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Amboy schools working out details with schools closed

AMBOY — With the announcement of Illinois Governor JB Pritzker extending remote learning for schools in Illinois to go through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, Amboy Community Unity School District Superintendent Joshua Nichols released the following statement on Facebook.,

“Dear Students, Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

I hope this message finds you and your families safe and well. Today, Illinois Governor JB Pritzker announced that remote learning in Illinois will be extended through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Although in-person instruction has been suspended for the remainder of the year, at Amboy Community School District #272, I assure you our entire staff remains committed to learning and engaging with all students through remote learning, as well as continuing with our food distribution program.

Like you, we are saddened by the reality that school will not be able to reconvene in person this school year due to this public health crisis.

However, the final chapter of this school year has not been written yet. These past few weeks have proven that we are more resilient, more capable and more compassionate than what we previously realized.

Today’s announcement will result in significant and multiple scheduling changes in our district.

As this announcement about the end of the school year was just made by Governor Pritzker this afternoon, it will take us a few days to sort out the many schedule details that are on the books, including spring concerts, promotion, graduation, etc. Please be patient as we work as a district to get information to you in the next several weeks.

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Schools to remain closed for academic year as Pritzker says virus not yet at peak

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SPRINGFIELD — Following the lead of nearby states, Gov. JB Pritzker on Friday announced Illinois’ public and private schools will remain shuttered for the rest of the school year.

The announcement came one month after Pritzker first announced a temporary school closure amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and on the same day the state announced 62 more deaths and 1,842 new confirmed cases — the largest single-day spike so far. That brought total deaths to 1,134 and total cases to 27,575.

Pritker said the state’s COVID-19 curve is “flattening, not flat,” and key metrics to watch are hospitalization rate and how long it takes for the number of

cases to double. Both are decreasing, but not at a level that indicates the curve is declining yet, he added.

As of Friday, the state had 926 of 2,979 intensive care unit beds available statewide, or about 30 percent. There were 1,918 available ventilators of 3,213, or about 60 percent.

Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said Friday’s new case count appears so high because health care personnel are testing more people, and she and Pritzker agreed that fatality and case count increase rates have not peaked yet.

The state reported 7,574 more people tested in the past day, the second largest daily total thus far. There now have been 130,163 people tested for the virus in Illinois.

As cases have now been confirmed in 92 of Illinois’ 102 counties, Pritzker made the call Friday to cancel school, public and private, for the rest of the academic year.

“Folks, I’ve said time and time again, my decisions are hard ones, but they will follow the science. And the science says our students can’t go back to their normal routine,” Pritzker said. “... My priority remains unchanged — how do we save the most lives during this very difficult time.”

In an average day, Pritzker said, 2 million K-12 students would meet in large groups in hallways, classrooms and extracurricular activities before going home.

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April 20 Update: Lee County has a total of 17

LEE COUNTY — The number of positive COVID-19 cases in Lee County remains at 17. Today, the State of Illinois announced 1,151 new cases bringing the total to 31,508 across 95 of the 102 counties. The death toll is now at 1,349.

The Lee County Unified Leadership Team would like to thank and recognize Lee County Sheriff John Simonton, State’s Attorney Charley Boonstra and State Representatives Tom Demmer and Dan Swanson for their efforts regarding the surrounding campgrounds in Lee County. Minimizing non-essential travel during these times is paramount

to the success of reducing the amount of COVID-19 cases in our community. Due to their leadership, Governor Pritzker provided further direction and revised the March 20, 2020 Executive Order to prohibit travel from primary to secondary residences within Illinois. This prohibits people from traveling to campgrounds in Lee County.

While it is not practical to achieve 100 percent compliance with these orders, this team would like to thank the leaders at Woodhaven for their work in accomplishing this goal. The population within Woodhaven is well below normal

for this time of year and officials are seeing in excess of 92% compliance. We look forward to continuing to work with Woodhaven and the other campgrounds during these unprecedented times.

Acts of Kindness:

We would like to thank Josh Dober and Natalia Becker for their generous donation of Salmandra’s for lunch for the Lee County Sheriff’s Department. Thank you for showing this support to our first responders.

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Local plant produces, donates hand sanitizer

AMBOY — To help the Amboy and Dixon community during this time of need, Sensient Flavors donated 150 Gallons of hand sanitizer to 11 local health organizations and emergency response personnel on Friday.

With the need and demand for hand sanitizer skyrocketing during the COVID-19 outbreak, Sensient Flavors, which employs 165 residents of Amboy and the surrounding communities, utilized existing equipment

and capabilities to begin producing hand sanitizer on April 2 to support other Sensient facilities, customers and the community.

Sensient Flavors reached out to Amboy Fire Chief and Chief Operating Officer of Dinges Fire Company Jeff Bryant to help identify the local public health organizations in need.

The donations began on Friday morning in Amboy at Sensient Flavors with the City of Amboy Police Department,

as well as Amboy, Sublette, Lee, Compton, West Brooklyn and Paw Paw Fire Departments receiving gallons of hand sanitizer.

In the afternoon, the Lee County Health Department, Lee County Emergency Management Agency, KSB Hospital, Dixon Police Department, and Harmon, Dixon, Ashton and Advance Fire Departments received gallons of hand sanitizer.

Amboy City Alderman Bill Bontz accepts a box of hand sanitizer from Jaclynn Koch. Koch is a school nurse and a member of the Amboy Fire Department. With schools closed, Koch is checking on the health of the Sensient Flavors employees as they enter the building. Sensient Flavors donated 150 gallons of hand sanitizer to 11 local health organizations and emergency response personnel.

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Kevin Lalley, Director of the Lee County Emergency Management Agency, poses with bottles of hand sanitizer that Sensient Flavors donated to local health organizations and emergency response personnel.

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Cathy Ferguson-Allen, Administrator of the Lee County Health Department, pictured left, poses with boxes of hand sanitizer donated by Sensient Flavors. Also pictured is Sensient Flavors Plant Controller Andrea Aldridge.

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Making sure to keep 6 feet apart, Amboy City Alderman Bill Bontz, Amboy Police Terry Lester, Sensient Flavors Jolene Meunier, and Amboy Police Chief Paul Smith pose for a picture after Sensient Flavors donated boxes of hand sanitizer to the city of Amboy's police department.

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Amboy Fire to host graduates of Class of 2020 AHS parade

AMBOY — The Amboy Fire Protection District will be honoring the 2020 graduates of Amboy High School with a recognition parade.

Seniors have been invited to follow the parade in their personal vehicles or ride on the apparatus following social distance guidelines.

The parade is set for Saturday, May 9, and will kick off at 1 p.m. from the Amboy Fire Department at 25 N East Ave. Line-up begins at 12:45 p.m.

The route is to be determined and will be announced in the Amboy News and also on the Amboy News Facebook page when available.

Amboy City Council waves liquor license fees due May 1

AMBOY — The Amboy City Council hosted its April meeting on Monday night. Amboy Mayor John Schamberger posted this message on Facebook about that meeting. “The Amboy City Council had a very productive meeting last night while maintaining our distance from one another. The Council approved waving the Liquor License fees that are due May 1. We feel this is a way we can take some burden off of the businesses that are currently mandated closed.

We will also be working with the City of Dixon and the LCIDA on a grant for our local businesses. The funding is first-come first-serve. LCIDA has allocated \$100,000 for Lee County grants. These funds are for all cities and unincorporated areas in Lee County. The funds are available for assistance with rent or mortgage payments and all utilities: gas, electric, telephone, internet, water, and garbage services. Please email amboymayor@comcast.net for more information or call City Hall to be put on the list. We will also be looking at ways to offer local funding to our businesses during this time. More to come on that.

Another friendly reminder we will be patrolling more for ordinance violations and putting at lot of attention on them. If your neighbor has something that needs addressed please let us know.”

Sublette holds monthly meeting remotely

SUBLETTE — The Village of Sublette conducted its April board meeting remotely.

Pursuant to Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order No. 2020-07 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5), Governor Pritzker has suspended certain rules of the Open Meetings Act — specifically the Executive Order permits remote public meetings. In light of the current COVID-19 public health emergency and the prohibition of public gathering of 10 or more, the Sublette Village

Board chose to conduct the board meeting remotely on April 13.

