



Skipper, (AJHS 8th grader Emma Dinges - left) and Aaron (AHS junior Dashad Greene - center) welcome Chrissy (AHS sophomore Angela Daszkiewicz - right) to Nashville where they all are seeking to make their country western dreams come true.

Photo submitted



Sally Barker, (Amboy High School junior Erin Latta pictured in white), performs at The Country Palace in Nashville, Tenn. She is joined by her back-up singers, June (AJHS 7th grader Natalie Pratt) and Tammy (AHS sophomore Brooklyn Whelchel).

Photo submitted

Fundraising campaign to replace curtains begins at AHS musical

AMBOY — When the curtains open at this weekend’s Amboy School High School musical, supporters of the program are hoping the audience will see the school’s stage is “hurtin’ for curtains.”

For decades the backstage curtains have framed school theater performances, community events and dance recitals. A small group of parents and students plan to kick off what could be a multi-year fundraising campaign to replace the backstage and main curtains.

During intermission of this weekend’s musical, “Phantom of the Country Opera,” cast members will take on a Minute-to-Win-it challenge, asking the audience to fill baskets with spare change or dollar bills. The cast member who collects the most will receive a prize.

Amboy High School presents “Phantom of the Country Opera” on March 13 and 14 at 7 p.m. and March 15 at 2 p.m. at Amboy High School. Because of construction at the

school, attendees are asked to use Door 10 on the east side of the high school. Parking is located in the main parking lot and also along the streets surrounding the school.

“Phantom of the Country Opera” is comedic, country western adaptation of the infamous masked opera ghost and his muse originally portrayed in the Broadway production of “Phantom of the Opera.”

Chrissy, played by AHS sophomore Angela Daszkiewicz, has spent her singing career at

the Opera, but in an unfortunate turn of events, finds herself back in Nashville to take care of her mother’s affairs. She is greeted by The Country Palace janitor Aaron (AHS junior Dashad Greene) and a cast of characters all looking for their big break in the capital of country music. But the reigning queen of country music Sally Barker played by AHS junior Erin Latta isn’t keen on Chrissy’s Nashville debut.

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Toy Show annual dinner to feature bluegrass, country band

SUBLETTE – The Sublette Farm Toy and Antique Tractor Show annual casual dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall. The dinner is open to the public.

Advance tickets are available at Pioneer State Bank and will also be available at the door. Tickets are \$20 each, which includes dinner and entertainment.

This year’s entertainment will be Chuck Lahr & The Purdy River Band. Initially formed in 2013, the band primarily performs original music written by Lahr in the traditional and contemporary style of bluegrass, folk and country, along with classic standards, instrumentals and gospel.

Led by Manchester, Iowa, guitarist and lead vocalist, Lahr, the band is made up of outstanding musicians, with Frank Bayuk on dobro. Bayuk lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and is a retired senior engineering specialist formerly from California. David Sparks plays bass guitar and sings backup harmony vo-



cals. He is a retired professor of finance at the University of Northern Iowa and lives in Waterloo. Steve Moon from Cedar Falls is a banjo player/harmony vocalist and is retired from the University of Northern Iowa as the IT director for the university. The band’s fiddle player is

Rex Gunderson, who has been involved in music for most of his life and is retired living in Melbourne, Iowa.

The members of the band are diverse in their musical talents and come together with many years of experience.

Chuck Lahr & The Purdy

River Band are recipients of several awards from the 2017 and 2018 Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America’s annual Midwest Awards Convention held in Jefferson City, Mo. Lahr was awarded Songwriter of the Year and Male Vocalist of the Year in both 2017 and 2018.

He was awarded Entertainer in Bluegrass Music in 2017. Also, the Purdy River Band was awarded 2018 Bluegrass Band of the Year.

Lahr has released a full-length CD titled, “Midnight Run.”

See **DINNER** page A2

Board votes to prohibit sale of recreational marijuana

BY TONJA GREENFIELD

General Manager

SUBLETTE — The Village of Sublette board voted Monday night to prohibit the sale of recreational marijuana in the village limits.

The board met for their monthly meeting on Monday night in the Ellice Dinges Center. All board members were present except for Sublette Village Trustee Jeff Myers.

Sublette Village Attorney Dana Considine prepared an ordinance for the village prohibiting the sale of recreational marijuana. Considine told the board that they cannot prohibit the sale of medicinal marijuana. She also told the board that if future boards wanted to reverse the ordinance, they had the option to do so. The ordinance was approved 5-0.

Informational Meeting

Acting Sublette Village President John Stenzel said he has been approached by some organizations about having a public information event. He said KSB Hospital is interested in presenting on their new program KSB Care Anywhere. He said ComEd and the Lee County Sheriff’s Department would talk about scams going on. He said Republic Services would be interested in talking about the correct way to recycle. Don Dinges, economic development for the village, said the Illinois I-Cash program expressed interest too.

Considine said title company email scams are a big thing right now, and she may be able to get someone from her office to come to the event to speak on it.

Sublette Village Trustee Julie Kessel said the village should have booths set up where the speakers could address concerns from the residents individually.

Board members will look into options for the future event.

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No change on daylight saving bill Initiative would need feds to sign off

BY CAPITOL NEWS ILLINOIS

news@capitolnewsillinois.com

SPRINGFIELD — An effort in Illinois to prevent biannual clock changes — such as the one that happened Sunday moving time forward one hour — appears stalled.

The state Senate passed a bill in November by Bunker Hill Democrat Andy Manar that calls for setting clocks ahead one hour to daylight saving time on Sunday and leaving Illinois permanently on Central Daylight Time.

But that bill remains in legislative limbo in the House, and even if Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker signs the initiative into law, it could not take effect unless approved by the federal government.

Hawaii and Arizona are the only states granted with such waivers to abolish bi-annual time changes.

The tropical territories of Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands opted out of time changes as well.

“This doesn’t seek [a waiver]. This just says one of two things should happen: There should be a national change or, if Congress were to begin to give states exemptions, that obviously would be a different conversation here on this floor,” Manar said in November. “This doesn’t say that we should ignore federal law.”

Manar declined to comment on this story.

A spokesperson for Amtrak told Capitol News Illinois in November the current system of twice-yearly time shifts caus-

es some inconvenience for the railroad, particularly in November when clocks are wound back one hour. It forces trains running around 2 a.m. that Sunday to stop for one hour and allow clocks to catch up to the train schedule.

The idea for the initiative came to Manar from a Carlinville High School student, he said in a tweet.

The senator also pointed to a Newsweek article that references research suggesting biannual time changes in the U.S. could have detrimental health impacts.

Arizona State University history professor Calvin Schermerhorn said in an interview in October that the Grand Canyon State does not observe daylight savings time due to its brutally hot summer days. Remaining on standard time in the summer means cooler temperatures when people get off work and children leave school.

Other than that, “not having daylight saving is kind of a hassle,” Schermerhorn said, “because half the year we’re on the equivalent of Pacific Time and half the year we’re on Mountain Time.”

The measure is Senate Bill 533. Republican Rep. Allen Skillicorn, from East Dundee, is the House sponsor. He said time changes should be eliminated because they disrupt sleep patterns.

“There is no question that changing our clocks twice per year messes with our daily routines,” he said in a statement.

Ben Orner contributed reporting



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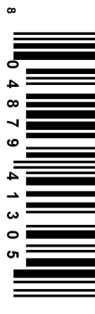
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LOCAL NEWS

Amboy Depot Museum nominee for American's Main Street contest

AMBOY —On Feb. 24, Independent We Stand, a national small business movement, kicked-off its fifth annual America's Main Streets contest to help consumers, small business owners and Main Street organizations reward a deserving Main Street with \$25,000 in cash and sponsor-related prizes. The Amboy Depot Museum in Amboy is among this year's nominees.

"Our Independent We Stand America's Main Streets contest gives small business owners the opportunity to share their Main Street stories nationwide", says Independent We Stand co-founder Bill Brunelle. "But we know it takes a community to make that possible, so we're inviting consumers to help recognize their favorite indie businesses."

The first round of voting in the contest began as soon as the Amboy Depot Museum

was nominated and runs through April 19. All nominations and voting take place on MainStreetContest.com.

Important dates:

- Feb. 24 to April 19: "America's Main Streets" nominations and quarterfinalist voting

- March 16-20: The Great American "West Coast Cruise" road trip

- April 27 to May 24: "America's Main Streets" semifinalist voting

- June 2: "America's Main Streets" winner announced

- July 4: "Main Streets Make Us Better" event; "America's Main Streets" winner announces plans for \$25,000 grand prize

Additional contest prizes include:

- STIHL Equipment Certificate for \$1,000 worth of STIHL equipment good at any STIHL Dealer in the U.S.
- Do it Best Corp. \$500 shopping spree



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He is currently working in the studio on a second CD and has been readily playing the regional live music circuit with his band. "Midnight Run" was awarded the 2015 Vintage Bluegrass CD of the Year by the Rural Roots Music Commission.

Lahr's original music has been described as a "smooth, easy satisfying style, attractive not only to bluegrass fans, but to anyone who has never heard bluegrass music before."

This is a family-friendly band that loves an audience.

