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## Amboy Education Foundation to set sail on Virtual Voyage fundraiser, auction items wanted

**AMBOY** — Join the Amboy Education Foundation as they set sail on the first ever Virtual Voyage.

Unfortunately, because of the pandemic and the need to social distance, the Amboy Education Foundation has been forced to cancel its typical in-person fundraising events, but the Amboy students still need the community's help. The foundation's goal is \$10,000 to ensure continued support for Amboy kids. Though the fundraising looks a little different, the mission remains the same: to enrich educational opportunities through District 272.

This year, a virtual silent auction will be held. Bid on the Virtual Silent Auction items from May 13 to 19. Online bidding begins 7 a.m., on Thursday, May 13 and lasts until 9 p.m., on Wednesday, May 19. The AirAuctioneer.com link will go live on May 12 on

the Amboy Schools website. Sign in and get ready to bid to your heart's content at [www.amboy.net/virtualvoyage](http://www.amboy.net/virtualvoyage).

Items are still needed for the virtual auction. They are looking for donations of baskets, gift cards, etc. Contact Kirsten Donna at [dink111@hotmail.com](mailto:dink111@hotmail.com) or 815-994-6323 or Amanda Blaine at [abblaine@gmail.com](mailto:abblaine@gmail.com) or 815-671-1864 by Friday, April 16 if you are interested in contributing an item or basket.

Another way to help the Amboy students is to sponsor a wish list item to help ensure students receive educational opportunities that may not be available without AEF funding. Funds can be directed to the school or activity of your choice. Sponsorship opportunities include Brain Pop, Central School Library, Technology: Hardware and Online Systems, Scholastic News

and Science Spin Magazine, Fine Arts Department, Junior High Library, Physical Education, High School Library, Science and STEM Supplies, Ag Department, ChromeBook Lease and a General Donation.

Send your donation to school with your student or mail it to Amboy Education Foundation, PO Box 46, Amboy, IL 61310.

In the past AEF, has provided \$30,000 per year in educational equipment to the students of District 272. This includes new books and digital resources for the libraries and classrooms, digital learning aids for many classrooms, scientific models, landscaping projects for all the schools plus so much more.

Follow the AEF Facebook page and look for more information in The Amboy News and on ParentSquare.

## Sheriff's department investigates fatal car accident near Amboy

**LEE COUNTY** — On Saturday, April 10, at approximately 4:15 p.m., Lee County Sheriff's Office received a call of a single vehicle collision on Robbins Road, south of Amboy Road.

Lee County Sheriff's Deputies, Amboy Fire/EMS, Sublette Fire/EMS and Advance Ambulance responded to the

scene. Four occupants were identified in the collision. The driver, Draven Webb, 19, of Dixon, and a 14-year-old female were transported to KSB Hospital. Webb was later transferred to OSF St. Anthony in Rockford for further treatment.

The other two occupants of the vehicle, a 14-year-old

female and a 14-year-old male, died of their injuries at the scene.

The cause of the collision is under investigation.

The Dixon Police Department, Illinois State Police and the Lee County Coroner's office are assisting Lee County Sheriff's Deputies in the investigation.

## Lee County COVID-19 Update: April 14, 2021

**LEE COUNTY** — The Lee County Health Department announced the death of another Lee County resident — a male in his 70s. This brings the total number of deaths to 67.

Between April 6-12, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 114 new cases have been reported, including four from the Dixon Correctional Center. Here are the ages that were reported: 8 under the age of 12, 10 in his or her teens, 16 in his or her 20s, 18 in his or her 30s, 24 in his or her 40s, 17 in his or her 50s, 10 in his or her 60s, 4 in his or her 70s, and 3 in his or her 80s.

This brings the total number of cases to 3,625 as of April 12. They also reported as of April 12, 11 residents have been hospitalized and 67 residents have died.

The Lee County Health Department's website has a COVID-19 section, including infor-

mation for people who have tested positive. This provides guidance as you wait to hear from one of the health department's contact tracers. There is sometimes a delay between residents receiving their positive results and the report getting to the health department; additionally, they are experiencing a surge in cases and likely have a good number of people already on their list to be contacted in the order received. See [www.LCHD.com/Covid19](http://www.LCHD.com/Covid19) for more.

### Vaccine

As of April 9, according to IDPH 16,519 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Lee County, and a total of 6,604 people in Lee County have received both doses of the vaccine.

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### LIONS CONTINUE TO DONATE AEDs

*The Amboy Lions Club continues its generous ways by donating two more AEDs to community churches. On March 31, the club donated AEDs to St Patrick Church in Maytown and United First Church in Amboy. The Lions have now placed an AED unit in seven area churches and two community centers in the Amboy/ Sublette area.*

Photo submitted

## Nicor Gas reminds communities to dig safely as outdoor projects increase

**NAPERVILLE** — To help keep springtime outdoor projects running smoothly and safely, Nicor Gas is reminding the community during April, Safe Digging Month, that do-it-yourself homeowners and professional excavators alike are required by law to call 811 before digging on any property.

"We put safety first as we provide our customers with the comforts of natural gas, but we can't do it alone," said Emeka Igwilu, chief data officer and vice president of Operations Support at Nicor Gas. "By identifying the location of the underground infrastructure in your area before starting a new project, you can do your part to stay safe and protect our state."

Even simple projects such as gardening and landscaping can be dangerous and disruptive when digging with utility cables and pipes underground. Nicor Gas emphasizes the importance of contacting 811 to have underground infrastructure located before the start of any digging project.

See **NICOR** page A2



### Welcome to Amboy

*Amboy Lions brightened the south end of town welcome sign by weeding and putting new mulch down.*

Photo submitted



## Lee County voters decide local races

**LEE COUNTY** — The unofficial results from the April 6th consolidated election are in for Lee County.

### Village of Sublette

In one of the contested races of the election, the Village of Sublette may have new village trustees after the election. Three trustee seats were up for election. Current village trustees Julie Kessel and Robert Bulfer finished in the top two with 46 and 44 votes respectively. Tying in third place with 37 votes were newcomer Larry Ellis and current Sublette Village Clerk Mackenzie Belan. Newcomer Doug Worrell finished just slightly behind with 35 votes.

Mail-in, absentee ballots must be postmarked by election day, April 6, and must arrive at the courthouse by April 20 to be counted. If there is still a tie after all of the votes are counted, then a

lottery is held at the county.

John Stenzel was re-elected to Sublette Village President. He had been serving the remaining term of Michael Vaessen who resigned from the position.

Katherine Leffelman was elected to Sublette Village Clerk. She will be replacing Belan who was appointed to fill the remainder of the term of Brenda Vaessen who resigned from the position.

### City of Amboy

Running unopposed, Amboy City Mayor John Schamberger, Amboy City Clerk Melissa Eisenberg and Amboy City Treasurer Nancy Neal were re-elected. For Alderman, in Ward 2 incumbent William Bontz was re-elected and in Ward 3 David Shaw was re-elected.

### Amboy Township

Running unopposed, Amboy Township Supervisor Dennis McCoy and Amboy

Township Highway Commissioner Thomas Bulfer were re-elected. Amy Scudler was elected to Amboy Township Clerk.

Donald Bonnell, David Nauman, Carl Grossman, and William Metzen were elected to Amboy Township Trustees.

### Sublette Township

Running unopposed Sublette Township Supervisor Daniel Stephenitch, Sublette Township Clerk Deborah Schultz were re-elected. Sublette Township Highway Commissioner Denis Erbes was re-elected with 78 votes. He faced a write-in candidate who received 44 votes.

Annette Bonnell, Thomas Lauer, Delbert Stenzel and Douglas McLaughlin were elected as Sublette Township Trustees.



## CLIPPER HIGHLIGHTS

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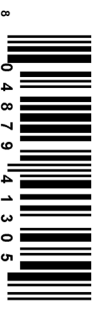
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# LOCAL NEWS



Gabby Jones

## Jones named AHS Student of the Month

AMBOY — Gabby Jones, a senior at Amboy High School, has been named the AHS Student of the Month for April. She is the daughter of Willie and Betsy Jones.

GPA-3.6/4.0  
Membership/Involvement: "In My four years of high school I have played Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball. I am also involved in the Spanish Honor Society and Leos Club."

Awards/Honors: "Throughout my high school career I have received these awards, IBCA All-State Special Mentions, Second Team All-Area, First Team All-Conference for basketball, Second Team All-Conference for Volleyball."

Best Memories: "My best memory of high school is being a part of the basketball team and all the success we have achieved."

Future Plans: "I plan on attending Sauk Valley Community College and studying Accounting. I also am going to be a part of Sauk's Volleyball team."

## April is Youth Preparedness Month

SPRINGFIELD — Emergencies and disasters can happen at any time and anywhere. Disaster planning, response and recovery efforts should always take into account the unique needs of children, who make up roughly a quarter of the United States population. That is why this month, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the Office of the State Fire Marshal Office (OSFM) are taking steps to promote youth preparedness.

"Each year, millions of children are impacted by disasters," said IEMA Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau. "Studies have shown, children are positive influencers in their households. Children can effectively bring the message of preparedness home to their families. Participating in youth preparedness programs empowers children to become leaders at home and in their schools and communities."

"Kids practice fire drills each year at school, and families should practice these drills at home too," said Matt Perez, Illinois State Fire Marshal. "The Office of the State Fire Marshal encourages families to practice their home fire

escape plan twice a year. Every home needs working smoke alarms and a well-thought-out fire escape plan. Make sure all members of your family can identify two ways out of each room and a family meeting spot outside the home."

