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# Jesse White awards over \$1.3 million in grants to school libraries

**AMBOY** — Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White awarded over \$1.3 million in FY19 School District Library Grant Program awards to 694 public school districts. More than 1.6 million Illinois students served by school library media programs have benefitted from the grants.

"As a former public school teacher and

administrator, I know our school libraries are very important in helping students learn and prepare themselves for the future," White said. "Illinois was the first state to implement a school district grant program, and I'm pleased that we can continue to provide school libraries with some of the financial resources they need to produce well-educated students."

Appropriations from FY19 that were approved by the General Assembly and the Governor awarded school library grants based on a formula of \$.75 per student, with a minimum grant award of \$750.

The School District Library Grant Program is used to acquire fiction and/or non-fiction

books, educational CDs and DVDs, library subscriptions to electronic resources, and to improve technology by purchasing new computers or improving Wi-Fi connectivity. Information concerning the grant program can be found at: http://www.cyberdriveillinois. com/departments/library/grants/schoolpercapgrant.html.

# **Former Lee County Treasurer** accepts leadership role with pension plan board

OAK BROOK — At its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, Dec. 14, members of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund's Board of Trustees elected Sharon U. Thompson as its Secretary for the 2019 calendar year.

ident and treasurer for Lee County from 1974 to 1994, says she is excited to continue serving IMRF and fellow annuitants, even after almost 20 years as a trustee. "I'm happy to be elected

Thompson, a Dixon res-

to this important position and I'm looking forward to working with all of the other trustees and the fine staff at IMRF," Thompson said.

A former president, vice president and secretary of IMRF's board, Thompson was re-elected to serve as annuitant trustee in 2015. Thompson is the sole Annuitant Trustee, the only one elected by individuals who are receiving IMRF pension payments.

Currently, Thompson also chairs IMRF's legislative committee, which provides an important contact between IMRF and its members, with legislators in the Illinois General Assembly. The Committee members draft important proposals, discuss upcoming legislation, and review suggestions from employee and employer groups. This committee also meets with key legislators to discuss legislative proposals endorsed by IMRF.

With decades of service to Lee County and retirees across the state through IMRF, Thompson says working for the greater good just comes naturally.

"As a trustee, my goal is to work for 100 percent funding status while stressing cautious investing, keeping abreast of legislation and preserving the defined benefit plan," Thompson said.

An eight-member Board of Trustees governs IMRF: Four Executive Trustees



**Sharon Thompson** 

elected by participating units of government, three Employee Trustees elected by participating IMRF members, and one Annuitant Trustee elected by IMRF annuitants. Members serve five-year staggered terms with compensation.

Thompson's new duties as Secretary include keeping the minutes of all board meetings and distributing the information to all

Her current term runs through Dec. 31, 2020.



movie "What They Had." The movie was released on DVD on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

# **Movie Amboy Legion members** participate in released on DVD

**AMBOY** — When a veteran dies, the Amboy American Legion will perform a graveside military honors services. The Legion performs about 30 of these graveside services each year.

The Amboy American Legion performed this honors service for Clifford Becker, Sr., in January 2011. Little did they know that some six years late, in the early spring of 2017, they would be asked to perform the graveside honors services for a movie.

Fourteen men, members of the Amboy American Legion and a trumpeter, boarded a rental van for Hillside on March 28, 2017 to reenact the graveside honor services for the movie "What They Had." The movie was written and directed by Elizabeth Chomko, one of the granddaughters of Clifford Becker, Sr.

Larry Leffelman, then commander of the

Amboy American Legion, said that Chomko had attended her grandfather's funeral and was moved by the military honors ceremony. So much that, according to Leffelman, she decided to have the Amboy American Legion in the move to recreate the burial ceremony.

From first-time writer/director Chomko, "What They Had" centers on a family in crisis. Bridget (Hilary Swank) returns home to Chicago at her brother's (Michael Shannon) urging to deal with her ailing mother (Blythe Danner) and her father's (Robert Forster) reluctance to let go of their life together.

