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Hatch Family Farm recognized by state of Illinois

SUBLETTE — The descendants of Sherman L. Hatch were recognized on Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021 at the Illinois State Fair Ag Days, for retaining ownership of their family farm for at least 150 years.

The land was originally homesteaded in 1837, but Hatch's claim was jumped in 1838 while he was back in Vermont marrying Miss Lucy Brown. Herepurchased the land from the jumper and moved into a cabin at what is now very close to Woody's True Value at the west end of Woodhaven Lakes. Hatch filed his claim with the federal government in 1845. The family still has the original sheepskin deeds signed by President Polk. It's that 1845 date that Illinois uses to calculate family ownership longevity. The actual 150-year ownership should have been celebrated in 1995; Hatch descendants are now more than half way to their bicentennial recognition of 176 years of family ownership.

The family traces itself through Sherman's son, Charles L. Hatch, then through his son, Charles B. Hatch. (Charlie to those who remember him.) The farm then went to Harriet Hatch Palmer and now to her children, Amy Palmer, Heidi Palmer; nephew and nieces, Michael Marks, Rebecca Marks Rudy, Jo Marks; and grandson Dalton



Pictured from left to right, Kelsi Kessler, Miss IL County Fair Queen, Maxine Grossmann (peering at the sign), Luke Grossmann, Charlotte Grossmann, Heidi Palmer (behind Charlotte), Amy Palmer, Millie Grossmann, Dalton Grossman, and Jerry Costello II, Illinois Director of Agriculture.

Photo submitted

Grossmann. Dalton's children represent the seventh generation.

What is especially unique is that starting with Charles B. Hatch, generations of the same Dinges family have continued to farm the land with the Hatches. Starting with Leslie (Leddie) Dinges, then his son, Delmar Dinges, who remembers starting around 1949, very near the centennial year, to his youngest brother, Tom Dinges, and Tom's son, Dean Dinges.

The original home built in 1852 came down in 2005 but the barn, complete with

whole tree supports, still stands. It is a testament to the quality workmanship put into it.

The event held in Springfield in August was held outside due to COVID concerns and was larger than usual because it was recognizing families for the 2020 and 2021 achievements.

Other Lee County farm families honored this year include the Deutsch, Friedrichs, Langford, Montavon, Schlesinger and Shippert families for 100 years. Hatch and Montavon families represented Lee County for 150



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years.

On a fun note, Amy Palmer got a text during the event from a farming neighbor asking if she was there. Turns out Deb Roemmich Schultz, President of the IL Agri-Women, was in the crowd as part of the ceremonies and had recognized the family name in the published directory.

Maintaining a family farm

legacy can be a difficult and, at times, heart wrenching process. If there are multiple family members who want to stay, are the proceeds large enough to support everyone? Escalating farmland prices are often a motivation for family members to want to cash out and end their attachment to their land.

In February 2020, Country Financial Services offered a

program to help local farm families to address those concerns. It's that framework that the Hatch descendants are using to assure a continuing family farm legacy.

Recently, Amy Palmer returned, after a 50-year absence, to the Charles L. Hatch farmstead that had been her girlhood home.

"It's good to be home," Palmer said.

FIRST PLACE FINISH

In a contest with 10 teams present, the Amboy FFA Agronomy team finished first place overall as a team at the Section 2 Agronomy contest Wednesday night in Rochelle. The contest consisted of 5 different areas of agronomy. The contest includes tests over weed and crop plants as well as farm equipment and insects. Finally, the team judged grain rings. Individual placings include the following: first Landon Wheelchel, third Alexa Morris, fifth Luke Corcoran, sixth Brysen Full, seventh Dillon Merriman, eighth Alainie Wittenauer, ninth Caleb Shugars, 10th Kenley Wilson, 11th Adrian Mimini, 12th Jarrett Althaus, 13th Karagen Welch, and 15th Carson Barlow. That is a total of 12 Amboy students in the top 15 placings for the entire event, way to go Agronomy team.

Photo submitted



COOKING FOR THE KIDS

Shell Express Lane in Amboy hosted a Thanksgiving Meal to Help Raise Money for the Lee County Shop With A Sheriff Program on Friday, Nov. 19. All proceeds and donation will go to benefit the Shop With A Sheriff Program. Pictured above, Shell Express Lane employees Tabitha, Sonya, Breanna and Renee show off the meal to Lee County Deputy Kyle Kellen.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



Pictured left to right, Ashley Althaus and Margaret Vaessen.

Photo submitted

Althaus, Vaessen honored at convention

SUBLETTE — The American FFA Degree is the highest honor a FFA member can achieve. It is referred to as "the gold standard" because it is awarded to members who show the utmost dedication to their community and chapter, displayed proficient leadership abilities, and invested time into their supervised agriculture experience (SAE) totally in \$10,000 earned and \$7,500 productively invested, or productively invested \$2,500 and worked 2,250 hours.

The Amboy FFA Chapter added two more members to their list of American Degree recipients at the 94th National FFA Convention this past October. Sublette natives and Amboy FFA Alumnae Ashley Althaus and Margaret Vaessen were the 14th and 15th members in Amboy FFA history that received this great honor. Ashley's SAE was Agriculture Education and Grain Production and Margaret participated in the Food Service SAE and Agriculture Services SAE.

Additionally, the National FFA Convention posed a new opportunity for Margaret as well. Margaret was selected as one of the nine individuals to serve on the Nominating Committee for National FFA. There, she interviewed, observed, selected, and slated the next six National FFA Officers that will take a year off school to travel the country advocating for the FFA and agriculture industry.



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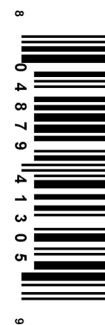
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A craft and vendor show will be held at 6 p.m. at La Fiesta Restaurant and in the Ellice Dinges Center. There will be a large variety of vendors that can fulfill your holiday shopping needs.

The evening's festivities will continue with the official lighting of the village Christmas tree at 6 p.m., by Santa Claus, then he will head to his headquarters in the Ellice Dinges Center to greet the children with cookies and treat bags.

Carolers will be spreading Christmas cheer in the Ellice Dinges Center.

Downtown Sublette businesses will be open for all your shopping and refreshment needs.

Leffelman & Associates will be open and host a face painter, so your kids can become anything they want for the night.

Main Street Repair will host Enchanted Memory Photography who will be taking photos of your kids and family.

Grace Fellowship Church will be hosting activities in the church.

The committee is collecting winter coats, hats and gloves for kids. To donate, call Julie at 815-440-4689 or Grace Fellowship Church.

"Christmas in the Village" is always the highlight of the Christmas season in Sublette. Families are invited to come and enjoy a festive evening.

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TEEN TURF

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

We will be thanking everyone who donated and helped in next week's edition.

Our free after-school program for third - eighth grade began Tuesday, Sept. 7 from 3:30-5 p.m. Like last school year, we are only taking a set amount. You must have your child or children pre-registered prior to coming. If you are interested in having them attend, please call 815-857-4800.

Aerobics

Open to the public: Anyone is invited to gather at Teen Turf on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. for group chair exercises and walking. They have a great time together.

Thank You's

We are always grateful when the community helpful: Walton Fest Committee for their monetary donation; Donna Wellman for the Bingo money for the kids on early out; Larry Piper for doing the cans and everyone who brings them; Colleen and David Anderson for their monetary donation; Molly Hassman and Sandy Draper for their help with the wreaths and bringing cookies; Sandy Draper for her monetary donation in memory of her mother; Carolyn Leake for her monetary donation; Immanuel Lutheran Church for the various items and Karen Shultz for delivering them.

Needs

Fresh Fruit
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Thanksgiving-
For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything thy goodness sends.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 506 W. 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-The U of I Extension will host the Four Seasons Horticulture Webinar, "Tree Root Collar Disorders", at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 30. Registration is required for this Zoom class. Register online at go.illinois.edu/fourseasons.

AMBOY-The U of I Extension will host Online 4-H Officer Training for all current officers and those interested in holding an office in the future at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 30. Register online at: go.illinois.edu/CLW4Hofficertraining.

SUBLETTE-Christmas in the Village will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 2, in downtown Sublette.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department and Illinois Department of Public Health will hold a Walk-in Covid Vaccine Clinic from 3 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the Dixon Elks Club, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd. This clinic has vaccines for

first shots, second shots and boosters. Call 815-284-3371 for more information.

MAY TWP-The May Township meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the township maintenance building.

AMBOY-The Amboy Township meeting will be

held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

AMBOY-The 2021 Amboy Hometown Christmas Walk will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11, throughout Amboy. See the listing on the Holiday Happenings on B8 of this issue.

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IDPH recommends COVID vaccine booster doses for all eligible individuals

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), following the Food and Drug Administration's decision to open COVID-19 booster shots to all, is recommending anyone 18 years and older get a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose six months after receiving their second Moderna or Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, or two months after receiving the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

"For continued, ongoing protection, we are urging everyone who is eligible to get a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine to get one," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Scientific and medical experts have reviewed the data and found booster doses are beneficial. While we need more people who are completely

unvaccinated to get their first doses, we cannot risk losing some of the protection the vaccines have already provided due to waning immunity."

Early data show that the vaccines effectiveness against COVID-19 infections is decreasing over time. The lower effectiveness is likely due to the combination of decreasing protection as time passes since getting vaccinated, as well as the greater infectiousness of the Delta variant. Getting a booster shot is not uncommon.

This happens every year with seasonal flu vaccine.

While you should get the same type of vaccine for both your first and second doses, the CDC has said mix and matching vaccines for booster shots is

allowed.

For example, if you received two doses of the Moderna vaccine, you may opt to get a Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for your booster dose. Or if you received the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you may choose Moderna for your booster dose.

You just need to wait 6 months after your second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna, or 2 months after your one dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Individuals can contact their health care provider or visit www.vaccines.gov to find a nearby location to receive a booster dose. People who have questions about vaccines and booster doses can call the COVID-19 Call Center at 1-833-621-1284.

