail collided with another vehicle at the intersection of Route 34 and Ottawa St. in Earlville. The police report



DONATION TO HONOR FLIGHT

Shaunna Sheridan, pictured left, presents a check from the employees of the First National Bank in Amboy to Jim Travi and Mike Thier from the Lee County Honor Flight. The employees made a donation of \$5 to be able to wear jeans on Friday. Travi said 100 local veterans will be taking the Honor Flight on Oct. 4th.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

City council hears presenation on waste water grant opportunities

BY GEORGE HOWE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — Summertime city council meetings seem to have a different vibe. The agendas tend to be short and sweet. That was the case on June 20 at the regular session held at the Amboy Community Building.

The proceedings got underway with a presentation from Jason Stoll about grant opportunities for both the city waste water and sewer lining. Stoll is the grant writer for the city and explained that he continues to research both state and federal grant opportunities to help offset the costs of large projects such as these. He will report back in a future meeting with his findings.

A couple of ordinances that were ratified included increasing commercial building permit fees, and vacating a portion of Water Street, from East Bluff Street, to East Avenue which is part of the city contract agreement with Jared Zellhoffer, owner of Z- Best Enterprises.

The council also approved a pay raise for city sewer worker Rich Schrock who recently completed his training and received a certified sewer license.

A number of holidays and events are just around the corner and that means the council approved a city donation for fireworks.

Sheriff's office releases more inforamtion on incident in Amboy

LEE COUNTY — On Sunday, June 19, 2022, at approximately 8:52 a.m., the Lee County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the 73 E. Kellen Drive, Amboy, in response to a neighbor asking for help.

Pursuant to the evidence collected at the scene, multiple interviews and inquest, the sheriff's office preliminary investigation indicates that there was an altercation between Garrett and Emma Hicks, whereby Emma, age 19, was injured and Garrett, age 21, died from a self-inflicted wound from a handgun.

Lee County Detectives were called to the scene to continue the investigation. An inquest is being scheduled by the Lee County Coroner's Office.

Emma Hicks was transported to KSB, then to OSF in Rockford for treatment of her injuries.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Amboy Fire Department, Amboy Police Department, Illinois State Police Crime Scene Services and Lee County Coroner's Office.

More information will be available upon the conclusion of the investigation.

Lightning is only one flash away

SPRINGFIELD – June 19-25 is National Lightning Safety Awareness Week and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) wants everyone to be safe indoors during thunderstorms. "It is extremely dangerous for people to stand outside and take pictures of lightning," said Alicia Tate-Nadeau, Director of IEMA. "During a storm, everyone should remain inside."



Election Results will appear online at www. amboynews.com and in the July 6th edition.

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Summer weather in Illi-

nois is unpredictable. The

Illinois Emergency Manage-

ment Agency is partnering

with all emergency manage-

ment agencies and the five

National Weather Service

offices that serve Illinois.

Together, we emphasize the

dangers of lightning strikes

and share ways to be safe

during a thunderstorm.

LOCAL NEWS Sleep is good medicine

STERLING — The CGH Sleep Center is participating in the national campaign launched by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM), "Sleep is Good Medicine" by reminding you about the importance of sleep. The campaign is designed to increase public awareness about sleep and its connection to health.

In 2021, the AASM issued a position statement that sleep is essential to health. In that statement, it reads, "Healthy sleep is important for cognitive functioning, mood, mental health, and cardiovascular, cerebrovascular, and metabolic health..." They conclude that while significant resources have been invested to address health-related lifestyle factors such as nutrition, exercise, and smoking, programs focusing on sleep health have been rare. The "Sleep is Good Medicine" campaign is calling for a greater emphasis on sleep health in education, clinical practice, inpatient and long-term care, public health promotion, and the workplace.

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Lightning safety tips include:

- Avoid open fields, hills, or ridge tops
- Stay away from tall, isolated trees or other tall objects
- Set up camp in a valley, ravine, or other low-lying area
- Stay away from water
- · Your weather radio will provide real-time thunderstorm warning and information

Indoor lightning safety tips:

· Stay away from anything connected to electricity, landline phones, and plumbing

- · Close and stay away from exterior windows and doors
- Stay away from balconies, porches, and open garages
- Do not lie on concrete floors or lean against concrete walls • Bring your pets inside

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With half of the money going to the owner of the lucky ticket selected, the other half goes back into the community.

"We keep enough for the upcoming year's expenses. We've been doing it so long now that we have a real good idea of future costs, so we set that money aside for the next year," Gerdes said. "The remainder goes to local charities and non-profit organizations such as the Honor Flight for our veterans – we're a

The AASM recommends that the average adult should sleep 7 or more hours per night on a regular basis to promote optimal health. The National Sleep Foundation suggests for school-age children 9 -11 hours of sleep and 11-14 hours or more for toddlers and infants.

Healthy sleep allows the body to boost immunity, reduce stress, manage weight, and reduce the risk of chronic diseases. This requires adequate sleep duration, appropriate timing, regularity, and the absence of sleep disorders.

Most sleep problems are not as severe as chronic insomnia or sleep apnea. Lifestyle changes like spending more time outdoors or avoiding caffeine late in the day can make a big difference. However, there are a wide variety of sleep disorders. If you have more challenging sleep problems, talk to your doctor. Or you can work with the sleep team at an AASM-accredited sleep center to find a solution that works for you.

The Sleep Center at CGH Medical Center is fully accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM). Our four comfortable rooms feature queen-sized beds and private restrooms and can accommodate all patients, including individuals with disabilities. If you think you have a sleep disorder, please contact our sleep medicine team at CGH Dixon Medical Center at 815-284-1600, ext. 2760; CGH Main Clinic at 815-625-4790, ext. 3301; or visit cghmc.com/sleep.

McCoy to retire from Country Financial

AMBOY — Congratulations to Jane McCoy on her retirement. Jane has served as the Administrative Assistant for County Financial office in Amboy for more than 30 years.

Cards and well wishes can be sent to Jane McCoy, Country Financial, PO Box 198, Amboy, IL, 61310.