The 38th annual Sublette Farm Toy & Antique Tractor Show will be held Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Activities will be held in nine buildings throughout the village. This year's featured line of farm equipment is International Harvester, which has deep roots in Sublette.

In addition to the casual dinner, some of the activities on Saturday will be toy show

vendors opening for business and a book signing by Paul Wallem, author of the book, "The Breakup-What Really Happened." The book delves into the causes of the dissolution of the International Harvester Company.

Sunday starts off with a pancake and sausage breakfast served up by the Sublette firemen at Ellice Dinges Memorial Center. Other events include the farm toy show in seven buildings, a craft show and bake sale at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall, semi-tractor, antique trucks, antique tractors and farm machinery, and antique cars available for viewing, and much more.

The Sub-Let Indians and Maytown Comets 4-H food stands will be set up at the community building and Sublette Elevator.

From March 4



1. TELEVISION: In which state was the fictional town of Mayberry set for the series "The Andy Griffith Show"?
2. MEASUREMENTS: How many years is a sesquicentennial anniversary?
3. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"?
4. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries border China?
5. MUSIC: Which 1990s popular band's original name was Mookie Blaylock?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the first to be born a U.S. citizen?
7. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which Austrian poet once wrote, "Spring has returned. The Earth is like a child that knows poems"?
8. MOVIES: Which futuristic 1970s movie's tagline was "Boy, have we got a vacation for you...?"
9. PSYCHOLOGY: Which abnormal fear is represented in the condition called apiphobia?
10. ADVERTISEMENTS: Which product featured the manicurist Madge in TV commercials beginning in the 1960s?

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March 4 Trivia Test

Answers:
1. North Carolina
2. 150 years
3. Shirley Jackson
4. 14
5. Pearl Jam
6. Martin Van Buren
7. Rainer Maria Rilke
8. Westworld
9. Fear of Bees
10. Palmolive

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VOTE BY MAIL~ signed applications will be accepted through Thursday, March 12, 2020 and is available for properly registered Lee County voters. Applications are available on the website or by contacting the Election Department of her office.

EARLY VOTING~ must be conducted in person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. and Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

PLEASE NOTE: Lee County Courthouse will be closed February 12, 2020 and February 17, 2020.

The votes cast during this time will not be counted until Election Day. Once a ballot has been cast it cannot be rescinded.

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Amboy Community Unit School District #272

Thurs., March 12	AJHS Scholastic Bowl @ St. Mary's, Sterling - 4:00 p.m. AHS Girls & Boys Track @ Westwood, Sterling - 5:00 p.m.
Fri., March 13	End of 3rd Quarter AHS Spring Musical - Auditorium - 7:00 p.m. AHS Spring Musical - Auditorium - 7:00 p.m. AHS Spring Musical - Auditorium - 2:00 p.m.
Sat., March 14	AJHS 7th & 8th Grade Scholastic Bowl @ Holy Cross, Mendota - 4:00 p.m.
Sun., March 15	AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball @ Morrison - 4:30 p.m.
Tues., March 17	AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball (H) Morrison - 4:30 p.m.
Wed., March 18	School Board Meeting - Central School - 7:00 p.m.
Thurs., March 19	Central School Spring Concert - AHS Gym - 6:30 p.m. AJHS Scholastic Bowl (H) - 4:00 p.m. AHS Girls Track @ IWU Shirk Center, Bloomington - 4:00 p.m. AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball (H) Earlville - 4:30 p.m.

LOCAL NEWS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Nastasja Vaessen

Vaessen named AHS student of the month

AMBOY — Nastasja Vaessen, daughter of Jeff and Jennifer Vaessen, was named Amboy High School Student of the Month for March.

GPA: 3.96/4.0

Memberships and Involvement: I am the Class of 2020 president and the Spanish Honor Society vice-president. I am also a member of the National Honor Society.

Awards and Honors: Illinois State Scholar

Best Memories of AHS: The best memories I have at AHS are going to the football games to cheer on the Clippers and have fun with friends.

Future Plans: My current plan is to attend Sauk Valley Community College next year to begin my education as an elementary school teacher and then transfer to Olivet Nazarene University.

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Featuring more than 30 AHS and Amboy Junior High School students and a full pit orchestra, the musical is directed on stage by Amy Schwamberger. The music director is Travis Kemmerer.

"Phantom of the Country Opera" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International and was originally produced at Marriott's Lincolnshire Theater, executive director Kary Walker and artistic director Dyanne Earley. The book was written by Sean Grennan and Kathy Santen, music by Michael Duff and lyrics by Cheryl Coons.

AFSCME retirees to meet on March 18

DIXON — AFSCME Council 31 Sub Chapter 72 Retirees will meet on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at the Union Hall, 622 Palmyra Road, Dixon.

Come for lunch at 11:30 a.m., if you wish. Bring a dish to pass. Meat and table service and drinks provided.

Program will begin at noon. Guest speaker is a representative from Council 31 Union organizers group. She will inform us of the progress of the Sterling General Hospital AFSCME Union.

Members meeting will follow at 1p.m. Announcement of the candidates for officer positions will be made. If you wish to run for one of the positions, please attend this meeting.

Questions should be directed to Barb Schwamberger, President, at 815-440-2672 or by email to amboybarb@gmail.com.

MAY TOWNSHIP-The May Township meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, at the Township Maintenance Building.

AMBOY-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

AMBOY-Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US RT 52, will host Community Bingo at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 12. Bingo will be followed by a light lunch. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

DIXON-Cookin and Bookin, for youth ages 8-12, will meet the second Thursday of each month from March 12 until August 13 at KSB Hospital Private Dining Room. Preregistration is required. go.illinois.edu/CookinBookin.

LEE CENTER TWP-The Lee Center Township Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics by appointment only. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment or to find out about other services offered, like Flu and other Adult Vaccines, free radon test kits, the application process for medical cannabis, Glucose and Cholesterol screenings, tick kits, or mammogram and Pap test programs.

MAYTOWN-St. Patrick Church, 1336 Maytown Rd., will have Lenten Observances on Friday, March 13: 4:30 p.m. Confessions, 5 p.m. Stations of the Cross and 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy High School Spring Musical,

Phantom of the Country Opera, will have performances at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 13, and Saturday, March 14, and a matinee at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, at AHS' James Braida Memorial Auditorium, 11 E. Hawley.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Farm Toy & Tractor Show will be held on Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15, in downtown Sublette.

AMBOY-St. Patrick's Cemetery Spring Cleanup will be Sunday, March 15. Please remove fall and winter decorations before Sunday or they will be discarded.

STERLING-The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Monday, March 16, at Newman Central Catholic High School, 1101 W. 23rd St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will meet at 6 p.m. at the Old NAPA Building, 399 N. Metcalf, on Monday, March 16.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 16, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Road, on Wednesday, March 18, by appointment only. Call the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 to schedule an appointment.

SUBLETTE-The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall on Wednesday, March 18, by appointment only. Call the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 to schedule an appointment.

AMBOY-A Crochet/

Knitting Club will meet from 12 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, at Pankhurst Memorial Library, 3 S. Jefferson. Free and no experience needed. Call 815-994-1536 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy-Lee Center Township Multi-Township Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect

AMBOY-The Amboy

CUSD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 19, at Central School Gym, 30 E. Provost.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, March 20, at Dixon Hope Bible Fellowship, 732 Brinton Ave. Call 800-733-2767 or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate



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Senior Dining Menu

March 16 - 20

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Monday - Hamburger patty, wheat bun, macaroni & cheese, Calif. blend veggies, diced pears

Tuesday - BBQ chicken breast, cheesy potatoes, seasoned green beans, dinner roll, jello w/fruit

Wednesday - Baked pork chop, mashed potatoes/gravy, mixed veggies, dinner roll, apple crisp

Thursday - Sweet and sour meatballs, fluffy rice, blended veggies, wheat bread, apricots

Friday - A) Tuna noodle casserole, broccoli/carrots, pineapple tidbits, dinner roll B) Soup & Sandwich, tomato & chicken salad

Meals served

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Favorite Color - Red

Favorite Animal - Penguin

Favorite Food - Pancakes

Favorite Book - A Book About Penguins

Favorite Game - Mario Odyssey

Favorite Song - 3D Mario Music



JR HIGH MENU

March 16 - 20

Low-fat chocolate, strawberry or unflavored white milk served at each meal.
Choice of breakfast items from cart with juice and fruit.
Warm breakfast choice on Wednesdays.
Lunch option each day of the featured item or salad bar or yogurt with whole grain crackers or peanut butter & jelly or Grab&Go smoothie.

Monday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Pulled pork on a bun, corn chips, baked beans, applesauce cup, pudding

Tuesday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Smokie link, soft pretzel, cheese sauce, broccoli, green jello cup

Wednesday - Biscuit & gravy or pick two from breakfast cart
- Chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomato, sweet potato fries, fresh cut veggies, pineapple

Thursday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Grilled cheese, tomato soup, goldfish, salad, fresh cut veggies, strawberry cup

Friday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Fish sticks, mashed potatoes, corn, roll/butter, fresh cut veggies, juice cup

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CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU

March 16 - 20

Fat-free chocolate, strawberry or unflavored white milk are served at Breakfast and Lunch.

Choice of five 100% real fruit juice cups are served at Breakfast.

