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Lee County Court to resume June 1

LEE COUNTY — On March 17, the Supreme Court of Illinois entered an Order limiting circuit courts to hear only “essential cases.”

On May 20, the Supreme Court of Illinois modified its Order of March 17, 2020 to allow each Judicial Circuit to hear regular cases as set forth by the Chief Judge of each circuit effective June 1, 2020.

On May 20, 2020, an Administrative Order was entered by the Chief Judge of the 15th Judicial Circuit authorizing the Presiding Judges of the 15th Judicial Circuit (Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle and Stephenson Counties) to set forth schedules and proper safety precautions to hear regular cases. The order requires each county, to the extent possible, to allow for appropriate social distancing and attempt to reduce the number of persons appearing personally for court appearances. Face masks will be required for members of the public to enter the judicial facilities.

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Lee County Board offers exemption from late penalty on taxes if paid by end of July

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Board has announced that due to the financial hardship created by the COVID-19 global pandemic, the first installment of real estate taxes due June 26th will be exempt from any late penalty if paid on or before July 26, 2020.

The preferred methods of payment are:

1) Online by direct debit from a bank account at www.leecountyil.com. The online payment service provider charges a \$1.00 convenience fee for direct debit payments. No portion of these fees are received by Lee County.

2) Online by credit card at www.leecountyil.com. The online payment service provider charges a 2.35% convenience fee for credit card payments. No portion of these fees are received by Lee County.

3) By mail to the Lee Co. Treasurer, PO Box 328, Dixon, IL 61021. Please include the stubs with the payment.

4) Payment at any bank in Amboy, Ashton, Dixon, Franklin Grove, Paw Paw, Sublette, and West Brooklyn. Please bring the entire tax bill to the bank.

Those taxpayers who intend to pay at the Old Lee County Courthouse should be aware that the building is locked. Payments will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through a first floor window on the north side.



Gaylene Noble was named Amboy CUSD #272 Staff Member of the Year.

Photo submitted



Yvonne Vicks was named Amboy CUSD Teacher of the Year.

Photo submitted

Amboy Educators of the Year announced

AMBOY — Amboy CUSD #272 recently named Yvonne Vicks as Teacher of the Year and Gaylene Noble as Staff Member of the Year. This is the first year for the recognition program.

In early May, community members, staff, parents and students were invited to nominate teachers and staff members

for the honor by submitting a short essay online. The selection committee received more than 140 applications nominating 50 individual teachers and staff members. Nominators were asked to describe how the individuals distinguished him/herself through exceptional contributions in effective instructional

techniques and methods; established a productive classroom climate and rapport with students and interacted positively with students, staff, and parents.

Vicks has taught English / Language Arts for 12 years at Amboy Junior High. Noble has been a paraprofessional at Amboy Junior High for 27 years.

Government supports farmers during COVID-19

BY RUSSELL HODGES
NMC Staff Writer

This is part 1 of a 2 part story

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

USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue announced the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program this past month, which will provide \$16 billion in direct support for producers who have been impacted by

the pandemic. Additionally, the CARES Act and organizations that include Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Risk Management Agency are working to provide more flexibilities to help producers affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

The United States Small Business Administration has made multiple programs available to agricultural producers whose operations have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic including the Paycheck Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program.

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MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The Amboy American Legion presented a shortened Memorial Day ceremony at Veterans Park on Monday. Mike Hickey of the Amboy American Legion read two short pieces in honor of the occasion. Pictured above the rifle corp presented the 21 Gun salute. Below left, Amboy American Legion Commander Jack Mead raises the American flag from half mast. Below right, Avery Shaw and Alison O'Rourke perform Taps.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



New United Way grant funds available, deadline May 27, 5 p.m.

LEE COUNTY — United Way of Lee County was awarded \$100,000 from the Illinois COVID-19 Response Fund. This award is designed to expand capacity in Lee County to strategically and efficiently address the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak.

The fund prioritizes swiftly deploying resources to local organizations in support of residents in need of: emergency food and basic supplies; interim housing and shelter; primary health care services; utility and financial assistance; supports for children and other vulnerable populations, and nonprofit safety and operations assistance.

Funds will be re-granted by the newly formed COVID-19 Community Advisory Group consisting of board members from United Way of Lee County and the Dixon Community Trust along with representatives

from community, health and government sectors.

GRANT GUIDELINES

For-profit entities are not eligible to apply at this time.

Grants are made for operating, program, and capital needs in demand because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Receiving an annual grant allocation from United Way of Lee County will not preclude you from receiving a Lee County COVID-19 Response Fund Grant and vice-versa.

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LOCAL NEWS

Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation scholarships awarded

AMBOY — The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation has awarded scholarships to nine area students pursuing degrees in an agriculture related field of study.

Brett Buhrow, Ashton, is the recipient of the \$1,500 Larry J. Green Memorial Scholarship. The Larry J. Green Memorial Scholarship was established in 2003 to honor long-time Lee County Farm Bureau Manager, Larry J. Green, for his more than 30 years of service to the organization.

Molly Biggs, Dixon, and Ashley Althaus, Sublette were named recipient of the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. Jayson Long, Ashton, was named a \$500 recipient of the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship.

Margaret Vaessen, Sublette was named the recipient of the Gentry Family Agricultural Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

Cody Suddeth, Steward, Marie Barnickel, Compton, and Zachary Becker, Amboy, were named recipients of the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation \$1,500 Undergraduate Scholarships.

Grace Thompson, Amboy, has been selected as the recipient of the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation Veterinary Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500.