ALTHAUS RECEIVES TOY SHOW SCHOLARSHIP

Lauren Althaus is the recipient of the 2022 Toy Show Committee Scholarship. Pictured above, are Althaus and Maurie Zimmerlein, who is on the Toy Show Committee. Althaus is a 2022 Amboy High School graduate. The scholarship is given to a senior from Amboy or Sublette who has demonstrated community service. Lauren has been helping in varying roles at the toy show for the last 10 years. Some of her community service work includes landscaping the Ellice Dinges memorial, made dog toys and donated to Granny Rose, landscaped Lee County fairgrounds pollinator garden, packaged meals for farmers at Sublette Farmers Elevator, and helped with local blood drives.

Photo submitted

big supporter of that – and the Amboy Depot Museum.

"That is really the original idea of the 50/50. It was to help support the museum, keep it open, and pay for bills. It got to the point where we had more than enough money to support the museum, so we donate to local charities and organizations.

"It's a great thing and we're able to help a lot of people."

The 50/50 earnings have also helped churches, food pantries, the Amboy Library, Amboy High School, and the Amboy Junior High.

Actually, the money will go to a good cause or to a good reason anywhere in the community.

"It's a good feeling and what really keeps us going. It's an incredible amount of work to put on a show this big and organize the 50/50

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drawing," Gerdes said. "On Sunday of the car show, we have about 20 people working just on 50/50

"If someone in town becomes ill or wheelchair bound, we will buy the materials, build them a ramp, and do whatever we can to help them become more accessible in their own home. It's a good feeling and that's why we continue to do it."

State Farm Agent Art Espe is announcing his retirement.

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Join Whiteside County Master Gardeners and discover the true "Real Lilies."

Lilies are elegant plants that command attention wherever they are planted. They are equally at home in both formal and naturalistic settings, and most take readily to containers. With 8,000 or so varieties, lilies parade an endless range of colors, shapes and heights. By carefully blending early, mid-season and late varieties into your garden, you will enjoy their captivating blooms and enticing scents from spring until frost.

The name "lily" can be misleading because lots of other plants use it besides true lilies. Daylilies and water lilies aren't lilies at all, and neither are lilies of the valley or lilyturf. Join Whiteside County Master Gardeners and discover the true "Real Lilies."

Will the Real Lily Please Stand Up! Will take place on July 16, at the Whiteside County Extension Office, 12923 Lawrence Rd., Sterling from 10 a.m. – noon. You must be registered to attend, register online at: go.illinois.edu/whitesidesaturdays, or by calling Mary Nelson at 815 632-3611. Registration is limited to 25 participants.

West Nile Virus reported in seven counties

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is reminding the public that along with summer, Mosquito Season is now underway in Illinois and that positive batches of West Nile Virus have been reported in seven counties around the state. The reminder comes as public health officials around the country are highlighting the importance of taking protective action to "Fight the Bite" during National Mosquito Control Awareness Week.

While no human cases of West Nile virus have been reported in Illinois so far this year, there were 64 human cases (which are significantly under-reported) and five deaths attributed to the disease in the state in 2021.

"West Nile virus is a serious illness, and we want to remind everyone to protect themselves from mosquito bites at this time of year when so many of us are spending more time outdoors," said IDPH Acting Director Amaal Tokars. "The most important things we can do are to wear insect repellent if we are spending time outside and eliminate standing water where mosquitos breed around our homes. These precautions are especially important for those with weakened immune systems"

The first mosquitoes to test positive for West Nile virus in Illinois in 2022 were reported on May 24 in Roselle in DuPage County. Since then, six more counties - Cook, Will, Logan, Edgar, Macoupin and Washington - have reported batches of mosquitos that tested positive for West Nile virus. Updates on where cases have been reported can be found on the IDPH West Nile Virus Surveillance page.

Last year, 48 counties in Illinois reported a West Nile virus positive mosquito batch, bird, horse, and /or human case

Monitoring for West Nile virus in Illinois includes laboratory tests for mosquito batches, dead crows, blue jays, robins and other perching birds, as well as testing sick horses and humans with West Nile virus-like symptoms. People who see a sick or dying crow, blue jay, robin or other perching bird should contact their local health department, which will determine if the bird will be picked up for testing.

SVACC Annual Steak Fry in the Country tickets now available

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

invited to attend.

AMBOY-The Amboy

Fire Department and the

City of Amboy will host an

Independence Celebration on

Saturday, July 2, from 4 - 11

p.m., in downtown Amboy.

Events include Music, Water

Slide, Face Painting, Axe

Throwing, Foam Machine,

Mobile Game Room, Super-

and Inflatable Bounce Hous-

es. From 7-11 p.m., Snap Shot

- Family Friendly Classic

Rock Cover Band will per-

form. Music will pause for

AMBOY-The Amboy

Summer Concert Series

welcomes Eileen Quest on

Saturday, July 9, at 7 p.m., at

the Downtown Band Shelter,

Main Street. Bring a chair

Popcorn and Popsicles,

hero Characters,

Fireworks at Dusk

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.

LEE CENTER-The committee members of the Lee Center Woodside Cemetery Maintenance District will be meeting on Thursday, June 30, at 9 a.m., in Mike Jahn's shed in Lee Center, 1119 Inlet Rd., Amboy. The main purpose of the meeting will be to vote on the 22-23 proposed budget. Committee members will also discuss the current burial rates, sexton's contract, and any plans for the next year. The public is

Popular Illinois land conservation program reopens, enrollment begins June 15

SPRINGFIELD – Farmers, ranchers and agricultural landowners with property prone to flooding and nutrient runoff will have the opportunity to enroll in Illinois' reopened land conservation program, now available in 68 counties.

The Illinois Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) – administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) – is one of the oldest and most popular in the nation and an important tool in addressing climate change and natural resources conservation challenges.

"Programs like CREP provide critical support to private landowners who want to implement sound conservation practices on their property," said IDNR Director Colleen Callahan. "These efforts help reduce runoff, protect our precious soil and improve wildlife habitat."

Illinois CREP will reopen for enrollments June 15 for the first time since 2015. State funding for the program is provided through Gov. JB Pritzker's Rebuild Illinois capital program.

