

Amboy School Board announces tentative fall re-opening plan

BY BONNIE MORRIS

Editor

AMBOY — A tentative school re-opening plan was discussed during the Amboy Board of Education meeting held at Central School and via Zoom on July 17.

Superintendent Joshua Nichols said this is not a final plan and some changes may be necessary depending on further guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Lee County Health Department, the Center for Disease Control, and local virus conditions.

Nichols noted that the school district's Transition Planning Committee, which has been working on the plan, held their fifth meeting earlier that day. "This tentative plan addresses priorities that were established by the committee with the core focus being on student and staff safety," he said.

Introduction

The tentative plan will allow parents to choose between remote learning or

in-person instruction. In order to meet the two different learning styles, the school day will be broken into two sections: a six-hour in-person instruction time period and a 1-hour remote learning time period. Nichols emphasized that as with any plan during these unprecedented times, it is subject to change in response to any new guidance and/or a spike in virus cases within the Amboy School District.

"We need to fully prepare ourselves for the very real possibility that there will be periods of full remote learning this coming school year," Nichols said. "The plan right now is based on the parent survey which indicated that 20 percent of parents wanted a remote leaning option. If this demand either increases or decreases, then the plan itself will need to adapt to meet the demand."

Non-negotiables

The Governor's Executive Order 2020-44, which was followed up by guidance from ISBE, created a list of non-negotiable requirements in order

for schools to have in-person instruction. They include:

- Requires the use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including face coverings.
 - Prohibits more than 50 individuals from gathering in one space.
 - Requires social distancing be observed as much as possible.
 - Requires schools to conduct symptom screenings and temperature checks or require that individuals self-certify that they are free of symptoms before entering school buildings or boarding a bus.
 - Requires an increase in schoolwide cleaning and disinfection.
- Amboy's plan to manage the non-negotiables includes:
- Face Coverings - All students and staff must comply with the mask requirement in order for the district to return to in-person instruction.

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Firefighters respond to two barn fires on Sunday morning

AMBOY — The Amboy Fire Department responded to two nearby barn fires on Sunday morning.

At 4:30 a.m., on Sunday, the Sublette Fire Protection District responded automatic aid to the Amboy Fire Protection District for a barn fire in the 1400 block of Sterling Road, in rural Amboy. Enroute, Lee County Sheriff's Office, Dixon reported a second fire three-quarters of a mile west of the first incident.

Units remained on scene for over five hours.

The Amboy Fire Department thanked the responding departments that assisted Sublette and Amboy Fire Department including: Dixon City, Dixon Rural, Oregon Ambulance, Rock Falls, Sterling, West Brooklyn, Harmon, Ashton, Lamoille, Franklin Grove, Rochelle, Princeton, Lee, Compton, Ohio, Paw Paw, Byron, Stillman, Troy Grove, and Earlville. They also thanked the Lee County Sheriff Department, Amboy Police Department, and Office of State Fire Marshall.

Sheriff apprehends two people who have been linked to homicide in South Carolina

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Sheriff's Office has located and taken into custody two people that were linked to a homicide in South Carolina.

Jorden E. Johnson, 28, and Latisha D. Evans, 20, were located and taken into custody in the 1500 block of E. 4th Street in Sterling at approximately 3 a.m., on Friday, July 17, by the Lee County Joint Operations Group (JOG). Both are being held at the Whiteside County Sheriff's Office, pending extradition to South Carolina.

Early July 4, Lee County Sheriff's Office responded to a vehicle fire east of Harmon. Evidence collected at the scene, linked the vehicle to a homicide in South Carolina that occurred on Sunday, June 28. The suspects from that homicide, Johnson and Evans were believed to be in possession of the vehicle. No persons were located in or around the vehicle.

The arrest of Johnson and Evans was the result of a comprehensive investigation by a task force of law enforcement officers from the Rock Falls Police Dept, Sterling Police Dept, Whiteside County Sheriff's Office, Dixon Police Dept, Illinois State Police Zone 2 Investigations, Blackhawk Area Task Force, Statewide Terrorism Intelligence Center, Lee County Sheriff's Office, US Marshals Service and Federal Bureau of Investigations.

This task force worked diligently for several days / evenings, tracking down multiple leads and conducting numerous interviews, eventually leading authorities to the location of the suspects.



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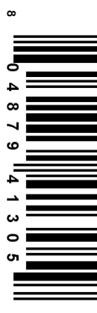
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School board discusses junior high property & construction project

BY BONNIE MORRIS

Editor

AMBOY - A request from the Amboy Fire Department for use of the old Amboy Junior High property, a construction update on the new junior high building, and a revision of the school calendar were among the items discussed at the July 16 Amboy Board of Education meeting.

The Amboy Fire Department followed up on its previous request for use of part of the "old" Amboy Junior High property to use as the site of a new fire department building. The fire department is continuing to move forward with their grant process for construction of the building and at some point, will need assurance that they have acquired the necessary property. Because COVID-19 has stalled some of the process, the fire department has not been given a deadline but they wanted to know if the school board had discussed the matter.

Board president Nicole Jones said with everything else that has happened this year, they have not discussed it further. She and board member Katie Pratt said they were waiting for more specific information on exactly how

much of the land the fire department wanted and if there were any changes to the plan that was presented previously. The board also asked if the fire department had spoken to residents alongside the property for their input.

When asked by Pratt if the fire department expected the school district to donate the land, the fire department said yes, explaining that they have always supported the schools. It was also pointed out that to qualify for the grant, the fire department must find property that is not located in a flood plain, which is difficult to find in Amboy. A main concern for the fire department is that if they build a new facility outside of town, it will take them longer to get to emergencies in town including the schools.

The board agreed to set up a special meeting to further discuss the matter with the fire department.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Superintendent Joshua Nichols said work on the new junior high has been progressing with the foundation going in but now there is a snag. "It's Nicor, we are still waiting for them and they are holding up the construction project," he said. "If anyone knows

someone from Nicor . . . we have been waiting for them since March."

- The board approved a revision to the 2020-21 school calendar by adding Election Day as a school holiday. Nichols said the state has mandated that Election Day, this year on Nov. 3, become a school holiday. To make up for the day, the district will now be in session on Columbus Day.

- The board approved the purchase of two 2017, 66-passenger buses.

PERSONNEL

- Following closed session, the board hired Baylee Ricker as a second grade teacher and Mikayla Hussey as sophomore volleyball coach, both for the 2020-21 school year, and approved Katie Bulfer as grades 5-12 dean of students from Aug. 13, 2020 through June 30, 2021. They also accepted the resignation of Taylor Hicks as a paraprofessional.

- The board also approved a three-year (2020-2023) collective bargaining agreement between Amboy School District 272 Board of Education and the Amboy Education Association.

The next regular board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20 at the Central School gym.

Sublette board discusses public safety

BY TONJA GREENFIELD

General Manager

SUBLETTE — The Sublette Village Board discussed some public safety issues during its meeting on July 13.

The board met on July 13 in the Ellice Dinges Center. All board members were present except for for Sublette Village Trustee Jeff Myers.

Acting Village President John Stenzel said that he had received a few calls from concerned residents about unlicensed drivers of UTVs and golf carts. Stenzel told the board that he reached out to the Lee County Sheriff's Office about the concerns, because Sublette doesn't have its own police department.

Stenzel told the board that anyone can call the sheriff's office if they see kids without licenses driving that equipment, or see someone not driving safely. He

added that when calling the sheriff's office, to be sure to describe where they are and what they are doing.

"We don't want anyone to get seriously hurt," Stenzel said.

Sublette Village Board Trustee Julie Kessel told the board that people have reported having their doorbell rang in the middle of the night, and no one is there. Don Dinges said that happened at his house too, once at midnight and another night at 4 a.m. Stenzel recommended that residents call the sheriff's department for that as well.

Rentals

Stenzel told the board that only one rental is in the books for the Ellice Dinges Center, a birthday party in September. He asked the board if the village should look at not holding any rentals at the Ellice Dinges Center until November

for now? Stenzel asked that the issue be addressed in committee and reported back to the board.

In other board news:

- Dinges reported that the annual tractor drive held in August has been canceled.
- Stenzel said he spoke with the Illinois Department of Transportation and as of right now, Route 52 is scheduled to be let by March and completed by next summer. Previously Stenzel said IDOT said that Route 52 would not be fixed for three years. Stenzel also said IDOT will place a sign as people enter Sublette that will be in honor of Margaret Vaessen being elected to the post of State FFA Treasurer.

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Lee County COVID-19 Update July 20

LEE COUNTY — The Unified Executive Leadership Team would like to address a rumor circulating on social media and in the community regarding an event that occurred over the weekend of July 10. The Lee County Health Department has released the following statement:

We have fielded numerous inquiries regarding a prom held at a private residence in Dixon over the weekend. As of now, we have received no reports of a positive case having attended this gathering. If that changes, our typical contact tracing process would be conducted. This is an example of why we implore our residents to refrain from hosting/attending gatherings at which there is no social distancing or masks being worn. This is how an outbreak can occur very quickly.