State Fire Marshal promotes safe cooking habits for Thanksgiving

SPRINGFIELD — Thanksgiving is the leading day for home fires involving cooking equipment, with four times the average number occurring. Ranges and cook-tops account for almost three out of every five home fires reported involving cooking, with ovens accounting for 13 percent of those fires. According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), each year from 2017 to 2019, an estimated average of 2,300 residential building fires were reported to fire departments in the U.S. on Thanksgiving Day. These fires caused an estimated annual average of 5 deaths, 25 injuries and \$26 million in property loss. U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 166,100 home fires per year involving cooking equipment.

"Thanksgiving has arrived and that means many people will be working overtime in their kitchens. I encourage everyone to check to make sure your cooking equipment is working properly and call a professional to fix them if needed," said State Fire Marshal Matt Perez. "By following a few simple fire safety tips, your holiday will be enjoyable and free from a fire related incident."

"Anytime food and flames are involved, we must always remember that fire safety is important. While deep-frying a turkey may add irresistible flavor, and juiciness to your Thanksgiving menu there is also the potential of fire and serious injury when doing so," said Chicago Fire Commissioner Annette Nance-Holt.

Here are some tips to keep in mind when preparing food, not just during the holiday season but all year.

• Never leave food that you are frying, boiling, grilling or broiling unattended! If you leave the kitchen, even for a short amount of time, turn off the stove.

• Frying a Turkey has become more popular in recent years.
o Make sure to not overfill oil in the fryer. Fill the pot you plan to use to fry the turkey with water and place the turkey in. This will help to determine how much oil is needed without causing oil to spill out when you are ready to fry, which could lead to a fire.

- o Use the turkey fryer outdoors ONLY!
- o Make sure the turkey is completely thawed before frying.
- o Use long cooking gloves that protect hands and arms when you handle the pot!
- Create a "Kid Free Zone" of at least three feet around the stove or anywhere you are preparing hot food or drinks.
- Keep the area around the stove clear of towels, papers, potholders or anything that can burn
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you when food is ready.
- If there is a fire in the oven, keep the door shut and turn off the heat.
- Smother small flames in a pan by sliding a lid over the pan. Turn off the burner and leave the lid over the pan while it cools.
- If you have any doubt fighting a small fire, just get out! Call 9-1-1 or your emergency number from outside the home.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

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Diane M. Eisenberg May 6, 1971 - Nov. 15, 2021

HARKER HEIGHTS, Texas — Diane M. Eisenberg, 50, died Monday, Nov. 15, 2021 at the home in Harker Heights, Texas.

She was born May 6, 1971 in Dixon, the daughter of Ralph "Rocky" and Wendy (Harris) Eisenberg. Diane had been a realtor with Woodhaven Lakes Realty. She hoped to one day be a snow bird to the place she enjoyed so dearly. She had a deep love of horses starting from her race track days, to now being in Heaven with her Pretty Boy Floyd.

She is preceded in death by her father and her aunt,

Lil Eisenberg.

Diane is survived by her children, Carissa (Charles) King, Caylee (Donny) Ray and Cami Eisenberg, all of Harker Heights; her mother, Wendy Eisenberg, of Byron; one brother, Philip Eisenberg, of Machesney Park; two sisters, Valerie (James) Kidd, of Machesney Park, and Sheila (Kevin) Colloton, of Byron; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held from 2 – 3 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. A Family service will follow the visitation at the Mihm-Jones



Funeral Home in Amboy. Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Ronald William Laws July 6, 1940 - Nov. 17, 2021

BELVIDERE — Ronald William Laws, 81, of Belvidere, died Nov. 17, 2021, in Belvidere, in his home, surrounded by family and friends.

He was born July 6, 1940, in Amboy, son to William J. and Irma Grace (Petticrew) Laws. He graduated high school and married his sweetheart, Sharonne Ann Haley June 15, 1963, in Amboy and served in the Army as a Wheeled and Track Vehicle Mechanic. In April 1964 he was assigned to the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Troop D, 1st Cav Reconnaissance Squadron in Germany. Ronald was a former Baptist and converted to Catholicism and attended St. Patrick Parish in Amboy. He belonged to the Flora Grange, Boone County Pomna Grange, UAW Local 1268, National Independent Concessionaires Association "NICA," International Independent Showmen's Association "ISSA," and The Loyal Order of Moose in Belvidere. He enjoyed working overtime at Chrysler, traveling to Florida during the winter,

and making money with their Concessions Food stand at The Boone County Fair.

Ronald is loved and will be dearly missed by his wife, Sharonne; sons, Phillip (Candy) Laws, of Belvidere and Brian (Suzan) Laws, of South Beloit; sister, Lanietta (Laws) Stiles, of Dixon; grandchildren, Matthew, Megan, Alexander (Hannah) Katelyn, Abigail and Sarah Laws; step- grandchildren, James and Samantha Thibodeault; great-grandchildren, Violet and Rose Laws; and step-great-grandchildren, Cole Thibodeault.

He is preceded in death by his father, William J. Laws, on Dec. 14, 1998; mother, Irma Grace (Petticrew) Laws, on Dec. 23, 1969; sister, Faye E. (Laws) (Chesley) Leffelman, on April 2, 2013; brother-in-law Ronald G. Chelsey, on Nov. 7, 199; brother-in-law, Eugene A. "Gene" Leffelman, March 1, 2021; brother-in-law, John Stiles, April 7, 2020; and beloved family dogs, Laddy, Lobo, Sandy and Maxine.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 22,



2021, at Anderson Funeral and Cremation Services, 218 W. Hurlbut Ave., Belvidere. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23 at the Funeral Home. Rev. Brian Geary will officiate. Burial at Belvidere Cemetery. The family would also like to give a special thanks to caregiver, Shelly Nordmoe Gardono.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to The Boone County Fairgrounds.

To light a candle or share a memory, please visit www.AndersonFCS.com/Obituaries.

Mary Jeanne Fanelli July 2, 1930 - Nov. 8, 2021

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Mary Jeanne Fanelli died on Nov. 8, 2021, in Memphis, Tennessee after an extended illness.

She was born on July 2, 1930, and attended St. Anne grade school and Amboy High School before earning her BS from Illinois State

and a Master's degree from Iowa State. She worked at the University of California at Davis for over 40 years as a research assistant and teaching veterinary students.

Mary Jeanne was preceded in death by parents, Ralph and Helen Fanelli; brother, John Fanelli; and sisters,

Frances Dunphy, Helen Hunsaker and Carolyn Fauble.

She is survived by sister, Janet Fanelli Hinrichs, of Memphis; and many nieces and nephews. Interment will be in the spring in St. Patrick's cemetery in Amboy.

Ann Kathryn Montavon June 22, 1959 - Nov. 20, 2021

DIXON — Ann Kathryn Montavon, 62, of Dixon, died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021 at her home.

She was born June 22, 1959, in Dixon the daughter of Richard and Joyce (Nauman) Montavon.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Joyce.

Ann is survived by her father, Richard; siblings, Kathleen Rosignal, of Dixon, Julia (Tim) Langan, of Peoria, Richard "Dick" (Susan) Montavon, Jr., of Oregon, Sara (John) Stimac, of East

Alton; and several nieces and nephews.

Loved Her: Father we entrust our sister to your mercy. You loved her greatly in this life; now that she is free from all its cares, give her happiness and peace forever. Welcome her now into paradise where there will be no more sorrow, no more weeping or pain, but only peace and joy with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

The family would like to express our most sincere gratitude to the staff of Kreider

Services for their loving care of Ann. Their devotion over the years was above and beyond.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2021 at St Anne Catholic Church in Dixon at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Timothy Draper officiating. Burial will follow at St Patrick Cemetery in Amboy.

Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

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

A.C.O. to host Christmas Party Dec 7

AMBOY — Amboy Civic Organization members and their guests will enjoy their Christmas Party starting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the Long Branch Saloon. Two for the Show, aka Les

Wilson and Jeff Kromer, will entertain us with their musical talents. Attendees will be able to order dinner from limited selections on the regular Long Branch menu and will be responsible for

their own bills.

If you are an A.C.O. member planning to attend and have not contacted Christine Noble to reserve a seat, please call 815-857-3963.

Tour of school planned for Dec. 17

AMBOY — Save the Date - the Amboy CUSD #272 is inviting the public to tour the new Amboy Junior High and High School additions from 5 – 7 p.m., on Friday, Dec. 17.

The school is located at Hawley and Metcalf. More information will be announced closer to the date.

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<p>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.</p>		<p>St. Patrick Church Rev. Randy Fronek - Maytown Mass - Fri. 8 a.m., Sun, 8 a.m.</p>	<p>Harmon United Methodist Church Pastor Leanne Keate 202 N. Grove, Harmon Phone 359-7302 Worship - 8:30 a.m.</p>

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SOCIAL NEWS

Amboy Junior High announces its first quarter honor roll

AMBOY — Amboy Junior High announces its first quarter honor roll.

