



Pictured left, on the left side, is the new mural showing a scene from the Vietnam War involving a Dustoff Medevac Helicopter. Amboy artist Loreen Mead, right, stands beside Don Dinges, center, who is painting the lettering on the murals, and Joe Dewey, of Becker Autobody, whose building the murals are attached to. Pictured right, Dinges, Dewey and Mead stand before the mural honoring World War II veterans and D-Day on June 6, 1944. The mural in the center, also created by Mead, was dedicated two years ago.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

New murals on display at Veterans Park in Amboy

BY TONJA GREENFIELD

General Manager

AMBOY — Those driving past Veterans Park in Amboy may have noticed two new murals on display.

The new murals are the work of local artist Loreen Mead, and are on the left and right side of Mead's original mural of a lone soldier by a grave with the quote, "In war, there are no unwounded soldiers," which debuted about two years ago.

Mead said that the plan was always to do three murals.

"I'm really proud to do it," Mead said.

Loreen said it took her about 30 hours to do each mural.

Both Loreen and Jack Mead thanked

Joe Dewey, owner of Becker Autobody, for allowing the murals to hang on the side wall of his business, which borders Veterans Park.

Don Dinges, of Sublette, volunteered to do the lettering on the murals.

The mural on the left depicts the Dustoff Medevac Helicopter from Vietnam. Mead said she felt Vietnam veterans needed to be honored. According to warhistoryonline.com, it was during the Vietnam War that the idea of a helicopter ambulance corps was fully developed. This was due to the necessity of using aerial transport to evacuate the wounded in Vietnam, as dictated by the terrain. Since most of the combat activity was in the jungle, roads proved useless even if they were nearby. Ambushes and mines made land routes very

unpredictable, for the jungle belonged to the Viet Cong.

Mead's husband, Jack, who is the Commander of the Amboy American Legion, said that Dustoff pilots had to fight their way into the landzone and that they barely touched down, that's why they are called Dustoff. According to warhistoryonline.com, the sheer size of a Huey would attract most of the enemy fire, making the evacuation crew an instant target.

Jack said a good friend of his was a Dustoff pilot and if Charlie came in, they had to be ready to take off. Jack said they saved thousands of lives.

The mural on the right depicts a scene from D-Day at Normandy during World War II on

June 6, 1944. According to the History.com, Codenamed Operation Overlord, the battle began on June 6, 1944, also known as D-Day, when some 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region. The invasion was one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history. U.S. forces faced heavy resistance at Omaha Beach, where there were over 2,000 American casualties. However, by day's end, approximately 156,000 Allied troops had successfully stormed Normandy's beaches.

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Sublette makes improvements using Local CURE funds

BY TONJA GREENFIELD

General Manager

SUBLETTE — The Village of Sublette approved projects that used funds from the Local CURE Support Program to make improvements to the village.

The Village of Sublette Board met on Monday, Oct. 12 in the Ellice Dinges Center. All board members were present.

The Local Coronavirus Urgent Remediation Emergency (or Local CURE) Support Program is a support program for units of local government, outside of Cook, Lake, Will, Kane and DuPage County. This is federally funded from the Coronavirus Relief Fund using dollars allocated to Illinois through the CARES Act, and will reimburse units of local government for costs incurred during March 1 through Dec. 30, 2020.

The board held a special meeting on Sept. 28 to apply for the funds. The village was awarded \$18,942.

On Oct. 12, the village discussed and voted on where that money would be spent.

The first project approved was the purchase of three laptops for the village clerk, treasurer, and president; six Chromebooks for the village trustees; Cloudberry backup; three Microsoft Office licenses for the computers; Email accounts for all trustees and village president, clerk and treasurer; three back-ups including cloud, computer and external hard drive. The cost for the purchase is \$9,442.

Acting Village President John Stenzel said this new technology will allow the village options in case remote meetings need to be held again.

The second project approved was the purchase of a handicapped push button for the front doors at the Ellice Dinges Center. The package also included touchless door locks. The cost for the project is \$9,500.

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THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO, DARLENE

A drive-by parade was held for Darlene Hinkle's birthday and to also say goodbye on Oct. 14. The parade of cars left the Amboy Junior High at 1 p.m. Hinkle has sold her house in Amboy and will be moving into the Chicago Suburbs.

Photo submitted



Lee County COVID-19 Update: Oct. 19, 2020

LEE COUNTY — Between Oct. 13 and Oct. 19, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 92 new cases have been reported and here are the ages that were announced: 2 under the age of 8, 3 under the age of 10, 9 in his or her teens, 15 in his or her 20s, 16 in his or her 30s, 8 in his or her 40s, 18 in his or her 50s, 15 in his or her 60s, 4 in his or her 70s, 5 in his or her 80s, and 1 age unknown. Six of the cases are inmates in the Dixon Correctional Center.

This brings the total number of cases to 607 as of Oct. 19. Of the 607 cases, 436 have recovered. Currently, there are 5 residents hospitalized due to COVID-19.

The Unified Command Team would like to remind our community that COVID-19 remains in our area and continues to be a real threat. Some people who have tested positive have had no symptoms or mild symptoms. Others have felt miserable or even been hospitalized. Although there are individuals considered at a higher risk for complications due to COVID-19, some otherwise healthy people have also become very sick. The more the virus spreads and the more cases we have locally, the risk of very ill or hospitalized individuals increases.

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Lee County remains warning county for third straight week

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) reported 34 counties in Illinois are considered to be at a warning level for novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on Friday, Oct. 26, including Lee County for the third week.

Thirty-four counties are currently reported at a warning level – Adams, Alexander, Boone, Cass, Christian, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, DeKalb, DeWitt, Jasper, Jefferson, Jo Daviess, Johnson, Kane, Lee, Macon, McDonough, McHenry, Mercer, Monroe, Pike, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Stephenson, Union, Vermilion, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Whiteside, Will, and Winnebago.

Although the reasons for counties reaching a warning level varies, some of the common factors for an increase in cases and outbreaks are associated with gatherings in people's homes, weddings and funerals, bars and clubs, university and college parties as well as college sports teams, family gatherings, long-term care facilities, correctional centers, schools, and cases among the community at large, especially people in their 20s.

Public health officials are observing businesses blatantly disregarding mitigation measures, people not social distancing, gathering in large groups, and not using face coverings. Mayors, local law enforcement, state's attorneys, and other community leaders can be influential in ensuring citizens and businesses follow best practices.

Several counties are taking swift action to help slow spread of the virus, including increasing testing opportunities, stressing the importance of testing to providers, hiring additional contact tracers, working with schools, and meeting with local leaders.

IDPH uses numerous indicators when determining if a county is experiencing stable COVID-19 activity, or if there are warning signs of increased COVID-19 risk in the county.

A county is considered at the warning level when at least two of the following metrics triggers a warning.

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Amboy's Boys Cross Country team ends regular season at home with win.

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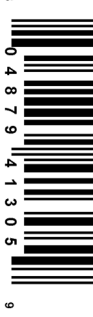
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Stenzel said having the automatic door will be less contact for everyone. He added that the door on the left side walking into the Ellice Dinges Center would be the automatic door.

Sublette Village Trustee Jeff Myers said having a push button door would be a really good idea.

Other ideas mentioned included automatic hand sanitizer machines and a sprayer that could sanitize rooms, tables and chairs after use. Both items will be addressed at the next board meeting.

In other board news:

- The board set the Trick or Treating hours for Saturday, Oct. 31 from 5 – 7 p.m.
- The board agreed to continue to not take rental agreements for 2021 as of this point.
- The board approved the 2020-21 levy at \$15,363. Stenzel told the board Village Treasurer Theresa Wilson looked up the village's levy history, and that the levy has been the same amount since 2009.

• Don Dinges reported that the Sublette Christmas in the Village is canceled unless something miraculous happens in November. However, the village will still put up the Christmas tree, and Village Trustee Scott Hansen will talk to the Sublette Business Association about the trees the businesses decorate.

• Sublette Village Clerk MacKenzie Belan has prepared packets for those wishing to run for elected office in 2021. Those open positions include three village trustee positions, village clerk, and village president. Election packets must be turned back into the village clerk by Dec. 21. The village will also be looking to appoint a new village treasurer as current Wilson will be retiring. The village trustees whose seats are up at the 2021 election include Julie Kessel, Brian Wilson and Robert Bulfer.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, Nov. 9, in the Ellice Dinges Center.

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Please, for yourself and others, follow the state and federal recommendations. It's easy to remember as the 3 W's: Wash your hands; Watch your distance; and Wear your mask.

Also, the health department would like to mention the process of contact tracing. If your local health department tries to contact you, please answer or return their call. Some people may feel distrustful or afraid of the term "contact tracing." This is actually a strategy used for many years in public health to reduce the spread of infectious disease. Contact tracing is a critical piece of our mitigation efforts against COVID-19. More informa-

tion can be found at this link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/contact-tracing.html>

What to do if you think you have or have been exposed to COVID-19

During the COVID-19 pandemic, individuals with symptoms SHOULD NOT GO to health care facilities such as hospitals, clinics, and urgent care centers without CALLING FIRST. Instead, they can seek care by using one of the following options:

Testing:

Anyone with COVID-19 like symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, chills, sudden loss of taste and or

smell and fever) OR who have a risk factor, such as contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19, a compromised immune system or a serious chronic medical condition can get a test, even without a doctor's order. And now the following people can be tested with or without symptoms.

- Work in health care facility
- Work in correctional facilities, such as jails or prisons
- Serve as first responders, such as paramedics, emergency medical technicians, law enforcement officers, or firefighters
- Support critical infrastructure, such as workers in grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, gas stations, public utilities, factories, childcare and sanitation.

Call the KSB Hotline Monday-Friday, 9-5 at 285-7777 to determine eligibility for testing.

Residents can go to the following websites for additional information:

- Go to KSB, LCHD, IDPH, or CDC websites. Lee County Health Department provides regular updates on its Facebook page.
- <https://www.ksbhospital.com/coronavirus-outbreak-covid-19/>
- <http://www.lchd.com>
- Facebook: Lee County IL Health Department



Don Dinges, of Sublette, adds the background to the lettering on the D-Day Normandy mural on Friday afternoon.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

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According to some estimates, more than 4,000 Allied troops lost their lives in the D-Day invasion, with thousands more wounded or missing.

Sand from Omaha Beach, Normandy, France surrounds the base of the flagpole in Veterans Park in Amboy. In July 2019, the Amboy American Legion held a ceremony at Veterans Park where Jack and Jim Fredenhagen assisted World War II Veterans

Walter "Ted" Fredenhagen, U.S. Marine Corps, and George Mason, U.S. Army-Air Force, as each poured sand from Omaha Beach, Normandy, France, at the base of the flagpole to honor those that served during World War II. Native son, Tom Dempsey, brought the sand back and hoped it would be used to recognize the service personnel that fought and died in the war and on that beach 75 years ago.

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• New cases per 100,000 people. If there are more than 50 new cases per 100,000 people in the county, this triggers a warning.

• Number of deaths. This metric indicates a warning when the weekly number of deaths increases more than 20% for two consecutive weeks.

• Weekly test positivity. This metric indicates a warning when the 7-day test positivity rate rises above 8%.

• ICU availability. If there are fewer than 20% of intensive care units available in the region, this triggers a warning.

• Weekly emergency department visits. This metric indicates a warning when the weekly percent of COVID-19-like-illness emergency department visits increase by more than 20% for two consecutive weeks.

