

Memorial Day cancellations

AMBOY —Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Memorial Day services for Brooklyn American Legion Post 657 will be canceled.

Amboy Poppy Sales
Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the American Legion Auxiliary will not be hosting the sale of poppies over the Memorial Day weekend this year.

McCracken named Coach of the Year for Class 1A in District 11

AMBOY – Amboy High School varsity girls’ head basketball coach Mike McCracken was recognized for the Lady Clippers’ successful 2019-20 season by being chosen the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association “Coach of the Year” for Class 1A schools in District 11.

McCracken guided the Amboy girls’ team to a 31-2 overall record and a conference championship 10-0 mark in the Northwest Upstate Illini Conference.

The Lady Clippers finished the regular season with their only loss coming to Rock Falls.

The team began its post-season tournament play by defeating Ashton-Franklin Center in its opening game and then taking down Fulton in the regional championship.

Amboy opened the sectional tournament with a victory over Galena before falling to Lanark (Eastland) in the sectional title game on a three-pointer by Eastland in the final seconds of the game. Eastland went on to win the Class 1A state championship.

The Lady Clippers finished the season with a sparkling 31-2 record. Another outstanding accomplishment during the season came on Feb. 4 when junior Abi Payne went over the 1,000-point mark for her career during a game against Forreston.



The historic home near Sublette destroyed by fire on May 4 was the scene of many military reunions held by Captain Prescott Bartlett, former owner of the homestead.

Photo submitted

Suspicious fire destroys historic home in Sublette on May 4

SUBLETTE—An historic Sublette area home was destroyed by fire under suspicious circumstances on May 4.

The home, located on Todd Road just west of U.S. 52, was owned by Thomas Ray and was one of the most historic homes in Sublette Township. The fire call was received at 1:37 a.m. May 4 with the Sublette and Amboy fire departments responding. Firefighters were on the scene for 2 ½ hours. The

home was completely gutted and is of a suspicious nature. The State Fire Marshal has been on scene investigating.

The fire is one of several suspicious blazes that have occurred to structures in the rural area recently, spanning from Manlius to Sublette.

The rural Sublette property was the homestead of Prescott Bartlett, who came to Sublette in 1855 from Conway, Mass. Bartlett was convinced that the

civil war was imminent. He studied cavalry tactics in the winter of 1860 and the following spring he raised a cavalry company.

In 1861, he enlisted and was sworn in, receiving a Captain’s commission in Company D of the 7th Illinois Cavalry Company. The company consisted of 98 men – 25 from Sublette and the rest from Mendota, Amboy and Lee Center. See **FIRE** page A3

May 11 update: Lee County sees total of 70 cases

LEE COUNTY — The outbreak of COVID-19 cases at the Jack Mabley Center in Dixon has generated a harsh community response. The Lee County Unified Command Team wants our community to know that the men and women at the Jack Mabley center are heroes. These public servants are risking their health and potentially the health of their families to serve those with profound developmental disabilities. The Mabley Team cares deeply about their residents. This is very meaningful work.

The staff at the Jack Mabley Center have displayed incredible service and have worked cooperatively with the unified command team while implementing best practices in line with

the CDC and the IDPH.

Lee County Health Department Administrator Cathy Ferguson-Allen said, “The outbreak at the Jack Mabley Center displays how contagious this virus really is and demonstrates the impact seen at congregate living facilities all across our country.”

City Manager Danny Langloss added, “As a community we must rise and support the incredible people working at this facility. They are true heroes. Many of these staff members are working double shifts multiple times a week to ensure the safety of those they serve.”

Over the past week, restaurants have refused delivery service to the facility.

CEO David Schreiner of KSB Hospital said, “We need to show the same type of support to these heroes, as we have our health care heroes here at KSB and our front-line emergency responders. As a community, it is time for us to answer the call.”

Later this week, KSB will be providing meals for workers at the facility.

Ferguson-Allen added, “Measures have been put in place to ensure the safety of delivery services. Deliveries can be left at the facility with no person to person contact.”

Please join us on social media in supporting the team at the Jack Mabley Center. Let us all show them how much we appreciate the great work they are doing for those suffering

from profound developmental disabilities.

The Unified Executive Leadership Team is announcing a new schedule for media releases. Full releases will be sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. An update on state and local numbers in graphic form will be sent out on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Weekend releases will be provided when there are additional positive reports in Lee County.

Current Testing Criteria:

The Illinois Department of Public Health has expanded testing guidelines. Now the following people can be tested with or without symptoms.

- Work in health care facility

See **HEALTH** page A4

Althaus recognized as State FFA Proficiency winner

AMBOY — Ashley Althaus was selected as the State FFA Proficiency Winner in AG EDUCATION. Ashley is a member of the Amboy FFA Chapter of the Illinois Association FFA. Illinois FFA recognizes students in fifty different areas based on their work-based learning, also known as Supervised Agricultural Experiences or SAE. FFA members who demonstrate outstanding agricultural skills and competencies

through record keeping, leadership, and scholastic achievement may be considered for this award. SAEs allow students to learn by doing by either owning and operating an agricultural business, working or serving an internship at an agriculture-based business or conducting an agriculture-based scientific experiment and reporting results.



See **WINNER** page A3

SVCC to host virtual commencement

STERLING — Sauk Valley Community College will host a virtual commencement with a live stream on the college’s social media channels on May 29 at 7:00 p.m. The ceremony will include messages from Dr. David Hellmich, college President, and Bob Thompson, Board of Trustee Chair.

Due to the current stay-at-home order issued by Governor Pritzker, SVCC will not be able to hold a physical commencement on campus. We know this is the highlight of the college experience for students and their families. It is a celebration of our students’ accomplishments and a sense of pride for the college. But, we must be responsible in the face of uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 and take into consideration the health and well-being of our students and the Sauk community.

To allow for our students the opportunity

to participate in this monumental step in their lives, the college has decided to host a virtual commencement in which students can celebrate their achievements from the safety of their homes.

Students participating in 2020 Commencement will be invited to walk in the 2021 Commencement on campus. SVCC students should check their student email for more information to participate virtually.

The virtual commencement live stream can be found on the college’s Facebook and YouTube channels.

At this time, it is still undecided as to how and when the SVCC Health Professions Pinning Ceremony will take place. More details will be released as they become available.

For more information, please visit svcc.edu/commencement or contact Emma Lea Bittner, emmalea.m.bittner@svcc.edu.

Pritzker unveils reopening plan based on 4 regions, 5 phases

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SPRINGFIELD—Gov. JB Pritzker on May 5 announced a five-step, regional plan to reopen Illinois after months of restrictions put in place to combat the novel coronavirus pandemic.

The governor’s Restore Illinois plan comprises of five phases that health regions — the 11 districts the Illinois Department of Public Health breaks the state into, grouped into four separate regions — can move through as data proves they are meeting certain thresholds.

When the novel coronavirus pandemic was beginning to affect the state, each region was in the first phase, called “rapid spread.” The number of residents testing positive for COVID-19, and being hospitalized for treatment, were increasing.

