



Craig Walter and Mark Grossman are sorting the signs ahead of Lion members delivering them to the students.

Photo submitted

Lions, On3Photo honor graduates

AMBOY — The Coronavirus has negatively impacted all of our lives and lifestyles in so many ways. One of the many groups of people affected by the pandemic are the area students. Spring is a very busy and eventful time for all of our students. Their formal education has been disrupted.

Social events like the Musical, music concerts, class field trips, recognition assemblies, the Spring Prom and all of the spring athletic events have also been cancelled, including the milestone of the graduation ceremony.

Lion Mark Grossman brought an idea to the Amboy Lions Club of a way to recognize area graduates. The Club contacted Beth Shaw of On3Photo.com to have yard signs created for Amboy eighth grade and high school graduates.

Keeping social distancing guidelines in mind, Lion members, Roger Wittenauer, Mark Grossman, Craig Walter, Edy Pfeiffer, Jim Travi, Patti Ohlendorf, and Dave Kemp got together on a very rainy April 29 to personally deliver the signs and place them in the yards of each graduate.

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Lion Mark Grossman delivering an eighth grade graduation sign to the home of Addison Shaw. Pictured are Mark and Addison's mother Beth Shaw, who owns On3Photo where the signs were made.

Photo submitted

May 4 update: Lee County sees total of 30 cases

LEE COUNTY — On Monday, May 4, Lee County, reported 30 positive cases, 15 have recovered and there are zero deaths.

The State of Illinois reported a total of 63,840 cases and 2,662 deaths.

The Lee County Council on Aging (LCCOA) is delivering meals to seniors 65 and older 5 days per week at no charge. The meals are provided by LCCOA and made by KSB. If interested, call the Lee County Council on Aging at 815-288-9236.

New Testing Criteria:

The Illinois Department of Public Health has expanded testing guidelines. Now anyone with COVID-19 like symptoms (cough, shortness of breath and fever) OR who have a risk factor, such as contact with someone confirmed to have COVID-19, a compromised immune system or a serious chronic medical condition.

Can get a test, even without a doctor's order. And now the following people can be tested with or without symptoms.

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cility

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.

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 9:00 am and 5:00 pm 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.

Residents can go to the following websites for additional information:

Go to KSB, IDPH, or CDC websites. Lee County Health Department provides regular updates on its Facebook page.

Facebook: Lee County IL Health Department

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

White urges residents to renew vehicle registration online

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is urging the public to renew their vehicle registration online at www.cyberdriveillinois.com instead of waiting for Driver Services facilities to reopen. Since mid-March, more than 400,000 people have renewed their stickers online, an increase of approximately 50 percent from last year.

"Don't wait, renew online," said White. "By renewing your vehicle registration sticker now, you won't have to visit a Driver Services facility once they reopen. This will save you

time and will also help alleviate the rush of face-to-face transactions at facilities once they are reopened."

To renew vehicle registrations online, residents need their registration ID and PIN, which are located on their renewal notice and registration card — which most people store in their vehicle's glove compartment.

If you live in Chicagoland or Metro East areas, federal law requires the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to test vehicles for emissions prior to renewing your vehicle registration with the Secretary

of State's office. This requirement impacts approximately 20 percent of those with expiring vehicle registrations. If your vehicle is due for an emissions test, the IEPA is requiring the test be completed before you may renew your vehicle registration online.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, IEPA testing centers are currently closed; however, White extended vehicle registration expiration dates for at least 90 days after Driver Services facilities reopen.

Additional 90-day extensions

include driver's licenses, ID cards and other transactions and document filings.

In addition to renewing vehicle registrations online, other essential services available at www.cyberdriveillinois.com include: renew a driver's license through Safe Driver Renewal, obtain a duplicate driver's license or ID card, obtain a driving record abstract or change your address.

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

Pritzker administration partnering with local groups to offer free food for truckers

SPRINGFIELD — To help the public show appreciation to the trucking industry during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Illinois Department of Transportation announced today it will be coordinating with groups that want to provide free food to truckers. Events that meet and follow specific safety requirements will be held at select IDOT weigh stations throughout the state.

"We are proud to offer our assis-

tance in saying thank you to truckers and giving them some encouragement in their travels," said Illinois Acting Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. "All of us owe these men and women our gratitude for keeping the nation's supply chain moving, making sure food is winding up in our homes and getting medical supplies and equipment to the people that need them most."

The events will be held only at

weigh stations, with a maximum time limit of three hours for each event. Illinois Department of Public Health criteria for handling food and other safety guidelines must be followed at all times. Events will not be held at rest areas.

Scheduling will be coordinated by IDOT and the Illinois State Police. Requests by organizations wishing to distribute food must be received at least five days in advance. The

following weigh stations will be available between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays:

- Interstate 55 southbound at Williamsville in Sangamon County
- Interstate 57 northbound and southbound at Marion in Williamson County

See **TRUCKS** page A9

United Way of Lee County launches effort to raise critical funds

LEE COUNTY — United Way of Lee County invites you to join them on Tuesday, May 5, as they bring the global Giving Tuesday movement, Giving Tuesday Now.

May 5 will be a special day for giving and unity during uncertain times. People across Lee County and around the world will show their neighbors they are not alone.

"We witness the power to create change every day at United Way," said Keri Olson, Executive Director of United Way of Lee County. "Especially in times like these, Lee County always steps forward to support our community. This crisis can be a defining moment of solidarity. Our nonprofits are on the front lines, and they need everyone's generous support to respond to the unprecedented need."

United Way of Lee County's Giving Tuesday Now will be an online campaign at www.uwleeco.org. Donors can pledge a gift of any amount and support the needs of more than 30 local nonprofits.

With many service-providing nonprofits seeing an increase in demand for critical services coupled with cancelled fund-raising events, the day aims to bring people together (virtually) to support those who need it most through seamless online giving tools.

Lee County Fair Association receives grant from Compeer Financial

SUN PRAIRIE, WIS. — Compeer Financial's Fund for Rural America, the Farm Credit cooperative's giving program, has awarded 62 grants as part of their County Fair Facility Upgrade Grant Program, totaling \$180,000. County Fair Facility Upgrade Grants support county fairs throughout Compeer's territory by providing a means to improve the facilities and experiences they offer to their rural communities.

"While the status of summer activities at fairgrounds are still unknown due to COVID-19, we know our county fairs are still in need of building, equipment and grounds improvements," said Karen Schieler, senior corporate giving specialist at Compeer Financial.

Since the program was established in 2018, the Fund has awarded County Fair Facility Upgrade Grants to 181 agencies for a total impact of over \$524,500. This year, the grants will touch the lives of 1.7 million people. The Fund intends to offer this grant again in March 2021.

