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SHREDDING

Matt Leiden of Shred-it (left) waits as Dennis McCoy empties his last box of paper to be shredded. The First National Bank in Amboy held shredding events at three of their locations on Saturday, May 23. Another event will be held Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Franklin Grove location.

Mary Mays/Amboy News

Lee County services continue through COVID-19

LEE COUNTY — Lee County Board Chairman, John Nicholson would like to remind Lee County citizens that county services are continuing through the COVID-19 pandemic – albeit differently than normal.

“I want to commend the Lee County Department Heads for the creative ways they have modified day-to-day operations to keep the public and staff safe, while still continuing to provide necessary services to the public,” Nicholson said recently.

He encourages citizens to call county offices prior to coming, as some buildings and/or departments may be closed to the public.

“Departments have individually modified their business practices to provide essential services, so your best bet is to call ahead,” Nicholson added.

Contact information and specific types of services available from various county departments can be found at www.leecountyl.com. The following is a brief overview of current practices in various county departments.

During its building closure, the Animal Control department is continuing to provide services via phone, email, mail, and fax, and is responding to animal welfare and stray dog complaints.

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Changes to course, rates highlight Shady Oaks 2020 season

BY AMBOY NEW STAFF

AMBOY — With COVID-19, life as we know has been changed. Navigating this change, the Shady Oaks Golf Club has implemented state guidelines to help keep its members and the public safe while enjoying the scenic 18-hole course.

Matt Welty, president of the Shady Oaks Golf Club

Board of Directors, said the course was closed the entire month of April, and during the month of May, to be open, the course had to abide by incredible restrictions from the state. One new addition is the sanitizing station for when the golf carts come off the course, Dave Kemp, secretary of the board of directors, said.

With Illinois entering Phase 3 of the reopening on

May 29, Shady Oaks has opened its deck and patio for outside consumption of food and beverages. The club has rules in place for safe social distancing while still allowing everyone to enjoy scenery of the course. Also on May 29, the club was able to open the course to foursomes and anyone who needs a cart will be able to use one. The rules still state that it's one



Looking back past the green to the fairway of hole #12 shows the better sightlines now that oak trees, which were obstacles on the hole, have been removed.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

person per cart, unless both people are from the same household, in which they can ride together.

Changes to the course

Due to the limited events and festivals being held this summer because of COVID-19, Welty said the board looked at what the golf club could do to help support the community that supports them. With that mindset, the golf club is currently offering its lowest membership rates they have ever had, including new member rates. Welty said the club offers junior memberships lower than anyone, and any child under the age of 13 can play the

course for free.

Kemp said they are hoping these lower rates will excite young people to take up the sport of golfing. Shady Oaks also offers a special 3, 6, and 9 hole rate for adults with kids. Twilight golf starts at 3 p.m. and the rate includes a cart.

“They’ve lowered the membership fees, which is good,” Shady Oaks Golf Club member Mike McCracken said. “There is some youth on the board and they are willing to try new things.”

Other changes the board made, with the input of players and the man-power of volunteers, was making the golf course more playable.

Welty said the general idea of the last few years was to ease the playability of the course. He said the board talked about the different holes and what changes could be made.

“I am 100 percent in agreement to make the course even more playable in the future,” Shady Oaks Golf Club member Joe Jahn said. “They are trying to make it easier for the average golfer. And I think it will appeal more to women and high schoolers.”

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Shady Oaks Golf Club offers a scenic, challenging 18-hole course.

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Six employees retire from Amboy Community School District

AMBOY—Amboy Community Unit School District announces the retirement of six employees.

Gary “Tank” Jones - 35 Years - Physical Education Teacher

Susan E. Shaw - Amboy Central School Library/Computer Lab - 1988-2020

“My memories will be of

all the learning, caring and sharing that happened inside the walls of Central School. I enjoyed the computer reading program and seeing students meet their goals earning their rewards at the end of the year. It was an experience barcoding every book in the library and seeing the old wooden catalog removed. I

will miss reading stories to the kindergartners and then listening to them read stories back to me by the end of the year. The camaraderie of the north wing classrooms surrounding the library will not be forgotten. It was amazing seeing two generations, as well as, my own children pass through the library. I did not

plan to retire during Covid-19 but felt proud to be part of a dedicated and strong team to my last day.”

Cheryl Bonnell - 21 Years – Paraprofessional

She spent 14 years at the high school, three years at the junior high and four years at the elementary school.

“I made many friends. I

worked with amazing people. It was like working with family. My co-workers saw me through some sad times. I will always remember the thoughtfulness from all in the district. Thank you for a working experience I will fondly remember.”

Scott Spangler - 17 Years - Special Education Teacher

Marsha Monaghan - 13 Years – Library Aide

“The best group of people that anyone could ask to work for. Will miss them and the students very much.”

Elmer Shaw - 2008-2020 - Bus Driver

Government supports farmers during COVID-19

BY RUSSELL HODGES
NMC Staff Writer

This is part 2 of a 2 part story

CCOVID-19 has affected several industries around the country including the farm industry, and federal organizations such as the United States Department of Agriculture are working to initiate programs to support farmers and small businesses in need of financial assistance.

Commodity Loan Flexibilities

Producers now have more time to repay Farm Service Agency Marketing Assistance Loans (MAL), as part of the CARES Act. The loans now mature at 12 months rather than nine, and this flexibility is available for most commodities.

Effective immediately, producers of eligible commodities now have up to 12 months to repay their

commodity loans. The maturity extension applies to nonrecourse loans for crop years 2018, 2019, and 2020. Eligible open loans must be in good standing with a maturity date of March 31, 2020 or later or new crop year (2019 or 2020) loans requested by Sept. 30, 2020. All new loans requested by Sept. 30, 2020 will have a maturity date 12 months following the date of approval.

The maturity extension for current, active loans will be automatically extended an additional three months. Loans that matured March 31 have already been automatically extended. Loans requested after September 30, 2020 will have a term of nine months.

Eligible commodities include barley, chickpeas (small and large), corn, cotton (upland and extra-long staple), dry peas, grain sorghum, honey, lentils, mohair, oats,



peanuts, rice (long and medium grain), soybeans, unshorn pelts, wheat, wool (graded and nongraded); and other oilseeds, including canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard

seed, rapeseed, safflower, sunflower seed, and sesame seed. Seed cotton and sugar are not eligible.

Under the new maturity provisions, producers can

still repay the loan as they would have before the extension.

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LOCAL NEWS

United Way of Lee County receives grant from Bayer Fund

LEE COUNTY — United Way of Lee County announced it received a grant for \$3,500 from Bayer Fund, which will be used to provide free summer lunches throughout Lee County this summer.

"This grant will not only provide support to our organization, but also our community by allowing us to fight food insecurity during these uncertain times. Funds will be used to provide free summer lunches to anyone 18

and under in Lee County. We have 10 sites throughout Lee County serving kid friendly meals," said Keri Olson, Executive Director of United Way of Lee County. "This program would not be possible without the support we get from the community and businesses like Bayer/Monsanto."

"Throughout the years, the grants given through Bayer Fund have helped strengthen our communities across the United States,"

said Al Mitchell, President of Bayer Fund. "We're proud to be able to provide support to develop programs that help combat challenges such as food insecurity, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education and support services to patients and families managing an illness or disease."