Attendees had the option of calling into the meeting or viewing the meeting through their computer. Acting Sublette Village President John Stenzel said those viewing could only see his computer monitor. Stenzel said at the start of the meeting, he put a picture of the American Flag up on his computer while the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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LOCAL NEWS

White announces emergency rules filed to extend expiration dates for DLs, IDs and vehicle registrations for at least 90 days after facilities reopen

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced today his office filed emergency rules extending expiration dates for driver's licenses, identification (ID) cards, vehicle registrations and other transactions and document filings for at least 90 days after Driver Services facilities reopen. The previous extension was for 30 days. "Extending expiration dates by at least 90 days after Driver Services facilities reopen is the right thing to do," said White. "It will ensure driver's licenses, ID cards and vehicle registrations remain valid during this pandemic and will help alleviate the rush of customers visiting

facilities once they reopen." Following Governor Pritzker's Stay-at-Home order, White closed Driver Services facilities to the public through April 30. While facilities are closed to the public, White is encouraging residents to go to www.cyberdriveillinois.com to take advantage of many online services — such as renewing vehicle registration stickers — from the comfort of their own home. People who conduct online transactions will further help to reduce the number of face-to-face transactions that will occur at Driver Services facilities once they reopen. Some of these online services in-

clude:

- renewing a vehicle registration;
- applying for a vehicle title and registration;
- obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card;
- obtaining a driving record abstract;
- renewing a standard driver's license with the Safe Driver Renewal program.

"My commitment is to do everything we can to help protect the health and safety of our residents, while still providing services to the people of Illinois," said White. "This will, and must, continue to be the guiding principle of our decision making."

Candidate activated to assist National Guard

AMBOY — Democratic candidate, Seth Wiggins, a Technical Sergeant (TSgt) in the Wisconsin Air National Guard, running for Illinois House District 90, has been activated to assist in COVID-19 National Guard support. He is in his 11th year of service; with four years active duty service in the United States Air Force, two years' service in the United States Air Force Reserve, and five and a half years' service in the Wisconsin Air National Guard. He deployed to Afghanistan in 2012. The military information within this release, including the use of his military rank, job title and service, does not



Wiggins

constitute nor does it imply endorsement of the candidate in any way by the Wisconsin National Guard, Department of Defense, or the Department of the Air Force.

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That pattern "opens up a nearly limitless opportunity for potential COVID-19 infection in a time when our health care workers, our researchers, our scientists and our first responders need us to bend the curve downward," he added. Ezike said social distancing is working and needs to continue. The governor said one of the difficulties in the decision was the fact that students would have fewer instructional hours, and that Illinois is an education landscape in which some districts are better able to enact remote learning than others. But Illinois administrators and educators are "stepping up to ensure that every child in this state receives the education they deserve," he said, even if the method varies by community. Guidance offered by the Illinois State Board of Education includes daily check-ins on each student by the teacher and grading reflective of "the unprecedented circumstances in which students are continuing to continue their studies," Pritzker said.

Pritzker also announced another \$569 million in federal funding will be available to Illinois schools as part of the recent federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES Act. Districts will receive a portion of that funding proportional to how many low-income students they teach. ISBE officials will allocate additional money to communities most in need of resources, the governor said. That funding may be spent on technology for students and teachers and meals to distribute to those youth that need them. "Our school buildings may be closed, but the hearts and the minds of our teachers and students are wide open," Illinois Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carmen Ayala said. "This pandemic has altered the fabric of how we teach, how we learn and how we connect, but it has not shaken the core of what our schools do, and that is to take care of Illinois' children and prepare them for what is next." She added state officials do not "expect" students to learn everything they would have this year had in-person classes continued. The

agency plans to release guidance to assist schools address "learning loss."

OTHER NOTES

- Ezike said while some individual hospitals in Illinois may be at capacity, not all in a particular area are. IDPH divided the state's 211 hospitals into 11 regions, and "there's no region that has no beds," she said.
- Residents experiencing symptoms can find information about where they may get tested on the IDPH website at dph.illinois.gov/COVID19.

"Please, for people who are experiencing

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I know this is not the school year that any of us imagined, but I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we have dealt with this unprecedented situation together. This period of Remote Learning offers us new ways to learn and grow, and out of this Pandemic, we will emerge stronger.

illness and want to get tested, I do want to alert that we do have increased testing capacity," Ezike said.

- The governor said he is "managing through this time reasonable well" in response to a question about how he is faring mentally and physically. While it is "hard not to let (the daily statistics) get you down," he added, "if everybody persists out there with the stay-at-home order, ... we'll do better every day."

Ezike added she is "finding the strength I need to carry on," and she has no complaints.

Department on Aging provides \$7 million in meal assistance

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) is distributing \$7 million across the state to meet the growing demand for meal assistance by older Illinoisans impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency. IDoA distributed the funds, provided

through Emergency Assistance Services grants, to the state's 46 Care Coordination Units (CCUs) to support meals programming for older Illinoisans at highest risk for malnutrition and hunger. Last year, more than 85,000 seniors were provided meals at congregational meal sites and

an additional 43,000 seniors received meals delivered to their homes. As a result of temporarily suspending meal service in the 399 congregational dining sites statewide, seniors who previously received meals at these sites are now being included in IDoA's home delivered meal programs. In a one-week period between

March 30 and April 3, a total of 178,599 meals were home delivered reflecting an average of 35,000 meals per day. In that same week, a total of 4,907 new referrals for home delivered meals were processed — that's on average close to 1,000 new referrals per day.

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LOCAL NEWS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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 ap-

plies 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.

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tension Discover Wellness at Home Webinar Series is offered from 2 to 3 p.m. on Thursdays through April 30. The sessions are free. Register online two days prior to the webinar at go.illinois.edu/wellnessathome.

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.

TEEN TURF

Thank You's

We are grateful for our Teen Turf family. We are especially thankful for these families for helping us with food or toiletries: Katie and Andy Pratt, Terry and Emily Lester, and Jim and Linda Grady.

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 April on Wednesdays: April 22, and April 29, 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

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

Mr. Rogers said on sharing responsibility- "We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes."

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EXTENSION NEWS

Celebrate 4-H Volunteers April 19-25

Illinois 4-H will celebrate the more than 11,000 4-H adult volunteers supporting and guiding 4-H members during National Volunteer Week, April 19-25. 4-H volunteers are the caring adults who are empowering and preparing youth for success as 4-H members provide service to others and in their communities. Today's 4-H youth are engaged in diverse learning experiences where they practice skills employers want; grow and distribute food to communities in need; steward our natural resources; identify local issues and initiate positive change in local, state, national, and global issues; and they make and influence positive choices for healthy living.

All of these things happen because of engaged volunteers in local communities.

National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to celebrate the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. Each year, we shine a light on the people and causes that inspire us to serve, recognizing and thanking volunteers who lend their time, talent and voice to make a difference in their communities.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974. Today, as people strive to lead



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lives that reflect their values, the expression of civic life has evolved. Whether online, at the office, or the local food bank; whether with a vote, a voice, or a wallet – doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all.

In Carroll, Lee and Whiteside County, there are over 175 volunteers who inspire youth involved in local 4-H programs.

Local 4-H members are experiencing all 4-H offers

Illinois 4-H challenges youth to try new things, experiment in project areas that interest them, and explore opportunities around the state and country.

The 4-H Experience Award recognizes youth who excel in that challenge. The award is sponsored by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

"We celebrate youth whose 4-H experiences have expanded outside their home county to the state, national, or international level," said Lisa Diaz, University of Illinois Extension assistant dean and Illinois 4-H director. Youth earning the two highest levels, diamond and emerald, are recognized at the state level.

Carroll-Lee-Whiteside 4-H had two local winners this year in the Emerald Level Leadership Award. They were Marie Barnickel and Amie Case from Lee County.

The Illinois 4-H Foundation also provided \$25,000 in college scholarships and awarded another \$20,000 in national conference travel scholarships this year.

"Our donors are generous and believe that higher education changes lives," said Angie Barnard, Foundation

executive director. Donors include Nann Armstrong, Patricia Clickener, Lila Jeanne Eichelberger, Keith and Lissa Parr, Donna Mueller, Dee Murray, George Obernagel, Legacy of Leadership endowment contributors, LA-CO, Barbara and George Clark, Ryan and Elaine Ruwe, Marvin and Elizabeth Schnitzler, Carrie Francis, Jason and Andrya Smith, Auxiliary to the Illinois State Veterinary Medicine Association and the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

Illinois 4-H Foundation presents the Legacy of Leadership Scholarship to 4-H members who demonstrate and maintain a high standard of 4-H excellence and mastery during their membership tenure.