There are 3 more positive case of COVID-19 in Lee County, bringing the total to 116. The positives were in two children ages 1-10 and one person in his or her 40s. The Lee County Health Department reports that five people have recovered and been lifted off of isolation, for a total of 105 of the 116 positive cases thus far.

COVID-19 cases are spiking in states all across our country, including Iowa and Wisconsin. Walmart, Target, CVS, and Starbucks have now

issued strict guidelines requiring every person entering their stores to wear face coverings. The CDC recently changed their recommendations on face coverings, and the Director of the CDC, Robert Redfield, stated that if everyone used masks or face coverings, the pandemic could be under control in a matter of weeks.

While our community has done an incredible job and the State of Illinois has "flattened the curve," there is much work that needs to be done to avoid going backwards. In response to significant outbreaks across the entire country, the State of Illinois released a new method of tracking metrics yesterday. Information can be found at this link: <https://www.iml.org/file.cfm?key=19479>

Outside of one major outbreak last month, Lee County is seeing the most significant rise in COVID-19 cases since the pandemic began. For the past 2 weeks, we have reported a new positive case nearly every day. Testing at KSB had decreased significantly, but over the past 2 weeks has risen to more than 65 COVID tests per day. While many of the positive results are attributed to neighboring communities, the Unified Command Team would like to remind our community that COVID-19 remains in our area and continues to be a real threat.

Please continue, or if you haven't been-start, to follow the recommendations. It's easy to remember as the 3 W's: Wash your hands; Watch your distance; and wear your mask. We don't want to backtrack from the great work our community has done. We all have to do our part.

Also, we'd 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 information 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:

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Friday's hearing in Rep. Bailey's lawsuit postponed

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SPRINGFIELD — A hearing in downstate Rep. Darren Bailey's lawsuit challenging the governor's authority to issue consecutive executive orders was not held Friday as scheduled.

Clay County Circuit Court Judge Michael McHaney's July 2 ruling in the Xenia Republican's case failed to address one issue — whether the COVID-19 pandemic met the definition of a disaster in Gov. JB Pritzker's April 30 state of emergency.

Thoms DeVore, Bailey's attorney, requested the judge rule on that question without a trial. McHaney declined, and now will await DeVore's written response to the state's call for the matter to be dismissed.

In a court document filed July 7, the attorney general's office, which is representing Pritzker, called this last active issue "moot" because any ruling "would not have a practical effect."

The points raised in DeVore's arguments that COVID-19 was not a disaster as specified in the Illinois Emergency Management

Agency Act were "incorporated" into the two complaints Bailey won, the office added.

McHaney nullified all of the governor's executive orders related to COVID-19 made after April 8. He also decided that the Illinois Department of Public Health has the "supreme authority" to close businesses and restrict residents' activities in a public health crisis.

Pritzker's office, Bailey and legal experts disagree on the scope of that order — some assert it affects only Clay County while others maintain it applies statewide.

Bailey, in an interview with Capitol News Illinois on Thursday, said the court set a deadline of July 22 for DeVore to file a response to the state's request.

The representative said he will be adding a new complaint to his lawsuit on the same day.


Illinois Republican Party, Right to Life ask to combine lawsuits

The Chicago-based legal aid foundation representing the Illinois Republican Party and Right to Life advocacy group asked a federal court Wednesday for permission to combine the two cases.

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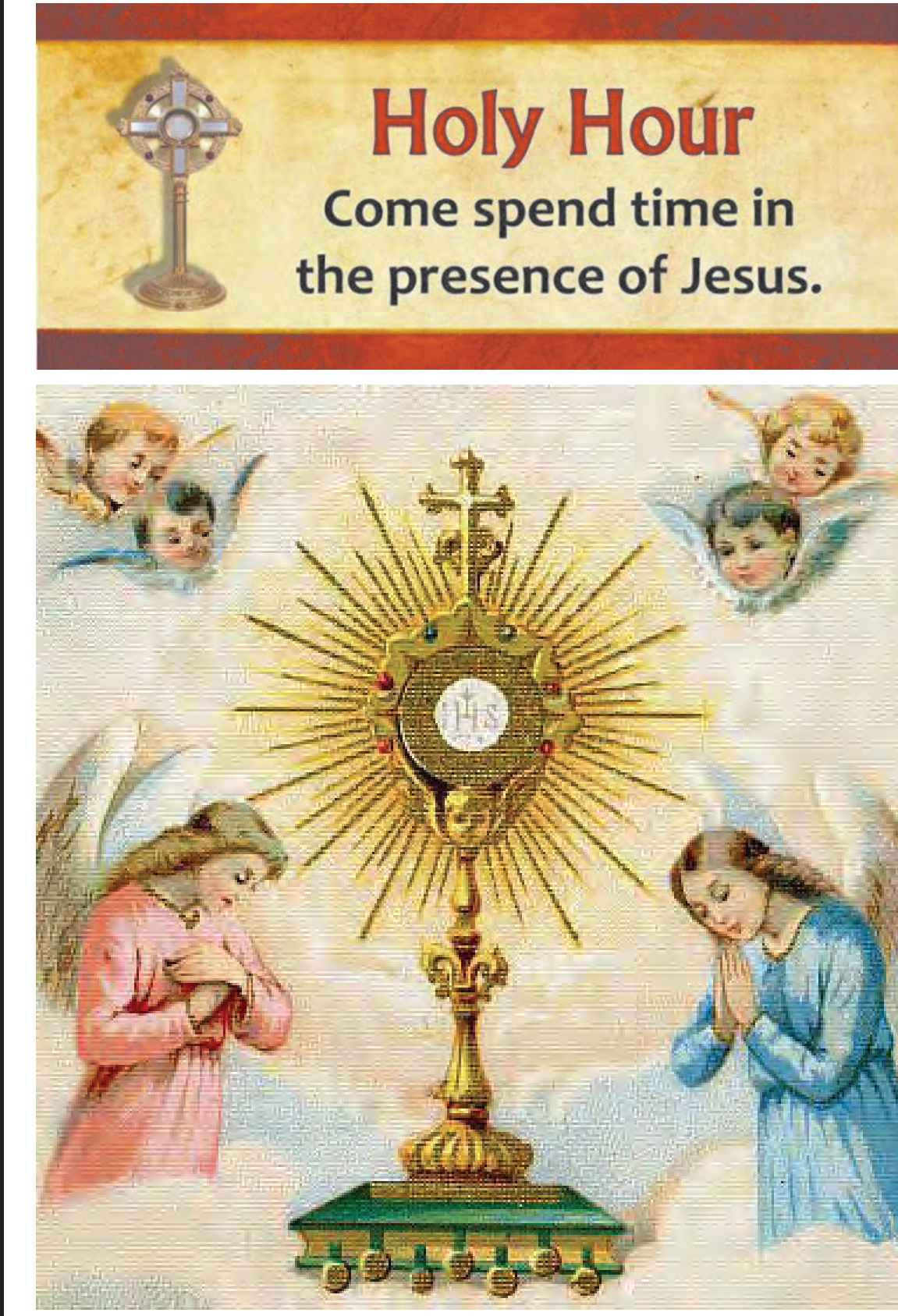
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A Note to say hello or Happy Birthday in July

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Final Word

Prayer for Family Protection

Father God, we come before You today to ask for your protection over our families. Let no trouble fall on them today. Keep them away from accidents. Allow no evil to influence their hearts. Cover them with the precious blood of Christ. Take charge over them so that they do not strike their foot against a stone.

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Consolidation is logical, Liberty Justice Center Attorney Daniel Suhr wrote in a filing, because "the legal issues are nearly identical" in both cases.

The Republican Party and Illinois Right to Life organization filed separate lawsuits on June 15 and June 23, respectively, claiming Gov. JB Pritzker's ban on gatherings of more than 50 people is unconstitutional.

That restriction, implemented to combat the COVID-19 spread in the state, included an exception for houses of worship and seemingly did not apply to Black Lives Matter protests, Suhr argued in both cases. Under the U.S. Constitution's equal protection clause, restrictions should apply to all groups uniformly or not at all.

U.S. District Court judges in both lawsuits denied the GOP's and anti-abortion organization's request for an order temporarily suspending enforcement of Pritzker's cap on gathering attendance.

In part, Judge Sara Ellis ruled in the Republican Party's case that its "interest in gathering as a political party...does not outweigh the governor's interest in protecting the health of Illinois' residents during this unprecedented public

health crisis."

Judge John Tharp Jr., who presided in the Illinois Right to Life case, called Ellis' opinion "persuasive" and did not add any details to his own. According to a document Suhr filed, the attorney general's office, which is representing Pritzker in the case, does not object to his motion to combine the two lawsuits.

Lawsuit against Deloitte abandoned

A St. Clair County resident dropped her federal lawsuit against the firm contracted to launch an unemployment claims portal she said was solely responsible for a data breach that made available the personal information of nearly 33,000 Illinoisans.

The web-based system built and maintained by Deloitte Consulting LLP to process some Illinois unemployment claims allowed public access of applicants' names, Social Security numbers and street addresses, the Illinois Department of Employment Security announced on May 18. The information was only accessed by one person, according to the state.

According to the lawsuit filed by Briana Julius on June 8, at least three

other states — Ohio, Colorado and Arkansas — also contracted Deloitte to construct similar portals. Within five days of notice that Illinois' system was compromised, both Colorado and Ohio made announcements their portals had the same flaw.