In 2019, Bayer Fund awarded more than \$14 million to over 3,200 charitable and

nonprofit organizations to help address essential needs in food and nutrition, STEM education and community development.

Over the last five years, nonprofit organizations across the U.S. have received more than \$79 million.

To learn more about United Way of Lee County visit www.uwleeco.org.

To learn more about Bayer Fund visit <https://www.fund.bayer.us>.

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"One of the things that I believe has hindered golfing is the designers design courses for the really skilled golfers and not your average golfer."

Welly said one member suggested changes to Hole #12 that would not only make the hole easier and it would also make it more visually stimulating.

Kemp said oak trees on the left side of the course made it a very difficult hole. He added that when dead trees were being removed, they decided to remove the oak trees that were located by the electric box.

He added by removing the trees, it also opened up the view of the pond on the left side of the hole. Kemp said new trees were planted on the right side of the hole.

"They made some nice changes to Hole #12, which is a pretty tough hole," McCracken said. "They've opened it up more now. You don't have to be so exact now, but you still have to hit it straight."

Welly said so far, the reviews of the hole have been positive. He said the goal is to continue to make changes every year to make the course more playable, and easier to get around.

"I really enjoy the changes that have been made at Shady Oaks," Jahn said. "I have scored lower on No. 12 hole than I have in the past. They removed a tree where drives would always land. It's more pleasing to be able to have your ball

out there and not obstructed by the tree on your second shot." "In a couple other smaller spots, they took down some trees to give you a better look," McCracken said. "It's a

pretty tight course and every little bit helps at Shady Oaks. The greens are in real good shape and the course overall has been kept in real good shape."



Trees were removed from near the electric box on the left side of hole #12 to make the hole easier and to also offer a view of pond.

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TEEN TURF

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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.

Free Giveaway

We had a free giveaway of various items in our backroom last Friday. Thank you to those who came out. Please stay tuned here and on Facebook to see when the next one will be held.

Mini Food Pantry

We have devised a small pantry in the hallway of Teen Turf. The outside door is always open. We have snacks, school supplies, and other fun items. Please take what you need. We will continue this program until the epidemic is over. If you need something in particular, don't hesitate to call Eileen at 815-440-8195 or call Teen Turf at 815-857-4800.

St. Pat's Food Pantry

Due to the unprecedented times, St. Pat's is holding extra food pantry dates in June. They will be having one on June 3 and 17, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. No need to get out of car, they will bring the groceries to your car.

A Note to say hello or Happy Birthday in June

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 50+ cards.

Final Word

Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you." — Princess Diana

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EXTENSION NEWSRegistration opens for
Master Gardener
Training in August

You don't have to be a gardening expert to become a Master Gardener. All you need is an interest in gardening, some time to volunteer in the community, and a desire to share your knowledge with others.

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program emphasizes practical gardening experience teamed with research-based information from University of Illinois Extension. We help people put knowledge to work as we share information about sustainable garden and landscape management practices, aesthetically pleasing and recuperative environments, and healthy food production.

For the full Master Gar-

dener experience, we recommend face-to-face training at your local University of Illinois Extension office. Whiteside county extension is offering face to face training to start Aug. 25 through Nov. 3.

For more information contacts us via email us at: uie-clw@illinois.edu or register at go.illinois.edu/CLWmgtraining

AMBOY-St. Patrick Food Pantry, 32 N. Jones Ave., will have drive by/pick up service from 9 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 3 and June 17.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., is closed for regular business. Call 815-284-3371 for updates.

AMBOY-For all Lee County Extension, as well as Carroll and Whiteside Extension, events go to: go.illinois.edu/ExtensionCOVID19 for updates and to ask questions.

AMBOY-The First Bap-

tist Church Food Pantry, 24 N. Mason Ave., will be open on Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. until noon. Call 815-440-2078 for more information.

FRANKLIN GROVE-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, at Atlanta Park Building, South State St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

STERLING-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June

11, at the Sterling Bethel Reformed Church, 230 E. 23rd St. 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 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, at the Dixon Elks Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AHS class reunion
canceled in 2020

AMBOY—The Amboy High School Class of 1952 class reunion for 2020 has been cancelled due to the COVID-19.

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Illinois DCFS to youth: You are not alone

CHICAGO – During the coronavirus pandemic when families are secluded at home, calls to report suspected child abuse and neglect have decreased significantly across the country, and by 57 percent in Illinois compared to the same time last year.

According to the department:

- One in five children is abused or neglected before they turn 18;
- 70 percent of child abuse goes unreported; and
- Children tell an average of seven adults they are being mistreated before it is reported to authorities.

To ensure that children know that it is never okay for anyone to hurt or neglect them, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services is launching the "You are Not Alone" campaign with the simple message: if someone is hurting you, we can help.

"A decline in calls to our abuse and neglect hotline does not mean that child abuse and neglect has decreased – in fact,

CGH to host blood
drive on June 4

STERLING - CGH Medical Center, 100 E. LeFevre Rd, Sterling, will host a community blood drive from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 4 in the Ryberg Auditorium. For this blood drive, there are a few things to remember:

Due to continued social distancing guidelines, no walk-ins will be allowed. You must have a prescheduled appointment time. To make an appointment, please contact Michelle at (815) 625-0400, ext. 6879 or Jill at ext. 5425

You will NOT be allowed to donate if:

You are 80 years old or older. You have been diagnosed with or are being tested for COVID-19. You have been within six feet of someone who has the virus or is being tested for the virus.

You have fever, cough, or shortness of breath.

Blood donation is safe! Blood drives are safe environments where staff and donors are screened to be sure they are healthy and well and have not been exposed to the virus to be present. They are not mass gatherings for the purpose of social distancing. In addition, to help with social distancing, you may possibly be asked to wait in your car and be called/texted to come in for your appointment.

with this pandemic many families are suffering from extreme stress," said Illinois DCFS Acting Director Marc D. Smith. "During this time when youth are at home – potentially with an abusive parent – and they don't have a teacher, coach or other trusted adult to turn to for help, we want them to know they are not alone. If a child is being hurt or neglected, he or she can call us at 1-800-25-ABUSE and we will help. It is our responsibility to protect children who are reported to be abused or neglected."

"Kids are smart and they see things adults don't," said DCFS Medical Director Doctor Margaret Scotellaro. "My advice to them is to protect your siblings, your friends and yourself. If you or someone you know is hurt or in danger, make the call. Help is here."

DCFS is partnering with the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to distribute posters in English and Spanish to pediatrician's offices and IDPH health care facilities across the state and place the poster at children's eye level.

"Sadly, about five children die every day in America from abuse and neglect," said Robert Sege, MD, PhD, FAAP, a child abuse pediatrician and member of the AAP Council on Child Abuse and Neglect. "No doubt, we are worried about the financial and emotional stress this pandemic is placing on families, especially the most vulnerable. Call your pediatrician. Call your close friend, relative or faith leader. Call someone if you fear snapping."

Anyone concerned about the health or safety of a child should call the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE (252-2873).

Amboy Police

Lee County Warrant-Missing-Runaway

On May 27, at 12:27 a.m., at 17-year-old male juvenile, of Amboy, was arrested on a Lee County warrant – Missing – Runaway. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

Unnecessary noise-vehicle

On May 28, at 5:21 p.m., Trevor T. Ullrich, 25, of Amboy, was issued an ordinance violation for unnecessary noise-vehicle.