"These grants will help improve fairground facilities and positively impact rural communities for years to come," added Schieler. "We hope to aid fairs in providing visitors with the best experience possible as they enjoy the timeless tradition of the county fair."

For more information about the Country Fair Facility Upgrade Program, visit compeer.com/giving-back.

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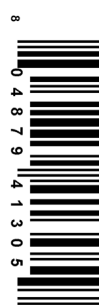
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Barlow named May student of the month for Amboy High School

AMBOY — Brittany Barlow, daughter of Ann and Derrek Barlow, has been named the Amboy High School Student of the Month for May.

GPA: 4.0 /4.0

Memberships and Involvement: I am a member at the Starlight dance studio in Amboy. I also was on the high school football dance team all four years, and the high school basketball dance team for three years.

Awards and Honors: I have been on the Honor Roll all four years during high school. I also was named March student of the month for my Early Childhood Education class at Whiteside Area Career Center.

Best Memories of AHS: My best memories at AHS are those when I was surrounded by my friends. I also loved the week of Homecoming with all the fun days that came leading up to homecoming.

Future Plans: My future plans are to go to Sauk Valley Community College for two years, then transfer to Northern Illinois University.



Brittany Barlow

I plan on majoring in Early Childhood Education to be-

come an elementary teacher.

SVCC awards cash grants

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College is proud to announce that the college applied for, and received, funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to aid current degree or certificate seeking students

during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This funding allows for emergency cash grants to SVCC students whose lives and educations have been disrupted by the coronavirus outbreak. This funding will not count against a student's

current financial aid, is not required to be paid back, and will not impact their future educational funding. Students will be notified via their SVCC email with directions to apply for an emergency cash grant and will be directed to fill out this form.

Additionally, SVCC is offering additional aid to students in the form of scholarships. During this unprecedented time, the college is offering Summer semester scholarships through money raised by the Sauk Valley College Foundation (SVCF). Scholarships have been increased from \$10,000 in Summer 2019 to \$50,000 for Summer 2020. Summer scholarship applications open on April 20. The SVCF is also increasing Fall 2020 scholarships, which will be available to students beginning July 1, 2020. These scholarships are available to students regardless of GPA. It takes 30 minutes to apply at svcc.edu/scholarships, and in those 30 minutes students could earn \$500-\$5,000.

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Master Gardener Training Starts in August

If you have an interest, passion or some experience in gardening or landscape management, expertise not required, come join our team of Master Gardeners.

The University of Illinois Extension Whiteside County will be offering face to face Master Gardener training beginning Aug. 25. Classes will meet every Tuesday through Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Sterling Extension office; 12923 Lawrence Road, Sterling. Training covers home horticulture topics including: botany, diseases, entomology, fruits and vegetables, annual and perennials, soils, and more. You do not need to be a gardening expert to become a Master Gardener. Contact Mary Nelson at mnelsn25@illinois.edu for more information.

We will also be offering an online Master Gardener Training program. The online program allows volunteers to complete the training who may have never been able to in the past due to schedule or time conflicts. This online self-guided course for Illinois residents can be completed anytime of the day or night. Set aside about four hours per week for videos, reading and completing quizzes and the training will be complete in 14 weeks.

The 2020 Master Gardener online training includes 13 modules – an introduction and 12 subject areas. Module topics include: botany, soils and fertilizers, plant diseases, entomology, integrated pest management, annuals and perennials, trees, shrubs and woody vines, lawns, small and tree fruits, vegetables, composting/organic gardening and living with wildlife. Each module consists of several videos and an online quiz; a strong internet connection is highly recommended.

For more information, please contact Mary Nelson – mnelsn25@illinois.edu

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

AMBOY-All Lee County Extension, as well as Carroll

TEEN TURF

Thank You's

Thank you to Kristy & Bob Roberson, Judith Smith, Emily Goken, Mrs. Lowe, Cynthia Payne, Linea & William Pullia, and Dean, Sue, and Joe Stephenitch for their donations. It is much appreciated and will be put to good use.

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: May 6, 13, 20, and 27, from 9 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

Final Word

Albert Einstein once said, "Life is like riding a bicycle; to keep your balance, you must keep moving." Along those same lines, Robert Frost noted that, "In three words, I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on."

In other words? This too shall pass.

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-The U of I Extension Webinar Series, Growing Horticulture in Northwest Illinois, will be

aired each Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m. through May 13. No cost to participate. Register online two days prior to webinar at go.illinois.edu/growinghortwebinar.

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.

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IL Department on Aging launches revamped website updates COVID-19 resources

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) announced the launch of a new agency website that includes easy-to-access contact information for providers, links to social media newsfeeds, IDoA program and service information, and enhanced search capabilities that pinpoint services.

The revamped website for the Illinois Department on Aging can be viewed at www.illinois.gov/aging.

"This new site gives our agency a virtual facelift," said Paula Basta, Director of IDoA. "This upgrade will make it easier for older Illinoisans, their family members, and members of our aging network to access the information they need to support today, and plan for tomorrow."

Specifically, changes to IDoA's website will allow the public to more easily:

- Access providers and services through advanced search features, and the use of an interactive map on our Provider Profile
- Examine what older family members, friends, and neighbors need to know, and how to manage the struggles of social isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Check on the status of your Benefit Access Application
- Search for essential documents needed through the Partner Portal
- Learn more about office programs and services, including Benefit Access, the Community Care Program and our Senior Health Insurance Program
- Contact our Senior HelpLine, Adult Protective Services Hotline, and office staff

Created in 1973, IDoA strives for efficient and effective access to services that prevent premature nursing facility placement and maximizes the state's nearly 2.7 million

older adults' ability to remain as independent as possible within their community.

Now, more than ever, IDoA, our 13 Area Agencies on Aging, and 46 Care Coordination Units want older Illinoisans to know that they are not alone. The Aging Network is working around the clock to ensure that the services provided - specifically the home delivered meals program that our seniors depend on - will not be interrupted during this ongoing situation.

If you or an older family member, friend, or neighbor are in need of any kind of assistance, please know we are here to help you.

Please visit our website or contact our Senior HelpLine at 800-252-8966 (hearing impaired call 888-206-1327).

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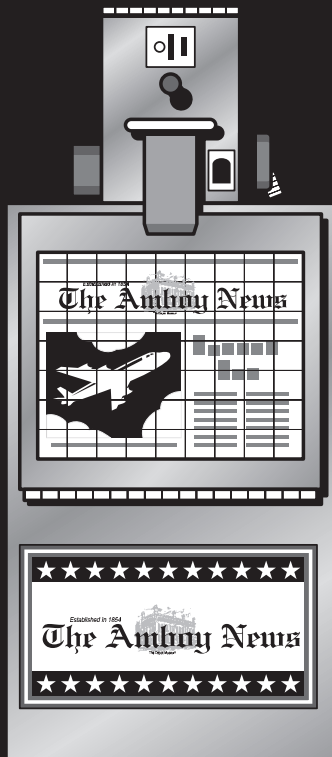
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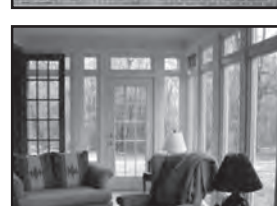
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Bobby Dale Wilson

June 30, 1930 - April 29, 2020

ROCKFORD — Bobby Dale Wilson, 89, of Rockford, passed away Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

He was born on June 30, 1930 in Lee Center, to Richard M. and Elsie (Shuld) Wilson.

