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## Amboy Fire Department to host 150th Year Community Celebration

**AMBOY** — The Amboy Fire Department will be hosting its 150th Year Community Celebration on Saturday, July 3, beginning at 2 p.m., in downtown Amboy at Main St. and N. East Avenue.

Included in the celebration are the water fights tournament. This will be using Blackhawk rules and a double elimination tournament.

Other events include:

- Touch-a-Truck 2-7 p.m.
- Hotdogs and Chips (until gone) 3 p.m.
- Concessions (Kids) 3-8 p.m.
- Concessions (Adults) 6-10 p.m.
- Whimsy Pixie Face Painting 3-6 p.m.
- Bouncy houses 3-7 p.m.
- Games 3-7 p.m.
- Superheroes 4-7 p.m.
- Axe Throwing 6-9 p.m.
- OSF Helicopter Landing 7 p.m.

Live music will begin at 4 p.m. with the band Snapshot, followed at 7:30 p.m., with the band Moonshine Bandits.

City fireworks will commence at dusk.

Portable bathrooms, handwashing station, and hand sanitizer stations on site throughout event.

## Join the Revolution

BY GEORGE HOWE

Amboy News Reporter

**AMBOY** — There's been a revolution going on in town for a little more than a year now, one that most people want to be a part of.

No, city government isn't being taken over. Owners Allison Hicks, a lifelong Amboy resident, and her fiancé, Demetri Lahman, opened Revolution Wellness in June of 2020 and recently celebrated their one year anniversary.

The quaint little shop features a mouth watering array of shakes, boosted teas and iced coffees. You will strain your neck trying to gaze at over 100 flavor choices and growing, written on chalk boards that completely consume the walls as you step through the doors. Your senses will come alive not to mention your taste buds will explode sipping on a salted caramel iced coffee, or a Jolly

Rancher boosted tea. This reporter couldn't resist the temptation and succumbed to a 16 ounce Banana Split Shake filled with strawberry, pineapple, banana, and chocolate flavorings, all sugar free, and topped with colorful sprinkles.

They don't use actual fruit, but you'd never know it. You might be asking yourself by now; how can something that tastes so delicious be good for you and not loaded with calories? All of the items are packed with vitamins and protein thanks to the Herbal Life Nutritional supplements that Hicks and Lahman use in their creations.

"Our iced coffees have 100 to 200 calories, teas 50 and shakes less than 250," explained Hicks. "Your mind gets tricked into thinking that you are actually eating candy or ice cream when in fact it's healthy ingredients instead."

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Allison Hicks, a lifelong Amboy resident, and her fiancé, Demetri Lahman, opened Revolution Wellness in June of 2020 and recently celebrated their one year anniversary.  
George Howe/Amboy News

### DONATION

A blood drive was held on June 22 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Sublette. Donations are needed. The American Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage that is negatively affecting blood product availability across the country. Blood and platelet donors are needed now to help ensure hospital shelves are stocked with blood products over the Fourth of July holiday and beyond. For more information about area blood drives, see our Community Calendar on page A3.

Mary Mays/Amboy News



## IDPH announce more than 80 COVID-19 cases associated with youth camp outbreak

**SPRINGFIELD** — The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is now reporting 85 teens and adult staff at a summer youth camp held in mid-June in central Illinois tested positive for COVID-19. One unvaccinated, young adult was hospitalized. Although all campers and staff were eligible for vaccination, IDPH is aware of only a handful of campers and staff receiving the vaccine. The camp was not checking vaccination status and masking was not required while indoors. IDPH is reminding people about the importance of vaccination, including youth, as the Delta variant and other variants continue to spread.

"The majority of the 85 COVID-19 cases associated with the youth camp are among teens," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "The perceived risk to children may seem small, but even a mild case of COVID-19 can cause long-term health issues. Additionally, infected youth who may not experience severe illness can still spread the virus to others, including those who are too young to be vaccinated or those who don't build the strong expected immune response to the vaccine."

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### NEW ALDERMAN

Amboy City Clerk Melissa Eisenberg swore in the City of Amboy's newest alderman Greg Noble on Monday, June 21. Noble is filling the empty seat in Ward I. The seat was previously filled by Brett Dewey who did not seek re-election. No candidate ran for the open seat.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

## White extends Driver's License and ID card expiration dates until Jan. 1, 2022

**SPRINGFIELD** — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards have been extended an additional five months — from Aug. 1, 2021, to Jan. 1, 2022. The new Jan. 1, 2022 extension also includes expiration dates that will occur between July and December of this year. As a result, expired driver's licenses and ID cards will remain valid until Jan. 1, 2022 so customers do not need to rush into Driver Services facilities, especially during hot weather. This extension does not apply to commercial driver's licenses (CDL) and CDL learner's permits.

"Extending expiration dates until Jan. 1, 2022, means people with an expired driver's license or ID card do not need to rush into a Driver Services facility immediately," said White. "During hot weather, I would suggest residents consider delaying visits to Driver Services facilities. But if you must visit a facility, please come prepared to wait outside due to continued social distancing efforts, which limits the number of people inside a facility at one time. We are allowing more people in the facilities at one time due to relaxed protocols."

White noted that Senate Bill 2232, which Governor Pritzker signed into law Friday and had passed

the House and Senate by overwhelming margins, authorizes the Secretary of State's office to extend driver's license and ID card expiration dates to Jan. 1, 2022. Senate Bill 2232 was sponsored by state Sen. Laura Murphy (D-Des Plaines) and state Rep. Michelle Mussman (D-Schaumburg).

White continues to urge the public to consider using online services when possible instead of visiting a facility due to heavy customer volume. White has greatly expanded online services and encourages the public to visit his office's website at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com). Many transactions can be conducted online, including the purchase of license plate stickers, obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card, and renewing driver's licenses and ID cards, including Real IDs, for those who are eligible.

As a reminder, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the federal REAL ID deadline to May 3, 2023.

White's office continues to review ways to further expand online renewals for expired driver's licenses and ID cards to reduce the volume.

**White Reminds Residents to be Aware of Scams Targeting Illinoisans**

Due to fraudsters continued attempts to entice

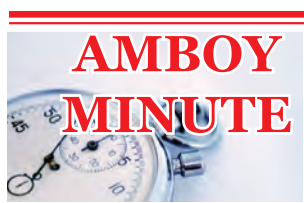
the public into falling victim to scam texts and email, Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding residents to be on alert for multiple scams claiming to be from the Secretary of State's office seeking personal information to defraud Illinoisans.

"I have zero tolerance for fraudsters who prey on people in desperate times," said White. "My office is working with the Illinois Attorney General's office to protect Illinoisans from falling victim to these fraudulent schemes."

White is again reminding the public to beware of scammers who are sending unsolicited text messages or emails claiming to be from the Illinois Secretary of State. In some instances, the scammers copy the Secretary of State website logos and masthead to appear official.

White says these texts and emails are scams and recipients should not click on any links or provide any information. Visiting these various fraudulent websites could place malware on the recipients' devices or trick them into disclosing sensitive personal information. The Secretary of State's office NEVER requests personal information, like a Social Security number, via text message or email.

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# LOCAL NEWS

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After starting out as a Herbal Life distributor for a couple of years in Dixon, and getting a feel for the business, Hicks wanted to bring it to her hometown and did with the support of the Amboy Chamber of Commerce, friends and family. "I definitely felt that our town needed this kind of opportunity," said Hicks. "There aren't any coffee shops or competition so that part was easy. We want to make an impact with people's nutritional goals and overall health."

There really isn't any training in the mixology process, Hicks and Lahman basically come up with ideas by the tried and true taste test method. The ever evolving, creative, and extensive menu, keeps things fresh and exciting for both the owner's and customers.

"One time we tried developing a shake and made it 15 times until we got it right," Hicks chuckled as she recalled. "We know what flavors taste good together now, so we've got it down."

Lahman has that enthusiastic charm and takes on that 'Mad Professor' look of concentration as he mixes the concoctions behind the bar which isn't lost on regular customer Wendy Legner. "He's always is so friendly and does a nice job every time I come in," said Legner. "My favorite is the strawberry kiwi Green Lantern. It has such a good flavor, it's gives me energy and keeps me going all day."

Due to strong faith and a commitment to the community, Hicks and Lehman have built a successful venture in a short period of time and hope to continue to build on that for the future.

"We have a lot of kids that come in here on their own," said Lahman. "We've established a trusted and safe place for everyone and our goal is that we want them to feel happier leaving than when they came in."