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Phase 1 Rapid Spread	Phase 2 Flattening	Phase 3 Recovery	Phase 4 Revitalization	Phase 5 Illinois Restored
<p>Strict stay at home and social distancing guidelines are put in place, and only essential businesses remain open.</p> <p>Every region has experienced this phase once already and could return to it if mitigation efforts are unsuccessful.</p>	<p>Non-essential retail stores reopen for curb-side pickup and delivery.</p> <p>Illinoisans are directed to wear a face covering when outside the home and can begin enjoying additional outdoor activities like golf, boating & fishing while practicing social distancing.</p>	<p>Manufacturing, offices, retail, barbershops and salons can reopen to the public with capacity and other limits and safety precautions.</p> <p>Gatherings of 10 people or fewer are allowed.</p> <p>Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.</p>	<p>Gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed, restaurants and bars reopen, travel resumes, child care and schools reopen under guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health.</p> <p>Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.</p>	<p>The economy fully reopens with safety precautions continuing.</p> <p>Conventions, festivals and large events are permitted, and all businesses, schools and places of recreation can open with new safety guidance and procedures.</p>

New case growth slows

Surge hospital capacity

10,000 tests per day statewide

Testing for any symptomatic health care workers and first responders

Case positivity rate and hospital capacity benchmarks met

Testing for patients, health care workers and at-risk residents

Begin contact tracing and monitoring within 24 hours of diagnosis

Case positivity rate and hospital capacity benchmarks met

Testing available in region regardless of symptoms or risk factors

Contact tracing within 24 hours of diagnosis for more than 90% of cases

Post-pandemic:

Vaccine, effective and widely available treatment, or the elimination of new cases over a sustained period of time through herd immunity or other factors



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LOCAL NEWS

Governor signs executive order helping educator candidates and schools

SPRINGFIELD – To address the educator shortage that Illinois faces, and a pandemic that has changed the educational experience for all students, Gov. JB Pritzker recently signed Executive Order 2020-31 to help teacher, paraprofessional, and other educator candidates gain licensure and join the workforce.

“This is a big move forward for students and for classrooms around the state that targets two sides of the problem,” said Illinois Board of Higher Education Executive Director Ginger Ostro. “Illinois has more than 15,000 candidates in teacher, school support personnel, or administrator preparation programs. They, along with their colleges, requested flexibility now that the classroom experience is unavailable to them.”

This past October, Illinois schools faced more than 4,800 unfilled positions,

including for teachers, social workers, administrators, and paraprofessionals.

State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala said, “Our primary goal has been to minimize the educational impact to students during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. These changes make it possible for students to have the qualified teachers they need in the fall to continue learning and growing.”

Executive Order 2020-31 involves two agencies. As recommended by IBHE and ISBE, it waives requirements for those educator candidates who cannot complete normal student teaching, internships, and other pre-licensure exams, including the edTPA, this spring because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Both agencies reached out to school districts and colleges for input and suggestions.

Teacher candidates who are eligible for these exemptions have already undergone extensive coursework, pre-clinical

fieldwork experiences, and a licensure content test to prepare them for the professional educator license. EO 2020-31 also waives certain requirements, such as the Constitution exam and physical fitness test, for eighth graders and high school seniors so they can graduate.

The educator licensure order only affects students who are completing program requirements during the gubernatorial Disaster Proclamations period and whose institution verifies that the student could not complete the requirement due to COVID-19. Institutions still have the authority to evaluate the students’ progress in meeting program requirements. ISBE and IBHE will monitor the pandemic situation and make any recommendations for the fall semester as warranted.

Refunds are available through Pearson for educators who registered for but have not yet completed the edTPA.

IDOL reminds governments no longer need to approve prevailing wage ordinances

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) wants to remind local units of governments that while they still must pay prevailing wages for public works projects, a 2019 change in the law means they no longer need to adopt a prevailing wage ordinance or file it with IDOL.

“While most local governments are aware of the change, some continue to adopt prevailing wage ordinances and attempt to file them with the Illinois Department of Labor. That is no longer a requirement,” said IDOL Director Michael Kleinik.

The enactment of Public Act 100-1177, which took effect June 1, 2019, relieves local units of government from the former requirement of passing a prevailing wage ordinance, publishing it and filing it with the Illinois Department of Labor.

The prevailing wage schedules for each county in the state are now ascertained by IDOL and published on its website.

The changes to the Prevailing Wage Act also required IDOL to create an electronic database of certified payrolls where contractors will submit certified payrolls directly online rather than filing them with the local government.

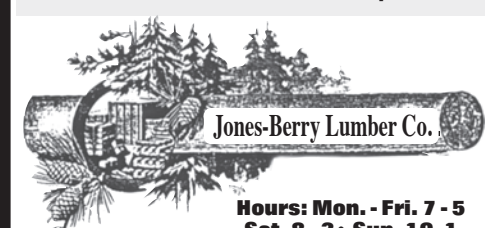
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LOCAL NEWS

State announces e-check payment processor fee waived through Aug. 2, 2020

SPRINGFIELD — In an effort to further encourage online transactions with the Secretary of State's office at www.cyberdriveillinois.com, Secretary of State Jesse White and Treasurer Michael Frerichs have worked to waive the payment processor fee associated with e-checks through Aug. 2, 2020. White and Frerichs successfully partnered with National Cash Register (NCR) – the Treasurer's approved payment processor company – to remove the e-check payment processing fee for three months.

This e-check payment processor fee will be waived for the following online services:

- renewing a vehicle registration;
- obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card; and
- renewing a driver's license through the Safe Driver Renewal program.

"Don't wait, renew online by e-check," said White. "By renewing your vehicle registration or your driver's license or ID card by e-check through Aug. 2, you won't have to visit a Driver Services facility once they reopen and the payment processor fee will be waived. This will save you money and time. I commend Treasurer Frerichs for his efforts in working with NCR to make this happen."

"We are pleased to work with Secretary White and NCR to waive the processing fee for e-checks," Frerichs said. "We hope this encourages more people to consider online transactions through the Secretary of State's website while we follow the social distancing guidance from state and federal health officials during this pandemic."

Paying with an e-check is simple. Customers first visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com to begin their transaction – either renewing a vehicle registration or a driver's license or obtaining a duplicate driver's license/ID card. Then they are automatically connected to NCR where they provide their routing number and bank account number on the secure payment page. After the transaction is completed and the e-check is verified, the Secretary of State's office will begin the process of mailing the vehicle registration sticker or DL/ID card.

Even though White extended expiration dates for at least 90 days after Driver Services facilities reopen for vehicle registrations, driver's licenses and ID cards, he strongly encourages customers to renew online if they are able to do so.

White also reminded the public that the federal government extended the REAL ID deadline by one year. The deadline is now Oct. 1, 2021.

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Captain Bartlett was president of a military commission in Memphis for six weeks. He also served as a personal escort for Generals Ulysses Grant and John M. Palmer.

Following the war, he returned to Sublette and farmed. He was also elected constable and was deputy under Sheriff Campbell at the time of the famous Banditti of the Prairies prosecutions.

Captain Bartlett had many military reunions at the farm. The farm was later owned for many years by Bartlett's son, Watson Bartlett, and subsequently sold to Thomas Ray. The Donald Ayers and Robert Ayers families lived in the home for many years.

IAA Foundation awards scholarships

BLOOMINGTON — In a time of uncertainty, students can count on support of scholarships for college tuition during the 2020-2021 school year, courtesy of the IAA Foundation.

As the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation awarded \$114,000 to 72 students pursuing degrees in agriculture-related fields. Students are selected based on their academic achievements, leadership involvement, professional career goals and overall commitment to success.

"It is a privilege to invest in these students who represent a strong and vibrant agriculture future," said Jennifer Smith, Development Manager, IAA Foundation.