• Weekly hospital admissions. A warning

is triggered when the weekly number of hospital admissions for COVID-19-like-illness increases by more than 20% for two consecutive weeks.

• Tests performed. This metric is used to provide context and indicate if more testing is needed in the county.

• Clusters. This metric looks at the percent of COVID-19 cases associated with clusters or outbreaks and is used to understand large increase in cases.

These metrics are intended to be used for local level awareness to help local leaders, businesses, local health departments, and the public make informed decisions about personal and family gatherings, as well as what activities they choose to do. The metrics are updated weekly, from the Sunday to Saturday of the prior week.



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Teen Turf

We are now open, however it is not like any year before. Students had to pre-register before coming and we are limited on space due to Illinois State guidelines. Please do not send a child without speaking to Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195

Thank You

We had an anonymous donation and we thank you. We were blessed to receive a monetary donation in memory of Bill Apple from his family. We will honor that in the best way possible. Thank you to Dan and Laurie Nauman for the candy bars. Thank you to Judy and Denny Marsili for the cups. Thank you to Megan and Tyson Drew for the breadsticks.

If You are in Need

If you or someone else you know needs anything, for example, food, toiletries, or medicine, please don't hesitate to contact Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195. She can arrange for someone to pick and drop off those items in a safe and timely manner. We also have extra meat, milk, eggs, and bread if you need them.

A Note to say hello or Happy Birthday in October

We sent out a few birthday cards this month.

If you know any person, young or old who is need of a Hello or a Happy Birthday. Please reach out to us via Facebook Messaging or please call Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195. We have given out over 100+ cards.

Final Word

A Prayer for a Thankful Heart.

Lord, teach me to offer you a heart of thanksgiving and praise in all my daily experiences of life. Teach me to be joyful always, to pray continually and to give thanks in all my circumstances. I accept them as Your will for my life (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). I long to bring pleasure to Your heart daily.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department will have Immunization Clinics for Children and Adults by appointment only. Call 815-284-3371 to make an appointment or for information on other services available. You may also visit the website at www.lchd.com for a list of services available.

AMBOY-The concert planned at East Grove Union Church, 449 Reuter Rd., for Sunday, Oct. 25 has been canceled by the group due to illness. For more information, call Pastor Wulf at 815-440-5321 or 815-376-6661.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26, at Sauk Valley Community College, 173 IL RT 2. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 7 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Do It Best Corporation, 816 W. Progress Dr. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

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What to know about the graduated tax amendment on the ballot

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SPRINGFIELD — One of the major questions Illinois voters will answer on Nov. 3 will be on the ballot statewide — whether to amend the state's constitution to allow for a graduated rate income tax.

Strictly speaking, the amendment removes a provision from the Illinois Constitution that requires any income tax to be levied at a flat rate on any level of income — the current rate is 4.95 percent. Passage of the amendment would allow lawmakers to apply different tax rates on varying levels of income. Of the 42 states that have an income tax, 32 and Washington, D.C., have a graduated rate structure, while Illinois is one of nine that impose a flat tax.

While the amendment itself does not set any tax rates, legislation already passed by lawmakers and signed by the governor would take effect in January if the amendment passes. The rates created by that legislation would apply to six tax brackets, ranging from 4.75 percent on income up to \$10,000 to 7.99 percent on all income for individual filers making more than \$750,000.

Here's a look the amendment, the accompanying rate legislation, some of the arguments being made and who is funding the advertising campaigns for and against it.

The amendment

Specifically, Article 9, Section 3 of the Illinois Constitution would be amended if the ballot question passes. The new language would read:

"The General Assembly shall provide by law for the rate or rates of any tax on or measured by income imposed by the State. In any such tax imposed upon corporations the highest rate shall not exceed the highest rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5."

That would replace the current language, which states:

"A tax on or measured by income shall be at a non-graduated rate. At any one time there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations. In any such tax imposed upon corporations the rate shall not exceed the rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5."

On the ballot, voters will see the question worded as follows:

"The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower income tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution."

They'll be able to vote "yes" or "no," and the amendment has two paths to passage. If it receives 60 percent of the vote from those voting on the question, it passes. But if it fails to reach the 60 percent threshold for those voting on the question but still musters "yes" votes from more than half of those voting in the election, it would still pass.

The rate structure

The proposal to put the amendment question on the ballot was approved with support from only Democrats, as was Senate Bill 687, the accompanying legislation to set graduated rates beginning in January 2021, should the amendment pass. Again, the current rate is 4.95 percent on any taxable income.

The new rate structure would create six tax brackets, with rates applying to margins of taxable income instead of every penny of an earner's income, except for those in the top bracket. The rates would be:

- 4.75 percent on single or joint filers' first \$10,000 of taxable income
- 4.9 percent on single or joint filers' income from over \$10,000 to \$100,000
- 4.95 percent on single or joint filers' income from over \$100,000 to \$250,000
- 7.75 percent on a single filer's income from over \$250,000 to \$350,000 and joint filers' from over \$250,000 to \$500,000
- 7.85 percent on a single filer's income from over \$350,000 to \$750,000 and joint filers' from over \$350,000 to \$1 million
- Once a single filer exceeds \$750,000 or joint filers exceed \$1 million, the top rate of 7.99 percent will apply at a

flat rate to every penny of income. For all other earners, the previous brackets apply.

Those rates effectively mean anyone earning \$250,000 or less will pay the same or lower income tax rates under the graduated structure, while those earning above that amount would pay higher rates.

The measure also raises the corporate tax rate to 7.99 percent from 7 percent and does not change the Corporate Property Replacement tax of 1.5 to 2.5 percent which already exists in current law.

It also raises the property tax credit from 5 percent to 6 percent, and creates a \$100 per-child tax credit for joint filers earning less than \$60,000 annually and single filers earning less than \$40,000 annually. The tax credit would decrease by \$5 per child for every \$2,000 of income a filer has above those amounts.

In estimates released before the COVID-19 pandemic, the governor's office said the graduated tax is expected to bring in about \$1.2 billion for the current fiscal year as it would be in place for only part of it, and \$3.4 billion once it is in place for a full year.

Neither the amendment nor the accompanying legislation would change the level of authority lawmakers have to raise tax rates. A simple majority vote from both chambers in the General Assembly and a signature from the governor is all that is needed to raise rates currently, and that would remain the case with the passage of the amendment.

The fiscal picture

For proponents of the measure, the amendment and the rates approved are all about raising more revenue without increasing rates on middle-income earners or making drastic budget cuts to state services, education and public safety.

Pritzker frequently notes he inherited a state government "hollowed out" by budget cuts from previous administrations and a two-year state budget impasse during which the state spent roughly \$5 billion more than it took in each year, driving a backlog of unpaid bills up to \$16 billion.

Pritzker has estimated the budget shortfall for the current fiscal year at \$6.2 billion, as the COVID-19 pandemic has blown a hole in state finances. Without the graduated tax, which would be in effect for only half of the fiscal year, the shortfall could reach \$7.4 billion, he said in April.

To fill that gap, the governor has left open the option of borrowing billions from the federal government and has lobbied for greater aid to states in another federal stimulus package.

But even before the pandemic, Pritzker pegged Illinois' structural, year-after-year budget deficit at \$3.2 billion, and he has framed the graduated tax debate as a choice between 15 percent across-the-board cuts to state government, a 20 percent flat tax hike or passage of the graduated rates.

On Sept. 24, Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton said lawmakers "will be forced to consider raising income taxes on all Illinois residents by at least 20 percent, regardless of their level of income" if the graduated income tax fails. That would push the current tax rate to about 6 percent, and would require a simple majority vote in a Legislature dominated by Democrats with or without the passage of the amendment.

But opponents argue that without spending reforms, particularly to unfunded state pension obligations which exceed \$137 billion, voters should not consider sending the state more revenue. They also note both graduated tax measures are devoid of any meaningful immediate property tax reforms.

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VOTE BY MAIL~ signed applications will be accepted through Thursday, October 29, 2020 and is available for properly registered Lee County voters. Applications are available on the website or by contacting the Election Department of her office.

EARLY VOTING~ must be conducted in person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. and Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

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PLEASE NOTE: Lee County Courthouse will be closed October 12, 2020.

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Joseph "Joe" Wayne Brown, Sr.

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HARMON — Joseph "Joe" Wayne Brown, Sr., 75, of Harmon, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, at home surrounded by his family.

He was a self employed truck driver for many years.

Joe was born, Aug. 9, 1945, in Dixon, the son of Joel and Jessie (Hilborn) Brown. He married Linda "Kay" Troxell on Jan. 2, 1965, in Dixon. He attended Harmon United Methodist Church in Harmon. Joe enjoyed fishing, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was a hard worker and cherished his cat, Princess.

Joe is survived by his wife of 55 years, Kay Brown of Harmon; three children, Connie (Joe) Nehring of Amboy, Joseph Brown, Jr. of Amboy, and Sherry (Mau-

ricio) Temiquel of Sterling; 13 grandchildren, Brandon (Elyse) Nehring, Katie (Lance) Montavon, Kyle Nehring, Jake Nehring, Kayla Brown, Joel Brown, Kathryn (Josh) Grim, Anthony Poole, William (Samantha) Koch, Megan (Jake Warren) Koch, Kylie Temiquel, Christian Temiquel, Mason Temiquel; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents.

Mask and social distancing guidelines will be followed. Visitation was from 10 a.m. - noon, on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020, at Preston-Schilling Funeral Home, Ltd., Dixon. A Graveside Service followed at 1 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020, at Greenwood Cemetery in Harmon, with Pastor Leanne Keate, officiating. A



Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to Harmon United Methodist Church in Harmon.

Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon.

Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling.com.

William G. Hull, Jr.

Feb. 18, 1936 - Oct. 7, 2020

AURORA — William G. Hull, Jr., 84 formerly of Aurora, died at Franklin Grove Living and Rehab on Wednesday Oct. 7, 2020.

He was born Feb. 18, 1936 in Amboy, the son of William and Dorothy (Searls) Hull. William was an Operating Engineer and worked for the IUOE Local 150 for 35 years and also owned and operated Hull CB sales and service shop from 1976 to 1990 in Aurora. He was a member

of the Dixon Elks Club, the Phoenix Club in Aurora, and was also a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving from 1953 to 1957. William was married to Maryann Schneider.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, and his sister, Ruth Hull, and a brother, Robert Hull.

William is survived by his children, William (Tammy) Hull III, of Aurora, Cara Jo Hull, of Waterman, Michael (Emily) Hull, of Houston,

Texas; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson; and one nephew

Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial of cremains with military honors at Prairie Repose Cemetery at a later date.

Arrangements made by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

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Kish College offering six, short-term training programs in Spring 2021

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Continuing Education department is offering six short-term training programs during the Spring 2021 semester.

Programs will be offered in a mix of online and hybrid formats. Participants are required to have access to a computer and the internet to participate in the programs.

Short-term training programs prepare people for a variety of entry-level positions in a wide range of career fields, with the opportunity for further career advancement. They are also a great way to

explore a career before committing to a degree program.

Short-term training programs range from 11 to 20 weeks.

Some include an externship. The programs prepare students to work in their field and pass their national certification exam, if required.

The Short-Term Training programs offered in Spring 2021 are:

Pharmacy Technician (Online)

Pharmacy Technicians assist pharmacists to dispense prescription medication. Pharmacy Technicians

may also manage third-party billing, answer telephones, direct customers to items or to the pharmacist for medication consultation, receive written prescriptions, clean and sterilize dispensing bottles and instruments, answer questions regarding non-drug products and collect payments.