Revolution Wellness is located at 205 E. Main St., in downtown Amboy. Hours are Monday – Friday, 6 a.m. – 4 p.m., Saturdays, 7 a.m. – noon, and closed on Sundays.



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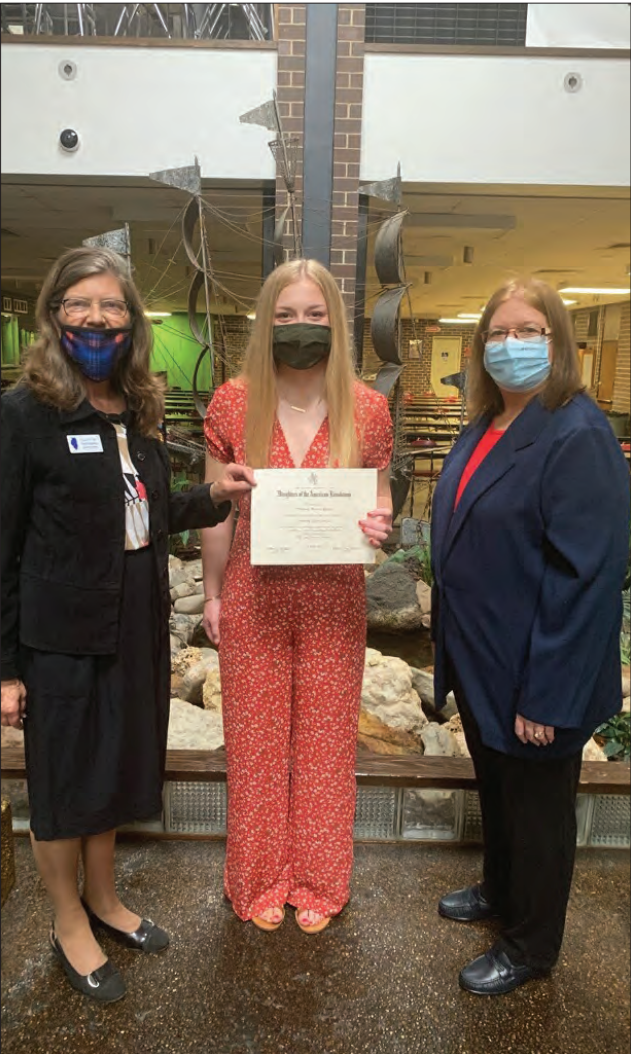
## Five area students awarded DAR Good Citizenship Award

AMBOY — Five students from area high schools were presented the DAR Good Citizen Award by the Rochelle Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. These outstanding students are selected by a process that involves both their teachers and members of their senior class because they exemplify the traits of a Good Citizen: Dependability, Service, Leadership, and Patriotism. They also have the option of completing an essay in a timed, proctored format. The winner of the essay contest is forwarded to the District, and may be further selected to compete at the State or National Level. This year's

winners are: Brianna Blaine - Amboy High School; Garrett Sage (Rochelle Chapter's essay contest winner) - Ashton Franklin Center High School; Claudia Reckamp - Oregon HS; Afi Gati - Rochelle Township High School; and Julia Orlando - Stillman Valley High School. Each student was presented a certificate, lapel pin and gift card.

*Pictured right, Rochelle Chapter DAR Good Citizen Chairman Lydia Roberts (left) and chapter member Millie Dutchoff present the certificate and award to Amboy HS senior Brianna Blaine. Brianna plans to attend the University of Iowa and major in the pre-med fields of human physiology or biology.*

Photo submitted



### 150th Year Community Celebration

**Saturday, July 3, beginning at 2 PM**  
**Downtown Amboy at Main St. and N. East Avenue**  
 We're excited to host another community event this summer!  
 Join us on July 3rd for fun & play!

- ★ Bouncy houses and Water Sled
- ★ Superheroes
- ★ Whimsy Pixie Paint
- ★ Emergency vehicles show - all new, used and antique equipment is welcomed!
- ★ Water fights tournament - Water Fights will be on the ground using Blackhawk rules. This will be a double elimination tournament. Practice begins at 2 PM
- ★ Whoop Your Axe Mobile Axe Throwing - 6 to 9 PM
- ★ Music starts at 4PM with Snapshot then Moonshine Bandits at 7:30 PM
- ★ City fireworks at dusk

For more information or to reserve your team spot or your emergency vehicle spot contact, Amboy Fire Chief Jeff Bryant at [jbryant9962@gmail.com](mailto:jbryant9962@gmail.com) or 815-994-6184

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## LOCAL NEWS

## TEEN TURF

## Summer Program

Our summer program is in full swing. Our older kids are doing roadside cleanup, working in the garden, assisting the younger kids in the program. A few of them will be volunteering at The Kitchen Table Inc. in Rochelle tomorrow, Thursday, July 1 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Our younger kids learned about South Africa. The third and fourth graders did experiments in their STEAM program-Thank you 4-H Team Teachers and Martha. We are grateful for Bruce, Martha, and Karen (Master Gardener) from University of Illinois Extension for teaching our kids.

## Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that assist us: Jim and Laura Mares for the poster board; Susan Tyrell for the monetary donation; Janet and Bill Shaw for the ice pops; Sue Shaw Linder for the ice pops; Bump family for the muffins; Jerry and Tina Corcoran for the monetary donation; Michele, Christine, and Catherine Cheshire for the glowsticks and cake holder; Nicole Shafer and Christine Marczuk for hosting us at Sauk Valley College; everyone who donated cans and Larry Piper and Pete Rood for doing cans.

## Needs

If possible, we need individual wrapped cookies, juice boxes, or fruit snacks for the summer program.

## Final Word

God, thank you for summer, for green grass and honeysuckle, leafy trees running streams, bare feet, balmy days, singing birds, laughing children, baseball games, cook-outs, sunshine, clear skies, the smell after a summer rain, beauty and fecundity everywhere we turn.  
Amen

## FRAUD

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"Delete the text or email," said White. "Do not click on them and do not provide any of your personal information." White encourages people to take steps to protect their personal information:

- Delete emails and texts that promise or offer access to driver's licenses or state ID cards, and do not click on any links contained in such emails or text messages, as they may place malware on your devices.
- Hang up on any calls, including robocalls, which ask individuals to take immediate action or provide personally-identifiable information, such as your Social Security number or bank account number.
- Ask to use other types of identifiers besides your Social Security number.
- Keep your software up to date, including your phone and computer operating systems and antivirus protection programs. Most phones, computers and antivirus software can be set to update automatically when new software versions are released.

If you have questions about text message scams or identity theft, please call the Illinois Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotline at 800-386-5438 (Chicago), 800-243-0618 (Springfield) or 800-243-0607 (Carbondale).

Mt. Morris Jamboree  
free concert season

**MT. MORRIS** — The Mt. Morris Jamboree is pleased to welcome back the 60's tribute band, Shindig for their performance at the band shell on July 2, starting at 7 p.m. Shindig presents a tribute to the 60's and always delivers a trip back to the greatest and most diverse decade of Rock and Roll music. The Ogle County Pork Producers will be serving their famous butterfly pork chop sandwiches with chips and drinks starting at 6 p.m. as part of the opening night of the three day Let Freedom Ring Festival.

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A couple individuals who were at the camp also attended a nearby conference, which resulted in 11 additional cases. At least 70% of those cases were unvaccinated. The vaccines currently authorized in the U.S. have been shown to be effective among individuals who are fully vaccinated, even against the more transmissible and serious variants. Schuyler and Adams counties, where

the outbreaks occurred, are seeing approximately 40% of their population fully vaccinated.

IDPH continues to assist local health departments involved in the youth camp and conference outbreaks and is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Specimens are being sought for genomic sequencing to determine if any of the cases were

caused by variants.

Information about where to get a COVID-19 vaccination can be found at <https://www.vaccines.gov>. CDC guidance adopted by IDPH for operating youth camps can be found at <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/operating-youth-camps>.

**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](http://www.lchd.com) for a list of services available.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Farmer's Market will be held every Friday from 8 a.m. until noon beginning Friday, July 2, in the Depot Museum parking lot. No market during Depot Days. Vendors are welcome. Call Alice Dukes with questions at 815-857-4015.