She was suing on behalf of herself and all other Americans who might have been harmed, and she asked a judge to allow a jury trial.

Neither of Julius' attorneys — Tiffany Yiatras with Consumer Protection Legal LLC and Francis "Casey" Flynn Jr. based at a firm bearing his name in Missouri — returned requests for comment about why their client dropped her case.

In a document filed June 26, the lawyers wrote Deloitte never submitted arguments on its behalf or made other motions in court. They informed the judge they were dismissing the case "with each party to bear its own costs."

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Testing:

Anyone with COVID-19 like symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, muscle pain, 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>
- <http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- For businesses: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>
- Facebook: Lee County IL Health Department

SVCC AmeriCorps renewed for three years

STERLING — Sauk Valley Community College houses ABC AmeriCorps, a branch of the nationally funded AmeriCorps Organization. ABC AmeriCorps has been awarded a three year grant, through the Corporation for National and Community Service, to continue its operations at SVCC.

AmeriCorps is a network of national service programs,

made up of three primary programs that each take a different approach to improving lives and fostering civic engagement.

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exchange for a term of service, AmeriCorps members earn a living allowance and an education award.

SVCC AmeriCorps (ABC) has 35 part-time member positions available for the 2020-21 program term.

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dren, youth, and families in education-based organizations and nonprofit agencies to increase academic and life skills.

For more information, please visit svcc.edu/ameri-corps or contact Nicole Schafer at nicole.b.schafer@svcc.edu.

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AMBOY—The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 3, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY—The East Grove Union Church will host The Wanda Mountain Boys from Herculaneum, MO, at Amboy City Park-Shaw Shelter at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8. A free will offering will be taken and everyone should bring a lawn chair. Call Pastor Rick Wolf at 815-440-5321 for more information.

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Ann C. Taylor

March 6, 1938 - July 19, 2020

AMBOY — Ann C. Taylor, 82, of Amboy, died Sunday, July 19, 2020 at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

She was born March 6, 1938 in Chicago. Ann had worked at the First National Bank in Amboy, and had served on the Lee County Board and as Amboy Township Supervisor.

Ann married Robert E. Taylor on May 24, 1958 in Amboy. He preceded her in death July 25, 2003. She was also preceded in death by her parents, stepparents, son, Clay W. Taylor, sister, Jeanine Dunstan and brother, Phillip Kehoe.

Ann is survived by her

daughter, Amy (Don) Proconier, of Amboy; grandson, Clay (Breanna) Taylor-Sanford, of Urbana; step granddaughter, Elizabeth Mary Proconier, of Peoria; brothers, William Dunstan, of Minooka, Daniel Dunstan, of Richton Park; and sister, Janis Glockzin, of Orland Park; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held from 5 – 8 p.m., on Friday July 24, 2020, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. A private family funeral services will be held Saturday at the funeral home with burial at Woodside Cemetery in Lee Center. A memorial



has been established. Facial coverings are required for the visitation and funeral service.

Condolences may be sent at www.thejonesfh.com.

CGH recognized with national award for clinical excellence

STERLING — The CGH Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Oxygen Center was recently honored by Healogics, the nation's largest provider of advanced wound care services, with a Center of Distinction award. The Center achieved outstanding clinical outcomes for twelve consecutive months, including patient satisfaction higher than 92 percent, and a minimum wound healing rate of at least 92 percent within 28 median days to heal. There were 601 Centers eligible for the Center of Distinction award and 367 achieved the honor.

"It remains - and has always been a priority of - the CGH Wound Healing Center to offer outstanding patient care specialized to the individual's needs, top notch patient satisfaction, and positive healing outcomes for everyone who walks through our door," said Anna Imel, Director of the CGH Wound Healing Center.

The CGH Wound Healing Center is a member of the Healogics network of over

600 Wound Care Centers and provides access to benchmarking data and proven experience treating approximately 2.5 million chronic wounds.

With locations in both Sterling and Dixon, the CGH Wound Healing Center is available for those with prolonged wounds that will not heal. Using advanced technologies and clinical therapies, the CGH Wound Healing Center helps create a personalized treatment plan to help you return to a better quality of life.

The Center offers pain management, laboratory evaluation of the wound, surgical debridement of the wound, and education about self-care for wounds, as well as hyperbaric oxygen therapy, which works by surrounding the patient with 100 percent oxygen to help progress the healing of the wound. For more information, or to set up an appointment in Sterling or Dixon, please contact the CGH Wound Healing Center at 815-564-4002.

East Grove Union Church to host concert in the park Aug. 8

AMBOY — The Southern Gospel trio, The Wanda Mountain Boys from Herculaneum, Mo., will present a "concert in the park," on Saturday, Aug. 8 at 6 p.m., at the Shaw Shelter in Amboy City Park.

This free concert is sponsored by the East Grove Union Church, 449 Reuter Road, in Amboy. A free-will offering will be taken for the group to cover their travel and ministry expenses. All are welcome to attend. Please bring your own lawn chair. For more information, please contact Pastor Rick Wulf at 815-440-5321 or 815-376-6661.

Southern Gospel Music has always been known for its smooth harmonies, strong vocals and powerful, straight forward lyrics. For the last 25 years, the Wanda Mountain Boys have displayed all three of these qualities as they have established themselves in the Gospel Music community in the Midwest.

In 2017, the Wanda Mountain Boys continue the tradition set forth by the founding members as they share their unique sound and style with congregations across Mid America.

Gary O'Neal has assumed the managerial position for WMB as well as anchoring

the group, singing lead. Gary has been involved in Gospel Music for more than 45 years and has sang with some of the Midwest's most popular groups.

He is also an accomplished songwriter, having his songs recorded by such noted artists as the Lesters, the Dixie Echoes, the Dixie Melody Boys, the Melody Boys Qt., Solid Gospel, the Brashears, and the Chosen Ones. Gary currently serves as president of the Mid America Gospel Music Association, a position he has held since 2007.

On November 3, 2017, the Mid America Gospel Music Association presented Gary with the Lifetime Achievement Award at their annual convention.

Singing tenor for the group is Rick Brown. Rick has been involved in Gospel Music for many years, having sung professionally with Naomi and the Segos and Coy Cook and the Premiers. During his time with the Premiers, Rick performed with Grand Ole Opry Star Billy Walker. Rick and Gary were founding members of

Solid Gospel and traveled throughout the United States, releasing 6 national radio releases. Rick and Gary have written a number of songs together including WMB favorite, "Wrap Me In Your Arms".

Singing baritone for the Wanda Mountain Boys is one of the founders of the group, Claude Johnson. Claude has been involved in Gospel Music for over 50 years, having sung with some of the Midwest's best-known groups, the Gospel Four and the Victory Quartet. In 1990, he helped to start the ministry of the Wanda Mountain Boys. He returns to the group after a 2 ½ year

retirement from singing. In 2011, he was presented with the Mid America Gospel Music Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

The newest addition to the group is bass singer, David Jenkins. The addition of Dave returns the group to their original format as a male quartet. David has grown up as a fan of Southern Gospel music, following in his father's footsteps, singing the bass part. Throughout the years, he has sung with Golden Street Quartet and Higher Power Qt. Dave is a welcome addition to the group and is sure to win the hearts of WMB fans with his big bass voice.

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BY EMILY GOFF

Head Librarian

Pankhurst Memorial Library is still not open to the public, but we are still offering Curbside Services. A few new changes so we can try to meet all of our patrons

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• Stenzel said he had gotten calls about residents wanting more than the one 95-gallon tote for garbage, and not wanting to pay for the additional totes. He told the board the cost for the additional totes is \$3.50 per month, and he said he believes that the residents should pay for the additional

needs. The library will offer Curbside Service Mondays from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., and Wednesdays 2 – 6 p.m. We still ask that no one enter the building at this time.

Also, new books should arrive soon, as expected delivery is taking longer than usual, so please bear with us. As soon as new materials are available we will let you know. Thank you for all of patience during these times. We miss everyone, and hope to be open soon.

Pankhurst Memorial Library

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Franklin Creek to host soil presentation

FRANKLIN GROVE — Franklin Creek Conservation Association will host a Soil Health Presentation presented by Jim Isermann, Field Manager for Soil Health Partnership, on Sunday, Aug. 16, from 5-7 p.m., to show how successful farmers are working to improve soil health and environmental outcomes while maintaining profitability and reducing inputs.

Registration is free and required to attend, register by calling the Grist Mill at (815)456-2718.

They will be meeting at Sunday's Shelter located in Franklin Creek State Natural Area from 5-7 p.m. Due to COVID-19 masks are required at the presentation when physical distance cannot be maintained.

totes. He also told the board that the garbage totes stay with the property. Meaning, if someone moves out of town, the garage tote stays with the property.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, Aug. 10, in the Ellice Dinges Center.

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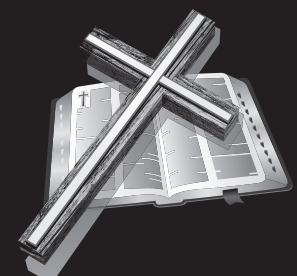
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SOCIAL NEWS



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Anxious People, Anxious Times

BY PASTOR JACK M. BRIGGS

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

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

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

nosis, and/or anti-anxiety medication.