Carroll-Lee-Whiteside 4-H had Abigail Stichter from Whiteside County as a local recipient this year.

Granny Rose – Angel

Angel came to the shelter from Animal Control, as her owner could no longer care for her. She is an Akita/Husky mix that was so severely matted her fluffy coat had to be shaved off. Angel is spayed, fully vaccinated, and weighs 67 pounds. Cats and other small pets would likely be seen as "prey". Angel is friendly with people. She will be 9 years old next month. To see Angel, visit Granny Rose Animal Shelter, 613 River Lane, Dixon. Call 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit www.grannyrose.org. Photo contributed

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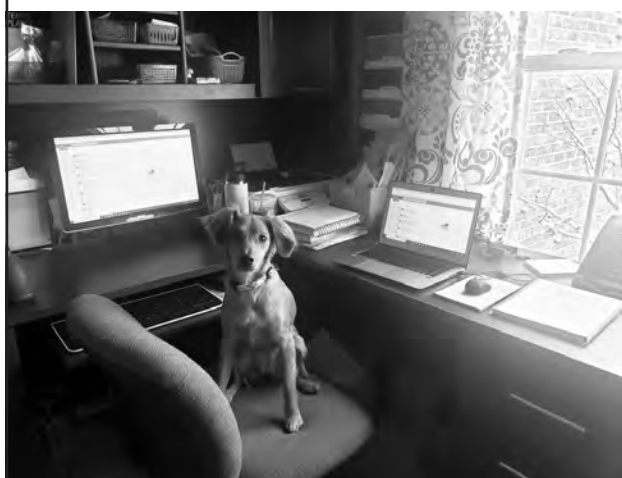
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ISA SEEKS QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT DIRECTOR BOARD SEATS

The Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) seeks qualified candidates to fill a board seat representing District 1 (Boone, Carroll, DeKalb, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson & Winnebago Counties). Paul Rasmussen, current director, will term off the board in July 2020. The Illinois Department of Agriculture directs the election process.

The Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) represents the interests of more than 43,000 soybean farmers in Illinois through the state soybean checkoff and membership efforts. ISB, which is one of the entities of the ISA organization, manages and invests Illinois soybean checkoff funds.

Board members serve a term of three years and are eligible for up to two terms. The ISA board is comprised of 18 district directors and six at-large directors.

Eligibility to serve requires candidates be Illinois residents of legal voting age that contribute to the soybean checkoff. Candidates must also be residents within the district and maintain eligibility during their term(s). Directors may need to devote about 24 days per year, depending on level of leadership and representation needs.

Petitions are available through the Illinois Department of Agriculture in Springfield, or by contacting ISA representative Dustin Scott at 309-808-3603 or scottdd@ilsoy.org. Contact Scott with questions or for additional information.

To have your name placed on the ballot, petitions must be completed and filed with the Illinois Department of Agriculture director in Springfield no later than 5 p.m., May 15, 2020. A candidate's petition must carry the signatures of at least 250 of the qualified producers from the district where the candidate seeks office, or five percent, whichever is less. Any person running as a write-in candidate must also meet the eligibility requirements and submit a Declaration of Intent to the IDOA Acting Director Jerry Costello no later than 5 p.m., June 30, 2020.

Elections will be held July 7, 2020.

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Ronald D. King

Jan. 13, 1947 - April 14, 2020

AMBOY — Ronald D. King, 73, of Amboy, died Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at his home.

He was born Jan. 13, 1947 in Mendota the son of Harry and Christina (Lovell) King.

Ron had worked at Hart-Carter in Mendota prior to his retirement.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and sisters, Annie Marie Kozak and Caroline Albee.

Ron is survived by three nieces, Justine Albee, of Amboy, Shari (Raymond) Cies-

sau, of Amboy, and Katherine (John) Karpinski, of Dixon; two nephews, Donald Kozak, of Dixon and Vernon (Katrina Alexander) Albee, of Dixon; and one great niece, Rachel Karpinski.

Private family funeral service will be at the Chapel at Prairie Repose Cemetery with burial to follow at the cemetery. A memorial has been established to the Amboy Fire Dept.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.



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

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He then shared the agenda on the screen for those listening and viewing.

Stenzel said the board will continue to meet this way until it is deemed safe to meet as a group again.

Residents were still allowed to ask questions during the Audience Participation portion of the meeting – with the difference being how they asked the question. Stenzel asked that those with questions to them prior to the start of the meeting to stenz1@hotmail.com and said that those questions and/or comments will be read during the meeting

and addressed, if appropriate, at that time.

Business addressed:

- The board set the year ending meeting date and time of 6 p.m., on April 30.

- The board hired an appraiser out of Sycamore to appraise excess village property. The motion was approved 4-2, with Village of Sublette Trustees Julie Kessel and Scott Hanson voting no.

- The village is moving forward with the new UBmax billing software. Stenzel said it looks like the software is working fine and that the new software looks to go live in May.

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“We have been supplying our providers with more dollars to assist them with unmet needs, and we have anticipated that the demand for home delivered meals is going to continue to increase, as we have already seen,” said Paula Basta, Director of IDoA. “I would also like to encourage everyone

to be mindful of our older family members, friends, or neighbors, and check in to see how they are doing. Find a creative way to communicate with them during this time and monitor their health. As Governor Pritzker said, we are all the first line of protection in our communities.” #AllinIllinois

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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, clin-

ics, and urgent care centers without CALLING FIRST. Instead, they can seek care by using one of the following options:

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- 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

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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.

- <https://www.ksbhospital.com/coronavirus-outbreak-covid-19/>

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SOCIAL NEWS

Educational Briefs

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

Rereading 'Justine'

In this time of enforced solitude, I have found that rereading old favorites can make for great company. Recently I came across an article on Lawrence Durrell's "The Alexandria Quartet," which claimed that "it has stood the tests of time and taste, and has never been out of print." That's amazing, considering that it is over 1,000 pages long and the first volume, "Justine," was published in 1957. I read the Quartet in my early twenties, and I vividly remember its frequently overwrought prose with its whiff of pretentiousness, as well as its unexamined British colonial attitudes. Despite all that, I thought at the time that it was one of the finest novels I had ever read.

So I reread "Justine," and as happened decades ago, I was captured by Durrell's gorgeous depiction of his narrator's love affairs with Justine and the city of Alexandria. Alexandria of the 1930s is "an exotic city of constant interactions between cultures and religions...with a cultural milieu that mixes exceptional sophistication with equally remarkable sordidness." The narrator is an unnamed impoverished Anglo-Irish writer and schoolmaster. He shares a shabby apartment with Georges Pombal, a slovenly minor French consular official. One night he hears a woman wailing and, ever the gallant protector, he rushes to her side and saves her. She is Melissa, the beautiful tubercular Greek prostitute who soon moves in with him. Theirs are light-hearted "lives lived without forethought, without architecture."

The squalor and brutality is counterbalanced by the elegance and sophistication of Justine and her extremely rich husband Nessim. Durrell's portrait of Justine is that of mirror of Alexandria with its mixture of stylishness and extreme poverty, its ancient Arab ways and modern European mindsets. Justine is the essence of Alexandria, its "true child... neither Greek, Syrian, nor Egyptian, but a hybrid." But more important to her subsequent choices, she is Jewish.

Our hero, like most everyone, instantly falls for her, and she, who has had many lovers, does not resist. The better part of the novel is taken up with his obsession with her, a sexual obsession that can only flourish in a place where there are no rules, no illusions, no romanticism. As one critic commented, "there is a nostalgic glow for squalor," a nostalgia for an Alexandria about to be swallowed by Egyptian nationalism. Alexandria, as a colonial capital, "is always aware of the brutality of historical reality."

One of the most appealing elements of "Justine" is Durrell's non-judgmental attitude, a "fond indulgence of Alexandria's crassness, illusionlessness." He has "no desire to shock, unlike Henry Miller and D. H. Lawrence... He is clear-eyed about sex." His narrator ends the first volume with an open-ended question: "Does not everything depend on our interpretation of the silence around us so that..."

Gross '20 discovers passion for education at Monmouth College

MONMOUTH — For Josh Gross, Class of 2020, of La Moille, Monmouth College helped him find his calling. "I came to Monmouth as a pretty shy kid, but my professors really pushed me to interact, to share ideas, to make connections," said Gross, who will be an elementary school physical education teacher in the Illinois cities of Bloomington and Normal.