Eighth Grade Highest Honors
Grace Althaus, Myla Davis, Kiera Karlson, and Ellie McLaughlin

Seventh Grade Highest Honors
Callan Christoffersen, Aaron Costner, Lainey Davis, Jacob Dinges, Ty Florschuetz, Liliann Leffelman, Jose Lopez, Gage Mumm, Henry Nichols, Chloe Vaupel, Tanner Welch, and Aubrey Wells

Sixth Grade Highest Honors
Addison Blaine, Hailey Cagle, Landon Carter, Madelyn Clarida, Bryson Deery, Faith Fenwick, Jason Hemmen, Henry Klein, Grady McLaughlin, and Aarav Patel

Fifth Grade Highest Honors
Jacie Blaine, Mallory Bodmer, Owen Dallam Erika Decker, Jake Gossage, Landon Jackson, Isabelle Klein, Adelynn Kreiser, Sydney Noble, Scarlett Payne, Charlie Schoenholz, Hannah Shoemaker, Anthony Sus, Cooper Welch, Parker Williams, and Parker Zimmerly

Eighth Grade High Honors
Molly Hassler, Victor Lopez-Bel-

montes, Micah Miller, Samantha Nauman, Stephanie Nave, Peyton Payne, Brayden Phalen, Bradley Schmidt, and Brittlyn Whitman

Seventh Grade High Honors
Haylee Albee, Madison Althaus, Kylee Anderson, Alexis Davis Jason Dickinson James Eisenberg, Bryar Full, Lane Goff, Andrew Hummel, Leighton Gulley, Caiden Heath, Madisyn Heath, Chase Huggins, Hayden Hunsberger Liam Ketchum, Morgan Kreiser, Hope Lauzon, Anthony Linder, Colt McCoy, and Alexa McKendry

Sixth Grade High Honors
Owen Althaus, Channing Bellows, Damian Bender, Brian Clements, Ayla Costner, Bella Daly, Gianna Dempsey, Kylee Grotzinger, Kilah Helm, Caylee Hummel, Ethan Lewis, Tyler Mahar, Gabrielle Miller, Ella Noble, Charlotte Patterson, Teagan Payne, Chase Rasmussen, Aden Spinelli, Abel Valdez, Sydney Whelchel, Tinley Whitney, Kaylee Zimmerman

Fifth Grade High Honors
Travarius Briar, Addison Bump, Laci Daniels, Leah Dempsey, Owen

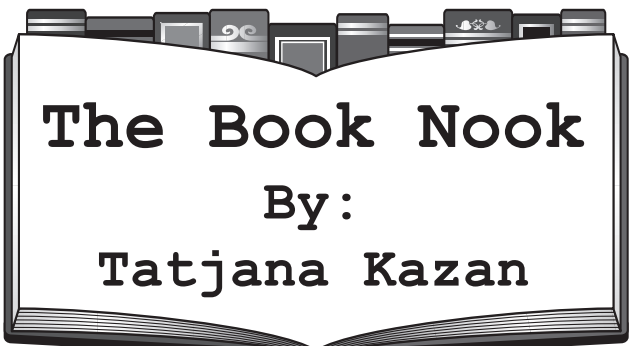
Eisenberg, Sophya Fonderoli, Seeley Goff, Ian Hassler, Joivvee Hirsch, Mason Morris, Camryn Noble, Brock Olson, Hayden Thomas, Shawn Thompson, Hannah Whitman, Jaron Wittenauer, Estella Zambrano

Eighth Grade Honors
Jack Cline, Matthew Farrar, Samantha Hummel, Tucker McCoy, Chase Montavon, Ezra Parker, Emilie Reed-Dempsey, Landon Roath, Eriannah Wade, Alyvia Whelchel, Cooper Whitney, Isabella Yanos, Tristan Zellhofer

Seventh Grade Honors
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Sixth Grade Honors
Amylia Bump, Jayce Hermeyer, Michael Hood, Lila Rieskamp, and Kahne Skibbe

Fifth Grade Honors
Brynleigh Payne, Kinsley Pogue, and Jasmine Rhodenbaugh



The Book Nook By: Tatjana Kazan

The Silent Slave

In Gayl Jones's "Palmares" (2021), the grandmother of the young narrator Almeydita admonishes her, "We may be slaves, but we don't have to be slaves." Silence in such a world is the safest mode of expression, certainly in a place where to talk back is to court death. The place is a plantation in colonial Brazil in the 1690's. Almeydita's refrain throughout this sprawling novel is "I said nothing." Which makes her an ideal observer, yet she is also an enchantress who relates her dreams and reveries without alerting us that we have left reality. Confusion abetted by a huge cast of characters with Portuguese names makes the 502-page novel nearly unreadable.

In an experiment to prove that slaves were teachable, a Catholic priest named Father Tollinare teaches Almeydita and other children to read. Misfortune befalls her family when her grandmother is incarcerated in an insane asylum for slaves (she later escapes) and Almeydita's mother is sold. Alone and enslaved to a Polish cobbler, Almeydita embarks on a search for Palmares, the legendary city of liberated Black slaves. (Established in 1600 and destroyed in 1694, Palmares, was the oldest and most famous of the "quilombos," the Brazilian rural settlements founded by African slaves.)

In Palmares, Almeyda marries a Muslim warrior named Martim Anninho. Unlike most male characters, he treats Almeyda with respect. Palmares is a monarchy where the king is considered divine. Slaves are not uncommon in the city and the punishment for desertion is severe. Before coming to Palmares, a friend explains, "A slave catches a slave. That is how one buys his freedom." Rumors abound that the Brazilian army is on the march to Palmares. Jones declines to present the battle. Instead, Almeyda wakes up in a cave in a haze of excruciating pain. Her breasts were lopped off. Once she heals, Almeyda commences her odyssey in search of her husband and a new Palmares.

She travels mostly alone, but for a time when her friend Mauritia, a free, rather ill-tempered Black woman, joins her, and later when she is mentored by the mystic Luiza Cosme. Though she passes through many dangers, including navigating accusations of witchcraft, and meets a large assortment of strangers such as Black witches, Amazonian women with wives, Jews and Christians, a pretentious female English journalist and a prurient Dutch painter, Almeyda's journey is not much of an adventure.

One critic credits Jones for "changing Black literature forever" in the 1970's. Sad to say that every time when passions, brutal or delectable, flare up, Jones damps down hard. She wrote "Palmares" some forty years ago. Now 71, she has decided to self-publish it. It reads as if she could not resist including everything she ever put into the book for forty years, but not what could have given it life.

Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood Live at the Coronado Performing Arts Center March 2

ROCKFORD — "Won't you ride along with me?" Daniel Tiger and all his friends from the beloved Emmy Award-winning PBS KIDS television series are hopping back aboard Trolley for DANIEL TIGER'S NEIGHBORHOOD LIVE! coming to the Coronado Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 6:30p.m. Tickets (starting at \$27.75 plus service fees) go on-sale Friday, Nov. 19 at 10 a.m. on Ticketmaster.com, in-person at the BMO Harris Bank Center box office and Coronado PAC box office and by phone at 815-968-5222. A limited number of VIP tickets that include a post-show photo with Daniel Tiger will also be available.

In this whimsical, family-friendly theatrical event, Daniel Tiger and his family and friends take audiences on an interactive and exciting adventure to the Neighborhood of Make-Believe, sharing stories of friendship, helping others, and celebrating new experiences. The live show features new songs as well as fan-favorites from the series, including the beloved "Won't You Be

My Neighbor?" The live theatrical production is filled with music, dancing, and wonderful surprises that will warm the hearts of preschoolers, parents, and grandparents alike.

The hugely successful Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood Live tour production has been entertaining neighbors since 2016, playing to sold-out crowds across the country and earning more than \$13 million in ticket sales. The popular tours have visited more than 120 cities and played more than 200 shows across the United States and Canada. The top-rated Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood television series from Fred Rogers Productions, airing daily on PBS KIDS, follows the everyday adventures of 4-year-old Daniel Tiger and uses musical strategies grounded in Fred Rogers' landmark social-emotional curriculum. Through imagination, creativity and song, Daniel and his friends learn the key social skills necessary for success in school and in life.

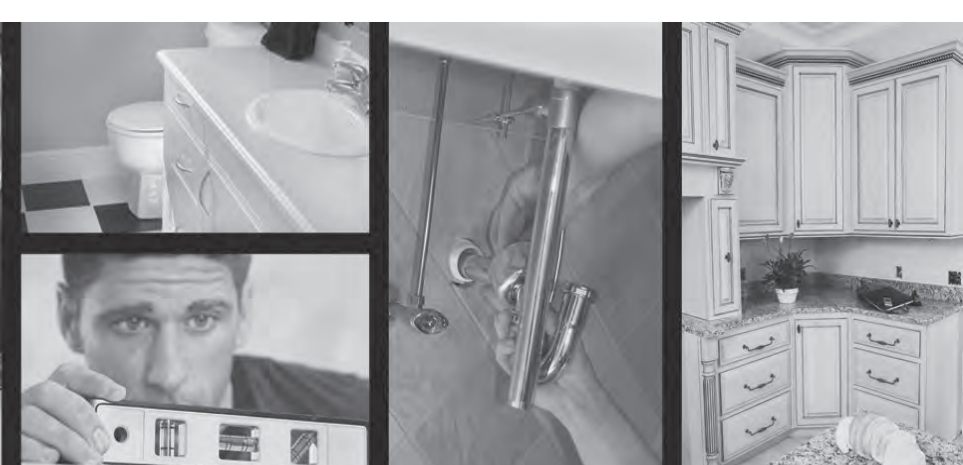
The animated show has garnered a host of prestigious awards, including the 2019 Daytime Emmy Award for

Outstanding Preschool Children's Animated Series, the 2019 Parents' Choice Gold Award for Television, and the 2018 Common Sense Media Seal of Approval. Apps, games, activities, and more from "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood" can be found on pbskids.org/daniel.

Mills Entertainment is pleased to bring this theatrical production with enhanced safety protocols in place to the Coronado PAC. In addition to venue safety measures, Mills Entertainment requires all attendees over the age of two to wear a face covering, regardless of vaccination status. Additionally, there is flexible refund policy in place to empower unwell patrons to stay home.

While the show must go on, we are committed to bringing live entertainment back safely and creating an environment for our audience members, crew and cast members to enjoy this experience with an enhanced level of protection.

Join Daniel, O the Owl, Miss Elaina, Katerina Kittycat, Prince Wednesday, and more familiar friends when they come to your Neighborhood!



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Opinion

White, rural communities are getting ignored by Democrats

Just when it looked like things couldn't get any worse for Democrats in rural areas, Virginia voters proved them wrong.

This month, the Republican gubernatorial candidate captured more than 70 percent of the vote in 45 rural Virginia counties, compared to just four counties any of the GOP's candidates carried by at least that margin in 2008.