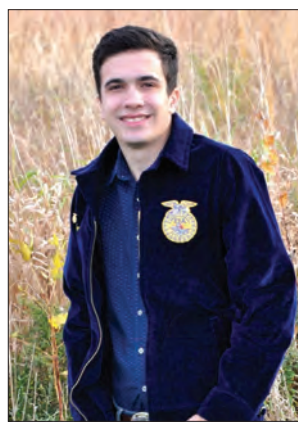
Brett Buhrow



Molly Biggs



Ashley Althaus



Jayson Long



Margaret Vaessen



Cody Suddeth



Marie Barnickel



Zack Becker



Grace Thompson

The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation began awarding scholarships in 1992 and has since provided scholarships to 85 students pursuing degrees in an agricultural-related field of study.

The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation would like to congratulate this year's scholarship recipients and wish success with their education and future careers.

The mission of the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is to fund and encourage ag related educational opportunities to the youth of Lee County through programs including college scholarships, Books by the Bushel, and Ag in the Classroom. For more information about the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation, visit their website, www.lcfbfoundation.org or call, (815) 857-3531.

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Illinois Farm Bureau Vice President Brian Duncan, of Polo, said that farmers and small businesses in the state have been utilizing these programs in recent weeks to support their operations.

With states around the country remaining shut down or slowly reopening, farmers and small businesses have been conducting more operations online. Duncan said that producers in Illinois have been utilizing these services, which are provided through the FSA website, the farmers.gov portal and the NRCS Conservation Client Gateway, to stay on top of their operations.

CFAP

The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program will include direct support based

on actual losses for agricultural producers where prices and market supply chains have been impacted, as well as assistance for producers with additional adjustment and marketing costs resulting from lost demand and short-term oversupply for the 2020 marketing year caused by COVID-19. The program is eligible to farmers regardless of size and market, if they suffered an eligible loss.

Dumped Milk

COVID-19 shutdowns have caused disruption in the milk market, and dairy producers are dumping milk as a result. The Risk Management Agency is ensuring that milk producers who purchased insurance are not inappropriately penalized if their milk must be dumped because of recent market disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

For the 2020 calendar year, RMA is allowing Approved Insurance Providers (AIPs) to count dumped milk toward the milk marketings for the DRP or actual marketings for the LGM-Dairy programs regardless of whether the milk was sold. Producers will still have to provide to the AIPs supporting documentation from the cooperative or milk handler verifying the actual pounds dumped and that the milk was dumped.

Crop Insurance Flexibilities

Producers can continue to work with their Approved Insurance Providers, or AIPs, on policies, claims, and agreements. Farmers with crop insurance questions or needs should continue to contact their insurance agents about conducting business by telephone or email.

The Risk Management Agency is working with those insurance providers to provide additional flexibilities in response to COVID-19, including enabling producers to

send notifications and reports electronically, extending the date for production reports, providing additional time and deferring interest on premium and other payments, authorizing replant self-certification, waiving the witness signature requirement for approval of Assignments of Indemnity, allowing dumped milk to be counted as milk marketings for the Dairy Revenue Protection or actual marketings for the Livestock Gross Margin for dairy programs, allowing phone and electronic transactions for 2021 crop year sales and reporting dates, including options and endorsements, extending the deadline for some perennial crop Pre-Acceptance Inspection Reports, waiving the 2021 crop year inspection requirements for the Nursery and Nursery Value Select programs in certain cases and authorizing AIPs to allow organic producers to report acreage as certified organic, or transitioning to organic, for the 2020 crop year if they can show they have requested a written certification from a certifying agent by their policy's acreage reporting date.

Farm Loan Flexibilities

The Farm Service Agency is providing additional flexibilities to provide producers with credit options in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Those include accepting faxes or scanned signatures from customers and lenders and following the most current state or local guidance for use of online or virtual notary services.

FSA is currently relaxing the loan-making process and adding flexibilities for servicing direct and guaranteed loans to provide credit to producers in need. Also, FSA will continue the use of commodity planning prices already approved for the current year. However, customers must be advised

of the potential budget, cash flow, and loan impacts if projected prices are unable to be realized.

FSA is extending deadlines for producers to respond to application packages for Primary Loan Servicing and Distressed Loan Servicing. Financially distressed and delinquent direct loan borrowers who have been notified of the available loan servicing options will be provided an additional time to submit a complete application for loan servicing, accept an offer of loan servicing, provide a response to a denial of loan servicing or request home-stead protection.

FSA will temporarily suspend loan accelerations, non-judicial foreclosures, and referring foreclosures to the Department of Justice. The U.S. Attorney's Office will make the determination whether to stop foreclosures and evictions on accounts under its jurisdiction.

In addition to the existing guaranteed loan servicing options already available within the FSA guaranteed loan program, FSA is offering lenders additional flexibility. Standard Eligible Lenders (SEL) may certify that they have met all FSA requirements for annual line of credit advances and will not need FSA prior written approval.

SEL and Certified Lender Program (CLP) lenders may certify that they have met all FSA requirements for emergency advances and will not need FSA prior written approval. SEL and CLP lenders may certify that they have a feasible plan for additional loans made outside of the guarantee and will not need FSA prior written approval. Finally, loans made under the SBA's PPP can be made at the lender's discretion without FSA approval.

Part 2 of story will appear in the June 3rd edition.

Amboy Police

City ordinance violation

On May 8, at 10:45 a.m., Jeremy P. Walters, 45, of Amboy, was issued an ordinance violation for dogs at large.

City ordinance violation

On May 9, at 10:58 a.m., Jeremy P. Walters, 45, of Amboy, was issued an ordinance violation for dogs at large.

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LEE COUNTY HEALTH Department

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION NEWS

Ready to start your gardening adventure with Illinois Extension Master Gardeners?

Earth scattering questions haunt people of the gardening kind. Is quack grass related to duck weed? Where do seeds for seedless watermelons come from? How do you debark a dogwood tree? If you are haunted by "a need to know" and a desire to share your newly found knowledge with anyone who will listen then University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener volunteer program may be for you.