But regardless of the approach chosen to deal with anxiety, consider what the Bible has to say.

"In the multitude of my anxieties within me, Your comforts delight my soul." (Psalm 94:19) Clearly, the psalmist is having some anxiety issues. I have to wonder what had him or her all wound up. Maybe the weather was lousy---too hot and dry for too long and the crops were in jeopardy. Maybe things were not going so well on the home-front. Maybe any of a number of life's struggles we face even nowadays: finances, relationships, employment, family, health issues, you name it.

It is likely that we will all experience anxiety to some degree throughout our lives for one or a number of reasons.

According to the psalmist, the anxieties we feel come from within us and not from what is around us, that is, our internal response to external circumstances.

So what is the prescription for

handling life's anxieties? The psalmist recommends "know the comforts of the Lord!" You'll find them in the Bible, maybe in some favorite verses that resonate with us that we keep in our heart to recall later during anxious times.

Search the scriptures and you can find comfort for your soul. Start by taking a glance at the concordance (a fancy word for topical index) in the back of your Bible if it has one, or ask your pastor.

I am sure that he or she would be more than glad to offer some guidance.

Besides, any occasion for cracking open the Good Book is necessarily a good thing!

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

Thanks be to God, day by day.

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

Memory Wall

Anthony Doerr's outstanding book of short stories called "Memory Wall" begins with a quote from the great Spanish film director Luis Bunuel: "You have to begin to lose your memory, if only in bits and pieces, to realize that memory is what makes our lives." There are six stories, ranging over four continents, but the first and final stories are the most noteworthy.

The title story "Memory Wall" is about rich, cantankerous 74-year-old Alma Konachek who lives in Vredehoek, a suburb above Cape Town, South Africa, "a place of warm rains, big-windowed lofts, and silent, predatory automobiles; ... beyond her kitchen balcony, a thousand city lights wink and gutter behind sheets of fog like candleflames." Alma, who is in the late stage of dementia, has a memory wall with almost a thousand cartridges containing her retrieved memories and hundreds more lying in piles across the carpet.

The memories of a rich widow can be highly lucrative, and the thief "Roger Tshoni brings the quiet little memory-tapper named Luvo with him up into the posh suburb of Vredehoek and breaks, for the twelfth time, into Alma Konachek's house." Luvo, the young memory thief, cares little for the potential riches but is drawn to Harold, Alma's late husband, an amateur paleontologist who was after the mythical gorgon. "Luvo hears Harold Konachek's big, enthusiastic voice: Two hundred fifty million years ago this place was lush, filled with ferns and rivers and mud. Flesh washing away, minerals penetrating bones, the weight of millennia piling up, bodies becoming rock." The story draws to a highly satisfying conclusion about collective memory written in stone.

In "Afterworld," Esther Gramm, born in 1927, ends up at the Hirschfeld Trust Girls' Orphanage in a middle-class Jewish neighborhood of Berlin. At six, Esther begins having temporal lobe epileptic seizures that will plague her throughout her life. With the advent of Hitler, the girls suffer ever greater deprivation with the added threat of inevitable deportation looming over their lives. Esther is miraculously saved: "Seventy-five years later, 81-year-old Esther Gramm finds herself flat on her back in her garden in Geneva, Ohio."

During her episodes, Esther's visions of her past go beyond mere recollection: She "was certain for a long moment that she could sense a silvery, restless world rippling just beneath this one." The book fittingly closes with Esther's reflections: "Why, Esther wonders, do any of us believe our lives lead outward through time? How do we know we aren't continually traveling inward, toward our centers? Because this is how it feels to Esther when she sits on her deck in Geneva, Ohio, in the last spring of her life; it feels as if she is being drawn down some path that leads deeper inside, toward a miniature, shrouded, final kingdom that has waited within her all along."

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION NEWS

Master Gardener Training

The University of Illinois Extension is pleased to announce that Master Gardener Training will be held with a flipped classroom style starting in September. Interested people can apply now for the training. Applications can be obtained by emailing brucejb@illinois.edu or on the web at go.illinois.edu/clwmgtraining.

To allow participants more flexibility during this training, we will be using a flipped classroom style training instead of the traditional classroom style of Master Gardener training. Each week, trainees will be given a reading assignment and a quiz like the classroom style training. What is unique is that instead of being in a class for seven hours in one day, trainees will be given 2-4 videos to watch at their own pace before meeting online via zoom with the section instructor on Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m. for discussion, review

and follow-up. Training consists of 12 sessions (2 of which are optional) conducted on Thursdays, starting on Sept. 3 and continuing through Nov. 19.

Once training is complete, participants join the existing Master Gardener volunteers in their county and serve the community, fulfilling the Master Gardener mission "Helping others learn to grow."

Pre-registration is required to attend Master Gardener Training. An orientation interview will be conducted with participants in advance of the class. Registration for the training is \$175 to cover the cost of the manual. For more information about Master Gardener Training, contact Bruce Black at 217-244-1923 or brucejb@illinois.edu.

Keep Your Brain Healthy

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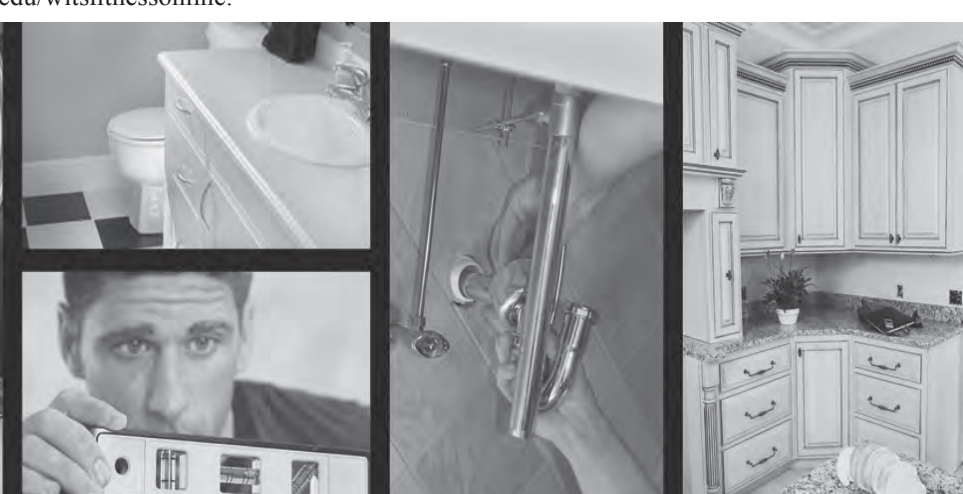
The University of Illinois Extension has an extensive history of offering monthly in-person Wits Fitness Brain Exercises Classes regularly in many communities.

While monthly Wits Fitness classes will return in the future, virtual classes will be added for those that would like to participate online.

Virtual Wits Fitness classes will be offered on the fourth Monday of each month at 10 a.m. starting July 27. The monthly classes will be held on Zoom. Virtual Wits Fitness class dates for 2020 are: July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, and Nov. 23.

Each virtual class is free and open to the public. Registration is required to receive log on instructions. Participants may also join by phone as well and are welcome to join the class at any time. For more information on or to register for Virtual Wits Fitness class, visit go.illinois.edu/witsfitnessonline.

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Opinion

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Illinois has not been well managed; would a crash-and-burn help?

BY JIM NOWLAN

As I walked a country road near my rural town this past week, a local slowed his pickup alongside me. “We’re moving to Florida, Jim.” He paused, then: “Illinois is not well managed, you know.” Three weeks ago, a hugely successful commodities trader friend, who lives in splendor on a big swath of Lake Michigan in Lake Forest, called: “Jim, we’re moving to Florida. It’s the taxes and the weather. And I can work from there.”

Illinois’ population has grown only slightly since 1970 — from 11.1 million then to 12.67 million today. The U.S. population, meanwhile, has increased from 205.1 million to 328.2 million during that same time. The population growth in Illinois has been augmented largely by Latinos and Asian-Americans. Illinois’ white population has dropped from 8.9 million in 1970 to 7.5 million today.

People move for many reasons. Weather is obviously part of it, though Minnesota has harsher winters and higher taxes, yet has been gaining population. Minnesota is better managed than Illinois, and citizens there apparently sense it.

Our state has been ineptly managed for a long time. The last good manager was probably Gov. Jim Edgar (1991-98). He was known as “Gov. No,” because people who went into his office to ask for money were told No.

Since then, debt, unfunded pension obligations and deficit spending have piled up to the point our state has the worst credit rating in the nation.

In efforts to find money for pensions and Medicaid health insurance for the low income, Illinois has over the past two de-

CADES cut employees, ignored critical information technology needs and shorted both social services and higher education.

Managing a big, boisterous state is tough, really tough, even without a pandemic.

First, the governor doesn’t alone run the state, as recent Gov. Bruce Rauner learned the hard way. The gov shares power with not only the Legislature but also the state high court and public employee unions.