Warm breakfast choice on Wednesdays.

Monday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Pulled pork on a bun, corn chips, baked beans, applesauce cup, pudding

Tuesday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Smokie link, soft pretzel, cheese sauce, broccoli, green jello cup

Wednesday - Biscuit & gravy or pick two from breakfast cart
- Chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomato, sweet potato fries, fresh cut veggies, pineapple

Thursday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Grilled cheese, tomato soup, goldfish, salad, fresh cut veggies, strawberry cup

Friday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Fish sticks, mashed potatoes, corn, roll/butter, fresh cut veggies, juice cup

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

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Charles "Bill" W. Jones

Jan. 2, 1929 - March 2, 2020

AMBOY — Charles "Bill" W. Jones, 91, of Amboy, passed away peacefully, Monday, March 2, 2020, at Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation Center, Franklin Grove.

In the beginning of his career, Bill worked for California Packaging, the Ordinance Plant, Sterile Packaging, and then spent 23 years as a Field Technician for the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation.

Charles was born, Jan. 2, 1929, in Paw Paw, the son of and Clyde and Beatrice (Marlow) Jones. He married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Ila M. Meyer on March 18, 1950 in Lee. She preceded him in death on Nov. 4, 2016.

Bill was a devoted husband, father, grandpa, and great grandpa. Bill was a 1947 graduate of Paw Paw

High School, a member of the Methodist Church in Amboy and Dixon, a Master Freemason belonging to the Illinois Central Lodge #178 for 34 years, and a member of the Amboy Fire Department for 24 years as a volunteer firefighter and E.M.T.

He is survived by one son, Kenneth (Peggy) Jones; two daughters, Linda (Curtis) Harrison, Laurie (Craig) Walter, all of Amboy; one brother, Everett Jones, of New Jersey; two sisters, Dorothy Morehead, of Rockford, Sue (Roger) Baker of Eugene, Oregon; special brother-in-law, Jan Prentice, of Paw Paw; six grandchildren, McKenzie (Levi Carlberg) Jones, Jennifer (Patrick Apple) McCoy, Kimberly (Shannone) Moss, Cassandra (Dave Pesce) Jones, Dustin (Kelly) Walter, Alysha (Phillip Gulley) Walter; and five

great-grandchildren, Ashley McCoy, Hannah McCoy, Courtney Moss, Brenden Moss, Lenyx Walter.

Charles was preceded in death by one son, Bernard Jones; his parents; and two brothers, Paul Jones, and Joe Jones.

Per his request, a private memorial service was held on Friday, March 6, 2020 at the Prairie Repose Cemetery Chapel, Amboy, with the Rev. Mark Glenn, officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded, and there will be no formal visitation.

Memorials may be directed to Serenity Hospice and Home, Oregon.

Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon.

Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling.com.

Patricia C. Jones

April 24, 1939 - Feb. 25, 2020

MENDOTA - Patricia C. Jones, 80, passed away Feb. 25, 2020 at AMITA Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove Village with her daughters by her side.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 11 at Holy Cross Catholic Church with Rev. Michael G. Zaniolo officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10 at the Wasmer Funeral Home, 2112 W. Main St., Mendota.

Pallbearers will be her nephews, Eric, Jeff, Jim, Steve and Tim Delhotal, and Mike Hubbell.

Pat was born April 24, 1939 in West Brooklyn to Walter and Rosetta (Chaon) Delhotal. She married Ronald J. Jones in 1959 at St. Mary's Church, West Brooklyn. He preceded her in death on Feb.

8, 2004.

Survivors include two daughters, Brenda (Stephen) Barkman of Mendota and Susan (John) Schneider of Elk Grove Village; five grandchildren, Ian (Lauren) Barkman, Blake Barkman, Madison Barkman, Otto Schneider and Gretchen Schneider; two sisters-in-law, Donna Delhotal and Karen Bonnell; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and three brothers, Delmar Delhotal, Donald Delhotal and Kenneth Delhotal.

Pat graduated from Mendota High School in 1957. During her work career, she was West Brooklyn Village Clerk for many years; helped with the family businesses, Sands Job Printing and the West Brooklyn Inn; and assisted in the activities de-



partment at Heritage Health. She was a long-time member of St. Mary's Altar and Rosary Society, the West Brooklyn Blazers, Mendota Elks Lodge 1212, St. Mary's Catholic Church and Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



BY EMILY GOFF

Head Librarian

Join us at Pankhurst Memorial Library at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, March 24, for an adult program, to learn about bees, and making honey. We have special guest, Tim Benedict coming to teach us everything there is to know about

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RECYCLE! RECYCLE! RECYCLE!

BOARD continued from page A1

In other board news:

- The village's water, garbage and drainage committee met with a representative from Republic Services and discussed options available to the village at the end of February. Stenzel read the minutes from that committee meeting into the public record.

He said that Option 1 was a three year contract extension with a monthly increase. Option 2 saw a 7 year contract extension with set pricing over different time frames. Stenzel said the representative recommended the residents opt

for the 95 gallon totes or carts over the 65 gallon container.

Stenzel said the rep also recommends all residents have their garbage set out by 6:30 a.m. on Thursday morning. Stenzel said the rep also said that if a resident has more than 3 30-gallon containers, the resident needs to call Republic to pay for the extra pick-up and to arrange for the pick-up.

At the end of the meeting under new business, Considine said she read over the village's current garbage contract that was made with Illinois Valley Waste

before they were purchased by Republic Service, and that the village can only extend their contract by 5 years. Stenzel said he would contact Republic about a 5-year extension option.

• Upcoming dates:

March 14-15, Sublette Toy Show

April 13, Monthly Village Board meeting

April 18 - Sublette Village Clean-Up

May 29 - Sublette Cruise Night

The Village of Sublette Board will next meet at 7 p.m., on Monday, April 13 in the Ellice Dinges Center.

SVCC to offer art and architecture trip May 21

DIXON - Take in art and architecture like never before, with a guided city tour through Milwaukee. Experience the grandeur of the Milwaukee Art Museum, the Basilica of St. Josaphat, and Milwaukee City Hall, then set sail down the Historic Third Ward out to Lake Michigan

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Tickets are \$139 per person. Trip includes transportation, driver tip, step-on guide, admission fees, 3-course lunch, sightseeing cruise, and bus snacks. Lunch choices are Salmon Grill (Grilled Scottish Salmon) will pureed

potatoes, vegetables, and seasonal sauce or Poulet Roti (Roast Chicken) with pureed potatoes, vegetables and seasonal sauce. Lunch comes with Bibb lettuce salad with white-wine vinaigrette & Gateau au Chocolat (flourless chocolate torte with crème Anglaise).

Trip is limited to 53 participants, ages 18 and up.

Bus departs SVCC North Parking lot promptly at 7 a.m., arriving in Milwaukee at approximately 9:30 a.m. Bus departs Milwaukee at 4 p.m. and will arrive back at SVCC at approximately 6:30 p.m.

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SOCIAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our annual Fish Fry will be held March 20, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. It will be held at the Teen Turf building. We will be serving Fish, French Fries, Salad Bar & Coleslaw, Desserts and Beverages. Adults are \$9 and Children 10 years or younger are \$5. This benefits our after school program as well as our summer program.

SAVE THE DATE

Our 21st Annual Draw Down is being held on Saturday, May 2. Come out for a good time with good food and the chance to win the Grand Prize of \$1,500. Tickets will be available soon.

DON'T FORGET TO SUPPORT THE KIDS AT THE MUSICAL

Many of our past and present students are participating in the Amboy High School production of Phantom of the Country Opera this March 13-15.

LOOKING FOR SUMMER HELP

Know someone who needs extra money this Summer? We have positions open this summer to help with our Summer camp. We partner with two wonderful organizations that will assist you in making us a great place for the

kids. If interested or have questions, please call Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195 or 815-857-4800.

THANK YOU'S

We are blessed to receive many items. A special thanks to the following people who provided us with food: Elaine Powers, Terry and Bev Halsey, Phil and Denise Romensk, Fran Kessel, Pat Novak, and Citadel. Thank you to Nancy Hochstatter for her donation.

BOARD MEMBERS

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CHAIR AEROBICS

A great group gets together at 10 a.m., every Tuesday and Thursday morning. The goal is to keep moving and healthy. There is no charge but a donation box is set out and the money goes toward the utility bills. The philosophy is pay or pray. If you can't afford to put some money in the box just say a prayer. Prayers are what have kept Teen Turf going all these years.

TAX FREE DONATIONS

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Federal Savings and Loan, First National Bank of Amboy, and Pioneer State Bank (former Farmers State Bank of Sublette) if you would like to donate to our programs. All donations are tax deductible as we are a 501(c)3. Teen Turf has been in existence for over 20 years. Since we do not receive any state or federal money we survive on the generosity of the community. United Way has been a huge supporter for 15 years. If you are able to help us out please send your donations to Teen Turf P. O. Box 321 Amboy, Illinois 61310.

RECYCLED CANS

Yes we are still recycling cans. Just put your bags behind the fence on the red trailer. The white wire rack is for plastic and paper recycle items. Be sure that all the RECYCLE materials are tied and secured in bags or boxes. It helps our environment and our van upkeep. If you have cans that need to be picked up just call 815-857-4800.