Bobby was a veteran of the United States Army serving in the Korean War and earning four Bronze Battle Stars. He married Mary F. Fahs on Sept. 20, 1958 and spent 60 years together.

Survivors include his sons, Robert and Richard (Denise) Wilson, of Oregon,

Wis.; grandchildren, Samantha and Anthony Wilson; sister, Jane Lovgren, of Amboy; brothers, Kenneth Wilson, of Dixon, Jimmy Selover, of Amboy, and Gene (Jeannie) Selover, of Earlville, Iowa; and sister-in-law, Alice Fahs, of Amboy.

He was predeceased by his wife, Mary Wilson; parents, Richard and Elsie Wilson; step-father, James Selover; brothers, Grant Wilson, Lester Wilson Sr., Richard Wilson Jr. and Jerry Selover; and brother-in-law, Tom Fahs.



Private family graveside service will be held.

Steve J. Dempsey

May 8, 1954 - April 30, 2020

AMBOY — Steve J. Dempsey, 65, of Amboy, died Thursday, April 30, 2020 at his home.

He was born May 8, 1954 in Amboy the son of William and Regina (Finn) Dempsey.

Steve was a lifelong farmer and a proud member of Labor's Local 727.

He was a member of St Mary Catholic Church in Walton and the Lee County Farm Bureau.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Regina and a brother, Mitchell Dempsey.

Steve is survived by his only son, Sean Dempsey, of Marana, Ariz; his father, William, of Dixon; two sisters, Lisa Magnafici, of Dixon

and Tosca (Rocky) Schultz, of Amboy; and nieces and nephews Paul (Sara) Magnafici, Jaime (Bryan) Monk, Tess Magnafici, Hayli (Justin Shippert) Schultz, Whitney Schultz and Nick Schultz.

Steve was a student of history, who was especially passionate and knowledgeable about World War II and the American Mafia. He was a dedicated, supportive father, a good friend, a lifelong Green Bay Packer fan, and a master of the Irish goodbye.

A private family Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St Mary Catholic Church in Walton. Burial will follow in St Patrick Cemetery in Amboy.



Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com

The Amboy News will print DEATH NOTICES (approximately 50 words including name, age, date of death, time/date of services) free of charge. OBITUARIES will be printed at a cost of \$25 to be billed to the arranging funeral home or prepaid with cash, check or credit card. Please submit obituaries or death notices to tgreenfield@amboynews.com.

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The 62 organizations in Compeer Financial's territory receiving support from the County Fair Facility Upgrade Grant Program include:

Lee County Fair Association

tion—to install new lighting in the main exhibit building

About the Fund for Rural America

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Northwest Illinois church appeals ruling upholding stay-at-home order

BY PETER HANCOCK
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SPRINGFIELD — Attorneys for a northwest Illinois church said Monday that they have appealed a federal judge's ruling that upheld Gov. JB Pritzker's stay-at-home order as it applies to worship services.

The announcement came one day after U.S. District Judge John Z. Lee ruled against a petition by Beloved Church in Lena and its pastor,

Stephen Cassell, to block the order, saying the public interest in preventing the spread of COVID-19 outweighed their First Amendment right to hold a public service with large numbers of people.

"Governor Pritzker's arbitrary 10-person limit applies only to churches but not to the many other businesses open in Illinois today, from liquor stores to lawyers to pet groomers," Peter Breen, vice president and senior counsel for the Thomas More Society, which represents the

church, said in a statement late Monday. "Our Constitution requires that churches receive at least equal treatment as any secular enterprise. Pritzker's latest threat of jail for people of faith is outrageous, and we will seek immediate relief from the court of appeals to defend our clients."

In his ruling Sunday, Lee acknowledged that freedom of religion is a fundamental right, "[b]ut even the foundational rights secured by the First Amendment are not without limits; they are

subject to restriction if necessary to further compelling government interests — and, certainly, the prevention of mass infections and deaths qualifies," Lee wrote. "After all, without life, there can be no liberty or pursuit of happiness."

The judge noted that more than 60,000 Americans have died from COVID-19, "more than the number of people who perished during the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Pearl Harbor, and the Battle of Gettysburg combined."

The suit was filed on Thursday, April 30, against Pritzker, Stephenson County Sheriff David Snyders, Lena Police Chief Steve Schaible and Craig Beintema, administrator of the Stephenson County Department of Public Health. It sought to permanently block enforcement of Pritzker's latest, revised stay-at-home order, which went into effect May 1 and extends through May 30.

Under that revised order, churches may hold public services in groups of 10 or fewer

as long as they follow social distancing requirements. Despite that, the church reportedly held its regular service on Sunday. WREX-TV in Rockford reported that a public relations firm representing the church said churchgoers were provided hand sanitizer and family units were spaced 6 feet apart.

The Beloved Church case is just one legal challenge seeking to overturn the stay-at-home order. Republican Reps. Darren Bailey, of Xenia, and John Cabello, of Machesney Park, are both challenging the order in state courts.

A circuit court judge in Clay County last week ruled in favor of Bailey's complaint that the order violated his civil rights. But while that case was being appealed, Bailey asked that the order be vacated and the case returned to circuit court, where he plans to file an amended complaint.

Cabello's suit challenges the legality of the order as a whole and is seeking to have it overturned statewide. A hearing in that case is scheduled for May 14 in Winnebago County.

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The Club goal was to bring a smile and brighten the day for every graduating student and their family.

Shaw said she came up with the idea of making the signs from a professional photography business

group. The group was brainstorming options for their businesses during the shut down.

Besides signs for area graduates, On3Photo is also offering signs in honor of Mother's Day, plus Proud To Be signs honoring the essential workers

and emergency personnel. Shaw said the signs can be customized however the customer would like.

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Mass - Fri. 8 a.m., Sun, 8 a.m.

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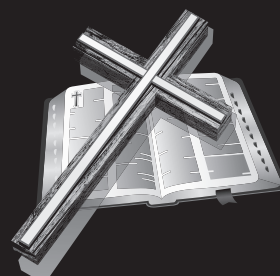
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SOCIAL NEWS



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Thank our Mother's for the gift of human life

BY FATHER TIMOTHY DRAPER

I want to take this opportunity to wish all our mothers, godmothers, and those who fulfill a motherly role in our lives a very happy Mother's Day this Sunday. For this occasion, I wish to share with you the following story about my own mother. When I was about nine years old, one of my aunts got married. This, of course, was a big occasion for my whole family.