Democratic House Speaker Mike Madigan, in the Legislature for half a century, can kill literally any bill — any bill — he wishes, with but a wave of his hand. A fetter on management.

The Illinois Supreme Court, dominated by Chicago Democrats since 1964, has rejected term limits, pension reform and popular efforts for nonpartisan redistricting — decisions all neatly in line with Madigan’s wishes. More fetters.

By the way, without reform of its ballooning pension obligations, the state will likely never stabilize its budget situation.

Mike Madigan is not an evil guy. He is a product of the Boss Daley political machine, which worked tirelessly to benefit and protect its own, meaning government workers and unions. After all, they are generally Democrats.

That’s fine, but over the years, with the arrogance of dominance, they have gone way too far.

For example, the public employee unions have negotiated such sweetheart contracts — often bargaining with sympathetic governors — that union rules basically manage state agencies day to day.

An illustration: Agency directors are basically unable to

recruit top talent from the outside. Union rules say employees — last time I looked 95 percent of all state employees belonged to unions — have first crack at all jobs, even if they aren’t qualified. More fetters.

Gov. JB Pritzker is a decent guy, trying to do a good job. I’m sure, and he didn’t create the present mess. However, born with a gold spoon in his mouth, he appears to take the “spend to solve” approach to government management.

Pritzker has put \$56 million of apparently limitless billions into his campaign to enact an amendment in November that would tax the rich at higher rates.

Our fiscal plight is so grave, however, that it cannot be fixed solely by hoisting ever more taxes onto the backs of a few rich people. Our fiscal hole is so deep that, in the short run, certainly, more taxes on all of us will be required, something neither side of the political divide will admit.

“Jim, if we don’t pass the governor’s tax proposal, Illinois will crash and burn,” said a Dem friend of mine.

I responded: “Illinois has been ‘crashing and burning’ for years now — in slow motion.”

An abrupt crash-and-burn scenario might just startle governor, lawmakers, and the state high court into dramatic actions, which could unshackle some of the fetters on management of our state. If not, our elected officials will simply kick the can down the road, as ever, and population flight will continue.

After all, Illinois is not well managed, as my Florida-bound friend observed.

Jim Nowlan is the lead co-author, with J. Thomas Johnson, of “Fixing Illinois: Politics and Policy in the Prairie State” (University of Illinois Press, 2014)

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago July 22, 1920

Miss Fannie Lester is home from Chicago on a vacation.

Miss Clare Brogley went to Dixon Monday to visit her sister Mrs. Walter Bedient.

Mrs. Edna Nattress was home from Dixon for the weekend.

Lillian Curtin and Geraldine Underwood spent Tuesday in Dixon.

75 Years Ago July 15, 1945

Some 40 members of the local Townsend Club met Sunday for their annual outdoor picnic dinner on the

spacious lawn of Mrs. Augusta Gewecke on West Division Street.

Mrs. Will Ulth of West Brooklyn is recovering from painful bruises which she sustained last week when she fell down the basement steps at her home.

50 Years Ago July 23, 1970

For his original model of a tractor and plow, designed from Tinkertoys, Wayne Wittenberg, a seven-year-old resident of Route 2, Amboy, has received a 1970 honor award from the Toy Tinkers, division of A.G. Spalding & Bros., Inc.

Awards were given to the children reading the most books in the Summer Reading Program at Pankhurst Memo-

rial Library at the party sponsored by the Amboy Evening Woman’s Club held in Green River City Park Saturday morning.

25 Years Ago July 27, 1995

Sublette Park Board was the recipient of \$800 donated by Amboy Area Jaycees. The money will be used to help purchase playground equipment for Centennial Park.

Tom Hess of Amboy High School won a silver medal in wrestling at the Prairie State Games held at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville July 21.

If Illinois passes progressive income tax, retirement tax comes next

BY AUSTIN BERG

The Center Square

They weren’t supposed to say this part out loud.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s top priority is a progressive income tax hike. He is expected to spend millions of dollars on TV advertising to convince voters that scrapping the state’s flat income tax protection on Nov. 3 won’t hurt them.

What won’t the governor say? That passing the progressive tax would empower state lawmakers to go after seniors’ retirement income.

And Illinois state Treasurer Michael Frerichs made the mistake of saying so publicly.

“One thing a progressive tax would do is make clear you can have graduated rates when you are taxing retirement income,” Frerichs said at a June event in Des Plaines, according to the Daily Herald. Kudos to the treasurer for speaking the truth.

Illinois’ constitutional flat income tax is a critical protection for seniors.

Here’s how it works:

Illinois currently doesn’t charge a tax on retirement income. But if Springfield wanted a slice of that money, the flat tax protection would force lawmakers to tax retirement income at the same rate as regular income. That’s a towering political hurdle.

But passing Pritzker’s constitutional amendment would allow state lawmak-

ers to tax retirement income at whatever level they want, making the tax easier to impose initially. And Frerichs is far from alone.

In 2019, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel proposed taxing all retirement income above \$100,000 per year and the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago proposed taxing all retirement income above \$15,000 a year. In 2018, second-place Democratic gubernatorial candidate Dan Biss said he would “only consider taxing retirement income once we’ve amended the Illinois Constitution to allow for a progressive income tax.”

But the groups backing Pritzker’s tax plan know slashing retiree income is a third rail in Illinois politics. Nearly 3 in 4 Illinoisans oppose taxing retirement income, according to a 2019 poll from the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

So, they quickly tried to cover for Frerichs.

The AARP and Pritzker’s progressive tax ballot committee — Vote Yes for Fairness — released statements assuring Illinoisans they only want more money from the rich, not from retirees. In fact, the official ballot language in favor of the progressive income tax, which will be published across the state ahead of November, explicitly states the proposal does not tax retirement income.

Of course, it doesn’t tax retirement income today. The worry is about to-

morrow.

If Illinois passes a progressive income tax, it would only be a matter of time before seniors see a cut in their retirement checks. Thirty-two states have a progressive income tax system. And all 32 tax some form of retirement income.

The only state to pass a progressive income tax in the past 30 years, Connecticut, shows how Illinois’ retirement exemption serves as one of the only bright spots in an otherwise punishing tax code.

Since 2011, Illinois has been able to retain residents above age 65 better than every other age group, according to IRS data. Meanwhile, Connecticut for the past decade has taxed retirement income, including Social Security, above \$50,000 for single filers and \$60,000 for joint filers. The result? The outmigration rate for residents over age 65 is more than double the rate for prime working-age adults.

Taxing retirement income would be the breaking point for scores of seniors who still spend their money in Illinois.

Pritzker wants Illinoisans to think wealthy incomes are up for a vote on the Nov. 3 ballot.

If he succeeds, retirees are next.

Austin Berg is a Chicago-based writer with the Illinois Policy Institute who wrote this column for The Center Square. Austin can be reached at aberg@illinoispolicy.org.



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LOCAL NEWS

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Students or staff with medical conditions that prevent them from wearing a mask, with a note from a doctor, will be allowed to not wear a mask. Any student refusing to wear a mask will be transitioned to remote learning.

Social Distancing - We will, to the greatest extent possible, provide appropriate social distancing within the buildings. Lockers will not be used; student movement within the buildings will be limited as much as possible; K-8 students will remain in one classroom; teachers will rotate between the classrooms; and lunches will be eaten in multiple locations as opposed to the cafeteria.

Symptom Screening and Temperature Checks - All students and staff will have their temperature checked prior to entering the building or boarding a school bus. The district is currently exploring the self-certification option through ParentSquare.

Cleaning and Disinfection - The district has purchased additional Clorox 360 electrostatic sprayers for all of the school buildings.

Two Learning Options - In-Person or Remote Learning

In-Person Instruction - 6-hour day
Central Elementary School 8:10 a.m.-2:15 p.m.
Amboy Junior High School 8:10 a.m.-2:10 p.m.

Amboy High School 8:10 a.m.-2:18 p.m.
Remote Learning - Teachers will be avail-

able from 2:20-3:20 p.m. to answer student questions and upload videos. Remote learning students are encouraged to participate in the district platform if classes are live-streamed. Parents are responsible for picking up remote learning materials from the school.

The choice for remote learning is a monthly commitment.

Grading - Both in-person and remote learning will use a traditional grading system and both options will be held to the same state academic standards.

Attendance - Both options will require daily attendance.

Exclusion and Illness Guidelines

14-Day Exclusion

• If a student tests positive for COVID-19, the period of exclusion starts from the day of the positive test.

• If a student exhibits one (or more) symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, fatigue, muscle and body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

• If a student has returned from a location with sustained widespread transmission, potentially including areas located within the United States.

• If a student had close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19.

(Close contact means that the student was within 6 feet of a symptomatic person for more than 15 minutes.) The period of exclusion starts on the date of the most recent close contact.

10-Day Exclusion

• If a student has a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit and exhibits one or more additional COVID-19 symptoms.

3-Day Exclusion

• If a student has a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit. At least 72 hours must elapse from the resolution of the fever without fever-reducing medication before the student can return to school.

Q&A

Numerous questions regarding the re-opening of schools were asked by parents attending the meeting both in person and via Zoom.

If someone in one of the school buildings tests positive, will contact tracing be done?