What They Had was released in theaters on Oct. 19 as a limited release, the closest to Amboy it was shown was in Chicago. On Jan. 8, 2019, "What They Had" was released on DVD, and also available on Amazon Video

# U.S. Postal Service announces new prices for 2019

WASHINGTON — The United States Postal Service filed notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) of price changes to take effect

The proposed prices, approved by the Governors of the Postal Service, would raise Mailing Services product prices approximately 2.5 percent. Shipping Services price increases vary by product. For example, Priority Mail Express will increase 3.9 percent and Priority Mail will increase 5.9 percent. Although Mailing Services price increases are based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), Shipping Services prices are primarily adjusted according to market conditions. The Governors believe these new rates will keep the Postal Service competitive while providing the agency with needed revenue.

If favorably reviewed by the PRC, the new prices will include a 5-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp, from 50 cents to 55 cents. The single-piece additional ounce price will be reduced to 15 cents, so a 2-ounce stamped letter, such as a typical wedding invitation, will cost less to mail, decreasing from 71 cents to 70 cents.

The proposed Mailing Services price

changes include:

Current Proposed Product 50 cents 55 cents Letters (1 oz.) Letters additional ounces 21 cents 15 cents Letters (metered 1 oz.) 47 cents 50 cents Outbound International

\$1.15 \$1.15 Letters (1 oz.). Domestic Postcards 35 cents 35 cents

The proposed domestic Priority Mail Re-								
tail Flat Rate pric	e change	es are:						
Product	Current	Proposed						
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Large Flat Rate Box	\$18.90	\$19.95						
APO/FPO Large								
Flat Rate Box	\$17.40	\$18.45						
Regular Flat Rate								
Envelope	\$6.70	\$7.35						
Legal Flat Rate								
Envelope	\$7.00	\$7.65						
Padded Flat Rate								
Envelope	\$7.25	\$8.00						

First-Class Package Service, a lightweight

expedited offering used primarily by businesses

for fulfillment purposes, will move to zone-based pricing to better align with the cost of service and improve value based on distance.

The Postal Service has some of the lowest letter mail postage rates in the industrialized world and also continues to offer a great value in shipping. Unlike some other shippers, the Postal Service does not add surcharges for fuel, residential delivery, or regular Saturday or holiday season delivery.

The PRC will review the prices before they are scheduled to take effect Jan. 27. The complete Postal Service price filings with the new prices for all products can be found on the PRC site under the Daily Listings section at https://www.prc.gov/ dockets/daily (see listing for Oct. 10).

For the Mailing Services filing see Docket No. R2019-1. For the Shipping Services filing see Docket No. CP2019-3.

The price change tables are also available on the Postal Service website at https://pe.usps.com/ PriceChange/Index.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products, and services to fund its operations.

donate proceeds to local organizations. **PAGE A2** 

**DONATION** 

**Depot Days Car Show** 

Committee continues to

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Amboy hosts Junior Varsity Wrestling Tourna-

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# December in Illinois: Tornadoes, warm temperatures and little snow

**CHAMPAIGN** - With warmer than average temperatures, December 2018 brought slight snowfall and a historic late-season severe weather outbreak to Illinois.

On Dec. 1, the National Weather Service confirmed 29 tornadoes in Illinois. Brian Kerschner, spokesperson for the state climatologist office at the University of Illinois' Illinois State Water Survey, said this is considered the largest December tornado outbreak in state history. The second-largest number of tornadoes in December was on Dec. 18-19, 1957 when 21 tornadoes were reported.

The most notable tornado in December 2018 occurred in Taylorsville in Christian County and was ranked as an EF-3 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale. With a path of greater than one-half mile wide and wind speeds of 155 mph, the tornado caused major damage to 100 homes and 22 injuries were reported. The worst of the severe weather

was confined to west-central

The statewide average temperature for December was 34 degrees, which is 4.2 degrees above the longterm average. The highest temperature recorded for the month was 71 degrees on Dec. 2 at the Kaskaskia River Lock and Dam in Randolph County. The lowest temperature was 6 degrees on Dec. 28 at the Altona and Mount Carroll stations in Knox and Carroll counties, respectively.

December favored above average temperatures for the entire Midwest including Illinois.

The largest temperature departures occurred in the upper Midwest and extended down into much of northern Illinois where several locations finished the month 6 to 7 degrees above the long-term average.

The statewide average precipitation for December was 3.32 inches, which is 0.63 inches above the longterm average. The highest

monthly rainfall total was 6.83 inches, recorded near Chester in Randolph County.