**DIXON**-The Dixon Petunia Festival will be held July 2-4 in downtown Dixon.

**WALNUT**-The Walnut 5K Run/Walk for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Research will start at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 3, at the Bureau Valley Elementary Walnut Campus, 323 S. Main St. Race Day registration is 6:45-7:45 a.m. To register, call 815-303-9346 or [walnut5kals@gmail.com](mailto:walnut5kals@gmail.com).

**AMBOY**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 3, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Fire Protection District 150th Year Community Celebration

First annual Grist Mill  
Grind 10K planned

**FRANKLIN GROVE** — Franklin Creek Conservation Association, an Illinois registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit and Friends group to Franklin Creek and the Franklin Creek State Natural Area, is hosting the First Annual Grist Mill Grind 10K and Fun Walk on Sept. 11, beginning at 8 a.m.

Runners will follow trails up and down multiple hills with an elevation gain of less than 800 feet, cross the Franklin Creek multiple times, you will get your feet wet, and promises to be an overall challenging event.

Registration cost is \$25.

All proceeds from this event will go to the Franklin Creek Conservation Association to help fund park programs, park expansion, and park improvements.

To sign up and for more information visit [www.franklin-creekconservation.org/gristmillgrind.html](http://www.franklin-creekconservation.org/gristmillgrind.html).

will be held on Saturday, July 3, in downtown Amboy at Main St. and N. East Ave. beginning at 2 p.m. Live music will begin at 4 p.m. with Snapshot and feature Moonshine Bandits at 7:30 p.m. Fireworks will be at dusk.

**AMBOY**-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 5, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**AMBOY**-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd.

**AMBOY**-The Summer Concert Series continues at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 10, with Rusty and Friends at the downtown bandstand. Bring a chair and a friend and enjoy this free concert.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, July 12, at the Fire Station.

**DIXON**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, July 12, at the Elk's Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 12, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Anyone wishing to join is invited to attend.

**SUBLETTE**-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 12, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

**EAST GROVE TWP**-The East Grove Township meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, at the East Grove Township Hall.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Illinois Department of Labor warns of health hazards from heat

**SPRINGFIELD** – As Illinois begins to experience higher temperatures, the Illinois Department of Labor is warning workers to pay attention to heat and humidity, which can be deadly.

“As more Illinoisans return to work following the COVID-19 pandemic, people who work outside need to consider another hazard: intense heat. Exposure to high temperatures and humidity can cause sickness and death if not taken seriously. Both employers and employees have a responsibility to understand the dangers,” said Illinois Department of Labor Director Michael Kleinik.

Thousands of construction workers are exposed to the elements everyday while

upgrading roads, bridges and other necessary infrastructure. To prevent serious injury and death the Illinois Department of Labor and OSHA stress “Water. Rest. Shade.”

The symptoms of prolonged exposure to dangerous heat need to be recognized. The warning signs of a heat-related illness, such as heat stroke, include:

- Heavy sweating
- Nausea or vomiting
- Dizziness
- Weak pulse
- High body temperature (103°F or higher)

Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related ailment that can lead to death if the warning signs aren't caught. If a worker appears to

be suffering heat stroke, it should be treated as an emergency and 911 should be called. The victim should be taken to a cooler, shady place and be given a cold compress, if possible.

Some people – including those over 65; overweight; and those with underlying conditions, including heart disease and diabetes – are most susceptible to heat-related illnesses. Consuming alcohol or medication can also impact body-temperature regulation, which increases the danger.

Employees should be trained to recognize heat-related illness and how to respond in an emergency. It is critical cool water is not only available to workers, but they are

encouraged to stay hydrated.

Employees should also be encouraged to protect themselves from the sun if working long hours outdoors.

For the past 10 years, the federal Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) has waged a campaign to combat heat-related illness among workers. OSHA's training materials provide a simple and effective three-word strategy that can save lives -- Water. Rest. Shade. <https://www.osha.gov/heat/>

For more information on Illinois OSHA, a division of IDOL, visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/idol/Laws-Rules/safety/Pages/default.aspx>.

## White launching electronic automobile insurance verification

**SPRINGFIELD** — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that automobile insurance verification will be conducted electronically. This upgrade to the state's mandatory insurance verification program will begin enforcement on July 1. The program requires insurance companies to work in conjunction with the Secretary of State's office to confirm electronically that motorists have automobile insurance. This program follows national standards established by the Insurance Industry Committee on Motor Vehicle Administration and is expected to reduce the number of Illinois motorists driving while uninsured.

“My office has led the effort to establish and implement an automobile insurance

verification system online which will serve to reduce the number of Illinois motorists driving while uninsured,” said White. “The message is simple: if you don't have auto insurance, get covered now. It is the law.”

Under the new Illinois Insurance Verification System (ILIVS), vehicle owners' automobile insurance will be verified electronically at least twice a year at random intervals to ensure that vehicle owners are complying with the state's mandatory automobile liability insurance laws. The vast majority of vehicle owners will not have to do anything, as electronic verification of automobile insurance will be confirmed automatically.

If electronic verifications are unsuccessful, the Secretary of State's office will send a writ-

ten request to the vehicle owner giving them the opportunity to prove they have insurance before suspending their vehicle registration. Vehicle owners must contact their insurance company or notify their insurance agent that they received a letter with a specific reference number from the Secretary of State. The insurance agent's responsibility is to confirm electronically with the Secretary of State – through [www.ILIVS.com](http://www.ILIVS.com) – that the vehicle owner does in fact have automobile insurance on the verification date stated in the letter. Beginning July 1, 2021, vehicle owners who are unable to prove insurance will face a license plate suspension and \$100 reinstatement fee.

It is important to note that vehicle own-

ers who receive the letter should not visit a Driver Services facility; instead, they should contact their insurance company or agent who can provide the necessary electronic proof of insurance needed to cancel the license plate suspension.

Vehicles owners who do not currently have automobile insurance must obtain insurance to avoid license plate suspension.

White chaired the Uninsured Motorist Verification Advisory Committee that worked with insurance companies, traffic safety advocates and members of the General Assembly. The advisory committee reviewed best practices and helped provide the guidelines used to establish legislation and program requirements.

## Vaccinated Illinoisans automatically entered into \$10 million lottery

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**SPRINGFIELD** – Any vaccinated Illinoisan will be automatically entered into a lottery for \$10 million in prizes without having to take any extra steps to enter.

Gov. JB Pritzker announced the “all in for the win” vaccine lottery at an event in Chicago, noting it would award \$7 million in cash prizes for adults 18 years of age and older, as well as \$3 million in scholarship awards for Illinoisans ages 12 to 17.

The first drawing will be conducted by the Illinois Lottery on July 8 and drawings will continue into August. Prizes will include cash

payments from \$100,000 to \$1 million. Scholarships would be in the form of Bright Start 529 savings plans worth \$150,000 each.

The money is allocated from federal American Rescue Plan funding, of which the state received more than \$8 billion.

Drawings will be conducted statewide and individually in the state's Restore Illinois regions that coincided with mitigation efforts throughout the pandemic. In the final drawing August 26, the winners of the final two of three \$1 million prizes will be chosen from a statewide pool.

To receive a vaccine, Illinoisans were required to give their information to the medical professional who

administered the vaccine, so Pritzker said that is how the names will be chosen for the drawings. Anyone having received at least their first dose by July 1 would be eligible for prizes in the first drawing.

Those who win would be contacted by the Illinois Department of Public Health, who will seek permission to share the winner's name with the Illinois Lottery. IDPH will not share information without a recipient's consent, according to a news release.

More information is available at [allin.illinois.gov](http://allin.illinois.gov).

Pritzker made that announcement as the state's positivity rate continued to plummet and as nearly 70 percent of the state's 18-and-older population had

received at least one dose of the vaccine, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health. That number was 67 percent for Illinoisans 12 and older, and 89 percent for those 65 and older.

For full vaccination, the number as of Thursday was 50 percent for 12 and older, 53 percent for 18 and older, and 73 percent for 65 and older.

Pritzker and IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said they were hopeful that the lottery would increase vaccine participation to continue to drive positivity rates and hospitalizations downward. They noted vaccinations remain free for Illinoisans at a variety of locations, such as mass vaccination sites, local health departments, chain and

small pharmacies, doctors' offices and Federally Qualified Health Centers.

“While our vaccination numbers in Illinois are good, we can't stop there. We still need more people, as many people as possible, and there is a pool of 3 million eligible people who are not yet vaccinated. We still need you to step up and get vaccinated,” Ezike said.

Ezike and Pritzker also noted that more dangerous variants of the virus are gaining steam, and as long as there are unvaccinated individuals in whom the virus can find a home, it could continue to become more dangerous as a variant.