Through Illinois CREP, federal and state resources are made available to program participants to voluntarily enroll in 14-to-15-year federal CREP contracts and a subsequent 15-year or permanent conservation easement with the State of Illinois. It expands the voluntary, incentive-based Conservation Reserve Program available through FSA to Illinois agricultural producers and landowners within the Illinois and Kaskaskia River watersheds.

"CREP is one of our most flexible tools when it comes to voluntary, locally led, partner-drive conservation efforts, and we're so glad we're able to put it to work again in Illinois," said Scott Halpin, USDA Farm Service Agency State Director in Illinois. "This initiative previously had a positive impact in Illinois, and we look forward to broadening the reach of the program to new agricultural producers and landscapes. We are so grateful to have support from Illinois leaders to make this program possible.' Illinois CREP assists farmers, ranchers and agricultural landowners to improve water quality and conserve natural resources. Participants remove cropland and marginal pastureland from agricultural production and convert the land to grasses, trees or other approved vegetation. In return, FSA provides participants with rental payments, a 50% cost-share payment for installing approved conservation practices, and incentive payments for certain practices. The State of Illinois provides a cost-share match in addition to a one-time payment for all land entered into an easement. CREP conservation practices include of permanent native grasses, hardwood tree plantings, permanent wildlife habitats, shallow water areas for wildlife, filter strips, riparian buffers, wetland restorations, non-floodplain wetland restorations, and rare and declining habitat for prairie and oak savanna ecosystems The Illinois CREP includes all or portions of the following 68 counties in the Illinois and Kaskaskia river watersheds: Adams, Bond, Brown, Bureau, Calhoun, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clinton, Coles, Cook, DeKalb, DeWitt, Douglas, DuPage, Effingham, Fayette, Ford, Fulton, Greene, Grundy, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, Jefferson, Jersey, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Knox, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, Livingston, Logan, McDonough, McHenry, McLean, Macon, Macoupin, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Mason, Menard, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Peoria, Perry, Piatt, Pike, Putnam, Randolph, St. Clair, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Shelby, Tazewell, Vermilion, Warren, Will and Woodford counties.

and a friend and enjoy this I free concert. Eileen Quest performs country music.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 12:30 until 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 19, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 506 West Third. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY- Come one come all to the Lee County 4-H Fair, July 28-31, Lee Fairgrounds, Amboy. See what our 4-H youth have been busy creating and working on all year long. Scheduled times can be viewed at go.illinois.edu/CLW4-HFairs For more information contact Martha at 815-632-3611.



STERLING – The Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce Agri-Business Committee is hosting the 37th annual Steak Fry in the Country on Thursday, Aug. 4 at 5:30 p.m. The Steak Fry will be held at Ted Jacobs Farm in Rock Falls. This annual event, sponsored by the SVACC, allows the Agri-Business community to gather and celebrate Ag in the Sauk Valley while raising money for Ag related scholarships.

As part of the evening, 2022-23 Scholarship recipients will be acknowledged and introduced: Delana Erbsen, Calin Gaulrapp, Kaydence Coulthard, Connor Sandrock, Paul Sturtevant, Matthew Megli, Wyatt Wessel, Lane Near, and Thomas Dauphin. In addition, the now famous dessert auction will continue to feature desserts made by Agri-Business Committee members.

The Steak Fry in the Country is an opportunity for SVACC members, agri-businesses, farmers, and others to come together to raise money for scholarships, discuss agricultural issues and enjoy an evening of networking over a steak dinner.

Money raised from the Steak Fry helps provide future ag scholarships, as well as funds donated to support other Ag related education programs such as Ag in the Classroom and Whiteside County 4H Program. This event is open to the public. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the Sauk Valley Area Chamber office located at 211 Locust Street in Sterling, from a member of the Chamber's agri-business committee, or may be purchased online at www.saukvalleyareachamber. com/events.

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Event is hosted by the Amboy Fire Department and City of Amboy with sponsorships from area businesses!



OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS



OSF HeathCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center announces DAISY and Sunflower award winners

MENDOTA – As a partner in the international DAI-SY Award program that recognizes the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care of nurses, OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center recently awarded its DAISY award to Julie Threadgill, RN.

Threadgill serves as a cardiac rehabilitation nurse in the rehabilitation department. She has been a Mission Partner (employee) for five years and resides in Ottawa.

The family of Cecil Harrison wish to thank the following people who helped to make our hill a little bit easier to climb:
Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Pat Jones, Jr.,
Father John Gow, Father Richard Kramer,
Deacon Kevin Prunty, musicians Eileen
O'Rourke, Kathy Mekeel, Angie Harrison,
and church ladies who served the funeral dinner and those that prepared it.
To our family and friends for cards,
Mass cards, fond words of sympathy,
that were in abundance.
Thank you for everything.
We live in a loving and giving community!
God's blessings to you all.

Shirley Harrison and family Jan and Buck, Barb and Jack, Curt and Linda, John and Susan, Lisa and Brad Goy, and Brad Paul.



The Sunflower Award, a recognition program offered to non-nursing staff with OSF HealthCare, was given to Doug Wisler, a Mission Partner for 28 years, who serves as the cardiac rehabilitation coordinator.

Threadgill and Wisler were nominated by Paul Bladen, a cardiac rehab patient, after his February 9, 2022, cardiac issue. The nomination included that Bladen was not feeling like himself when he arrived for his rehab session with Wisler. After some conversation and monitoring, Wisler brought Threadgill over to evaluate Bladen. It took some convincing, but Bladen was taken to the emergency department, where Threadgill stood by his side. He was eventually transferred to **OSF** Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, where an angiogram showed a 90% blockage. A stent was placed, and the next day, Bladen returned home.

For more information about the DAISY and Sunflower Awards, or to submit a nomination, visit: osfgratefulpatient.org

OBITUARIES Garrett R. Hicks Oct. 14, 2000 - June 19, 2022

AMBOY — Garrett R. Hicks, 21, of Amboy, died at home on Sunday, June 19, 2022.

He was born on Oct. 14, 2000 in Dixon, the son of Todd and Amy (Fritz) Hicks.

He was employed by Edgewood Landscaping in Dixon and was in his third year of Bible Institute as a member at First Baptist Church in Amboy.