Two storm systems affecting the state during the last week of December helped to bring the monthly totals above normal for much of central and northern Illinois, where precipitation was lacking in the middle of the

The highest widespread

precipitation totals occurred around and south of I-70.

December was not an ideal month for snow lovers as warmer temperatures and a combination of environmental factors kept December snow accumulation to a minimum.

The highest accumulations were in the northeast and in central/west-central portions of the state, where a quick-moving cold front brought a majority of the snow accumulation during the first week of December.

Looking ahead at the rest of this month, the Climate Prediction Center forecasts an above normal chance for a drier than average January for most of the state. The highest probabilities are centered over northern Illinois and the Great Lakes.

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# LOCAL NEWS



**DEPOT DAYS DONATION - LEE COUNTY** 4-H FAIR BOARD

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Jim Phelps, left, presents a check for  $\$3,\!000$  to Katie Pratt, of Lee County 4-H Fair Boards. The funds will be used toward the replacement of the livestock barns, and the maintenance/upkeep of existing Fairgrounds structures, like the recently replaced restrooms. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating about \$66,000 to local organizations this year.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



#### **DEPOT DAYS DONATION -DIXON PADS SHELTER**

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Jim Phelps, right, presents a check for \$1,000 to Terra Lorenzen, Dixon PADS Shelter Director, pictured left, and Marion Younger, Dixon PADS Shelter Treasurer. The funds will be used toward the repair of a house that was donated to provide separate housing for women and children. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating about \$66,000 to local organizations this year.

## Lee County Soil and Water Conservation to host election of directors

**LEE COUNTY** — To all owners and occupiers of lands lying within the boundaries of the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District, notice is hereby given that an Annual Election of Directors will be held from 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.on Feb. 13, at the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District Office in Amboy. Two directors will be elected to each serve a two-year term and one director will be elected to serve a one-year term on the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of the State of Illinois.

All persons, firms, or corporations who hold legal title or who are in legal possession of any land lying within the boundaries of the said district are eligible to vote at said election, whether as lessee, renter, tenant or otherwise. Only such persons, firms or corporations are eligible to vote.

Absentee balloting will be available to those who are unable to attend the Election of Directors. Absentee ballots can be requested beginning Feb. 1. All absentee ballots must be completed by Feb. 9. For further information or to request an absentee ballot, please contact the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District, located at 319 S. Mason Ave., Amboy, or by phone at 815-857-3621, ext. 3.

Email news items to tgreenfield@ amboynews.com

#### State proposes regulations on hemp crop Illinois News Network

**SPRINGFIELD** — Illinois farmers are one step closer to growing hemp. The Illinois Department of Agriculture released the proposed regulations for growing industrial hemp on Dec. 28, 2018.

Although Governor Bruce Rauner signed the Industrial Hemp Act in August, planting was delayed pending regulations.

Industrial hemp is used for CBD oil, food, clothing fiber and food, according to Liz Rupel, the policy organizer at Illinois Stewardship Alliance.

"We are pretty pleased with what the Department of Agriculture produced," Rupel said. "This is very inclusive for smaller farmers, too."

The proposed regulations require

farmers to obtain a license to farm industrial hemp. They must also have one-quarter acre of land for outdoor farming or 500 square feet for indoor farming. The regulations cap THC content of any industrial hemp crop at 0.3 percent.

Although it has similar properties to marijuana, industrial hemp lacks the psychological effects of cannabis.

'It's marijuana's cousin that got a bad name," Rupel said. "It has similar properties but it doesn't have that psychoactive effect."

The release of the proposed regulations kickstarts a 45-day comment period, after which the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules will finalize and approve the regulations.

The Illinois Department of Agricul-

ture will begin accepting applications for licenses after the approval. Rupel expressed concern about the

comment period, as well as the 90-day waiting period after an application is submitted.

"Farmers would have to put in their application in exactly in pretty much a month, on February 1," Rupel said. "We are crossing our fingers that we can make that happen, but we are also looking at the possibility the growing season might be delayed. We hope that it is a speedy process, but it could be delayed just due to the comment period that need to occur and getting the applications out in time."

Rupel said there might be additional changes necessary to bring state rules in line with federal regulations.