According to the IDPH website, the state has iden-

tified 64 cases of the delta variant first found in India. That strain is a “variant of concern,” according to federal health officials, and could be more transmissible and cause more severe symptoms for those who are unvaccinated.

“We have to stop this virus from circulating before it mutates to the point that we get a variant that threatens the vaccine immunity that the 70 percent of us... are already pursuing. And the way to stop that is through vaccination,” Ezike said.

Donna Thompson, CEO of ACCESS Community Health Network where Pritzker announced the lottery, noted the inequities the virus has laid bare, especially in the predominantly Black and brown communities in the Chicago area which her organization serves.

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1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center  
**[www.LeeCenter-UCC.org](http://www.LeeCenter-UCC.org)**  
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# SOCIAL NEWS



## THE PASTOR'S PEN

### Anxious People, Anxious Times

BY PASTOR JACK M. BRIGGS

They say (whoever “they” are) that more people are more afraid of public speaking than they are of snakes. And it doesn’t make any sense. I mean, you never hear of someone walking through the woods and suddenly shouting, “Watch out! A podium!”

There are a lot of things that may make us feel anxious. We know anxiety when we feel it, that sense of inner turmoil, often with nervous behavior thrown in. Or perhaps it is a feeling of dread over something unlikely to happen, or just a general feeling of fear and worry that is hard to pinpoint.

We live in an anxious world full of anxious people. Abraham Lincoln once said, “We live in the midst of alarms; anxiety beclouds the future; we expect some new disaster with each newspaper we read.” Apparently, not much has changed since Honest Abe’s day. Folks deal with anxiety in their daily lives in many ways: meditation, exercise, hyp-

nosis, and/or anti-anxiety medication. But regardless of the approach chosen to deal with anxiety, consider what the Bible has to say.

“In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul.” (Psalm 94:19) Clearly, the psalmist is having some anxiety issues. I have to wonder what had him or her all wound up. Maybe the weather was lousy, too hot and dry for too long and the crops were in jeopardy. Maybe things were not going so well on the home front.

Maybe any of a number life’s struggles we face even nowadays: finances, relationships, employment, family, health issues, you name it. It is likely that we will all experience anxiety to some degree throughout our lives for one or a number of reasons. According to the psalmist, the anxieties we feel come from within us and not from what is around us, that is, our internal response to external circumstances.

So what is the prescription for

handling life’s anxieties? The psalmist recommends, “know the comforts of the Lord.”

You’ll find them in the Bible, maybe in some favorite verses that resonate with us that we keep in our heart to recall later during anxious times. Search the scriptures and you can find comfort for your soul.

Start by taking a glance at the concordance (a fancy word for topical index) in the back of your Bible if it has one, or ask your pastor. I am sure that he or she would be more than glad to offer some guidance. Besides, any occasion for cracking open the Good Book is necessarily a good thing.

So, you know, I have no issue at all with medication, which certainly helps a lot of people cope with anxiety and stress. And other means of dealing with anxiety may also be effective. But it is worthwhile to illuminate a modern-day problem with the light of God’s Word. Imagine that.

Thanks be to God.

## The Book Nook

By:  
Tatjana Kazan

### Pulling Forward

In Natalia Ginzburg’s “Family Lexicon,” the phrase ‘Si tira avanti’ – ‘One pulls oneself forward’ – describes the attitude of a family that has endured extreme tragedy. What makes tragedy unendurable and endurable is that life goes on. In clear, restrained prose devoid of sentimentality, Ginzburg recollects the life of the Levi family before, during, and after the Second World War in Turin, Italy.

At the center of the family is Ginzburg’s despotic father, Giuseppe Levi. He is a scientist (three of his laboratory assistants would go on to win Nobel Prizes in medicine and physiology) and a professor at the University of Turin. He is intolerant and prejudiced, and thinks that all of his five children are jackasses. He forces them to hike in the mountains, “wearing our large, rigid, lead-heavy hobnailed boots, thick woolen socks, balaclava helmets, and snow goggles across our foreheads with the sun beating squarely down on our sweating heads.” Ginzburg’s mother Lidia, who loves poetry and opera, calls mountain hiking “the devil’s idea of fun for his children.”

What parents and children share is antifascism, a dangerous conviction in Mussolini’s fascist Italy. The Levi apartment becomes a meeting place for Italian writers, painters, and intellectuals. Mario, who is the most rebellious of the Levi sons, gets caught on the Swiss border smuggling antifascist pamphlets into Italy. He throws himself into the river and is fished out by Swiss border guards. “My mother was constantly wringing her hands and saying in a tone of combined happiness, pride, and terror, ‘In the water with his overcoat on.’” Both Giuseppe and his elder son Gino are arrested, but freed after a stretch in jail.

Politics is hardly important to Ginzburg. She focuses squarely on the daily life of the Levi’s and their friends, even in 1938, when the Laws for the Defense of the Race are enacted, excluding Jews from the civil service, the armed forces, property ownership, and intermarriage. Giuseppe loses his university position, but is offered a position at a Belgian institute, where he remains for two years. The event is told from Lidia’s point of view because she hates Belgium.

That year, Natalia marries Leone Ginzburg, a prominent writer and activist. In 1940, Leone is sent into internal exile in the Abruzzi region, and Natalia and their three children follow. She loves life in the small village. But when the Germans invade Italy in 1943 after Mussolini’s fall, Leone flees to Rome, where he is arrested by the Nazi authorities and tortured to death. The villagers help Natalia and the children escape to safety in Turin. It is a measure of Ginzburg’s reluctance to talk about herself that Leone’s murder is mentioned only once. In the end, ‘Si tira avanti’ has surely become the watchword in the Levi’s lexicon.



### Granny Rose - Elvis

Elvis came to the shelter after no one looked for him at animal control. He is a Hound mix with a shorter brown, black, and white coat. After his neutering and vaccinations were completed, he left for his new home. Unfortunately, Elvis was returned after there were changes in the home that were not his fault. He had a second, very brief, adoption. There was an unexplained aggressive instance and Elvis is back at the shelter. His age is around 3 1/2 years old and he weighs about 70 pounds. Elvis is a very lovable boy and has shown a friendly attitude to people, but he does need boundaries. He could benefit from participating in an obedience class. We do not recommend that he live with cats or young children. To see Elvis, call Granny Rose Animal Shelter at 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit [www.grannyrose.org](http://www.grannyrose.org).

Photo contributed

## Educational Briefs

### Ashton Resident Receives Academic Honor

ATCHISON, Kan. — Benedictine College has recognized those students who have distinguished themselves academically during the last semester. Samuel Hahn of Ashton, was recently named to the Dean’s List for the spring semester, which ended May 15, 2021.

Any full time student carrying a minimum of 12 hours and a perfect 4.0 grade point average through the spring term is named to the President’s list. Full time students with 12 hours and a grade point average of 3.5 are named to the Dean’s List. Of the 1,980 students on campus for 2020-2021 academic year, 106 made the President’s List and 535 made the Dean’s List.

### Dixon native Justin Sherman named to Marquette University’s spring 2021 Dean’s List

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Justin Sherman, of Dixon, has been named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2021 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis. Sherman is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Operations and Supply Chain Management.

To make the Dean’s List, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the spring 2021 semester and have no disqualifying grades. The GPA threshold varies by college - for the College of Education and the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.7 to be named to the Dean’s List.

The undergraduate GPA requirement is 3.5 for the following colleges: the Diederich College of Communication, the College of Business Administration, the College of Health Sciences, the Opus College of Engineering and the College of Nursing. All other programs have a 3.75 GPA minimum.

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws nearly 8,500 undergraduate and 3,300 graduate and professional students from nearly all states and more than 60 countries. Find out more about Marquette at [marquette.edu](http://marquette.edu).

### Kirkwood Community College graduates announced

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa - The 2021 Virtual Commencement Ceremony was held on Saturday, May 15, at 10 a.m. Bre Scheidegger, of Dixon, was one of the graduates.

### Delaney Wilhelm Earns Semester Honors at Edgewood College

MADISON, Wis. — Delaney Wilhelm of Amboy has earned Semester Honors for the Spring 2021 semester at Edgewood College. Fulltime students who achieve a 3.5 grade point average for the semester are eligible for this honor.