Austin Schortheide of Hoyleton, was named the Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership Scholarship recipient and received a \$7,500 scholarship. IAA Foundation Top Scholars Miriam Hoffman of Earlville, Sophia Hortin of Fisher and Loren Koenigstein of Columbia, each received a \$5,000 award. Zachary Becker, Amboy, was named a Collegiate Farm Bureau Scholarship recipient and received a \$1,000 scholarship. Other scholarships presented range in value from \$1,000 to \$3,000. A full listing of recipients can be found at www.iaafoundation.org.

Annually, the Illinois Farm Bureau and county Farm Bureaus award more than \$875,000 in scholarship support.

"We want to expand our scholarship program each year to support more students as they pursue careers in agriculture," Smith said.

Applications for the 2021 school year scholarships, as well as specific details and eligibility requirements, will be available on the IAA Foundation's website beginning Dec. 1.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AMBOY-St. Patrick Food Pantry, 32 N. Jones Ave., will have drive by/pick up service from 9 to 10 a.m. each Wednesday during May.

AMBOY-The First Baptist Church Food Pantry, 24 N. Mason Ave., will be open on Saturday, May 16,

from 9 a.m. until noon. Call 815-440-2078 for more information.

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

Extension, as well as Carroll and Whiteside Extension, events have been cancelled, suspended, or transitioned to online delivery. This applies to all events scheduled through May 31, 2020. Go to: go.illinois.edu/Extension-COVID19 for updates and to ask questions.

AMBOY-All Lee County

TEEN TURF

Thank You's

Thank you to Ryan Hall for the food donation and Jennifer Wilson Esquivel for the health and beauty goods. Thank to everyone who has donated items or money.

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.

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 May on Wednesdays: 13th, 20th, and 27th 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 May

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

A few thoughts on hope:

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." ~ Desmond Tutu.

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope." ~ Martin Luther King Jr.

"When you're at the end of your rope, tie a knot and hold on." ~ Theodore Roosevelt.

PLAN

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Pritzker instituted stay-at-home and social distancing restrictions statewide.

Illinois is now in the second phase, called "flattening," Pritzker said. The curve is leveling, the rate of infection is increasing more slowly and restrictions are being lifted. Each health region is observing this trend "to varying degrees," the governor added.

"I know that we all have a passionate desire to return to the sense of normalcy that we felt before the world knew of COVID-19," Pritzker said during his daily update in Chicago. "Here's the truth, and I don't like it any more than you: 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 next step regions are progressing toward is "recovery" — the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases as well as the number of residents hospitalized would be stabilizing or declining. Once this criteria is met, offices, stores, hair salons and others could reopen with new capacity regulations implemented, and masks would still be mandated when out in public.

Gatherings of up to 50 people could resume and restaurants, bars and schools could reopen in the fourth phase. Called "revitalization," it is signified by a continuing decrease in the number of confirmed cases.

The final, fifth phase would be reached when a vaccine or effective treatment is established, or when a region reports no new COVID-19 cases. At that point, regions could return to normal.

The plan was announced on the same day the IDPH reported the largest daily number of COVID-19-related deaths in Illinois. In 18 counties, 176 residents died over the past 24 hours, bringing the state's total to 2,838.


Department Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike also reported 2,122 confirmed cases in the same period. There are now 65,962 COVID-19 cases in the state.

WINNER

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Ashley was selected as the State Winner by a committee of agriculture teachers knowledgeable in this work-based area, who reviewed their records online and then conducted virtual interviews from their homes and offices throughout the state. Ashley is the daughter of Steve and Deb Althaus from Sublette.

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Robert Henry Halsey

March 21, 1940 - May 4, 2020

AMBOY — Robert Henry Halsey, 80, passed away surrounded by his family on Monday, May 4, 2020. He was born on March 21, 1940 in Amboy, to parents Herbert and Ella (Eisenberg) Halsey. Bob was united in marriage on March 28, 1959 to Carol Lorraine Boehle.

Bob loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He excelled as a multi-sport athlete in high school and college, earning inductions into Amboy High School and Carthage College Hall of Fames.

Bob carried his passion for sports into a career of teaching and coaching high school sports for well over three decades. Bob built one of the most successful girls basketball programs in the state and coached the 1992 Hartford Lady Orioles to the state championship, earning the 1992 Wisconsin Coach of the Year and in 2000 was inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Bob impacted the lives of many students, athletes,

teachers, coaches, friends and family throughout his lifetime.

In 1988 Bob founded Bank Shot Sports Bar in Hartford. Following retirement, he and Carol enjoyed their time in Alma, Wis., and winters in Bokeelia, Fla. He was a loving and loyal friend, husband, father and grandfather "Bopa."

Bob is survived by five children, Jacki (Dan) Bakker, Michael, Jodi (Steve) Anderson, Janet (Greg) McKnight and Jill (Dan) Gehring; 13 grandchildren, Randi (fiancé Angel) Dotseth, Jerry (Zeze) Dotseth, Sarah Bakker, Nathan (Nicole) Schultz, Alyse (Louie) Sandow, Alaria (Nick) Petrusis, Alek Anderson, Brandon (Sara) McKnight, Robert McKnight, Allen (Ashley) McKnight, Alexandra Gehring, Douglas Gehring and Christian Gehring; 13 great-grandchildren; siblings, Tudy (Gerald) Gum, Lee Carroll and Terry (Bev) Halsey; sisters-in-law, Doris Garland and Mary (Gary) Zell; brothers-in-law, Jerry (Betty) Boehle, Larry (Bar-



bara) Boehle, Jim (Debbie) Boehle, and Tom Boehle; also survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Bob is preceded in death by his wife Carol; parents; and infant son, Robert.

The family will hold a Celebration of Life for Bob in Hartford at a later date and also tentatively Aug. 1 in Amboy, IL for both Bob and Carol. The family would like to thank Serenity Villa for their loving care and support to Bob.

Condolences can be found at www.shimonfuneralhome.com.

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- 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.

Other individuals may be tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms (cough, shortness of breath and fever) OR

have a risk factor, such as contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19, a compromised immune system or a serious chronic medical condition.

What to do if you think you have COVID-19: (UPDATED INFORMATION)

During the current Corona Virus outbreak, 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:

- Use the "KSB Care Anywhere" virtual care app (<https://ksbhospital.zipnosis.com/>) for a free 5 question screening in order to help differentiate your symptoms between the virus and other seasonal maladies. While a credit card is required for a more involved assessment, no charges will be applied if a COVID-19 testing referral is made.

- KSB is offering a Coronavirus HOTLINE, by which symptoms can be evaluated against federal screening guidelines, and if appropriate, a referral is made to their Drive-Thru Screening site. The screening site is available ONLY through the hotline and between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays by calling 815-285-7777.

- Residents with a Primary Care Practitioner can also CALL their office for advice. Again, CALL FIRST before going to the office.

For general questions about COVID-19, call the IDPH hotline at 1-800-889-3931 or 211.

OSF Saint Paul Medical Center receives \$75,000 gift

MENDOTA — The OSF Foundation is pleased to announce that OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota is the recipient of a generous gift from a local business donor, who wishes to remain anonymous.

The \$75,000 gift will help OSF Saint Paul support efforts with the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this time of uncertainty, OSF Saint Paul Mission Partners have worked tirelessly on the front lines, ensuring that the health and wellness needs of the community are met.