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Deborah "Debbie" Brady

Jan. 10, 1946 - May 30, 2020

WAXAHACHIE, Texas — Deborah "Debbie" Brady, of Waxahachie, Texas, 74, passed away on the morning of May 30, 2020 at Baylor, Scott & White hospital in Waxahachie, Texas.

Debbie was born on Jan. 10, 1946 in Pauls Valley, Okla., to parents Noah and Irma (Jones) Robertson. She attended Durant High School where she graduated in 1964. She then attended the Denison School of Nursing in Texas for one year and obtained her LPN License.

Shortly thereafter, Debbie moved to Illinois and lived there for many years before moving to Texas in January 2013 to be closer to many of her children and grandchildren.

Although tiny in stature, Ms. Debbie had a huge personality that was felt by everyone she met. Anyone who knew Debbie would tell you no one was a stranger to her; they were simply friends she had not met yet.

Debbie worked for more than 20 years as a Nurse and was also a Foster Parent for 11 years. Debbie served

as President of the Illinois Foster Parent Association and she and her former husband were recognized as foster parents of the year on one occasion. Debbie was a caretaker by nature and loved helping others. In addition to her nursing career and being a foster parent to many honorary sons and daughters, she also volunteered her time at the Midlothian Senior Center. Debbie's hobbies included fishing, jigsaw puzzles, reading, playing mahjong on her tablet and spending time with family and friends.

Debbie is survived by her partner, Larry Howerton, of Waxahachie, Texas; daughter, Robin Hernandez, of Humble, Texas; daughter, Jennifer (Andy) Wilshin, of Melissa, Texas; daughter, Tammy (Michael) Mattox, of Ennis, Texas; daughter, Priscilla Brady, of Davenport, Iowa; niece, Kim Brimage-Lorance of Edmond, Okla.; nephew, Brownie Lee (Ronel) Brimage, of Edmond, Okla.; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, grand-nieces and



grand-nephews.

Debbie was preceded in death by her loving parents, Noah and Irma; her sister, Brownie Sue Graham; and her daughter and son-in-law, Stacy and Jeremiah Baker.

A date and time for the Memorial Service to be held at the Midlothian Funeral Home is yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial gifts honoring Debbie's love of caring for others be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital via their website at <https://www.stjude.org/give/memorials-and-dedications.html> or via phone at (800) 478-5833.

Nicor Gas offers tips for before, during and after severe weather

NAPERVILLE — While tornadoes can occur any time of the year, in the Midwest they are most common in the springtime with approximately 50% of all reported tornadoes occurring between April and June. The potential for significant weather, such as tornadoes, severe thunderstorms or heavy rains, peaks in the summer months. These weather events can lead to flooding, particularly in low-lying areas.

Nicor Gas is reminding customers to prepare now to keep themselves and their families safe before any naturally occurring weather occurs with the following recommended guidelines associated with natural gas safety:

Before the storm

- Customers are encouraged to know the location of their natural gas meter.

- Nicor Gas advises customers to leave their gas meter on to maintain proper pressure in the gas piping within their homes or businesses and to prevent water from entering the lines should flooding occur. Most gas appliances have safety valves that shut off the flow of gas automatically if the pilot light goes out.

- Your natural gas service should operate uninterrupted throughout the storm. Only Nicor Gas or emergency personnel should turn the valve off. In cases of severe lightning, customers might want to unplug natural gas appliances to avoid possible electrical damage.

During and immediately after a storm

- Natural gas is injected with a chemical odorant called mercaptan, which many people equate to that of a distinctive "rotten egg" type scent. If the odor of gas is present when you return to your home, immediately

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Ag in the Classroom to host virtual golf outing in 2020

LEE COUNTY — Bureau and Lee County Farm Bureaus will be hosting their 11th Annual Golf Outing for supporters of Ag in the Classroom. Proceeds from the

tournament will benefit the Bureau and Lee County Ag in the Classroom programs. However, this summer the Foundation fundraiser will look a bit different.

Due to the restrictions on gatherings, we have made a difficult decision to not host our traditional Golf Outing fundraiser this year. Instead we will go virtual. Here's how

it will work:

Get to a course and have fun while supporting the Bureau and Lee County Ag in the Classroom programs. Teams will consist of two

people per team. The entry fee is \$40 per team. Teams will golf at your leisure on your chosen course. We are asking that you take a photo of your scoresheet and fun

time on the course and email us or drop your score sheet in the mail by Aug 1. Scores are kept on the honor system. Prizes will be awarded to teams based on criteria that will be announced after Aug. 1 to keep everyone honest. Prize categories may include lowest or highest strokes on a specific hole, number of birdies, total score, etc. Supporters can also become virtual hole sponsors. We appreciate your understanding and support for this year's virtual golf outing.

For more information, contact the Bureau County Farm Bureau 815-875-6468 or Lee County Farm Bureau 815-857-3531. Registration and sponsorships are due by June 30.

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The 2019 Consumer Confidence report has been completed. This report will not be mailed, but will be printed in this newspaper, The Amboy News, by July 1, 2020. If any customer would like a copy of the report, simply stop by City Hall and request one or call the Amboy Water Dept. 815-857-3811.

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Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday, 8am-5 pm

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Rev. Timothy Draper
912 Walton Rd., Walton
815-857-2670
Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm

First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center
Pastor Jack M. Briggs
1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center
www.LeeCenter-UCC.org
Phone 815-732-7032
Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.

St. Flannen Church
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213 S Second St., Harmon
815-857-2670
Mass: Sunday, 7:30 am

United First Church of Amboy
Pastor Mark Glenn
East Main & Jefferson
815-440-0745
Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Grace Fellowship Church
Amboy-Sublette
Pastor Brian McWethy
500 W. Main Street, Sublette
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
www.graceisforyou.com

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Pastor Richard Wulf, 815-440-5321
449 Reuter Road, Amboy
Phone 815-376-6661
1/2 Mile East of Route 26 on Union Rd.
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Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

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Sunday School - 9:40-10:15 a.m.

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Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.
Thursday - 8:30 a.m.

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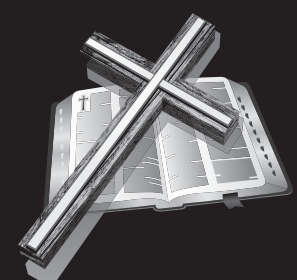
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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

If It Bleeds

The title of Stephen King's latest collection of short stories comes from the newsroom adage "if it bleeds it leads." Four stories with familiar, but still provocative themes make up the collection. "Mr. Harrigan's Phone" has the old fashioned theme of righteous retribution with the twist that the facilitator of Old Testament justice is the highly modern iPhone. Craig, the narrator, is nine when he begins working for Mr. Harrigan, an elderly billionaire who lives in the big house on the hill and who subsists on corned beef hash and eggs and loathes modern gadgets, like televisions and laptops. For years, Craig reads for Mr. Harrigan and learns that "sex (Lady Chatterley's Lover) is hard to figure out, but crazy (Heart of Darkness) is even harder." But when Craig gives Mr. Harrigan an iPhone for Christmas, he sets a fateful new course for both the billionaire and the boy.