About Edgewood College

Located in Madison, Wis., Edgewood College is a liberal arts Catholic college in the Dominican tradition. For more information about Edgewood College, please visit [www.edgewoodcollege.edu](http://www.edgewoodcollege.edu).

edgewood.edu, or call Ed Taylor in Marketing & Strategic Communications at 608-663-2333.

### Kishwaukee College announces Spring 2021 graduates

MALTA — Kishwaukee College is proud to announce the graduates for Spring 2021. Graduation Honors are divided into three categories based on final cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale. Summa cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.75-4.0, magna cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.5-3.749, and cum laude indicates a cumulative GPA between 3.25-3.499. Students who fulfill requirements for a Certificate and have a final cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher are awarded a Certificate with Distinction. Members of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society are designated as PTK.

The graduate total for the semester is 273 students who completed a total of 290 degrees and certificates for Spring 2021.

The following students completed the requirements for graduation from Kishwaukee College:

#### Ashton

Christopher Matthew Holden, CERT, Diesel Power/Equipment Repair, with Distinction

#### Dixon

Ethan Michael Hoyle, Associate in Science, Cum Laude

#### Lee

Joanna Nicole Farnsworth, Associate in Arts, Magna Cum Laude; Riley S. Johnson, CERT, EMT; Jade Renee Milostan, Associate in Science, Magna Cum Laude; Raymond Tomas Ragan, Associate in Science, Summa Cum Laude; Thomas Michael Rissman, Associate in Applied Science, Diesel Power Technology, Magna Cum Laude

### LeTourneau University Announces Spring 2021 Dean’s List

LONGVIEW, Texas — Brandon Griffith, of Lee, majoring in Engineering were named to the Spring 2021 Dean’s List at LeTourneau University. The Dean’s List recognizes students who have achieved a grade point average between 3.50 and 3.99 for the semester.

LeTourneau University President Dr. Steven D. Mason said being named to the Dean’s List is a significant academic achievement and honor.

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.

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# Opinion

## Supporting local means supporting local newspapers

As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, there's a sense of relief and optimism that things will return to normal. Long-awaited family gatherings, birthday parties and graduation ceremonies are finally happening in person. Sporting events have fans in the stands, airports are busy, and we all are in the process of reclaiming those elements of life we've missed the past year.

However, with that optimism is the reality of the impact the pandemic had on local communities. Local businesses that struggled through the past year, if they were able to stay in business at all, are still trying to recover and regain lost revenues. These locally owned restau-

rants, shops and services are vital to our economy and provide valuable jobs and important resources. Whenever you can, please Shop Local and Eat Local.

You can add your local newspapers to the businesses that need your support. During the pandemic, newspapers provided the critical information needed to protect the health and safety of their readers. And, that level of commitment has continued with the most relevant information about vaccines and plans for schools to return to normal in the fall.

The importance of local newspapers reaches well beyond the pandemic. Local newspapers cover the issues most important to their communities. From crime

### Guest Column

By Dean Ridings



to local schools to local government, readers can rely on their newspaper to provide the latest news that will impact them directly. Without vibrant newspapers,

cities and towns across the country would surely suffer. Newspapers were hit hard during the pandemic, just like other businesses. Advertising revenue, which was already in decline, dropped significantly. While more readers turned to newspapers and their websites for information than ever before, that didn't generate enough additional revenue to bridge the gap. The result is that newspapers need your support now, more than ever.

Fortunately, the importance of newspapers is being recognized in Washington. Legislation has been introduced to help protect newspapers from the business tactics of Big Tech companies that often use newspapers' content

without compensation. On June 16, the Local Journalism Sustainability Act was introduced as a bipartisan effort to recognize and protect local newspapers and the journalists who deliver valuable content.

The LJSA is unlike other bills in that it delivers benefits to readers and advertisers for supporting newspapers. Subscribers will be able to get a tax credit for their subscription, local businesses can get tax credits for advertising in newspapers and other local media, and newspapers would receive tax credits for their newsroom employees.

These legislative efforts deserve your support and the support of your government representatives. Contact your congressional representative and asked them to co-sponsor and support the Local Journalism Sustainability Act that ensures

newspapers continue to serve their readers and advertisers.

And, while you Shop Local and Eat Local, we encourage you to continue to Read Local and subscribe to your local newspaper. Supporting your newspaper is one of the best things that you can do to directly strengthen your community.

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## On This Day in History

### 100 Years Ago July 1, 1921

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reilly are the parents of a baby girl born Monday, June 27.

Miss Nina Tennant of Dixon has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Carl Flessner.

Miss Irene Parks is back at her work in Berry's store after a two week's vacation.

Mrs. Hugh McIntyre and daughter Helen were Dixon visitors Wednesday.

### 75 Years Ago July 4, 1946

Mr. and Mrs. Buren Bybee closed the deal Monday for the purchase of the William Daehler 80 acres north of Amboy from Mrs. Rose Meurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brooks and two children of Joliet are visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brooks.

Earl Gascoigne, who was recently discharged from the US Navy where he

served as an electrician's mate, is now employed at Conibear's Electric Shop.

### 50 Years Ago July 1, 1971

City of Amboy dog tags appear to have become a popular commodity on the local market. According to City Clerk Sylvia Montavon 33 dogs were licensed in the first 10 days of the sale of tags for 1971.

Gordon Wittenauer has been employed as a policeman by the City of Amboy to work the shift of Police Chief Claude Reinhold during his absence because of eye surgery. Ralph Eisenberg, Sr., has been hired as a police officer to fill the vacancy created by the recent death of Police Officer Earl Sensenig.

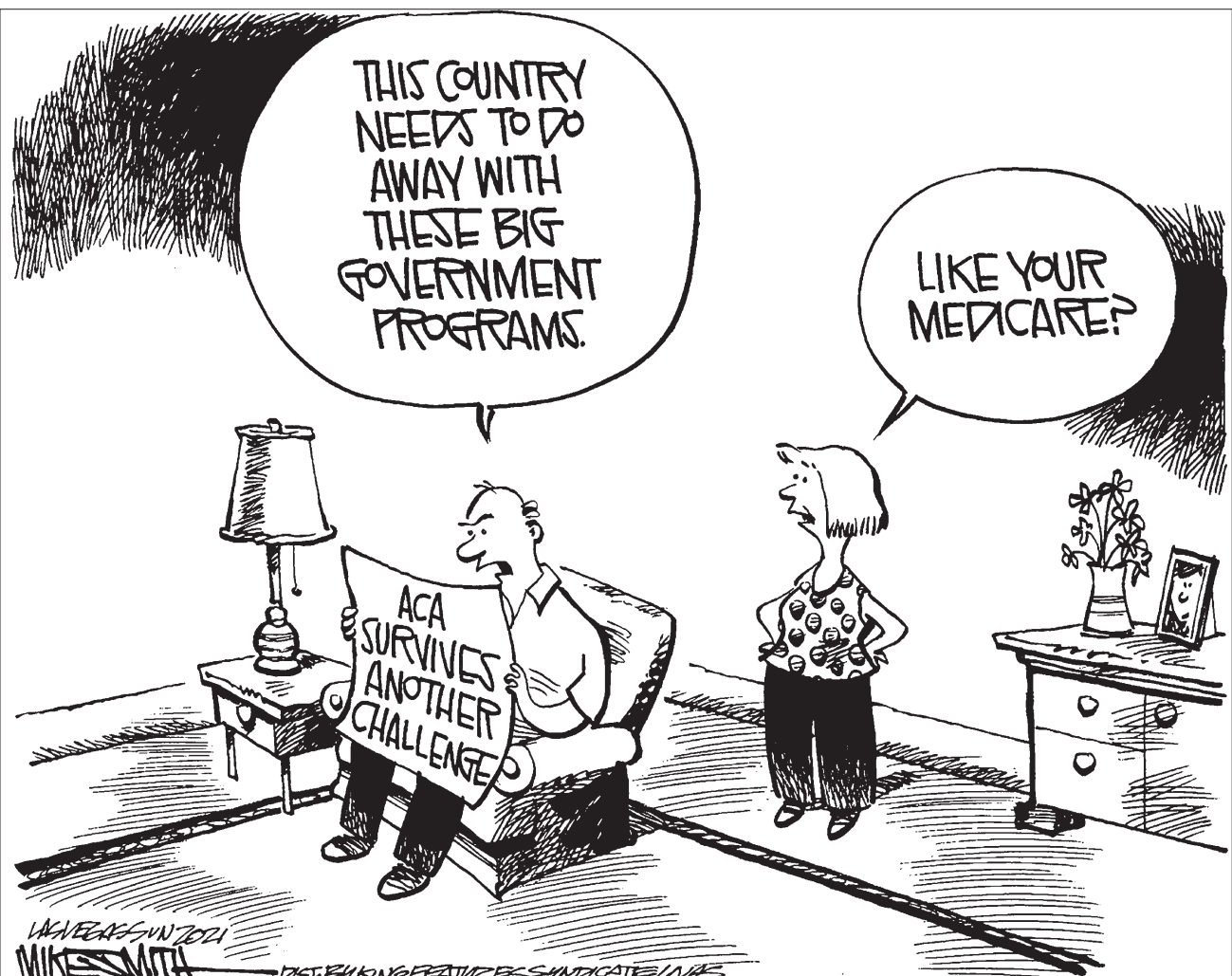
As their citizenship project, members of the Marion Busy Bees 4-H Club made 11 signs for Green River Park in Amboy. The signs say, "No Parking

Beyond This Sign," and are made of reflective material.