"As we all struggle to fully grasp the impact COVID-19 will have on Mendota and the surrounding communities, this generous gift will support our health care workers, patients and our communities as they fight against the spread of the virus," said Dawn Trompeter, President, OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center. "This gift will enable our digital health response to serve community members where and when they need it, and it means crisis support for those working each day to combat the virus."

OSF Healthcare Saint Paul Medical Center to begin offering non-emergency services on May 26

MENDOTA — As OSF HealthCare begins to restart services that had been closed in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the health care Ministry will have a phased approach to bringing non-emergent procedures and surgical services back online through the end of May.

Aphased approach is necessary to ensure there is adequate personal protective equipment available, along with appropriate levels of testing, supplies, and staffing.

As part of this effort, OSF HealthCare hospitals with fewer than 50 beds and within 35 miles of an OSF sister hospital

will resume elective surgeries in phase two, which begins May 26. This includes OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota.

"It is important to provide the elective services our community needs as quickly as possible, but even more important is that we do this in a safe manner," said Dawn Trompeter, President at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center. "Our Mission Partners have been working diligently on plans to ensure the continued safety of our patients and cleanliness of our facilities that our communities have come to know and trust. We appreciate the confidence and loyalty of our patients as we continue to serve you with the greatest care and love."

OSF HealthCare hospital emergency departments are open and safe. If someone is experiencing signs of a heart attack, stroke, or other emergency situation, call 911 to be treated quickly to have the best recovery results.

All OSF HealthCare hospitals, urgent care centers and

medical offices are following strict guidelines provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for cleaning and disinfecting.

Patients coming to OSF for a scheduled surgical procedure can expect additional safeguards in place, including a COVID-19 test 72-hours prior to the appointment.

Every individual entering our facilities, including patients, employees, providers and vendors will continue to be screened at the entrance. As has been the case since May 1, OSF HealthCare requires anyone entering an OSF facility to wear a mask. Exceptions are made for those younger than two or those with medical conditions that prohibit wearing a mask.

OSF HealthCare seeks to partner with you and those who visit and support you. At this time, the safety of each person in our communities requires us to limit visitors. Patients who need mobility assistance, pediatric care, and end-of-life situations are all exceptions.

I would like to thank everyone who came to visit and/or sent cards, letters and prayers during my 11 weeks in the hospital. I can never thank you enough as your words of kindness gave me the strength to get through that time. I was especially moved by the welcome home that I received when the Fire Department brought us into town. I was overwhelmed by the turnout of family, friends and members of the community. It was very humbling. Again, thank you to this great community. It is great to be home!

Frank Stenzel

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SOCIAL NEWS

CGH partners with Mayo Clinic to test and use convalescent plasma treatment on COVID patients

STERLING — The entire blood community is working closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to begin collecting and distributing convalescent plasma (CP) - a component of blood from individuals who have recovered from COVID-19.

While COVID-19 currently has no proven treatment, it is possible that CP that contains antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) may provide passive immunity to certain patients with severe forms of COVID-19. To give our COVID patients the best possible chance of recovery, CGH Medical Center has partnered closely with Mayo Clinic to help with the testing and research of CP.

"Convalescent plasma is similar to a blood donation that is taken from someone who has tested positive for COVID-19," said Dr. Eric Kuhns, CGH Family Medicine and CGH Department of Medicine Chair. "The antibodies that they have made to fight their own virus are separated out in the plasma and given to another patient. Throughout history, this technique has been used in other diseases very effectively, and it looks very promising with COVID-19 as well."

"We're doing things here at CGH that would otherwise be done at research hospitals, and we are seeing some early exciting results," continued Dr. Kuhns. "It's very exciting to not only be a part of the treatment side of this study, but to also be a part of the research side, where we report back to Mayo Clinic on how our patients are doing and how they reacted to CP treatment. This is how science works, and we're very honored to be a part of this process."

If you or a loved one has recovered from COVID-19, and are 17 years of age or older, you can help give others a fighting chance by donating convalescent plasma:

Individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, which was confirmed with a positive laboratory test, may be eligible to donate 28 days after complete resolution of their symptoms. They will need a note from their treating physician indicating the date of testing.

For individuals with a confirmed diagnosis but whose symptoms completely resolved between 14 and 28 days prior, a negative follow-up COVID-19 test will be needed before donation.

For individuals who were diagnosed but did not get a confirmatory test, blood tests may be done to confirm their blood contains antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 before donation.

For individuals meeting the above criteria of recovery from COVID-19, the donor center will further evaluate eligibility for donation which might include additional prescreen blood testing as well as routine donor screening. To be eligible to donate convalescent plasma, donors must meet all regular blood donor requirements.

For questions, more information, or for individuals who have had a confirmed case of COVID-19 and have since experienced a full recovery, please contact the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center to determine your eligibility for plasma donation. They can be reached by calling 833-610-1025, emailing patientservices@mvrbc.org, or visiting www.bloodcenter.org.

SVCC community education offers select free online courses

STERLING — The Community Education department at Sauk Valley Community College is offering select courses for free through June 30.

Courses are self-paced and offered online through Ed2Go. Participants are encouraged to sign up for one, or all 10 classes offered.

Classes will expire on June 30. Offerings include:

- Creating Web Pages
- Creating WordPress Websites
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- Managing Customer Service
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- Personal Finance
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- Individual Excellence

To take advantage of one of these free, online courses, visit ed2go.com/svcc and search "free."

For more information, please contact Brenda Helms, brenda.helms@svcc.edu.

OSF Saint Paul to host blood drive May 15

MENDOTA — Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (MVRBC) will hold a blood drive from noon until 5 p.m., Friday, May 15, at the Mendota Civic Center in Mendota. Volunteer blood donors are invited to support the local blood supply by scheduling an appointment to give blood by calling the Community Health Services Department at 815-539-1411

or schedule online at www.bloodcenter.org. MVRBC requires appointments to ensure adequate supplies and social distancing during the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). Please bring a photo ID with you at time of your donation.

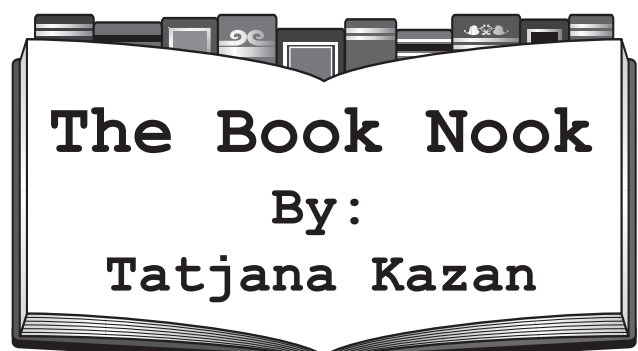
Blood donations are often used to help treat patients with cancer, victims of trauma and patients undergoing

major surgeries. All persons age 17 and up (or 16, with a signed parental permission form) who weigh at least 110 pounds and are in general good health meet the basic eligibility requirements for blood donation. For more information on donor eligibility, call the Blood Center at 800-747-5401 or visit www.bloodcenter.org/eligibility.

MVRBC is based in Dav-

enport, Iowa, with regional operations in Urbana (Community Blood Services of Illinois) and Springfield (Central Illinois Community Blood Center).

The Blood Center is the exclusive provider of blood and blood components to 95 hospitals in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Wisconsin, including 11 of 13 OSF HealthCare facilities.