But this isn't just a Virginia story — it's one playing out in Illinois and just about any other state, said Robin Johnson, a Monmouth-III.-based political consultant who advises Democrats on how to appeal to rural voters.

In Illinois and elsewhere, Democrats are focusing their energy on vote-rich cities and increasingly ignoring white, rural communities, he said.

"During the last four years, for a lot of Midwest Democrats at the state legislative level, they've had to go campaign and not use their party label because the brand is so toxic," Johnson said. "They feel they've got a chance with these rural voters, if they can get to them before they ask what party they're in. ... The Democratic Party has just not invested enough effort in rural areas and a lot of their actions come off as being elitist and condescending to rural voters."

Years ago, I watched some volunteers from east and west coast universities working on an Illinois congressional campaign ridicule working-class Democrats as they left a rally at the Illinois State Fair. Their work boots, trucker caps and overalls didn't fit with their image of the party.

When I covered the Illinois General Assembly fulltime, Chicago Democrats would derisively refer to the late state Rep. Joel Brunsvold, a Democrat from the Quad-Cities, as "Guns-vold" because he supported gun-owner rights. The idea of a fellow Democrat having a differing view of gun control was an anathema to them.

Or there was former Sen. Gary Forby, a Democrat from

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



deep southern Illinois. He dug septic tanks for a living. His voice was pure working-class and his commitment to the party was every bit as real as that of his Chicago counterparts -- who ridiculed his accent every time he rose to speak on a bill.

Former Gov. Jim Edgar, a Republican, told me he sees parallels between how some Democrats view rural voters and how some Republicans view Black voters.

Party insiders often want campaigns to focus on getting out votes from their base rather than putting additional resources toward persuading voters in communities where they have not been as popular, he said. Edgar said he disagreed with this view and campaigned extensively in Chicago's African American neighborhoods.

"Democrats apparently need to go back to the drawing board when it comes to rural America. And it's not just Virginia you saw in this last election, in about every state, Donald Trump did very well in rural areas," he said.

U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-Moline, is one of the few Democrats in Congress representing a district carried twice by Trump. So, what's her secret?

"I don't think it is a magic formula. It's showing up. It's using your two ears and one mouth proportionately," she told me.

I've been friends with Bustos for more than 30 years. We spent a decade together as reporters for the Quad-City Times.

When we spoke earlier this month, she added, "Scott, you know Tractor Supply, but you probably don't know Trader Joes very well because (rural areas) don't have any Trader Joes. We need to go into Tractor Supply and listen to folks rather than Democrats just going into Trader Joes."

That's the sort of retail politics that is effective whether someone represents an urban or rural area. This growing alienation between the Democratic Party and small-town

residents should be of concern to all voters living outside of metropolitan areas, no matter our political affiliation.

Why? Well, for starters, neither party has all the answers and it's only through collaboration that we can move forward. Also, when a block of voters identifies too strongly with one political party, expect it to be taken for granted by one and ignored by the other.

I'd much rather have candidates competing for our votes. After all, all voters are worthy of having their concerns heard and responded to.

I'm a product of rural Illinois. I grew up on a hog farm south of Galesburg. Our neighbors and friends were Republicans and Democrats. But most everyone we knew -- no matter which party they identified with -- was centerist.

I don't believe that rural voters' views on core issues have changed that much over the last several decades. But the political parties have changed with fewer and fewer moderates holding office.

Bustos, who is leaving Congress at the end of this term, suggested the best way for her party to win back its appeal with rural voters is straightforward: "We need to listen and take what we learn back to Washington, D.C., do something with it and get results."

It's hard to argue with that. After all, isn't that how democracy is supposed to work?

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On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Nov. 25, 1921

The Amboy Basket Ball boys played their second game of the season at the Opera House last Thursday defeating the Dixon Shamrocks by a 68 to 10 score.

The Movie at the Shadows Theatre Monday night, the proceeds from which, above expenses, is to be used for the benefit of the library, was not as well patronized as it should have been. About \$30 was added to the library fund of the Women's Club.

75 Years Ago Nov. 28, 1946

More than 70 attended the Open House at the Methodist parsonage Sunday evening and were greeted by Rev. and Mrs. Norman C. Miller. A program of music was played on the new chimes which will soon be installed in the Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laemmel have

received word that their son Walter is stationed in Seoul, Korea.

Cpl. John Keho has arrived in New York from overseas. He has been stationed at Tiddings Air Field just outside London, England.

50 Years Ago Nov. 25, 1971

Theatre fans of the Amboy area thoroughly enjoyed the production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" presented by Amboy High School students last Saturday and Sunday evening.

Bennie Jones, 203 lb senior griddier at Carthage College, was named to the 1971 College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin all-star football team. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Bill) Jones of North Jones Avenue, Amboy.

25 Years Ago Nov. 21, 1996

The City of Amboy learned Monday

that TCI, the city's cable television provider, plans to change the cable line-up for the City of Amboy, effective December 31. The most significant change involved removing Chicago station WGN from stations received by Amboy customers.

Shane Coers, a member of the Ambitious Aggies 4-H Club of Amboy, was named Lee County's Outstanding Senior 4-H member recently was also the recipient of the Howard Greenfield college tuition scholarship.

Erica Weidman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Weidman, and a junior at Amboy High School, was named Volunteer of the Year in The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

As part of a nation-wide Make A Difference Day members of the Sub-Let Indians 4-H Club recently cleaned a two-mile stretch of highway they adopted.



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LOCAL NEWS

Drivers, it's time for "Winter Weather – Get it Together"

SPRINGFIELD – With the first snowflakes of the season falling in recent days, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois State Police and Illinois Tollway are reminding the driving public that now is the ideal time for "Winter Weather – Get it Together."

"At IDOT, we spend the entire year getting ready for snow-and-ice season. Our top priority is making sure our roads are safe for the motoring public, but we do ask the motoring public to do its part as well and get prepared," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. "Make sure your vehicle is in a safe, operating condition. Winter weather can change quickly so be prepared to reduce speeds and increase driving distances at all times. And please share the roads with our snow-and-ice teams – don't crowd the plow."

Throughout the coming months of cold weather and adverse conditions, motorists should practice basic winter driving skills and build extra time into their schedules. As part of the "Winter Weather – Get it Together" campaign, travelers are encouraged to follow these simple guidelines:

- Bookmark GettingAroundIllinois.com to check travel conditions 24/7. This year's winter road conditions map will feature more local, more precise reporting information.
- Wear a seat belt. It's the law in Illinois. And it's your best defense in a crash.

- Drop it and drive. Put down the mobile devices – it, too, is the law.
- Do not travel during bad weather unless absolutely necessary. If you do have to drive, check the forecast and make sure someone is aware of your route. Familiarize yourself with public transportation options.
- Slow down. Slower speeds, slower acceleration, slower steering and slower braking are required throughout the winter.
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Lady Clippers finish in sixth place at Oregon Tipoff Tournament

OREGON – The Amboy Lady Clippers won two of four games and finished in sixth place in the Oregon Tipoff Tournament.

AHS opened the tournament with 55-41 loss to Rockford Christian on Nov. 17.

Sophomore Elly Jones led the Amboy attack with 15 points, five rebounds, three assists and three steals. Courtney Orgiesen added eight points and six caroms, while Olivia Dinges chipped in with seven points, five boards, three assists, three steals and two blocks. Also, Maeve Larson scored three points and had a team-high eight rebounds, while Haidyn Zimmerly, Lexi Ketchum, Tyrah Vaessen and Emily Sachs each scored a basket.

The Lady Clippers bounced back and defeated a tall Lena-Winslow team, 36-28, on Nov. 19. Amboy's team defense was much better in the win.

Dinges led the way with 13 points and 10 rebounds, while also dishing out four assists and getting two steals. Jones was next with eight points, and team-highs with five assists and 11 steals. Also contributing to the victory were Ketchum (seven points, four rebounds), Zimmerly (three points), Sachs (three points, four rebounds) and Orgiesen (two points).

Amboy's win ended at 7 p.m. and it was right back on the court at 12:30 p.m. the next day, but the short turnaround didn't bother the Lady Clippers as they walloped Erie-Prophetstown, 49-19, in the first of two games on Nov. 20.

Dinges had another double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds. She also had four assists and a blocked shot. Jones had an impressive stat line with 12 points, seven assists and five steals, while Larson contributed eight points and three steals. Orgiesen had a solid game with six points, six rebounds and five blocked shots. The team effort victory also saw Zimmerly and Ketchum with four points apiece, Ketchum with five rebounds and Olivia Miller with three boards.

In playing their second game of the day at 5:30 and their third game in less than 25 hours, the Lady Clippers battled

through fatigue and foul trouble in absorbing a 38-34 setback to Pecatonica in the fifth-place game.

With Dinges and Jones in foul trouble, Larson stepped up and led Amboy's offense with 12 points on six of eight shooting. She also snared five rebounds. Dinges scored all seven of her points in the second half and also had eight caroms and four steals. Jones also tallied her six points in the second half and she added three rebounds, two assists and four steals. Freshman Addison Pertell netted five points and had a pair of steals, while classmate Vaessen sank a three-pointer and hauled down three rebounds. Orgiesen was also in foul trouble and later had an injury. She had one point and two assists in limited time.

Dinges and Jones were honored for their fine play by being named to the all-tournament team.

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Nov. 29 Mon 7:30 PM at Pearl City HS

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Jan. 21 Fri 7:30 PM vs Forreston HS

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SPORTS

Clipper Highlights: #82 Dean Powers

It's a special treat for all of us this week as we highlight a man that is as Amboy Clipper as it gets. It would be extremely hard, even with our community support of all Amboy athletic teams, to find a greater contributor or supporter of Clipper athletics.

For most my age on down, when we talk of Amboy Clipper athletics, this week's highlight is always one of the first names brought up. It's a huge honor this week to announce our Clipper, #82, "King Clipper," Dean Powers.