As is typical, the night before the wedding, there was a rehearsal at the church and, afterward, a dinner at a nearby restaurant. At the restaurant, a rather large room was reserved for my family. As you can imagine, the room was rather noisy with the sound of multiple conversations happening simultaneously, the movement of forks and knives, and the bustle of servers bringing plates and drinks. Being nine years old, I was sitting at one of the many "kids tables," while my parents were sitting on the complete opposite side of the dining room.

At one point in the dinner, however, I could distinctly hear my mother's voice. It surprised me that I could hear her so clearly amidst so much noise. On the car ride home from dinner, I told my mother

that I could hear her from all the way across the room. Surprised and perhaps a bit embarrassed, she asked me: "Well, what was I saying?" When I told her what I heard, she was convinced that I wasn't pulling her leg.

Our mother's voice is probably the most familiar voice to us. We become familiar with it from the womb. We can even pick it out of a crowd. It is a voice that calls us by name: that guides us, consoles us, and, at times, corrects us. Our mothers know us even before we are born. And we naturally listen to them and follow them in obedience.

After all, honoring our father and mother belongs to the natural law, to the natural order as God created it. Our mothers and fathers cooperate with God in giving us natural, human life. For this "yes" to life, we should always be grateful to our parents, especially our mothers. In all these ways, our mothers mirror to us Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd.

Speaking of himself in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus said that the Good Shepherd "walks ahead of [the sheep], and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice" (Jn 10:4). The gift of faith opens our ears to hear the voice

of Jesus speaking to us in the Gospels and in our hearts. Faith makes us familiar with the voice of the Good Shepherd, who knows each of us not only before our birth but even "before the foundation of the world" (Eph 1:4).

Jesus knows us personally and uniquely; and he desires a unique and personal relationship with each of us. He calls us by name, inviting us to follow him as his disciples and friends. Through the grace he won for us by his death and resurrection, Jesus gives us supernatural, divine life. This grace is eternal life already begun in us. Christ entrusts this grace to his Bride, the Church. And our parents bring us to the Church, so that from her we might receive Christ's gift of eternal life through the sacraments. Through the grace of Christ, the Church is a Mother ever fruitful, who continues to beget new children of God in the sacrament of baptism.

This Mother's Day, let us thank both our mothers for the gift of human life and Jesus for the gift of eternal life offered in and through our Mother, the Church. During this month of May (the month of Mary), let us especially ask Our Blessed Mother Mary to protect and pray for our mothers and for the Church.

OSF HealthCare requiring everyone to wear masks

MENDOTA — OSF HealthCare is taking pro-active measures to ensure the health and safety of patients, visitors, vendors, and Mission Partners (employees).

Beginning Friday, May 1, OSF HealthCare facilities in Mendota, Ottawa, and Streator will require anyone entering to wear a mask. Exceptions are made for those younger than two years old or those with medical conditions that prohibit wearing a mask.

"Wearing a mask over the nose and mouth helps to contain respiratory secretions and reduces the risk of spreading COVID-19," said OSF Saint Paul President Dawn Trompeter and OSF Saint Elizabeth President Ken Beutke. "Masking is additional protection which will address asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission of the virus."

Patients will be given a mask to wear while interacting with medical staff if they don't have one of their own. In addition, visitors and vendors will be asked to wear a personal mask. If a personal mask is not available, a disposable mask will be provided.

All OSF Mission Partners will also be required to wear masks in public spaces, whether personal or provided by OSF HealthCare. OSF Mission Partners who provide direct patient care will be issued appropriate personal protective equipment by OSF.

OSF HealthCare facilities in Mendota, Ottawa, and Streator still have strict no-visitor guidelines in place and will

continue, with a few exceptions:

- One visitor will be allowed if deemed necessary for the provision of medical care
- One visitor will be allowed for pediatric patients
- One visitor will be allowed for childbirth
- Exceptions will be made for end-of-life situations

For more information on novel coronavirus (COVID-19), including frequently asked questions, please visit the OSF HealthCare COVID-19 digital health hub: www.osfhealthcare.org/covid19/.

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and it is not an emergency, DO NOT go to a hospital or doctor's office. Instead, use one of the digital care options offered by OSF. You can connect through Clare, a digital assistant available through the OSF website, or by calling the 24/7 nurse hotline at 833-OSF-KNOW (833-673-5669).

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

Ingratitude

It has been suggested that the relative obscurity of the excellent British novelist Elizabeth Taylor was due to sharing her name with the century's most famous movie star. Decades after her death in 1975, she is still praised by writers and critics alike: "Even the humdrum becomes astonishing when told in language that always aims for descriptive integrity, without a cliché in sight. As a result, Taylor excels in conveying the tragicomic poignancy of the everyday."

In "Blaming," her final novel, Taylor created a protagonist who resents the gratitude she is forced to muster for the kindness of a stranger. On holiday aboard the cruise ship Galatea, Amy and Nick, an English couple in their fifties, arrive in Istanbul. Nick, a portrait painter recovering from an illness, loves sightseeing, whereas Amy is fed up: "It took the usual pattern of following the guide, slipping off shoes [in the mosques], staring giddily upwards, buying postcards, and climbing back into the bus." Martha, a young, cheerful American writer, befriends them to Nick's delight and Amy's immediate resentment.

Nick dies suddenly. Martha comes to Amy's rescue because "she knew Amy's childlike figure would haunt her." She skips the Galatea's final trip to Ephesus and takes care of all the practical arrangements for Amy. Amy is hardly grateful. Relieved to be rid of Martha, Amy returns to England as the bereaved widow. One of the novel's lighter moments is provided by her servant Ernie when he tells the local doctor: "I met a lady-wrestler...She was sitting there on her own, so I took the liberty of approaching her; not, of course, knowing she was what she was. A charming woman, North country. Friendly. She was quite a lady, and full of conversation. We had a cheeseburger together after the session, and she was explaining how she keeps in strict training. No spirits or potatoes, plenty of steak. She had very high standards about fair play, too. 'No nails,' she said. 'Hair-pulling or biting; but no nails.' She was quite explicit about that."

Martha, having secured an unconventional teaching job in England, looks up Amy. Despite Amy's antipathy, the two women become friends, though Amy never fails to hold her English superiority over the American: "It was one of Martha's lipstick days, and the red came off onto white icing as she ate. She did so with a sort of vague hunger. Her lips when she finished were pale."

Martha lets herself in for a disastrous marriage to Simon, a controlling nobody, and returns with him to America. Martha doesn't like saying goodbye: "With strange feelings, Amy watched her go. Lifting her hand (but to Martha's back), not having said goodbye, either. Then, from an even stranger emotion, her eyes began to fill with tears." It is only a momentary lapse.