The Good Soldier

On a cramped troop train heading east to the Russian front, a young German soldier by the name of Andreas listens to the chatter around him. It is September 1943 and the German army is in retreat. Yet the lie persists: "The Führer knows what he's doing!" But the silence of those who said nothing, nothing at all, was terrible. It was the silence of those who knew they were all done for." Andreas, who is certain he will die that Sunday in Lvov, in southeastern Poland, knows the odds: "Another year before everything finally collapses in the East, and if the Americans in the West don't attack, or the British, then it will go on for another two years before the Russians reach the Atlantic."

In Heinrich Böll's classic 1949 novella "The Train Was on Time," we follow Andreas and his two new friends as the train rolls through Germany: "Only in the distance those silent, uncannily long, spectral fingers of the searchlights, still groping across the sky." They know that the East means death, they had been there, yet not staying on the train is unthinkable. They are good soldiers even unto their certain death.

Andreas is obsessed with his impending death. "I have a terrible longing for the gray drabness of Poland and for that unknown stretch between Lvov and Cernauti where I have to die." He knows Lvov, the capital of Galicia, where 200,000 Jews were slaughtered by the German death squads and their Ukrainian collaborators. Andreas, a good Catholic, says a forbidden prayer for the Jews: "He thought once more about the Jews of Cernauti, then he remembered the Jews of Lvov, and the Jews of Stanislaw and Kolomyia."

In Lvov, Willi, one of the friends, treats them to a spectacular meal, followed by an all-night visit to a brothel. Andreas is treated to the star prostitute Olina. In the precious hours before his death, Andreas doesn't want sex. Olina recognizes him as a kindred spirit and tells him she is a spy for the Polish Resistance. Andreas is dazed: "I needed to come to this brothel in Lvov, I needed to come here to find out that there is such a thing as love without desire, the way I love Olina." He tells Olina about the exact place of his murder: "Stry ... that terrible name that is like a streak, a bloody streak across my throat!" Olina will not hear of it. She promises to save him and his friends.

Böll was drafted and served throughout the war, yet there is not a shred of military glorification in his novels. Moreover, as a courageous voice against post-war German veneration of its vaunted army, he was vilified by his fellow Germans. In 1972 Böll received the Nobel Prize for literature.

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Opinion

Are there different rules for the rulers than the ruled?

Just because you can do something doesn't mean you should do it.

At least, that's the advice my mother used to dispense.

I was thinking about that axiom this past week, as I watched men carrying rifles descend on state capitols across the nation to protest shelter-in-place orders.

The states where they did this have "open carry" laws. So, the protestors point out they are just exercising their rights.

Having spent much of my life working in the Illinois statehouse, I can't help but roll my eyes. Do they really think these sorts of antics are going to help their cause?

If anything, they have marginalized their concerns and alienated themselves from lawmakers and much of the public.

A rather agitated acquaintance of mine demanded to know if I thought this was such a bad idea, just what I would do.

The right to petition our government for a redress of grievances is one of the most fundamental of rights.

And since I was asked, here is what I would do: Leave the guns at home, put on a shirt and tie and contact my lawmakers and share my concerns. I'd peacefully assemble in front of the statehouse — keeping 6-feet apart — and speak out.

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



And I sure as hell wouldn't show up at the rally with signs calling Gov. J.B. Pritzker a Nazi as protestors in Chicago and Springfield did this week. Name calling is never productive and it is particularly offensive to use this slur against a Jewish person who helped create the Illinois Holocaust Museum.

It's hard to assess how well, or poorly, the governor is handling the state's response to the pandemic. Have we flattened the virus curve sufficiently? How well have the state's economic needs been balanced with the state's health needs?

One thing is certain. There is a lot of suffering.

A nursing home not far from my home has 70 percent of its residents infected with the disease and 10 have died. On the other hand, in the working-class community where I live, hunger is stalking the families of barbers, waitresses, cooks and other ordinary folks who have never experienced unemployment before.

There are no easy solutions. But everyone is sacrificing. Well, almost everyone.

One can't help but ask: Are there different rules for the rulers than the ruled?

For example, the New York Times reported Ivanka Trump, President Trump's eldest daughter, traveled with her three

kids from Washington to New Jersey in order to celebrate the first night of Passover with family. They did this despite a non-essential travel ban in Washington, D.C. where they live and work. And they did this despite the senior White House adviser's public statements for people to stay home.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot went to her hairstylist for a trim despite a state order closing down all salons.

And according to The Patch, Gov. J.B. Pritzker's wife and children traveled from Chicago to their \$12-million Florida horse farm, despite the governor's order barring non-essential travel.

When questioned by a reporter on Monday, Pritzker said, "My official duties have nothing to do with my family, so I'm just not going to answer that question. It's inappropriate, and I find it reprehensible honestly that that reporter wrote a story about it."

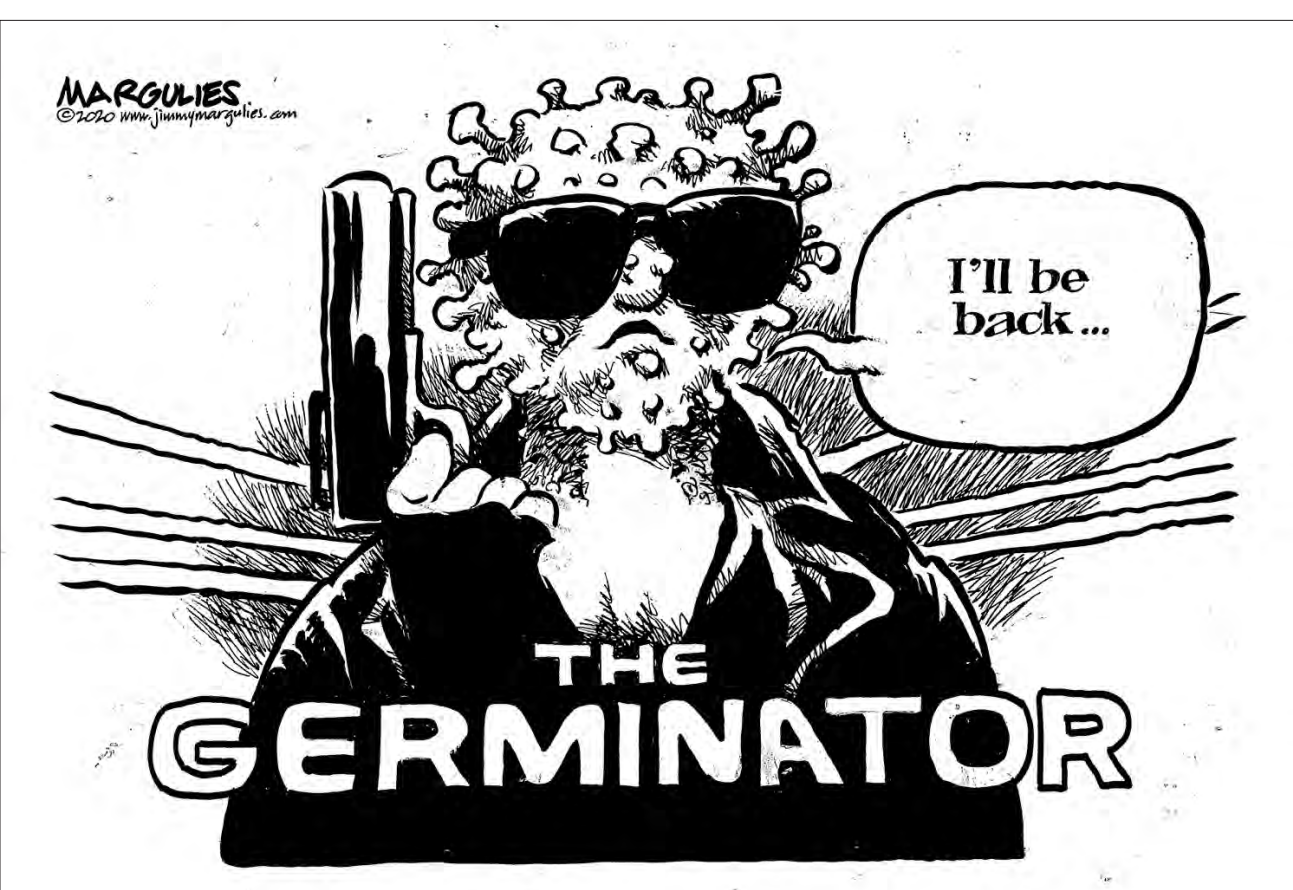
Gosh, that doesn't sound like the governor is denying the accuracy of the story. It just sounds like he is angry that it was written.