Sterile Processing Technician (Online)

Sterile Processing Technicians provide support to all patient care services in a health care facility. They are responsible for decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing

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Dental Assistants are skilled health care profes-

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Phlebotomy Technician (Hybrid-Mix of Online and In-person)

Phlebotomists are skilled health care professionals who have been trained to collect, transport, handle and process blood and other specimens for laboratory analysis using venipuncture and micro collection techniques.

Veterinary Assistant (Hybrid-Mix of Online

and In-person)

Veterinary assistants are critical members of a veterinary staff who are trained to assist

Veterinarians, and veterinary technicians with medical procedures on sick and injured animals.

All programs begin Jan. 17, 2021.

For more information about Short-Term Training programs visit www.kish.edu/shortterm or contact Kish's coordinator of short-term training, Melissa Gallagher, at mgallagher1@kish.edu.

Jesse White announces new email service for those seeking to restore driving privileges

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that a new email service is available to members of the

public who need information on reinstating driving privileges, obtaining driving relief or scheduling an administrative hearing.

Individuals who have a driver's license suspension or revocation or any other loss of driving privileges can send an email to adminhearings@ilsos.gov.

"We are providing this service to accommodate the public and help them obtain administrative hearing services and avoid lines at Driver Services facilities," said Secretary White. "We are maintaining the same high standards for reinstating driving privileges. This is an example of using technology to allow people to access services from home. People will no longer need to go to a facility to see an informal hearing officer for this type of information, meaning fewer people in facilities and shorter lines for those who

require a facility visit."

Once an email is received by the office, a response will be sent within three days. The response will include whether a hearing is necessary, the type of hearing needed and the documents that may be required at a future hearing. Administrative hearings are still required to be held in person.

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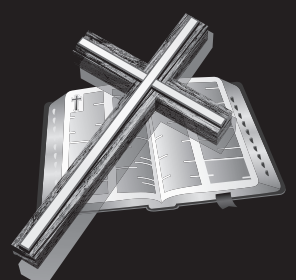
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SOCIAL NEWS

IDPH issues COVID-19 holiday season safety tips

SPRINGFIELD — As Illinoisans prepare to spend the holidays with family and friends, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is offering recommendations on how to celebrate safer during the COVID-19 pandemic. During a time when social distancing and limiting the number of people at gatherings is important, special considerations should be taken.

“COVID-19 has changed the way we work, live, and play, and will now change how we plan to celebrate the holidays,” said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. “While the safest way to celebrate is with members of your household and connecting with others virtually, we know, for many, the holidays are all about family and friends, so we want to provide some tips on how to celebrate safer.”

Traveling increases the chance of spreading COVID-19. When planning travel, consider the mode of transportation. Traveling by plane, train, or bus can mean standing in lines and sitting less than 6 feet from people for long periods of time. Traveling by car may

include stops along the way for gas, food, and bathroom break. Decrease your risk by consistently wearing face coverings during travel.

If you are hosting a holiday gathering, limit the number of guests and try to have as many activities outside as weather permits. If your gathering needs to be inside, try to increase air flow by partially opening a couple windows. Please prepare yourself and your guests to wear masks indoors when not eating and drinking.

Limit your activities in the two weeks before your gathering and ask your guests to do the same. This will decrease the risk of exposure to the virus and further spread.

Try to do gift shopping online by looking at local store websites and choosing pick-up options. Grocery shopping online with delivery and curbside pick-up is also available in many locations. If you need to shop in-person, try to go at a time when stores are not as busy.

Think about the seating arrangements

if you are planning a meal. Keep members of the same household together and try to put space between one family and another.

When serving food, avoid a buffet-style or potluck setting and consider having one person serve all the food so that multiple people are not handling the serving utensils.

Also try to limit the number of people going in and out of areas where food is being prepared — like the kitchen and dining room.

If you are sick, do not travel and do not attend gatherings and celebrations. Even if your symptoms are mild, you may still be able to infect others, and no one wants the gift of sickness this season.

To help stave off illness, get your flu vaccine now. It takes the body several weeks after receiving the vaccine to build up antibodies that will help protect you from flu, so get it now to help protect you and others during the holidays. Roll your #SleeveUp and get your flu shot.

For more holiday safety tips, go to the IDPH website under guidance.

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

How To Be Both

Ali Smith’s dazzling novel “How to Be Both” is a literary version of what in painting is called pentimento. A pentimento is “the presence or emergence of earlier images, forms, or strokes that have been changed and painted over.” The word is Italian for ‘repentance.’ Smith has said that the duality of the novel, in which stories run over and alongside each other, is inspired by frescoes, which often bear layers of drawings underneath what’s visible.

Reading “How to Be Both” is complicated from the outset. In half of the editions, a historical novel precedes a contemporary one; in the other half, the order is reversed. One’s interpretation is highly colored by which novel one reads first. As one character describes it, it’s an education in “how to tell a story, but tell it more than one way at once, and tell another underneath it up-rising through the skin of it.”

The modern story, which I read first, is about a “generous and sardonic” sixteen-year-old English girl named George (Georgia) whose brilliant, academic mother Carol has recently died of an allergic reaction to antibiotics. Until then, George had “a well heeled Cambridge childhood.” Shortly before the tragedy, Carol is captivated by an obscure Italian Renaissance fresco painter, Francesco del Cossa. He was accidentally discovered when a letter surfaced in which he complained to his patron of not being paid enough. With George and her younger brother in tow, Carol rushes off to Ferrara to see the frescos. Smith’s description of the frescos as seen through George’s eyes is superb, even though George “is tired of art, she’s fed up with it always knowing best.”

After her mother’s death, George becomes obsessed with Francesco. The revelation that he is an actual painter (I looked him up to get an idea of what she was seeing) hardly sheds light on his life. But it allows Smith to recreate Francesco as the self-possessed hero of the second novel. Told in the first-person, the historical novel is a romp in which a highly talented, striking young artist commands the stage. Except that he is a young woman in disguise. Her father, wishing to alter his daughter’s fate after the death of her mother, dresses her in her brother’s clothes and makes her his apprentice. She calls herself Francescho.

Centuries later, Francescho surfaces as a ghost in what she calls “the purgatorium.” She comes upon George at a museum, and with George’s back to her, mistakes her for a boy. She follows George, wittily reporting on her days as she interweaves her own adventures. In the end, the stories retain their aura of mystery, but as her mother told George, “The cloud of unknowing beats the cloud of knowing.”

Amboy Civic Organization to host blood drive

AMBOY — Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021. The Amboy Civic Organization (ACO), in coordination with Amboy High School and the Red Cross, will be conducting a blood drive.

This will be at the Amboy Community Building from noon to 6 p.m. A person has to wait 56 days between giving blood, or 112 if doing Power Red. This means that if you plan to give blood on Jan. 26, 2021, you should not give after Dec. 1.

The organization will be calling and advertising more about this event at a later date.

If you have questions or wish to volunteer in any way, you may contact Judy Brinkmeier at 815-857-2471 or 815-238-8927 or email brinkmeierjudy@hotmail.com



Granny Rose - Chester

Chester came to the shelter from animal control and was soon adopted. He was returned and he now looks for a “fresh start.” This Beagle/Boxer mix is neutered, weighs 40 pounds and is 5 years old. His short brindle and white coat is very attractively marked. Chester sounds like a hound when he barks, knows obedience commands and is housebroke. He is energetic, playful and loves attention. Chester needs an owner that will be firm, but fair, and continue his training and socialization. He does not care for other dogs, but adores his people. A home with a fenced yard would be best—he loves to run and do “zoomies”. Chester is quite smart and enjoys solving puzzle treat toys! To see Chester, call Granny Rose Animal Shelter at 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit www.grannyrose.org.

Photo contributed



Granny Rose - Sadler

Sadler was abandoned in the shelter parking lot awhile back. This young 4 year old neutered male has an outgoing personality and unusual markings. He is mostly white with a black tail and just a couple black areas. Upon arrival, Sadler was so starved for attention that he never wanted you to stop petting him. He’s calmer now, but still likes to be rubbing on you for attention. Sadler is friendly and playful. He likes to explore in the playroom and would love to be doing that exploring in a home. He does play too rough at times for really young children. Sadler will be an affectionate companion for his new family. To see Sadler, call Granny Rose Animal Shelter at 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit www.grannyrose.org.

Photo contributed

Kish College to host Discover Kish virtual event for prospective students and families

MALTA — Kishwaukee College is hosting Discover Kish, a virtual information event for prospective students and their families. The virtual event will take place on zoom Wednesday, Nov. 11, from 1-2 p.m. and a second date on Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 4-5 p.m.

“It is important to find a college that’s


right for you and the best way to make that decision is by having a conversation with staff,” said Graciela Horta, Kish’s student outreach coordinator.

The Spring 2021 semester at Kish begins the week of Jan. 19, 2021. Schedule of courses is now available online, and registration opens at 6 a.m.

on Monday, Nov. 2.

Discover Kish will be hosted via zoom with the link sent to registered attendees.

For more information and to pre-register, visit kish.edu/discoverkish or contact Graciela Horta at ghorta@kish.edu or 815-825-1711.



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2020 HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CARVING PHOTO CONTEST

Show off your pumpkin carving creations! Carve out some time with your family and then upload a picture of your creation! Visit rochellenews-leader.secondstreetapp.com/2020-Halloween-Pumpkin-Carving-Contest to upload your photo and also to vote! Please enter your child’s first name, age and zip code with each entry. One entry per child.

Submissions will be accepted until Friday, Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. Voting begins on Oct. 1 and runs through Friday, Nov. 6.

The top 3 vote getters will receive a candy prize. This contest is open to children ages 12 and under. Winners will be announced in the Nov. 11th edition of the paper along with a picture of the winning pumpkins.

This contest is sponsored by the Amboy News, the City of Amboy, Amboy Lions Club, and Amboy Food and Liquor.

Opinion

What we can do during Breast Cancer Awareness Month

My mother's breathing was ragged. I held her left hand with each labored gasp. My dad, her husband of almost 59 years, gripped her right. As she breathed slowly, shallowly, my dad cried out, "Save a place for me in heaven." Tears fell down the face of my sister, who sat at the foot of the bed. We watched 79 years of life and an 11-year battle with breast cancer come to an end. Our mother was gone. The pictures on the bedroom wall spoke to what was important to mom: family. Photos of each of her three children and their partners on their wedding days stood like sentinels overlooking her bed. The faces of her seven grandkids peered out from picture frames. A devoted husband looked on adoringly. Happy memories. I thought of my three daughters — all of whom were born during mom's long fight with cancer. Days before her death, they stood at their grandmother's

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



bedside and sang "Jesus Loves Me." But what will they remember about their grandma? For me, June 2, 2013, always will be a day of sadness. Monday, I donned a pink shirt, in memory of my mother, Roberta Reeder. And I see now they have pink facemasks and other items inspired by this fight so many women go through. But to be honest, sometimes I think all of the October pink ribbons, shirts and merchandise trivialize just how pernicious breast cancer really is. That said, I want my mother's legacy to live on. One good thing about Breast Cancer Awareness Month is it gets us thinking about what we can do. Here are some thoughts:

- If you're a woman, schedule your next mammogram today.
- Give a cancer patient the most important thing that you can: you. Cook a meal. Sit by a bedside. Comfort a family member.