Gross said he found his vocation at Monmouth after arriving as a freshman with a few ideas. "I knew I wanted to do something that helped people," said Gross, whose sister, Chelsea Gross, is a 2013 Monmouth graduate. "Some of the things I was thinking about were physical therapy, athletic training and even becoming a police officer. I finally decided that what I wanted to do was to make an impact on kids' lives, so that morphed into me taking a lot of classes in educational studies, and I'm very happy with my decision."

In addition to the course work in his major, Gross was strongly influenced by his work in the field. "My student-teacher experience was really cool," he said. "It was (at Galesburg's Steele Elementary School) with Katy (Vaccarello) Flatt, who's a (2009) Monmouth grad. Working with her in that diverse setting really helped make me the teacher I am today."

Educational studies professor Michelle Holschuh Simmons had Gross in four classes during his junior and senior years. "Josh had already earned a reputation in our department for being an excellent addition to any class," she said. "My impressions were confirmed with every interaction I have had with Josh for the last two years. In person and in writing, Josh consistently communicates professionally and comports himself with confidence."

Lessons from track

Like Vaccarello before him, Gross competed on the Fighting Scots' track team. Having away meets almost every weekend of the spring semester required good time-management skills, and Gross was up to the challenge.

"Josh impresses everyone he encounters with his organization, his work ethic and his dedication to tasks," said Simmons. "His academic work is always meticulously completed and on time, and he has had perfect attendance in all of the classes he has had with me. As a track athlete, he has a full schedule with practices and meets, but he has been able to manage the many pulls on his time exceedingly well."

Gross said his time on the track team helped him in a number of ways.

"Coach (Roger) Haynes was phenomenal," he said. "The entire track team was a big family, and it helped me make a lot of friends. It's really made me the man I am today."

A different kind of spring

Of course, like the rest of Monmouth's spring sports athletes, Gross no longer competes because of the COVID-19 pandemic. That's just one of several things that the sprinter is missing during these last few weeks of his Monmouth experience, including the traditional commencement ceremony.

"It's kind of sad that we won't be walking across the stage

(in May) in our cap and gown," he said. "It just doesn't feel real quite yet that we won't be doing that."

Another thing Gross misses is the opportunity to simply chill in his dorm and talk to his roommate.

"We would just talk and share ideas about anything," he said. "Conversations like that have been a really great part of my Monmouth experience - to share ideas and not be judged and to be respectful of others' opinions."

That happened in the classroom, as well.

"I really learned to think about things in a different way," said Gross. "I think that's what I'm going to miss most about my time at Monmouth - the connections I made with professors. Monmouth just really felt like home."

Heidelberg University awards major scholarships for Class of 2024

TIFFIN, Ohio - Avery Shaw, a senior at Amboy High School, is the recipient of a major scholarship to attend Heidelberg University.

Shaw, the son of Jeff and Cindy Shaw of Amboy, Illinois, has received the Fellows Award for four years. The award was announced following Heidelberg's annual scholarship competition earlier this academic year.

Students who rank near the top of their high school class are invited to participate in the university's annual scholarship competition. The program recognizes students based on high school grade-point average and ACT or SAT test scores. In addition to weighing a student's academic credentials, the competition also looks at leadership skills and community service through a personal interview, a portfolio and an essay.

Founded in 1850, Heidelberg offers 34 majors, 35 minors and 10 pre-professional programs, awarding the bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of music degrees, as well as master's degrees in education, counseling, business administration and music. Heidelberg has been consistently ranked by U.S. News & World Report as a top college in the Midwest. For more information visit the web site at www.heidelberg.edu.

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If you recognize this lady, wish her a Happy 50th Birthday on the 25th.

THE PASTOR'S PEN

BY PASTOR JACK M. BRIGGS

A few years ago, Robert Ripley was famous for his "believe it or not" items in a newspaper column - those little tidbits that seemed hard to believe because they didn't square with our "normal" understanding of how things are or should be. For example, believe it or not:

- Those little biscuits you get at a Chinese restaurant - fortune cookies - were actually invented in America, not China;
- The chances of dying on the way to get your lottery tickets are greater than your chances of winning;
- More than 50% of the people in the world have never made or received a telephone call;
- As you deposit your coins in the slot, be advised that vending machines kill four times more people each year than sharks do (actually, that one is a Briggs believe-it-or-not).

rejection story is a good place to begin. Suppose someone says to you "So what about this resurrection, raised-from-the-dead stuff. You don't really believe that, do you?" And that scenario would not be unheard of, because people of faith are often characterized as superstitious, weak-minded, slightly unbalanced, or all of the above. It's good sport nowadays to make fun of faith, and it seems the Christian faith in particular is the fairest game of all. Scripture offers this explanation: "If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you." (John 15:19)

The problem is that we humans know too much, or at least think that we do. Just as, faith-"... the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1) is admittedly irrational, the Resurrection is over-the-top hard to fathom. And we like everything to fit into an equation or formula to be

believable, don't we? Of the 1.5 million apps available for download, there must be at least one that will explain it all, right?

But the key to grasping the Resurrection lies in putting aside our need for everything to fit just so...and just to believe...just to have faith. When someone says it doesn't make sense and is therefore unbelievable, they are 50% correct.

That is, it doesn't make sense in worldly terms, but it is completely believable from the standpoint of faith, which is not bound by human notions of how things are or should be because God's ways surpass all human understanding. I'm okay with that. How about you?

The same God who so loved the world - that's us, you and me - that he gave his only Son Jesus, who lived, died, and was resurrected, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have life everlasting.

Unbelievable? Take heart and don't be embarrassed, ashamed of, or apologize for your faith. Just look your

skeptics straight in the eye and say, "I can't explain it. I just believe." Luke 1:37 informs us "there is nothing that God cannot do." In other words, faith doesn't make things easy; it makes them possible. Just believe.

Thanks be to God, day by day!

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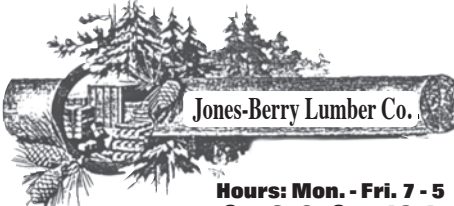
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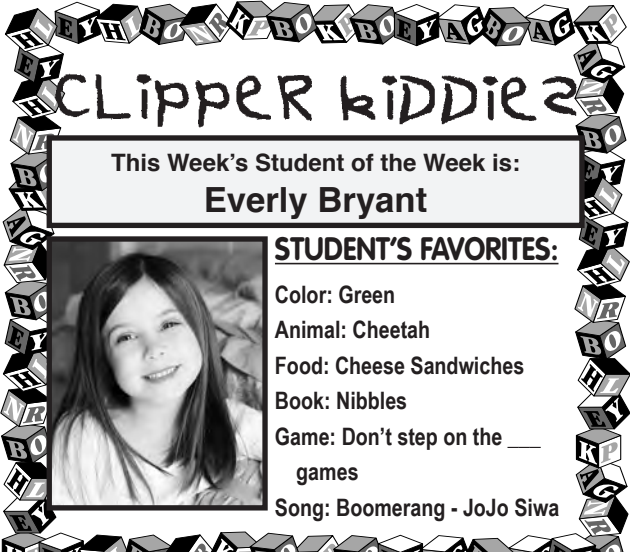
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This Week's Student of the Week is:
Everly Bryant



STUDENT'S FAVORITES:

Color: Green
Animal: Cheetah
Food: Cheese Sandwiches
Book: Nibbles
Game: Don't step on the _____ games
Song: Boomerang - JoJo Siwa

Opinion

During the hardest seasons of life, God does great things

My daughters didn't wear new dresses for Easter this year.

And I didn't have to arrive at church early to compete with the Christmas-and-Easter-only crowd for a place to sit.

For Good Friday, I sat in my home office in front of my computer watching my church's service. I had a glass of grape juice and a saltine next to my keyboard to participate in a virtual communion with the rest of congregation.

But the internet in my rural area is so poor that the live service kept stopping and buffering for longer and longer periods. As I waited for the broadcast to continue I nodded off.

I woke up an hour after the service was over with the juice and cracker untouched. I felt ashamed. I'd failed at even this attempt at Holy Week normalcy in these abnormal times.

Jesus' disciples had a hard time staying awake too.