Garrett married Emma Alexander on Aug. 27, 2021 in Amboy.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather Rex Hicks, Sr.

Garrett is survived by his wife, Emma; parents, Todd and Amy Hicks; siblings, Alexander (Bethany) Hicks, Jacob Hicks, Elisabeth Hicks, Benjamin Hicks, Adalynn Hicks; and niece Ellie Hicks, all of Amboy. Also survived by grandparents Linda Hicks, of Amboy, Nancy Bliven, of Hartwell, Ga., and Randy and Kathy Fritz, of Rockford.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., on Monday, June 27, 2022, at the First Baptist Church of Amboy with Pastor Rocky Fritz officiating. Burial will follow at Woodside Cemetery in Lee Center. Visitation will be on Sunday, June 26, 2022 at the First Baptist Church in Amboy from 4 to 6 p.m. and on Monday from 1 to 11 a.m.,



A memorial has been established for the family.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

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

Rock River Massage opens doors

at the church.

DIXON — Rock River Massage, LLC is excited to announce its Grand Opening in Dixon. Located at 213 S. Peoria Ave in Dixon, Rock River Massage offers highly specialized therapeutic and relaxing bodywork combined with the mind-body connection.

With over a decade of experience, owner Sheri Dvorak's approach for each massage is individualized. Her education and training includes a diverse range of modalities. Her global clientele has included working with professional athletes, PTSD and trauma victims, burn victims, prenatal, celebrities, spa services including scrubs and wraps, as well as clients suffering from stress, injuries, and disability.

Dvorak shares that she too, knows what it feels like to not feel well. She has struggled for six years to overcome the debilitating effects of a chronic disease. During this time, she struggled with intense pain, weight gain as well as feeling frustrated on the things she could no longer do. She vigorously



researched how to heal the body. Using holistic methods and pursuing herMasters in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, her vision is to build a comprehensive holistic practice based on Body (Massage Therapy), Mind (Counseling) and Spirit (Faith) to help others.

A unique service she is trained and have experience in includes Massage for PTSD. Having a passion for those that are serving the community, it is important to give back.

Monthly Dvorak will donate to local organizations supporting Veterans, Fire, Police Healthcare, and abuse shelters.

To learn more about Dvorak's experience and education, services offered and to book an appointment, please visit www.RockRiverMassage.com.

Educational Briefs

MCNALLY MAKES DEAN'S LIST

To qualify, students need to have taken at least 3.0 academic credits and attained a GPA for those courses of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. McNally is the child of Kristina McNally of Paw Paw.



AT MONMOUTH COLLEGE

MONMOUTH—Timothy McNally, a elementary education major from Paw Paw, has made the Dean's List at Monmouth College.

CHURCH DIRECTORY Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

St. Patrick Church Fr. John Gow 32 N Jones, Amboy 815-857-2315 • www.stpatrickamboy.org Masses: Tuesday – Friday Daily Mass 8 am Saturday 4 pm • Sunday 7:30 am & 10 am Confessions: Saturday, 3-3:45 pm Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday, 8am-5 pm

> St. Mary Church Fr. John Gow 912 Walton Rd., Walton 815-857-2670 Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm

St. Flannen Church Fr. John Gow 213 S Second St., Harmon 815-857-2670 Mass: Sunday, 9 am

United First Church of Amboy Pastor Mark Glenn East Main & Jefferson 815-440-0745 Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m. First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center Pastor Jack M. Briggs 1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center www.LeeCenter-UCC.org Phone 815-732-7032 Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.

> Grace Fellowship Church Amboy-Sublette Pastor Brian McWethy 500 W. Main Street, Sublette Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. www.graceisforyou.com

East Grove Union Church Pastor Richard Wulf, 815-440-5321 449 Reuter Road, Amboy Phone 815-376-6661 1/2 Mile East of Route 26 on Union Rd. Sun., 9:00 a.m. Morning Service Youth Church, ages 3-Grade 4 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Ages 3 - Adult 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Wed., 6:00 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study First Sunday night of each month, 6:00p.m. First Sunday Family Film Night Fourth Saturday of each month, 6:00p.m. "Fun & Fellowship Game Night for the Whole Family!" First Baptist Church Pastor Rocky Fritz 24 N. Mason Avenue Church Phone 857-2682 www.fbcamboy.com Sunday School for all ages - 9:30 a.m. Morning Service - 10:30 a.m. Evening Service - 6 p.m. Wed. prayer meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m. King's Kids program from 6:30-8 p.m. Friday Reformers Unanimous addictions program from 7-9 p.m.

St. James Evangelical Congregational Church Robert Dunbar., Pastor US Route 52 & Red Brick Rd.,Dixon 815-288-2447 Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Ladies Bible Study, Wed. 9 a.m.

> St. Mary's Church Rev. Randy Fronek West Brooklyn Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m. Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Church Rev. Randy Fronek - Maytown Mass - Fri. 8 a.m., Sun, 8 a.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church Pastor Barb Otten 960 U.S. Route 52 Phone 857-2225 Sun. Worship - 9:00 a.m. Fellowship - 10:00 a.m. Sunday School - 9:40-10:15 a.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Rev. Randy Fronek Locust Street, Sublette Phone 815-849-5412 Saturday Mass - 4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass - 4:00 a.m. Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. Thursday - 8:30 a.m.

Refuge Church Pastor John Kalebaugh Mendota Hills Campground • 642 Rt. 52 Amboy, IL 61310 • 815-849-5930 10 a.m. Sunday, potluck follows

Harmon United Methodist Church Pastor Leanne Keate 202 N. Grove, Harmon Phone 359-7302 Worship - 8:30 a.m.

The Following Community Businesses Sponsor Area Church News:

Sensient Flavors, LLC. 815-857-3691

First National Bank in Amboy Member F.D.I.C. 815- 857-3625 Mihm-Jones Funeral Home 815-857-2611

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The Amboy News 815-857-2311



SOCIAL NEWS



SAVING A LIFE

n Margot Livesey's brilliant coming-of-age novel, "The Boy in the Field," on a September afternoon in .1999, siblings Matthew, Zoe, and Duncan Lang are walking home from school when they find a boy lying in a field, bloody and unconscious. Duncan, who will become a painter, imagines the scene from the perspective of a bird: "Looking down at the boy lying in the grass, his blue shirt and black shorts and red legs ending in black trainers, slightly dusty, pointing at the sky. And the three of them in their white shirts, kneeling beside him, keeping vigil." They save his life.