- There are lots of charities that help folks with breast cancer. Please donate or volunteer. Your help is needed. Folks from my hometown of Galesburg did all of those things for my family. It was most appreciated. A cancer diagnosis can be overwhelming. When Mom first received her terminal prognosis, the family was devastated. Shortly after she was told the cancer was beyond cure, we had a birthday party for my eldest daughter. Mom wept while she sang "Happy Birthday." Dad's voice cracked while saying grace. My wife, Joan, thought of her mother, who died of breast cancer a few weeks before our wedding. At times, during this long battle with cancer, I was at a loss to know what to say to my mom. The only thing that seemed just right was, "I love you." The chemotherapy left her bald. Sores developed on her feet. The cancer sapped her energy. Nausea haunted her for years. It was not an easy life. But it was one she endured without complaining. Some folks call that courage. I call it character. Despite her difficulties, mom always had a smile for her family. When folks ask what I remember most, that's it. I love you, Mom. Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and a freelance reporter. He can be reached by email at ScottReeder1965@gmail.com.

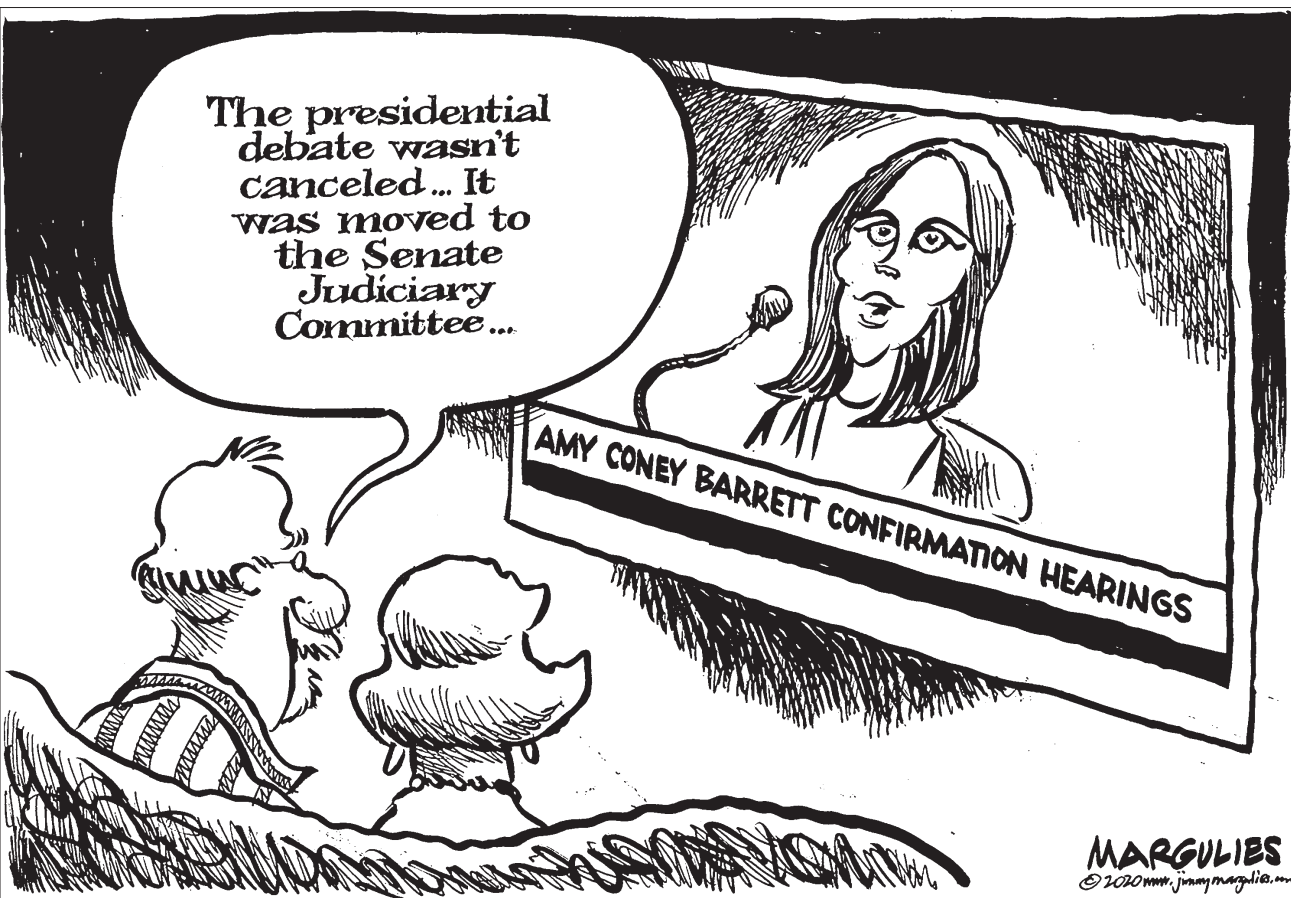
Letters to the Editor

Supporting Wiggins for State Representative

Dear Editor, I am supporting and have voted for Seth Wiggins for State Representative for the 90th District. Seth has described himself as a "common" man. What does that mean? To me it means that he lives by the values of friendship, family relationships, has a strong work ethic, keeps his promises, cares about his community and has a strong faith that helps him in his daily struggles. What sets Seth aside from the usual common man is his dedication to becoming a leader focused on helping his fellow men and women so that their lives will be easier. Seth spends many hours researching the problems facing our

State of Illinois that prevent its citizens from reaching their goals to achieve a better life. Seth also has the ability to explain his ideas in such a way that his constituents can clearly understand his goals and how he proposes to reach those goals. His three primary goals are equality, accountability and service. Join with me to support Seth, the "common man," and vote for Seth Wiggins on November 3rd!

Barb Schwamberger
Franklin Grove



On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Oct. 22, 1920

Wm. Ulth of Sublette was a business visitor in Amboy Wednesday. Leo Lynch expects to install the necessary equipment for serving lunches at the "Cozy Corner." Miss Clare Flach spent Saturday in Rochelle. The members of the Crescent Club enjoyed a scramble dinner at the George Missman home Thursday noon.

75 Years Ago Oct. 18, 1945

Mrs. Lee Brenneman will open a Beauty Shoppe in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Kerchner, in Sublette, on Friday, Oct. 19. Misses Agnes Klein and Mary Jean Full, cadet nurses at St. Joseph's Hospital in Chicago, spent the weekend here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Full. Mrs. W.J. Crandall of Des Plaines

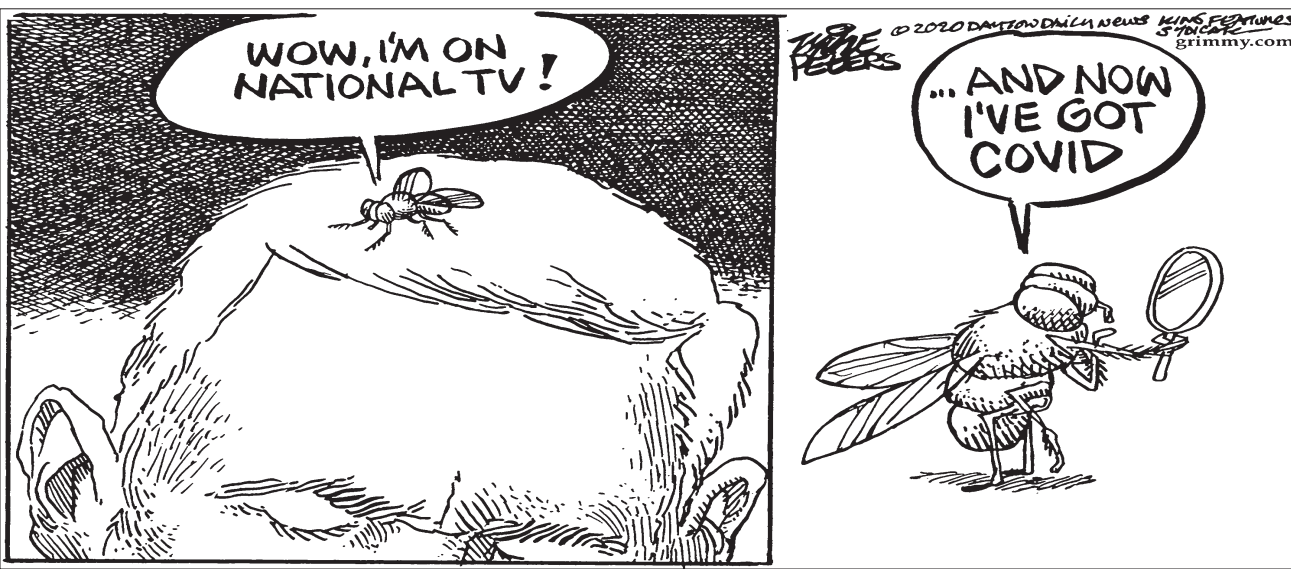
is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Gene Sullivan.

50 Years Ago Oct. 22, 1970

Homecoming Queen Sharon Their, King John "Rocky" Schultz and Senior Attendant Julie Sporleder were introduced at the varsity game half time ceremonies at Amboy High School's Homecoming Friday night. Mrs. Leo Burkardt entertained the Modern Matrons Club at her home Thursday evening. Mrs. Esther Stephenitch was the honored guest in observance of her birthday which was Oct. 8. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mead, Patrick, John and Mary Ann of Genoa, spent the weekend in Amboy attending the football game Friday evening and the Alumni Banquet Saturday evening. Charles was a member of the Class of 1945 which was one of the specially honored classes. The Meads were guests of Mrs. John C. Mead and Mrs. Cecil C. Harrison.

25 Years Ago Oct. 26, 1995

Ryan Egler of the Amboy Clipper varsity football team was named to the first team offense and second team defense of the Three Rivers Athletic Conference All-Conference Team. Clay Partington was named to the second teams on both offense and defense and Scott Payne was named to the second team on defense. Receiving honorable mention were Doug Hicks on offense and defense, and Jerime Kelly on offense. The Amboy varsity volleyball team played their last two matches of the regular season at home and came away with a loss and a super Senior Night victory. On Wednesday of last week, Sublette Village President Larry Leffleman welcomed Attorney Troy D. Holland to Sublette. Holland has announced that he will hold office hours at Farmers State Bank of Sublette on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



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LOCAL NEWS

OSF HealthCare offers online mammogram scheduling

MENDOTA — Throughout the COVID crisis, people across the nation have been putting their routine procedures and appointments on hold. However, breast cancer is still highly prevalent and annual mammograms are critical in early detection. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women in the United States. Advances in mammography, including the invention of FDA-approved digital mammography, can be credited with detecting 80 percent to 90 percent of breast cancers in women without symptoms.

OSF recognizes that patients and community members are looking for methods to schedule and receive services in the easiest, safest way possible. OSF HealthCare has launched an online self-scheduling tool for screening mammograms that is now available at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center, OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center and OSF Center for Health-Streator.

“We are pleased to offer the ability for our patients to be able to schedule their screening mammography services online,” said Dawn Trompeter, President. “The process is simple. Patients can do this linked to their MyChart and, therefore, the entire process takes a total of five clicks.”

Trompeter said this service will meet the needs of patients and their busy schedules, as well as the interest in virtual and touchless processes for necessary services.

“Ensuring the safety of our patients and Mission Partners remains a top priority,” said Trompeter. “We are taking additional precautions with guidance from the CDC and IDPH to keep our patients safe. OSF is also screening everyone coming into the hospital while maintaining physical distancing in waiting areas.”