The second and most beautiful story, "The Life of Chuck," opens with the end of times – California is tumbling into the ocean in chunks – when inexplicably billboards bearing the portrait of a middle-aged accountant named Charles Krantz appear everywhere. Each billboard bears the words: "39 GREAT YEARS! THANKS, CHUCK!" From there the story relates the life of Chuck, including one of his most joyful moments when on a street in Boston he comes across a street musician and spontaneously begins to dance.

The title story "If It Bleeds" is a suspenseful novel with a truly heroic protagonist, private investigator Holly Gibney, the emotionally wounded, savant-like young woman from King's 2018 novel "The Outsider." In that novel, Holly and police detective Ralph Anderson tracked down and killed an ancient vampire-like creature. In "If It Bleeds" Holly discovers a similar monster in the person of a TV reporter who blows up a school for the singular pleasure of experiencing humans suffer and die. This time Holly must confront the creature on her own. How she overcomes obstacles, among them her obnoxiously overbearing mother, and how she meticulously devises her strategy for slaying the monster is one of the great pleasures of the book.

"Rat," the final installment is a witty depiction of the writer's plight. Drew Larson is a struggling writer who has produced some short stories, but every attempt at a novel, the ultimate prize, has fizzled out. "Rat" recounts Drew's desperate bid to bring a novel to completion. Isolated in a cabin deep in the woods of Northern Maine, trapped by a storm and in the grip of a fever, Drew encounters a rat that makes him an offer he can't refuse. "Rat" asks the timely question whether an old, sick person's life is worth less than someone's chance at fame and fortune.

Tri-County Opportunities Council announces extension of 2020 LIHEAP

ROCKFALLS—Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, income-eligible residents now have more time to apply for funding to help with energy bills, thanks to an extension of the deadline for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The program, due to end May 31, 2020 has been extended until June 30, 2020.

Illinois families are facing many challenges to cope with the COVID-19 virus. Some have lost jobs or had their hours of employment reduced. These circumstances could lead to difficulty in paying your utility bill. If you find yourself in that situation, there may be assistance available through Tri-County Opportunities Council's LIHEAP program.

This program can help pay a portion of an eligible household's utility bill. Eligibility is mainly based on household size and income. Anyone facing difficulty in paying their utility bill and has not applied yet is encouraged to contact Tri-County Opportunities Council as soon as possible. If a household has already received a LIHEAP benefit since Oct. 1, 2019, they still might be eligible for additional benefit through reconnection assistance.

LIHEAP applications will be taken through June 30, 2020 or until funds are exhausted. The gross income for the 30 days prior to the application date cannot exceed the following: 1 person household, \$1,156; 2 person household, \$2,114; 3 person household, \$2,666; 4 person household, \$3,219; 5 person household, \$3,771; 6 person household, \$4,324.

Documents needed at the time of application are: proof of income for all household members for the previous 30 days including the day of application, proof of Social Security numbers for all

members of the household, a copy of current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days (if energy directly paid for), a copy of rental agreement (if renting) showing that utilities are included, the monthly rental amount and landlord contact information and, proof the household received TANF or other benefits, such as Medical Eligibility or SNAP, if receiving assistance from the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Tri-County Opportunities Council offices are no longer able to do in-person appointments for LIHEAP but mailed, phone and faxed applications are being accepted.

Residents should call 800-323-5434 to secure an application.



ASFCME Retirees Sub Chapter 72, Council 31

Provided meals for 200 staff at Mabley Center in Dixon, IL in appreciation for their dedicated care of residents at the Center during the Coronavirus-19 pandemic. Many of the active members of Sub Chapter 72 are retirees from Mabley. Retiree Chris Kurzrock brought the meals to Mabley on May 26. Meals were provided at half cost by Oliver's Market in Dixon owned by Tim and Patty (Burke) Oliver.

Photo submitted

Educational Briefs

Area student named to Dean's List at St. Norbert College

DE PERE, Wis. – Erin Vits, of Dixon, has been named to the 2020 spring semester dean's list at St. Norbert College. A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for academic eligibility.

The only Norbertine college in the world, St. Norbert is a four-year, Catholic liberal arts institution nestled beside the Fox River in De Pere, Wis., neighboring Green Bay. Founded in 1898, the college became coeducational in 1952. Today the residential campus serves approximately 2,100 undergraduate and graduate students, hailing from throughout the United States and nearly 20 countries.

Recent years have seen record enrollments and unprecedented investments in the St. Norbert campus. The academic excellence of the college is nationally recognized by U.S. News & World Report, Forbes, Princeton Review and others. www.snc.edu/about/.

Local students graduate from Western Illinois University

MACOMB/MOLINE - A total of 1359 undergraduate students enrolled at Western Illinois University were named to the 2020 Spring Dean's List. The total includes 127 students at the WIU-Quad Cities Campus.

To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; pass-fail hours are not counted (e.g., student teaching, internships). Students earning Dean's List honors are listed below.

LEE COUNTY

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Michael L Reed (Senior)

Ashton

Alexis Lynne Lowe (Senior)

Dixon

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Avery S Farrell (Senior)

Caitlin Anne Hoy (Junior)

Franklin Grove

Cody A Penick (Junior)

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From The Heart Calendar winners

May 2020 From The Heart Calendar Winners

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May 2 - Glen Hughes, Dixon, \$25
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May 4 - Joy Kohler, Davis Junction, \$25
May 5 - Joan Albrecht, Amboy, \$25
May 6 - Doris Lindaas, Rochelle, \$25
May 7 - Stephanie Crawford, Rochelle, \$25
May 8 - Jessica Morris, Rochelle, \$25
May 9 - Matt Wolf, (CHS) Rochelle, \$25
May 10 - Fred & Jensine Lingenfeiter, Kingman, AZ, \$500
May 11 - Jamie Arntzen, DeKalb, \$25
May 12 - Rick Egan, Northwood, Ohio, \$25
May 13 - Richard Clayton, Compton, \$25
May 14 - Becky Brown, Rochelle, \$25
May 15 - Karen Snortland, Thornton, Colo., \$25
May 16 - Elaine Bassett, Dixon, \$25
May 17 - Bonnie Diedrich, Sulton, Wash., \$50
May 18 - Ralph Dauphin, Rochelle, \$25
May 19 - Jackie Nauman, Rochelle, \$25
May 20 - Ron Arne, Rochelle, \$25
May 21 - City of Rochelle, \$25
May 22 - Cal Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25
May 23 - Dolores Scott, Ashton, \$25
May 24 - Lee Metzger, Rochelle, \$50
May 25 - Patty Mahan, Illiopolis, \$1,000
May 26 - Cal Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25
May 27 - Rylee Harlock, Winnebago, \$25
May 28 - From The Heart Auction, \$25
May 29 - Addie Chattic, Sterling, \$25
May 30 - Melissa Stacy, Byron, \$25
May 31 - Dorothy Lockard, Creston, \$50

Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month



Granny Rose - Aria

Aria is a Siamese mix with a short dark shaded seal-point coat. Her dark blue eyes are amazing. Aria has a mysterious background. Her age is estimated to be about 6 years old. She has been surviving outside on her own for over a year at least. Aria is now spayed with all shots current. This cat is very sweet and really loves lots of petting. She hates for you to stop petting her. She is not happy to be picked up and held for very long. Aria is a quieter girl that loves to spend her time in her comfy bed. A quieter home with adults would be perfect for this lovable little girl. *She insisted on staying in her bed for this picture. To see Aria, call Granny Rose Animal Shelter at 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit www.grannyrose.org.