You don't have to be a gardening expert to become a Master Gardener. All you need is an interest in gardening, some time to volunteer in the community, and a desire to share your knowledge with others. The program is more about connections... connecting people with other gardeners, with their community, and with reliable resources for information. Once connections are forged, it's time to get sowing and growing in our many meaningful community projects.

We all know no one ever really "masters" gardening. Together we are constantly learning. That's what makes it fun. The Master Gardener program emphasizes practical gardening experience teamed with research-based information from University of Illinois Extension. We help people put knowledge to work as we share information about sustainable garden and landscape management practices, aesthetically pleasing and recuperative environments, and healthy food production.

For the full Master Gardener experience, we recommend face-to-face training at your local University of Illinois Extension office. Whiteside county extension is offering face to face training to start Aug. 25 through Nov. 3. For more information contact us via email us at: uie-clw@illinois.edu

Just can't fit face-to-face training into your schedule? No problem. Online training is an excellent option for Illinois residents. To become a University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener and before you can register for online training you must contact your local University of Illinois Extension office to be accepted into the local program. Online training starts June 15 through Sept. 21. Registration closes soon, contact us at uie-clw@illinois.edu.

Franklin Creek to host online trivia night fundraiser May 30

FRANKLIN GROVE — The Franklin Creek Conservation Association is hosting an Online Trivia Night from 6 – 8 p.m., on Saturday, May 30. Teams can be as big or as small as you want. Prizes are based on 6 person teams. They will be using Zoom to present questions and answers, a link will be sent out on Friday, May 29, to all registered participants with a valid email address.

The theme will be nature in story. Included in each round is a question from Miss Maples Seeds, our first storybook featured on the Larry Dunphy Storybook Trail coming later this year. Please remember to use the honor system and don't use Google. This is a fundraiser event, make sure to invite your friends, family, and anyone else who might be interested. Money raised from this online event will be going towards the creation and installation of the Larry Dunphy Storybook Trail at Franklin Creek State Natural Area.

If you have any questions please call 815-456-2718. Tickets are \$5 per person.

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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. on Wednesday May 27, June 3 and June 17.

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

AMBOY-All Lee County 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.

STERLING-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, at Sterling YMCA, 2505 Avenue E. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

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

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

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, at Ken Nelson Auto Group, 1050 N.

Galena Ave. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

STERLING-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 11, at the Sterling Bethel Reformed Church, 230 E. 23rd St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

TEEN TURF

Thank You's

Thank you to Lisa and Scott Bickett for the donations. Also thank you to Tom and Cheryl Nauman for their donation as well. Also thank you to those who give food to our pantry and those that donate cans.

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: 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 prayer to be brave

God, make me brave for life; much braver than this. As the blown grass lifts, let me rise From sorrow with quiet eyes, Knowing Thy way is wise. God, make me brave, life brings Such blinding things. Help me to keep my sight; Help me to see aright That out of dark comes light.

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OBITUARIES

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Vicki J. Bonnell

Feb. 5, 1953 - May 20, 2020

AMBOY — Vicki J. Bonnell, 67, of Amboy, died Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at St John Hospital in Springfield. She was born Feb. 5, 1953 in Dixon the daughter of Eugene and Rosalie (Ankney) Kelly.

Vicki worked at Allied Locke Industries for the past 39 years. She had also worked with her sisters in the housekeeping department at O'Connell's Yogi Bear Resort during the summer. Vicki enjoyed gardening, watching her hummingbirds, and loved her dogs.

She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy.

Vicki married Jerry Bonnell on July 21, 1973 in Amboy.

She was preceded in death

by her parents.

Vicki is survived by her husband Jerry; children, Marty (Beth) Bonnell, of Amboy, Kevin Bonnell, of Rockford, Jennifer (Sean) Welker, of Pawnee, IL, James Bonnell, of Amboy; and four grandchildren Konnor, Taylor, Sophia and Reagan Welker.

She is also survived by one brother, Richard "Buck" (Sharon) Kelly, of Amboy; two sisters, Brenda (Doug) McLaughlin, of Sublette, Lois (Pat) Jones, of Amboy; and several nieces and nephews.

Family Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at St Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy. Burial will follow at St Patrick Cemetery in



Maytown.

A family visitation will be held on Wednesday before the Mass at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

A memorial has been established. Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com.

Dennis M. Chandler

June 2, 1953 - May 22, 2020

ELLENTON, Fla. — Dennis M. Chandler, 66, of Ellenton, Fla., and formerly of Amboy, died Friday, May 22, 2020 at the Ray and Kay Eckstein Hospice Care Center in Paducah, Ky.

He was born June 2, 1953, in Amboy, the son of Leo and Irene (Funfsinn) Chandler. He graduated from Southern Illinois University with a degree in Social Work. Dennis had been a juvenile probation officer for the State of Florida. He was also a member of the Air National Guard for 28 years and achieved the rank of Master Sergeant.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother,

Lawrence Chandler.

Dennis is survived by two sons, Daniel Chandler of Visalia, Calif., and David Chandler, of Jacksonville, Fla.

He is also survived by three sisters, Colleen Howard, of Dixon, Patricia (Ed) Reglin, of Amboy, Julie (Tom) Hoak, of Polo; three brothers, Eugene Chandler, of Amboy, Dale (Glenna) Chandler, of Mayfield, Ky., and Kevin Chandler, of Amboy.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, May 30, 2020 at St Patrick Catholic Cemetery in Amboy. A memorial has been established to the



American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com.

Amboy News Obituary Policy

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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Priority areas for funding include requests that are meeting basic human needs of residents in the county, including but not limited to

emergency food and basic supplies, interim housing and shelter, primary health care services, utility and financial assistance, supports for children and other vulnerable populations, and nonprofit safety and operations assistance.