Dean was a 1981 graduate of Amboy High School. Dean was a member of one of the most successful athletic grades in our history. A three year Varsity starter on the hardwood along with a two year starter, two time State Runner-up, on the gridiron.

At 6'3, 170 pounds, Dean would have been seen as a possession Tight End in today's game. However during the 1979 season, Dean's role to the Clipper offense was that of another Offensive Tackle. Fitting in with the undersized, tough-nosed '79 Clipper Offensive Line, Dean could flat out block. Faster than most linebackers, Dean could get second level as fast as anyone. If faced with the biggest and baddest defensive end's lining up across him, Dean would use his superior intellect of the game and will to win to beat them, every snap. Dean started on the 1979 Runner-up team at Tight End and saw time behind Clipper Great Bruce Setchell at Defensive End. Dean could not speak more highly of the Seniors during the 1979 season. He admired their toughness and leadership but mostly their togetherness and the inclusion of all.

Dean shared, "They were a great Senior class. They were tremendous leaders and really pushed all of us Juniors to work our tails off."

Dean recalled a memory that exemplifies the toughness of the 1979/1980 Clipper team.

"I remember I caught a pass over the middle of the field against Newman," Dean said. "I got hit and fumbled but we got it back. I got back into the huddle and was fixing my helmet when Dennis McCoy grabbed my face mask, punched my helmet and said 'we don't fumble on this team.' They were just fantastic leaders."

That pass against Newman was one of Dean's five career receptions at Tight End during his Clipper career. Statistics never were a goal or expectation for Dean. His pride came from his blocking and doing his job on every snap, on both sides of the football.

With a Runner-up season as Juniors the 1980/1981 Clippers were highly motivated to get back to a State Championship game. Reloading talent and leadership, the Clippers started off slow but victorious over Hall and Mendota and then exploded offensively. Dean would start both ways, at TE/DE his Senior season. Dean credited several teammates, Greg King, George Schwamberger, Brad Considine, Kirk Walters, and several others for the success of the '80/'81 Clippers. The most standout moments of that season came during the playoffs. The famous opening play 42 option touchdown pass at Galena and the stunning 4th quarter comeback, Semifinal, win against Havana to send the Clippers back to state.

"We were such a close knit group of kids. Defensively we weren't as aggressive as the year before but we all played so well together," Dean added.

Another Runner-up season concluded Dean's Clipper gridiron career. Above the wins and on-field successes, Dean values most the impact on a program and community, intense in-

ter-squad competition, and lifelong brotherhood with his teammates.

Rick Considine shared, "Dean was a student of sport. Mentally he understood things as good as anyone and was like another coach on the field. We all were so close, Juniors and Seniors. Dean was a big part in our success."

George Schwamberger shared, "We didn't throw a lot so Dean became a great blocking Tight End. He didn't have to run over people. He could outsmart or out position them. He was always in the right place. He sometimes would dummy pull and take a defender completely out of the play without even touching them. As a player and a coach he knew the game so well and always put us in the best positions to win."

Greg King shared, "Dean was a great leader and a highly underrated football player. He was a good blocker at TE and had great hands. He was a great student of the game as well. The thing about Dean was like many athletes in our time, he was a multi sport athlete. Football made him a better basketball player. He was able to bang against bigger players. For smaller schools to survive in the athletic world this is a must. Competing is competing and Dean was one of the best competitors out there. He was also so level headed. He could take emotion out of the equation and think things through and settle the rest of us down."

Dean was not only an All Conference Clipper football player but a two year, All Conference Clipper basketball player. Dean's Senior year he was Honorable Mention All State on the hardwood. Dean continued his basketball career at the collegiate level at Illinois Valley Community College where he earned All American honors his sophomore season.

For only a few of us Clippers, Dean's transition went from player to Clipper coach. Dean was a Clipper Assistant Coach and Defensive Coordinator from the 1999 season through the 2006 season. Leading and adding to several great Clipper teams and defenses, Dean always put his players in the best position to win. To this day, many players on the defenses that Dean lead would still run through a brick wall for him. Dean also was the Head Basketball Coach for the Clippers from 1998 to 2003.

Former player and a man who admires and reveres Dean, Wes Morrissey, shared; "When I think Amboy the three names that come to mind are McCoy, Nauman, and Powers. All are equal. I had the luxury of having Coach Powers coach me in football and was the Head Coach our basketball season my freshman year. He's the most knowledgeable guy I've ever met on the fundamentals of those two sports. He should have been a talent scout. He told me one time, 'Hey Moo you got the best footwork just the slowest feet.' He was right. Once a defensive lineman from Ottawa Marquette was getting the better of me so I hit him in the throat and got a penalty. Coach Powers jumped my ass and he was right too. I love the Powers family so much and to this day if he told me to run through a wall I'd probably do it. But I'd rather him just invite me to have a beer. He knew when you weren't giving your all and he motivated you. He also was a great X's and O's guy. Those two things rarely go in tandem."

For as much as Dean has played, coached, contributed, supported, and unconditionally loved sports, there is only one thing that ranks higher...family.

"I am so blessed by sports and my families role in

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



sports. From my wife and I to our kids (Tyson and Mallory). We are a sports family," Dean shared.

Dean ended his Clipper coaching career after the 2006 Quarterfinal season to watch his son Tyson play Jr. Tackle and spend more time enjoying Friday nights as a Clipper fan. Dean has most recently been able to enjoy his daughter, Mallory's, many successes as an All State Lady Clipper basketball player.

We have seen great statements on all these highlights from family, friends, and brothers but none can top those of a son. In this highlight, as I have already deemed the Powers family Clipper royalty, the impact of this statement goes deeper than any before it. Our Week 9 Clipper Highlight, Dean's son, Tyson, shared the following;

"Thinking back through all my years of Clipper football it's hard to find another individual whose put in the amount of time that my dad, Dean Powers, has put in. The time all began for him throughout his four years, where during his Junior and Senior seasons Clipper football was officially put on the state wide map. Hearing all of the stories he had about the hay days of Clipper football were nothing but motivation for me growing up as a youngster. If it wasn't for dad, I wouldn't bleed Clipper red the way I do. Dad took an incredible amount of pride being part of the football coaching staff as well as being the Head Basketball Coach. The stories that I have about dad's time coaching football could go on for days, as I grew up on the sidelines. Dad was willing to do whatever it took to give the Clippers and most importantly the defenses he was running an advantage. He took many risks, some paid off, others did not but he wanted to always make sure he was putting the Clippers in the best position to win. One of my favorite stories of dad's time coaching came during the fall of 2006. The Clippers we're headed south to take on Bureau Valley lead by 'Superman' Garrett Barnes. The weekend before that was Depot Days where dad purchased, rather than win in skeeball, two inflat-

able Superman's. When he bought them I said, 'Dad I don't think this is a good idea... Superman's already really good.' His response was simple, 'Barnes is gonna know we aren't backing down to 'Superman' and we are going here to win.' Fast forward to game day, as soon as the bus turned off Route 40 to go to BV dad asked Mrs. Jones to pull over and stop the bus before we turned in the parking lot. Dad got off the bus and hung the two inflatable Supermen from both mirrors on the front of the bus. I'll never forget seeing Garrett Barnes walk out of the locker room, see the bus, and walk right back in. Yes, he proceeded to dominate the football game but that's not the point. The point being dad wanted the Clippers to know he wasn't afraid of Barnes and the nickname the Sauk Valley paper gave him. He also wanted to send a message that we weren't gonna lay down because of the hype BV and Barnes had. It's stories like this that show how passionate about Clipper football dad is and how much of a competitor he is. There are plenty more stories like this one that I could go on and on about. This one stands out the most because I believe it sums him up in one whole example. A no fear, passionate, and competitive mindset that lead him to success not only as a player but as a coach as well. So to my dad, Coach Powers, thank you for all you have done for Clipper football throughout the years."

There is no question or doubt, to any of us that know or have heard of Dean Powers just how much Clipper Football means to him. He is among the few of us who it has never left and only been changed by his role to the program.

Dean concluded, "It meant everything to me back then. The whole com-



#82 Dean Powers

munity turned upside down. You couldn't go anywhere, the store, church, school, or even walking down the street without someone talking about Amboy Football. People couldn't wait to get to a game. There was nothing like playing at The Boatyard. Getting bussed over, seeing all the people, hearing the roar of the crowd, and damn near tipping the bus over with excitement. Some games I swear we won on pure desire to win, athletic ability didn't matter. I'll always bleed Clipper Red until the day I die. I've been truly blessed."

So, to one of the very best of us, #82, "King Clipper," Dean Powers, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Clipper Football. The sporting careers of you and your family are what athletes everywhere envy. In true Amboy fashion all of your

successes have been the result of hard work, toughness, and an unconditional love for any sport you played. You have impacted so many young men of our program with your motivation, teachings of the game, but greatest of all the life lesson of family comes first. Sail on!

Spencer Morrissey, is a former resident of Amboy and 2009 graduate of Amboy High School. In April 2020, he created a private Facebook group specifically for Amboy Clipper Football Alumni. To have played Amboy football for any period of time, 1 year or all 4 years, is the only membership requirement. The group features photos, stories, and memories of past Clippers and Clipper teams. The best feature of the group is every Friday, he highlights a former player.