## SVCC to host annual Mathematics competition

**DIXON** — Sauk Valley Community College will host the American Mathematics Competitions (AMC) Feb. 7 and 13, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Area high school students (grades 9, 10, 11, and 12) are invited to participate on either or both dates free of charge. SVCC tuition waver scholarships will be awarded to top scorers.

The oldest and most prestigious competition of its kind in the United States, the AMC is a national contest administered nationally to approximately 350,000 students. The AMC identifies students with truly exceptional mathematics talent and the AMC Competition seeks to spur interest in mathematics and develop talent through the excitement of solving challenging problems in a timed multiple-choice format. Problems range from very easy to extremely difficult.

Registration forms are due Jan. 31. Visit svcc.edu/amcompetition to complete registration form. For more information on this special community event, please contact Professor Steven Shaff, 815-835-6238, steven.j.shaff@svcc.edu.









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# LOCAL NEWS

## **Conservation cropping** seminars planned

MENDOTA — Using cover crops and improving soil health remained hot topics in 2018 and the trend is not fading. In fact, the go-getters have already seeded their cover crops. What's stopping you? If you still need more information, start making plans now to attend a 2019 Conservation Cropping

Upcoming events include two powerful speakers you do not want to miss. Soil sustainability author David Montgomery and soil health rock star Ray Archuleta will wow crowds with information and demonstrations. Three new events are planned for January 2019, offering

access to valuable information for farmers ready to make important and profitable changes on their ground. According to Elliot Lagacy, IDOA, "the three meetings

throughout the state will help provide more information on such practices as cover crops, nutrient management, and soil health, which help address resource concerns outlined in the state's Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRS)."

Register to attend any seminar-Jan. 22 in Mendota, Jan. 23 in Springfield, or Jan. 24 in O'Fallon, Illinois - at www.

Two keynote speakers for the 2019 event are David Montgomery, author of A Growing Revolution-Bringing Our Soil Back To Life, and the energetic and inspirational retired NRCS agronomist and spokesman for USDA-NRCS's Unlock the Secrets of the Soil campaign, Ray Archuleta. Montgomery combines ancient wisdom and modern science for a powerful look at agriculture changes we face today. Archuleta shares evidence, enthusiasm, and more as he tells the story of soil biology and the miracle below our feet. Each event will feature both Montgomery and Archuleta as well as research and local farmer testimonials and discussions where you can ask the questions you need answered

Each seminar costs \$20, payable by check or credit card, and it includes lunch. The 2019 events start early and end before 4 p.m., with time to meet and visit speakers, sponsors, or chat with others in an informal networking atmosphere. Illinois farmers, ag retailers and advisors are growing more interested in taking steps to increase conservation and improve water quality. "Five soil and water management credits are available for Certified Crop Advisors also," Lagacy adds.

Jan. 22, 2019 - Mendota Civic Center - 2205 North Main St. in Mendota, IL - Contact: Joe (815) 787-5480

Jan. 23, 2019 - The Crowne Plaza - 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy. in Springfield, IL- Contact: Marty (309) 738-7227

Jan. 24, 2019 - Regency Hotel - 400 Regency Park in O'Fallon, IL-Contact: Gary (618) 980-0117

To learn more and to register, visit the Champaign County Soil and Water Conservation District website www.ccswcd.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**AMBOY**-The Board of Trustees of Amboy Township will mee at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

**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.

AMBOY-Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US RT 52, will host Community Bingo at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10. A light lunch will follow bingo. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 14, 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, Jan. 16, 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 ben-

Dec. 13 - Dennis Holtman,

Dec. 14 - Alivia Henkel,

Dec. 15 - Mary Willett,

Dec. 16 - Amy Waddel,

Dec. 17 - Alan Schaback-

Dec. 18 - Violet Hall,

Dec. 20 - Donna Albus,

Dec. 21 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

Dec. 22 - Sue Vrana, Ro-

Dec. 23 - Amy Waddle,

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efits for seniors or disabled citizens at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 16, by appointment only. Call the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 to schedule an appointment.