I think of my Jewish friends having seders away from relatives and friends. And for Christians it was a difficult week, too. In a week steeped in tradition, it's too easy to compare.

Most of us were confined to our homes avoiding a virus.

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



I never thought I'd live to see a day when most church doors were locked on Easter Sunday.

Of course, the church isn't a building. It is imperfect people joined by belief and love.

On Easter Sunday, I once again found myself in front of my computer hoping this time I would get it right. There was a little bit of buffering but I rode it out and heard the sermon.

Pastor Steve said during the hardest seasons of life, God does great things.

I was left thinking of one of those hard seasons -- when I stood alone in a cemetery almost seven years ago.

The preacher had spoken, the hearse had left the cemetery and my mother's coffin had been slowly lowered into the ground. My family milled around the gravestones, paying respects to loved ones long passed and I stood alone staring into the grave as workers shoveled dirt back

into the hole. I thought: Is this it? You live and then you die?

Just days before I found myself sitting by my mother's bedside.

Her breathing was ragged.

I held her left hand with each labored gasp.

My dad, her husband of almost 59 years, gripped her right. As she breathed slowly, shallowly, my dad cried out, "Save a place for me in heaven."

Tears fell down the face of my sister, who sat at the foot of the bed.

We watched 79 years of life and an 11-year battle with breast cancer come to an end.

Our mother was gone.

I felt helpless watching the cancer take her life. The chemotherapy left her bald. Sores developed on her feet. The cancer sapped her energy. Nausea haunted her for years.

It was not an easy life.

And now death...

As I stood at her grave I thought, "Is this it? Is this all we have to look forward to?" The woman who had brought me to life is gone. I felt alone.

And then words from a hymn rolled through my mind:

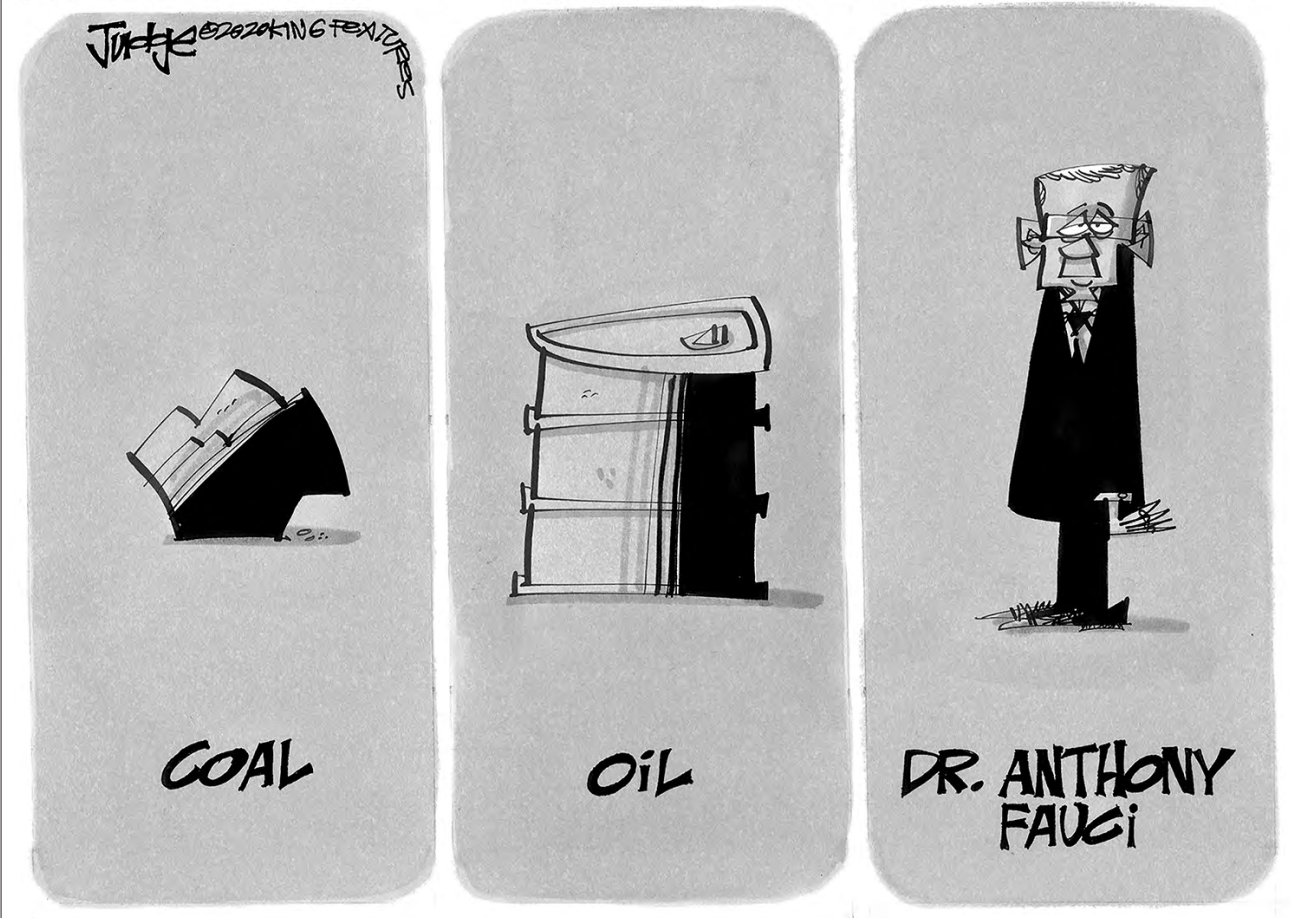
"Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!"

It was June, but I kept thinking of Easter.

I'm not a musical person, but the song ran through my mind as each shovelful of dirt landed in the grave. I believe I was being reminded that Jesus reigns supreme -- even over death.

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On This Day in History

100 Years Ago April 23, 1920

The members of the local Lutheran society voted recently to change the name of their congregation from the German Lutheran Church to Emanuel English Lutheran Church. All the services are now conducted in English and have been for the past year. The congregation also decided to put a basement under their church building and install a furnace.

Mildred Long who attends Amboy High School, spent the weekend at her home in Sublette.

Richard and Kenneth Tait left on Tuesday morning for Muskegon, Mich., where they are employed.

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75 Years Ago April 19, 1945

F.L. Doty, after more than 20 years of faithful service as School Treasurer, has resigned because of ill health.

Tuesday evening the following young

people were initiated into The National Thespian Society at the home of Mary Lou Turnquist: Midge Eckburg, Don Yale, Bette Williams, Dick Dominetta, Sylvan Leffelman, Charles July, Tess Long, Frances Welty, Frankie Moore, Donna Shaw, Jane Tomlinson, Don Emery, Pat Antoine, Shirley Lally and Jayne Hanson.

Michael G. Mihm was elected mayor of the City of Amboy at the biennial election Tuesday, receiving 456 votes. City Clerk Harold Carroll, City Treasurer Ray Price and Police Magistrate William C. Knuth were all re-elected.

50 Years Ago April 23, 1970

Mayor Stacy Flanagan swore in Kenneth McCracken as First Ward Alderman in the City of Amboy to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Alderman Peter Hanson who has moved to Plano.