### 25 Years Ago June 27, 1996

Miracle mile marigolds are up and ready to greet visitors to Amboy. Thanks to a few minutes of sun several days in a row, the marigolds have at last emerged and are looking very good this year thanks mainly to the Larry and Eileen Piper family and their helpers.

For the third time in four years, engineering students from The University of Alabama in Huntsville have captured the concrete canoe national championship sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers. Amboy native Joseph Fenwick was chairman of the student committee that designed and built the winning canoe.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## Educational Briefs

### Local student named to the spring 2021 Dean's List at Aurora University

**AURORA** — Aurora University has named the following students to the Dean's List for the spring 2021 semester. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher. Students recognized with high honors (\*) have earned a perfect 4.0.

#### Dixon

Sarah Wolf\*, Social Work

#### Lee

Jilliann Headley\*, Human-Animal Studies, Health Science  
Aurora University is a four-year, private, nonprofit, accredited higher education institution offering students an excellent education while maintaining one of the lowest private school tuition rates in Illinois.

### McNally makes Dean's List at Monmouth College

**MONMOUTH** — Timothy McNally, of Paw Paw, has made the Dean's List at Monmouth College for the spring semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must take at least three academic credits and have a GPA of at 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. McNally is the child of Kristina McNally of Paw Paw.

Founded in 1853, Monmouth College is a nationally ranked liberal arts college. Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the birthplace of the women's fraternity movement, the college offers 38 majors, 42 minors, 17 pre-professional tracks, and two innovative Triads in Global Food Security and Global Public Health.

### Quincy University Releases Spring 2021 Dean's List

**QUINCY** — Quincy University released its Dean's List

for the Spring 2021 semester. Honorees must earn a semester grade point average of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) to be included in the biannual Dean's List. In total, 371 students received the honor during the Spring 2021 semester. On the list was Bailee Highbarger of Amboy.

Founded in 1860 by Franciscan friars, Quincy University is a small Catholic university emphasizing the sciences, liberal arts and the professions. For more information, please visit [www.quincy.edu](http://www.quincy.edu) or contact the Office of Community Relations at (217) 228-5275 or [communityrelations@quincy.edu](mailto:communityrelations@quincy.edu). Quincy University. Success by Design.

### Spring 2021 University of Dubuque Dean's List

**DUBUQUE, Iowa** — University of Dubuque congratulates the following student on being appointed to the Spring Semester 2021 Academic Dean's List:

Adam Hart, of Amboy.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale for that semester.

The University of Dubuque is a private university offering undergraduate, graduate, and theological seminary degrees as well as other educational opportunities with the intention of educating and forming the whole person. Founded in 1852, UD is home to around 2,300 students. Visit [www.dbq.edu](http://www.dbq.edu).

### St. Ambrose University Spring Commencement

**DAVENPORT, Iowa** — St. Ambrose University held separate commencement ceremonies for graduate and undergraduate degree recipients at the TaxSlayer Center in Moline, on Friday, May 14, and Saturday, May 15.

The University conferred 148 graduate and doctoral degrees at the May 14 ceremony. Michael Puthoff, PT, PhD, the outgoing Dean of Graduate Studies and a professor and director of the University's Doctor of Physical Therapy pro-

gram, was the commencement speaker.

A total of 387 undergraduates earned their bachelor's degrees at the May 15 ceremony. Rev. George McDaniel '66, PhD, a St. Ambrose professor emeritus of history, gave the commencement address to the graduates. Honorary degrees were confirmed on May 15 to Rev. George McDaniel '66, PhD, Demetrios Papageorgiou, and Sr. Joan Lescinski, CSJ, PhD.

#### BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

##### Amboy

Megan Grady-summa cum laude-History Teacher Education

Kylie Highbarger-cum laude-Exercise Science

##### Dixon

Mary Jensen-Nursing, Kaylin Sarver-cum laude-Elementary Education

##### Walnut

Abbey Howes-Human Performance and Fitness

#### MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES

##### Amboy

Victoria Leffelman-Educational Administration

### Taylor Recognized by Bradley's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

**PEORIA** — Pamela Taylor, of West Brooklyn, was recognized by Bradley University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Taylor, a(n) Environmental Science major, was awarded the Undergraduate Summer Research and Artistry Award.

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## Michael Charles and his band to perform at O'Connell's Yogi Bear Park

**AMBOY** — Michael Charles and his band will be performing at O'Connell's Yogi Bear Park at 7 p.m., on Saturday, July 10. O'Connell's Yogi Bear Park is located at 970 Green Wing Road, Amboy. The cost is \$10 per ticket for the entire day at the Park.

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Michael Charles musical pilgrimage started over five decades ago in his birthplace Melbourne, Australia. While enjoying a successful musical crusade of touring, recording, and numerous television and radio appearances in

his homeland, Michael received an invitation from Buddy Guy's management to appear at the infamous Legends in Chicago. Graciously accepting the honor, Michael Charles traveled the 12,500 miles and took the stage with Mr. Buddy Guy. After numerous trips back and forth, Michael Charles made the monumental and life changing decision to make America his home. Charles worked the whole Chicago

blues circuit performing with Mr. Buddy Guy, Phil Guy, James Cotton, Eddy Clearwater, Junior Wells, George Baze, as well as touring with blues legend, Jimmy Dawkins.

At this time Michael Charles is traveling his 14th consecutive tour, the No Hindsight 2021 tour, which will once again take him to the far corners of the USA, Canada, and Australia.