In addition to the new online scheduling feature, OSF HealthCare Saint Paul, OSF Saint Elizabeth and the OSF Center for Health in Streator will once again bring light to the fight. Throughout the month of October, the hospital will install pink spotlights to help shine a light on the community’s

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To the Electors of the State of Illinois:

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

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IX – REVENUE**SECTION 3. LIMITATIONS ON INCOME TAXATION**

(a) ~~The General Assembly shall provide by law for the rate or rates of any tax on or measured by income imposed by the State. A tax on or measured by income shall be at a non-graduated rate. At any one time there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations.~~ In any such tax imposed upon corporations the highest rate shall not exceed the highest rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5.

(b) Laws imposing taxes on or measured by income may adopt by reference provisions of the laws and regulations of the United States, as they then exist or thereafter may be changed, for the purpose of arriving at the amount of income upon which the tax is imposed.

EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.

ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Illinois' current tax system unfairly benefits millionaires and billionaires and this amendment will set things right for middle-class and working people. Currently, it is unfair that billionaires pay the same tax rate as regular people.

Voting "yes" on the amendment means that the State will enact a new tax structure where only those making above \$250,000 a year will see their taxes go up. This amendment is simply upgrading Illinois' old tax system to a graduated system which is how the federal government and the majority of other states do it.

This Amendment Would Make Illinois' Tax System Fair.

Approval of this amendment would enact a fair system that allows the state to tax wealthy people at higher rates and lower income people at lower rates, replacing Illinois' current unfair tax system, in which wealthy people pay the exact same tax rate as lower and middle income people.

Illinois' current tax system unfairly benefits millionaires and billionaires, and approval of this amendment will set things right for the middle class and working people.

This amendment will help small business owners by creating a stable economic environment for their businesses to thrive.

While others try to mislead you, under the current tax system in Illinois, policymakers already have the authority to set any tax rate and to change tax rates at their will. The current system forces policymakers to charge the same tax rate to everyone, regardless of how much money they make. If this amendment passes, the State will have the ability to tax higher income earners at a different rate. In fact, upon passage of this Amendment, a new tax structure will go into effect where 97% of taxpayers will pay the same or less, while only those making more than \$250,000 a year will see a tax increase.

This amendment does not tax retirement income.

The Federal Government and Most States Use the Graduated Tax System Proposed in this Amendment, Not the Unfair System Currently Used in Illinois.

Illinois is among a minority of states that do not utilize graduated tax rates because the Illinois Constitution requires a "flat tax" that penalizes middle-class and working people and benefits higher income individuals.

A majority of states and the federal government already use the kind of graduated income tax system proposed in this amendment to ensure that wealthy people pay their fair share of taxes.

Nearby states including Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin are among the majority of states that have graduated tax systems.

Illinois' Current Income Tax System Relies on Taxes from Middle and Lower Income Earners, While a Graduated System Would Lower that Burden and Fund Critical Programs such as Education and Human Services.

While some states have fair tax rates in which the highest income earners pay the highest tax rate, Illinois' "flat tax" rate continues to rely unfairly on taxes from middle and lower income earners.

Under Illinois' "flat tax" structure, a nurse making \$50,000 per year pays the same tax rate as an executive making \$4 million per year. A graduated tax rate would have the executive pay more.

Because of the way our current tax system is set up, the bottom fifth of Illinois taxpayers (those making below \$21,800) contribute 14.4% of their income to state and local taxes, compared to 7.4% for the top 1 percent of Illinois taxpayers.

If this Amendment passes, the State has already enacted a new graduated tax structure where 97% of taxpayers will pay the same or less.

Under the new tax structure, only the top 3% of Illinois income earners would pay more in income taxes. Everyone who makes \$250,000 or less a year would pay the same or less.

Over 95% of small businesses earn \$250,000 or less a year in profits, and their owners will not see a tax increase under the new tax structure.

This change will generate additional revenue each year that can help address Illinois' budget deficit and fund critical programs, including the State's education system, public safety, and social services like mental health and substance abuse treatment and domestic violence shelters.

After the COVID-19 Pandemic, We Need to Do All We Can to Help the Economy and Middle-Class and Working People.

Working people and essential workers like nurses, first responders, and grocery store clerks should not pay the same tax rate as the wealthy. Nurses making \$50,000 a year should not pay the same tax rate as an executive making \$4,000,000 a year.

Having wealthy people pay more would reduce the burden on working families. This is money that middle and lower income people need for housing, groceries, medicine, and essentials.

When the wealthiest people pay more, middle and lower income earners can pay less while the State funds critical services that our essential workers rely on.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

- 1) The Amendment gives the Legislature power to increase taxes on any group of taxpayers with no limits and no accountability and without any requirement to use the additional revenue to fund essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety.
- 2) Taxes and spending are out of control. The Legislature should not be allowed to keep raising taxes until they get their spending under control.
- 3) In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the worst possible time for a massive tax increase.

The Amendment gives the Legislature power to increase taxes on any group of taxpayers with no limits and no accountability and without any requirement to use the additional revenue to fund essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety.

The proposed amendment would give the Legislature unlimited new authority to increase income tax rates on any group of taxpayers at will, including low-income and middle-income families and small business owners. There would be no limit on the number of tax brackets that could be created and no limit on how high tax rates could be increased on individual taxpayers. In addition, this proposed change will pave the way for a tax on retirement income.

Nothing in the amendment requires the Legislature to do anything to control spending. Nor does it require funds to be spent on essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety. It would simply give the Legislature a blank check to spend billions of dollars however they want, with no accountability.

Taxes and spending are out of control. The Legislature should not be allowed to keep raising taxes until they get their spending under control.

Illinois already has some of the highest property taxes and sales taxes in the nation. And the Legislature has increased Illinois income tax rates twice in the past decade to try to deal with the out-of-control spending in Springfield.

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, our state had a huge and growing multi-billion-dollar budget deficit, and the unfunded pension liability skyrocketed to over \$137 billion. That's because the Legislature has continued to increase state spending instead of eliminating government waste, corruption, and abuse.

Because they refuse to control spending or pass major reforms, the Legislature will just continue to raise taxes on everyone in Illinois, and middle-class families will be their next target.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the worst possible time for a massive tax increase.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused layoffs, unemployment, bankruptcies, and closures. As small businesses and local employers struggle to rebuild, this is the worst possible time to impose huge new tax increases. Even before the COVID-19 crisis, many residents and businesses were leaving the state because of the high tax burden. If the Amendment passes, it would be the last straw for thousands of small businesses, causing more jobs to leave the state, and making Illinois lose out on investments to rebuild our economy. This would mean fewer jobs and less opportunity for Illinois families.

YES	For the proposed amendment of
NO	Section 3 of Article IX of the
	Illinois Constitution.

FORM OF BALLOT**Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution**

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Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower income tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.

Due to COVID-19, all 2020 General Election voters are encouraged to cast a ballot prior to Election Day, either by mail or during early voting. Voting by mail is an easy option for voters and you can request a vote by mail ballot through email, mail, or in person. An application is available from your local election authority or at: <https://elections.il.gov/electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx>. To register to vote or check your registration status, visit: <https://ova.elections.il.gov>.

*Jesse White*

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I, Jesse White, Secretary of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Proposed Amendment, the Explanation of the Proposed Amendment, Arguments in Favor of the Amendment and Arguments Against the Amendment and a true copy of the Form of Ballot for this call as the regularly scheduled general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, as set forth in compliance with the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Illinois,
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Property taxes are levied and collected locally, not by the state, and they fund such things as schools, local governments, fire departments and libraries.

Those in favor of the amendment argue the added revenue could make it easier to fully fund the evidence-based funding formula for K-12 schools, which – years down the line, they say – could alleviate property tax pressures by shifting funding responsibility from local taxes to the state.

But opponents are skeptical of what the added revenues would be used for, as the amendment and accompanying legislation contain no guarantees and the state's pension burden continues to increase.

Opponents also point out that Illinois' combined total tax burden – including state and local sales taxes, income taxes, property taxes and others – is the highest in the country, according to the personal finance website Wallethub. The graduated tax would only add to that, they say, claiming that it might drive high-earning residents from the state. Pritzker has said it is middle-income earners who have thus far been more likely to leave the state because, he says, the tax burden is “unfairly” distributed.

Proponents of the amendment, including Pritzker, cite a breakdown which shows the bottom 20 percent of Illinois earners pay 14.4 percent of their total income to state

and local taxes, while the top 1 percent of earners pay 7.4 percent of their income in taxes. That's according to a report by the left-leaning Washington D.C.-based Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy.

Other arguments

Opposition, led in large part by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, has centered on what the tax would do to businesses and what lawmakers might do in the future if voters give them the opportunity to levy taxes on portions of the electorate at any one time, rather than on every taxpayer at once.

They also point out the added revenues would not cover state budget deficits amid the pandemic and would require further tax hikes in the future, which could mean adjusting the brackets to raise rates on middle-income earners.

The idea, according to much of the advertising against the amendment, is that giving Springfield politicians the authority to raise taxes on just a small group of taxpayers at any one time makes it easier politically to raise taxes, even though the simple majority vote threshold remains unchanged.

Opposition groups also point to June comments from Treasurer Michael Frerichs, a Democrat who has no role in setting tax rates, who said it was “worth a discussion” to consider taxing retirement income on certain brackets.

While the graduated tax would make it possible to implement taxes on high-earning retirees without taxing all retirees, Pritzker has said he and Democrats in the General Assembly oppose taxing any retirement income, and the idea remains widely unpopular in Illinois – one of 12 states that do not tax retirement income. Of those 12, nine do not levy income taxes at all.

The senior advocacy group AARP held a news conference earlier this month noting added revenue from the graduated tax could make lawmakers less likely to tax retirement income in order to fill budget gaps. But opponents continue to point to Frerichs' comments, although the treasurer has since said he does not support a retirement tax.

While those against the measure say the increase to the corporate tax rate will hit job creators hard at a time when the pandemic is already making it difficult to remain afloat, proponents note that businesses structured as pass-through entities – such as S corporations, sole proprietors and others who claim business income on personal taxes – will see taxes decrease if they earn less than \$250,000 annually in taxable income.

Opponents also take issue with the amendment's removal of language which states “there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed

on corporations,” claiming the removal of the language allows for tax bills such as “education surcharges” or other such fees on top of the regular income tax.

Those in favor of the bill, however, say the prohibition on levying multiple income taxes was simply a companion to the requirement for a single flat tax rate. The framers' inclusion of the language, proponents say, was aimed at stopping lawmakers from creating a multi-tiered tax structure through a series of limited flat taxes on different levels of income. Allowing for a graduated tax renders the language moot, they argue.

The funding

The omnipresent TV and social media advertising regarding the amendment has largely been funded thus far by two billionaires whose combined donations top \$100 million.

The first is Gov. JB Pritzker, who has donated \$56.5 million of his personal fortune to the Vote Yes for Fairness ballot initiative committee.

The other is Kenneth Griffin – Illinois' wealthiest person, founder of the hedge fund Citadel and former major donor to former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner – who has donated \$46.75 million to the Coalition to Stop the Proposed Tax Hike Amendment, a business-tied group led by the Illinois Chamber of Commerce.