Torman's bowling team of Amboy captured the top spot in the recent women's city bowling tournament with a score of 2824. Members of the team are LaVina Marschang, Rose Hillison, Vi Dempsey, Louise Massey captain,

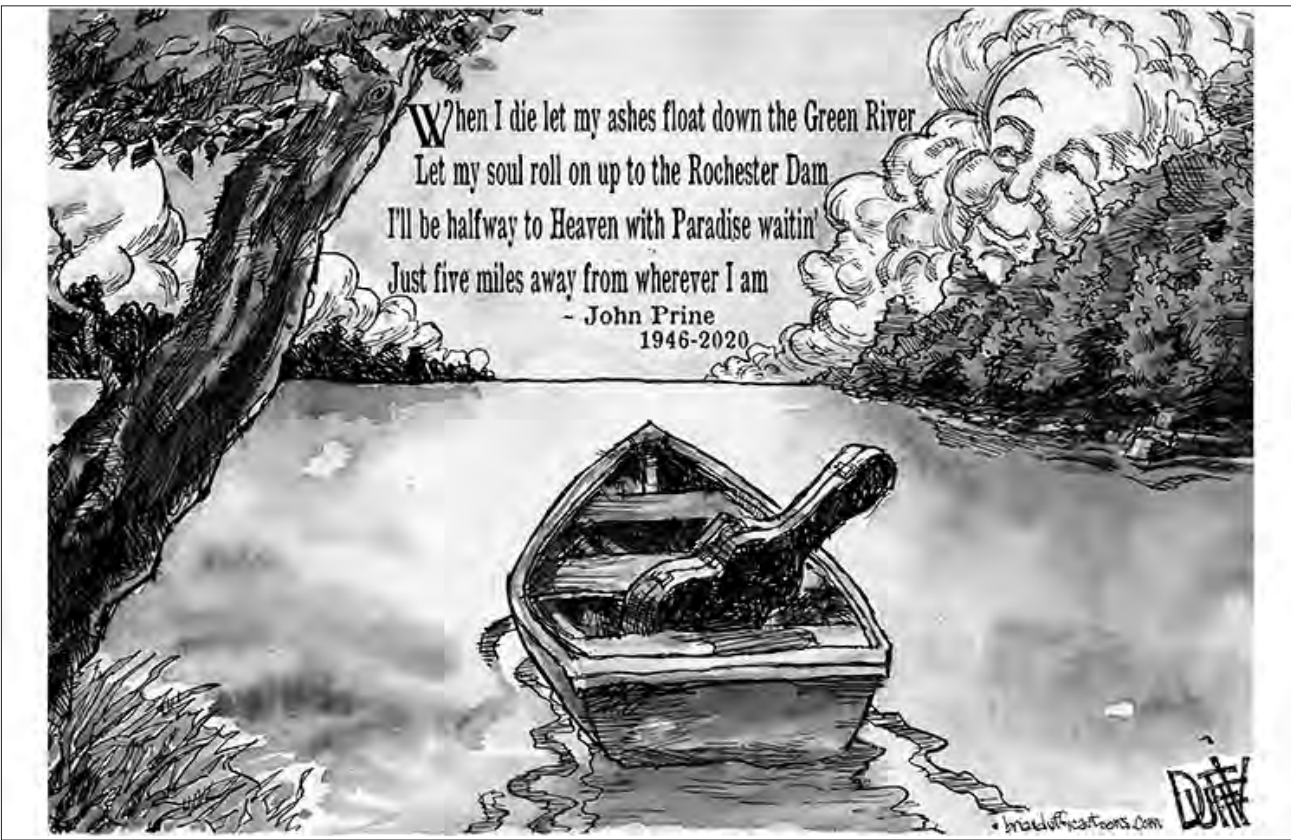
Carol Wijkiewicz and Peggy Meisel.

25 Years Ago April 27, 1995

Amboy Board of Education "left the door open" for a possible tax referendum when it approved the sale of life health safety bonds for school repairs Monday night. The board remains divided on if and when a referendum will be held, as evidenced by the 4-2-1 vote on the bonds.

Students at Amboy Junior High are urging donations of 50 cents from their fellow students to remember children killed in the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City. Students will wear green ribbons on Friday, April 28, and will plant memorial trees at Clint Conway Park with the money donated.

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Michael Vincent Dale has been named a United States National Award winner in Foreign Language. This award is a very prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. The Academy recognizes less than 10 percent of all American high school students.



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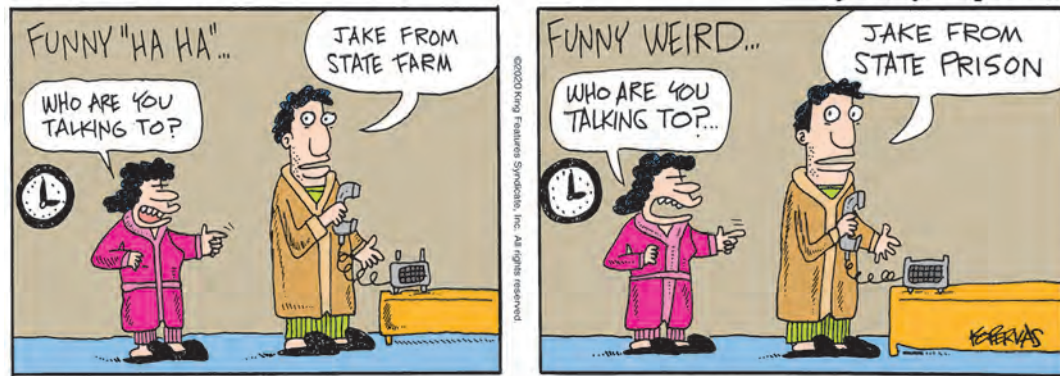
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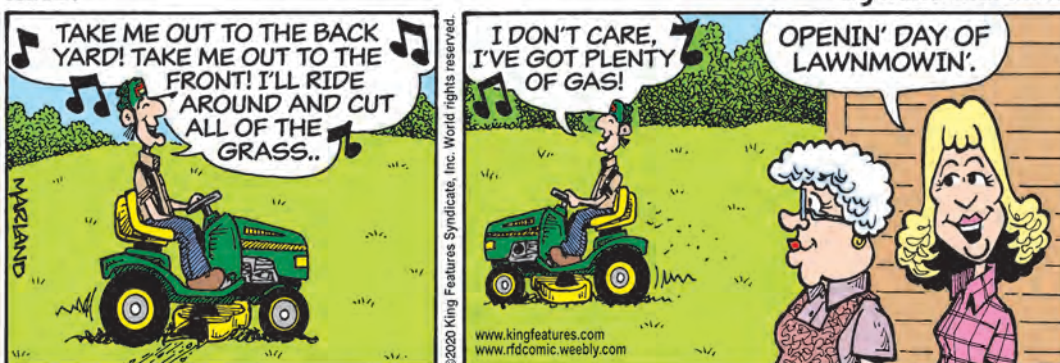
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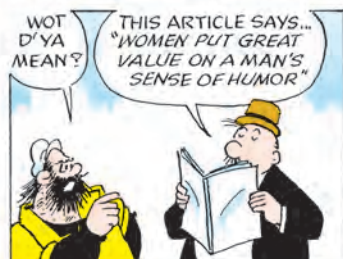
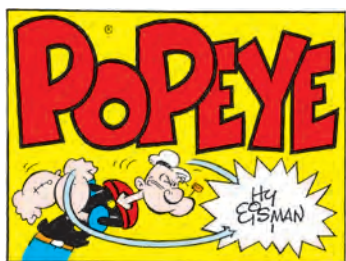
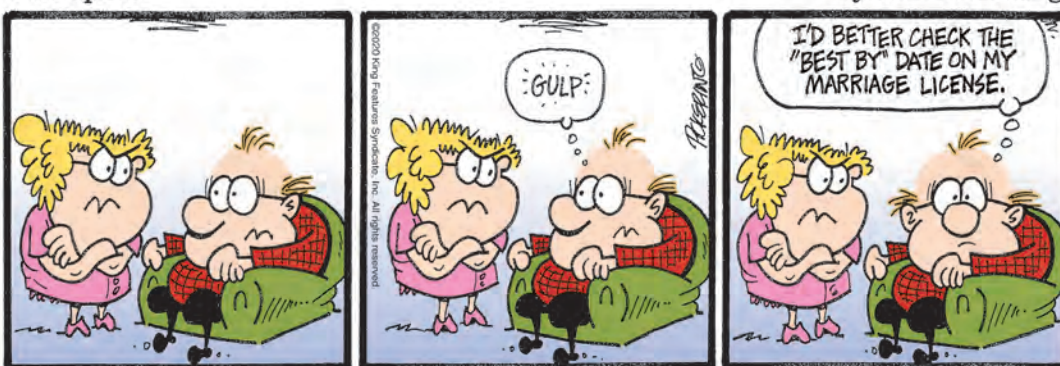
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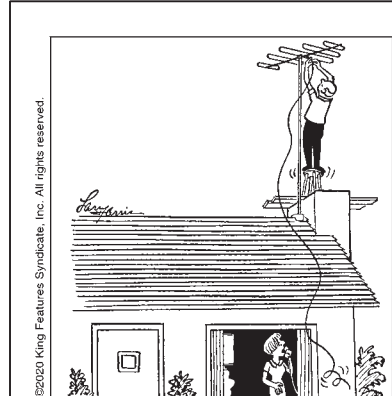
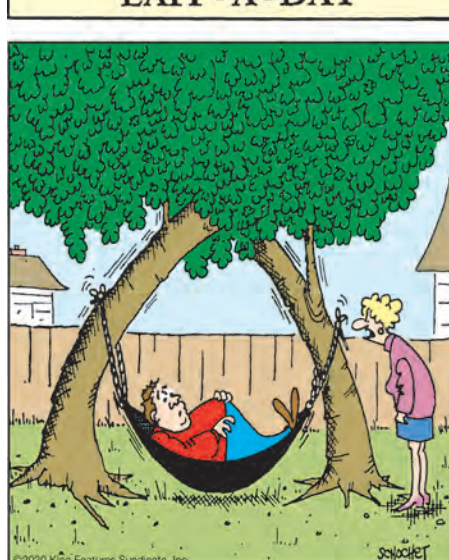