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Monday, Nov. 29	AHS Girls Basketball @ Pearl City-6:00 pm AJHS 5th/6th Boys Basketball (H) 4:00 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 30	AHS Boys Basketball @ Serena-5:30 pm AJHS Art Club-Art Room-3:20-4:20 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 1	AHS Art Club-Room 210-3:30-4:30 pm AHS Wrestling @ Newman w/ Putnam County-Hall-5:30 pm AJHS Boys Basketball @ East Coloma-8th-5:00/7th-6:00
Thursday, Dec. 2	AHS Boys Basketball @ Indian Creek-5:30 pm Central School Drawing Club (1st-4th)-Art Room-3:20-4:20 pm
Friday, Dec. 3	AJHS Winter Concert-AHS Auditorium-7:30 pm
Saturday, Dec. 4	AHS Varsity Girls Basketball (H) Shoot-Out-TBA AHS Wrestling @ Seneca Tournament-TBA AJHS 7th/8th Boys Basketball @ Chadwick Tournament-TBA

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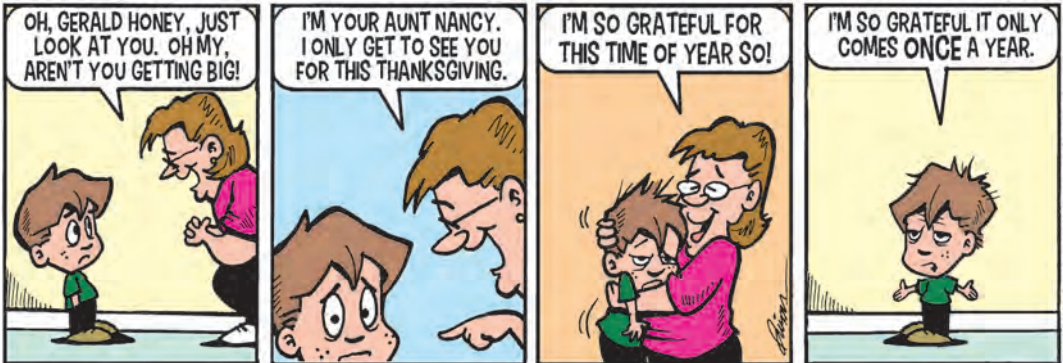
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LOCAL NEWS

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



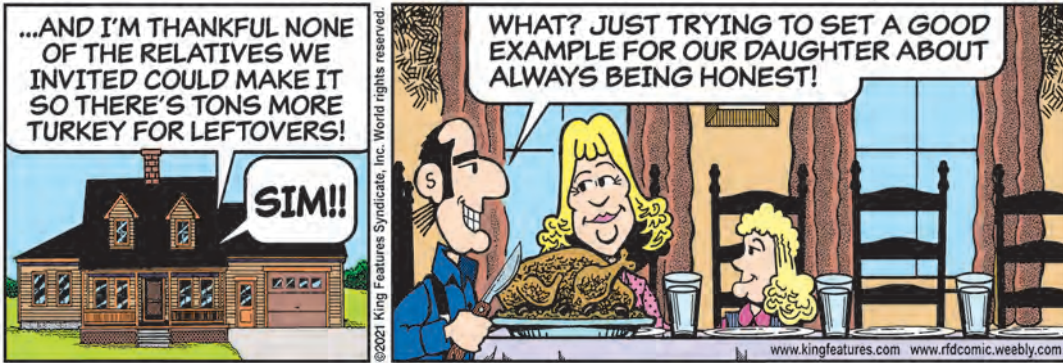
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by Gary Kopervas



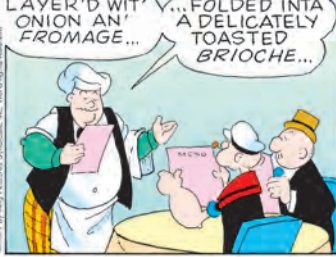
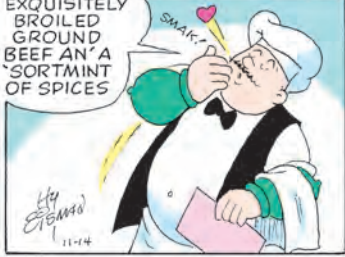
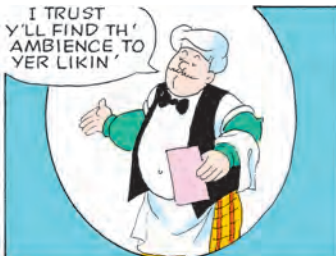
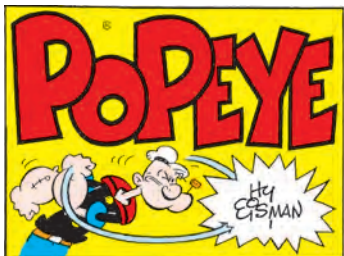
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SCRAMBLERS

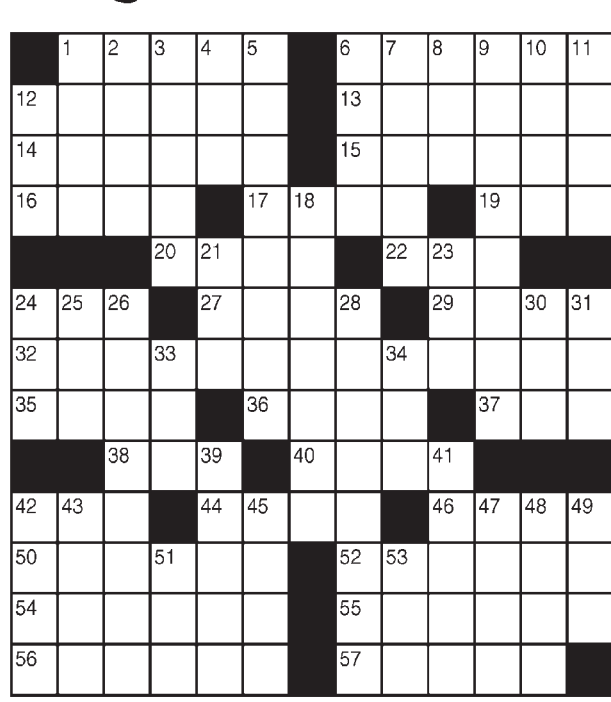
Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Dainty
RENTED
Dream
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DINES
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TODAY'S WORD

ACROSS

- 1 Paid (up)
- 6 Tennis star Graf
- 12 False
- 13 Sounded content
- 14 Warm, as left-overs
- 15 Not certain
- 16 Cruise stop
- 17 Farm unit
- 19 Garden of Food Network
- 20 Austen novel
- 22 Perched
- 24 Recede
- 27 Force
- 29 Pleasing
- 32 Symbolic first step toward getting hired

King Crossword



DOWN

- 1 Grieg's " — Death"
- 2 Actress Patricia
- 3 Private pupil
- 4 Sch. URL ender
- 5 "Feel-good" brain chemical
- 6 Incite
- 7 Jukebox picks
- 8 Hosp. areas
- 9 Fulfillment
- 10 Office plant
- 11 Notion
- 12 Greek consonant
- 18 Bach's "Coffee —"
- 21 1501, in Roman numerals
- 23 Moreover
- 24 Newt
- 25 Large snake
- 26 Ornamental garden trees
- 28 Best-selling Michael Jackson album
- 30 Bill's partner
- 31 Work unit
- 33 Spanish aunt
- 34 Sprite
- 39 Potpourri output
- 41 Swift
- 42 Met melody
- 43 Sticky substances
- 45 Praiseful pieces
- 47 Curved lines
- 48 Presidential power
- 49 TV spots
- 51 Dead heat
- 53 Epoch

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

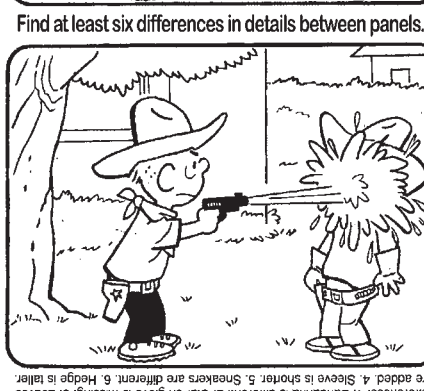
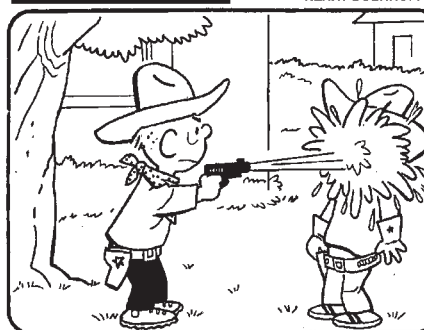
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Bandanna is different. 2. Star on glove is missing. 3. Leaves are added. 4. Sleeve is shorter. 5. Sneakers are different. 6. Hedge is taller.

RIDDLE

Today's Word
3. Snide; 4. Inhale
1. Tender 2. Neary;

SCRAMBLERS

1. Tender 2. Neary;

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: X equals M

XZ UVB RL CBOVCKYQQZ JIOBCYO
KJB XVRPNOPVPUO. R'QQ VLM NSO
XOUSVPRU NJ USOUM RN VN SRL
JRQROLN UJPIOPROPUO.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: Which author coined the phrase "green-eyed monster"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries have nations within their borders?
3. ACRONYMS: What does RPM stand for?
4. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented in the condition called "nomophobia"?
5. TELEVISION: What is the address of the home on "The Munsters" (1964-66)?
6. MATH: How many combinations of U.S. coins would add up to \$1?
7. MUSIC: What was the woman's name in the Lynyrd Skynyrd song "Gimme Three Steps"?
8. MEASUREMENTS: How many ounces are in 3/4 of a cup?
9. MOVIES: Which 1959 movie had the subtitle "A Tale of the Christ"?
10. AD SLOGANS: Which company had the advertising slogan, "Let's go places"?

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1. William Shakespeare
2. Two countries: The Vatican in Italy, San Marino also in Italy and Lesotho in South Africa
3. Revolutions per minute
4. A fear of being without your mobile phone
5. 1313 Mockingbird Lane
6. 293
7. Linda Lu
8. Six
9. "Ben-Hur"
10. Toyota

Answers

A	S	S	E	T	S	H	A	T	S	O
P	S	E	U	D	O	P	U	R	E	D
E	A	N	T	E	D	S	T	E	R	E
I	S	L	E	A	C	R	E	I	N	A
E	M	A	S	A	T	I	F	F	I	N
O	F	F	O	O	I	N	I	T	I	O
O	H	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
A	G	O	A	L	A	V	A	L	A	V
R	O	O	I	N	E	R	E	C	T	S
A	S	S	E	T	S	H	A	T	S	O

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

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

Answer

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CryptoQuip



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE ESTATE OF
WARREN CHARLES
STEINHURST,
Deceased.