But the hunt for the perpetrator does not take center-stage, rather the novel unfolds into a portrait of the three Lang children as they absorb and react to the crime. The boy had uttered a word, which each of the siblings heard differently. The portraits emerge from these three words. Matthew, the oldest, is practical and down-to-earth, and he hears "coward." Which leads him to search for the suspect, a man in a blue car. Duncan, at twelve, the youngest of the three, hears "cowslip," a pretty primrose flower found in woodlands; and Zoe hears "cowrie," the beautiful shell of a sea snail, which she has been collecting. The cowrie possesses protective qualities, and she gives one to Karel, the boy she had saved.

Livesey's portraits are flawless: her language is low-key, yet always rings true and her characters are fully realized. Duncan in his innocence and yet clear-eyed perceptions is a truly memorable character. He was adopted as a baby by the Lang's. His skin is dark – his mother was a Turkish girl – and he's had to bear the inevitable taunts at school. Soon after finding Karel, he has a ghostly vision one night of a woman standing in the garden. He is convinced his "first" mother is looking for him, and so goes in search of her, helped, of course, by the rest of the family.

The most poetic of the three, Zoe has a secret ability, as she describes it, to "slip between the teeth of time." She has moments when she leaves her body and hovers above the scene. Yet at sixteen, she is mostly interested in boys. When she goes to Oxford (her family lives some miles from Oxford, England), she wanders the streets looking at men to find the suspect who is described as utterly ordinary. On one such excursion, a man looks back at her and smiles. Instantly smitten, Zoe begins to follow him. His name is Rufus and he is an American graduate student in philosophy. When he tells her about the philosopher Spinoza, she looks him up and finds a perfect quote: "Desire is the very essence of man." They soon become lovers.

Blood donors needed around Fourth of July

LEE COUNTY - As summer officially begins and people gather for holiday celebrations, the American Red Cross reminds communities that patients are counting now on the generosity of blood donors, especially around the Fourth of July.

The Red Cross sees about a 21 percent decline in blood donations during holiday weeks, including Independence Day. When blood donations drop, so does the blood supply, making it extremely challenging to ensure blood is available when hospitals need it. By scheduling and keeping appointments in July, donors can help provide for those in immediate need of lifesaving care. To schedule an appointment to donate, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 YEARS AGO June 30, 1922

Once more a jail delivery has taken place at the Lee County jail in Dixon. James Howard of St. Louis and Robert England of Grand Detour making their escape Saturday night by sawing the bars in their cells. Both men were held for trial on charges of stealing automobiles.

Miss Arline Morris started Wednesday morning for Montreal, Canada, where she will take a ship July 1 on the steamship Canada for Europe. Miss Illah Gordon will join her at Jackson, Mich.

The second gas well on the Buckley farm in Maytown was opened up this week by the Amboy Oil and Gas Company's drills, said to give the best flow of gas they have found yet.

75 YEARS AGO July 3, 1947

Principal O. W. Funkhouser of Amboy Township High School spent Tuesday and Wednesday of last week in Urbana attending the administrative conference of High school principals.

Abie Hinkle, James Hinkle, Harold (Jake) Smith, and Frank Atkinson left Sunday on a two-week motor trip to the Black Hills and Yellowstone National Park.

50 YEARS AGO June 22, 1972

Nigal Rod, who will be a senior at Amboy High School this fall, was crowned the Sublette Fire Department's Miss Flame Saturday evening. Miss Janet Klein, who will also be an AHS senior this fall, was the runner-up.

E.M. (Gene) Koehler has been notified by the Lee County Zoning Board of Appeals that he has been appointed to that board to serve the unexpired term of Urban Zurliene of Amboy who has resigned. Koehler, prominent Amboy businessman who owns and operates the Koehler Pharmacy, is currently serving his second term as president of Amboy's Chamber of Commerce.

Begg's Certified Foods offers Independence Day specials such as center cut chuck steaks for 79 cents per pound, club steak at \$1.39 per pound, blade cut chuck roast for 59 cents per pound, Dubuque all-meat weiners for 75 cents per pound, and Red Label ice cream, all flavors, for 69 cents per half gallon.

25 YEARS AGO June 26, 1997

Members of the Amboy FFA Chapter (Rusty Wittenauer, Chad Conderman, Adam Lusz, Jason Leffelman, and Nathan Schamberger) had an opportunity to meet with Gov. Jim Edgar recently while attending the 69th Annual Illinois State FFA Convention in Springfield.

A dinner will be held on June 29 at The Longbranch to celebrate Steve Gardner's 20 years at the Amboy Fire Department. Amboy fire fighters, current and former board members and guests will be in attendance. Steve was born and raised in Dixon. He and his family have lived in Amboy since 1974. He's also been on the Lee County sheriff's Department since 1975.

Brad Kessel of Amboy won first place at the Byron Dragstrop on June 22 driving his car nicknamed "Tree Trimmer."

The Bears Den Sports Bar brings you Tyson vs. Hollyfield II on the big screen at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 28. DJ Music Friday and Saturday. Don't forget to try our burgers and appetizers.

DCFS increases monthly financial support for fosters parents

CHICAGO-The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is increasing the financial support provided to foster parents, caregivers and older youth in care to help offset the recent increases in cost of living expenses experienced by families throughout the state.

DCFS had already planned on providing these families and youth a 3 percent cost of living adjustment in the new fiscal year. The new, additional support of \$14.6 million is supported by a decrease in youth coming into DCFS care and reuniting youth with their biological families.

"Foster parents and foster youth deserve our state's investment," said Governor JB Pritzker. "As living costs continue to increase throughout the nation, Illinois is working to provide needed resources to these vulnerable children. By increasing financial support to foster parents, caregivers, and young adults in care, we are standing up for our most vulnerable youth, and we will continue to do so."

a safe and loving home for every youth in our care," said DCFS Director Marc D. Smith. "These families have opened their homes and their hearts to help have a positive impact on the lives of our state's most vulnerable youth, and redirecting these funds will help ensure that foster families have the resources and support they need."