Well, Governor, there is a lot of anger out there. Folks are angry that they are out of work, angry that their loved ones are dying and angry that they can't leave their homes.

We may not have the epidemical or economic data that the White House, governors and mayors use in their decision making.

But one thing we can do is smell a hypocrite a mile away -- even with our masks on.

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 May 14, 1920

The Hogan sisters sold their fine home on Plant Street this week to H.H. Badger. Mr. Badger, it is stated, will make some alterations in the house so that it can be used by two families. The Hogans expect to leave for Denver, Colo., about the first of June.

Sam Schiff is the name of the junk dealer who succeeds Jake Mabel. Mr. Schiff is an experienced man and will push the business vigorously.

Miss Goldie Albright of Eldena who was the guest of Miss Anna Miller, returned home Saturday.

75 Years Ago May 10, 1945

Eleven donors from Sublette gave their blood last Thursday at Amboy Hospital to the blood bank which is being built by Dr. G.A. Sullivan. The donors were Leonard Henkel, Reuben Dinges, Urban Glasser, Raymond Dinges, Les Dinges, Andrew Koehler, Art Bulfer,

Joe Schuler, Leo Burkardt, Leo Bulfer and Wilbert Dinges.

Mrs. Roy Vivian, teacher of the Craig School, pupils and friends enjoyed a picnic dinner Thursday, May 3, the closing day of the school.

A group of friends assisted Mrs. A.W. Garth to celebrate her birthday Friday evening.

50 Years Ago May 14, 1970

The winners of the City Championship Bowling Roll Off at Carr's Recreation are Miss Kattie Douvier, ladies' high scratch, Mrs. Larry (Eve) Eisenberg, ladies' high handicap, Greg Girton, men's high handicap, and Ken McCracken, men's high scratch.

Mrs. John Rapp, Mrs. Richard Garland and Patti attended the "Style Show" at the LaMoille High School Friday night. Mrs. Rapp was one of the models.

New and retiring officers of the National Honor Society of Amboy High School posed for a picture at the annual banquet held Friday evening.

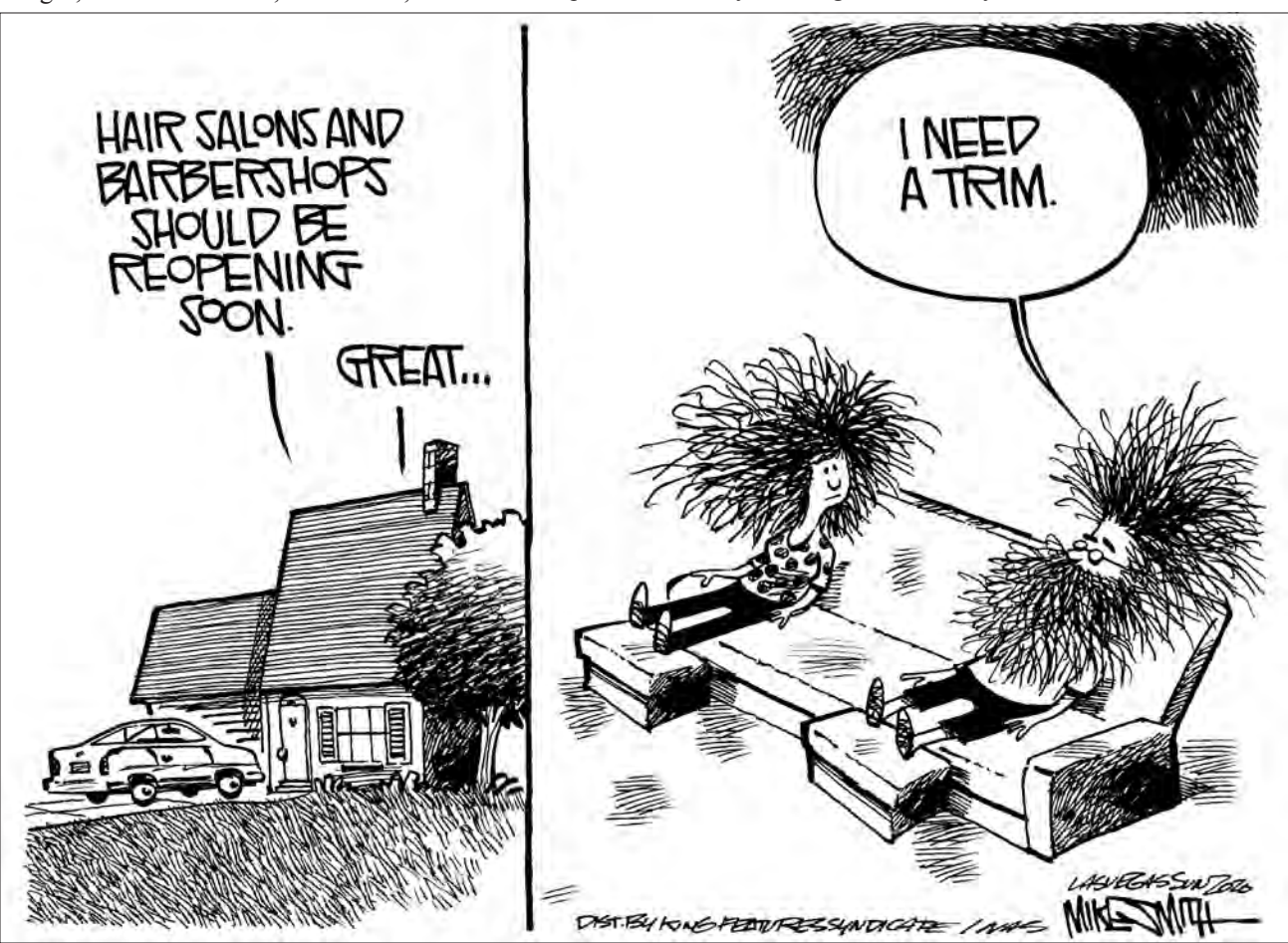
Retiring officers are Lorraine Walgrave, treasurer, Barb Spenader, secretary, Darrell Trouth, vice president and Joan Kerchner, president. New officers are Maureen McCaffrey, treasurer, Linda Klein, secretary, Gary Leffelman, vice president, and Barbara Kelly, president.