No. 2021 P 87

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of WARREN CHARLES STEINHURST, of 2306 West First Street, Dixon, Lee County, Illinois on July 18, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on November 8, 2021, by the 15th Judicial Circuit Court of Lee County to the representative and Independent Executor, AMBER M. SMAIL, 2304 West First Street, Dixon, Illinois.

The attorney for the representative and Independent Executor 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, Amber M. Smail, 2304 West First Street, Dixon, IL 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 cred-

itors, 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 to the attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.

BY: AMBER M. SMAIL, Representative/Independent Executor

Robert J. Thompson
Attorney for the Estate

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Ste. 200

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CITY OF AMBOY
RESOLUTION NO. 11-15-21
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF
SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY
(305 WATER STREET, AMBOY, ILLINOIS)**
ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF AMBOY
THIS 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021
PUBLISHED IN PAMPHLET FORM BY AUTHORITY
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMBOY, THIS
15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-15-21
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF
SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY
(305 WATER STREET, AMBOY, ILLINOIS)**
WHEREAS, the City of Amboy, Lee County, Illinois (the "City") holds fee simple title to the real property commonly known as 305 Water Street, Amboy, Illinois (PIN 02-15-22-279-001) (the "Property") consisting of approximately 1.6 acres; and WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City (collectively, the "Corporate Authorities") have reviewed the needs of the City with reference to the Property and have made a careful study of said needs; and WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities are of the opinion that the Property is unnecessary, unsuitable and inconvenient for the uses of the City; and WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is in the best interests of the City that the Property be sold; and WHEREAS, the City has engaged Valuation Compliance, Inc. of Yorkville, Illinois to prepare a certified appraisal of the Property; and

WHEREAS, Section 11-76-4.1 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-1-1 et seq.) authorizes the City to sell surplus real estate by the staff of the City, by listing the real estate with a local licensed real estate agency, or by public auction provided that the purchase price for the surplus real estate shall not be less than eighty percent (80%) of the property's appraised value; and WHEREAS, the City desires to sell all or a portion of the Property by the staff of the City for a purchase price not less than eighty percent (80%) of the certified appraised value, which certified appraised value is \$31,500.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Amboy, Lee County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1: The preambles to this Resolution are true and correct and are hereby incorporated in this Section 1 as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: The Corporate Authorities of the City hereby declare and find that the Property is no longer necessary for the uses of the City.

SECTION 3: The Property is currently zoned C-2 General Commercial District under the City's Zoning Ordinance. The Property shall be used solely for such uses as may be permitted under the City's Zoning Ordinance for said classification. A purchaser may purchase all or a part of the Property for a purchase price equal to not less than eighty percent (80%) of the appraised value of said Property. The City Clerk is hereby authorized

CITY OF AMBOY
RESOLUTION
NO. 11-15-21-A
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE
OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY
(PORTION OF 450 S. MASON
STREET, AMBOY, ILLINOIS)**
ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF AMBOY
THIS 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021
Published in pamphlet form by authority of the Council of the City of Amboy, this 15th day of November, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-15-21-A
**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF
SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY (PORTION OF
450 S. MASON STREET, AMBOY, ILLINOIS)**
WHEREAS, the City of Amboy, Lee County, Illinois (the "City") holds fee simple title to the real property commonly known as 450 S. Mason Street, Amboy, Illinois (PIN 02-15-22-276-005) (the "Entire Property"); and WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City (collectively, the "Corporate Authorities") have reviewed the needs of the City with reference to the Entire Property and have made a careful study of said needs; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities are of the opinion that a portion of the Entire Property, including the vacated portion of East Avenue and approximately the northern one half of Shapiro Park located on the Entirety Property (the "Property") is unnecessary, unsuitable and inconvenient for the uses of the City; and WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is in the best interests of the City that the Property be sold; and

WHEREAS, the City has engaged Valuation Compliance, Inc. of Yorkville, Illinois to prepare a certified appraisal of the Property; and WHEREAS, Section 11-76-4.1 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-1-1 et seq.) authorizes the City to sell surplus real estate by the staff of the City, by listing the real estate with a local licensed real estate agency, or by public auction provided that the purchase price for the surplus real estate shall not be less than eighty percent (80%) of the property's appraised value; and WHEREAS, the City desires to sell all or a portion of the Property by the staff of the City for a purchase price not less than eighty percent (80%) of the certified appraised value, which certified appraised value is \$0.25 per square foot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Amboy, Lee County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1: The preambles to this Resolution are true and correct and are hereby incorporated in this Section 1 as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: The Corporate Authorities of the City hereby declare and find that the Property is no longer necessary for the uses of the City.

SECTION 3: The Property is currently zoned Park under the City's Zoning Ordinance. The Property shall be used solely for such uses as may be permitted under the City's Zoning Ordinance for said classification. A purchaser may purchase all or a part of the Property for a purchase price equal to not less than eighty percent (80%) of the

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Passed by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Amboy on the 15 day of November, 2021.

John Schuler
MAYOR

ATTEST:
John Schuler
City Clerk

Nov. 24, 2021
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appraised value of said Property. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to place the appraisal of the Property on file for public review and inspection at City Hall.

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SECTION 6: Prior to conveying the Property, the City shall, at its sole cost and expense, cause the Entire Property to be subdivided in accordance with the City of Amboy Subdivision Code, and all other applicable laws, to legally create the parcel consisting of the Property. On the plat of subdivision, the City shall retain an easement over, across and through the Property for the maintenance and usage of the drainage ditch located on the Property to allow for drainage of waters through said ditch.

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John Schuler
MAYOR

ATTEST:
John Schuler
City Clerk

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Sign up for Wetland Reserve Easements for 2022

CHAMPAIGN — Ivan Dozier, State Conservationist, announced the application period for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - Wetland Reserve Easements. (ACEP-WRE). The purpose of the Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE) program is to help landowners enhance and protect habitat for wetland wildlife on their lands, reduce impacts from flooding, recharge groundwater, provide outdoor recreation, and increase habitat for migratory waterfowl.

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) wants landowners and farmers to know that "The first application cut-off date for fiscal year 2022 has been established," Dozier explains. "We accept applications for Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE) year round. Applications NRCS receives that meet program eligibility by Dec. 10, 2021 will be considered for funding in its 2022 program."

According to Dozier, land eligible for WRE includes farmed or converted wetlands that have been previously altered for agricultural production that can be successfully and cost-effectively restored. NRCS prioritizes applications based on the easement's potential for improving water quality and protecting and enhancing habitat for migratory birds

and other wildlife. To enroll land through this program, NRCS enters into purchase agreements with eligible private landowners and then they work together to develop and implement a wetland reserve plan to guide the restoration easement process. This plan restores, enhances, and protects the wetland's functions and values.

Applications for ACEP-WRE are continuous and can be submitted at any time. For FY 2022, Illinois NRCS has received \$3.8 million in funding and will make funding decisions for eligible applicant interested in ACEP-WRE.

NRCS provides technical and financial assistance directly to private landowners to restore, protect and enhance wetlands through the purchase of these easements, and eligible landowners can choose to enroll in either a permanent easement or a 30-year easement. To apply for a wetland easement through ACEP - WRE, visit NRCS at your local USDA Service Center. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, producers should call to set up appointments with local NRCS office staff. Visit www.nrcs.usda.gov to learn more.

Find more information about ACEP and other NRCS conservation programs in Illinois online at <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/il/programs/>.

College ag enrollments holding ground in Illinois

By KAY SHIPMAN
FarmWeek

Agriculture study remains fruitful as students return in person to the four state universities with agricultural programs. With COVID mitigation guidelines in place, classroom space is at a premium on a couple of campuses.

This fall, agriculture programs continue within the same structures at Illinois State University, the University of Illinois and Western Illinois University. In Carbondale, agriculture is part of a restructured College of Agricultural, Life and Physical Sciences (CALPS) at Southern Illinois University.

Agriculture student enrollment held steady on Western Illinois University's Macomb campus, said Andy Baker, the School of Agriculture director. Baker noted the freshman student enrollment grew to 74, but the school saw a decline in students transferring from community colleges or other institutions.

Campuswide, WIU maintained a stable enrollment of new students, including freshmen, transfer and graduate students, of 2,346. The total enrollment of 7,455 is nearly level with fall 2020 numbers.

"Our enrollment is stable, the kids are back in and I'm in. We're having labs the way we want to have labs," Baker said. "If the students have a chance to come in person, daily (class) attendance is up."

In Normal, Illinois State University saw a slight decline in agriculture undergraduate students and an increase in ag graduate students, said Fanson Kidwaro, agriculture department chair.

In fact, ISU received a record number of applicants for agriculture graduate degrees. "We had 57 applicants (to grad school). We usually get 10 to 15," Kidwaro said.



Seventeen were admitted to the grad program.

At ISU, the three animal-related programs in pre-veterinary, animal science and animal industry continue to be strong, Kidwaro said, and agriculture business enrollment remains steady.

Campuswide, ISU experienced a 2% decrease in fall enrollment compared to 2020. The decline was attributed to several factors, including travel difficulties for international students and COVID-related impacts.

At the U of I, the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) saw increased enrollment in several student categories. A total of 2,820, undergraduates enrolled compared to 2,778 last fall. ACES registered more freshmen, 510, up from 478; more transfer students, 170, up from 162; and more graduate students, 757, up from 743.

A record number of freshmen, 8,303, are on the Urbana-Champaign campus, bringing total student enrollment to 56,299, the most in university history.