The average additional increase, beyond the already planned COLA, for the more than 9,600 licensed foster families in Illinois will be \$74 a month, although families will receive between \$52 and \$111 more depending on the age of the child. Foster families caring for children between the ages of 1 and 4 will see the lowest increase, from \$492 to \$544 per month; while families caring for children between the ages 9 and 11 will see the largest increase, from \$545 to \$656 per month. More than 8,100 foster families who have opted to remain unlicensed will receive an increase of \$66 a month, from \$322 a month to \$388. Youth in care over the age of 18 who are living in transitional programs will see an increase from \$511 a month to \$586, and those pursuing higher education will see their monthly stipend increase from \$1,317 to \$1,506.

As part of the last budget cycle, DCFS projected 18,511 youth in care at the end of the fiscal year that ends on June 30. DCFS currently has more than 17,800 youth in care, approximately 700

fewer than the projected number. This reduction is a reflection of fewer youth entering the child welfare system and youth being successfully reunited with their biological parents.

RECYCLE! RECYCLE!



As a thank-you for helping, all those who come to give June 30-July 10 will receive an exclusive Red Cross recycled cotton tote bag, while supplies last.

RECYCLE! RECYCLE!

"Foster parents are one of the key pillars of our child welfare system and these additional resources will help many families whose budgets have been impacted by inflation and other increased costs continue to provide

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The following described personal property will be sold by Public Auction, located at 1228 Edwards Rd, Amboy, IL 61310. 2 miles West of Amboy on Amboy Road (850N) to Morgan Road (1300E) then South 2 miles to Edwards Road (700N) then West to sale.

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022 @ 9:30 A.M.



TRACTOR

*JOHN DEERE 5420 Diesel, #LVS5420T146041, 2504 hrs, open station, 16.9-30 rears, wheel weights, 2wd, 2 rear remotes, 3pt hitch, diff lock, 540 pto, w/ John Deere 541 Loader, joy stick, quick tach, 6' material bucket, pallet forks, and 3-point weight box

TRUCK AND MOTORCYCLES:

*2014 Ram 2500HD Tradesman pickup, 4x4, Cummins diesel, crew cab, auto, 8' box, aluminum L tank/ toolbox combo w/ 12v pump, 102,360 miles, 1 owner, good maintenance, great condition; 2009 Harley Davidson Electra Glide Classic, #1HDIFF4179Y690741, black and silver, 6 speed, 96 CI engine, fully dressed, 41,995 miles; *1994 Harley Davidson FLST Heritage Soft Tail Classic, red, extra seat, exhaust, bags, windshield included, 1994 Harley Davidson FLST Heritage Soft Tail Classic, 60,000+ miles, red, extra seat, exhaust, bags, windshield included, Very Good Condition **TRAILER:**

*Liberty Dump Trailer, bumper hitch, 6.5'x12', combination gate/ ramp, 10,000#, tandem axle

LAWN AND GARDEN/LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT:

John Deere 425 lawn tractor, 54" deck, pto, 3pt hitch; *Stihl 025 chainsaw w/ case, 18" bar ; Stihl MS360 chainsaw w/ case, 20" bar; *DanHeuser 3pt post hold digger; *8' pull type disc w/ hydraulic cylinder; *2 section harrow; *New Idea No. 12 manure spreader, good condition; *Tarter Cattle Master Series III working chute w/ auto head gate, squeeze, good condition; *misc livestock tanks; *small hay feeders; *John Deere gear w/ 8x16 hayrack; *20' shipping container; *Huskee rear tyne tiller; *Agrifab 48" yard sweeper; *Agrifab utility 10 lawn trailer; *12v pull type sprayer; *wheel barrow; *transfer pump w/ hoses; * Woods MD184 3pt mower

BOATING, HUNTING AND MISC:

*Schwinn men's Cruiser Classic bicycle; *Classic 2 seat fishing boat, trolling motor, live well w/ trailer; *Sea Nymph aluminum canoe; *10' Kayak; *plastic pedal boat; *10' v-bottom boat; *Tree stands; *Misc. hunting supplies, fishing, outdoor, etc...

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LOCAL NEWS

Educational Briefs

AREA STUDENTS RECEIVE DEAN'S LIST RECOGNITION

GREENVILLE - The following students were placed on the Dean's List at Greenville University for the Spring 2022 semester.

To qualify for the GU Dean's List, a student must successfully complete a minimum of 12 hours for the semester. Freshmen (0-29.5 credits) must have a semester GPA of 3.5 or above. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors must have a semester GPA of 3.7 or above.

Dixon

Shauni Warner, senior

Greenville University is an accredited Christian liberal arts university with more than 1,100 students, including traditional undergraduate, graduate, and adult degree completion students. Founded in 1892 and affiliated with the Free Methodist Church, the University is located in Greenville, Illinois, 45 miles east of St. Louis, Missouri. Visit www.greenville.edu.

KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SPRING 2022 PART-TIME STUDENT HONORS LIST

MALTA—Kishwaukee College is pleased to announce its Part-Time Student Honors List for Spring 2022. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have completed a minimum of 6 (but less than 12) semester hours of college-level courses at Kish with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

The following students have been named to the Kishwaukee College Spring 2022 Part-Time Student Honors List:

Amboy — Calvin Seier, Carter Seier, Joey Widolff

Dixon — Elizabeth Elefante, Derek Wildman

Lee — Abigail Gembeck, Lauren Jordal, Audrey Witte, Lucas Woodbury

Paw Paw — Ashlyn McLaughlin, Shayne Prodzenski, Grant Schlorff

Steward — Jamien Faivre, Raynah Marks

Sublette — Michael Stenzel, Benjamin Vaessen

LETOURNEAU UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES GRADUATES FOR SPRING 2022

LONGVIEW, Texas — LeTourneau University held spring 2022 commencement services recently for around 200 graduates who received bachelor's and master's degrees. Among them were:

Brandon Griffith, of Lee, Bachelor of Science in Engineering, Cum Laude

Graduates with summa cum laude honors maintained a

cumulative grade point average between 3.8 and a perfect 4.0 throughout their college coursework. Those with magna cum laude honors maintained a cumulative grade point average between 3.6 and 3.79, and cum laude graduates maintained a cumulative grade point average between 3.40 and 3.59.