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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.

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Opinion

What motivates a person to help others?

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



I think that can also be said of how people act during times of crisis. Some people choose to steal from doctors and nurses while others try to feed a community.

I was left wondering, "Who is this guy who is trying to feed a village?" Riverton and its sister city Spaulding have a population of about 4,000. It's a working-class town where 58 percent of the children in school are receiving free or reduced cost lunches – the highest percentage of any school district in Sangamon County. The town is about five miles from Springfield.

Having lived in the community for nearly 15 years, I can say it has a generous spirit. When Hurricane Harvey hit the Texas Gulf Coast in 2017, individuals filled two semi-tractor trailers with donated food, diapers and other critically needed supplies.

That effort was led by Jeb Brown.

To look at him, he seems an ordinary working Joe. He drives an old truck and tools around town in blue jeans, a T-shirt and a baseball cap.

A Rockefeller he is not.

But he's found a way to funnel tens of thousands of dollars in food to hungry folks in Riverton since the COVID 19 crisis began in March.

"Every day, we feed 70 to 100 families and the really cool thing is about the same number of people donate to us. That's what keeps us going," Brown said. Food donations also come

in the form of in-kind donations from some Springfield-area charities.

Brown said he personally purchases all the milk that is given away.

To handle the donations, 15 Riverton residents formed a Kiwanis club.

"When folks make a donation, they make out the check to the Kiwanis club – not to me," said Brown, who is the club's first president. "There are a lot of people in need – hair stylists, waitresses and others who never had food security issues before."

Because pride is a factor that deters some from taking assistance, Brown said they have placed a "blessing box" in the parking lot of the local high school. This allows people to accept the donations without being seen by their neighbors.

"We really haven't had much of a problem with people abusing this. They just drive up take what they need from the box and drive away," he said.

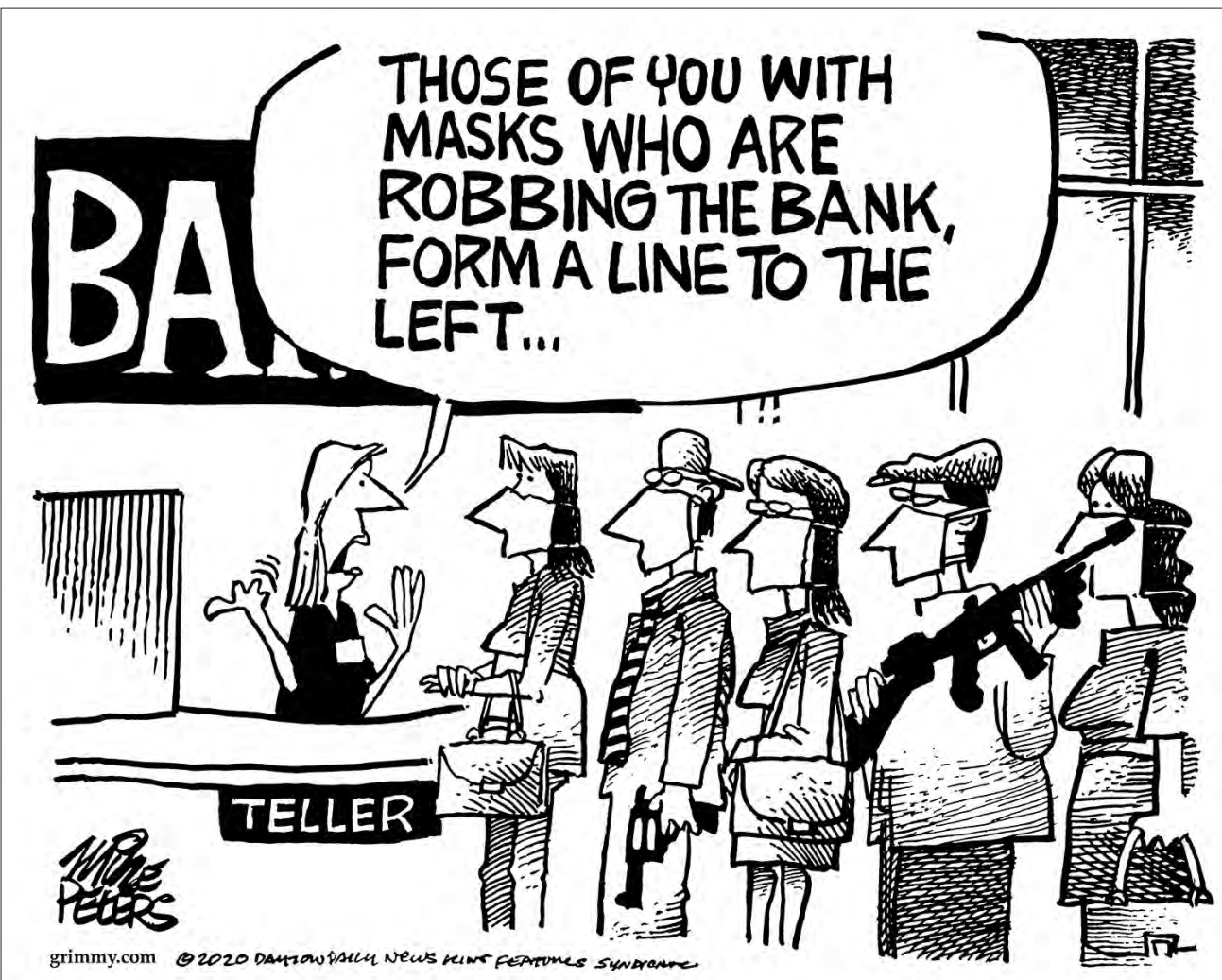
For folks fearful of leaving their homes, Brown said he delivers food to their doors.

Just how many dollars of food has the Kiwanis club given away since the COVID 19 crisis began? Brown said, it's hard to say because much of what they receive is in the form of in-kind contributions. But he placed the figure at over \$100,000.

So, what motivates a person to help?

Brown puts it this way. "Riverton has been good to my family. And now I want to do something good for Riverton."

Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and a freelance reporter. ScottReeder1965@gmail.com.



On This Day in History

100 Years Ago May 7, 1920

The new equipment for Berry's Day-light Bakery has practically all arrived and is being installed this week.

The building of Amboy's new milk condensing plant is practically complete except for some of the cement floors. To supplement the city water supply the company has constructed a large reservoir which will be fed by six driven wells.

Miss Molly Mead is assisting at the post office since the resignation of Miss Nellie Hogan who will soon leave for Colorado to live.

J.P. Harvey has sold his Plant Street property, adjoining the W.D. Scott place, to J.E. Blecher. In the deal Mr. Harvey came into possession of the lot on Plant Street just south of the old Brewer place.