Photo contributed

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This Week's Star Student of the Week is:
Duke Bergfeld

Student's Favorites:

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Animal: Bull

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Book: Paw Patrol

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Opinion

Sense of entitlement that says that rules don't apply to them

Last week, two state Senate staffers were allegedly caught – gasp -- drinking beer in the Capitol. The surprising thing is that both were arrested.

While it is illegal to drink alcohol in the Capitol Building, I've never heard of the measure being enforced. Ever.

Booze is found throughout the Illinois statehouse. When I had an office in the statehouse pressroom, lobbyists and lawmakers would routinely drop by a nearby bureau to get cold beers or shots of whiskey.

In fact, I can think of at least two former state senators who kept kitchen-size refrigerators in their statehouse Senate offices packed with booze. Fellow lawmakers, lobbyists and others would congregate in their offices to imbibe between votes.

On at least one occasion I saw a Chicago-area lawmaker drunk in the House chamber to the point she barely was coherent. Interestingly enough, she was a social conservative who

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



courted the religious right and was known for the anti-abortion legislation she would sponsor.

Substance abuse knows no political, philosophical, social or religious boundaries.

At this point, you are either appalled or asking why I'm such a stick in the mud.

And, yes, in case you are wondering, I don't drink. But I don't care if someone drinks on their own time.

That said, I've never had an employer that was ok with employees drinking on the job. Have you?

And there is the rub. These lawmakers are our employees.

There is a pervasive sense of entitlement among many legislators that says the rules just don't apply to them.

It can manifest itself in small ways, like carrying a case of beer into the statehouse past the building's security, or in big ways such as approving a budget that is billions of dollars out of whack.

Just as there is a state law prohibiting booze in the state-

house, there is a provision in the state constitution requiring a balanced budget. Admittedly, it is vaguely written and lacks any enforcement provision.

But the rule is still there. And widely ignored.

The budget introduced by Gov. J.B. Pritzker and approved by the legislature this past week is held together by chewing gum and baling wire.

For example, it's called "balanced" even though it relies on borrowing \$5 billion from the Federal Reserve and plans on spending \$1.1 billion from a tax hike that hasn't even gone before the voters yet.

There is no guarantee voters will approve the progressive income tax in November. And even if they do, it is doubtful that during a recession it would generate the kind of dollars the budget depends on it for.

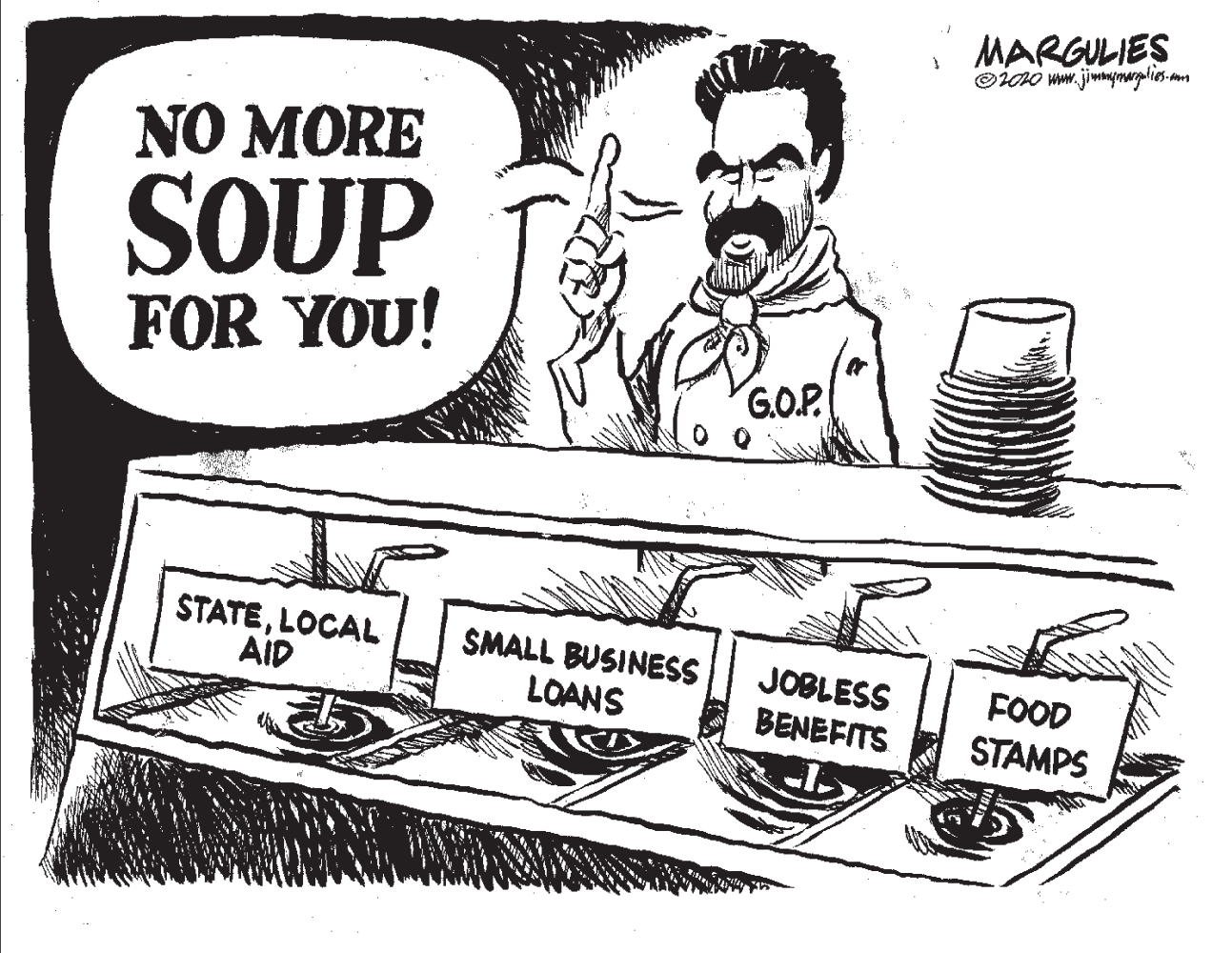
Unlike other states, Illinois lawmakers have avoided making tough decisions about spending cuts. That's hardly a new phenomenon. Year after year, Illinois has spent more than it has taken in. Both Republican and Democratic administrations bear responsibility for making the state the fiscal basket case of the nation.

But even after all those decades of mismanagement, I've yet to see so egregious a spending plan as the one legislators passed this month.

Inevitably there will be some legal contortionists who will claim this budget that relies on borrowing and a tax that hasn't even been approved constitutes a balanced budget.

To that I can only ask: "What have you been drinking?"

Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and a freelance reporter. He can be reached by email at ScottReeder1965@gmail.com.



On This Day in History

100 Years Ago June 4, 1920

Our Ice Cream Wagon has been all returned and in but a few days you will see it going by your door with a supply of Ice Cream Cones – Fanelli Bros.

Mrs. Kittie Goldman spent Friday and Saturday with friends in Sterling and Morrison.

Miss Jeannette Walter of Compton came Saturday night to visit her aunt, Miss Ida Poths.