25 Years Ago May 18, 1995

Business entrepreneur Susan McCoy of Computer Connections is starting a new business that could be beneficial to many in the community. Mrs. McCoy is bringing to Amboy a "Learn to Read" program that provides personalized children's books to beginning readers with the cost supported by local businesses.

Floy Wittenauer will celebrate her 100th birthday May 22.

Emily Leffelman, Kelly Jo Malach, Kari Politsch and Kim Stenzel, juniors at Amboy High School, have been named by American Legion Auxiliary to attend Girls State. The week-long session will be held on the campus of Eastern Illinois University at Charleston, June 18-24.



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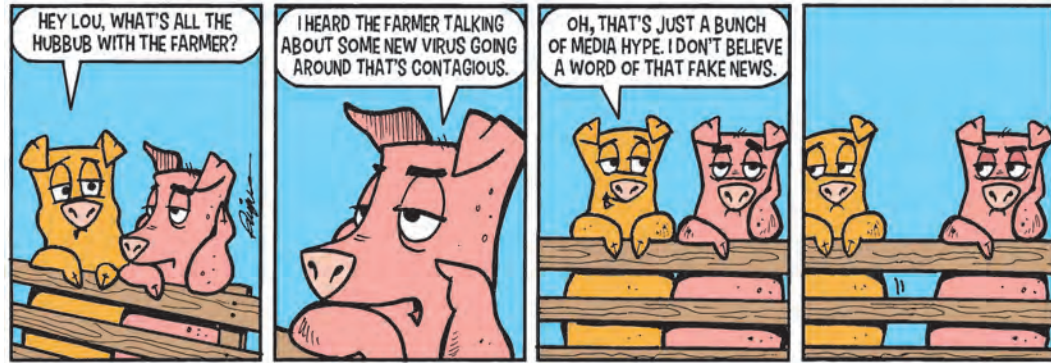
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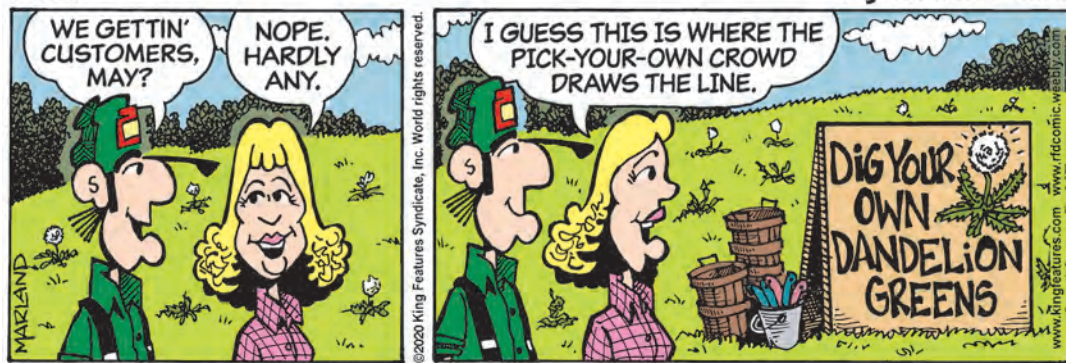
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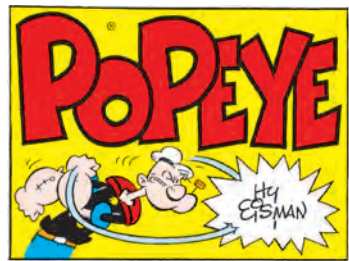
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101 LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY, DIXON, ILLINOIS

IN RE:)
THE ESTATE OF)
PAUL L. BETZ,)
Deceased.)
No. 20-P-14

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the death of Paul L. Betz, late, of Compton. Letters of Office were issued on February 24, 2020, to Adam P. Betz, whose attorney is Aplington, Kaufman, McClintock, Steele & Barry, Ltd., 160 Marquette St., P.O. Box 517, LaSalle, IL 61301. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk, Circuit Court, in the Lee County Courthouse, Dixon, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 29, 2020, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated this 29th day of April, 2020.
DENISE A. McCAF-FREY
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
309 S. Galena Ave., Suite 320
Dixon, IL 61021
No.0405
(April 29, May 6, May 13, 2020)

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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

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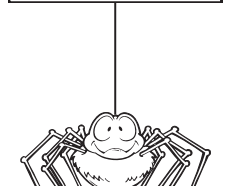
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2018 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab LT, 4x4, Maroon.....\$33,500

2018 Chevy Crew 1500 LT Leather, 4x4, Gray....\$31,500

2018 Chevy Malibu LT 15K Miles, Maroon...\$19,500

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2017 GMC Sierra 1500 SLT Crew Cab, 4x4, Sunroof, Black.....\$33,900

2017 Chevy Crew LT 4x4 Leather, Gray.....\$31,900

2017 Chevy Equinox, FWD LT, Sunroof, Blue\$16,500

2016 Chevy Dbl. Cab 1500 LTZ, Z71, 4x4, Silver.\$26,500

2016 Chevy K1500 Crew CabLT, 4x4, Z71, Gray.....\$28,500

2016 Chevy Traverse LTZ AWD Sunroof, DVD, Tow Pkg Pearl White\$26,500

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2015 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab LT, 4x4, Local 1 Owner White.....\$27,900

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IL Department of Human Services, Aging, share resources for older adults at risk

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) Division of Mental Health, together with the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA), is sharing resources for all Illinoisans who are older adults or have older adults in their lives in need of support.

While the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting everyone, older adults are particularly at risk for social isolation. These resources are being shared today, which is National Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day 2020. “Older adults, particularly those who are at a greater risk for social isolation, need our support now more than

ever,” said Grace Hou, Secretary of IDHS. “We want to be sure older adults and their loved ones know they are not alone. The Illinois Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health and the Illinois Department on Aging offer many resources to address mental health issues and are here to help now and always.”

To slow the spread of COVID-19, IDHS and IDOA recommend following guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health, including wearing a face mask when in public, practicing social distancing, and washing your hands frequently. The departments

also recommend getting an average of 6-8 hours of sleep per night, establishing or keeping a record of a daily routine and exercise, and practicing regular self-care, such as showering and grooming.

“The stress on everybody is growing every day. Plan for what you can, and focus on things you can control,” said Paula Basta, Director of IDoA. “I encourage everyone to be mindful of our older family members, friends, or neighbors, and check in to see how they are doing. Find a creative way to communicate with them during this time and monitor their health.”

For those seeking assistance, please visit www.dhs.state.il.us and click on HELP IS HERE, visit the IDoA website at www.illinois.gov/aging, call the IDOA Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 (hearing impaired call 888-206-1327), or by emailing ilsenior@illinois.gov.

IDHS also offers the following links and resources for older adults who are in need of support:

- Distress: Disaster Dis-

tress Hotline or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

- Food assistance: Meals on Wheels and Feeding America provide options based on ZIP Code.

- Transportation: Eldercare Locator for local services.

- Medicine: GoodRX or NeedyMeds.

- Medicare: Seek advice from the local State Health Insurance Assistance Program or from Medicare.gov.

- Benefits assistance: BenefitsCheckUp.org provide options by state to help with utility bill payments, prescription drug costs, and more.