The fund cannot provide grants to individuals; however, it does support community-based organizations that have experience providing essential services

and support to local residents. Local nonprofits (501C3 and 501C6), government agencies and faith-based organizations that are serving individuals and families affected by the coronavirus outbreak are encouraged to apply for COVID-19 Response Fund grants by completing the online application at <https://www.unitedwayoffleecounty.org/2020/05/20/lee-covid-19-response-funds/>. Application due by Wednesday, May 27 by 5 p.m.

Questions regarding a Lee County COVID-19 Response Fund Grant should be directed to me at kolson@uwleeco.org or 815-284-3339.

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Social distancing reminders such as signs and tape lines will be placed in public areas. No member of the public with symptoms of COVID-19 or who has had close contact with a person known to have the virus will be admitted. Users of the judicial facilities are discouraged from bringing family and friends to the judicial facilities unless they are witnesses.

The Presiding Judge of each county is authorized to enact specific policies and procedures to address their individual judicial facility and case needs.

The Administrative Order is effective June 1, 2020, at which time regular cases may be heard within the 15th Judicial Circuit provided the health and safety of all court users, staff and judicial officers are properly protected.

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

In All Your Ways Acknowledge...

BY PASTOR JACK M. BRIGGS

Most folks probably agree that having a positive self-image is a good thing. You go, boy (or girl.) This really is a popular idea. In fact, just out of curiosity, I Googled "self esteem books on Amazon" and received 19 million results. I kid you not! We are constantly told that we can do anything we want. We have the power to affect our lives, and all we have to do is look deep enough inside ourselves and we will find everything we will ever need. All we have to do is trust ourselves. Right?

Likewise, when it comes to prayer, do we feel somehow entitled and base our requests for the Lord's help on our own perceived merit and worthiness? Or are our prayers and petitions based in humble, God-centered trust that the Lord would carry out what was best for

us in God's own time?

I reckon if we are honest with ourselves, we have likely all done the calculation, at least once or twice, thinking "I've been pretty good this week so I should have earned enough brownie points with the Lord to ask for a big favor," or pray by formula: "if I do this, this, and this, I'll get my answer, and if not I must have messed up the formula." But the truth is, there is nothing that we can offer to God as bargaining chips and there is no magic formula, because everything we have is what God has loaned to us already. So everything that the Lord does for us is an act of God's grace, not payback time.

I once heard it said that answers to prayers come one of four possible terms: "yes," "no," "not now" or "you've got to be kidding me." But whatever the answer, it is an answer of God's grace. The forgiveness that God offers, even

when we pray in a self-centered, bargaining kind of way, is an act of God's grace that helps us re-center our faith on, and to trust in, God's divine authority. Faith isn't our getting what we want out of God. Faith is God getting what God wants out of us.

Though "the world" is constantly telling us that we have the power within us to accomplish whatever want, the Lord is calling on us to look to Him in faith. Continue in His Word, focus your faith on Him as Lord and Savior, and humbly trust His divine authority.

You are welcome to fill in the blank in this essay's title. Even though I could ask you to look it up, I'll just give you the answer: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him. And He will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3: 5-6) Thanks be to God, day by day.

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

Forty-Nine Days

Memoirs by poets often have a style and emotional range that make them particularly enjoyable. "The Magical Language of Others" (2020) by the Korean-American poet E. J. Koh is such a memoir. Koh, who is 31, grew up in northern California, but when she was fourteen, her parents moved to South Korea when her father accepted a prestigious job at an electronics company. Koh moved in with her older brother and for the next nine years struggled with the Korean notion that "it was better to pay for your children than to stay with them. That was how it had always been."

The memoir centers around forty-nine letters Koh's mother had written to her: "The letters transport my mother to wherever I reside, so they may, in her place, become a constant dispensation of love. Forty-nine letters were discovered after an unknowable number had been trashed or forgotten. In Buddhist tradition, 49 is the number of days a soul wanders the earth for answers before the afterlife." Koh does indeed search for answers in those years of separation as she visits Seoul, studies Japanese in Tokyo, learns the poet's craft in New York, and returns finally to Seattle when her parents return from Korea.

Koh is a skilled translator and she scrupulously includes copies of the originals of her mother's letters she has translated from the Korean. The letters are full of love and encouragement to be happy, to work hard, and so on. It is not until Koh visits her parents in Seoul that we meet a glamorous, spirited woman so unlike her daughter. She lives a life of luxury, but is too intelligent to fall into the consumerist trap.

Koh also writes movingly about her grandmothers, about the suffering they endured during the Korean War, and about her mother's grief when her grandmother died: "My mother drank heavily after her mother's death. My father, her friend then, dragged her out of bars regularly." One night two men insult her and when he defends her, is nearly beaten to death. They married shortly after. Koh concludes wryly, "I was my father's daughter because there was in me, other than my face, this love for my mother."

Poetry saves Koh: "Writing a poem, I came out of absolute darkness. Hundreds of poems I wrote about my mother and grandmother ... I hoped for a future with poems and to be alone with them." But first she has to learn magnanimity. Her mentor tells her, "The poems you wrote before are unforgiving," Joy told me. "You don't have to forgive your mother. I'm not telling you to forgive her. But the poem must forgive her, or the poem must forgive you for not. Otherwise, it's not a poem."

**Recycle! Recycle!
Recycle!**

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois host first virtual annual meeting, elects new officers

SOUTH ELGIN – Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) hosted its first virtual Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 9. With a quorum of over 100 members, the organization elected the following individuals to its volunteer Board of Directors with terms expiring in 2023:

Officers: Dana Vierck (Elgin), Second Vice-Chair; Jennifer Archer (Roscoe), Secretary.