LeTourneau University is the Christian polytechnic university where educators engage students to nurture Christian virtue, develop competency and ingenuity in their professional fields, integrate faith and work, and serve the local and global community. LETU offers more than 140 undergraduate and graduate degree programs online and at LETU's residential campus in Longview, Texas, located 120 miles east of Dallas, Texas, and 60 miles west of Shreveport, Louisiana.

LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

PEORIA — Bradley University congratulates the 900plus students who earned degrees in May.

Pamela Taylor, of West Brooklyn, graduated with a BS in Environmental Science Biology.

Hannah Grady, of Amboy, graduated with a BSEE in Electrical Engineering.

Bradley University is a top-ranked, private university in Peoria, Illinois, offering nearly 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students opportunities, choices, and resources to build their futures. Innovation, action, and collaboration drive Bradley students to generate ideas and create solutions that remake the world around them.

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO NIU Spring 2022 Dean's List

DeKALB — Northern Illinois University announces its spring 2022 Dean's List students. To earn this distinction, students must meet a minimum semester grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology or a minimum of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in the colleges of Business, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts.

Students from your area who achieved this honor include: Ambov

Tyler Stewart, College of Engineering Dean's List, Amboy High School

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Austin Bogle, College of Business Dean's List, Ashton Franklin Center HS

Samantha Smith, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List, Ashton Franklin Center HS

Emalie Vogeler, College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean's List, Ashton Franklin Center HS

Jared Warner, College of Business Dean's List, Ashton

Franklin Center HS Heather Winterland, College of Education Dean's List, Stillman Valley High School

Dixon

Alyssa Bonnette, College of Education Dean's List, Dixon High School

Jozi Dever, College of Health & Human Sciences Dean's List, Dixon High School

Lauren Fagan, College of Health & Human Sciences Dean's List, Dixon High School

Sarah Fane, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List, Dixon High School

Jessica Lopez, College of Health & Human Sciences Dean's List, Sterling High School

Shelby Love, College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean's List, Dixon High School

Brian Podkulski, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List, Faith Christian School

Dakota Shuck, College of Education Dean's List, Dixon High School

Lee

Jilliann Headley, College of Health & Human Sciences Dean's List, Indian Creek High School

Paw Paw

Anthony Castaldo, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List, Paw Paw High School Joshua Mateja, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List, Paw Paw High School

Steward

Kelsey Kinne, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List, Rochelle Township High School

Sublette

Emma Lindenmeyer, College of Education Dean's List, Amboy High School

Northern Illinois University is a student-centered, nationally recognized public research university, with expertise that benefits its region and spans the globe in a wide variety of fields, including the sciences, humanities, arts, business, engineering, education, health and law. For more information, visit www.niu.edu.

WAMHOFF OF LA MOILLE AWARDED DEGREE FROM UA

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Luke Wamhoff of La Moille, has received the following degree from The University of Alabama: Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. UA awarded 5,907 degrees during its spring commencement ceremonies on May 6-8, 2022.

With a beautiful campus, dozens of challenging academic programs, expert faculty and numerous opportunities for service and growth, The University of Alabama is a place where legends are made. UA offers its students a premier educational, cultural and social experience with more than 200 undergraduate, graduate and professional programs.





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101 LEGAL NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE TAKE NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY, **ILLINOIS** CASE NO. 2022TX00012

To: Sue Atwood; Spouse of Sue Atwood; Edward Hesik; Nancy Petersen, Lee County Clerk: Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate: Property located at:

427 W Chestnut St, Compton, IL Property Index No. 05-17-11-156-004

Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00036

This property was sold on October 30, 2019 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2018. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on April 18, 2022.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 18, 2022. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Dixon, Illinois on November 2, 2022 at 9 AM before Judge Lee via Zoom (Meeting ID: 827 2801 2324, Passcode: 694825), or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead.

JICTB, Inc., Petitioner Angela L. Tucker, Esq. JICTB, Inc. 1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste

100 Champaign, IL 61821

No. 0601 (June 15)

PUBLIC NOTICE TAKE NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE

FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL No. 0604 (June 22)

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Case No. 2022TX00014, Guardian Tax IL, LLC.

The Heirs at To: Law and/or Legatees of Michael J. Keho: Occupants of; Michael A. Keho; Lee County Clerk; and all other persons/ entities UNKNOWN having or claiming any right, interest or title in the following described

real estate: Lots one, four and five in Block two in Wyman's Addition to the Town (now City) of Amboy, Lee County, Illinois, Permanent Index No. 02-15-15-427-009 On June 10, 2022, Guardian Tax IL, LLC filed a Petition for Order of Tax Deed. The object of the plaintiff's petition is to foreclose on the Tax Sale Certificate No. 2019-00012 for the delinquent taxes on estate described real above which was issued by the Lee County it's care. Treasurer on October 30. 2019. The taxes due under the certificate are for the 2018 tax

year. The petition asks the court to direct the county clerk to issue a tax deed if the property is not redeemed from the sale on or before October 31, 2022, and that Petitioner, as grantee of tax deed be put in possession of said parcel of real estate. The Petition for Order of Tax Deed will be brought before the Lee County Circuit Court on November 22, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom 410 via Zoom. If you fail to redeem, the court may enter a judgment for the relief demanded in the petition.

Guardian Tax IL, LLC, Petitioner Stuart E. Morgenstern, #6275553

Attorney for Petitioner 1 W. Laurel Street Pinckneyville, Illinois 62274 (618)357-5315

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People needed mostly weekends take animals to events. Not necessary to be available each Sat & Sun. Drivers \$20/hr. Have a clean license and experience with pickup and trailer. Crew help \$15/hr. No experience necessary for people 15yrs and up. Please call the farm before you come by to fill out an application. 815-756-7773. WWW. friendlyfarmsltd.com. DeKalb. (07-03-22) ASHTON - Bartenders and Waitresses Needed,

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816 S Jefferson Ave, Dixon, IL Property Index No. 07-08-04-163-001 Tax Sale Certificate No.