Please do not drop off TV's - We cannot recycle them

LOST & FOUND

Please call 815-857-4800 if you are missing any of the many coats, hats, and gloves that have been left at Teen Turf.

The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

The Sea

Max Morden, the narrator of John Banville's "The Sea," describes himself as a dilettante who contentedly lived off his wife's money. "I never had a personality. I was always a distinct no one whose fiercest wish was to be an indistinct someone." Max has recently lost his wife Anna to cancer. In his grief, he retreats to a seaside resort where he and his mother had stayed half a century ago when he was a poor ten-year old boy.

Banville is famous for his dense style, and the first half of the novel demands more than a little patience with passages like: "the clock has a hesitant geriatric tick" or "the past beats inside me like a second heart" or "What a little vessel of sadness we are, sailing in this muffled silence through the autumn dark." But the second half is superb, a kind of simplicity prevails, as if the tangles of the first half were being unraveled.

Max stays at a boardinghouse called The Cedars, run by the enigmatic Miss Vavasour. Since it's the off-season, the only other guest is a retired colonel Blunden, a comic character who courted Miss Vavasour until Max's arrival. Max and Miss Vavasour know each other, but Banville withholds her identity until the dramatic ending.

During his stay, Max entwines his terrible grief over Anna's death with his memories of the family he met as a boy. They are the Graces, grand, affluent, a challenge to Max, the working-class kid who has never met such people before. He instantly falls for Connie, the handsome mother; the twins, Chloe and Myles, are Max's age. Myles has never spoken a word and Chloe, who is both volatile and cruel, draws Max into a bewildering relationship, which he calls "those weeks of enraptured humiliations." But more important for him, "In her I had my first experience of the absolute otherness of people." Before he was housed in his childhood, now he was in the open, the clearing.

The tragedy that befalls the Graces is told rather off-handedly, as a concluding revelation. What is at the heart of the novel is the anguish and confusion Max feels on losing Anna. He didn't know how to behave during that year of Anna's illness and death. She took extended baths in the afternoon when she fell ill, and there were times when he wanted her to slip into the water. Anna knew, of course. "Poor Max," she said, "having to be nice."

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Expand your creativity with Snappy Crafters

Do you like to challenge your creativity? During this 4-H Club, youth ages eight to 13 will have the chance to explore and expand their creativity. Each week, youth will be given a different art challenge to complete while using items from our robust inventory of art materials.

The Amboy club meets from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 12, 19, April 2, 9, 16 and 23 at the Lee County Extension Office in Amboy. Pre-registration is required and can be done at go.illinois.edu/LeeArtChallenge.

American Legion birthday
dinner set for March 15

AMBOY — The Amboy American Legion Birthday Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, at Walton Tap. Roger and Lexi Wiley, married veterans, will be featured speakers. All Legion members are encouraged to attend.

Cemetery decorations
need to be removed

AMBOY — All decorations in St. Patrick Cemetery must be out by March 15 for Spring Clean-up or they will be discarded.

The cost of the club is \$10 for current 4-H'ers and \$30 for new 4-H'ers. We can't wait to see you! One may contact Kathy Book in Lee County at 815-857-3525 or Molly Sedig in Carroll County at 814-244-9444 for more information.

Lucky Clovers 4-H Club to learn about Crime Spy Science

Lucky Clovers 4-H Club is a new 4-H Club in Lee County. Lucky Clovers 4-H Club is an inclusive place for kids of all kinds and they will be learning about different topics throughout the 4-H year. The club will meet on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. starting April 1 in Dixon. The club's next topic will be Crime Spy Science.

For more information about joining the Lucky Clovers 4-H club, call Kathy at 815-857-3525 or email kbook@illinois.edu.

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Addiction is a disease, not black mark on the family

One of the things I admire about U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar is how openly she speaks about growing up with an alcoholic parent.

Substance abuse issues of family members — and politicians themselves — have long been a taboo subject. And that's unfortunate.

But Klobuchar has helped push aside the veil of shame that has long surrounded the subject. In politics, more than in any other profession, image rules. That is why Klobuchar's candor is so refreshing.

The U.S. Senator from Minnesota withdrew from the race for the Democratic presidential nomination on Monday without winning a single primary. But her candidacy still had impact.

One thing she demonstrated was that addiction should be treated like any other health concern. It's a disease, not a personal shortcoming.

Jim Klobuchar's addiction brought consternation into Klobuchar's early life. He showed up drunk at her high school and college graduations. The well-known Minneapolis sports-writer was repeatedly arrested for drunken driving. But his daughter was instrumental in getting him to seek treatment.

The senator spoke lovingly of her father's decades of sobriety and used it as a reference point when calling for taxing

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



opioid prescriptions to provide substance abuse rehabilitation services to all Americans in need.

For generations, those who have chosen public service have treated family members with addictions as embarrassments. And the press has shied away from reporting it.

With very few exceptions, it's only when substance abuse results in the arrest of someone in the public eye that reporters mention the matter.

"It has long just been considered a private matter that isn't reported on unless it affects how an elected official does his job," said Charles Wheeler III, a longtime statehouse reporter and retired director of the public affairs reporting program at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

I understand the argument, but perhaps it's time to rethink that axiom.

After all, a family member with a substance abuse problem can affect how well someone can do their job. It also can be a factor in how elected officials make public policy decisions.

For example, in the case of Klobuchar it sparked a desire to expand addiction services.

But it can affect policy decisions in other ways. For example, former Gov. Bruce Rauner opposed legalizing recreational marijuana. It was rumored in the statehouse that his opposi-

tion stemmed from a family member's history of addiction.

When I asked his administration about this several years ago, I was met with silence.

Again, addiction is a disease, not a black mark on a family. It would be wonderful if our chosen leaders exhibited leadership in this area as Klobuchar or Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds has.

Reynolds has been open about her alcoholism and nearly 20 years of sobriety. She also has been open about how her recovery experience has affected policy judgments, such as her decision to veto a medical marijuana bill.

While such moves toward greater openness about addiction and recovery are encouraging, there is a legacy of shame and silence that needs to be overcome.

For example, former Illinois Gov. Otto Kerner's wife Helena suffered from alcoholism. At one of his inaugurations the governor had to physically support his inebriated wife as he took the oath of office.

And yet the governor — and the press — never mentioned the matter in a near conspiracy of silence.

It is difficult to imagine if his wife suffered from some other disease — such as diabetes or cancer — that he would have cloaked it in the same type of shame that surrounds alcoholism.

When those in the public light choose to do this they only magnify the stigma that surrounds the illness.

Klobuchar is to be commended for speaking out. And others should as well.

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



On This Day in History

100 Years Ago March 12, 1920

Miss Anna Miller spent Saturday in Dixon.

Mrs. Frank Estey was surprised Thursday when her brother, Harry Patterson from Racine, Wis., walked in on her.

Lewis Bedient has accepted the office of janitor of the school building in Lee Center.

75 Years Ago March 8, 1945

William G. Hull is observing the eighth anniversary of his entry into business on Main Street. Hull's as his confectionery and news stand is popu-

larly known, was established March 1, 1937, when he purchased the business from Fred Bybee.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Koesler and two daughters moved Monday to Aurora where they will make their new home.

50 Years Ago March 12, 1970

St. Anne's Parochial Grade School in Amboy will close at the end of this school year. The decision of the Mother House of the School Sisters of Notre Dame at DeKalb was received here by Rev. Fr. Robert P. Donovan, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Amboy.

Amboy Lions Club is again sponsoring a Wrestling Show. It will be held Tuesday evening, March 17, at 8:00 in

Amboy Junior High gym.

Mrs. Gail Garrett reports that she saw five robins in her yard Sunday. Also the turtle doves have returned to the Garrett neighborhood. Another sign of spring is that the Garretts' tulips on the west side of their house are now three inches high.

25 Years Ago March 16, 1995

The way has been cleared for a Dairy Queen to open in Amboy, pending site approval from the company's headquarters.

Amboy High School finished second in the 1994-95 IHSA Class A Sectional Scholastic Bowl Tournament hosted by St. Bede Academy Saturday.