Directors-at-Large: Tasha Davis (Montgomery); Angela Schmidt (Rockford).

The following individuals were also elected to GSNI's Board Development Committee with terms expiring in 2021: Michael Campbell (Fox River Grove), Chair; Mark Ackerman (Pecatonica); Linda Caine (St. Charles); Vicky Kohlbacher (Rockford); Betsy Scott (Barrington); Dana Vierck (Elgin); Lois Wolney (Barrington).

Associate Directors on GSNI's Board

of Directors represent the voice of girls on the Board and can give input to policies and other governance matters. The following Girl Scout girl members were elected as GSNI Associate Directors with terms expiring in 2021: Maggie Bell (St. Charles); Anjel Henry (Rock Falls).

National Council Delegates represent GSNI at the 2020 Girl Scout National Council Session and serve as advisors to GSNI's Board of Directors and staff for a three-year term, expiring in 2023. The following members were elected as National Council Delegates at GSNI's virtual 2020 Annual Meeting: (Adult Members) Lauri Doyle (Oswego); Joslyn Gould (Genoa); Amanda Guffey (South Beloit); Jennifer Shepeck (Byron); Janey Welch (Woodstock); Elizabeth Boyd (Plano), Alternate Delegate. (Girl Members) Maggie Bell (St. Charles); Morgan Doyle (Oswego); Emily Hinrichs (Thomson); Harley Miller (Rock City); Maddison Shepard

(Crystal Lake); Vivian Tackett-Irwin (Gilberts), Alternate Delegate

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Opinion

COVID-19 creating desperate times on the farm

It's a tough time to be a hog farmer. The COVID-19 pandemic has adversely affected a variety of businesses, but perhaps none more than the swine industry.

Having grown up on a hog farm, I can tell you it has never been an easy business to be in. But now is different; for the first time in more than 90 years farmers are killing healthy livestock rather than shipping them to market.

This already is taking place in northwest Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and South Dakota. If it is to happen in Illinois, it will likely begin this week or next contends Joe Connor, a Carthage, Ill., swine veterinarian whose practice cares for more than 500,000 sows.

The virus has swept through packing plants across the Midwest, forcing many to shut down. Those that have reopened are not butchering as many animals because social distancing requirements for workers have reduced the number of carcasses that can be handled.

What this means is that there is less meat heading to gro-

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



cery stores, which has bumped up prices and created less selection for customers.

But, it has created desperate times on the farm. Already, many farmers are marketing livestock at a loss. And the prospect of destroying animals is heart breaking for any farmer.

Beyond the financial loss, farmers take pride in producing quality food. To see animals destined for a landfill rather than a meat counter is disillusioning.

The Illinois Pork Producers are building a trailer to be used for mass depopulation of herds, said Jennifer Tirey, executive director.

"We hope we never have to use this trailer," she said. "It's so wasteful. But we need to have a contingency plan in case there are no other alternatives. And this is our Plan B."

Tirey declined to discuss the specifics of how the animals would be killed. But in Minnesota, Iowa and the Dakotas the most common method is to suffocate swine by releasing carbon dioxide into an enclosed space such as barn or trailer.

"It's done in a humane manner. The pigs just fall asleep. It's important to remember that they have a limited lifespan anyway. But this is such a waste," said Rachel Schulte, a veterinarian on the Pork Producers board. "Euthanizing pigs is against everything that we work for."

Farmers have taken to selling hogs directly to consumers, said John Powers, owner of the Elmwood Locker Service.

Instead of selling the hogs to large processing plants, customers pay the farmer for the hog and then the farmer ships it to a local locker such as the one Powers owns.

But this is just a stop-gap measure because local lockers have limited capacity too.

"I'm completely booked up until April 2021, Powers said.

Unlike cattle, the swine industry has little leeway on when an animal goes to market.

Raising hogs on the modern farm is a science.

Sows are bred at precise time, farmers know when they will give birth and approximately how many piglets will be weaned. And they know when their hogs will reach market weight.

Hogs cannot exceed a certain weight, in part, because plants do not have the machinery to handle larger carcasses. Also, consumers are accustomed to uniform-size cuts of meat.

Hog farmers, who have long taken pride in the efficiency of their industry, are now trying to slow down rather than maximize swine growth.

They are reducing the amount of protein in feed, keeping barns warmer and feeding less in hopes as packing plant capacity rebounds eventually there will be a day they can be shipped to market.

Pete Main, an Altona farmer, said he has been using social media to sell live hogs to deer hunters and others who have the knowledge to butcher for their personal consumption.

The prospect of farmers destroying animals is dismaying. But Main said he believes he can avoid such an outcome.

"It's a disheartening time to be raising hogs," he said. "We are in the business of raising hogs so that people go to the store and enjoy that protein."

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 28, 1920

The annual community picnic at Green River Park Wednesday was a success in every respect. The ball game between the business and professional men resulted in a score of 10 to 5, a victory for the Professional Men. The line-up for the Professional Men was: Attorney Leech, Mayor Vaughan, L.S. Griffith, Dr. Dornblaser, Dr. Angstrom, Attorney Kelly, Earl Wendell, Rev. Lee and W.A. Green. The line-up for the Business Men was: Bert Hewitt, John Burns, H.F. Epperson, Will Clark, B.F. McCreary, L.L. Brink, J.E. Haas, Roy Doty, and Bert Kaufman.

75 Years Ago May 24, 1945

George Carr was elected president of the Amboy Sportsman's Association at the organization meeting held Friday evening. J.P. O'Rourke was chosen vice

president and H.M. Mortensen was elected secretary-treasurer. Directors of the newly formed Association are: Earl Antoine, J.E. Whitver, E.F. Barnes and William Langley.