75 Years Ago May 31, 1945

Paul Liston is enjoying a vacation from Sam's Furniture Store and is spending part of the time in Chicago and Rock Island.

Mrs. Jane Ditsch is assisting in the office of Dr. E.T. Houser.

Cecil Nattress is enjoying a vacation from his duties at The First National Bank.

Among Miss Mary Ellen Hinkle's

graduation gifts is a beautiful Sterling Silver chain and cross, sent to her from France by her brother, Sgt. John J. Hinkle.

50 Years Ago June 4, 1970

A picnic was enjoyed on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Chesley on Memorial Day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Garland and family, Mandy, Deanna, Bret, Tracy and Tory, of Sycamore, Mr. and Mrs. James Blake and son, Bill, and Robert Swisher.

About 25 relatives and friends were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Prendergast honoring their son, Tom, a graduate of Amboy High School Friday evening. Refreshments were served together with a cake appropriately decorated for the occasion. Tom was the recipient of many nice gifts.

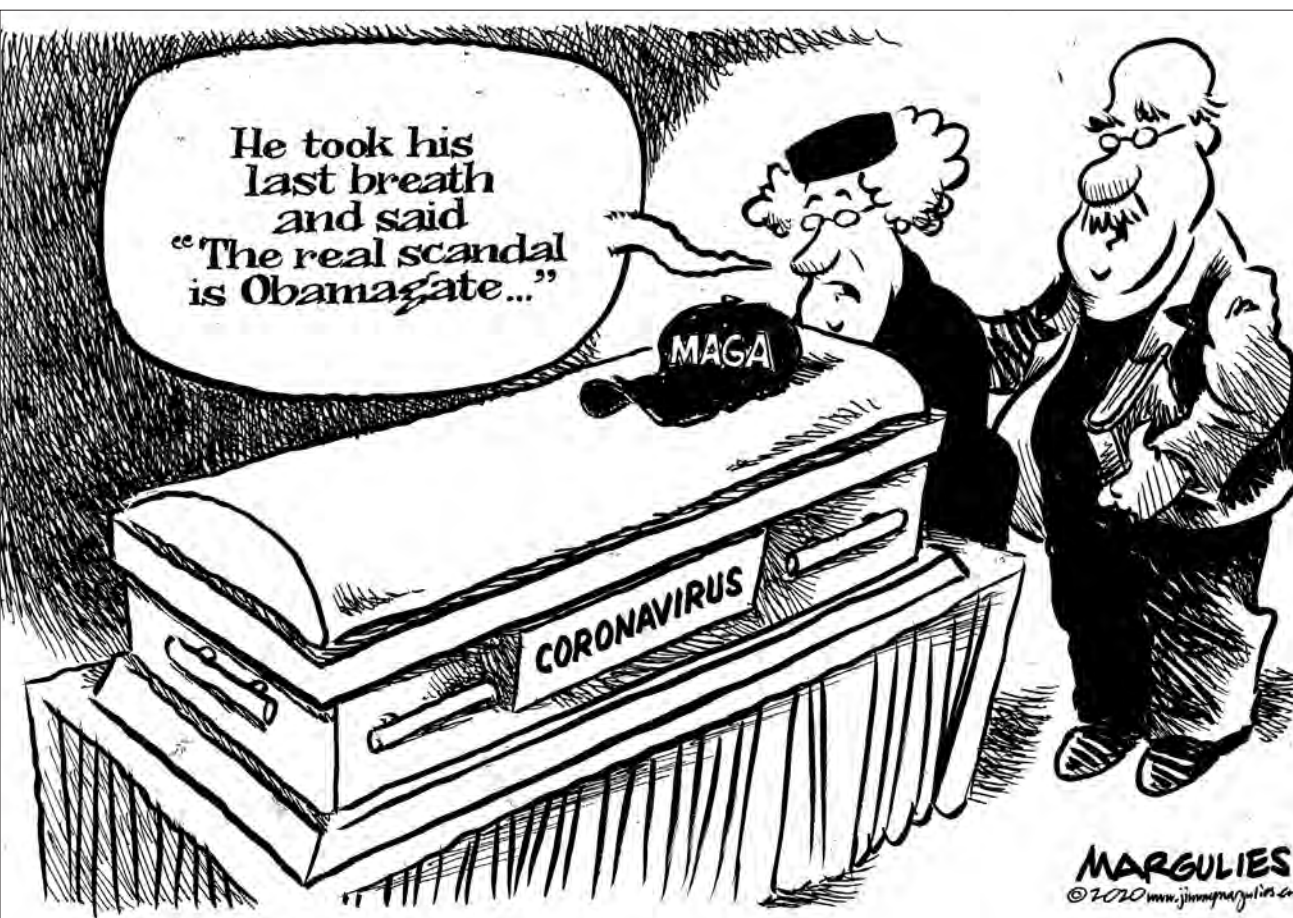
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25 Years Ago June 8, 1995

In about a year, local golfers could be teeing up on the back nine at Shaky Oaks Country Club. Ground was officially broken last Thursday.

John Spinelli, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Spinelli, of Amboy, has racked up five first place finishes and a second in six outings, including a first at Macomb last weekend and two firsts at Neoga on Memorial Day weekend. John is competing in the 85cc modified class for 12 to 15 year-olds and is sponsored by Princeton Honda.

Diane Faivre was named valedictorian and Kristin Betz was salutatorian of the Amboy High School Class of 1995. Diane, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Faivre of Amboy, led her class with a grade point average of 5.721. Kristin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Betz of Amboy, earned a 5.595 grade point average.



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Letters may be dropped at the Amboy News office, 245 E. Main Street, mailed to the Amboy News at PO Box 162, Amboy, IL 61310, or emailed to tgreenfield@amboynews.com

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329, Dixon, IL 61021. Phone: 815-288-3309

The Health Department continues to provide Maternal & Child/Women's Health services curbside by appointment. Services will be expanded gradually beginning June 1. Several staff are working in the county emergency operations center. Others are doing COVID-19 contact tracing and monitoring residents who are in quarantine or isolation. Phone messages are checked hourly M-F and directed to the appropriate staff person. Phone: 815-284-3371

The Highway Department is operating at full staff and is fully functional. The office remains closed to the public. Operations for the electronics drop-off site are currently suspended. Phone: 815-857-4141

Lee Ogle Transportation System (LOTS) is continuing to operate during the COVID-19 Pandemic, with a focus on those rides that are essential which has encompassed medically necessary trips (kidney dialysis, chemotherapy), rides to workplace, trips to the grocery store and meal deliveries. On average in a given regular week, LOTS will provide upward of 2,000 rides. With the onset of the pandemic and the restriction of providing "essential" rides that figure has dropped to 350-400 rides per week.

People have been very responsive and understanding to the changes in the system. We have been sending out post cards with reminder information to riders. A second communication of this nature will be going out within the next week or so. Other information has been shared with riders via traditional media, social media and our web site.

Since March 16, 2020, the Probation & Court Services Department has made constructive changes to its way of business. All

of the day to day operations have continued, but in a slightly different manner. Contact with court ordered clients has continued and has moved to a more electronic and digital process.