Nichols said if there is a positive test, the Lee County Health Department would take over as far as contact tracing.

Will PPE be available at school?

The district has 2,000 masks at each school building, which may be used in case someone forgets or does not have a mask.

Transportation?

Everyone is required to wear a mask on the bus and there is a limit of 50 people per bus.

How will band classes be handled?

Nichols said they will minimize student movement for band. The full band will not all meet together as they would normally. Instead, students will practice in smaller groups. The exception would be, weather permitting, the whole band could meet outdoors where social distancing could be maintained.

If a student is doing remote learning, can they still participate in band/chorus?

Nichols said the district already allows homeschooled students to attend band/chorus classes at school, so that would likely be the same for remote learning students.

Board president Nicole Jones emphasized that even though the district has a tentative plan, it is all subject to change.

"Please be patient because we have to wait for the state," she said.

Nichols also noted that he expected additional guidance from the state any day, so a more definite plan should be in place in time for registration.

In the meantime, he said the tentative plan will hopefully help parents make a decision on whether to have their students attend school remotely or in-person.

He encouraged anyone needing further information or having questions about a specific school building to reach out to him at (815) 857-2164 or jnichols@amboy.net or to contact the student's building principal.

Educational Briefs

Drury Announces Day School Spring 2020 Dean's List

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Earning a spot on Drury University's Dean's List is a significant accomplishment; it means a student earned a grade point average of 3.6 or greater (on a 4-point scale) while carrying a full-time course load of 12 or more semester hours at Drury, a top Midwestern university, according to US News & World Report.

In the spring semester, the following student made the day school Dean's list:

Dixon

Caleb Carlson, Dixon High School

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Kelsey Simpson is a May 2020 graduate of Upper Iowa University

FAYETTE, Iowa — Upper Iowa University is pleased to announce Kelsey Simpson of Amboy, graduated Cum Laude in May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Graphic Design.

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Illinois Department of Agriculture announces details for Junior Livestock Expo and Junior Horse Show

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) today released entry forms for the Junior Livestock Expo and Junior Horse Show taking place on the Illinois State and Du Quoin State Fairgrounds. The forms must be submitted via mail and are available on the IDOA website at www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr.

The Junior Livestock Expo will take place in Springfield over two weekends in September. Session one participants, which features beef, sheep, dairy goats, pygmy goats, rabbits and poultry must have their entry forms postmarked by Aug. 10, session two participants showing swine, dairy cattle and meat goats must have their entry forms postmarked by Aug. 17.

The Junior Horse Show will be held on the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds over two weekends. Entry forms for both the English and Western Shows must be postmarked by Aug. 10. Overnight camping will be available in Du Quoin at a rate of \$25 per night.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) will be awarding ribbons to Champions, Reserve Champions, Grand Champions and Reserve Grands in each species, and will be also be paying out premiums based on total entry monies received in a "Jackpot" style format. As a reminder, the Junior Shows are open to Illinois residents only, ages eight - 21.

IDOA's top priority remains safety. The Junior Livestock Expo will be held in the "Show and Go" format, discouraging overnight camping and the stalling/pinning of any species. Species with the ability to show off trailers will be

asked to do so. In addition, all exhibitors, family members and general public at both locations must adhere to the six feet apart social distancing guidelines and will be required to wear a protective face covering at all times while on the Illinois and Du Quoin State Fairgrounds.

The Junior Livestock Expo will take place Sept. 11-13 and Sept. 18-20. The Junior Horse Show will be held Aug. 29-30 and Sept. 5-6. For a complete list of rules and regulations, as well as to view the premium book please visit, www2.illinois.gov/sites/agr.

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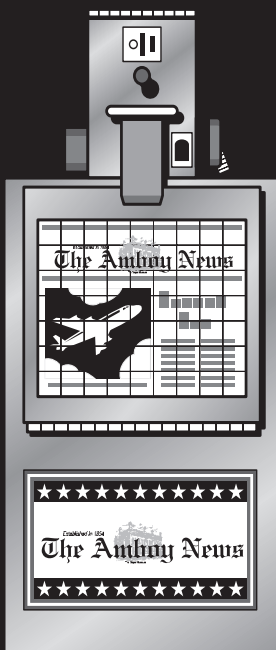
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Thursday, Aug. 13 - 10 a.m. - noon
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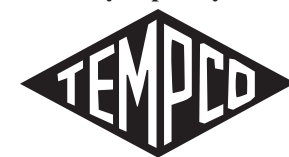
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Request of: Alyxandria
Beth Miller Case Num-
ber 2020MR00019
There will be a court
date on my Request
to change my name
from:Alyxandria Beth
Miller to the new name
of: Trays Michael Scott
Miller. The court date
will be held: 08/12/2020
at 1:30 pm in Court-
room B at 309 South
Galena Avenue, Dixon,
IL 61021 before the
Honorable Douglas E.
Lee.

/s/ Alyxandria
Beth Miller
No. 0702
July 8, 15, 22, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF
STEVEN JOHN
DEMPSEY,
No. 2020P00028
Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to cred-
itors of the death of
Steven John Dempsey.
Letters of Office were
issued to Lisa Magnafi-
ci, 517 Third Avenue,
Dixon, IL 61021, as
Representative, whose
attorney is David T.
Fritts, 217 N. Dement
Avenue, Dixon, Illinois,
61021.

Claims against the
estate may be filed in
the Office of the Clerk
of Court, Lee County
Courthouse, 309 S.
Galena Ave., Dixon, IL
61021, or with the Rep-
resentative, or both, on
or before Febuary 10,
2021, and any claim
not filed within that pe-
riod is barred. Copies
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delivered to the Rep-
resentative and to the
attorney within ten (10)
days after it has been
filed.

Date: July 22, 2020
Lisa Magnafici,
Representative
DAVID T. FRITTS
ATTORNEY FOR REP-
ENSENTIVE
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NUE
DIXON, ILLINOIS
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815-284-1841
No. 0706
(July 22, 29, August 5,
2020)

**ORDINANCE
NO. 0720
AN ORDINANCE
OF THE AMBOY
FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT PROVID-
ING FOR THE
IMPOSITION
OF CHARGES
FOR SERVICES
REN-DERED IN
THE PROVISION
OF SERVICES TO
NONRESIDENTS AND
FOR EMERGENCY
AMBULANCE AND
MEDICAL SERVICES
AND TECHNICAL
RESCUE SERVICES
AND REQUIRING
REIMBURSEMENT
AND/OR
RESTITUTION
FOR HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS
EMERGENCY
RESPONSES,
DRIVING UNDER
THE INFLUENCE
RESPONSES,
METHAMPHETAMINE
INCIDENT
RESPONSES, ARSON
FIRE RESPONSES,
AND REQUIRING
PAYMENT FOR FIRE
SUPPRESSION AS A**

CONSEQUENCE OF PROHIBITED OPEN BURNING

WHEREAS, the Amboy
Fire Protection District
(District) does, from
time to time, render ser-
vices to persons who
are not residents of the
Amboy Fire Protection
District;
WHEREAS, Section
11f of the Illinois Fire
Protection District Act
(70 ILCS 705/11f) au-
thorizes fire protection
districts to assess a
charge for services ren-
dered by a fire protec-
tion district to per-sons,
businesses, and other
entities who are not res-
idents of the fire protec-
tion district;
WHEREAS, the Amboy
Fire Protection District
does, from time to time,
also render emergency
ambulance and medical
services in responding
to incidents for which
assistance of the Dis-
trict is requested;
WHEREAS, Section
22 of the Illinois Fire
Protection District Act
(70 ILCS 705/22) au-
thorizes fire protection
districts to fix, charge
and collect fees for
emergency ambulance
service within or outside

of the fire protection dis-
trict not exceeding the
reasonable cost of the
service;
WHEREAS, the Amboy
Fire Protection District
does, from time to time,
also render technical
rescue services in re-
sponding to incidents
for which the assis-
tance of the District is
requested;
WHEREAS, Section 26
of the Illinois Fire Pro-
tection District Act (70
ILCS 705/26) author-
izes fire protection dis-
tricts to fix, charge, and
collect reasonable fees
for technical rescue ser-
vices provided by the
District;
WHEREAS, the Amboy
Fire Protection District
does, from time to time,
render services and un-
dertake emergency ac-
tion in connection with
hazardous materials
emergencies;
WHEREAS, Section 5
of the Hazardous Ma-
terial Emergency Re-
sponse Reimbursement
Act (430 ILCS 55/5)
requires responsible
parties to reimburse
fire protection districts
for an emergency ac-
tion response made by
them in connection with

a hazardous materials
emergency for which
that party is responsi-
ble;
WHEREAS, the Amboy
Fire Protection District
responds from time to
time to emergency calls
involving driving while
intoxicated incidents
which meet the criteria
of Section 11-501.01 of
the Vehicle Code (625
ILCS 5/11-501.01);
WHEREAS, Section
15-70 of the Criminal
and Traffic Assessment
Act (705 ILCS 135/15-
70) provides that per-
sons who are found
guilty of violating Sec-
tion 11-501 of the Ve-
hicle Code (625 ILCS
5/11-501), Section 5-7
of the Snowmobile Reg-
istration and Safety Act
(625 ILCS 40/5-7), or
Section 5-16 of the Boat
Registration and Safety
Act (625 ILCS 45/5-16),
and whose operation of
a motor vehicle, snow-
mobile, or watercraft
while in violation of one
or more of those sec-
tions (driving or operat-
ing under the influence)
or a similar provision
proximately caused an
incident resulting in an
appropriate emergency
response shall be liable