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by Dave T. Phipps



LAFF-A-DAY



SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Shine
LARGE

Sheet
BOLTAID

Bandanas
CRAVESS

Cry
TABLE

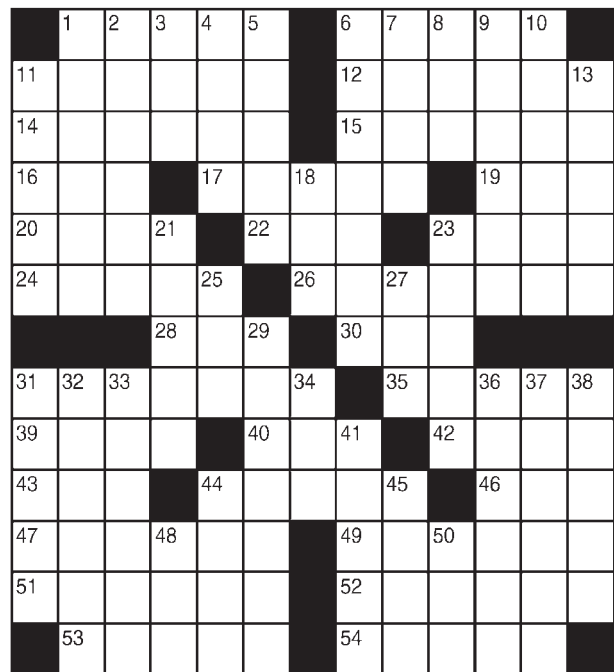
TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

Posting Date April 20, 2020

ACROSS

- 1 Resided
- 6 Things
- 11 Demosthenes or Cicero
- 12 Cancel out
- 14 Ubiquitous fastener
- 15 Early spring bloom
- 16 Feedbag tidbit
- 17 — the manger
- 19 Owns
- 20 Press
- 22 Ballet step
- 23 — song (cheaply)
- 24 Force measures
- 26 Decorum
- 28 Quite some time
- 30 Actor Stephen
- 31 Went sour
- 35 Contents of some trays
- 39 Responsibility
- 40 Court
- 42 Story
- 43 Donkey
- 44 Impostor
- 46 Sudden turn
- 47 Traditional usage
- 49 Love apple
- 51 Medical prioritization
- 52 Portuguese island group



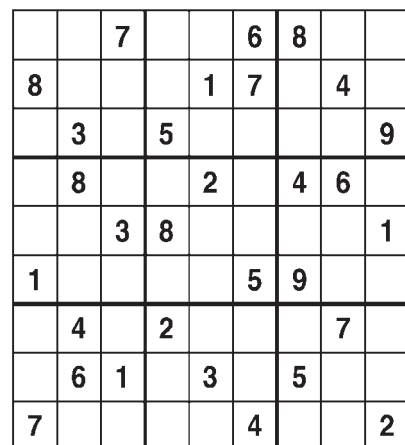
DOWN

- 1 Cheerless
- 2 "The Compleat Angler" author
- 3 And so on (Abbr.)
- 4 Tennyson title
- 5 Cavalry unit
- 6 Canine's neighbor
- 7 Sea bird
- 8 Id counterpart
- 9 He-men
- 10 George Washington portraitist
- 11 Egg-shaped position
- 13 English composition
- 18 Leg, slangily
- 21 Must have
- 23 Banquet
- 25 Scale member
- 27 Part of the Justice Dept.
- 29 Cronkite, Rather, et al.
- 31 Work together
- 32 Doubtful
- 33 Neighbor of Georgia
- 34 Female deer
- 36 Risk
- 37 Cheers up
- 38 Some lilies (berate)
- 44 Comic strip possum
- 45 Nap
- 48 Body art, for short
- 50 Calendar abbr.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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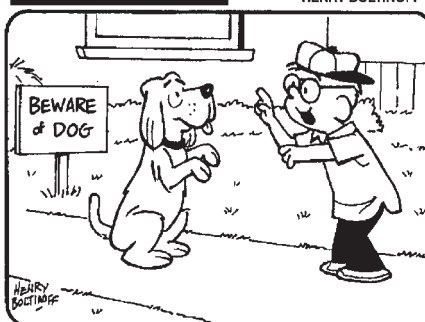
Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. EXPLORERS: Which Western explorer discovered the Grand Canyon?
2. TELEVISION: In the "M*A*S*H" series, which U.S. state did Radar O'Reilly hail from?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "acta non verba" mean?
4. GAMES: What are the names of the utilities in the Monopoly board game?
5. COMICS: Who is Garfield's girlfriend in the comic?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional birthstone for April?
7. MUSIC: What does the musical notation "allegro" mean?
8. MOVIES: In which 1970s movie does the Cahulawassee River play a major role?
9. LITERATURE: What do the abbreviations stand for in the poet e.e. cummings' name?
10. ROYALS: What was Princess Diana's maiden name?

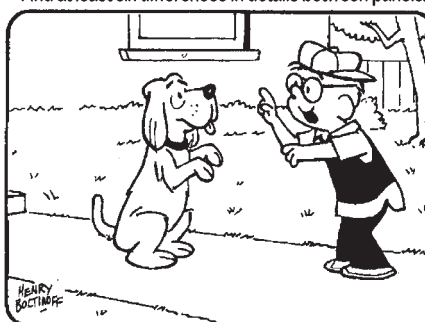
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is missing. 2. Step is added. 3. Window is smaller. 4. Tree is added. 5. Vest is added. 6. Hat is different.

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: H equals D

R CKILF COULI AJWI BWIU R QKE
EKI ARL IUXH IU XJRPJ.
IOJF HBHW'I LJZPJ LQBZBIL IOJZJ.

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AVAILABLE Today's Word

1. Glare; 2. Tabloid; 3. Scarves; 4. Bleat

Answers

King Crossword

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 2 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 4 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 8 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 8 |
| 4 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| 5 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 7 |
| 6 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 9 |
| 8 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| 9 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 5 |

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

A gypsy ghost went into a pub but was told to leave. They didn't serve spirits there.

CryptoQuip

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
(IN RE THE)
(ESTATE OF)
(LEONARD C.)
(TURNER, SR.,)
(Deceased.)
(2020 P 22)

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of LEONARD C. TURNER, SR., of 1617 Bonnie Avenue, Dixon, Lee County, Illinois on February 7, 2020. Letters of Office were issued on March 20, 2020, by the 15th Judicial Circuit Court of Lee County to the representative and Independent Executor, BRENDA A. CARUANA, 796 Tulip Lane, Rockford, IL 61107. The attorney for the representative and Independent Executor of the estate is Robert J. Thompson, 119 West First Street, Ste. 200, P.O. Box 1016, Dixon, Illinois 61021. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Lee County Services Building, 309 South Galena Avenue, Dixon, Illinois 61021, or with the representative, BRENDA A. CARUANA, 796 Tulip Lane, Rockford, IL 61107, within six (6) months from the first publication of this Claim Notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of specific notice to known creditors, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that time period is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.
BY: BRENDA A. CARUANA, Representative/Independent Executor
Robert J. Thompson Attorney for the Estate
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bobthompsonlaw@gmail.com email
No. 0402
April 15, 22, 29, 2020

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT MAY-SUBLETTE MULTI-TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2020
GENERAL FUND - REVENUE SUMMARY:
Property tax - \$23,253.39; Interest - \$58.79
TOTAL REVENUES: \$23,312.18
GENERAL FUND - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:
All other disbursements less than (\$2,500.) - \$2,326.21
TOTAL VENDORS: \$2,326.21
GENERAL FUND- COMPENSATION SUMMARY
Range : Under \$15,000; Carmen Bollman
Range: Under \$1,000.00: Lisa Bickett, Leesa Burke, Deborah Schultz, Daniel Stephenitch
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$15,800.00
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION
GENERAL FUND: BEGINNING BALANCE: \$35,413.22
REVENUES: \$23,312.18
EXPENDITURES: \$18,126.21
ENDING BALANCE: \$40,599.19
Subscribed and sworn to this 16th day of April, 2020.
Leesa K Burke, Treasurer
No. 0403
(April 22, 2020)

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Amboy Junior High School announces its third quarter honor roll

AMBOY — Amboy Junior High announces its Third Quarter Honor Roll.