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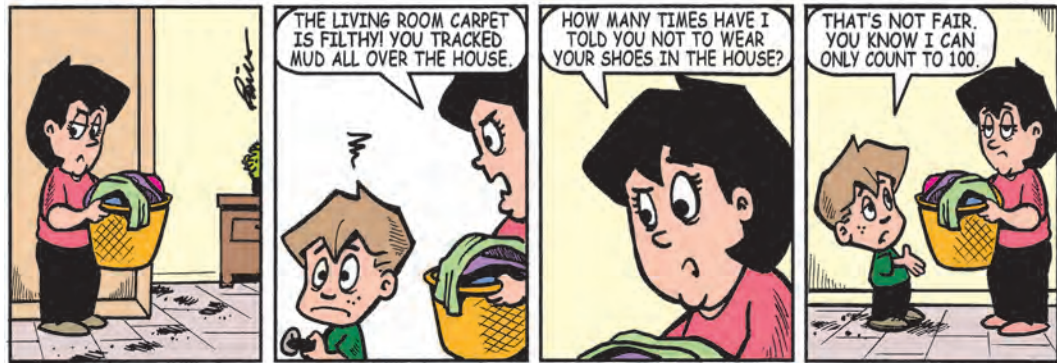
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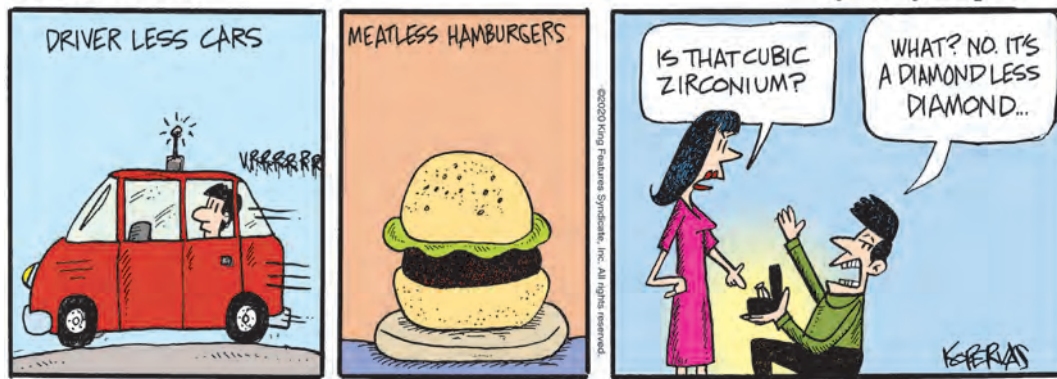
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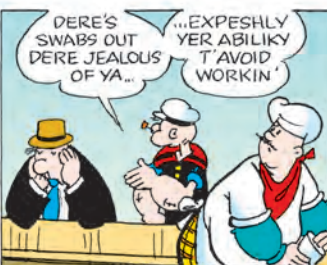
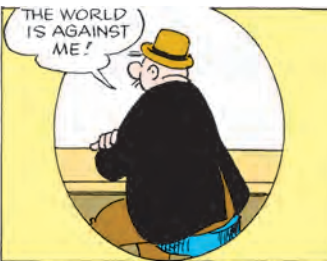
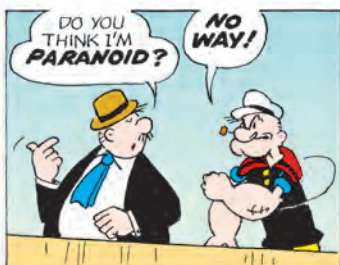
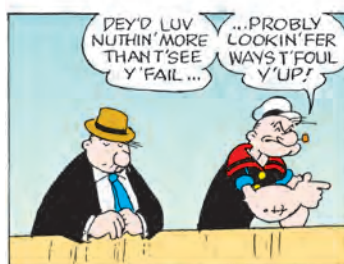
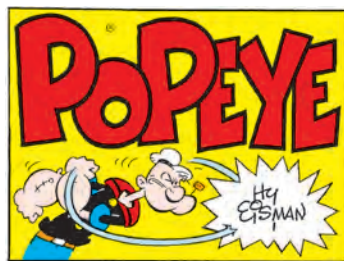
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LAFF-A-DAY



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!

Stride

CAPE

Humid

PICTOR

Alcove

INCH

Ambition

RESIDE

TODAY'S WORD

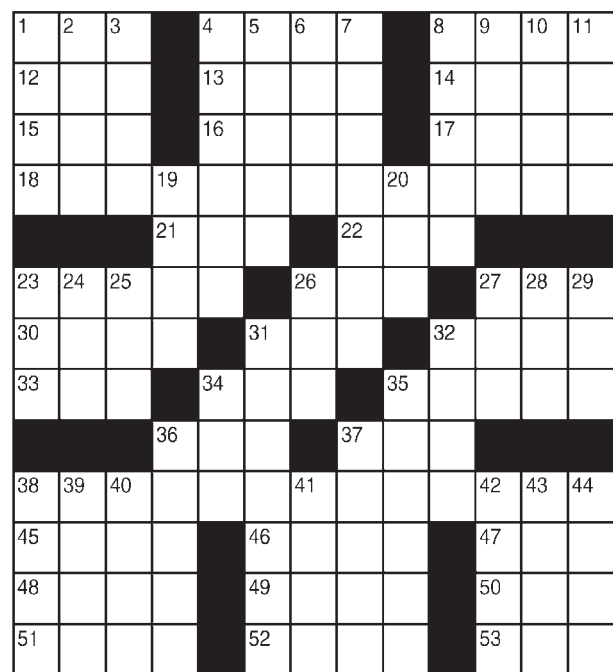
"What I like best about is you don't have to wash your hands before eating."

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Symbol of intrigue
- 4 Jet forth
- 8 Faucet problem
- 12 Shade
- 13 Part of the foot
- 14 Solemn promise
- 15 Geological period
- 16 Silver salmon
- 17 Wrinkly fruit
- 18 Informal game
- 21 "Absolutely"
- 22 Deposit
- 23 Brilliance
- 26 Cotillion honoree
- 27 Blond shade
- 30 Proper subject?
- 31 Stop running
- 32 Toll road
- 33 Pooch
- 34 Cover
- 35 Bizarre
- 36 "A mouse!"
- 37 Donkey
- 38 Uncanny ability to make money
- 45 Memory unit
- 46 Tittle
- 47 Aye canceler
- 48 Practice pugilism



DOWN

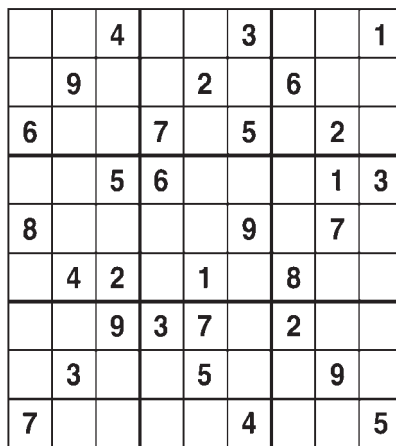
- 1 Sharpen
- 2 Continental coin
- 3 Bridges or Brummell
- 4 Potpourri bag
- 5 College lecturers, often
- 6 Reverberate
- 7 "Yahoo!"

- 8 Uncertainty
- 9 Sitarist's music
- 10 "— have to do"
- 11 Collins or Donahue
- 19 Greenish-blue
- 20 Bathroom fixture
- 23 Conclusion
- 24 Bill's partner
- 25 Drag along
- 26 Accomplished
- 27 Football fill
- 28 Go downhill rapidly?
- 29 Haw preceder
- 31 Long-snouted antelopes
- 32 Mexican moola
- 34 Mainlander's memento
- 35 Will subject
- 36 Nail smoother
- 37 Moving about
- 38 Recipe meas.
- 39 Syringe, for short
- 40 Greek vowels
- 41 Top-notch
- 42 Troop group
- 43 Arrived
- 44 Advertise

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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

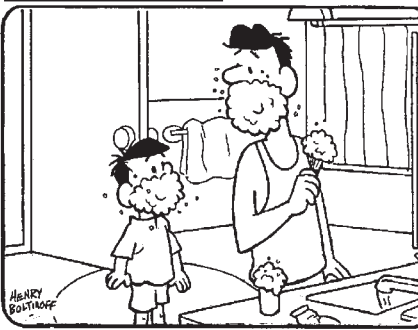
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: Which product was advertised as "the champagne of bottled beer"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which was the first designated national park in the United States?
3. BIBLE: From which book of the New Testament does the proverb "the blind leading the blind" originate?
4. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president established the Purple Heart award to military members injured or killed in battle?
5. LITERATURE: What is the title of a classic novel that its British author originally named "Strangers from Within"?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which animal's home is called a lodge?
7. FOOD & DRINK: Which spice is described as "the Queen of Spices"?
8. MUSIC: Who wrote the libretto and music to the opera "The Flying Dutchman"?
9. HISTORY: Which country's revolution was described in the book "Ten Days That Shook the World"?
10. ANATOMY: What is the most common blood type in humans?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Differences: 1. Polka dots are added. 2. Knob is different. 3. Towel is shorter. 4. Shirt is different. 5. Cup is missing. 6. Water is off.

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: R equals Z

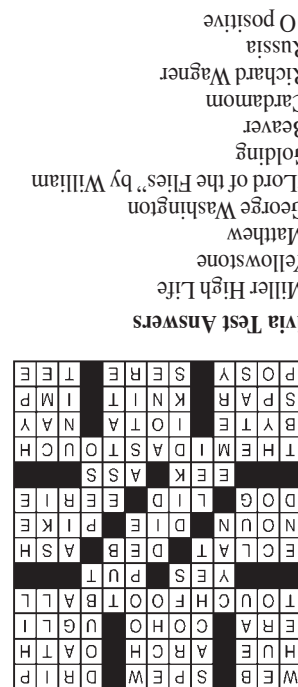
FZ TE FITOFTE SJJPZ DYI APBN QTK,
F MBPVWQP JP SYWOK DFAP NYW
T MFRRT JFV QFEK!

PICNICS

Today's Word

1. Pace; 2. Tropic; 3. Niche; 4. Desire

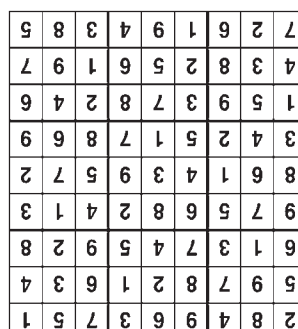
SCRAMBLERS



Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 24 mins.