Tips for incorporating children into disaster preparedness:

Sparky the Fire Dog is mascot of The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Sparky is used to help educate kids and parents on fire prevention and safety. The NFPA has established a Sparky website and Facebook page that offers a wealth of age-appropriate games, videos, apps and other activities that make learning about fire safety easy and fun.

Another great resource comes from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA and the American Red Cross offer a disaster preparedness activity book, Prepare with Pedro. This booklet is designed to encourage youth and their families to be better prepared for disasters by offering safety advice alongside crosswords, coloring pages, matching games and more.

FEMA also offers a Youth Preparedness Council as an opportunity for teenagers and young adults to serve on a national council. During their two-year term, the youth leaders complete both a local and national-level project to share ideas regarding youth disaster preparedness.

Children who are prepared experience less anxiety and feel more confident during actual emergencies and disasters. Use Youth Preparedness Month as an opportunity to promote interactive activities within your family. One way to do this is by involving children in the development of a family emergency plan.

Use real world events to teach about emergency situations and disasters. Using media coverage of current disasters (Floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, power outages), talk to children about how your family would respond if this happened to you. Utilizing your family emergency plan, discuss where would you go, what would you do and how you will ensure their safety during an emergency.

For more information about disaster preparedness, visit Ready.Illinois.gov.

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This includes fence installation, driveway or sidewalk paving, building a home addition or installing a pool. The requirement to call 811 also applies before clearing a sewer line, tunneling, grading, boring, blasting or similar work.

Nicor Gas owns, operates, designs and maintains more than 34,000 miles of natural gas infrastructure throughout northern Illinois.

In addition to those lines, there are underground communications cables, electric, water and sewer lines and other utility lines on every property. Knowing where underground infrastructure is before putting a shovel in the dirt helps prevent injuries, property damage and inconvenient service outages.

To help ensure communities stay safe and connected, Nicor Gas offers the follow-

ing safe digging guidelines:

Contact or Click 811 Before You Dig: When starting an outdoor digging project, contact 811 or visit JULIE, Illinois' one-call center at illinois1call.com at least three business days in advance to request that locating experts mark underground utility lines. Requests are free and can be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Allow the Required Time

for Marking: After contacting 811, wait to have underground utility lines marked before starting to dig. The approximate location of underground utility lines will be marked with color-coded spray paint, flags or stakes that correspond to the utility. The color used for natural gas is yellow.

Respect the Marks: Only use handheld digging tools to uncover the area carefully around a utility line when you need to dig close by.

Excavate Carefully: Make sure the marks remain visible during the project. If they are damaged or removed, customers are encouraged to contact 811 to have lines remarked. If a natural gas line is damaged accidentally or the distinctive rotten-egg odor associated with natural gas is present, call 911 or the Nicor Gas 24-hour emergency phone line at 888.Nicor4U (888.642.6748) from a safe location. Do not operate any machinery or equipment that might cause a spark or create an open flame.

## Jesse White encourages consumers to participate in Money Smart Week April 10-17

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White encourages consumers to participate in Money Smart Week, a weeklong free virtual event designed to help people manage their personal finances and avoid fraud.

"For many years, Money Smart Week has brought financial literacy and has offered valuable information to children and adults during this event," White said. "I urge Illinoisans to take advantage of these in-

formative virtual events and get 'money smart.'"

Money Smart Week, held from April 10 to April 17, will feature one daily live events and select resources that cover topics such as budgeting, saving, student

loans, personal finance and smart banking.

Consumers will also learn how to manage their finances and avoid fraud schemes. The week is coordinated by the Federal Reserve Bank and its Money Smart partners.

The Illinois Securities Department, a department

of the Illinois Secretary of State's Office, investigates investment fraud and works with other government agencies to promote financial literacy and fraud awareness.

Additional information and a calendar of the online events for this year's Money Smart Week are available at [www.avoidthescam.net](http://www.avoidthescam.net).

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## The City Of Amboy Water Dept. Will Be FLUSHING & TESTING FIRE HYDRANTS

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## LOCAL NEWS

## TEEN TURF

## Summer Program

We are currently working on a program that is within Illinois safety guidance and Covid procedures. Details and times are T.B.A.

## Thank You's

We are always blessed to receive the following: We want to give a huge shoutout to Sullivan's Foods of Mendota for giving us a great price on our Fish for the Fish Fry; Tom Norman for grading our driveway; Anonymous donors who provided drinks, clothes, food, and other items; those that donate cans; Frank and Karen Stenzel for granola bars; Doris and Wendell Miller for their monetary donation; Nancy Hochstatter for the clothes; our afterschool volunteers, Donna for her amazing treats, Fran, and Shannon.

## Needs

Juice Boxes or Bottled Juice Drinks

## Final Word

Lord, teach us how to pray with understanding. Teach us to pray, how to pray into Your will, to pray in spirit and truth, to pray as You would have us pray.

Lord, we ask that as we come across various difficulties that people are facing that we hear with Your ears, see with Your eyes and understand with Your heart so that we may speak and pray into the situation as You would have we pray. In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen

## SVCC and Dixon Public Schools partnership

**DIXON** - Sauk Valley Community College Ag department has entered the fourth year of their partnership with Dixon Public Schools. The partnership entails SVCC's Ag department to farm over 50 acres of land at DPS's Brinton Avenue property.

Profits from corn and soybean farming are divided between the school district and SVCC's Ag department. On March 30, SVCC presented DPS with their portion of the farming profit, totalling \$11,620.96.

"We are very excited to continue our partnership with Dixon Public Schools to give our local students great access to education and resources as they prepare for exciting careers in Agriculture. We are thankful for Dixon Public Schools and their team in making this opportunity available with SVCC," said Dr. Jon Mandrell, Vice President of Academics and Student Services at SVCC.

Not only does this field provide financial assistance to the ever-growing and evolving Ag program (helping to provide technology and equipment), but this field provides academic opportunities as well. SVCC's Plant Science classes and the Soil Science classes visit the Brinton Avenue field to take soil samples, evaluate crop health, conduct yield estimates, and analyze the challenges that field has and how to address those challenges.

The partnership revolving around the Brinton Avenue property has been a beneficial teaching tool offering a large range in characteristics such as varying soil types, nutrient management challenges, topography changes, and environmental stewardship considerations.

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In order to move to the "bridge phase" of reopening with higher capacities at events, businesses, and venues, the state must vaccinate at least 70 percent of the population aged 65 and older, while hospital ICU bed availability needs to be higher than 20 percent and COVID-19 hospitalization and death rates stable or flat for 28 days.

The state will then be able to move to phase 5 when half of Illinoisans aged 16 and older have received at least one dose of the vaccine.

While Illinois has reached its first vaccination goal with just over 72 percent of its 65-and-older population having received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vac-

cine, trends of increasing case positivity and hospitalizations have prevented the state from moving forward to the bridge phase.

Speaking at a news conference in Rockford Wednesday, Gov. JB Pritzker said the increasing COVID metrics were "of great concern."

"The number of hospitalizations is increasing, the number of cases of people going into ICU beds is increasing," Pritzker said. "We want to make sure that before we reopen any further in the state, that we get that under control."

The governor also said he remained "optimistic," saying increasing vaccination numbers would be key

**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.

**DIXON**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 2 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, at Dixon Liberty Court, Friendship

Lodge 7, 1409 N. Galena Ave. Call Kelly Shroyer at 815-677-8126 or 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.

**STERLING**-The U of I Extension Master Gardeners will host "Mums the Word" from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, April 17, at the Whiteside Extension Office. Discover how to grow and care for these colorful

members of the daisy family. Register at: [go.illinois.edu/WhitesideMums](http://go.illinois.edu/WhitesideMums). Call Mary Nelson at 815-632-3611 for more information.

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

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

**DIXON**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 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, April 26, at the Community Center.

## IDOC resumes in-person visitation for incarcerated people and their loved ones

**SPRINGFIELD** - The Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) is resuming in-person visitation at its correctional facilities, affording incarcerated people the opportunity to see their loved ones for the first time in more than a year. With most people in IDOC custody now vaccinated, the Department's Office of Health Services and Operations Unit worked closely with the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to develop a multi-phase plan for resuming in-person visits in the safest manner possible. To prevent the potential for COVID-19 infection spread, IDOC, after consultation with IDPH, suspended visitation on March 14, 2020. East Moline Correctional Center is now accepting visitors and the Department's remaining correctional facilities are preparing to reopen their visiting rooms over the next few weeks.

Visitation Start Dates  
April 12: East Moline Correctional Center  
April 19: Graham, Taylorville, Jacksonville, Dixon, Centralia, and Stateville Correctional Centers; Stateville Northern Reception Center; Fox Valley, Crossroads and North Lawndale ATCs; Elgin Treatment Center  
April 26: Pinckneyville, Sheridan, Big Muddy River, Pontiac, Shawnee, Vienna, Hill, Lawrence, Illinois River, Robinson, and Vandalia Correctional Centers; Joliet Treatment Center; Peoria ATC; Kewanee and Murphysboro Life Skills Re-Entry Centers  
May 3: Southwestern Illinois, Decatur, Logan, Lincoln, Western Illinois, Danville, and Menard Correctional Centers

"Maintaining family connection is a vital component of an incarcerated per-

son's mental and emotional well-being," said IDOC Acting Director Rob Jeffreys. "Because of the aggressive measures the Department has taken to mitigate COVID-19 within our facilities, IDOC is one of the few correctional systems in the nation now reopening to visitors."

Everyone who enters an IDOC correctional facility is symptom screened, temperature checked, and provided a surgical mask. Plexi-glass barriers have been installed on visiting tables, which are spaced apart to allow for proper social distancing. Visiting rooms and restrooms are deep cleaned between visits.