Eighth Grade Highest Honors

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Eighth Grade High Honors

Brennan Blaine, Elizabeth Clarida, Blerta Fekolli, Gabrielle Fuller, Hanna Jones, Rylyn Karrow, Alexis Ketchum, Maevae Larson, Landon Montavon, Alexa Morris, Kaylee Scanland, Addison Shaw, Madison Thomas, Eliseo Vazquez-Tapia, Skyler Ware, Landon Whelchel, and Kimber Zitelman

Eighth Grade Honors

Keaten Altizer, Caleb Donna,

Gabriel Jones, Lillian Land, Cole Larson, Madison O'Malley, Nicholas Ochoa, Aaliyah Pointer, Zylar Smith, and Madison Wittenauer

Seventh Grade Highest Honors

Dominic Fonderoli, Addison Pertell, Sydney Thomas, and Alainie Wittenauer

Seventh Grade High Honors

Cordia Asencio, Carson Barlow, Ava Cline, Brysen Full, Jaden Haley, Chloe Heath, Quinton Leffelman, Dillon Merriman, Adrian Mimini, Emersyn Noble, Hunter Rasmussen, Caleb Shugars, Haleigh Stenzel, Brooklyn Strub, Tyrah Vaessen, and Karagen Welch

Seventh Grade Honors

Jarrett Althaus, Lilliana Anderson, Saydee Benavidez, William Jones, Devyn Pasley, and Kaysi Schaeffer

Sixth Grade Highest Honors

Kiera Karlson, Ellie McLaughlin, and Stephanie Nave

Sixth Grade High Honors

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The elementary staff at Faith Christian School in Grand Detour accept the Books by the Bushel donation from Danelle Burrs, Lee County Farm Bureau manager.

Photo submitted



Mrs. Audra Bates and her third grade students accept the Books by the Bushel donation from the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation.

Photo submitted

Books By the Bushel donations awarded in Lee County

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is excited to announce the recipients of their annual Books by the Bushel program to promote agriculture education. Faith Christian School, Grand Detour, St. Anne's School, Dixon, Tri-County Oppor-

tunities Council, Rock Falls, and Steward Elementary School, Steward, were each named recipients of a bushel basket of 12 agriculture related children's books through the Books by the Bushel grant program.

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 like Books by the Bushel, Ag in the Classroom, and college scholarships. If you would like more information about the programs of the

Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation, visit their website, www.lcfbfoundation.org or call 815-857-3531.

Illinois Farm Bureau accepts applications for IVET loan program

BLOOMINGTON — Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) is accepting applications for its Illinois Veterinary Education and Training (IVET) loan program. Loans are available to students attending any accredited college of veterinary medicine in the U.S. and who are focused on Illinois food animal medicine.

The Illinois Veterinary Education Training (IVET) Program helps offset the high cost of veterinary education. The program loans up to \$40,000 to as many as three veterinary students each year. Loans are made over a period of 2-3 years. IVET awards

recipients a \$1,500 stipend during their fourth year in school to help pay expenses associated with clinical rotations. Loans are repaid over five years, during which graduates must commit to working in a food animal practice that services Illinois livestock producers.

"Illinois Farm Bureau encourages veterinary students to pursue a career in caring for food animals. To succeed, farmers need the services of a food-animal veterinarian to help them care for their beef cattle, swine, sheep, and poultry," said Tasha Bunting, Associ-

ate Director of Commodities & Livestock Programs, IFB. "It's an opportunity to help bring a calf into the world and share in the love that farmers have for their animals."

Applications are due May 15, 2020, and can be found online at www.ilfb.org/IVET. The selection committee will interview applicants in spring 2020 at the IAA building in Bloomington, IL. Successful applicants will be notified by mail.

IFB established IVET in 2005. Since then, the organization has awarded more than \$430,000 to 24 veterinary students who

focus on caring for food animals in Illinois.

The Illinois Farm Bureau is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a national organization of farmers and ranchers. Founded in 1916, IFB is a non-profit, membership organization directed by farmers who join through their county Farm Bureau. IFB has a total membership of 396,000 and a voting membership of more than 79,000. IFB represents three out of four Illinois farmers.

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Illinois joins regional states to coordinate reopening economies

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SPRINGFIELD — Gov. JB Pritzker announced Thursday that he and five other Midwestern governors have agreed to coordinate with one another as they make plans for reopening their economies after the COVID-19 pandemic subsides.

Pritzker, a Democrat, joined Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (D), Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine (R), Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers (D), Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb (R) and Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear (D) in announcing the regional effort.

“Our number one priority when analyzing when best to reopen our economy is the health and safety of our citizens. We will make decisions based on facts, science, and recommendations from experts in health care, business, labor, and education,” the governors said in a joint statement.

The governors said they will consider at least four factors in determining when best to reopen their economies: sustained control of the rate of new infections and hospitalizations; enhanced ability to test for the disease and trace the routes of its spread; sufficient health care capacity to handle a resurgence; and best practices for social distancing in the workplace.

The governors stressed that not all parts of the economy, and not all regions, will reopen at the same time.

“Phasing in sectors of our economy will be most effective when we work together as a region,” the governors said. “This doesn’t mean our economy will reopen all at once, or that every state will take the same steps at the same time. But close coordination will ensure we get this right. Over time, people will go back to work, restaurants will reopen, and things will go back to normal. We look forward to working together as one region to tackle this challenge together.”

The six-state Midwest agreement is the third such regional compact to be announced so far. Earlier, California, Oregon and Washington said they would coordinate their reopening. Also, New York announced earlier this week that it will coordinate with six other northeastern states.

During his daily media briefing in Chicago, Pritzker gave little by way of response to questions about why the states of Missouri and Iowa were not included in the group.

“We would love to have as many states as want to join as a part of it. Iowa chose not to be part of this,” he said. “I know they don’t have a stay-at-home rule, you know, yet in place. They’ve made a lot of different decisions than we have.”

The Midwest compact was announced on the same day the U.S. Department of Labor reported another 5.25 million Americans filed first-time unemployment claims during the week that ended April 4, including 141,049 in Illinois.

It also came on the same day the Illinois Department of Public Health announced 1,140 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 125 virus-related deaths over the previous 24 hours, by far the highest single-day death total since Pritzker’s disaster declaration went into effect March 9.

Since the pandemic first appeared in Illinois, the state has recorded 25,733 confirmed cases of the disease, including 1,072 deaths. COVID-19 cases have now been recorded in 90 of the state’s 102 counties. The state has tested 122,589 people for the virus, an increase of 5,660 in the past 24 hours.

Testing and PPE purchases ramp up

Also Thursday, Pritzker announced that the state has significantly increased its capacity to perform COVID-19 screening tests and its ability to supply hospitals and health care centers with personal protective equipment, or PPE.

One of the biggest obstacles to expanding the state’s testing capacity, the governor’s office said in a news release, has been the lack of testing equipment, and specifically the swabs and “viral transport media,” or VTM.

Pritzker announced Thursday that it had secured commitments from state universities and outside vendors to supply the state with “an abundance” of those materials to stock state laboratories and other labs throughout the state.

In addition, the administration announced that the equipment manufacturer Thermo Fisher Scientific has addressed problems previously identified with its COVID-19 testing machines, and the five machines it provided to the state are now operational, and Thermo Fisher has prioritized Illinois as a customer of its equipment and testing procedures.

“Those five machines that we had concerns about are now up and running with reliable results, so reliable that as we ramp up over the next week, we’re estimating additional capacity of thousands more tests per day at our state labs alone,” Pritzker said.

Illinois’ recommended testing criteria will now include “all those who are experiencing COVID-like symptoms,” according to the governor’s office.

The new guidance will apply to state-run drive-thru testing centers and will be offered to medical providers across Illinois, although those with mild symptoms are still encouraged to call a medical provider before seeking a COVID-19 test.



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