2019-00085 This property was sold on October 30, 2019 for delinguent general taxes for the year of 2018. A

Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on April 18, 2022. Your right to redeem the

property from the sale will expire on October 18, 2022. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Dixon, Illinois on November 2, 2022 at 9 AM before Judge Lee via Zoom (Meeting ID: 827 2801 2324, Passcode: 694825), or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead.

JICTB, Inc., Petitioner Angela L. Tucker, Esq. JICTB, Inc. 1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste

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No. 0602 (June 15)

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LOCAL NEWS Illinois State Fair cancels live poultry show to protect highly pathogenic avian influenza

SPRINGFIELD - The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) announced today both junior and open live poultry shows at the Illinois State Fair will be cancelled for 2022 to protect from highly pathogenic avian influenza.

Illinois State Fair junior poultry exhibitors will continue to have an opportunity to receive recognition and premiums through a virtual poster competition. Rules and entry requirements will be available at www.illinoisstatefair.info. To allow time for junior poultry exhibitors to adapt to the new format the Illinois State Fair will extend the entry deadline to July 15. "The Department works year-round to promote biosecurity for all livestock producers. With the current situation, it remains important for all of us to be responsible and protect against the spread of avian influenza during the Illinois State Fair and county fairs," said Dr. Mark Ernst, IDOA State Veterinarian.

County fair 4-H junior poultry shows started the season with a virtual format and will continue throughout the entire county fair season. These shows allow youth exhibitors to demonstrate through posters and/or virtual exhibition.

"It is our commitment that 4-H youth will still have an opportunity to exhibit, win premiums, and get judged with their 4-H poultry project this year - it will just be in a virtual manner which has proved successful in the early part of the county fair season," said Dan Jennings, University of Illinois Extension 4-H Livestock Specialist.

The Department's emergency rules took effect on April 5, 2022 and can remain into effect up to 150 days. The emergency rule prohibits the sale or exhibiting of poultry and poultry products at swap meets, exhibitions, flea markets, and auction markets in Illinois to prevent the spread of avian influenza.

Flock owners, managers, or veterinarians should report any unusual findings in do-

mestic poultry such as increase in mortality, decrease in water consumption, decrease in egg production, or respiratory signs including coughing and sneezing immediately to the IDOA at 217-782-4944 or the USDA at 866-536-7593.

For more information regarding Avian Influenza, including links to the USDA's websites and biosecurity tips, please visit IDOA's website at Alerts and Important Animal Health Information - Animal Health and Welfare (illinois.gov).

New BBB study reveals scammers impersonating government agencies

ROCKFORD – A new Better Business Bureau® (BBB®) study update shows scammers are pretending to be the Social Security Administration, IRS, Medicare or some other government agency to trick you out of money. They threaten arrest if you don't give up your bank account info to pay a fee right away. Con artists also might say you are eligible for a government grant, but a fee is required to obtain it.

"These are all scams, do not respond to these impostors," says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau. "The con artists want your money and personal information to steal your identity. BBB is warning the public to use caution if they are contacted by a government agency demanding money or offering a government grant for a fee."

BBB Scam Tracker data showed victims of government grant scams lost more money in 2021 than in the previous year. The median loss in government grant scams rose from \$800 to \$1,000, making it one of the more expensive and eighth riskiest scam reported to Scam Tracker in 2021, according to BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust's 2021 BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report. Scam Tracker reports also showed government impostor scams as the second-most reported scams by businesses in 2021.

How do I know if I'm being scammed? Scammers may spoof a legitimate government agency phone number in government impostor schemes to call a potential victim. The scammer threatens arrest if the consumer fails to comply with their requests. Scammers typically ask for payment in gift cards to rectify the problem. Social Security Administration (SSA) impersonators warn the targeted individual that their identity has been stolen and ask them to verify their social security number and other personal information. Ironically, the individual may then actually become a victim of identity theft. Fake Internal Revenue Service (IRS) callers threaten arrest unless back taxes are paid.

In government grant fraud, scammers contact the consumer using an acquaintance's hacked social media account. The consumer is told about a lucrative grant program that only costs a small fee to receive. Once the first payment is sent, the scammer continues to add various fees. The consumer never receives the grant and loses whatever money and personal information they sent to the scammers.

While gift cards are still the method of payment of choice for scammers, more are beginning to turn to cryptocurrency.

Social Security scams are the most reported, most expensive

No agency is more popular than the Social Security Administration when it comes to government impostor scams. More than two-thirds of the government impostor scams reported to BBB Scam Tracker in 2021 mentioned Social Security. Consumers who reported to Scam Tracker in 2021 lost a total of nearly \$500,000 in these SSA scams.

Reports show the most common Social Security-related scam involves arrest threats. Posing as law enforcement, the scammer calls and threatens the intended victim with immediate arrest if they do not comply with the scammer's requests. The scammer may claim that the victim's Social Security number has been compromised and used in a crime. **Stop and think when you are called in**

the name of the law

Almost all government impostor scams use a law enforcement angle, with some directly impersonating law enforcement agencies. In



these cases, they have a fairly high success rate. FTC statistics show that more than one in five people who reported a law enforcement impostor scam lost money, with a median loss of \$3,000 last year.

With the federal government issuing billions of dollars in relief funding during the pandemic, scammers took full advantage by making up various grant programs.

The biggest hurdle for those trying to prosecute these scammers is that most of the perpetrators are overseas.

BBB Tips to avoid government impostors or government grant scams

Government agencies like the Social Security Administration, IRS or FBI do not call people with threats or promises of money.

Do not trust your caller ID, as scammers can spoof legitimate numbers. If you receive a phone call, check with the real agency by going to the agency's website directly, then

click contact us to find out how to connect. Do not click on links inside a text message

or email purporting to be from a government agency.

Social Security numbers are never "suspended." The Social Security Administration will never threaten to arrest you because of an identity theft problem.

Never provide your bank account or other personal information to anyone who calls you claiming to be associated with the IRS. The IRS generally makes its first contact with people by regular mail – not by phone – about taxes.

• Never pay with a gift card, wire transfer, or cryptocurrency. No government agency will take those forms of payment.

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