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SPORTS

Clipper Highlights: #36 Taylor Kaleel

This week's nomination has Amboy Clipper Football Glory in his bones, therefore it's no surprise that his Clipper career was full of success. This week I get the honor of highlighting my personal favorite Clipper in our history, #36, Taylor Kaleel.

Taylor was a 2008 graduate of Amboy High School. A three year varsity starter at both fullback and inside linebacker, Taylor was a man amongst boys. Throughout his varsity career, Taylor earned numerous all conference and all area honors at fullback and linebacker. But in speaking to Taylor, that's not what sticks out in his memory. The only thing that a great Clipper like Tay cared about was winning. The Clippers posted a 24-10 record in Taylor's three seasons as a varsity starter. From his freshman year through his senior year Amboy made the 3a playoffs each season. Taylor's junior and senior seasons ended in the class 3a quarterfinals. Taylor was a captain during his senior season and if any of us embody the word captain it absolutely is Taylor.

Taylor's former teammate, Garrett Zinke, shared

that it wasn't just Taylor's dependability or athleticism in the clutch, but his leadership that every great football team needs. Zinke added that Taylor's toughness was a quality of his leadership that could not be emulated as he played through multiple injuries, not just lining up as a decoy but making great plays.

Former teammate, Travis Nauman, shared a similar account of Taylor's attributes and stated "he's somebody you want to go into battle with because you know he's going to give it all."

Both, the 2006 and 2007 Clipper teams were loaded with great talent and athleticism. However, it was Taylor that brought us all together as he was our vocal leader those seasons. Tay brought out the best in those around him and we all played to his level because of his confidence.

Three great plays stick out in my mind. The first, Taylor's sophomore year at E/P, Taylor went helmet to helmet with an E/P defender and sustained a concussion. The E/P defender was helped off the field and Taylor stayed in to finish the scoring drive by catching a 2-point conversation. He then kicked

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



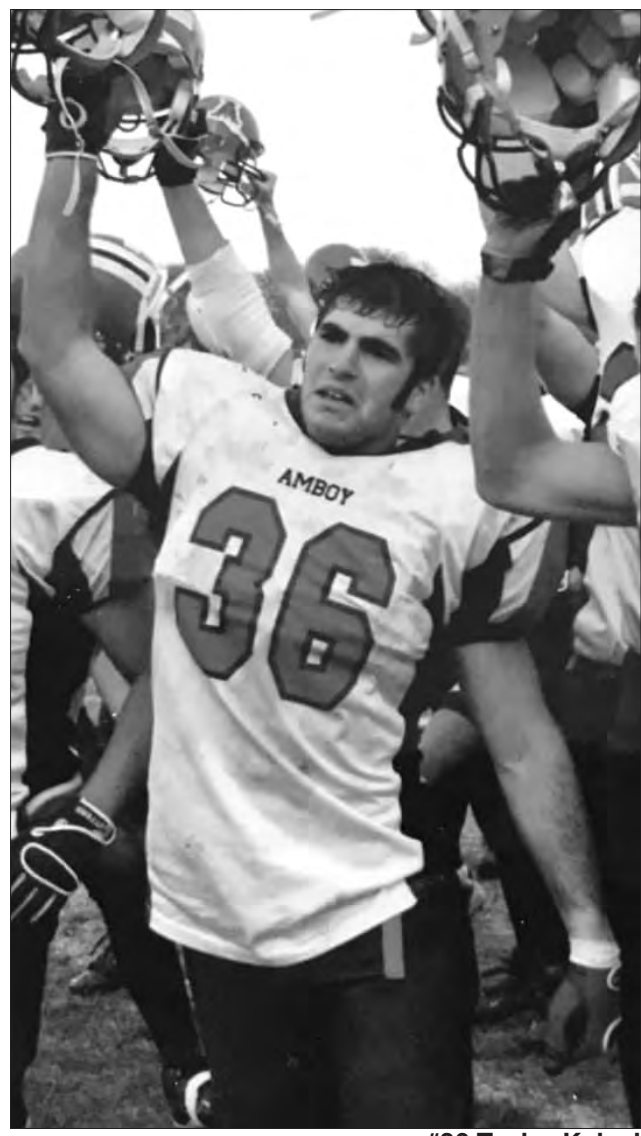
off before leaving the game. The second play was against Newman Taylor's junior year. He broke his hand in the first half, wrapped it up, and had an interception in the 2nd half clinching the victory. The third play was Taylor's senior season in the quarterfinal game against Aurora Christian. The last offensive drive, lined up in the flanker position, Taylor made a one handed catch over the middle of the field to pick up a crucial first down. These are just three of the countless stories of Taylor's toughness, athleticism, and grit.

The other highlight Tay-

lor said of his Amboy Football career was that he got to play with all of his closest friends over five different grades and played at the varsity level with both of his brothers and numerous cousins.

So to #36, Our Captain, Taylor Kaleel, You undoubtedly are the greatest football player and leader I have had the honor of playing with. Your "refuse to lose" attitude continues to show through the way you live your life today. Thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football, thanks for the kick in the ass at times, and above all thanks for the memories. 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.



#36 Taylor Kaleel

Fan voting reveals top IHSA Girls' Volleyball State title matches

BLOOMINGTON—The votes have been tallied, and IHSA Girls' Volleyball fans have picked the top IHSA state championship matches from four different eras.

In late September, the IHSA and COUNTRY Financial announced the creation of the COUNTRY Financial Vintage Games series, which is debuting in the fall of 2020 with girls' volleyball. Over 31,000 votes were tallied across IHSA.org and social media from Oct. 1-4.

The winning matches will be aired as a part of a special rebroadcast, including new retrospective interviews and content, on the NFHS Network. The 1980s and 1990s matches will air on Friday, Nov. 13, with the 2000s and 2010s era winners airing on Saturday, Nov. 14.

1980s
1981 Class AA: Mother McAuley 2, Carl Sandburg 0 (15-9, 15-13)

The 1981 state championship match helped launch one of the great dynasties in IHSA history. Mother McAuley won its first girls' volleyball state title in 1977, and returned for number two in 1980. The 1981 final would mark the school's first back-to-back crowns, and the coronation of the program's rise to national prominence, as the Mighty Macs would appear in five more title matches in the 1980s, winning four. Head coach May Anne Malone and the Mighty Macs entered the state finals with a state-record 74-match winning streak, which they extended to 77 that weekend in Springfield (it would

eventually grow to 135, still a state record). The undefeated Mighty Macs rolled to a 15-9 victory over Sandburg in the first set, and jumped out to a 6-0 advantage in game two behind the play of standouts Deirdre Connolly and Therese Boyle. Sandburg tightened things up with five straight points and stayed close down the stretch. With a 14-13 lead, Sharon Kuchan served match point for McAuley and Sandburg's return spike sailed out of bounds to start the repeat celebration.

1990s
1996 Class AA: Downers Grove South 2, Mother McAuley 1 (15-12, 10-15, 15-13)

The 1996 state championship was a clash of Illinois high school volleyball titans. Mother McAuley entered the

'96 state tourney in search of its third consecutive state title and fourth championship in five seasons. Downers Grove South had won four consecutive state final trophies, but a state championship remained allusive. DGS took the first set 15-12 and the Mighty Macs evened things up with a 15-10 final in the second game. Head coach Denise Kavanaugh's DGS squad dominated the third set early, taking leads of 3-0 and 7-3, before McAuley made its run and the teams ended up tied at 10-10, 11-11, and 12-12. DGS All-State setter Liz Ortelgel (37 assists) set star Chantel Reedus (16 kills) to give DGS a 13-12 lead, and minutes later fellow Mustang standout Colleen Daly (10 kills) delivered the service ace to give the Mustangs the title via a 15-13 winner. The two teams would meet again in the 1997 state title match, with Mother McAuley extracting revenge in another sensational three-set match. Meanwhile, DGS went on to

win two more (1999, 2002) state titles under Kavanaugh.

2000s
2008 Class 1A: Eastland 2, A-C Central 1 (25-22, 21-25, 25-23)

Both teams entered the 2008 state title match in search of their first state title in program history and delivered a match worthy of a championship. Eastland took the first set 25-22 behind the play of Megan Bunyer (14 kills) and Courtney Blair (13 kills), while Brittany Stribling (19 kills) and A-C Central responded to take the second game 25-21. The decisive third set saw big momentum shifts back and forth. Early on, Eastland led 5-2, only to see A-C Central rally to a 9-6 advantage. Sidney Kane's lone kill of the match made it 22-18 Eastland, but the Lady Knights responded with three straight points. Eastland took a 24-21 lead when Hope Linker put down a kill on a pass from her sister Damaris, but again

A-C Central responded with back-to-back points, before a service error ended the epic match. Eastland and head coach Kristy Pierce returned to Redbird Arena the next November, where they repeated as Class 1A state champions, again doing so in a three-set thriller.

2010s
2010 Class 1A: Heyworth vs. Scales Mound High School (22-25, 25-18, 26-24)
Scales Mound was on the brink of becoming the smallest school in IHSA history to win a team state championship, but Heyworth remained relentless in achieving its first-ever state title. The third set was an unforgettable affair, featuring 17 ties and 10 lead changes. Scales Mound appeared ready to prevail when it pushed its lead to 24-20 on Nicole Winter's (17 kills) service ace. However, Heyworth star Dakota Springer (18 kills, 14 digs) responded with back-to-back kills, sparking a 5-0 Heyworth run that gave Heyworth a 25-24 lead and match point opportunity. Chelsea Hinthorn served match point for head coach Andrea Vogel's squad, starting a marathon point that saw Scales Mound get six chances at the tying kill. Heyworth turned back all six attempts and the seventh attack sailed out-of-bounds to clinch the state championship for the Hornets.

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Favorite Song - I Love You, You Love Me

SPORTS

Clippers Cross Country team ends regular season with home meet

AMBOY – The Amboy High School cross country teams concluded the 2020 regular season with first-place finishes in a home meet on Oct. 15 at Shady Oaks.

The boys had 29 points and rolled over Polo (46) and Galena (48). Freeport Aquin did not have a full squad of runners to compete.

AHS's Brock Loftus had another impressive run by beating the rest of the field by almost a minute with a time of 16:11.

Teammate Kyler McNinch cruised through the chute in third place with a clocking of 17:11, while Andruw Jones (7th, 18:19) and Wyatt Lundquist (8th, 18:23) were also in the top 10.

Rounding out the Clipper lineup were Garrett Pertell in 13th place at 19:57 and Calvin Deering in 14th place at 20:22.

"The boys finished 10-1 on the season and didn't lose to a 1A team all year," noted coach Mike Robinson. "To say that is a feat is an understatement considering we ran about half the meets missing



Amboy's Brock Loftus finished first by almost a minute before the rest of the field on Oct. 15 with a time of 16:11, against Polo and Galena.

Photo courtesy of Heather Loftus



Amboy's Lauren Althaus led the way for the Clippers with a first-place finish against Freeport Aquin, with a time of 21:01.

Photo courtesy of Heather Loftus

at least three members of the team. I'm really proud of all the work they have put in and everything they have accomplished."

The Lady Clippers made it a clean sweep for Amboy

by beating Freeport Aquin, 23-32, neither Polo or Galena had a full squad of runners to compete.

Lauren Althaus led the way for the Lady Clippers with a first-place finish in

a time of 21:01. Next in for Amboy was Madelyn McLaughlin in fourth place at 22:01, followed by Brittney Mundell in seventh with a clocking of 22:55. Brooklyn Whelchel (10th, 24:27) and

Bailey Crouch (11th, 24:33) also competed.