50 Years Ago May 28, 1970

Luther Clark of Mount Carroll, driver of a southbound milk transport, was seriously injured about 1:00 Monday after his transport collided with an eastbound CB&Q freight train on U.S. Route 52 in Amboy.

Honors Day was held May 20 at Amboy High School. Class Officers for 1970-1971 school year: Sophomores – D. John, president, Denice Braggio, vice president, Mary Elliott, secretary, and Darlene Trough, treasurer.

Juniors: Jeff Lowe, president, Jim Johnson, vice president, Gaila Kagay, secretary, and Dennis Gehrt, treasurer.

Seniors: Rick Lamb, president, Barb Hiatt, vice president, Sharon Thier, sec-

retary and Linda Roux, treasurer.

Members of the School District No. 272 Board of Education on May 18 approved the changing of the name of Sublette Public School to the Ellice Dinges School. This is one of three tributes which are being planned in memory of Mrs. Dinges.

25 Years Ago June 1, 1995

Heavy rains throughout May have left fields soaked and have delayed planting in this vicinity and around the state.

Seven boys will be attending Boys State at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston this year. Boys and their sponsors are: Jeff Cassidy, Amboy Fire Department; Shane Coers, Amboy Specialty Division of Deans Foods; Tony McCoy and Clay Partington, The First National Bank in Amboy; Thomas Powers, W.G. Leffelman & Sons; Brian Pfeiffer, Beggs' Certified Foods; and Tim Dickinson, Amboy Legion Post 453.

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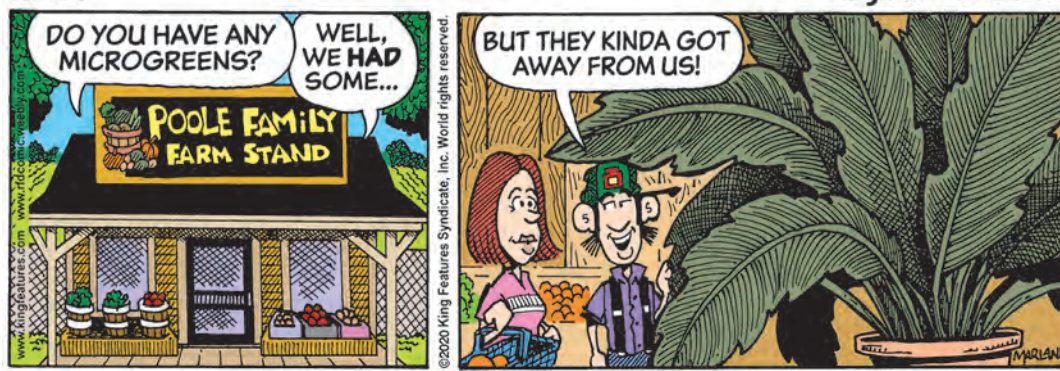
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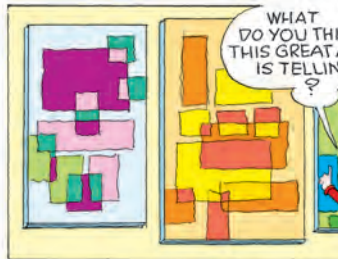
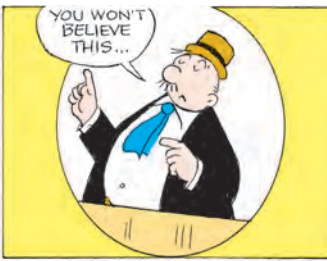
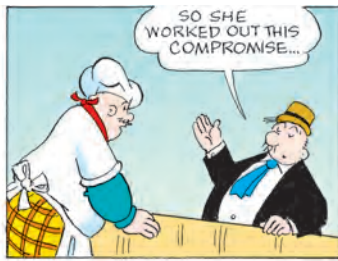
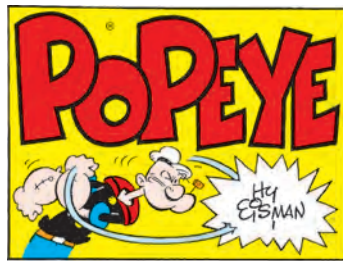
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Differences: 1. Tree is added. 2. Hat is different. 3. Plant is missing. 4. Club is added. 5. Vest is different. 6. Nose is rounder.

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: O equals E

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WHDGVEOG KP HPUNOKO MT L
UOOK, RVK DO GMWLNNOLQOG,
EPWK IMKDPVK L QLHO.

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BUDGET

Today's Word

1. Upturn; 2. Debris;
3. Smear; 4. Dredge

SCRAMBLERS

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANATOMY: What is a more common name for the medical condition called disquamation?
- TELEVISION: Who uttered the catchphrase "you rang?" in the sitcom "The Addams Family"?
- GAMES: How many dominoes are in a standard set?
- GEOGRAPHY: In which city is the Basilica de la Sagrada Familia located?
- MOVIES: Actress Meryl Streep won her first Academy Award for which movie?
- LITERATURE: What kind of creature was Bagheera in "The Jungle Book"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the primary ingredient of bouillabaisse, a type of stew?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called coulrophobia?
- MUSIC: What is the name of blues guitarist B.B. King's Gibson guitar?
- U.S. STATES: In which state is Elvis Presley's estate (Graceland) located?