for the expense of that
emergency response
in an amount up to
One Thousand Dollars
(\$1,000.00);
WHEREAS, the Amboy
Fire Protection District
responds from time to
time to emergency calls
involving methamphet-
amine possession, con-
sumption, manufacture
or distribution which
meet the criteria of Sec-
tion 90 of the Metham-
phetamine Control and
Community Protection
Act (720 ILCS 646/90);
WHEREAS, Section
90 of the Methamphet-
amine Control and
Community Protection
Act (720 ILCS 646/90)
provides that a person
who commits a violation
of that Act in a man-
ner which requires an
emergency response is
required to make resti-
tution to public entities
making the emergen-
cy response to cover
the reasonable cost of
their participation in the
emergency response
including, but not limited
to, regular and overtime
costs and payments to
private contractors to
secure the site of the
response;
WHEREAS, the Amboy
Fire Protection District
responds from time to
time to fires which are
caused by or are the re-
sult of arson;
WHEREAS, Section 15
of the Emergency Ser-
vices Response Reim-
bursement for Criminal
Convictions Act (730
ILCS 185/15) provides
that units of govern-
ment responding to a
fire resulting from an
arson offense are eligi-
ble for reimbursement
by a person convicted
of the arson offense
in an amount not less
than One Thousand
Dollars (\$1,000.00)
and not more than
Ten Thousand Dollars
(\$10,000.00); and
WHEREAS, Sec-
tion 8.20(e) of the Il-
linois Fire Protection
District Act (70 ILCS
705/8.20(e)) authorizes
the imposition, assess-
ment and collection of
fees for opening burn-
ing in contravention
of a ban or prohibition
against open burning
issued by the Fire Chief
of District's Fire De-
partment pursuant to
Section 8.20 (d) of the
Illinois Fire Protection
District Act (70 ILCS
705/8.20(d)) which re-
quires extinguishment
or suppression by the
District's Fire Depart-
ment.
NOW, THEREFORE,
the premises consid-
ered, be it ordained
and established by the
Board of Trustees of the
Amboy Fire Protection
District as follows:
SECTION 1. From
and after the effective
date of this ordinance
there may be assessed
against all persons,
businesses, and oth-
er entities who are not
residents of the Amboy
Fire Protection District,
a charge for ser-vices
rendered to such non-
residents by personnel
and equipment of the
Amboy Fire Protection
District.
SECTION 2. The
charge provided for in
Section 1 hereof will not
be assessed against
persons who request
fire protection coverage
for an unprotected area
and who pay to the Am-
boy Fire Protection Dis-
trict an amount equal
to the District's fire
protection tax pursuant
to Section 4 of the Fire
Protection of Unprotect-
ed Area Act (70 ILCS
715/4).
SECTION 3. From
and after the effective
date of this ordi-
nance there may be
assessed against any
person, business, or
entity to whom or for
which technical rescue
services are rendered

by the personnel and
equipment of Amboy
Fire Protection District
a charge for such ser-
vices. For purposes
of this ordinance, the
term technical rescue
services shall include,
but not be limited to,
structural collapse, high-
angle, tactical, under-
water, confined space,
below grade, and trench
rescue services.
SECTION 4. From
and after the effective
date of this ordinance,
there may be assessed
against any responsi-
ble party, as that term
is defined in Section
3(c) of the Hazardous
Material Response Re-
imbursement Act (430
ILCS 55/3(c)), a charge
for such services to re-
imburse the District for
the services rendered,
materials expended,
and private contractors
engaged in connection
with a hazardous ma-
terials incident.
SECTION 5. From
and after the effective
date of this ordinance,
there shall be assessed,
in accordance with Sec-
tion 15-70 of the Crimi-
nal and Traffic Assess-
ment Act, against any
person who is found
guilty of violating Sec-
tion 11-501 of the Ve-
hicle Code (625 ILCS
5/11-501), Section 5-7
of the Snowmobile Reg-
istration and Safety Act
(625 ILCS 40/5-7), or
Section 5-16 of the Boat
Registration and Safety
Act (625 ILCS 45/5-16),
and whose operation of
a motor vehicle, snow-
mobile, or watercraft
while in violation of one
or more of those sec-
tions (driving or operat-
ing under the influence)
or a similar provision
proximately caused
an incident resulting in
an appropriate emer-
gency response by the
Amboy Fire Protection
District shall be liable
for the expense of that
emergency response a
charge for the expense
of that emergency re-
sponse in the amount of
One Thousand Dollars
(\$1,000.00).
SECTION 6. From
and after the effective
date of this ordinance,
there shall be assessed
against any person who
commits a violation of
the Methamphetamine
Control and Community
Protection Act in a man-
ner which requires an
emergency response by
the Amboy Fire Protec-
tion District, an amount
equal to the reasonable
cost of its participation
in the emergency re-
sponse including, but
not limited to, regular
and overtime costs
and payments made to
private contractors to
secure the site of the
response.
SECTION 7. From
and after the effective
date of this ordinance,
there shall be assessed
against any person who
is liable under Section
15 of the Emergency
Services Response Re-
imbursement for Crimi-
nal Convictions Act (730
ILCS 185/15) to the Am-
boy Fire Protection Dis-
trict for its response to
a fire resulting from an
arson offense a claim
for reimbursement in
an amount not less
than One Thousand
Dollars (\$1,000.00)
and not more than
Ten Thousand Dollars
(\$10,000.00). Such
claim shall be based on
the actual cost incurred
by the District, however
when actual costs can-
not be determined, the
reimbursement shall be
based on costs pursu-
ant to Section 11f of the
Fire Protection District
Act (70 ILCS 705/11f).
SECTION 8. From
and after the effective
date of this ordinance,
there may be assessed
against any person,
business, or other en-
tities who are respon-

BROOKLYN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020

BEGINNING BALANCE		
TOWN FUNDS:		
TOWN FUND	\$	102,083.47
TOWN INSURANCE FUND	\$	18,833.74
TOTAL TOWN FUNDS	\$	120,917.21
REVENUE SUMMARY:		
PROPERTY TAXES:		
TOWN FUND	\$	90,106.68
TOWN INSURANCE FUND	\$	6,314.13
TOTAL TOWN - PROPERTY TAX	\$	96,420.81
PERSONAL PROPERTY REPLACEMENT TAX:		
TOWN FUND	\$	2,834.08
TOTAL TOWN - PPRT	\$	2,834.08
INTEREST:		
TOWN FUND	\$	379.67
TOWN INSURANCE FUND	\$	91.65
TOTAL TOWN - INTEREST	\$	471.32
DIVIDEND - TOIRMA		
TOWN INSURANCE FUND	\$	399.00
	\$	399.00
TOTAL TOWN - REVENUES	\$	100,125.21
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:		
TOWN FUND	\$	(95,724.60)
TOWN INSURANCE FUND	\$	(2,895.00)
TOTAL TOWN EXPENDITURES	\$	(98,619.60)
ENDING BALANCE		
TOWN FUND	\$	99,679.30
TOWN INSURANCE FUND	\$	22,743.52
	\$	122,422.82
PLUS:		
TOWN INS FUND - CD # 1574	\$	5,785.92
TOTAL TOWN INSURANCE FUND	\$	5,785.92
TOTAL TOWN FUNDS	\$	128,208.74

BEGINNING BALANCE		
ROAD DISTRICT FUNDS:		
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND	\$	1,941.33
PERMANENT ROAD FUND	\$	5,149.06
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$	16,204.62
ROAD DISTRICT INSURANCE	\$	16,851.67
SPECIAL BRIDGE FUND	\$	34,160.00
TOTAL ROAD DISTRICT FUNDS	\$	74,306.68
REVENUE SUMMARY:		
PROPERTY TAXES:		
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND	\$	31,463.39
PERMANENT ROAD FUND	\$	82,653.59
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$	41,782.77
ROAD DISTRICT INSURANCE	\$	6,884.91
SPECIAL BRIDGE FUND	\$	9,810.00
TOTAL ROAD DISTRICT - PROPERTY TAX	\$	172,594.66
PERSONAL PROPERTY REPLACEMENT TAX:		
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$	4,116.68
TOTAL ROAD DISTRICT - PPRT	\$	4,116.68
INTEREST:		
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND	\$	46.42
PERMANENT ROAD FUND	\$	258.48
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$	323.23
ROAD DISTRICT INSURANCE	\$	35.59
SPECIAL BRIDGE FUND	\$	47.00
TOTAL ROAD DISTRICT - INTEREST	\$	710.72
DIVIDEND - TOIRMA		
ROAD DISTRICT INSURANCE FUND	\$	775.00
	\$	775.00
OTHER - INCOME:		
TRANS - TF to PR	\$	50,000.00
TRANS - PR to BE	\$	10,000.00
TRANS - SB to BE	\$	30,000.00
TRANS - PR to RB	\$	10,000.00
TRANS - RDIF to RB	\$	10,000.00
TRANS - RDIF to BE	\$	6,500.00
BE - Johnson Tractor - Refund	\$	376.36
RB - John Ellis - Culverts	\$	615.00
PR - Macklin - Refund	\$	7,702.79
RB - Mendota Hills - Refund	\$	94,670.41
RB - Barnhart Crane - Ordinance Income	\$	27,500.00
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$	247,364.56
TOTAL ROAD DISTRICT - REVENUES	\$	425,561.62
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:		
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND	\$	(77,854.21)
PERMANENT ROAD FUND	\$	(56,716.69)
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$	(105,516.42)
ROAD DISTRICT INSURANCE	\$	(21,342.82)
SPECIAL BRIDGE FUND	\$	(29,998.83)
TOTAL ROAD DISTRICT EXPENDITURES	\$	(291,428.97)