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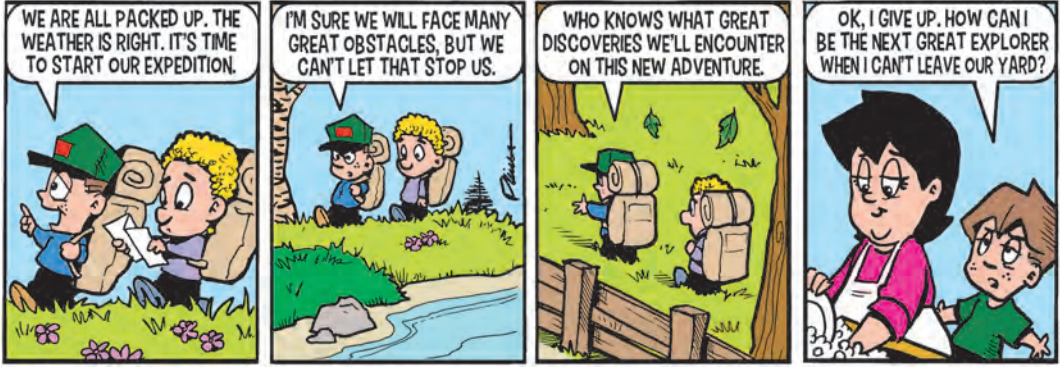
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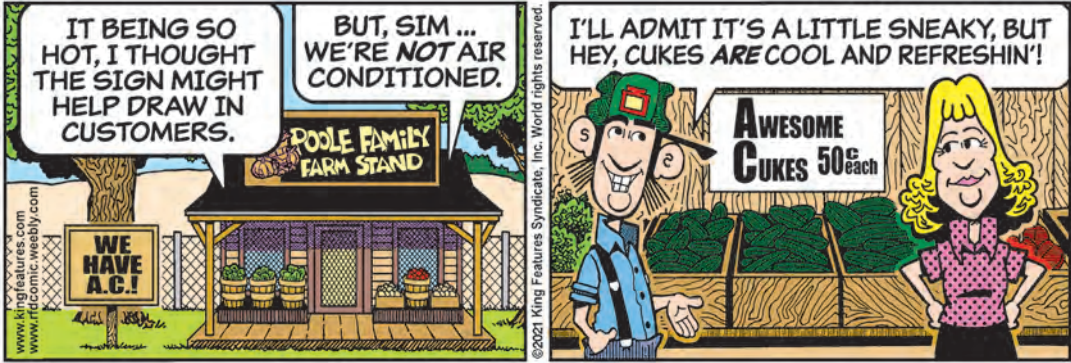
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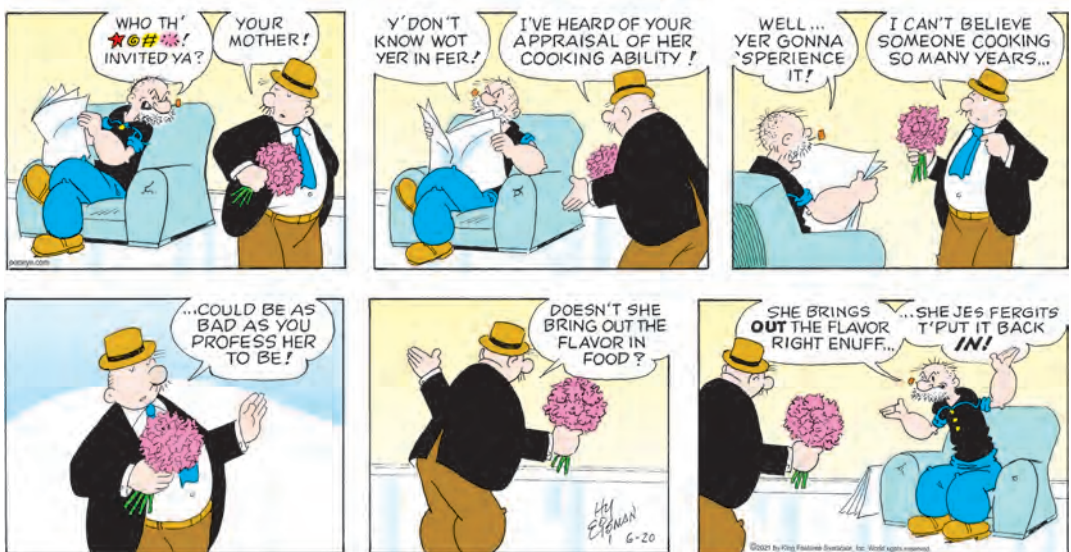
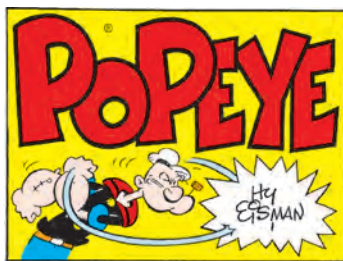
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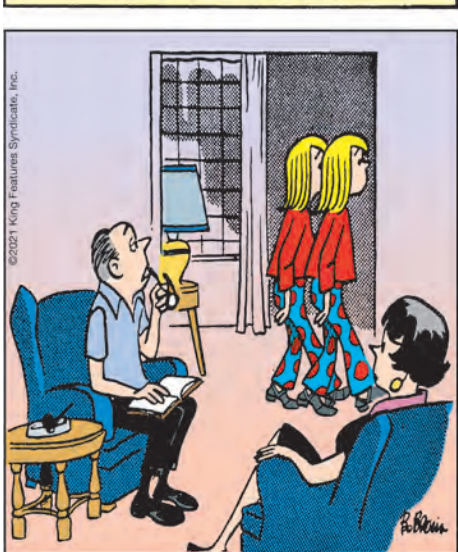


## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## LAFF-A-DAY



"The twins are seventeen now and I still can't tell them apart — which one is Joe and which one is Jill?"

## SCRAMBLERS

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CREEPI  
Soft  
LIPTAN  
Call  
NECKBO  
Weapon  
BEARS

## TODAY'S WORD

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# LOCAL NEWS

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- Choose
- Scale amts.
- Diving duck
- Diner workers
- Dijon darling
- Removes, as a brooch
- Winter Olympics event
- "— Clear Day"
- Bolivian city
- "Ulalume" writer
- Favorites
- Roman emperor
- Driverswith handles
- Battery part
- Persia, today
- "What's — for me?"
- Lincoln or Ford
- Accord maker
- Baseball execs
- 2016 Best Picture nominee
- Net defender in hockey
- Separated
- Island near Java
- Apple variety

### DOWN

- Alpha's opposite
- Lima's land
- Performer with a baton
- Candymaker Willy
- November birthstone
- Revue segment
- Tibia's place
- Points

### ACROSS

- Took potshots
- Corp. money manager
- Napper's racket
- Comestibles
- Earth (Pref.)
- Calligrapher's instrument
- Word of denial
- 007 portrayer Daniel
- Legendary French actress
- "The King —"
- Falls on

### DOWN

- the U.S./Canadian border
- German pronoun
- Draw a conclusion
- Big wheels at sea
- Leek's kin
- Metric measures
- Simple
- Retired jet
- Lectern locale
- "Once — a time ..."

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

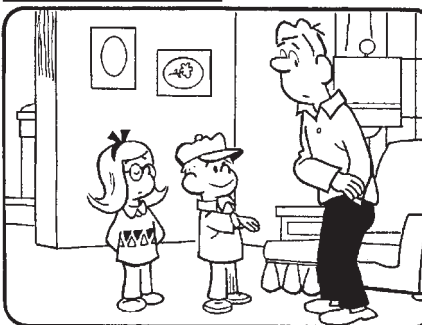
### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

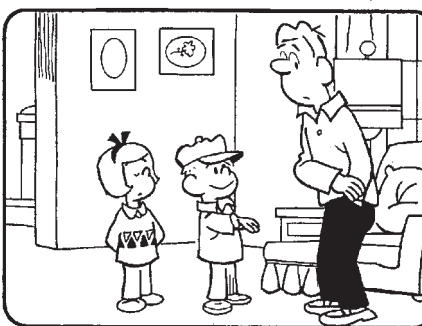
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Picture is higher. 2. Sweater is different. 3. Glasses are removed. 4. Hair/eye is changed. 5. Pillow is added. 6. Shoes are different.

## PARENTS

Today's Word

- Pierce
- Plant
- Beckon
- Saber

## SCRAMBLERS

## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: J equals F

LJ YZPBQZFC GZGEHHC WTX Y ZTG

ZJ QWBEGI PLXGY, SZTHF CZT

YEC IB'Y TX-SBWG-LJLBF?

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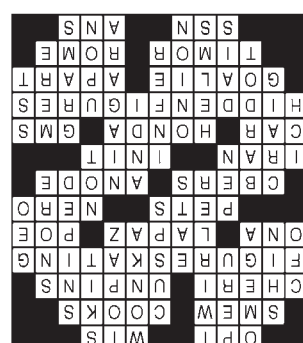
## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is Agent Mulder's nickname on "The X-Files" drama?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many gallons are in one barrel of oil?
- GAMES: How much money do you get when you start a board game of "Life"?
- SCIENCE: When was the sound barrier broken for the first time?
- MOVIES: What was the name of the whale that swallowed the title character in Disney's "Pinocchio"?
- GEOLOGY: What is diagenesis?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which river runs through the Grand Canyon in Arizona?
- U.S. STATES: How many states did U.S. Route 66 pass through?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which vegetable has the highest water content?
- MEDICAL: What is a more common name for the condition called pharyngitis?

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- Sore throat
- Cucumbers (96% water)
- California
- Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona
- Eight (Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona)
- turned into sedimentary rock
- The process by which sediment is
- Monstro
- 1947
- 3,100,000
- 2,42
- Spooky



Solution time: 24 mins.

### Answers

## King Crossword

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

### Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

If somebody totally runs out of breath mints, could you say he's un-Cert-ified?

## CryptoQuip

answer



# LOCAL NEWS

## Paddlers reminded to be safe on the water this summer

**SPRINGFIELD** – Safety on the water should be a priority for all boaters this summer – from motor boat operators and passengers to those boaters who prefer non-motorized watercraft. Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Conservation Police and Safety Education experts remind paddlers to stay alert to their surroundings, weather and water conditions, and other factors that can put them at risk on Illinois lakes, rivers, and streams.