"It was a great way to end the regular season for the girls," said Robinson. "They went 3-0 at home this year, getting better each time they

ran the course."

The AHS girls' and boys' teams will race again in the Peru St. Bede Regional on Saturday, Oct. 24. Race times are 9 a.m. for the girls and noon for the boys.




The Lady Clippers are pictured starting the last home race of the season on Oct. 15, at Shady Oaks. The Lady Clippers defeated Freeport Aquin 23-32. Neither Polo or Galena had a full squad of runners to compete.

Photo courtesy of Heather Loftus



Amboy's #1997 Andruw Jones (7th, 18:19) and Wyatt Lundquist (8th, 18:23), who is pictured crossing the finish line, were also in the top 10 during the last meet of the regular season.

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 1st Signal Battalion
 School as a ballistic meteorologist and air traffic controller.
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How to keep your home and family safe from fires

(BPT) - According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms - often due to missing alarm batteries or expired alarms.

A new generation of home safety technology - combined with tried-and-true safety practices - can help keep homes and families safer from the threat of home fires. The following are tips to keep your family safe and healthy:

Be safe, replace: If you can't think of the last time you installed a smoke alarm, chances are, it's time to replace your old ones. All smoke alarms - including battery and hard-wired models - are tested to function for 10 years. Installing new alarms ensures you are protected with the most advanced smoke-sensing technologies and latest safety features available. Conversely, by neglecting to replace alarms, you could be putting yourself, your family or tenants at serious risk.

Go for a 10: One of the greatest advancements in smoke alarm technology in

recent years has been the development of new 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms, such as First Alert's 10-Year Atom Smoke & Fire Alarm, which consumers have used to add fire protection to their homes. The Atom features an advanced smoke entry system designed to reduce the chances of false alarms, along with a loud, penetrating siren. In addition, 10-year alarms provide hassle-free protection so homeowners, property owners and renters no longer need to remember to replace costly batteries for the life of their alarms. They also eliminate the risk of having an alarm deactivated due to battery removal.

In many areas of the country, upgrading to 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms is also the law. Several states and cities have passed laws requiring 10-year battery smoke alarms in residential buildings. Other states and municipalities are considering similar legislation.

Double-up on safety: There are two main types of smoke alarms - photoelectric and ionization - which utilize different technologies to

sense smoke and fire. Ionization smoke alarms are more responsive to fast-flaming fires, while photoelectric smoke alarms are generally more responsive to fires that begin with a long period of smoldering (called "smoldering fires"). Rather than relying solely on one, install both - or a dual-sensor alarm - to maximize your protection. The NFPA and other safety advocates recommend having dual-sensor alarms because they provide the best potential for early detection of all types of common household fires.

The First Alert 10-Year Alarm Life Dual Sensor Smoke & Fire Alarm provides the peace of mind of a dual-sensor alarm with the convenience of a 10-year sealed lithium battery. The alarm better detects real threats and helps to combat false or "nuisance" alarms that may lead to device deactivation - all while providing a decade of protection without battery replacement. It also signals an end-of-life warning, notifying consumers when it needs replacement.

Cover your bases: Even if you have smoke alarms in your home, you and your family may not be sufficiently protected if you don't have enough devices. To ensure the highest level of protection from smoke and carbon monoxide, the NFPA recommends installing smoke alarms at the top of each staircase and in every bedroom or sleeping area. To put this into perspective,



the average-sized home in America - a two-story, three-bedroom house - needs a minimum of five smoke

alarms. To learn more about 10-year alarms and alarm laws in your state, and for more tips

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(BPT) - As Americans are spending more time at home in response to the pandemic, many are looking for ways to turn their living spaces into retreats of calm, comfort and well-being.

For some people, that means major renovations. For others, it means making select improvements designed to add more tranquility and enjoyment to their lives. It's not so surprising then that home-improvement contractors listing their services on a home improvement website saw a 58% boost in homeowner requests in June 2020, relative to June 2019.

A prime area of focus for many homeowners has been their bathrooms, which are now being converted into spa-like havens of self-care, instead of just functional spaces. At the same time, many are adding features that

aim for better cleanliness, sustainability and multi-generational living.

If "your own private spa" sounds like the perfect place for your family to re-energize and rejuvenate from the cares of each day, here are ideas for creating such a space in your home.

Add an extra-deep soaking tub. Gone are the days when a bath meant scrunching your limbs into a cramped basin of water and trying to stay warm. Today's roomy bathtubs are designed to let you stretch out and relax, fully immersed, in a soothing surround of hydrotherapeutic luxury.

Install a curbless shower and linear drain. The most progressive shower configurations are ergonomically constructed with sleek, curb-free, ADA-compliant entries, so family members need not step in and out, but merely walk in. Linear drains swiftly eliminate surface water using one-directional sloping and engineering techniques developed in Europe. Unlike more traditional drains, a linear drain also allows for freedom of design, because it appears as an unobtrusive strip aligned with your shower wall, you can choose any kind of material for the rest of your shower floor - even larger-sized tiles. That means

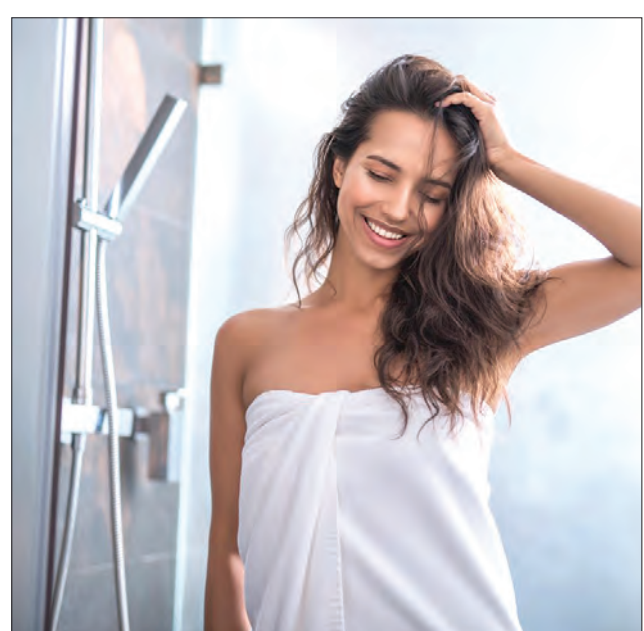
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Historically low interest rates and limited inventory has made 2020 an especially unique time to buy a home. It's also a competitive and potentially expensive time to buy a home. While the economic consequences of COVID-19 have been severe, the Federal National Mortgage Association, also known as Fannie Mae, forecasted a significant increase in median home prices in March 2020.

City dwellers have scrambled to buy homes outside of cities, where social distancing is more difficult and the risk of getting COVID-19 appears greater than it is in

suburban or rural settings. That's led to a lot of competition among prospective buyers.

Prospective home buyers willing to enter the hectic fray and shop for a home during the COVID-19 outbreak may benefit from knowing what to expect as they search for their next home.

Get ready for virtual tours. Buyers might once have scoffed at the notion of buying a home they'd only seen in videos, but virtual tours have become the new normal in the wake of the pandemic. An April survey from the National Association of Realtors® found that home tours had declined sharply. While 98 percent of realtors reported taking clients on home tours as recently as February, that number had declined to 63 percent by April. As many regions pause their reopening plans, pro-

spective home buyers should ready themselves for virtual tours as opposed to in-person home tours.

Expect limited inventory. While home prices are up, many people are holding onto their homes. The NAR reports that total housing inventory at the end of May 2020 was down nearly 19 percent from the end of May 2019. Buyers will have less inventory to choose from, so those intent on buying may need to prioritize what they need in a home and focus on finding properties that can fulfill those needs.

Expect to move quickly. Realtors have seen homes sell within days of being listed, and that has put pressure on buyers to move quickly. It also highlights the importance of finding a home inspector before your search begins as well as a lender who can handle



quick closings. Ask around for recommendations, but make sure you have these two important professionals lined up before beginning your search. Doing so will

give you a better chance of buying in an unusual time.

Make the best down payment you can afford. A high down payment makes buyers look better no matter the state

of the economy. An offer with a high down payment looks like a stronger offer, and that can make the difference between winning and losing a potential bidding war.



Laundry room renovations you'll love

(MS) — Does it seem like your hamper is always full and the washing machine is running constantly? You may not be imagining it. Laundry Butler for You, a wash, dry and fold service, says the average household washes 50 pounds of laundry a week and 6,000 articles of clothing every year. Families with children at home are doing laundry most often, and those with pets may find there is ample laundry to wash as well.

With so much laundry being generated, homeowners may want to consider paying extra attention to the space in the house where their clothing is being cleansed. Laundry room renovations may not top homeowners' priority lists, but it may be time to give these rooms another look.

Assess your equipment

If your appliances are aging, a laundry room renovation can start with an investment in new appliances. New models have large capacity loads, tend to be energy-efficient and could have innovative features that help fit with your laundry lifestyle. Purchasing front-loading models also can free up design space, as you can install a counter directly above the units, saving room for other items like drying racks.

Figure out your room needs

A laundry room need not be limited to laundry only. Many

homeowners make large laundry rooms catch-all spaces that can serve as utility or mud rooms, pantry overflows, or off-season storage areas. Consider the functions you want the room to serve and include those ideas in your designs.

Add some natural light

If possible, include a window in your laundry room. Natural light can help make the room more enjoyable. It also can help you identify stains on clothes that need to be addressed and make it easier to fold matching items like socks.

Think about a utility sink

Many washing machines drain out directly to waste pipes in the floor or wall, but you also can opt to have them empty into a utility sink. This sink also provides a convenient place to handwash items, clean tools or paintbrushes, or store items that perhaps you do not want to bring into a bathroom or kitchen sink.

Include some flair

This utilitarian space need not be boring or bereft of design elements. Mirror your home's style in the laundry room, and include wall hangings, plants, accent items, and even task lighting. Play up certain features with a bold floor tile or brightly colored walls.

Signs your gutters are in need of repair

(MS) — Fall is a great time to tackle projects around the house. The weather each fall allows homeowners to make improvements to their homes' exteriors without worrying about extreme heat or cold, while interior projects like painting are made easier because homeowners can open the windows to allow for proper ventilation.

Fall also marks a great time to prepare for upcoming projects that can make winter work that much easier. For example, fall is a great time to take stock of your gutters so you can address any issues before leaves begin to fall or the first snowstorm touches down.

Compromised gutters can contribute to water issues in basements and adversely affect a home's foundation if not addressed immediately, so it behooves homeowners to learn the signs that gutters are in need of repair or replacement.

Gutters hanging off the home: Gutters were once installed predominantly with spikes. However, many industry professionals now

install gutters with hanger brackets. Why the change? Spikes loosen over time, leading to the gutters hanging off the home. That can contribute to serious issues if left untreated. Gutters hanging off the home need not necessarily be replaced, but rather secured to the home, ideally with hanger brackets instead of spikes. Brackets hook into the front of the gutter and are then screwed into the fascia of a home. A professional who specializes in gutter repair can perform this task relatively quickly, and it's an inexpensive yet highly effective solution.

Gutter separation: Gutters that are no longer fastened together can leak and contribute to issues that affect the home's foundation, siding and appearance. Clogs and the accumulation of debris can cause gutters to separate because they are not designed to hold too much weight. Replacement of separated gutters may or may not be necessary depending on how big the problem is and the condition of the existing gutters. If replacement is not



necessary, separated gutters may be remedied by securing the joints, another relatively simple and inexpensive fix.