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10. Tennessee (Memphis)
9. Lucille
8. A fear of clowns
7. Sealwood
6. Panther
5. "Kramer vs. Kramer"
4. Barcelona, Spain
3. 28
2. Lurch, the butler
1. Peeling skin

Trivia Test Answers

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101 LEGAL NOTICE

IL - TAX DEED LEE 2017TX5 2017-00198
TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2017-00198 TO: Estate of Diana E. Inman Occupant Loreen Inman Peterson Jennifer Inman Stacy Lydon First National Bank in Amboy Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of LEE County, Ill. as Case No. 2017TX5 The Property is located at: 465 Dry Gulch Rd., Amboy, IL Property Index Number: 13-21-11-101-002 Said Property was sold on 10/31/2017

for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire on 9/21/2020. On 10/15/20 at 11:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed. Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner No. 0503 May 27, June 3, 10, 2020

IL - TAX DEED LEE 2017TX5 2017-00024
TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2017-00024 TO: Louis Digioia Louis Digioia Spouse of Louis Digioia Louis Digioia Spouse of Louis Digioia Spouse of Louis Digioia Spouse

of Louis Digioia Occupant Jessica Barrera Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of LEE County, Ill. as Case No. 2017TX5 The Property is located at: 219 S. Locust St., Amboy, IL Property Index Number: 02-15-23-101-002 Said Property was sold on 10/31/2017 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire on 9/21/2020. On 10/15/20 at 11:00 am the Petitioner will

make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed. Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner No. 0504 May 27, June 3, 10, 2020

IL - TAX DEED LEE 2017TX5 2017-00007
TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 2017-00007 TO: Michael Danekas Michael Danekas Spouse of Michael Danekas Spouse of Michael Danekas Occupant Jennifer Frey Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots. A Petition for Tax Deed on premise de-

scribed below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of LEE County, Ill. as Case No. 2017TX5 The Property is located at: 19 N. Jones Ave., Amboy, IL Property Index Number: 02-15-15-457-006 Said Property was sold on 10/31/2017 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2016. The period of redemption will expire on 9/21/2020. On 10/15/20 at 11:00 am the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed. Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner No. 0505 May 27, June 3, 10, 2020

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on February 14 A.D. 2020 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Lee County, Illinois, setting forth, the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Inspired located at 204 N. Jefferson Amboy, IL 61310. Dated this 14th day of February A.D. 2020. Cathy Myers, County Clerk by Lori Miller, Deputy No. 0506 May 27, June 3, 10, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lee County Farmland Review Committee will hold their annual farmland hearing on Monday, June 8th at 11:00am and the Lee County Board of Review will meet on Friday, June 12th at 9:00am. The subject of the Farmland Review Committee will be the assessed value of farmland for 2021. The Board of Review will begin their 2020 session, elect a Chairman and approve the 2020 rules. Both meetings will be held in the Old Courthouse, Dixon. No. 0507 May 27, 2020

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

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

101 LEGAL NOTICE

This publication does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all ads, especially those asking for money in advance.

105 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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113 FINANCIAL

NOTICE Advance Fee Loans or Credit Offers Companies that do business by phone can't ask you to pay for credit before you get it. For more information, call toll-free 1-877-FTC-HELP. A public service message from your hometown newspaper and the Federal Trade Commission.

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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127 SERVICES AND REPAIRS

JNJ JUMPERS Indoor/Outdoor Bounce House Rentals Available Year Round. Please Call 815-784-4256 For Availability or Visit us on Facebook.

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

NO INDIVIDUAL, unless licensed or holding a permit as a childcare facility, may cause to be published any advertisement soliciting a child care service. A childcare facility that is licensed or operating under a permit issued by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services may publish advertisements of the services for which it is specifically licensed or issued a permit. Your Hometown Newspaper strongly urges any parent or guardian to verify the validity of the license of any facility before placing a child in its care.

203 HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED - Part Time Help Needed for a Store Clerk. Pick up Application at 602 Brown Ave. in Ashton. (05-27-20)

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All classified marketplace line ads will appear in the following 7 print publications and on 5 high-traffic newspaper websites:
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Call for pricing that starts at \$32.99 for private party ads and \$44.60 for commercial business ads and \$7.50 for garage sale ads.

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2018 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab LTZ, 4x4, Black.....\$37,900

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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 Colorado Crew Cab, 4x4, Red.....\$28,500

2018 Chevy Malibu L T Gray.....\$19,900

2018 Chevy Equinox FWD LT Black.....\$19,500

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

2017 Chevy Crew LTZ Real Tree Edition, 4x4, Z71, Black.....\$34,900

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

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

2017 Chevy Cruze LT Gray.....\$16,900

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

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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THE FARMER'S REPORT

New videos explain how to inspect seed emergence

AMES, Iowa—Good yields begin with proper seed emergence and stand, and to help producers understand how to check for both, the crops team at Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has developed a new YouTube channel with timely updates.

The first four videos focus on stand assessments, poor stand and uniformity, assessing emergence and conducting stand counts.

Each video is recorded in a recently planted field, with instruction by Mark Licht, assistant professor in agronomy and cropping systems specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Stand assessment is important every year and should be done for each field, according to Licht. He said it's even more important this year, for those who planted early and experienced cold, wet conditions soon after.

"The corn and soybean are mostly planted, they're emerging, and so now is really



a good time to get out there and see what type of plant population and uniformity we have," Licht said.

If problems are found, the producer may be able to correct the issue for this year, or if not, make a note of what needs to be corrected for next year.

Common issues include soil condition and weather at planting, in addition to insect and disease pressure, and various aspects of planter maintenance and performance.

The videos are all 10 minutes or less, with answers and suggestions offered by Licht as he evaluates seed rows and emergence.

Stand assessment can feel

redundant, he said, but is an important part of making the most out of every seed.

"I think it's really critical to do because seed corn and soybean seed are very expensive, so we want every seed to come up and out of the ground, and be profitable," he said.

Licht said the crops team is planning to post additional videos throughout the growing season, looking at root assessment and other plant health issues.

For the latest videos, follow the Crops Team YouTube channel. For more information, Licht can be reached at lichtma@iastate.edu, or 515-294-0877.