“Paddling is becoming more and more popular, from canoes, to kayaks, to paddleboards, and we’re reminding all paddlers to practice safety and wear a life jacket (PFD) while enjoying time on the water,” said Jeff Hopkins, administrator of the IDNR Safety Education Section.

During 2020 in Illinois, two fatalities were reported involving paddlers in non-motorized watercraft.

Some simple safety reminders for paddlers on Illinois waterways:

- Always wear a life jacket (PFD) and never overload a canoe, kayak, or other watercraft.
- Never paddle alone; enjoy canoeing, kayaking or paddleboard riding with friends and family.
- Know the area before putting your watercraft on the water and leave a float plan with

others so they’ll know how long you plan to be out and where you’re going.

- Be very conscious of weather and water conditions; dress appropriately for the weather and be alert to changing conditions once on the water.

- Limit your movements while in small watercraft to prevent capsizing/falling overboard; do not stand up in a canoe or kayak.

- Warm or hot weather days and cold water can mean a shock to the system if paddlers end up in the water, causing disorientation and impairing the ability to swim and/or safely return to their watercraft.

- High winds and strong currents can make it difficult to keep a canoe, kayak, or paddleboard within reach if the watercraft overturns and the paddler ends up in the water.

- Stay hydrated, but do not bring along or consume alcohol or drugs before getting on the water or while on the water.

- Stay alert to and pay attention to other boats, or the wake from other boats on the water; and, never approach a low-head dam, fallen tree, or other potential obstacles.

For more information on paddling safety, check online resources including the Boat U.S. Foundation website: <https://www.boatus.org/study-guide/activities/paddle>.

## Let Freedom Ring events planned for Fourth of July weekend

**MT. MORRIS** — Talented Chicago guitarists Rob Anderlik and Mike Church have performed on our band shell in past years as AOC and WACO and will be returning this year with special guests Josh McPartland on Mandolin and Drew Littel on cajon. Two of the top bluegrass musicians in the Chicago area, Rob and Mike first met at late night jam session and felt a deep musical connection from the moment they played together. Even better, they discovered they shared a wide range of musical interests, ranging from Southern and Classic Rock, Blues, Swing, Jazz Standards, Cinematic Instrumentals, Folk Music and of course, Bluegrass. They have quickly built a reputation as one of the most versatile acoustic bands in the Midwest. Their music has been described as Bill Monroe meets Robert Johnson at the crossroads and they’ll be playing a selection of Blues, Bluegrass and American Roots Music from 5-8 p.m., on July 3.

Northside BarbaQ will be sponsoring a daylong Backyard BBQ Competition from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m., with a selection of meats available for tasting and judging from 3 p.m. on.

Many other activities will be happening uptown as part of the Let Freedom Ring Festival, including a watermelon eating contest

during the concert.

Jam Band Flibbertijibbet on the Band Shell July 4

Home town boy, David Orr brings his band, Flibbertijibbet down from La Crosse, Wis. to celebrate Independence Day with a free concert on the band shell from 5-8 p.m. on July 4. With David playing drums, this band has been together for 30 years and brings to the stage an eclectic blend of Rock, Americana, Jam and Folk Music all wrapped into one package.

Coming from different backgrounds they fuse their approach to deliver their version of some of the finest rock-n-roll a la The Band, The Grateful Dead, The Rolling Stones, Counting Crows & Phish. Proud to call themselves a Jam Band they might string three songs together and play for 20 minutes just as much as delivering straight up songs about characters who’ve always lived in the American diaspora.

The Ogle County Beef Producers will be providing a delicious array of food and drink concessions during the concert.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## SVCC offers EMT program this fall

**DIXON** — Sauk Valley Community College will offer an Emergency Medical Technician Basic course this fall. The course will run Aug. 16 through Dec. 8 on SVCC's campus. The curriculum, developed by the U.S. Department of Transportation, prepares students for the National & State certification examinations.

An EMT is trained to respond to emergency situations and provide efficient and immediate care to the ill and injured. They transport patients to an appropriate medical facility. The EMT possesses the basic knowledge and skills necessary to provide appropriate interventions at the scene and during transport. EMTs function as part of comprehensive EM response, under medical oversight, and function with basic interventions and equipment.

This course is designed to train police, fire, rescue personnel and persons interested in the techniques of pre-hospital emergency care. Students will gain the knowledge and skills to provide basic emergency medical assistance to people in need.

This extensive course combines reading, lecture, computer-based and on-line learning, significant study time, and practical labs. Skills taught include all areas of patient assessment (medical, cardiac, pediatric, and trauma), airway management, splinting, and appropriate interventions. This demanding course requires significant reading, computer skills, and participatory effort by the EMT candidate. Course is 184-plus hours of classroom training, clinical experience, and field experience. After successful completion, the candidate qualifies to challenge the national exam and certification in Illinois.

Qualifications: Aptitudes required for EMT work are good physical stamina, endurance, and body conditions to handle significant lifting, stooping and walking. Students must balance items and patients in excess of a minimum of 125 pounds. To be certified as an EMT, candidates must be at least 18 years old and possess a high school diploma or equivalent (GED), at the time of class completion.

Students will complete 16 hours of clinical practice with at least 10 hours of patient contact hours outside of the scheduled class time. This course is \$799 (textbooks and exam included) and will be held in-person on campus. Class sessions as follows: Mondays and Wednesdays, Aug. 16 — Dec. 8; 6-10 p.m. (no class 9/6, 11/22 & 11/24), Saturdays, September 18; 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 23 (MANDATORY); 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Nov. 6; 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Dec. 4 (MANDATORY); 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information, or to register for the EMT course, please visit [svcc.edu/emt](http://svcc.edu/emt) or call Brenda at 815-835-6212.



### BASKETBALL CAMP

The 2021 Amboy Girls' Basketball Camp was held the weeks of June 1-4 and June 8-11 at the Amboy High School gym. The camp was divided into two sessions. The first session met from 1-2:30 p.m. each day and included incoming fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders. The second session met from 2:30-4 p.m. each day and included incoming seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders. Pictured above and below are this year's campers.

Photos submitted



## IDNR announces 2021 schedule of waterfowl blind site drawings

**SPRINGFIELD**—Waterfowl hunters are encouraged to mark their calendars for upcoming waterfowl hunting blind site random drawings to be held at several public hunting areas in Illinois in July and August. Since the state has entered Phase 5, the Department intends to hold traditional blind drawings at all sites not already drawn, with current guidance from the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health regarding use of face coverings and social distancing being observed. Participants are also reminded to follow any site-specific drawing procedures.

Duck and goose hunters must register in person for waterfowl blind site drawings and must be present at the drawing held at each designated location immediately after the registration period to claim their blind sites. Mail-in or pre-registrations are not accepted. Blind allocations for these sites are good for one

or two years, as listed below.

To participate in a drawing, all applicants must present a 2020 or 2021 regular Illinois hunting license (no apprentice license and no youth license unless the youth license holder also presents hunter safety certification), a 2020 or 2021 Illinois Migratory Waterfowl Stamp at the time they register, unless exempted by law, and valid photo identification. Applicants must be at least 16 years old by the date of the drawing.

Applicants needing to purchase new licenses and stamps should do so prior to the drawing. Most blind drawing locations will not have license sales available. Licenses and stamps are available at any IDNR license and permit vendor, through the IDNR website at [www.dnr.illinois.gov](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov) or by calling 1-866-716-6550.

Also, in order to be an eligible applicant for the drawing, the participant must not have his or her hunting

privileges suspended or revoked by the IDNR or any other jurisdiction at the time of the drawing.

The schedule for 2021 blind drawings is listed below:

#### SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2021

(Blinds allocated for one year)

- Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area, DeKalb County: Registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the park office. Directions: Go 2½ miles south of Shabbona on Shabbona Road, turn east on Shabbona Grove Road and go ½ mile (office is on left side of the road).

- Sinnissippi Lake, Whiteside County: Registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Harry Oppold Marina, on Stouffer Road on the east edge of Sterling.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021


(Blinds allocated for one year)

- Lake DePue State Fish and Wildlife Area, Bureau

County: Registration: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Park, ¾ mile west of DePue on Illinois Route 29.

- Starved Rock State Park, LaSalle County: Registration 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Buffalo Rock State Park (near the large picnic shelter area). Three miles west of Ottawa on Dee Bennett Road.

Additional hunting information and maps on the above sites can be accessed at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/FactSheets/Pages/default.aspx>

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for our issue on July 7 due to the Fourth of July Holiday.

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