IDOC is utilizing an online system to schedule visits and limit the number of visitors permitted at one time. More information on the resumption of in-person visitation is available on the Department's website.

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As for the LCHD regular, ongoing clinics, they will be opening up to all Lee County residents or employees over the age of 18, but will first serve those already on the health department's list from earlier phases.

The health department reports they have made great progress on this list, and will be transitioning to a self-sign

up format for appointment times.

The LCHD is looking for volunteers to help with the COVID clinics. If you are interested and able to help, please email [jkolb@lchd.com](mailto:jkolb@lchd.com) or call 815-284-3371, ext. 2118.

The LCHD is hosting an upcoming vaccine clinic on April 17 and all spots are currently booked for the event.

Email news items to  
[tgreenfield@amboynews.com](mailto:tgreenfield@amboynews.com)

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**There is no better time to join the Amboy Lions Club!**

For more information, call President Dave Kemp at 815-973-2961.

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# OBITUARIES

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### Sharon Kay Noles-Mezo May 15, 1954 - April 8, 2021

**MACEDONIA** — Sharon Kay Noles-Mezo, 66, of Macedonia, previously of West Brooklyn, passed away suddenly, Thursday, April 8, 2021, at KSB Hospital.

Sharon was born May 15, 1954, in Amboy, the daughter of Bill and Lois (Fisher) Mezo.

She married Harold Noles on April 6, 1973, at the Shaw Station Church.

Survivors include her husband, Harold Noles, one daughter, Lisa Foerster, two

grandsons, Blake Foerster and Gavin Duffell, and one great-granddaughter, Ella Mae Foerster all of Macedonia. She is also survived by her mother, Lois Mezo, of Lee Center, brother, Jim (Tammy) Mezo, of Lee Center, and sister, Terri (Chris) Dean, of Macedonia.

She was preceded in death by her father, Bill Mezo.

No funeral will be held at this time.

Condolences may be sent to: 226 County Rd 750 N.,



Macedonia, IL 62860.

### Thomas R. Broderick Sept. 1, 1935 - Feb. 24, 2021

**BONNERS FERRY, Idaho** — Thomas R. Broderick, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, passed away peacefully at his home with his wife, Connie, the love of his life at his bedside on Feb. 24, 2021 at the age of 85.

He was born Sept. 1, 1935 in Chicago, to Mary Ellen Schmidt and Thomas H. Broderick. Tom was married to Connie A. (Melendrez) Broderick for 58 wonderful years.

He attended High school in Vancouver, Wash. After High school he enlisted in the Washington National Guard. His father wanted Tom to be part of the family business, so he rode his motorcycle across the country and continued in the Illinois National Guard and eventually Tom purchased the family business of Tom Broderick Truck Sales. He was very successful at motorcycle and off-road racing. He won the 1976 Mint 400 World's Greatest Off-Road Race as Best Appearing Vehicle and ninth overall in Reno, Nevada.

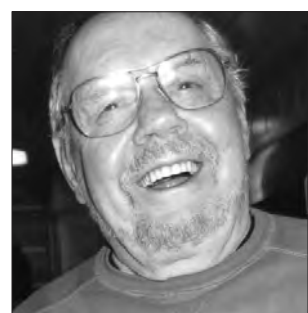
He was a member Tebala Shriners of Dixon and Rock-

ford, Dixon Elks Club, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and Lee County Pheasants Forever.

Tom loved the outdoors and he spent countless hours in the wilderness enjoying hunting, fishing and snowmobiling.

After his retirement Tom and Connie moved to Bonners Ferry, Idaho in 2000. He enjoyed hobbies of showing his cars and he was especially fond of his Lincoln Continentals. One of Tom's greatest car show memories was in 2014, when he was a Three -Time winner at the Silverwood Car show in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho winning Best of Show, First Place - Street Rods post 1936 and Best Interior. Connie and Tom enjoyed participating in many Car Shows over the years in Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana and even returned to the Amboy Depot Days Car Show.

Tom is survived by his wife, Connie, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho; a sister, Elsa Dietz, of Princeton; and very special friends, David and Jenny Erickson, of Bonners



Ferry, Idaho and Brad and Ann Apple, of Dixon.

Tom was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Ellen Schmidt; his father, Thomas H. Broderick; step-mother, Irene S. Broderick; and sister, Margery Broderick.

Rest in peace Tom, you will be missed.

A celebration of Tom's life is planned for 11 a.m., on Saturday, June 19, 2021, at Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Auburn Crest Hospice, 6541 Main Street, Suite 2, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805.

Online condolences can be left at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com).



## THE PASTOR'S PEN

### Every week gather to celebrate the Resurrection

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

Easter is my favorite holiday. It is the oldest of Christian holidays first celebrated by the early church fathers. I even like it more than Christmas (though I thoroughly enjoy that one too). If you attend regular church services, you will also notice that many people who do not go to church any other time of the year will often attend these services.

Though Christmas is joyful because it is a celebration of Christ's birth - that He was born in a stable, laid in a manger. His birth was accompanied by Mary and Joseph, announced by Angels, and welcomed by shepherds etc... A truly beautiful scenario which we celebrate every year in various ways. But Easter is the day that brings us the significance for His birth. If He had not been resurrected... there would be no joyful celebration at Christmas... or any other time of the year - ever.

In fact, the joy of Christ's resurrection affected His Jewish followers so much that they changed their regular day of worship from the last day of the week to the first day of the week - The Lord's Day. Can you imagine that? Every week they would gather together to again celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ... Not just once a year.

I wonder how our Sunday services would change if we viewed every week as a re-celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the dead? This thought is not out of line. The very first Christians did this. Why shouldn't we? After all, Jesus said, "Because I live, you shall live

also." (John 14:19) And the Apostle Paul confirmed this numerous times in his writings including his Epistle to the Romans where he wrote, "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you." (8:11). This thought is so mind boggling that our brains can hardly comprehend it. That I, a 'sinner saved by grace'... will have eternal life with Christ. It changes everything... Including our outlook on the life we currently live.

One of the favorite songs which we sing this time of the year is, "Because He Lives," written by Bill and Gloria Gaither. A line from this song says, "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, because He lives, all fear is gone..." What a precious promise this is. That no matter what our "tomorrow" (or today) holds for us... we can face it - without fear. Hopefully, this serves as a reminder to all of us of "like faith" in Christ that He truly does hold our tomorrows and our "today's" in His hands we have no need to fear... because we can trust Him. Praise the Lord.

If you have not yet come to know this "Blessed Assurance" you still can! One of our faithful parishioners recently informed us that it was at an Easter service many years ago when she came to faith in Christ Jesus. And though the Easter "holiday" is now past - the celebration does not need to end. I hope and pray... that His story becomes more alive in your heart than ever before.

May God bless you, Pastor John.

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### Norma J. Bushman

June 23, 1942 - April 12, 2021

**MAYTOWN** — Norma J. Bushman, 78, of Maytown died on Monday, April 12, 2021 at OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford.

She was born on June 23, 1942 in Amboy, the daughter of Arthur and Clara (Sibigroth) Leffelman. Norma farmed with her husband in Maytown for many years, worked at Josten's in Princeton, and was a floral designer, earning a certificate in Floral Design from SVCC, working for Floral Crest in Mendota and Valley Flowers in Spring Valley. She was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Maytown where she was a member of the Altar and Rosary Society.

Norma married Leo Bushman on Sept. 8, 1962, at St. Patrick Church in Maytown.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Hubert Leffelman, Delbert Leffelman, Norbert Lef-

felman; and sisters, Ruby McLaughlin, and Vivian Goy Burke.

Norma is survived by her husband, Leo; daughter, Lori (Bruce) Setchell, of Amboy; son, Patrick (Elizabeth) Bushman, of Dixon; five granddaughters, Katherine (Andrew) Bulfer, Emily (Thomas) Swenson, Julia Setchell, Maggie Bushman, Gretchen Bushman; and three great-grandchildren, Lee, Delaney, Clara. She is also survived by one brother, Gilbert (Linda) Leffelman, of Amboy; one sister, Carol (Charles) Koch, of Fond du Lac Wis.; one brother in law, Lawrence (Gloria) Bushman, of Franklin Grove; one sister in law, Mary (Roger) Kuffel, of Kewanee; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 9 - 10:45 a.m., on Thursday April 15, 2021, at St. Patrick Catholic Church



in Maytown. There will be a private family mass after the visitation and burial will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Maytown. Face coverings required for services.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Online condolences can be left at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com).

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

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Saturday 4 pm • Sunday 7:30 am & 10 am  
Confessions: Saturday, 3-3:45 pm  
Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 pm  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:  
Friday, 8am-5 pm

#### St. Mary Church

Fr. John Gow  
912 Walton Rd., Walton

815-857-2670  
Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm

#### St. Flannen Church

Fr. John Gow  
213 S Second St., Harmon

815-857-2670  
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#### United First Church of Amboy

Pastor Mark Glenn  
East Main & Jefferson

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Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

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[www.LeeCenter-UCC.org](http://www.LeeCenter-UCC.org)  
Phone 815-732-7032  
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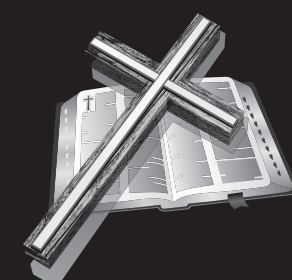
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## SOCIAL NEWS

## The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

## A Month In The Country

In J. L. Carr's classic novel, "A Month in the Country," Tom Birkin, a penniless veteran of the Great War, arrives in a pouring rain in Oxgodby, a sleepy village in Yorkshire. It is the summer of 1920 and Birkin has been hired to uncover a mural hidden beneath whitewash in a fourteenth-century village church. Drenched, he nevertheless stops to admire the ancient church's masonry which is "beautifully cut with only a hint of mortar."