CryptoQuip

If an Italian chef got very mad, I presume he could give you a pizza his mind!

Classified Marketplace

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Sell your household items for free.
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101 LEGAL NOTICE

TAX DEED NO.: 2017TX00005 FILED: 2/18/2020 TAKE NOTICE

County of Lee
Date Premises Sold:
October 31, 2017
Certificate No.: 2017-
00009

Sold for General Taxes
of (Year): 2016

Sold for Special As-
sessment of (Municipal-
ity) and Special Assess-
ment Number: N/A

Warrant No.: N/A In-
stallment No.: N/A
THIS PROPERTY HAS
BEEN SOLD FOR DELIN-
QUENT TAXES

Property Located at:
141 North Blackstone
Avenue, Amboy, IL
61310-

Legal Description or
Property Index No.: 02-
15-15-478-002

This notice is to ad-
vise you that the above
property has been sold
for delinquent taxes
and that the period of
redemption from the
sale will expire on July
22, 2020.

The amount to redeem
is subject to increase
at 6 month intervals
from the date of sale
and may be further in-
creased if the purchas-
er at the tax sale or his

or her assignee pays
any subsequently ac-
cruing taxes or special
assessments to redeem
the property from sub-
sequent forfeitures or
tax sales. Check with
the County Clerk as to
the exact amount you
owe before redeeming.

This notice is also to ad-
vise you that a petition
has been filed for a tax
deed which will trans-
fer title and the right to
possession of this prop-
erty if redemption is not
made on or before July
22, 2020.

This matter is set for
hearing in the Circuit
Court of Lee County
in 309 S. Galena Ave.,
Room 410, Dixon, Illi-
nois 61021 on August
3, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

You may be present at
this hearing, but your
right to redeem will al-
ready have expired at
that time.

**YOU ARE URGED TO
REDEEM IMMEDIATE-
LY TO PREVENT LOSS
OF PROPERTY**

Redemption can be
made at any time on or
before July 22, 2020 by
applying to the County
Clerk of Lee County, Il-
linois at the Office of the
County Clerk in Dixon,
Illinois.

**FOR FURTHER IN-
FORMATION CON-
TACT THE COUNTY
CLERK**

112 East 2nd Street
Dixon, Illinois 61021
815-288-3309

Equity One Investment
Fund LLC
Purchaser or Assignee
2/18/2020

Occupant
Michael T. Koch
Michael T. Koch
Michael T. Koch d/b/a
Miracles Everyday Day-
care

Miracles Everyday Day-
care
Illinois Secretary of
State for Miracles Ev-
eryday Daycare
Cathy Myers, County
Clerk of Lee County,
Illinois

Claimants, Judgment
Creditors, and Decree
Creditors, if any of the
above described as
"Unknown Owners"

"Unknown owners or
parties interested in
said land or lots"

Case No.:
2017TX00005
No. 0301

March 4, 11, 18, 2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWNSHIP AND ROAD BUDGETS

Notice is hereby given
that Tentative Budgets
and Appropriation Or-
dinances for the East
Grove Township, Lee
County, Illinois, for the
fiscal year beginning
April 1, 2020 and end-
ing March 31, 2021
will be on file and con-
veniently available to
public inspection at
East Grove Twp Bldg
from and after 8 a.m. on
March 11, 2020.

Notice is further given
that a public hearing on
said Budgets and Ap-
propriation Ordinanc-
es will be at 8:00 p.m.
April 14, 2020 at the
East Grove Twp Bldg
and that final action on
these ordinances will
be taken at the public
hearing.

Dated on this 06th day
of March 2020.
Brian Blaine
Supervisor
Charles Gonigam
Clerk

No. 0303
(March 11, 2020)

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given
to the legal voters, res-
idents of the Town of
East Grove in the Coun-
ty of Lee and State of
Illinois, that the Annual
Town Meeting of said
Town will take place
on Tuesday, April 14th,
2020 being the second
Tuesday of said month
at the hour of 7:30
o'clock p.m. at the East
Grove Twp Building for
the transaction of mis-
cellaneous business of
the said town; and af-
ter a Moderator having
been elected, will pro-
ceed to hear and con-
sider reports of officers,
and decide on such
measures as may, in
pursuance of law, come
before the meeting; and
especially to consider
and decide the follow-
ing: Elect moderator,
and approve Township
Supervisors Annual Fi-
nancial Statement. Dat-
ed March 10th, 2020

Charlie Gonigam, East
Grove Twp. Clerk
No. 0304
(March 11, 2020)

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given
to the legal voters, res-
idents of the Town of
Amboy in the Coun-
ty of Lee, State of Illi-
nois, that the Annual
Town Meeting of said
Town will take place on
Tuesday, April 14, 2020
being the second Tues-
day of said month at the
hour of 7:00 p.m. at the
Amboy Township Build-
ing 106 S. Prospect
Amboy, IL for the trans-
action of the miscella-
neous business of the
said Town; and after a
moderator having been
elected, will proceed to
hear and consider re-
ports of officers, and de-
cide on such measures
as may, in pursuance
of law, come before the
meeting. The regular
monthly meeting will im-
mediately follow.
Glen Foss, Town Clerk
No. 0305
March 11, 2020

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MARCH IS SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS MONTH

THE SEASON IS HERE. BE PREPARED.

As a record number of tornado outbreaks in December clearly demonstrated, severe weather can happen at any time of the year. To help people better prepare for weather emergencies, IEMA and local emergency management agencies will be promoting Severe Weather Preparedness Month throughout the month of March.

The National Weather Service and state and local emergency management officials strongly encourage people to have a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) All Hazards Weather Radio with battery backup. These radios can be programmed to receive alerts for specified counties to keep you and your family apprised of impending weather and post-event information for all types of hazards including natural (earthquakes), environmental (chemical spills) and public safety hazards (AMBER alerts). When an alert is issued for the programmed area, the device will sound a warning alarm tone followed by the essential information.

In this day and age of families constantly on the go, it is also critical for people to have multiple ways to receive notifications and updated information about severe weather warnings. FEMA offers a FREE mobile app that provides fast and reliable weather alerts from the National Weather Service (NWS). The app can be tailored to offer alerts for up to five different locations nationwide. The mobile app can also help you locate open shelters and disaster resource centers near you in the event of an emergency.

For more information about what to do before, during and after a storm, please visit www.Ready.Illinois.gov. There you will find a Severe Weather Preparedness Guide, developed by IEMA and NWS, which provides tips on how to prepare for all weather emergencies. Additional tips and information are available on the Ready Illinois Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ReadyIllinois) and Twitter page (www.twitter.com/ReadyIllinois).

Tornado Watches and Warnings

Two key alerts relate specifically to tornado conditions.

Tornado Watch - Conditions are conducive to the development of tornadoes in and close to the watch area.

Tornado Warning - A tornado has actually been sighted by spotters or indicated on radar and is occurring or imminent in the warning area.

In addition, severe thunderstorms can produce tornadoes, or cause damage of their own from wind gusts of 58 mph or greater and/or hail 3/4-inch in diameter or larger.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch - Conditions are conducive to the development of severe thunderstorms in and close to the watch area.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning - A severe thunderstorm has actually been observed by spotters or indicated on radar, and is occurring or imminent in the warning area.

While tornadoes can still occur without a watch or warning being in effect, advances in the science and technology have greatly increased the ability of meteorologists to provide advance notice of them.

It is difficult to generalize the clues that portend tornadoes, and even potentially dangerous, because people looking for given conditions may be led to a false sense of security when these conditions are not present.

When a Tornado Threatens

You can improve the odds of your home surviving high winds by taking these precautions, but you won't make it tornado-proof. Nor do these measures guarantee your safety. Take these additional steps to protect yourself and your family as fully as possible:

- Decide in advance where you will take shelter (a local community shelter, perhaps, or your own underground storm cellar or in-residence "safe" room). When a tornado approaches, go there immediately. If your home has no storm cellar or in-residence "safe" room and you have no time to get to a community shelter, head to the centermost part of your basement or home —away from windows and preferably under something sturdy like a workbench or staircase. The more walls between you and the outside, the better.
- Become familiar with your community's severe weather warning system and make certain every adult and teenager in your family knows what to do when a tornado "watch" or "warning" sounds. Learn about your workplace's disaster safety plans and similar measures at your children's schools or day care centers.
- Study your community's disaster preparedness plans and create a family plan in case you are able to move to a community shelter. Identify escape routes from your home and neighborhood and designate an emergency meeting place for your family to reunite if you become separated. Also establish a contact point to communicate with concerned relatives.
- Put together an emergency kit that includes a three-day supply of drinking water and food you don't have to refrigerate or cook; first aid supplies; a portable NOAA weather radio; a wrench and other basic tools; a flashlight; work gloves; emergency cooking equipment; portable lanterns; fresh batteries for each piece of equipment; clothing; blankets; baby items; prescription medications; extra car and house keys; extra eyeglasses; credit cards and cash; important documents, including insurance policies.
- Move anything in your yard that can become flying debris inside your house or garage before a storm strikes. Do this only if authorities have announced a tornado "watch," however. If authorities have announced a tornado "warning," leave it all alone.
- Don't open your windows. You won't save the house, as once thought, and you may actually make things worse by giving wind and rain a chance to get inside.
- Don't try to ride out a tornado in a manufactured home. Even manufactured homes with tie-downs overturn in these storms because they have light frames and offer winds a large surface area to push against. In addition, their exteriors are vulnerable to high winds and wind-borne debris.