It is important we maintain contact with the individuals, not only as a measure of public safety to the court, but also as a means of health and welfare for our community. While we have maintained in person contact on a scaled back measure, electronic & video communication has increased immensely. Additionally, we have moved forward with additional use of Global Positioning Services (GPS), automated & remote drug testing, and random location check-ins for court ordered individuals. Our communication with the Lee County State's Attorney's Office has remained constant throughout this change, which has allowed us to address those individuals who are non-compliant with conditions ordered by the Court. Phone: 815-284-5247

The Regional Office of Education employees are working from home and receiving phone messages on their email. Employees are only going in when they have to and only after checking to make sure they would be the only one in their area. We have weekly staff meetings and grant coordinators meetings by Zoom. Phone: 815-625-1495.

The Sheriff's Office has continued with regular shifts, since the beginning of this pandemic. Additional requests for time off were postponed, so that we could have adequate staffing to respond quickly to any issues that may arise. All employees in each division are screened daily. As always, we remain committed to the safety and security of our citizens.

The Jail remains operational, with the only changes due to COVID-19 processing:

1. All new inmates are screened, then quarantined for 14 days
2. PPE is worn by Correctional Deputies when handling new offenders, or when contact with inmates may be necessary
3. All employees screened daily
4. Daily nurse checks for those in quarantine, or anyone exhibiting symptoms
5. Thus far, no inmates or employees have tested positive for COVID-19

All court security personnel have been working on rotating shifts, due to the limitations on courts and only certain proceedings being allowed, during the pandemic. All dispatchers have been working normal shifts. Administrative Office Phone: 815-284-5217

The Treasurer's Office staff is available via phone or email. Real estate tax payments can be made on-line (debit from bank account), on-line (using a credit card), by US Postal Service, or at any bank in Amboy, Ashton, Dixon, Franklin Grove, Paw Paw, Sublette, and West Brooklyn. Due to the Old Lee County Courthouse closure, payments will only be accepted at the Courthouse via a first floor exterior window on the north side of the Courthouse, during regular business days between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Phone: 815-288-4477

The Lee County Zoning Office is fully staffed and continues to conduct business through phone calls, mail, and emails. The office is being flooded with phone calls and permit requests as citizens continue correcting zoning violations during the Amnesty Period. New construction permits are being processed and approved and tentative dates being set for future petition hearings. Phone: 815-288-3643

What you should know as Illinois readies to enter 'Recovery' phase

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SPRINGFIELD — Illinois will advance to the "Recovery" phase of Gov. JB Pritzker's plan to incrementally reopen the state's economy on Friday after almost 70 days of residents living under a stay-at-home restriction.

It comes as Illinois is one of only two states to meet federal COVID-19 guidelines to reopening, according to a ProPublica analysis. New York is the other.

Retail shops, restaurants, barbershops, salons and fitness clubs are set to resume business, but with restrictions implemented by the Illinois Department of Public Health to combat exposure to the novel coronavirus.

All state parks, wildlife areas and historic sites will be available to visit as well, and social gatherings of no more than 10 people will be allowed.

The changes are permitted because all four Illinois regions — groupings of counties based on IDPH's emergency medical service districts — achieved specified benchmarks. Those

include a COVID-19 positivity rate below 20 percent for 14 consecutive days and a stable or declining hospitalization rate.

When Pritzker announced his Restore Illinois plan in early May, he said residents should expect COVID-19 to remain a threat until it can be "vanquished."

"Until we have a vaccine or an effective treatment or enough widespread immunity that new cases fail to materialize, the option of returning to normalcy doesn't exist," the governor said.

People will still be expected to wear facial coverings and practice social distancing when in public places.

"Non-essential" businesses and stores, closed for more than two months to in-person customers and workers, can reopen Friday with capacity limitations, social distancing observations and other safety guidance measures from IDPH.

That same guidance will be implemented for barbershops and salons. And for those workplaces that can enable remote activities, it is encouraged they do so.

Restaurants will remain closed to indoor dining, but Pritzker amended the Phase 3 plan to allow outdoor, socially distanced dining. Delivery, pickup and drive-thru are still options.

All of the state's 5,000-plus child care providers not in operation will be advised to reopen. Pritzker said for the first four weeks that they are open, providers will be able to serve up to 10 children per classroom.

"Once they have provided care safely for four weeks and have gotten accustomed to the new health, social distancing and sanitation routines, they will be able to expand to larger group sizes, though not yet at their fully licensed capacity," he said.

Fitness clubs can also hold outdoor activities, as well as one-on-one training with an instructor so long as public health department guidance is observed.

The General Assembly created a Restore Illinois Collaborative Commission to "participate in and provide input on plans to revive the various sectors of the state's economy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic" when it convened for four days last week.

Because the commission "may request meetings be convened to address revitalization efforts for the various sectors of the state's economy," it is unclear what level of input legislators will have on the governor's reopening plan.

Republicans, who long sought more input in that blueprint, called the newly created body "window dressing."

The next step after the "recovery" phase is "revitalization." Schools and other child care programs can reopen so long as social distancing is observed, restaurants can serve in-house diners and social gatherings will be limited to 50 people or fewer.

Framers of the plan anticipate at least a 28-day period before the state can progress into that phase, meaning no sooner than Friday, June 26.

Among the criteria for entering Phase 4 will be that COVID-19 testing is available to anyone who wants it, regardless of symptoms or risk factors; a contact tracing program must be in place; hospitalization rates must remain stable or decline; and the positivity rate must be below 20 percent for 14 consecutive days.

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 18 A.D. 2020 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Lee County, Illinois, setting forth, the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Skaggs Family Farm located at 452 Church Rd. Compton, IL 61318. Dated this 18th day of May A.D. 2020. Cathy Myers, County Clerk By Gerianne Knack, Deputy No. 0508 May 27, June 3, 10, 2020

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OSF HealthCare reminds everyone to remember primary health care needs

MENDOTA — As OSF HealthCare continues to open services that had been temporarily closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, it wants to remind community members to continue proactive measures for their health.

OSF HealthCare primary care and specialty practices have added several options, including telephone and video visits, to ensure everyone can get care even if they're not comfortable coming to a practice for an in-person visit.

Preventive and routine health needs that shouldn't be ignored include:

Routine physicals that can help catch serious disease in an early stage when it's easier to treat.

Screening procedures, such as mammograms.

Recommended and seasonal immunizations for children and adults.

Lab tests that monitor conditions and alert providers to changes in your health.

Ensuring that prescribed medications are refilled and updated as needed.

Specialist visits to monitor and treat chronic health conditions.

"It's important for individuals to continue to follow the health routine established with their physician or other care provider, especially for those with chronic health conditions," said Ken Beutke and Dawn Trompeter, Presidents of OSF Saint Elizabeth and Saint Paul Medical Centers. "Most of our physician practices are offering video visits, and for those who want or need an in-person visit, we have implemented changes for everyone's safety and peace of mind, including allowing more time between patients and cleaning and disinfecting surfaces between appointments."

OSF HealthCare emergency departments are open and taking every precaution to separate the sick from those with other emergencies. If you

are having symptoms of a heart attack or stroke – or think you might be – call 911 and get to the nearest emergency department without delay.

Some symptoms or conditions are always a potential emergency, and need to be checked out immediately:

Symptoms of stroke, heart attack, or serious injury. That includes dizziness, severe chest or abdominal pain, numbness, and difficulty breathing.

Open wounds that might require stitches.