Birkin, who has a stammer and facial twitch, compliments of the trenches, meets the vicar that evening. Disapproving of the entire enterprise, the vicar, who has "a cold, coop-up look about him," does allow Birkin to live in the bell tower. In the morning, Birkin is presented with a glorious landscape: "Day after day, mist rose from the meadow as the sky lightened and hedges, barns and woods took shape until, at last, the long curving back of the hills lifted away from the Plain."

In the meadow beyond the church graveyard, archaeologist James Moon emerges from a bell tent. Like Birkin, he is a veteran fighting his own demons, and the two men soon become fast friends. Moon was hired to find a lost fourteenth-century grave. In the tent, Moon has dug a hole to live in, whereas Birkin lives high up atop the scaffolding. Birkin thinks the mural is from the mid-1340's, the height of the Black Death when survivors donated wall paintings to churches.

As he begins to uncover a magnificent mural, Birkin is fascinated by the unknown artist, "a nameless painter reaching from the dark to show me what he could do, saying to me as clear as any words, 'If any part of me survives from time's corruption, let it be this. For this was the sort of man I was.'" The mural is a masterwork of the Last Judgment, with a stern, unyielding Christ sitting in judgment of sinners to his left and the saved to his right.

For Birkin, the peace of the countryside, the unchanging flow of village life, and especially the welcoming villagers with their thick accents who draw him into their lives, restore in him a sense of optimism. His stammer has nearly disappeared. Moreover, he has the good fortune to secretly fall in love with the vicar's extraordinarily beautiful wife.

Birkin tells his story from the vantage point of 1979, when Carr was writing the novel. Now an old man, he looks back upon that idyllic English summer: "The front gardens of cottages were crammed with marjoram and roses, marguerites, sweet William, at night heavy with the scent of stocks. The Vale was heavy with leaves, motionless in the early morning, black caves of shadow in the midday heat, blurring the sound of trains hammering north and south."



Colleen Robison

## Robison to celebrate 90th birthday

AMBOY - Colleen Robison celebrated her 90th birthday on April 9, 2021.

She is the mother of Taylor (Nancy) Robison and Glenn (Carol) Robison. She is the grandmother of Tim (Holly) Robison, Kari (Ross) Harrison, Ashley (Chad) Noble, and Michelle (Mark) Eisenberg and has many great-grandchildren. Cards may be sent to 225 N Davis Ave. Amboy, IL 61310.

## SVCC Student Art Exhibition and Fine Art performance hour April 29

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College Art & Humanities Department invites the public to the virtual 2020-2021 Student Art Exhibition on Thursday, April 29.

The Student Art Exhibition and Fine Art Performances are from 7 to 9 p.m., and can be viewed at this link: <https://us02web.zoom>.

us/j/85683097184.

All accepted works will be published online through the SVCC website, the SVCC Art Gallery Facebook page and will be considered for three annual President's Art Awards as well as Best of Show, first through third place awards and four Honorable Mentions. Awards will be presented at

the end of the broadcast on April 29.

Guests are also invited to enjoy music, performance art, original readings, written work, and more by SVCC's Fine Art students during this live broadcast.

For more information, please contact [glenn.s.bodish@svcc.edu](mailto:glenn.s.bodish@svcc.edu).

## Singer, songwriter Abigail Stauffer returns to Kish for virtual performance

MALTA — Michigan-based singer/songwriter Abigail Stauffer will return to Kishwaukee College for a virtual performance on Thursday, April 15. Her performance will begin at 6 pm via Zoom. The event is free and open to the public.

This will be Stauffer's fifth appearance at Kish. She defines her music as a blend of "the language of acoustic, pop and neo-soul music into an irresistible invitation to heal and be healed. Every song is a captivating showcase of confidence and vulnerability,

crafting a balance of pain, hope and joy." She is described as a gifted lyricist offering emotional live performances that will "warm your heart and serenade your soul."

Stauffer has released three albums: "Alone To Dream," "No Contradictions" and "Where

I'm Going."

The performance is sponsored by Kish's Committee on Gender and Sexuality as part of LGBT Awareness Month. To attend, please RSVP to Ami Irmen at [airmen@kish.edu](mailto:airmen@kish.edu) for the Zoom ID and passcode.

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# Opinion

## Politics has dominated its way into sports at different levels

No sooner did the knees touch the floor than the politicians' complaints started flying.

Kneeling during the national anthem before a game is like raising a middle finger to the U.S. flag, Tennessee state Sen. Jon Lundberg told the president of East Tennessee State last month during a budget hearing.

Shortly thereafter, the coach, Jason Shay, was out of a job.

Shay quit as ETSU's head coach last week after one season and a 13-12 record.

As part of his separation agreement he will receive \$450,000 not to coach.

When you pay someone not to work it's pretty good sign you don't want them around anymore.

Shay did not respond when I reached out to him. And he hasn't spoken to any other reporters either. These type of separation agreements often have gag clauses attached.

The university athletic director Scott Carter denies that Shay was fired or forced to quit.

But Shay's players are convinced he would still be head coach if he hadn't supported them.

"I personally feel like him resigning is crazy," Truth Harris, a freshman point guard, told ESPN. "It shows a lot of what is going on in this town, and in this country right now."

"All this about us kneeling, and then Coach Shay supporting us through all of that. People should want a coach that stands behind the players through anything," ETSU senior guard Jordan Coffin said in a video retweeted by Shay's college-age daughter, Peija Shay. "For that to be a part in why he has to resign, then I don't want no part of that."

Coach Shay grew up in my hometown of Galesburg and was a hero on the court. At the time of his graduation, he was the No. 4 all-time scorer for the Silver Streaks and the top 3-point shooter in Galesburg High School's history.

### Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



While Coach Shay hasn't spoken with reporters since his departure, he has communicated with his high school basketball coach Barry Swanson.

"I texted back and forth with Jason since this happened and he says he was just trying to be supportive of his players," Swanson said.

In February Shay said during a news conference: "It was a call to action our team decided to make before the season against racial inequalities and injustices. ... Our intentions in no way involve disrespecting our country's flag."

Dr. Tom Davis coached Shay at the University of Iowa. Davis, who has also coached at Stanford, Drake and Boston universities said he admires Shay but is not surprised but by what has transpired.

"Well, you know nothing surprises me when you watch what is going on in coaching," he said.

"It's politics, politics, politics. It's such a dominant topic in our society today. And the fact that it would go into sports at different levels: professional, college, and even probably lower than that, isn't surprising.

Moline native Acie Earl was a teammate of Shay's at Iowa and later played for the Boston Celtics. He isn't surprised that Shay would put his job on the line to support African Americans.

"He grew up in Galesburg — a diverse railroad community," Earl said. "He was a really cool guy. He was a walk-on to the team, but a very positive player. Tennessee is a very red state and there are a lot of racist people. I can see this happening in 2021."

Not only did 27 GOP Tennessee state senators send a letter to all of the state university presidents that such protests come to an end, but wealthy donors threatened to withhold funds.

"(Donors) were taking funds if Coach Shay was the head coach next year," Sadaidriene Hall, a freshman forward, told the Tennessean. "Everybody was pulling back on their funds

if he was still there. ... It might have been more (to it), but I really think they are mad because Coach Shay is a white man standing up for the Black community."

Joe Trujillo, owner of Johnson City Honda, reclaimed the cars he provided the basketball coaching staff as part of a loaner program.

"My dad served 30 years in the United States Army," Trujillo told a local TV station. "We're a military family. The flag... means a lot to me."

It's interesting that a Honda dealer would question the patriotism of Shay and his players, I'm old enough to remember when people questioned the patriotism of those who bought Japanese cars.

Perhaps introspection isn't Trujillo's strong suit.

Racial sensitivity is something Shay apparently learned at an early age.