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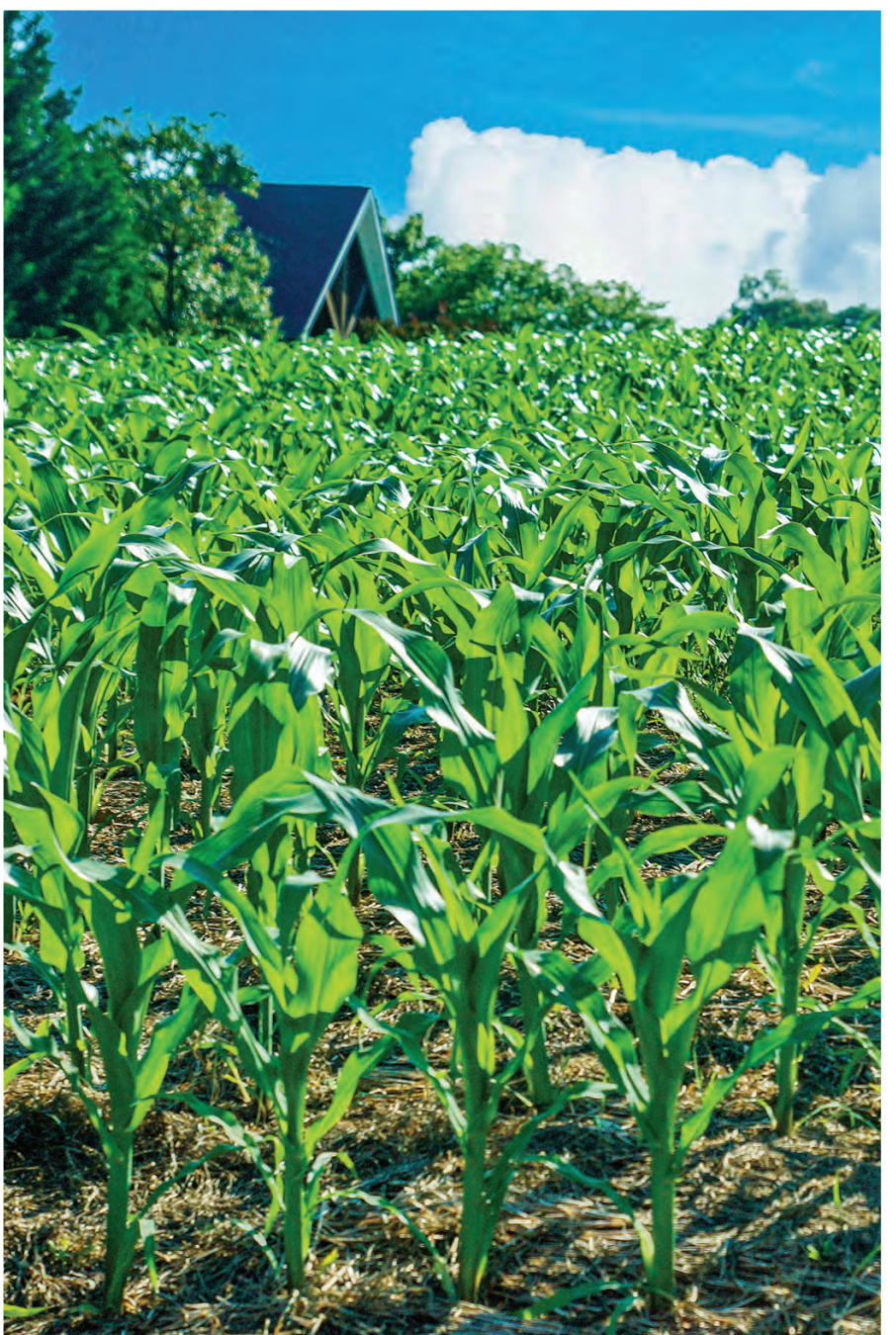
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NASS urges farmers to participate in prospective plantings survey

BLOOMINGTON—Some farmers may be holding out to decide what crops they're going to plant this spring for a variety of reasons, including weather and economic indicators.

But those contacted by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) should still take the time to respond to the prospective plantings survey, which should have hit mailboxes at the end of February.

NASS, currently in the process of contacting about 80,000 farmers nationwide, relies solely on those farmers to generate the March 31 prospective plantings report.

"The best source of data is the farmers," Lance Honig, NASS Crops Branch Chief, said at USDA's Ag Outlook Forum. "The more who fill out the form, whether it be online, through the mail or by phone, the more accurate the information is going to be."

USDA released its first baseline estimates of 2020 crop acreage at the forum. It projects U.S. plantings this season at 94 million acres of corn (up 5% from last year) and 85 million acres of soybeans (up 12% from a year ago), assuming normal weather.

Of course, a lot can change from now until planters actually hit the field, as evidenced last year when farmers declared a record 19.4 million prevented plant acres. But that doesn't diminish the importance of the prospective plantings report.

"The report gives us the first look at what acreage might look like in 2020 and what farmers intentions are at that point," Honig said. "We fully recognize plans could change. But, quite frankly, this report could be a factor farmers look at to see if they want to change their plans."

NASS procedures were questioned last year due to extreme acreage and yield

uncertainty caused by a bevy of weather issues. Illinois Farm Bureau worked with the agency to ensure the best procedures are in place.

"Many farmers and outside analysts felt that the USDA estimates did not reflect the poor planting conditions that had been expected to reduce the prospects for such a big crop," said Robert Johansson, USDA chief economist.

"Of course, what the estimates did reflect was what farmers were saying on the NASS surveys coupled with satellite information as well as data from the Farm Service Agency and the Risk Management Agency."

In the end, the NASS corn crop forecast in August was less than a 5% deviation from the final estimate for the fifth straight year. The highest deviation between those two estimates in the last 25 years occurred in 1995 when the August corn crop forecast

missed the final mark by more than 7.5%.

"2019 was a challenging year for everyone involved. But extreme weather conditions occur somewhere just about every year," Honig said. "Our procedures are designed to account for something like that. We did have to do some re-surveys (for planting and harvest)."

Jim Angel, immediate past Illinois state climatologist, doesn't foresee a repeat of last year's extreme weather conditions despite the wet start to 2020.

"We'd like to think that will never happen again. No two years are exactly the same," Angel said. "Right now, our main concern is we've had a very wet winter across the Midwest, so it's kind of the same situation."

"The thing that broke the dam last year was we had big storms in March that dumped a lot of rain and snow," he added. "Right now, we haven't had that, yet."

The climate conversation is heating up: What can ag do?

CHICAGO—The Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) checkoff program recently hosted nearly 50 attendees to engage with industry experts around climate variability. The summit explored data around the shifting climate in Illinois over the last century, what this could mean for the future, what different

industries are doing and what agriculture can do.

"Critical conversations like this help us better understand and respond to topics affecting our industry and help us remain a leader on behalf of soybean farmers throughout the state," said Doug Schroeder, chairman of the ISA and farmer from Ma-

homet. "Today, we looked at how agriculture can show up and be part of the conversation. We know agriculture is part of the solution, not the problem."

Jim Angel, retired Illinois state climatologist, shared data showing the changes climatologists have seen over the last century. In Illinois, there has been a 1.2 degree Fahrenheit increase in surface temperatures since 1895 with projections for an average of another 5 to 9 degree Fahrenheit increase by the end of this century. Looking forward, Angel sees the Midwest becoming warmer and experiencing more frequent and heavier rain events. In addition, 2020 is shaping up to be another wet year.

When questioned what the biggest contributor to carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is and the best solution, Angel stated, "There's no one single contributor when it comes to carbon dioxide emissions. Each industry has the opportunity to decrease its carbon footprint, but agriculture has the unique opportunity to take some away. Carbon dioxide can be put back into the soil through organic matter."

Jill Wheeler, head of sustainable productivity in North America at Syngenta, sees a growing focus on climate smart agriculture, momentum toward an ecosystem services market and corporate commitments. "We need to integrate and bridge the gap between industry and producers," Wheeler said. "Industries have started to make sustainability commitments, but we need to make sure we can meet those commitments first. Farmers are an important part of finding this solution, and we need to make sure they are a part of the conversation."

Pipa Elias, director of agriculture for North America at The Nature Conservancy (TNC), works with corporations, policymakers and other stakeholders to combat climate change from the

ground up. Elias is working to open up conversations within the supply chain that lead to collaborative solutions.

"There are two paths," Elias stated. "We continue what we are doing, or we partner with each other to create a better future. We are all part of the solution. The power is in our hands right now, but we may not have these opportunities in the future."