Farmers should consider Illinois Conservation Easement options

CHAMPAIGN—NRCS State Conservationist, Ivan Dozier announced funding is now available for the Agricultural Land Easement (ALE) program.

Dozier explained that the ALE program can help address development and population pressures that pose a threat to Illinois farmland acres currently used for agricultural production. Through use of these conservation easements, NRCS can provide financial assistance to eligible partners, that will be used to purchase Agricultural Land Easements (ALE). These easements help farmers/landowners keep working croplands and grasslands in active, profitable agriculture production. The ALE sign-up is continuous but the funding cut-off for this fiscal year runs through June 19, 2020.

Eligible entities include state and local governments, and non-governmental organizations that have farmland or grassland protection programs. Dozier explains, "Agricultural easements can protect the long-term viability of our nation's food supply, which is more important than ever. Easements prevent conversion of productive working lands to non-agricultural uses and conserve vital grazing land and pastures."

Easements can also help keep lands in the hands of family members, while providing an enhanced opportunity to keep productive land available for secure crop production. Easements can offer farming opportunities for other newcomers to agriculture. To date, producers and partners nationwide have successfully protected more than 1.1 million acres of farmland and 340,000 acres of grassland through ACEP's predecessor programs – the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program and the Grassland Reserve Program.

Interested partners need to sign up for ALE now at their local NRCS office. The first funding cutoff will be June 19, 2020. Interested landowners need to find a partner who is willing to assist in the purchase of the easement. If they do not know of a partner, they can contact their local NRCS office to get more information about the type of partner that would hold an Agriculture Land Easement.

Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, producers may set up phone appointments with their local NRCS office if they have any questions or need information. Visit www.nrcs.usda.gov to learn more.

Northwestern University engineer thinks he's found a better way to farm

By Jim Nowlan

Since I was a boy growing up in rural Illinois post-World War II, American agriculture has achieved momentous productivity increases, from about 45 bushels an acre of corn back then to an average of 180 today, with farmers in my area sometimes getting 300 bushels per.

Much of the credit goes to Big Chem, the companies that turned from producing the munitions that helped win the war to stimulating farm yields with NPK (nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium), and chemicals for killing pesky weeds and pests.

All this has been a mixed blessing. The relentless chemical drenching of farm and yard soils has been depleting our ground of its lifeblood, that is, the organic material that helps percolate growth. At the same time, huge amounts of excess NPK are running off the fields, down streams and rivers, into an ever-expanding hypoxic dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico, now larger than the state of Massachusetts, where all life is suffocated.

I am amazed that attorneys general of Texas and Louisiana have not joined hands to sue states in the Midwest, as well as the chemical companies, for their continuing travesty. After all, everyone — farmers, chem companies, federal and state EPAs — know they have a gargantuan problem. They simply don't know how to fix it.

Enter Donald Hey, a Northwestern University PhD engineer. Hey has devoted most of his 70-plus years to mitigating environmental problems, often with a market-driven approach. Founder of the Wetlands Initiative and Wetlands Research, two Illinois groups, Hey and his associates have developed big plans to — get all this — generate much more income for riverbank farmers than they make today; suck off the excess nutrients before they reach the Gulf; reduce flooding, and offer boating, fishing, and scenic walking trails for you and me.

How to make more money for farmers along the rivers? And this is key, as nothing will happen unless farmers can be satisfied.

Hey proposes that riverbank farmers transform their land from corn-and-beans to a new kind of farming, what Hey calls "nutrient farming." I find the term a little awkward, but it means creating wetlands that would act like sumps to absorb,

bury and reuse the chemicals before they reach the rivers.

In return, these nutrient farmers would be paid handsomely by polluters — municipalities, chemical companies, maybe even other farmers, ultimately — for the external costs they have imposed on society. Right now, wastewater treatment plants can be required to buy pollution credits to win the EPA permits they need to operate. You have heard the term: cap and trade. Nutrient farmers would be paid for their environmental good deeds.

Hey has a grandiose vision: that long stretches of land along rivers of the Mississippi River Valley, from the Dakotas to Ohio, be turned into "riverine national parks," where corn-and-bean fields would be turned into nature's playground.

Since all this sounds way too good to be true, Hey is already working to prove his concept via pilot projects at several locales in Illinois.

Near Ottawa, not far from Starved Rock State Park, he is hoping to restore a parcel of floodplain that was once farmed, then mined for clay, and is now covered with mine tailings and weeds. Hey proposes to grow wetlands and harvest carbon, nitrogen, phospho-

rous and other pollutants being emitted by upstream municipalities and farms.

Near Peoria, along with leaders at Wildlife Prairie Park, Hey seeks to restore the channelized Kickapoo Creek and rebuild a pool and riffle canoe trail from the park to the Illinois River. All along this restored creek, the wetland pools would extract carbon, nitrogen and phosphorous.

And in deep southern Illinois, where the Ohio and Mississippi meet, Hey would like to repurpose thousands of acres in levee districts for a large-scale project to demonstrate the benefits of using wetlands for harboring flood waters, sequestering pollutants and creating wildlife habitat.

Hey predicts the nutrient farm concept could absorb a big slice of the pollutants headed toward the Gulf of Mexico. Nutrient farms deployed across the upper

Mississippi River watershed, he believes, could ultimately begin to shrink the dead zone!

Hey badly needs a clout-heavy political champion or two, say, congressmen on the right committees in Washington, and maybe a Midwest governor or two.

The promise of Hey's concept is too attractive not to be tested in a number of places, at modest cost. If the pilots prove out, politicians in the Midwest and the Gulf states could come out smelling like a fragrant wetland American Lotus. It is a better and more profitable way to farm, certainly along our rivers.

(For many years, Jim Nowlan was a senior fellow and political science professor at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. He has worked for three unindicted governors and published a weekly newspaper in central Illinois.)



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