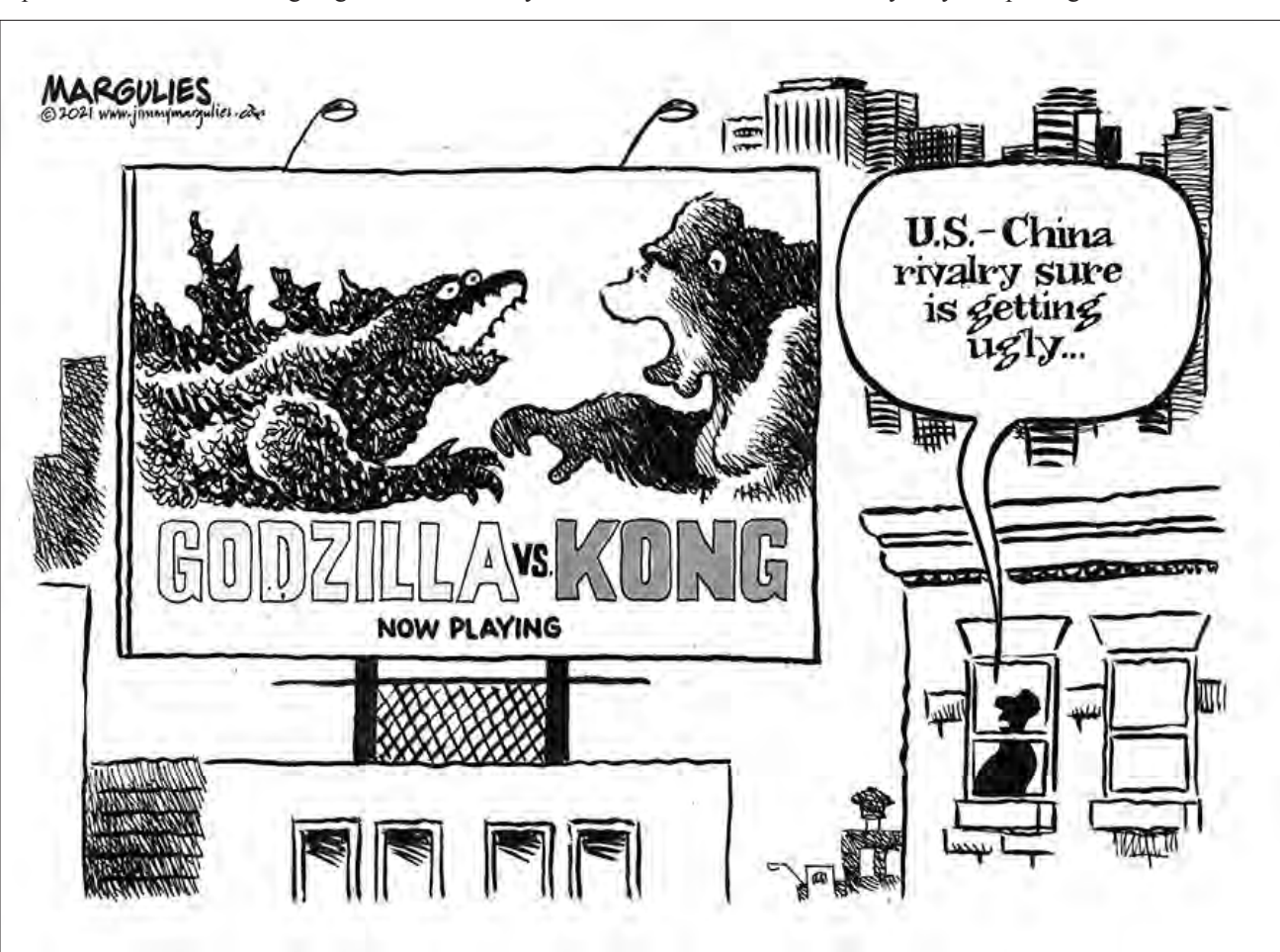
Elmer Dickerson, who is athletic director for Quest Charter Academy in Peoria, remembers meeting Shay for the first time at Gale Middle School.

"My family had just moved to the north side of Galesburg and I was one of only four Black students at Gale. The first person I met was Jason and he took me around and introduced me to all of his friends and really made me feel comfortable. He's a wonderful person."

During his February news conference, Shay explained why he was putting his job on the line:

"Many of us don't understand the sacrifice, fear, loss, people of color have had to endure over 400 years. My team is a daily reminder that some things are just bigger than basketball."

Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist. He works as a freelance reporter in the Springfield area. He can be reached by email at [Scottreeder1965@gmail.com](mailto:Scottreeder1965@gmail.com).



## On This Day in History

### 100 Years Ago April 15, 1921

Miss Vella Dishong is now employed in the Amboy Flower Shop.

Mrs. Walter Burns was hostess to the Jolly-O-Club at her home on Mason Street Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. James Thompson entertained the Rockford croquet club at her home west of town Thursday afternoon.

Miss Gertrude Leake and Louise Doty left Wednesday morning for Chicago where they have accepted positions as stenographers.

### 75 Years Ago April 18, 1946

May Township voters, casting special ballots at the April 9 election, passed a road tax by a 56-16 count and elected Miss Agnes McFadden Town Clerk to fill the vacancy created when Anton Becker resigned and moved to Amboy.

Joyce Wagner entertained a group of school friends Saturday evening in observance of her birthday. Guests were Ann Mihm, Kathleen Schwamberger, Donna Long, Joan Hecker, Darlene Grennan, Sarah Frances Hall, Marge Lauer, Betty Michel, Gerry Becker and Margie Langley.

Miss Mary Kehoe and her niece Ann Kehoe spent the weekend in Chicago.

ota Halsey of Amboy each sang two song selections at the March P.T. A. meeting at Shaws School, which were much enjoyed by all.

### 50 Years Ago April 15, 1971

Nearly 50 attended the first 1971 quarterly dinner of the Amboy Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday evening in Klara's Kitchen. It was announced that Mrs. Carl Shearer will complete the term of Joe Murphy on the Chamber's board of directors.

Winners have been announced for the annual Easter Egg Hunt which was held here Sunday afternoon at

Green River City Park. Winners were as follows, listed in order of first, second and third prizes: three to four year olds, Brock Richards, Doug Organ, and Amy Kessel; five to six year olds, Todd Ikens, David McLindsay and Bernadine Lauts; seven to eight year olds, Janice McLindsay, Howard Harris, and Steven Gascoigne; and in the nine and 10 year old group, Barbara McGuire, Carolyn Gabioud and Cheryl Harris.

### 25 Years Ago April 11, 1996

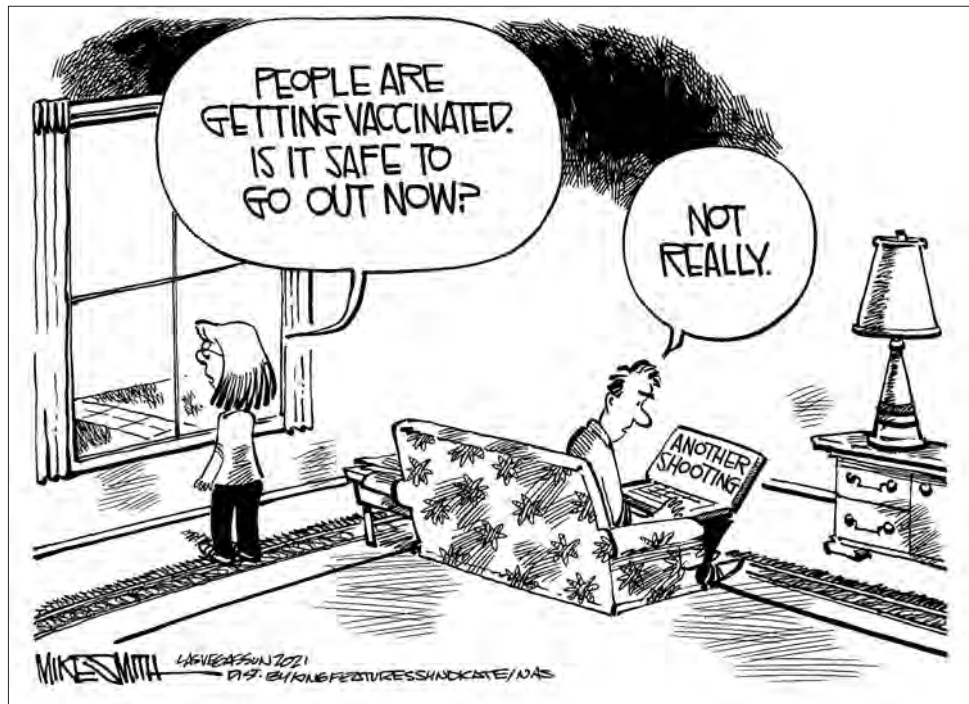
Winners of the Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday were:

2 and 3 year olds: Terry Spinelli and Brooke Crosiar  
4 and 5 year olds: Ashley Ross, David Tippey and Eric Farringer

6 and 7 year olds: Josh Phelps, Joe Dickinson and Amanda Ross

8, 9, and 10 year olds: Danielle Oester, Matt Albee and Daniel Rocks.

Nick Lucas of Amboy took home the first place trophy in the 7-8 year old division in the Stockton Wrestling Tournament on April 6. Nick won his first match 10-0. He won his second match with a pin while leading 12-2. He finished the day with a 4-0 win in this third match.



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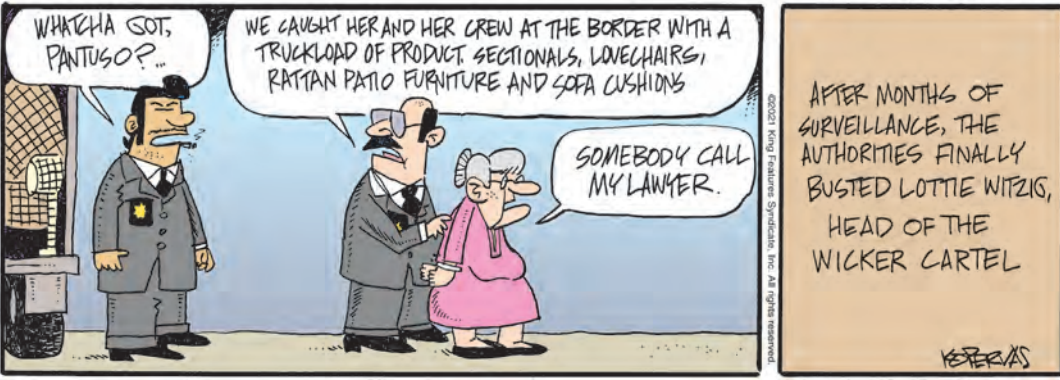
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by Gary Kopervas



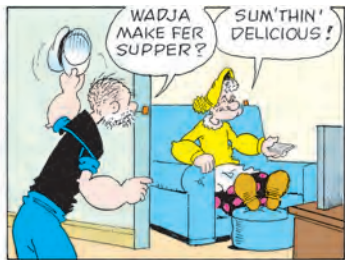
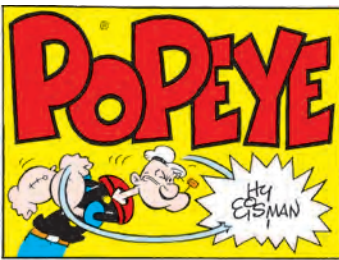
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## LAFF-A-DAY



"Maybe he's getting too old for a baby-sitter."