75 Years Ago May 3, 1945

Harry Turnquist and John Mattivi, co-owners and operators of the Royal Blue Grocery and Market for the past

23 years, also operators of the Indian Ridge Farm for the past six years, have formed a partnership in a new venture, raising purebred Poland China Hogs.

Mrs. LeRoy Finn and daughter, Judith, expect to return to Fort Knox, Ky., Friday after a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merlo.

Mrs. Gertrude Full, daughter Rosetta and Mary Jean Full spent the weekend in Chicago at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McGraw.

50 Years Ago May 7, 1970

Kenny Jones holds The Amboy News Outstanding Senior Athlete plaque on which his name will be inscribed as the 1970 winner. Coach Don Fritz presented the award on behalf of The Amboy News.

Steve Prendergast and Tim McLaughlin attended the automobile races at the Drag Way in Rockford Sunday.

Miss Barb Spenader received the John Phillip Sousa Award Monday evening at the Amboy High School Band Boosters dinner.

25 Years Ago May 11, 1995

Amboy Junior High responded 100 percent to planting trees in memory of children killed in the Oklahoma City bombing. Over \$225 was collected from students, staff, cooks, janitors and the mailman. The first tree was planted by eighth graders Jason Batt, Nick Ritter, Chad Shaw and Brandon Smith.

Years after the disappearance of this fixture in the American landscape, Burma-Shave type signs are making a comeback. The first set of five signs, featuring a humorous rhyme to be read in sequence by passersby, will be erected in Sublette. The town is the only site in the entire state chosen for the new signs by Reminisce magazine. Subscribers to Reminisce were encouraged to nominate their hometown as the single site in their state, and provide a few details on why their town should be chosen. Representatives of over 300 towns in 48 states sent nominations to the magazine's office. The editorial panel chose Sublette as the winner for the state of Illinois.



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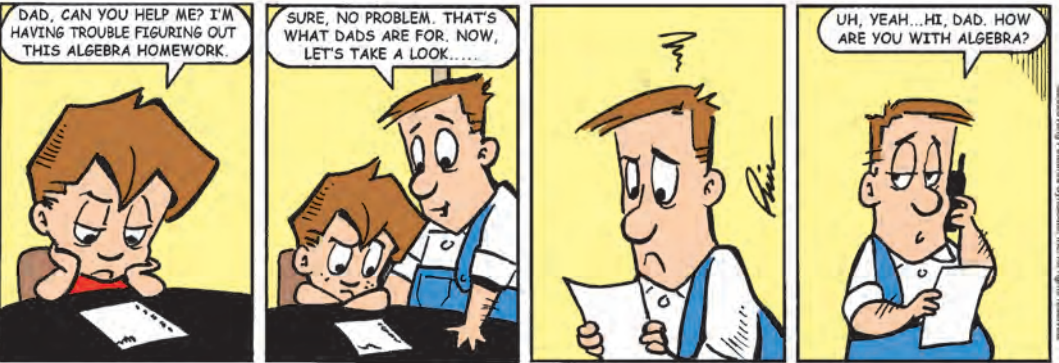
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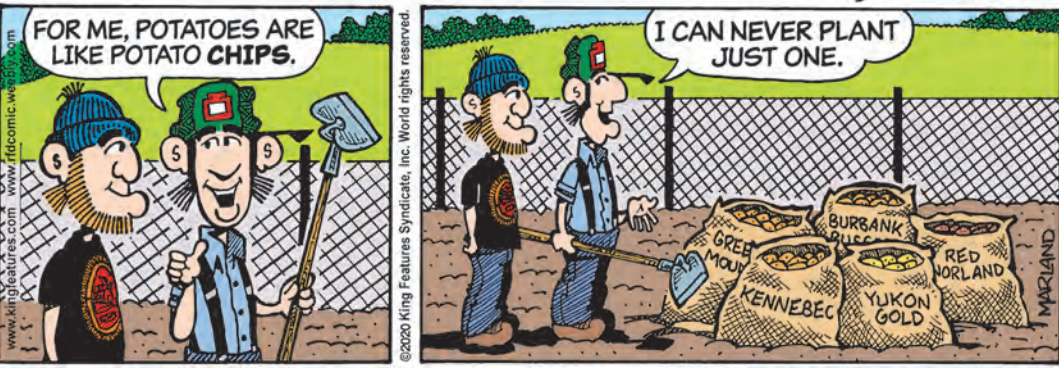
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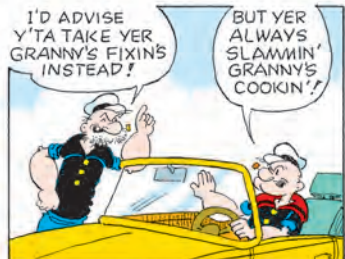
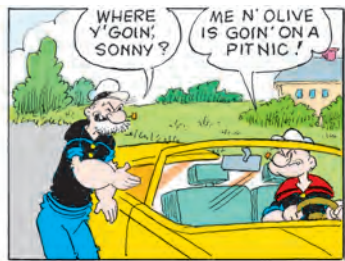
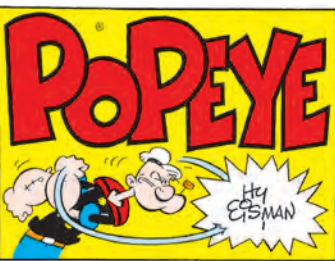
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IN RE:)
THE ESTATE OF)
PAUL L. BETZ,)
Deceased.)
No. 20-P-14

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 Apington, 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
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No.0405
(April 29, May 6, May 13, 2020)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The May township meetings will be held at the township maintenance building:
May 13, 2020 7:30 pm
June 10, 2020 7:30 pm
July 8, 2020 7:30 pm
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September 9, 2020 7:30 pm
October 14, 2020 7:30 pm
November 11, 2020 6:30 pm
December 9, 2020 6:30 pm

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March 10, 2021 6:30 pm
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Lisa Bickett, Township Clerk
No. 0406
May 6, 2020

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November 12, 2020 8:00 p.m.
December 10, 2020 7:00 p.m.
January 8, 2021 7:00 p.m.

February 11, 2021 7:00 p.m.
March 25, 2021 7:00 p.m. Budget Hearings/Annual Audit
Jan Bonnell, Township Clerk
No. 0407
May 6, 2020

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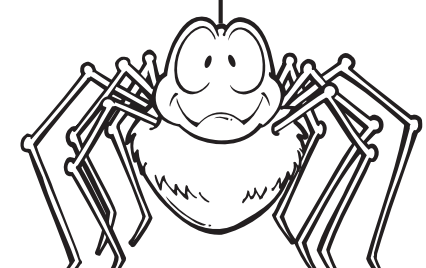
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Granny Rose - Parker

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Photo contributed

Illinois DNR receives USDA award to continue land access program

SPRINGFIELD – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced it is awarding more than \$2 million to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to encourage private landowners to allow public access to their land for hunting, fishing and other wildlife-dependent recreation.