Both Syngenta and TNC are members of the Ecosystem Services Market Consortium, an initiative working to create a market-based approach to improve soil health systems that benefit growers financially and deliver environmental benefits to society as a whole. According to TNC, farmers have the potential to benefit significantly from this approach. Cover crops can sequester about 0.13 tons of carbon per acre. At a payment of \$10 per ton, that's \$160 million back in farmers' pockets across 122 million acres of cropland in the Corn Belt.

"Many people do not think of agriculture when talking about corporate climate goals," said Elias. "We need to give growers access to knowledge and resources to successfully adopt conserva-

tion practices while also benefiting from the market. The only way this system works is if growers make money."

"Now is the time to have these conversations, when there is a willingness from all parties to come to the table," stated Jayma Appleby, director of industry relations for the ISA. "We need to engage, rather than educate. Who are the partners we need to work with to be successful in this endeavor? It has to be more than just agriculture with skin in the game. We also need to make sure solutions are profitable for all involved."

The ISA checkoff and membership programs represent more than 43,000 soybean farmers in Illinois. The checkoff funds market development, soybean production and profitability research, issues management analysis, communications and education. Membership and advocacy efforts support Illinois soybean farmers' interests in local areas, Springfield and Washington, D.C., through the Illinois Soybean Growers. ISA programs are designed to ensure Illinois soy is the highest quality, most dependable, sustainable and competitive in the global marketplace. For more information, visit ilsoy.org.

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Take steps to prevent farm grain bin accidents this spring

DECATUR—Grain bin accidents happen quickly. In a matter of seconds, a grown man can be buried by moving grain and suffocate. Farming is one of the most dangerous occupations, according to the National Safety Council. No amount of bushels is worth a life. Illinois farmers should take time to be safe while monitoring or working with grain bins this spring.

In Illinois, most accidents involve being trapped in flowing corn, soybeans or wheat from bins, wagons or trucks. Adults can be trapped in less than five seconds and submerged in 20 seconds or less and small children can quickly be suffocated.

"Grain flowing from

the bottom of a bin is like quicksand," said Doug Gucker, Illinois Extension Local Food Systems and Small Farms Educator. "Once someone has been pulled into grain above their knees, they cannot get out by themselves because of the pressure on their legs."

Avoid accidents by taking preventative steps that will reduce the need to enter a grain bin. Lock entrances to grain handling areas to keep out bystanders and children. Install ladder inside bins for an emergency exit. If you must enter a bin to check storage conditions, shut off and lock out all unloading equipment and treat the bin as a potentially dangerous confined space. Enter a bin with a trained observer to assist you and wear a properly anchored lifeline.

Make sure the atmosphere in the bin is safe. Run the fan in the grain bin for several hours before

attempting to go in because dust and gasses produced by out-of-condition grain can be deadly. Wear a dust filter or respirator and hearing protection.

Moldy or wet grain often clumps together on the upper layers. As you unload from the bottom, a large air pocket can form below the surface. Use a long wooden pole to break up clumped grain from above. The weight of anyone walking on the crusted surface can cause grain to collapse.

If grain starts to flow while you are in the bin, stay near the outer wall and keep walking. Get to a bin ladder or safety rope as quickly as possible.

If someone becomes trapped in grain, shut off power unloading equipment immediately. Turn on the aeration fan and call 911. For more information on grain safety, including training programs, visit grain-safety.org.

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New Innovation Initiative announced for USDA

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue recently announced the Agriculture Innovation Agenda, a department-wide initiative to align resources, programs, and research to position American agriculture to better meet future global demands. Specifically, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will stimulate innovation so that American agriculture can achieve the goal of increasing production by 40 percent while cutting the environmental footprint of U.S. agriculture in half by 2050.

"We know we have a challenge facing us: to meet future food, fiber, fuel, and feed demands with finite resources. USDA's Agriculture Innovation Agenda is our opportunity to define American agriculture's role to feed everyone and do right as a key player in the solution to

this challenge," said Secretary Perdue. "This agenda is a strategic, department-wide effort to better align USDA's resources, programs, and research to provide farmers with the tools they need to be successful.

"We are also continually mindful of the need for America's agriculture industry to be environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable to maintain our position as a leader in the global effort to meet demand. We are committed as ever to the environmental sustainability and continued success, of America's farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers."

Background

Secretary Perdue said the first component of the Ag Innovation Agenda is to develop a U.S. ag-innovation strategy that aligns

and synchronizes public and private sector research. The second component is to align the work of our customer-facing agencies and integrate innovative technologies and practices into USDA programs. The third component is to conduct a review of USDA productivity and conservation data. USDA already closely tracks data on yield, but on the environmental side, there's some catching up to do. Finally, USDA has set benchmarks to hold us accountable. These targets will help measure progress toward meeting the food, fiber, fuel, feed, and climate demands of the future. Some of the benchmarks include:

- Food loss and waste: Advance our work toward the United States' goal to reduce food loss and waste by 50 percent in the United States by the year 2030.

- Carbon Sequestration and Greenhouse Gas: Enhance carbon sequestration through soil health and forestry, leverage the agricultural sector's renewable energy benefits for the economy, and capitalize on innovative technologies and practices to achieve net reduction of the agricultural sector's current carbon footprint by 2050 without regulatory overreach.

- Water Quality: Reduce nutrient loss by 30 percent nationally by 2050.

- Renewable Energy: We can increase the production of renewable energy feedstocks and set a goal to increase biofuel production efficiency and competitiveness to achieve market-driven blend rates of 15% of transportation fuels in 2030 and 30% of transportation fuels by 2050.

Land Values Conference set for March 19 in Bloomington

BLOOMINGTON—The current state of land values and farmland lease trends across Illinois will be the highlight of the 2020 Illinois Land Values Conference, which will be held at the

DoubleTree by Hilton in Bloomington on Thursday, March 19. The event is sponsored by the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. "As we begin 2020, the

farmland values seem to be holding firm as farmland owners and investors continue to seek the safety and security of this tightly held asset class," said David Klein, AFM, ALC, First Mid Ag Services, Bloomington, and overall chair of the 2020 Illinois Farmland Values Survey and Conference.

He added that cash rental rates seem to be holding steady across the entire state as well with expectations this trend will continue into 2021.

The results of the complete annual survey among ISPFMRA members and others in the field will be discussed at the conference. A complimentary copy of the 2020 Illinois Land Values and Lease Trends Report will be provided to everyone registering and attending the conference.

Also on the agenda that day will be Kevin Van Trump, author of the Van Trump Report.

He will address the assembly with a special presentation "Navigating the Future of Agriculture." Adding



to the program will be Dr. Bruce Sherrick, Director of TIAA Center for Farmland Research at the University of Illinois. His topic will be "Wait...what just happened? Land Values and the New Order of Ag."

Klein will be joined by Dr.

Gary Schnitkey, professor, Agriculture & Consumer Economics at the University of Illinois, in presenting the overall results of the complete survey.

The program will get underway at 8:30 a.m. and should conclude at noon.

Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. The cost for attending is \$70 per person for ISPFMRA and RLI members and \$85 for non-members, payable at the door.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) continues to collect responses to the 2019 Organic Survey and the 2019 Census of Horticultural Specialties, both once-every-five-year special studies to the 2017 Census of Agriculture. Response windows are open through March. NASS encourages the producers

who received these questionnaires to respond online, by mail, or telephone.

"We are extending the deadlines for response since we still have a steady stream of completed questionnaires coming in," said NASS Administrator Hubert Hamer. "NASS produces the most comprehensive agricultural data about U.S. agriculture. Our record of accuracy is why NASS data continue to be used throughout the industry. The better the

response, the stronger the data. Responding to NASS surveys and censuses means contributing to the future."

The resulting data will be used by commodity associations, agribusinesses, policymakers, researchers, Extension, USDA agencies, and more.

Producers who did not respond by the original deadline will receive a second questionnaire this month. NASS may also follow-up by phone or farm visit to ensure

that all producers have the opportunity to be counted in these data. Federal law requires NASS to keep all individual information confidential. Results for the 2019 Organic Survey and the 2019 Census of Horticultural Specialties will be available this October and December, respectively.

For more information, visit www.nass.usda.gov/go/organic or www.nass.usda.gov/go/hort. For assistance, call toll-free (888) 424-7828.

Still time to complete study

Keep an eye out for crop pests

BLOOMINGTON — A warmer, wetter winter has caused higher-than-normal soil temperatures across the state, which could be helping agricultural pests survive.

According to Jennie Atkins and Kelly Estes of the University of Illinois' Prairie Research Institute, Illinois temperatures averaged 33 degrees for the winter season, 4 degrees above the long-term average. Winter 2019-20 ranks as the 12th warmest on record for the state.

The state has also experienced higher soil temperatures. At 4 inches under bare soil, temperatures have averaged 37 degrees from December through February, 3 degrees warmer than the long-term average.

All Illinois regions had temperatures below

freezing during the season. However, these periods were generally short, with daily highs often rising to more than 32 degrees.

While warmer temperatures favor insect survivability, repeated swings in temperature (alternating between cold and warm) are more detrimental to pests, Atkins noted. However, Illinois didn't experience dramatic swings in temperature, so the mild winter could be setting the stage for a comeback for some field crop pests.

Estes advised farmers to be observant this spring. Weather events in April and May can impact insect populations going into the growing season, especially if the state has another very wet spring or late cold snap.

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