## 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!

Distant  
**METEOR** \_\_\_\_\_

Truly  
**QUIET** \_\_\_\_\_

Shiny  
**SAINT** \_\_\_\_\_

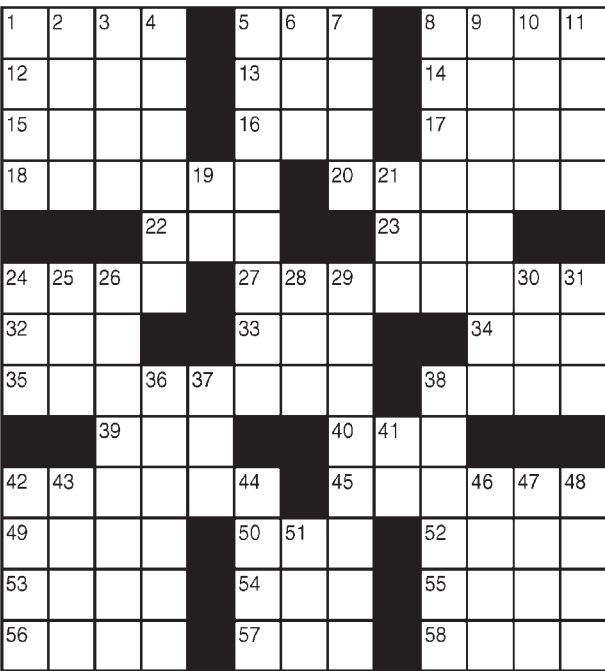
Edge  
**FINGER** \_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S WORD** \_\_\_\_\_

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Repast  
5 "Ben- —"  
8 Lawman Wyatt  
12 "Frozen" snow queen  
13 "Right you —!"  
14 Computer brand  
15 Slightly  
16 Actress Long  
17 Hindu royal  
18 Tidy up  
20 Toto, to Dorothy  
22 Peyton's brother  
23 Commonest English word  
24 Easter entrees  
27 Vinegar variety  
32 X-ray's cousin  
33 Chopper  
34 Hostel  
35 "Becoming" author Obama  
38 Read quickly  
39 Knock  
40 Wildebeest  
42 "Yippee!"  
45 Held up  
49 "Mamma Mia" group  
50 Gardner of Hollywood  
52 Actress Kate



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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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.

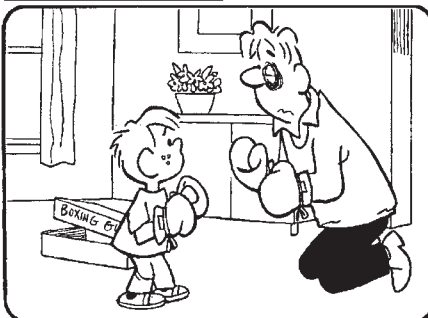
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♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

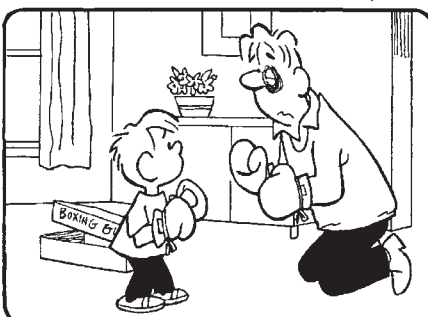
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Curtain is wider. 2. Flower is missing. 3. Frame is smaller. 4. Fleckles are missing. 5. Pants are different. 6. Flowerpot is different.

## QUITTING

Today's Word

3. Satin; 4. Fringe

1. Remote 2. Quite;

solution

SCRAMBLERS

## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: E equals R

PISHKAI MQI DHMMEIAA YZ QIE

RKIAM PIU JA AY NJED, JM

SEIHMIA CYMA YN QHEU NIICJZRA.

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the deepest point in Earth's oceans?
2. COMICS: What is the name of the newspaper in the "Shoe" comic strip?
3. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century novel features the characters Catherine and Heathcliff?
4. MOVIES: What was the name of Yoda's home planet in the "Star Wars" movie series?
5. BUSINESS: When did the social media service Facebook launch?
6. MUSIC: How many strings does a cello have?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of alcohol is distilled from juniper berries?
8. HISTORY: In what year did the first human heart transplant take place?
9. SCIENCE: Which plant can be processed to make linseed oil?
10. LANGUAGE: What is the scientific study of diseases and their effects on population called?

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## Answers

1. The Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean
2. The Tootsies Tattler
3. "Whuttering Heights"
4. Dagobah
5. 2004
6. Four
7. Gin
8. 1967
9. Flax
10. Epidemiology





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CIRCUIT  
LEE COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
ESTATE )  
OF )Case  
Terry L. )No.  
Politsch, )2021  
deceased. )p-41  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of  
the death of Terry L.  
Politsch of Sublette,  
Illinois. Letters of Office  
were issued on April 5,  
2021 to Mary Politsch  
of 367 Center Road, P.  
O. Box 81, Sublette, IL  
61367 as Independent  
Administrator whose  
attorney is Guilfoyle  
& Stevenson, LLP,  
1316 Meriden Street,  
Mendota, IL 61342  
Claims against the  
estate may be filed in the  
Office of the Lee County  
Circuit Clerk, Probate  
Division, Lee County  
Courthouse, 309 S.  
Galena Avenue, Dixon,  
IL 61021, or with the  
representative or both  
on or before October 31,  
2021 and any claim not  
filed within that period is  
barred.  
Copies of a claim filed  
with the Clerk must be  
mailed or delivered to  
the Representative and  
to the Attorney within ten  
days after it has been  
filed.  
April 14, 21, 28, 2021  
No. 0407

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN by the Board  
of Education of Amboy  
Community Unit School  
District No. 272, in the  
County of Lee, State  
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hearing will be held  
on Thursday, April 22,  
2021, at 7:00 p.m. at  
the Amboy Central  
Elementary School to  
request a Modification of  
School Code ILCS 5/10-  
20.12(a) as it relates  
to charging less than  
110% (or zero) for pupils  
of full-time employees  
who live outside District  
boundaries. All those  
persons desiring to  
appear and be heard  
concerning this issue  
should attend.  
April 14, 2021  
No. 0405

County of Lee, State  
of Illinois, that a public  
hearing will be held  
on Thursday, April 22,  
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request a Modification of  
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April 14, 2021  
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Elementary School to  
request renewal of the  
Modification of School  
Code ILCS 5/27-24.2,  
24.3 as it relates to  
Driver's Education for  
the years 2021-2026.  
All those persons  
desiring to appear and  
be heard concerning  
this issue should attend.  
We are seeking to keep  
the Driver's Education  
Fee at \$250.00.  
April 14, 2021  
No. 0405

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice of Public Hearing  
Township and Road  
Budgets

Notice is hereby given  
that Tentative Budgets  
and Appropriation  
Ordinances for the East  
Grove Township, Lee  
County, Illinois, for the  
fiscal year beginning  
April 1st 2021 and  
ending March 31st  
2022 will be on file and  
conveniently available  
to public inspection at  
East Grove Twp Bldg  
from and after 8 a.m. on  
April 14th, 2021.  
Notice is further given  
that a public hearing  
on said Budgets  
and Appropriation  
Ordinances will be at  
7:30 p.m. May 11th,  
2021 at the East Grove  
Twp Bldg and that  
final action on these  
ordinances will be taken  
at the public hearing.  
Dated on this 10th day  
of March 2021.  
Brian Blaine  
Supervisor  
Charles Gonigam  
Clerk  
No. 0404  
April 14, 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF  
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT  
LEE COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
ESTATE )  
OF )Case  
Eugene )No.  
A. )2021  
Leffelman, )P 37  
deceased )  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the  
death of Eugene A.  
Leffelman of Sublette,  
Illinois. Letters of Office  
were issued on March  
24, 2021 to Scott A.  
Leffelman of 1939 Ole

Hickory Rd., Amboy, IL  
61310 as Independent  
Executor whose  
attorney is Guilfoyle  
& Stevenson, LLP,  
1316 Meriden Street,  
Mendota, IL 61342.  
Claims against the  
estate may be filed in  
the Office of the Lee  
County Circuit Clerk,  
Probate Division, Lee  
County Courthouse,  
309 S. Galena Avenue,  
Dixon, IL 61021, or  
with the representative  
or both on or before  
October 15, 2021 and  
any claim not filed  
within that period is  
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with the Clerk must be  
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the Representative and  
to the Attorney within  
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been filed.  
April 7, 14, 21, 2021  
No. 0403

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF  
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT  
LEE COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF  
Donna J. Gilmore,  
deceased  
Case No. 2021-P-38  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the  
death of Donna J.  
Gilmore of Compton,  
Illinois. Letters of  
Office were issued  
on March 25, 2021 to  
Scott E. Gilmore of  
2853 Chicago Road,  
Compton, IL 61318  
and Steven F. Gilmore  
of 221 West Chestnut  
Street, Compton, IL  
61318 as Independent  
Co-Executors whose  
attorney is Guilfoyle  
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March 31, April 7, 14,  
2021  
No. 0317

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## SPORTS

## Clipper Highlights: #14 Gordy Koch

I feel extra proud and honored this week as we not only highlight another great Clipper, but another Clipper Quarterback. This week's Clipper is #14, State Champion, Dan Etheridge.