Illinois was 1 of 27 states that will receive awards through the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP).

"I'm happy to see the continued commitment to this effort. What an innovative way to protect wildlife habitat, open new outdoor opportunities for the public, and generate revenue for private landowners," said Ivan Dozier, Illinois State Conservationist.

IDNR's Illinois Recreational Access Program (IRAP) was developed in 2011 from its first VPA-HIP grant and has continued to expand as demand and popularity of the program increases with private landowners and outdoor enthusiasts.

"We are very excited to receive these grant funds to continue and expand the IRAP program," said IDNR Director Colleen Callahan. "IRAP is a wonderful program that increases public access in Illinois for hunters, anglers and other outdoor recreationalists while at the same time assisting

private landowners with habitat improvements on their land."

IRAP will use grant funds to lease additional properties near urban areas in Illinois and those enrolled in NRCS' Agricultural Conservation Easement Program, which offers Wetland Reserve Easement options. New and expanded activities such as youth shotgun deer hunting and archery deer hunter days also will be added.

IRAP currently leases approximately 22,000 acres in 49 counties for turkey, deer, waterfowl, squirrel, rabbit, pheasant and quail hunting, and fishing. More than 12,500 acres have been enhanced through various habitat improvement projects on these leased acres.

"In Illinois, 97 percent of land is privately owned, with 85 percent of that land owned by farmers, which greatly restricts land access," Callahan said. "With our state sites temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the IRAP program – and IDNR's relationship with NRCS and the VPA-HIP program – is needed now more than ever."

More information on the IRAP program can be found at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/conservation/IRAP> or contact staff at DNR.IRAP@illinois.gov.

which is under construction).

* Patients are encouraged to bring and wear your own mask, or one will be provided to you upon entering any CGH location.

* All patients will be asked COVID screening questions and have temperatures taken when entering any of our CGH locations. You may be sent to another location if you have any COVID symptoms.

* NO visitors/extra family members will be allowed at any CGH location, unless they are with a patient that is a minor or needs a support person. One person per patient is allowed only in these situations.

* Patients will be contacted the day before their appointment to pre-register and to receive special instructions for their visit. This may include staying in your car and calling the receptionist when you arrive.

* All staff with any kind of patient interaction are required to wear a mask, for your safety and for theirs.

* Social distancing markers will be placed at check-ins and waiting areas.

* All surfaces in the waiting rooms and exam rooms will be cleaned after every patient. Patient education, pamphlets, table paper, magazines, etc. will be removed from exam rooms and waiting rooms.

* Don't delay emergency care if needed! Again, we have many measures in place to ensure your safety in our Emergency Department.

* CGH Ready Care: Ready Care hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Upon arrival, patients will need to call 815-564-1999 for further instruction.

* The Main Clinic Lab will be open from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and will be closed on Saturday.

* Dixon, Lynn Blvd, Morrison, Chiropractic and Downtown Medical Centers: Walk-ins are highly discouraged. Patients will be pre-registered for their appointment. The nurse at the front door will screen the patient, check their temperature and provide a mask before proceeding into the office.

* Milledgeville, Mt. Carroll, Polo, Prophetstown, Rock Falls, and Fulton Medical Centers: No walk-ins will be allowed. Patients will be pre-registered the day before

their appointment and provided instructions to remain in their vehicle and call the clinic office upon arrival. (The phone number will be posted at each clinic.) The nurse will meet and screen the patient at the front door, check their temperature and provide a mask before proceeding to an exam room.

* Main Clinic X-Ray: X-rays for Main Clinic providers will be done in the Main Clinic X-ray Department. Patients in Orthopedics and Podiatry will remain in their exam rooms until a staff member escorts them to take the x-ray. X-rays for outlying clinic patients (including Dixon and Morrison) will be done at the hospital.

* Oral Surgery and Vision Center: Patients will be pre-registered and will receive instructions to call upon arrival. The patient will enter the building and the screening process will be followed.

* Optical Center: Only patients who had an appointment with a provider may shop for glasses (exception of cataract patients who underwent surgery prior to COVID-19). Adjustments and pick-ups must be scheduled. No walk-ins will be allowed. If patients need to be seen at the Optical Center, designated chairs will be utilized for patients to wait in to ensure appropriate social distancing.

* Medical Records will re-open on May 4.

* Main Clinic Cardio Testing will resume normal business hours on Monday, May 4.

* Peds Rehab will remain closed until further notice, but telehealth appointments may be made. Please call for more information.

* Rehab (PT) Services will reopen in Morrison and Dixon. For questions about rehab appointments, please call 815-622-1210.

* Elective Surgeries are currently set to begin Monday, May 11. These will be completed on a limited basis as each patient will be tested for COVID-19 within 72 hours of their surgery date.

In addition, we will continue to offer Telehealth visits - a way for new and established patients to see your healthcare provider - or a CGH Ready Care provider for more urgent issues - through a secure video appointment.

Please continue to watch our FB page and www.cghmc.com/covid19 for additions and updates to this information, or call your healthcare provider's office with any questions.

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LOCAL NEWS

Kemp letter winner for Augustana College

ROCK ISLAND — Augustana College head coach Paul Del Vecchio has announced his golf team award winners for the shortened 2019-20 campaign, with Jack Neenan (Benet Academy, Naperville, Ill.) earning Most Valuable Player honors. Others collecting awards for the Vikings, who saw the spring portion of their season cancelled due to fears over COVID-19, were Tyler Langel (West Delaware HS, Manchester, Iowa), Cory Jayne (Blue Ridge HS, Farmer City, Ill.) and Michael Sell (Maine South HS, Park Ridge, Ill.).

Clayton Kemp, a 2019 graduate of Amboy High School, was a letter winner for the season.

NIU Community School of the Arts offers online music lessons this summer

DEKALB — The NIU Community School of the Arts offers online private music lessons on a wide variety of instruments beginning in June. NIU music students and faculty teach private online lessons, as well as experienced community-based artists and music educators. Teachers and students select online conferencing software prior to starting lessons and complete six weekly music lessons June 15–July 24 from the safety

of home and at a time convenient for both. Community members of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate in private online music lessons, to brush up old skills or learn a new instrument! Lessons are available on many musical instruments, including violin, cello, piano and guitar, plus clarinet, flute, viola, harp, saxophone, drums and more. All lessons are taught remotely using online conferencing software. Visit www.csa.niu.edu to find summer 2020 information and online registration. Register for CSA summer online music lessons by June 5. The NIU Community School of the Arts offers year-round programming in music and the arts. Find more information, teacher biographies and registration forms at www.csa.niu.edu or by calling the NIU Community School of the Arts at (815) 753-1450, 8 a.m. –4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Kish annual spring plant sale May 8 to benefit COVID-19 Relief Fund

MALTA — The horticulture department at Kishwaukee College will be holding their annual Spring Plant Sale from 7 a.m. –2 p.m., on May 8, in the greenhouse located on the north side of campus. All proceeds from the plant sale will support the Kishwaukee College Foundation's COVID-19 Student Relief Scholarship Fund to help students facing financial challenges due to the pandemic. Patrons must secure a 20-minute timeslot reservation by making a donation via Eventbrite to shop in the greenhouse.