ROCK FALLS-The American Red Cross, in coordination with Mayor William B. Wescott of Rock Falls and Bethany Bland, President/CEO of Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, will hold two monthly Blood Drives on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Rock Falls Community Building, 601 W. 10th St. The third Wednesday of the month drive, Jan. 16, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The first Wednesday of the month drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

**DIXON**-The Lee County Health Department and Mothers' Milk Bank of the Western Great Lakes will celebrate the Grand Opening of the new Milk Depot location at 309 S. Galena Ave., Suite 100, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16. Call 815-284-3371 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy-Lee Center Multi-Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

Dec. 24 - Cory & Tracy

Dec. 25 - Stacy Johnson,

Dec. 26 - Jared Brown,

Dec. 27 - Patsy Byrd,

Dec. 28 - Shirley Buck,

Dec. 29 - Mat Steder,

Dec. 30 - Ruth Hart,

Dec. 31 - Glenn & Barb

Checks to winners will

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each month.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion Post #453 will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 21, at the Amboy Restaurant community room, 211 E. Main St.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 21, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The Amboy Depot Museum Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m., at the Museum, on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

AMBOY-The Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 24., at Amboy High School, 11 E. Hawley.





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Dec. 2 - Matt King, Rochelle, \$50 Dec. 3 - Nancy Brown,

Rochelle, \$25

Dec. 5 - Santos Castro,

Dec. 4 - Zach Kuberski, Rochelle, \$25

Rochelle, \$25

Dec. 6 - From the Heart Auction, Rochelle, \$25

Dec. 7 - Bill Kubale, Rochelle, \$25 Dec. 8 - JP Weeks, Naper-

ville, \$25

Dec. 9 - Todd Atwell, Dixon, \$50

Dec. 10 - Jerry Reeser,

Rochelle, \$25

Dec. 11 - Scott Meadows, Rochelle, \$25

Dec. 12 - Tiffany Marti-

nez, Dixon, \$25

# Amboy Police

#### No Valid Driver's License

On Jan. 4, at 7:22 p.m., Deanna J. Cochran, 42, of Amboy, was issued a traffic citation for no valid driver's license. She was issued a citation and released after posting bond.

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## **Aggravated Battery**

On Jan. 8, at 11 a.m., a 14-year-old female juvenile, at Amboy High School, was charged with aggravated battery. She was released to her parents.

#### **CORRECTION:**

Dec. 19 - David Harms, Princeton, \$25

In the Old Time News in the Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, this event appeared in the 50 years ago newspaper from Jan. 2, 1969, and not the 100 years ago.

Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mrs. John J. Wagner were Mrs. And Mrs. Hugh H. McCleery of Leland and Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Wagner, Jeffrey and John of this city.

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bread, chilled pineapple Wednesday - Lemon pepper chicken, wild rice, broccoli, dinner

Thursday - A) Cheeseburger, wheat bun, tator tots, baked beans, jello w/fruit B) Soup & Sandwich, vegetable & ham Friday - Mostaccioli w/meatsauce, brussell sprouts, Scand. blend

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# **OBITUARIES**

## **OBITUARIES**

### **Lois Jeane Day** May 29, 1926 - Dec. 29, 2018

TOWN & COUNTRY, **Mo**. — Lois Jeane Day died Dec. 29, 2018 in Town & Country, Mo.

She was born in Sublette, to Elmer and Myrtle Helfrich Stouffer on May 29, 1926 and was one of 13 children

She was married to Richard "Red" Day for 55 years until his passing in 2000.

She is survived by one brother, Paul (Mary) Stouffer, of Dixon; her children, Rich (Debbie) Day, of Roscoe and Phyllis Day (Robert) Kessler, of Saint Louis, Mo.; her grandchildren, Kimberly (Dennis) Dawson and John (Carole) Day, of Dixon, Cindy (Bryan Taylor) Kessler great-grandchild Ginevra. Daniel (Juliana) Kessler and great-grandchild Penelope of St. Louis, grandchildren, Jason (April) Hartsig and great-grandchildren Austin, Bryce, and Lilly, grandchild, Bryan Hartsig, great-grandchildren, Isabella, Rocco, and Ellianna of Michigan; as well as many nieces, nephews and Lois and Red owned "Red's Café" in Amboy, and cooking for friends and family was always one of her passions. She also worked at Beggs' as a grocery clerk and Assistant Manager, and as Head Custodian at Amboy Junior High School-ajob shetook great pride in even many years after her retirement.