Dan was a 1985 graduate of Amboy High School and Quarterback of the 1984 State Championship team. Dan not only excelled on the football field but on the hardwood as well.

Before we get into the game details it's deserving of everyone on this page to be taken back to 1980. It's Monday after the 1980 Clippers lost in the State Championship. At a lunch table at the Junior High School young men sat in sadness for their Clipper brothers before them. They talked, they planned, and four years later they would, most importantly, act. Dan, among many other Clipper greats was at the helm of that conversation. Dan shared, "we sat at the table and all said we never wanted to feel that kind of sadness and bring a State Football Championship to Amboy."

Fast forward to Sophomore year. Dan was called up to play Quarterback at the Varsity level as starting Quarterback, Kurt Akerman, was sidelined with an injury. Dan started a majority of the season and gained vital experience as the Clipper signal caller.

Dan's Junior season he split time at Quarterback with Akerman and started at safety. "We were so talented that '83 season. We all got along so well and it hurt us Juniors to see it end that way for those Seniors ahead of us. We told them the next season would be for them", Dan shared. Dan spoke of the first round playoff game against Ottawa Marquette as being the hardest hitting game he's been a part of. Dan ended his Junior season earning 1st Team All-Conference honors at Safety.

Former teammate and predecessor, Kurt Akerman, shared the following, "Dan was a year behind me in school. We never really got to play side by side. We were usually competing for the same job. I remember him as a quiet leader. He had to be

## Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



as a qb who called his own plays. My junior year we were not good. I broke my arm Week 1 and Danny was moved up as a sophomore and became a starter within the next couple weeks. He took a beating. I never heard him complain. We spent a lot of time throwing and practicing our option pitches during practice. He pushed me to be better. My senior year I was hurt again (ACL) and played sparingly. Danny stepped up, worked his tail off. He played very well and quietly led our offense. We never hung out much but we were in the same (qb) fraternity so we had that in common. He worked hard, was a good teammate and was fun to be around. I do miss those summer and fall days."

Highly motivated, highly experienced, and fueled every day by that conversation at the Junior High lunch table, Dan and the '84 Clippers were ready for what was to come. Workouts started in July and after a long days work, mandatory workouts, and conditionings Dan and several other skill position players would stay after practice for 30-45 minutes running offensive plays. That extra work was imperative to the perfect timing the '84 Clippers would display in making our offense look effortless over the course of the season.

Dan started the first four games of the season posting a 4-0 record. Through those for games Dan passed for nearly 600 yards and several scores through the air and on the ground. Dan was the prototypical pocket passer and could have flourished

in any drop back or shotgun offense. Dan's athleticism shined in our option, play action passing offense. Week 5 against Fulton, Dan rolled to his right, released the ball, fell to the ground, and as he braced himself, broke his left forearm. The injury would sideline Dan for the remainder of the season. To be sidelined with injury at any point in your Senior season is something I wouldn't wish on my worst of enemies or opponents. Dan did not let this season ending injury change his vital role to his team and their goal. Dan was there on the sidelines and in practice sharing his knowledge of the game and adding to the strategies of the highly potent Clipper Offense.

"Ben came in and did such a great job. He was a better runner than I was. I would offer my insight or interject when I needed to but my main role at that point was to support," Dan shared.

Dan remained a Co-Captain throughout the season and shared the same emotion as the 43 other Clippers that season as the State Championship trophy was brought home.

Co-Captain, former teammate, and friend, Brad Goy shared, "Dan was so intelligent. He knew what to call and worked so hard at it. It sucked to see him go down that way and end his season. He is such a great guy and always a great teammate."

Former teammate and friend, Dennis Ely, shared, "Dan was the brains of the operation. Even when he got hurt, he was always sharing his knowledge of the offense in any way he could to help us win. He knew how to set things up and when to call that big play that would catch teams off guard."

Dan continued his football career at Augustana College. Dan was a member of both National Championship teams alongside lifelong teammate John Bothe.

Although his days as a Clipper are now great memories, Dan shared the meaning of Amboy Clipper Football in one word: Brotherhood. Dan wasn't talking about the bond that links him and his teammates but the bond that links us all.



#14 Dan Etheridge

"We are all a part of the history of Amboy Clipper Football. We love talking to guys in front of us that we watched growing up as kids and we liked to see the success that came after us," Dan concluded.

Dan also shared his high regard and honor to be in our Clipper Quarterback fraternity. Dan verbalized that Ricky and Brad Considine were role models in the position that he would eventually take over.

My first experience with Dan came, ironically, during my eighth grade season. Coach Hobbs came over one night after Junior Tackle practice with the 1984 State Highlight film. He wanted to show me how the triple option was supposed to be operated. My dad, Coach Hobbs, and I watched as Dan and Ben operated the Clipper offense throughout that season. I'll absolutely say, I wanted to model my game after what I saw Dan do on that film.

So, to #14, State Champion, a fellow Clipper Field General, Dan Etheridge, thank you for your contributions to Clipper football. Thank you for your activity on our alumni page and being a great Clipper to this day. To persevere through the adversity, you faced your Senior season and continue to lead, support, and help your team speaks directly to the character you have. 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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## Lady Clippers lose three matches against tough opponents

**AMBOY** — The Amboy Lady Clippers lost three matches against two tough opponents in varsity volleyball action last week.

Amboy hosted Sterling Newman on April 5 and the Lady Comets came away with a hard-fought 20-25, 26-24, 25-16 win.

Leaders in kills for AHS were Mallory Powers with six and Madelyn McLaughlin with three. Gabby Jones topped the team with nine assists and McLaughlin added six, while Powers had six digs, Brianna Blaine had five ace serves, and Blaine and Gabby Jones collected three blocks apiece. Eden Lindenmeyer helped out with four digs.

Amboy traveled to Eastland on April 6 and the home team prevailed 25-13, 25-16.

Powers (5) and McLaughlin (4) again led the team in kills, as did Gabby Jones (6) and McLaughlin (4) in assists. Lindenmeyer came away with seven digs followed by Powers and Gabby Jones with five apiece, while Olivia Dinges posted three blocks.

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Eastland visited the AHS gym on April 8 and the result was the same — a 25-17, 25-12 Cougar victory.

Powers and Blaine recorded five and three kills, respectively, for the Lady Clippers. Gabby Jones (7) and McLaughlin (4) led in assists, Lindenmeyer (9) and Powers (5) led in digs and Dinges came up with three blocks.

Amboy has a 5-4 overall record and a 4-2 conference mark.

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## How to show your appliances some extra love this spring

(BPT) - This past year we've all made a few changes to our daily lives, but one thing has remained constant - your appliances. It's easy to forget these machines are working hard in the background, but they're always helping to keep your household running smoothly. In the spirit of spring cleaning, let's give some extra love to our dedicated appliances, so they can keep performing at their best. Here are spring cleaning must-dos from a leading appliance expert.

### Deep cleaning for a fresh start

Deep cleaning your appliances may not be top of mind, but it's important for them to have a good, thorough cleaning to keep everything looking like new.

\* Refrigerators will benefit from regular cleaning every three months, inside and out. This helps maximize storage while maintaining a fresh environment for your groceries. Make sure to wipe down all surfaces and skip the harsh chemicals. Try white vinegar and baking soda to keep out unwanted chemical smells. Finish off by wiping the outside with soap and water or with a special cleaner.

\* A dirty oven not only looks bad but can cause unpleasant smells in the kitchen. Clean every part of your oven by removing all racks and soaking in hot, soapy water to remove any leftover food and grease. Next create a spreadable paste of baking soda and water and cover the entire inside cavity. After 20 minutes, spray with lemon juice or vinegar and wipe with a damp cloth until clean. Cleaning experts actually advise against chemical oven cleaners, as these products contain harsh chemicals and release fumes that can linger in your oven long after cleaning is done.

\* Clean clothes require having a clean washer. Follow these four easy steps every 30 washes to help keep your washing machine clean. Clean the tub, clean the dispensers, clean in and around the door and lastly clean the outside.

\* Dryers produce a lot of lint, and without proper cleaning can become a fire hazard due to reduced airflow and overheating. Clean the lint screen after every use and the vent screen at least every two years.

### Organizing for a less stressful tomorrow

Did you know there's a science to storing food in your fridge? Not only will your food stay fresh, but you will stay more organized and could even save some money. Here are the basics:

\* Door storage should be reserved for less perishable items such as condiments and soda.

\* Shelves are great for every day, non-produce items. Group similar foods together to eliminate the need for searching.

\* Deli drawers have slightly colder temperatures than the rest of the fridge making it ideal for meats and cheeses.

\* High humidity crisper drawers help thin skin produce



like spinach and citrus fruits stay fresh, while low humidity crisper drawers are great for thick skin produce such as peppers and avocados.

### Replacing parts for optimal performance

\* Many refrigerators have water filling stations, and the filter should be changed every six months. There is a quick way to replace your water filter in under five minutes. Once replaced, you can enjoy clean, fresh-tasting water.

\* If dishes begin to have grit and grime after they're cleaned, this can indicate that your dishwasher filter needs a

cleaning. On select dishwashers, locate the filter at the bottom of the dishwasher. Remove it by turning it counterclockwise and pulling up. Rinse out the filter under the faucet to remove most soils and debris, and once clean, reinstall.

\* A well-lit oven is essential for efficiently tracking the progress of dishes. You can change your oven light in five easy steps.

Whether you're a seasoned homeowner or still figuring out how to adult, spring cleaning is a great time to give back to your home and appliances.