"Faculty and staff in ACES just keep saying how wonderful it is to have our students back. The whole place feels different than the last 18 months in all the best ways," said Anna Ball, ACES associate dean of academic programs. "We've partnered closely with campus to keep students as safe as possible so

they can focus on learning, growing, and enjoying their college experience."

In Carbondale, Southern Illinois University agriculture programs saw a slight decrease overall with an undergraduate enrollment of 466 but an increase in graduate students with 87 enrolled. The ag program total enrollment is 553 students.

"We have some encouraging numbers this fall. Animal sciences and forestry numbers are particularly strong within our agricultural fields," said Eric Brevik, CALPS dean. "It is wonderful to be able to meet with prospective students in person again. Events like the Farm Progress Show really allow us to reach out and recruit."

Overall, fall CALPS enrollment was not available. However, SIU Carbondale registered a 4.5% increase in freshmen, the largest in the past five years. Overall, the campus enrollment of 11,266 is considered relatively flat with a 0.9% decline.

Each of the universities is addressing COVID mitigation guidelines on their respective campuses.

In Macomb and Normal, finding classrooms to accommodate students has been an added challenge given WIU and ISU requirements to space students apart, according to Baker and Kidwaro.

"It was a big chess match," Baker said of professors seeking rooms across campus. One of the ag department's classrooms that can seat 42 students is "heavily scheduled" by other programs, and an ag computer lab was converted into a classroom.

Kidwaro explained ISU ag professors and students are meeting in buildings not traditionally used by ag students. ISU's system to track available classrooms that are large enough has helped, he said.

Submit Illinois CSP applications by Jan. 7

CHAMPAIGN— State Conservationist, Ivan Dozier announced the submission deadline for Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) applications to be considered for funding in fiscal year (FY) 2022 is Jan. 7, 2022. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) plans to invest up to \$8.64 million for new CSP contracts in fiscal year 2022 in Illinois.

CSP is a financial assistance conservation program which helps agricultural and forestland producers take the conservation activities on their farm to the next level.

While applications are accepted throughout the year, interested producers should submit applications to their local NRCS office by Jan. 7, 2022, to ensure their applica-

tions are considered for 2022.

CSP provides many benefits, including increased crop yields, decreased input costs, wildlife habitat improvements, and increased resilience to weather extremes. CSP is for working lands including cropland, pastureland, and nonindustrial private forest land. CSP assists agricultural and forestland producers build on existing conservation efforts while strengthening their entire operation.

Producers interested in EQIP should submit a signed application (NRCS-CPA-1200 form) to the local NRCS field office or through the Farmers.gov website using their account. A blank NRCS-CPA-1200 application form may be obtained from the local office or on

the Illinois NRCS website. Producers wishing to use Farmers.gov, can sign in or create an account by clicking on "Sign up" in the upper right of the website.

CSP applications submitted by Jan. 7, 2022 will be evaluated by the local NRCS field office staff. NRCS staff will work with applicants to assess their land and resource concerns, answer ranking questions, and determine program eligibility. If an application is ranked high enough to be funded, NRCS staff will work with the applicant to develop a contract.

For additional information about CSP, contact your local USDA service center or visit <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/il/programs/financial/csp/>.

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Illinois teams become advocates for food access

SPRINGFIELD— What does it mean to be hungry? Illinois 4-H teens are challenging experts in the fields of food access, food security, and food justice to learn how to advocate for others in their communities.

Earlier this year, 105 youth at the Illinois 4-H Food Action Summit worked with University of Illinois researchers, non-profit professionals, food advocates, and civic leaders in workshops designed to empower young people to strengthen their leadership and work to create food security in their communities. The day-long Summit provided both educational workshops and networking opportunities.

"We hope youth walked away from this conference with an expanded vision of what is possible in the world of food systems both academically and professionally," said Mark Becker, University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development specialist in food systems. "We hope the Summit sparked ideas and empowered youth to act in their communities."

Presenters and attendees came from across the country, as well as Puerto Rico and Brazil.

"It was very rewarding to see the youth working and taking action," said Flavio Rocha, Portuguese/English teacher at Campus Campo Grande, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil, and summit presenter. "They are so young and already worried about their communities, which was very inspiring."

This yearly event is part of ongoing food advocacy work done through Illinois 4-H.

THE FARMER'S REPORT



Rural areas can seek assistance from USDA Rural Development when floods or other disasters strike. A newly released resource guide groups 40-some programs and eligibility into assistance categories. (FarmWeek file photo)

Rural Development wants rural areas to be disaster-ready

By KAY SHIPMAN
FarmWeek

When a tornado, flood or other disaster strikes, rural officials might not know Rural Development can help. Molly Hammond, acting state director for Illinois Rural Development, points out they don't have to wait for a disaster. In fact, it's better if they don't.

"There's programs to prepare. They can find ways to prepare for disaster, like an early warning siren, if they need a new one," Hammond told FarmWeek.

A recently released USDA resource guide compiles Rural Development programs and assistance in one place. "This guide is there to help them know what to look for," Hammond said of the Disaster Resiliency and Recovery Resources guide.

The guide outlines 40-some Rural Development programs and services for rural residents, businesses and communities to support disaster planning and recovery.

Hammond explained the guide's information grid gives an at-a-glance way to learn who is eligible to apply for different programs that are grouped by categories of assistance. Those categories are: economic development planning and housing, education and training, infrastructure and equipment, and industry and entrepreneurship support and business development.

The guide "breaks down categories to help applicants narrow it down," she added.

Applicants are not limited to local units of governments, but include nonprofit organizations and cooperatives, such as electric and agriculture cooperatives; hospitals, libraries, faith-based organizations, community colleges, universities and eligible education institutions.

The resource guide also features examples of how USDA programs were used to support recovery efforts. Hammond said Illinois received \$1.7 million in assistance when 27 counties were designated federal disaster areas in 2019. Another time, five communities received \$618,000 for help with community water systems after a disaster.

Beyond Rural Development, the guide summarizes technical assistance available from federal agency partners, such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, that work with USDA to support rural communities in disaster planning and recovery. Hammond said work on the new national resource guide stemmed from former state Rural Development Director Colleen Callahan's time in Washington, D.C., working on the 2012 drought. At that time, officials developed a national recovery website to compile federal assistance and information and align resources.

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Cover crop acres increased substantially in 2019-2020, according to the latest biennial Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy report. The strategy recommends cover crops as a way to reduce losses of nitrogen and phosphorus. (Illinois Farm Bureau file photo)

Nutrient report shows movement, challenges

By KAY SHIPMAN
FarmWeek

Illinois moved forward with continued work and substantial investments in a statewide strategy to decrease nitrogen and phosphorus moving into rivers, lakes and streams. The third biennial report of the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs) also attributed challenges for reducing progress on some fronts.

The NLRs offers a menu of voluntary actions to lower nitrogen and phosphorus coming from urban runoff, diffuse nonpoint sources that are predominantly agricultural and specific point sources that are mainly municipal wastewater treatment and industry.

Overall, Illinois seeks to lower all nitrogen and phosphorus moving into water by 45% compared to average 1980-96 levels. Interim goals include a 15% nitrogen reduction and a 25% phosphorus reduction by 2025.

A substantial expansion of cover crop acres, a 135% increase from 2011, illustrated farmers' adoption of recommended practices, said Illinois Agriculture Director Jerry Costello II. Costello noted

the Illinois Department of Agriculture's (IDOA) cover crop initiative is helping to seed more cover crop acres and raising awareness of practices to reduce nutrient losses.

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Director John Kim called new efforts by each sector "noteworthy given the increase in precipitation events experienced in Illinois and other states within the Mississippi River basin."

Unprecedented heavy precipitation proved a major challenge for nitrogen and phosphorus reduction efforts from 2019 to 2020. The report's five-year rolling average showed a 25% increase in precipitation compared to the 1980-96 baseline. Higher nutrient loads are expected to occur in wetter years compared to drier ones. Based on 2015-19 data, the statewide average estimated a 13% increase in nitrogen losses and a 35% increase in phosphorus losses, according to the report.

A range of compiled information is available in the 238-page report with multiple appendices, including a 624-page agri-

culture appendix, 109-page point source appendix and 53-page stormwater appendix. Additional appendices are an IEPA watershed plan, Natural Resources Conservation Service appendix, Farm Service Agency appendix and Illinois Farm Bureau appendix. To read the report and appendices, visit <https://tinyurl.com/4c-6fyeyu>.

Trevor Sample, IEPA's NLRs coordinator, attributed some of the phosphorus increase to point sources, while some may be coming from "legacy phosphorus in streambeds that was stirred up" and some may come from streambank erosion.

Even with increased precipitation, "we need to do as much as we can in the future," Sample continued. "We want farmers to keep nutrients on their fields. They paid good money for that and want to try to keep it."

The pandemic challenged education efforts by agencies, point sources and partners in agriculture and conservation, but some activities resulted in record turnout albeit virtually. "It showed people were still engaged" despite the situation, Sample noted.

Looking ahead, Michael Woods, manager of IDOA's natural resources division, said, "Climate is probably one of our biggest issues."

The state continues to identify best management practices, and recently added saturated buffers and terraces to the NLRs menu. Those practices' nutrient-reduction contributions will be monitored and accounted for in upcoming reports.

Going forward, agriculture may need to engage landowners, bank farm managers and crop insurance agents among others to increase and expand recommended NLRs practices, according to Woods. He included students from elementary grades through college as agriculture's future.

The interim's goal of "2025 is here and 2050 is around the corner. The next generation needs to be engaged," Woods said.

The next biennial NLRs report will be published in 2023.

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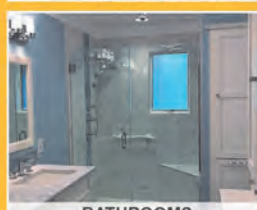
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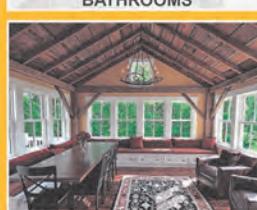
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