The Kish Foundation launched a COVID-19 Student Relief Scholarship Fund on April 20 with \$50,000 from the Foundation. The Fund

provides scholarship support to students impacted by the pandemic. Proceeds from the plant sale will go to the COVID-19 Student Relief Scholarship Fund to support more students.

All plant material was grown in the College greenhouse by students, under the direction of the horticulture faculty, until the stay-at-home order was enacted.

The plant sale will include annuals, perennials, vegetables, and herbs. There are also hanging baskets and large bags of quality potting mix (2.8 cu. ft.) for sale.

Time slots must be purchased to shop the plant sale. There is no general admission.

Social distancing measures and face masks will be enforced for safety. Four time slots are available for reservation for each 20-minute interval. One patron per time slot reservation will be allowed in the greenhouse. Additional guests will be asked to remain in their vehicles or outside and follow social distancing guidelines.

Individuals may purchase more than one time slot at adjacent times to extend their shopping time. The cost of time slots decreases throughout the day as inventory decreases. Payment for plant material can be made by check or exact cash only. No change will be given.

Horticulture staff will be on site during the sale to assist patrons and answer gardening and/or planting questions. Members of the horticulture program can assist with plant selection to suit specific needs or wants.

Individuals who purchase time slots should enter campus using the north (B) entrance on Malta Road and turn right. Directional signs will be posted. Arriving early is encouraged for prompt entrance. Patrons will only be permitted in the greenhouse during their reservation time.

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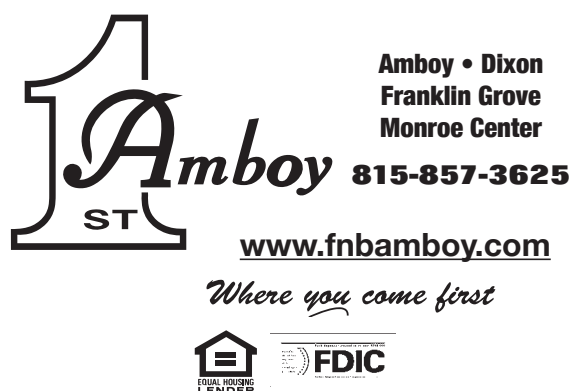


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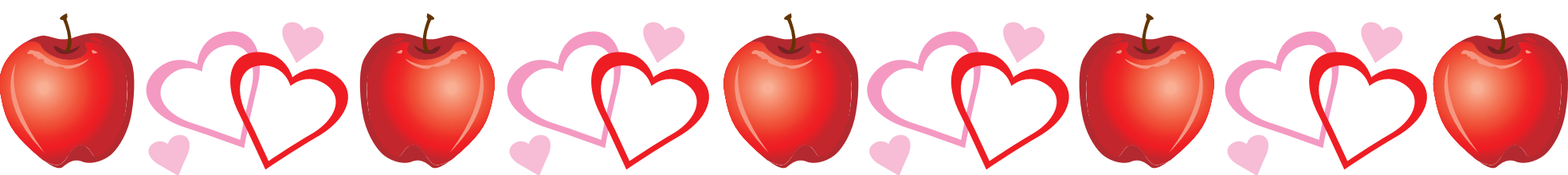
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 815-849-9010

Amboy Education
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AMBOY FOOD & LIQUOR

Grocery delivery for disabled & senior citizens - in town only.

Hours

Monday-Saturday

7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

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242 E. Main Street, Amboy IL. 61310

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Mon-Sat 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
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Rotisserie Chicken Available on Tuesdays and Fridays after 2 pm

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PRODUCE & WEEKLY SPECIALS

Fresh Golden Ripe Pineapple



\$1.69
ea.

Watermelon



\$4.99
ea.

Haas Avocado



99¢
ea.

Strawberries



2/\$5

Bolthouse Baby Carrots

1 lb bag



\$1.29
ea.

Bananas



69¢
lb.

Kellogg's Poptart

Assorted 10-14.7 oz



2/\$5
Reg. Price \$2.99 ea.

Taco Bell Tortilla Chips

Assorted 9.75 oz



\$2.99
ea.
Reg. Price \$3.49 ea.

HOT BUYS

Food Club Potatoes Whole or Sliced

15 oz

79¢
ea.
Reg. Price \$1.09 ea.



Betty Crocker Brownie Mix

16-18 oz

2/\$4
Reg. Price \$2.79 ea.



Pepsi Products

12 Pack Cans

3/\$12
Reg. Price \$5.99 ea.



Pepsi Products

2 Liter Bottles

2/\$3
Reg. Price \$2.19 ea.



Doritos Chips

Assorted 9-10 oz Excludes Party or Family Size

2/\$6
Reg. Price \$4.29 ea.



Kemp's Ice Cream

Assorted 128 oz

\$5.99
ea.
Reg. Price \$7.29 ea.



WEEKLY SPECIALS

Sugardale Hot Dogs

16 oz

\$1.49
ea.
Reg. Price \$1.79 ea.



Redi Serve Chickens Nibblers, Strips or Patties

30-36 oz

\$4.99
ea.
Reg. Price \$5.79 ea.



Wide Awake Coffee Creamers

Assorted 32 oz

\$2.69
ea.
Reg. Price \$2.99 ea.



Food Club Waffles or Pancakes

Assorted 12.3 oz

2/\$3
Reg. Price \$1.89 ea.



Ore-Ida Potatoes

Assorted 16-32 oz

\$2.79
ea.
Reg. Price \$3.39 ea.



Nestle Hot Pockets

Assorted 8-9 oz

2/\$5
Reg. Price \$2.79 ea.



Stouffer Meals

Assorted 28-40 oz

\$7.99
Reg. Price \$8.89 ea.



Food Club Frozen Blueberries

12 oz

\$2.89
ea.
Reg. Price \$3.29 ea.



Pringles

Assorted 6-7.1 oz

\$1.69
ea.
Reg. Price \$1.99 ea.



Full Circle Almond Milk

Assorted 64 oz

\$2.99
ea.
Reg. Price \$3.39 ea.



Any 16" Single Topping Pizza

2/\$20
Reg. Price \$10.99 ea.

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