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ENDING BALANCE		
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND	\$	2,473.29
PERMANENT ROAD FUND	\$	69,047.23
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	\$	99,696.29
ROAD DISTRICT INSURANCE	\$	2,429.35
SPECIAL BRIDGE FUND	\$	14,018.17
TOTAL ROAD DISTRICT FUNDS		187,664.33
GENERAL ASSISTANCE		
BEGINNING BALANCE		
GENERAL ASSISTANCE - Checking	\$	5,317.22
TOTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE	\$	5,317.22
REVENUE SUMMARY:		
PROPERTY TAX	\$	499.38
INTEREST	\$	5.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	504.38
EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:		
EXPENSES	\$	(650.00)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	(650.00)
ENDING BALANCE		
GENERAL ASSISTANCE - Checking	\$	5,171.60
PLUS:		
GENERAL ASSISTANCE - CD # 1575	\$	2,461.41
GENERAL ASSISTANCE - CD # 1662	\$	2,109.03
GENERAL ASSISTANCE - CD # 1396	\$	5,130.61
GENERAL ASSISTANCE - CD # 1397	\$	5,130.61
	\$	14,831.66
TOTAL GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS		20,003.26

FUND BALANCES		
TOWN	\$	99,679.30
TOWN INSURANCE	\$	22,743.52
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT	\$	2,473.29
PERMANENT ROAD	\$	69,047.23
ROAD & BRIDGE	\$	99,696.29
ROAD DISTRICT INSURANCE	\$	2,429.35
SPECIAL BRIDGE	\$	14,018.17
BALANCE in MONEY MARKET	\$	310,087.15
GENERAL ASSISTANCE - CKG	\$	5,171.60
PLUS CDs:		
TOWN FUND - CD# 1268	\$	5,785.92
GENERAL ASSISTANCE - CD# 1269	\$	2,461.41
GENERAL ASSISTANCE - CD# 1351	\$	2,109.03
GENERAL ASSISTANCE - CD# 1396	\$	5,130.61
GENERAL ASSISTANCE - CD# 1397	\$	5,130.61
	\$	20,617.58
	\$	335,876.33
COMPENSATION:		
Road Commissioner - Salary	\$	20,000.00
Supervisor - Salary	\$	5,500.00
Clerk - Salary	\$	3,500.00
Trustees	\$	2,150.00
Workers Hired	\$	13,400.00
Total Compensation	\$	44,550.00

I, Michelle K. Morris, Supervisor of Brooklyn Township, Lee County, Illinois do hereby
certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the Fiscal Year
ending March 31, 2020.

Michelle K. Morris, Supervisor

No. 0705
(July 22, 2020)

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SECTION 9. The reasonable charge for Emergency Ambulance or Medical services rendered by the Amboy Fire Protection District will be assessed in the following amounts for the following services:

A. All patients receiving Basic Life Support services with no transport shall pay a fee of \$150.

B. All patients residing within the service area of the Amboy Fire Protection District and receiving Basic Life Support Emergency Services shall pay a fee of \$550.

C. All patients not residing within the service area of the Amboy Fire Protection District and receiving Basic Life Support Emergency Services shall pay a fee of \$850.

D. All patients residing within the service area of the Amboy Fire Protection District and receiving Advanced Life Support Emergency Services shall pay a fee of \$675.

E. All patients not residing within the service area of the Amboy Fire Protection District and receiving Advanced Life Support Emergency Services shall pay a fee of \$975.

F. All patients residing within the service area of the Amboy Fire Protection District and receiving Advanced Life Support II Emergency Services shall pay a fee of \$775.

G. All patients not residing within the service area of the Amboy Fire Protection District and receiving Advanced Life Support II Emergency Services shall pay a fee of \$1,075.

H. In addition to the above-stated fees, the following additional fees, if applicable, shall be charged:

a. A fee of \$29 per mile for transport by ambulance.

b. A fee of \$50 will be charged for the administration of oxygen.

c. A fee of \$85 will be charged for the setup and obtention of a 12-Lead EKG.

d. A fee of \$10 will be charged for testing to obtain glucose blood levels.

e. All fees for disposable supplies will be charged as follows:

i. Defibrillation Pads – Adult: \$75

ii. Defibrillation Pads – Child: \$75

iii. Albuterol: \$2

iv. ASA: \$2

v. Glucagon: \$300

vi. Insta Glucose: \$8

vii. Narcan \$30

viii. BVM: \$20

ix. CPAP: \$75

x. CPR Mask: \$15

xi. King Airway: \$60

xii. Suction V-Vac \$27

xiii. Oral Airway: \$2

xiv. Nasal Airway: \$2

xv. MAD: \$7

xvi. C-Collar: \$20

xvii. Gauze Roll: \$2

xviii. Head Immobilizer: \$10

xix. Hot Pack/Cold Pack: \$7

xx. Sterile water for irrigation: \$5

xxi. Gauze Dressing: \$2

xxii. Spider Straps: \$40

SECTION 10. The charge for services rendered by the Amboy Fire Protection District under Sections 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 hereof will be assessed in an amount determined by the District but will not exceed the statutory authorized rates of \$250.00 per hour for fire and rescue apparatus and \$70.00 per hour per firefighter responding to a call for assistance under those sections, provided, however, that no charge shall be made for services rendered for which the charge would be less than \$50.00. In addition to the foregoing charges, a separate charge may be assessed for extraordinary expenses of materials used in rendering services by the Fire Protection District to nonresidents including, but not limited to, in connection with a hazardous material emergency response under Section 4 or a methamphetamine incident under Section 6, the cost of any expendable materials used by the District in connection with the incident, the charge of any private contractor responding to the incident, the loss or damage to District equipment.

SECTION 11. All receipts from charges assessed pursuant to this Ordinance shall be deposited to and become a part of the General Fund of the Amboy Fire Protection District.

SECTION 12. For purposes of this Ordinance, the terms used herein shall have the meanings and definitions contained in the Illinois Fire Protection District Act (70 ILCS 705), the Hazardous Material Emergency Response Reimbursement Act (430 ILCS 55), the Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5), the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act (720 ILCS 646/90), and the Emergency Services Response Reimbursement for Criminal Convictions Act (730 ILCS 185) and it shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with those Acts.

SECTION 13. Should any provision of this Ordinance be found or declared to be invalid, that finding shall not affect the remaining provisions thereof which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 14. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and publication as provided by law and all ordinances of the Amboy Fire Protection District in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of the Amboy Fire Protection District this 6th day of July

A.D., 2020.
Ayes 3
Nays 0
/s/ Joel Hochstatter
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Amboy Fire Protection District
Approved by the President of the Board of Trustees of the Amboy Fire Protection District
This 6th day of July, 2020.
/s/ Edwin Lilja
President

CERTIFICATE
The undersigned Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Amboy Fire Protection District, a Fire Protection District organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, certifies that on the day and date hereof, he was the duly appointed, acting and qualified Secretary of the said Fire Protection District; that in his capacity as Secretary he is the official keeper of the records, minutes and resolutions of said Fire Protection District and that the document attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance No. 0720 entitled:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE AMBOY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION OF CHARGES FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO NONRESIDENTS AND FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE AND MEDICAL SERVICES AND TECHNICAL RESCUE SERVICES AND REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT AND/OR RESTITUTION FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSES, DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE RESPONSES, METHAMPHETAMINE INCIDENT RESPONSES, ARSON FIRE RESPONSES, AND REQUIRING PAYMENT FOR FIRE SUPPRESSION AS A CONSEQUENCE OF PROHIBITED OPEN BURNING the original of which is part of the official records of the said Amboy Fire Protection District. Dated this 6th day of July, 2020.
/s/ Joel Hochstatter
Secretary, Board of Trustees of the Amboy Fire Protection District
The undersigned certifies that on the day and date hereof, he was the duly appointed, qualified and acting President of the Amboy Fire Protection District; that on the day and date hereof, July 6, 2020 was the duly appointed, qualified and acting Secretary of the Amboy Fire Protection District in such capacity was the keeper of the official records, minutes and resolutions of the said Fire Protection District. Dated this 6th day of July, 2020.
/s/ Edwin Lilja
President, Board of Trustees of the Amboy Fire Protection District
No. 0707
(July 22, 2020)

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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