## Renovation trends that figure to be popular in the year ahead

Home renovation trends are ever-changing. Renovations that might have been de rigueur 20 years ago may seem dated now. Recognizing the potentially popular trends of tomorrow is a great way for homeowners to give their homes a fresh new look and put themselves in position to capitalize on popular trends when they put their homes on the market. That's especially so after 2020, a year when millions of people spent more time at home than ever before. All that time working from home and relaxing at home gave millions of

homeowners ideas about what they like about their homes and what they hope to change. The following are some renovation trends that various experts suspect could emerge in 2021.

\* Eco-friendly living: Climate change, and how to combat it, was a hot button issue during the 2020 presidential election in the United States. So, it should come as no surprise that urdesignmag.com, a web magazine that showcases creative trends in design, architecture, art, technology, and fashion, predicts that eco-friendly

living solutions figure to be hot commodities in 2021. Eco-friendly appliances, furniture and designs can help to conserve energy and reduce waste, which environmentalists and government agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency note are two critical components in the fight against climate change.

\* Large windows: Large windows can provide stunning views of the outdoors and allow ample natural light into a home. It may not be a coincidence if large windows prove to be a hot trend in 2021. The COVID-19 pan-

demic that dominated much of 2020 forced many people to spend considerably more time at home. Darker homes without much natural light can adversely affect mood, especially when people are spending more time at home. HGTV predicts that homeowners will seek ways to bring more natural light into their homes in 2021, and large windows naturally brighten homes while making rooms appear bigger, helping people feel less cramped. That's an especially beneficial characteristic when spending more time indoors at home.

\* Minimalism: The anticipated popularity of minimalism in 2021 may also be connected to the pandemic. As professionals were forced to work from home and many families spent more time together inside their homes than ever before, they may have recognized a need to cut back on clutter, including extra furniture. A minimalist approach is both simple and clean, which can make homes feel less claustrophobic.

\* Multi-functional spaces: Homeowners asked a lot of their homes in 2020, as rooms were transformed into multi-functional spaces seemingly overnight. HGTV notes that spending more time at home showed homeowners that it may not make sense to dedicate entire rooms of a home to a single purpose. Renovations that can help homeowners transform rooms into multi-functional spaces figure to be hot commodities in the years ahead.

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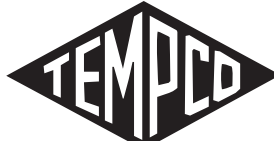
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## Touching up landscaping around pool can add to backyard retreat

Backyard pools provide a way to cool off and enjoy a taste of luxury without having to travel. Backyard pools provided even more convenience and a welcome respite in 2020, as many public pools were closed in response to social distancing restrictions put in place during the pandemic.

After installing pools, many homeowners realize that touching up the landscaping around the pool can provide the finishing touch to their backyard retreats. Not all landscaping is the same, and homeowners should choose plants that look beautiful, are tolerant to pool splash-out and won't outgrow the area. The home and garden resource The Spruce notes that a plant that is attractive at two feet tall can grow rapidly and drop leaves or other debris into the pool.

When selecting options for pool landscaping, there are some considerations to keep in mind:

- Choose plants that will provide privacy.
- Know which kind of climate a plant needs prior to purchasing it. Tropical plants may be fitting poolside, but will they endure when the season is over?
- Design according to the theme of the home, as plants should complement the existing style. Modern foliage may not blend well with a home styled after a traditional English cottage.
- Decide whether you can accept spreading or trailing plants that can cascade over retaining walls and other infrastructure.
- Look at trees that won't drop too many leaves, flowers or fruit into the water.
- Think about having layers of plants to soften the landscape, which can make a small pool seem bigger and more luxurious, indicates the landscaping company Earth Development, Inc.
- Don't overlook the possibility of a lawn abutting pavers or concrete surrounding a pool, as it can soften the edges and keep spaces open and inviting.
- Incorporate herbs or fragrant plants, which can transform



a pool day into a spa experience. Consider low-maintenance lavender as an option.

Pool landscaping must marry a variety of different features and plant requirements. As a result, a professional consultation may be the route to take. Landscape architects will have

the know-how to select plant varieties that will be tolerant, beautiful and fulfill homeowners' wishes.

Backyard pools can make a backyard retreat that much more enjoyable. Landscaping offers the softness and beauty that adds a finishing touch to poolside retreats.

## Consider variables when planning where to the media room

The term "home theater" once made homeowners who love movies and sports dream of the day when they could dedicate a large area in their home to watching the big game or their favorite films. Such rooms are now widely referred to as "media rooms." Though the terminology may have changed, media rooms are not all that different from

home theaters.

Before choosing an area of their home as their designated media room, homeowners must consider a host of variables to ensure they get as much out of the room as possible.

• Location and shape: Of course the location of the room is of the utmost importance. Media rooms tend to

be more social settings than traditional home theaters, which were often designed to be isolated from the rest of the home so noise and natural light did not adversely affect the film-watching experience. Homeowners may not want their media rooms to be in high traffic areas of their homes, but they needn't be completely secluded, either. The renovation experts at the DIY Network note that the shape of a room should be considered before designating it as the media room. In general, square rooms are not ideal, as such rooms can produce harmonic distortions. A rectangular room likely won't produce such distortions, especially when homeowners place their screens and primary speakers on short walls. It's important that homeowners do not downplay the importance of sound, as media rooms, unlike traditional home theaters, may be used for listening to music just as much as they are for watching films or sports. Viewers may not recognize distortions when watching something, but homeowners may notice these abnormalities when listening to music.

• Windows: Media rooms are multi-purpose rooms, so homeowners don't need to



remove rooms with windows from consideration. But the experts at the DIY Network note that windows are hard surfaces that can reflect sound and distort audio, and the light that gets in through windows can produce reflections on the viewing surface. Each of those factors can adversely affect your listening and viewing experience. A room with windows can still make for a good media room, but you may want

to invest in some blackout curtains to mitigate some of the disadvantages of having windows in the room.

• Wall colors: The colors of the walls in the room is another variable homeowners will have to consider. Homeowners won't want to host guests for the big game in rooms with darkened walls, as that can create a dreary atmosphere and potentially make people tired. But especially bright

colors will reflect light and adversely affect the viewing experience. Neutral colors should not affect the colors on the screen, making them the ideal color choice for media room walls.

Media rooms are high on many homeowners' renovation lists. Considering a host of variables prior to designating an area for a media room can ensure the finished product is as enjoyable as possible.

## Exterior lighting can add ambiance to a property

The value of the right lighting in a home is undeniable. Lighting can instantly transform a room and create the ambiance homeowners are looking to establish. Though it might be mostly seen as a way to create mood inside a home, lighting also can do much for lawns and gardens.

Backyards have come a long way over the last several decades. Once reserved as play areas for children and stomping grounds for the family dog, backyards have become oases for homeowners and their families. Outdoor living areas are wildly popular, and no such area is complete without exterior lighting. In fact, a recent report from the National Association of Home Builders found that 85 percent of home buyers want exterior lighting, making it the second most desired outdoor feature (patios topped that list).

Exterior lighting can have a dramatic effect on landscaping, and estimates from the online financial resource Kiplinger.com suggest such lighting is inexpensive, with installation averaging roughly \$67 per fixture.

When installing exterior lighting around their landscapes, homeowners can keep various tips in mind to create a relaxing, awe-inspiring mood on their properties at night.

• Consider uplights. Uplights are installed in the ground and direct light up at a tree, focusing on its trunk or canopy. This creates a dramatic effect that makes it possible to enjoy majestic trees at night just like you might when spending time in the yard during the day.

• Focus on trees. Many homeowners already have exterior lighting lining their walkways and patios, but focusing on trees can create an entirely different look. Though it's possible to install exterior tree lighting on your own, landscaping professionals with lighting experience know which fixtures will pair most effectively with the trees around your property and how to arrange them for maximum effect.

• Opt for warm light. Warm white light creates an inviting feel around the property. The exterior lighting experts at Utah Lights acknowledge that choice of lighting is up to homeowners but also note that, in situations with lower levels of ambient light, such as in exterior lights around a property, people typically prefer warmer light.



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<div><div><div>Wide Awake Coffee Creamers</div><div>32 oz. Assorted</div><div><div><div>\$249</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$2.99 ea.</div></div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Cowbell Ice Cream</div><div>Assorted 48 oz.</div><div><div><div>\$299</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.</div></div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Food Club Orange Juice</div><div>52 oz.</div><div><div><div>\$249</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$2.99 ea.</div></div></div><div></div></div>	
<div><div><div>Patrick Cudahy Bacon</div><div>16 oz Assorted</div><div><div><div>\$499</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$7.99 ea.</div></div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Food Club Shredded Cheese</div><div>Assorted 8 oz</div><div><div><div>\$249</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$3.49 ea.</div></div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Pringles</div><div>4-5.5 oz</div><div><div><div>\$139</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$1.99 ea.</div></div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Juicy Juice</div><div>Assorted 8 Pack or 64 oz</div><div><div><div>\$349</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.</div></div></div><div></div></div>
<div><div><div>Bomb Pops Assorted</div><div>8-12 pack</div><div><div><div>\$249</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$4.09 ea.</div></div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Old Wisconsin Bratwurst or Weiners</div><div>8-24 oz.</div><div><div><div>\$499</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$5.99 ea.</div></div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Sunny D Juice</div><div>64 oz</div><div><div><div>\$149</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$1.95 ea.</div></div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Pillsbury Toaster Scrambles</div><div>4 Pack</div><div><div><div>\$229</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$2.79 ea.</div></div></div><div></div></div>

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