A feeling that your health is deteriorating, such as weakness or shortness of breath.

Sudden worsening of chronic conditions, such as diabetes or COPD.

Physical therapy for injuries or recovery from surgery or stroke is vital to a person's quality of life.

Most OSF Rehabilitation locations are open and ready to serve patients safely.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Amboy CCR 2019

Spanish (Español)

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Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Source water assessment and its availability

To determine Amboy's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, information obtained during a Well Site Survey performed by the Illinois Rural Water Association on April 15, 1998 was reviewed. Based on this information, five potential sources of contamination were identified within proximity of this water supply's wells. The Illinois EPA does not consider the supply's source water susceptible to contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydro geologic data on the wells. In anticipation of the U.S. EPA's proposed Ground Water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that the water supply is not vulnerable to viral contamination. This determination is based upon the completed evaluation of the following criteria during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the supply's wells are properly constructed with sound integrity and proper site conditions; a hydro geologic barrier exists that should prevent pathogen movement; all potential routes and sanitary defects have

been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreak; and a sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate a viral contamination threat. Because the wells are constructed in a confined aquifer, which should minimize the movement of pathogens into the wells, well hydraulics were not considered to be a significant factor in the vulnerability determination. Hence, well hydraulics were not evaluated for this groundwater supply.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

How can I get involved?

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at 815-857-3811.

To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA

website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

Description of Water Treatment Process

Your water is treated by filtration and disinfection. Filtration removes particles suspended in the source water. Particles typically include clays and silts, natural organic matter, iron and manganese, and microorganisms. Your water is also treated by disinfection. Disinfection involves the addition of chlorine or other disinfectants to kill bacteria and other microorganisms (viruses, cysts, etc.) that may be in the water. Disinfection is considered to be one of the major public health advances of the 20th century.

Additional Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Amboy Water Treatment is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below.

Contaminants	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Your Water	Range		Sample Date	Violation	Typical Source
				Low	High			
Disinfectants & Disinfectant By-Products								
(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants)								
Chlorine (as Cl2) (ppm)	4	4	0.8	0.7	0.8	2019	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	14	14.2	14.2	2019	No	By-product of drinking water chlorination
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	35	34.7	34.7	2019	No	By-product of drinking water disinfection
Inorganic Contaminants								
Barium (ppm)	2	2	.139	.139	.139	2017	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.651	.651	.651	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)	10	10	.305	.305	.305	2019	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Sodium (optional) (ppm)			6.63	6.63	6.63	2017	No	Erosion of natural deposits; used in water softener regeneration.
Iron (ppm)	NA	1	.209	0.0894	.209	2019	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by USEPA, however the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese (ppb)	150	150	28.7	8.03	28.7	2019	No	This contaminant is not currently regulated by USEPA, however the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Radioactive Contaminants								
Radium (combined 226/228) (pCi/L)	0	5	1.83	1.83	1.83	2019	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha (excluding radon and uranium) (pCi/L)	0	15	1.96	1.96	1.96	4/6/16	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
Contaminants	MCLG	AL	90% Percentale	Sample Date	# Sites Over AL	Violations	Typical Source	
Inorganic Contaminants								
Lead - action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	3.27	2019	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits	
Copper - action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	1.5	2019	5	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.	

If any customer would like a copy of the report, simply stop by City Hall and request one or call the Amboy Water Department at 815-857-3811

Important Drinking Water Definitions	
Term	Definition
Avg	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
Na	Not Applicable
Mrem	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
ppb	micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
Ppm	milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
Treatment Technique or TT:	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

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Producers can repay the MAL on or before the maturity date, upon maturity by delivering or forfeiting the commodity to CCC as loan repayment or after maturity, and before CCC acquires the farm-stored commodity, by repaying the outstanding MAL principle and interest.

A Marketing Loan Gain occurs when a MAL is repaid at less than the loan principal. If market gain is applicable during the now-extended loan period, producers can receive a gain on the repayment made before the loan matures.

Crop Acreage Reporting

Acreage reporting is key to eligibility for many USDA programs, including crop insurance, safety net, disaster assistance, farm loan and conservation programs. While USDA Service Centers are currently open by phone or virtual appointments only, FSA is still available for assistance on timely filing acreage reports. FSA staff are providing acreage reporting assistance through phone, email and virtual meetings like Microsoft Teams.

Acreage reporting dates can vary by crop and by county. Producers should contact the FSA office at their local USDA Service Center for details in their respective county.

Animal Mortality

While support for livestock is available through the Coronavirus Food Assistance

Program in some circumstances, limited markets and processing may cause livestock producers to depopulate herds. NRCS offers assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to help agricultural producers properly dispose of livestock that were depopulated because of impacts from the coronavirus pandemic.

Through the Emergency Animal Mortality Management practice, NRCS helps producers plan and cover part of the cost for disposing of livestock because of an emergency animal mortality event. Once capacity is reached in an animal mortality facility, NRCS will help producers dispose of the remaining livestock through burying, incinerating, disposal at landfill or render, and other disposal options.

To receive assistance, both an application and approved early start waiver must be filed with the local NRCS field office prior to disposal of animal carcasses. Producers must have farm records established with the Farm Service Agency (FSA), meet all eligibility requirements, and have application filed at the local NRCS.

Prior to payment, a swine mortality certification is required by a veterinarian or animal health specialist. Payment rates for swine include: Burial: \$74.28 per animal unit (\$89.14 for historically underserved producers), carcass disposal other than burial:

\$111.53 per animal unit (\$191.20 for historically underserved producers), incineration: \$219.88 per animal unit (\$263.86 for historically underserved producers) and disposal at landfill or render: \$0.05 per pound (\$.0.06 for historically underserved producers).

PPP

The Paycheck Protection Program is a guaranteed loan program administered by the SBA. The purpose of the program is to support small businesses and help support their payroll during the coronavirus pandemic. Agricultural producers, farmers, and ranchers with 500 or fewer employees whose principal place of residence is in the United States are eligible.

Farms are eligible if they have 500 or fewer employees or if they fit within the revenue-based standard, which is on average annual receipts of \$1 million. Moreover, farms can qualify for PPP if they meet the SBA's alternative size standard, which include a maximum net worth of up to \$15 million and the average net income federal income taxes of the business for the two full fiscal years before the date of the application not be more than \$5 million.

EIDL

The EIDL Program allows for advances of up to \$10,000 and borrowed funds up to \$2 million. These are administered through the SBA and will provide economic relief to

businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. Loan advances will not have to be repaid.

SBA's EIDL application portal reopened on May 4 as a result of funding authorized by Congress through the Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act. For the first time, agricultural enterprises are now eligible for the disaster assistance from EIDL. American farmers, ranchers and other agricultural businesses will now have access to emergency working capital. These low-interest, long-term loans will help keep agricultural businesses viable while bringing stability to the nation's vitally important food supply chains.

Agricultural businesses include businesses engaged in the legal production of food and fiber, ranching and raising of livestock, aquaculture, and all other farming and agricultural related industries.

Eligible agricultural businesses must have 500 or fewer employees.

For agricultural producers that submitted an EIDL loan application through the streamlined application portal prior to the legislative change, SBA will move forward and process these applications without the need for re-applying. All other EIDL loan applications that were submitted prior to April 15 will be processed on a first-in, first-out basis.

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