Additionally, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Administration on Community Living, the Veterans Administration, and the National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging held a virtual event to discuss practical ideas to promote connection and recovery for older adults with serious mental illness and substance use disorders, during this unprecedented time in our history.

SVCC to honor 2020 distinguished alumni at virtual commencement

STERLING—Sauk Valley Community College, through the Sauk Valley College Foundation-Alumni Association, will recognize Sauk alumnus, retired colonel Michael Friedlein '76 as the 2020 Distinguished Alumni recipient at the virtual commencement on May 29.

The Alumni Association nomination committee selected Michael Friedlein based on peer recommendations and notable accomplishments. Friedlein, USAF, Retired was chosen as the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award that honors a particular achievement of noteworthy value, a series of such achievements or a career of noteworthy accomplishments that bring honor to the College. Friedlein graduated from SVCC in 1976 with an Associate of Science degree in Pre-Professional Studies. He was a top player on the 1974-1976 basketball teams under Coach Palumbo. He received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa and a Master of Arts in Industrial Psychology and Management from Webster University in St. Louis, Mo.

He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in 1979 and, during his 27-year career, he commanded three squadrons; two of the squadrons deployed in support of the Gulf War, relief operations in Somalia; and the former Soviet Union and peacekeeping operations in Bosnia. In 1990 he assumed command of the Fourth Mobile Aerial Port Squadron at Dover Air Force Base Delaware, the largest in the Department of Defense in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2000, Friedlein assumed command of the 436th Aerial Port Squadron. His staff assignments included a tour with the Joint Chiefs of Staff as a Logistics Emergency Action Officer and a tour on the staff of the Secretary of Defense as an air transportation advisor. Colonel Friedlein's decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster and the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters.

COUNTRY Financial® to donate \$3 million to first responders, healthcare workers

BLOOMINGTON—As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to spread across the U.S. and add pressure to the nation's hospitals, healthcare workers and first responders, COUNTRY Financial® is stepping in to provide funds for much-needed equipment and supplies. Through its Operation Helping Heroes program, the company will donate \$3 million to first responders, medical workers and military service members in the communities it does business in.

“Healthcare workers and first responders are on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic, risking their lives every day to take care of those in our communities. We believe it's our responsibility to take care of them,” said Tim Harris, executive vice president for COUNTRY Financial.

COUNTRY Financial announced earlier this year that it would donate \$1 million through its Operation Helping Heroes program to first responders and military service members. However, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the company will now triple its investment in the program. The \$3 million donation will be allocated to the company's more than 2,000 representatives and agents who will each be able to provide funds to support their local first responders.

“Each community we serve relies on first responders and medical professionals to assist in what may be their most uncertain life event, and we want to help make sure they have the resources and training needed to improve outcomes,” Harris said.

Operation Helping Heroes was created in 2015 to support non-profit organizations that support active duty service members, veterans and their families. In 2019, COUNTRY Financial expanded the program and donated \$700,000 to approximately 500 first responder and military organizations. Some of the funds were used to purchase lifesaving automated external defibrillators (AEDs), bulletproof vests, and training equipment and programs.

From The Heart Calendar winners

April 2020 From The Heart Calendar Winners
 April 1 - Brandon Spandet, Fort Hood, Texas, \$25
 April 2 - Yvette Yarbrough, Dixon, \$25
 April 3 - Mary May, Amboy, \$25
 April 4 - Tammy Kettleison, Rochelle, \$25
 April 5 - Scott Rothchild, Chicago, \$50
 April 6 - Karla Steder, Rochelle, \$25
 April 7 - Marge Kuehl, Rochelle, \$2
 April 8 - Anita Bowers,

Byron, \$25
 April 9 - Beth Speier, Rochelle, \$25
 April 10 - Marta Pineda, Rochelle, \$25
 April 11 - David Peak, Chicago, \$25
 April 12 - Mary Willett, Dixon, \$300
 April 13 - Cal Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25
 April 14 - Jessica Aldridge, Aurora, Colorado, \$25
 April 15 - City of Rochelle, \$25
 April 16 - Carol Hale,

Rochelle, \$25
 April 17 - Patricia Hansen, Rochelle, \$25
 April 18 - Sharon Gardner, Rochelle, \$25
 April 19 - From the Heart auction, Rochelle, \$50
 April 20 - Nel Pitelka, Sandwich, \$25
 April 21 - Robert Lindemeyer, Sublette, \$25
 April 22 - Scoops, Oregon, \$25
 April 23 - Robert Ballard, Sycamore, \$25
 April 24 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

April 25 - Wyatt Berogan, Dixon, \$25
 April 26 - Anne Avery, Verdun, Quebec, Canada, \$50
 April 27 - Chris & Marilyn Sanford, Earlville, \$25
 April 28 - Ashlynn Tinsley, Rochelle, \$25
 April 29 - Dulce Lopez, DeKalb, \$25
 April 30 - Jaleesa Pernicek, Sycamore, \$25
Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month

CLIPPER KIDDIE 2

This Week's Star Student of the Week is:
Isabel Burke

Student's Favorites:
 Color: Rainbow
 Animal: Cheetah
 Food: Pizza
 Book: Halloween Jack
 Game: Unicorn Game
 Song: A Whole New World from Aladdin

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CLIPPER KIDDIE 2

This Week's Student of the Week is:
Clare Considine

Student's Favorites:
 Color: Purple
 Animal: Zebra
 Food: Mac 'n Cheese
 Book: Sleep Tight, Sleepy Bears
 Game: Don't Break The Ice
 Song: Let It Go

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CLIPPER KIDDIE 2

This Week's Student of the Week is:
Carson Dinges

Student's Favorites:
 Color: Dark Blue
 Animal: T-Rex
 Food: Pepperoni Pizza
 Book: Ten Best Things About Any Dad
 Game: Life

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With Fondest Memories

We remember those who have passed away and are especially dear to us.

On Wednesday, May 20th The Amboy News will publish a special Memorial Day page devoted to those who are gone but not forgotten.

The memorials will be similar to the sample below:

Andrews, David C.
July 10, 1961-May 5, 1980

May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.

Always in our hearts, John and Mona Andrews and Family (SAMPLE)

(actual size)

If you wish, select one of the following FREE verses below to accompany your tribute.

1. We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.
2. May God cradle you in His arms, now and forever.
3. Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
4. Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you until we meet again.
5. The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God's heavenly glory.
6. Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.
7. Though out of sight, you'll forever be in my heart and mind.
8. The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.
9. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
10. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
11. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
12. May God's graces shine over you for all time.
13. You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.
14. We send this message with a loving kiss for eternal rest and happiness.
15. May the Lord bless you with His graces and warm, loving heart.

To remember your loved one in this special way, send \$10.00 per listing. Your special tribute will become a permanent memorial record in our paper.

Deadline is Thursday, May 14, at Noon.

Fill out the form below and mail or drop off in our dropbox outside of our office

**The Amboy News
 (With Fondest Memories)
 245 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 162
 Amboy, IL 61310**

Please publish my tribute in the special Memorial Day Page on May 20th.

Name of deceased _____

Relationship to me _____ Number of selected verse _____

Date of birth _____ Date of passing _____

Additional information _____

Print your name here _____

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ea.

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Hunt's Ketchup

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Reg. Price \$1.59 ea.



Famous Dave's BBQ Sauce

20 oz

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Florida Natural Orange Juice

52 oz

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Reg. Price \$3.79 ea.



Breakstone Sour Cream

16 oz

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