Peeling exterior paint: Paint that appears to be peeling off of your home may indicate that water is seeping over the edge of the gutter closest to your home. When that happens, water is coming down the side of the house, causing the paint to peel. In such instances, replacing the

gutters is often necessary.

Basement flooding: Not all signs of deteriorating gutters are outside a home. Many a homeowner has been flummoxed by flooding in their basements, and such flooding can be caused by aging, ineffective gutters. That's because deteriorating gutters sometimes allow water to leak near the foundation of a home, contributing to basement flooding.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

Types of home insulation and where to install them

(MS) — When thinking about renovating their homes, homeowners may imagine changing wall colors, expanding room sizes or upgrading appliances and fixtures. However, unless people take inventory of the less glamorous components of the home, such as structure, plumbing, heating and cooling, and insulation, other improvements may be for naught.

A home insulation project certainly doesn't offer the wow factor of a kitchen remodel, but insulation serves a vital function in the house that helps keep people com-

fortable and reduces energy consumption. Insulation is typically placed in areas where air escapes, such as between the stud cavities inside the walls and in the attic, and serves to slow and reduce heat transfer.

The U.S. Department of Energy says between 50 and 70 percent of the energy used in homes is for heating and cooling. By improving home insulation, homeowners can make their homes more comfortable, consistent and efficient. In fact, the ENERGY STAR program overseen by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says

homeowners stand to save an average of 15 percent on heating and cooling costs by adding proper insulation. To do so, homeowners can take a crash course in home insulation and find the products that fit their needs.

Blanket batts and rolls

Blanket batts and rolls typically are constructed with fiberglass, so proper safety gear, such as a mask and gloves, is needed when handling them. Installing this type of insulation is relatively easy since the materials are designed to fit the standard width between studs, rafters and floor joists.

Loose fill

Loose fill is usually made of fiberglass or cellulose (recycled paper fiber). It is blown or sprayed into place with pneumatic equipment, according to The Home Depot. Loose fill can be ideal for hard-to-reach areas in attics or inside wall cavities. It's good for adding insulation to irregularly shaped areas. Since it requires special equipment, this is a job best left to professionals.

Sprayed foam

Sprayed foam is just as the name implies, a foam made from polyurethane, polyisocyanurate, cementitious, or other materials that are applied by a spray container. DIYers who need only small applications can use canned products. Large quantities are pressure-sprayed by professionals.

Foam board/rigid foam panels

Ideal for unfinished walls,

such as basement or foundation walls, floors and ceilings, these are boards of polyurethane or polystyrene. Foam boards tend to reduce energy consumption more effectively than other types of insulation.

Homeowners considering upgrading their insulation or amending existing insulation should do their homework on the type of insulation that will be most effective for their homes.

Fall fix-ups for your outdoor space

(BPT) - After a long summer relaxing on your deck or patio, autumn is a great time to renovate your outdoor space - or build one from scratch. Home improvement expert Alison Victoria, host of HGTV's "Windy City Rehab," offers five tips for fabulous fall fix-ups.

1. Get decked out. Fall is an ideal time to tackle a deck project, whether it be repairs, board replacement or a completely new build. In addition to offering more pleasant temperatures for working outside, fall and winter are typically slower times for contractors, meaning you won't have to wait as long to get onto their schedules. Contractors may also be willing to offer off-season discounts on their services or materials, which tend to be cheaper after the spring and summer rush.

2. Think high and low. Research the best materials available for your budget and be sure to keep maintenance in mind. After all, the last thing you want is a deck that requires constant upkeep. Victoria suggests looking for materials that are both high performance and low maintenance.

3. Raise your railing game. Railing is one of the most visible elements of a deck and has tremendous impact on a deck's aesthetic and curb appeal. In recent years, the industry has seen an influx of statement-making railing styles inspired by contemporary architecture and commercial design. Give your outdoor space an instant facelift by replacing your old wood deck railing with sleek, sophisticated aluminum railing.

4. Hide and chic. Nothing dampens the enjoyment

of an elegant al fresco gathering quite like the sight of unattractive trash bins or nosy neighbors. Providing function and design, lattice is perfect for concealing storage areas or unsightly views and enhancing privacy. With styles ranging from romantic to deco, lattice panels also can be applied to structures such as arbors and trellises, or used as wainscoting or deck skirting.

5. Light it up. "Lighting is a must for any outdoor

space," says Victoria. "In addition to amping up the ambiance, it enhances safety and helps to extend the time you can enjoy your outdoor space." Outdoor lighting can easily be integrated into deck boards and stairs, as well as railing posts and caps. Trex offers DIY-friendly components that feature plug-and-play installation and energy-efficient LED bulbs that are dimmable and cool to the touch, making them safe for kids and furry friends.

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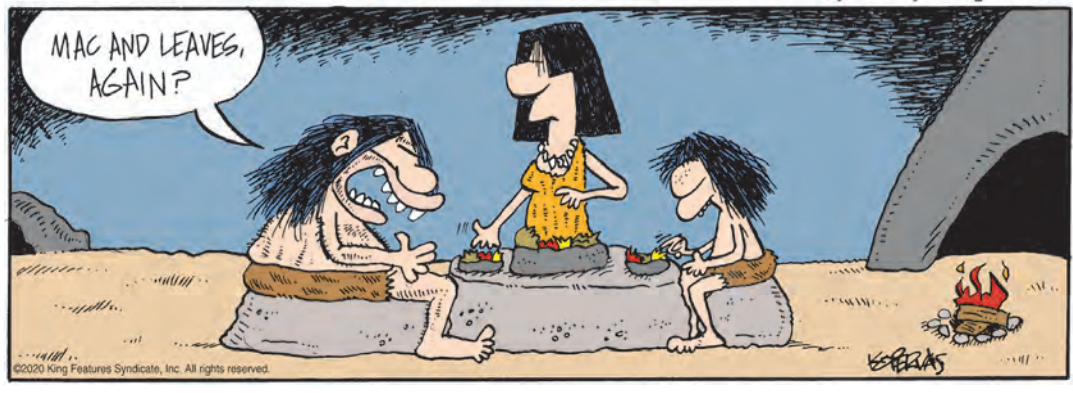
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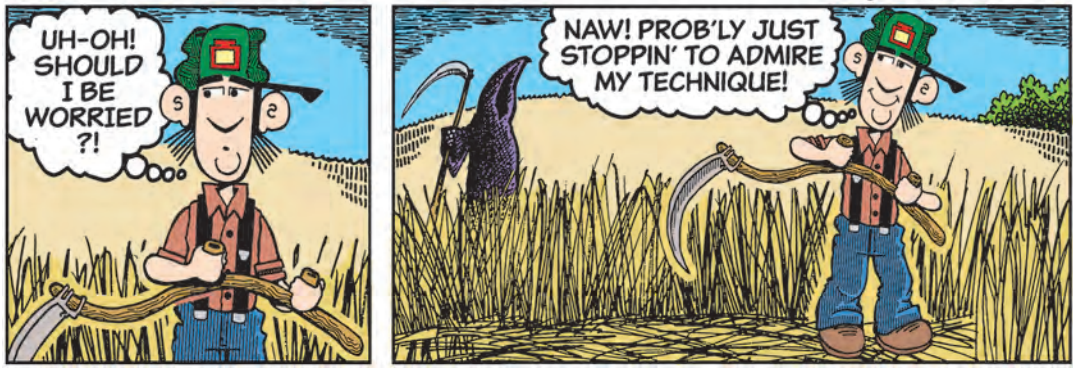
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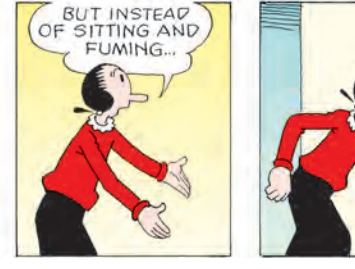
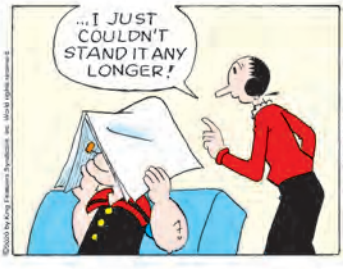
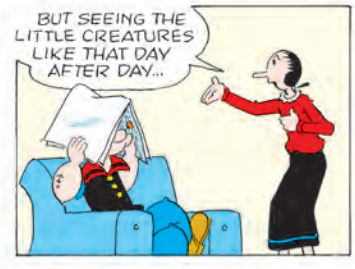
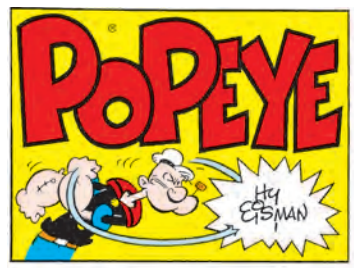
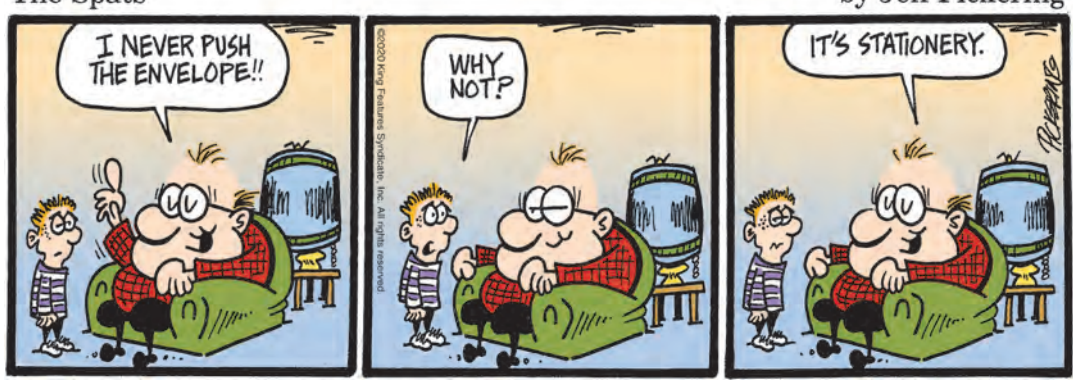
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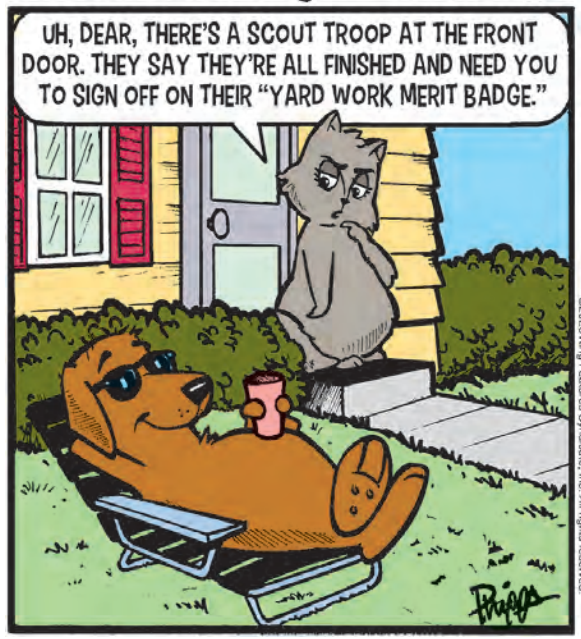
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