She spent most of her life in Amboy. When she retired to Osage Beach, Mo., she volunteered at Lake Regional Medical Center where she was lovingly known as the "Fudge Lady.'

When her first great-grandchild was born, she moved to The Fountains of West County Independent Living Center to be closer to family. She counts many ofher neighbors and staff there as wonderful friends.

She was an amazing cook and seamstress. She loved crafts of all kinds. She crocheted and quilted many beautiful things. She learned to paint when she was in her



After her retirement she enjoyed fishing and pampering thousands of hummingbirds.

She was a powerful, independent woman who loved having her family around her to laugh with.

A memorial service will be planned in the near future.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation be made to the Mason Point Assisted Living Floor, Amboy Junior High School, Lake Regional Medical Center, or the charity of your choice.

## Edward R. "Ed" Messenger, Sr. July 10, 1947 - Dec. 31, 2018

**AMBOY** — Edward R. "Ed" Messenger Sr., 71, of Amboy, formerly of Dixon, passed away Monday Dec. 31, 2018.

He was born July 10, 1947 in Oregon the son of Everett and Cletus (Harmon) Messenger.

He married Amanda (Rainey) Messenger on April 16, 1982 in Dixon.

Ed enjoyed playing cards, Elvis, western and his wrestling. He retired from Plews-Edelmann's in Dixon after 25 years in 2010. He was preceded in death

Bob, Harry, Bill and Dick Messenger and two sisters, Vonn Smith and Pat Hoker. Ed is survived by his

by his parents, four brothers,

wife of 36 years, Amanda, of Amboy: sons, Ed (Justine) Messenger and Eric (Robyn) Messenger, both of Oregon; step children, Anthony (Christy) Rainey, of Little River, S.C., Shaun (Maria) Rainey, of Tabor City, N.C., and Laura Pryor, of Kill Devil Hills, N.C.; six grandchildren, Malachi Messenger, Caitlin Messenger, Morgan and Alyssa Pryor, and Emmanual and Christian DaVilla.

He is also survived by a sister, Joyce Mayfield, of Winter Haven, Fla., and a brother, Jim (Rita) Messenger, of Conway, Ark., and special friend Chris Becker. A heartfelt thank you to

Unity Hospice for the care and comfort they provided Visitation was held from

2-4 p.m., on Saturday Jan.



5, 2019, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. A fellowship meal followed the visitation. Cremation rites will follow.

A memorial has been established in his name for Unity Hospice of Rochelle. Condolences may be sent

online at www.thejonesfh.

### Richard E. McLindsay May 26, 1936 - Dec. 28, 2018

AMBOY — Richard E. McLindsay, 82, of Amboy, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2018,

friends.

He was born May 26, 1936 in May Township, Lee County, the son of James and Goldie (Groth) McLindsay.

Richard was a Cement Mason for D.R. Gilbert and Sons in Rochelle for 30 years. He had also worked for Ron Rose Construction in Mendota for 10 years prior to his

Richard enjoyed hunting and playing his guitar, and also riding his motorcycle later in his life. He took pride in caring for his property. Richard married Mary

Ellen Smith in Amboy on Feb. 23, 1957. She preceded him in death May 24, 2005.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, James McLindsay and his sister, Doris Ketchum.

Survivors include his children, Vicki (Tom) Kessel, of Bedias Texas, Brian (Cathy) McLindsay, of The Woodlands, Texas, Connie (Duane) Dickison, of Amboy, and Wendy (Joel) Wolman, of Elkhorn, Wis.; 10 grandchildren, Tabatha (David) Mize, Brian (Karla) Moore, Ryan (Tara) Kessel, Dr. Sara Kessel, Logan McLindsay,  $Hunter\,McLindsay, Abraham$ (Hannah) Dickison, Whitney (Joel) Brakken, Liz Wolman and Emma Wolman; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held

at 11 a.m., on Friday, Jan. 4, 2019, in the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy with Rev. Dave Schweppe officiating. Burial followed in Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation was held from 10 a.m. until time



of service on Friday, in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dixon. Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com.

## Karen A. Koehler-Dunsworth April 15, 1958 - Dec. 14, 2018

PHOENIX, Ariz. - Karen Ann Koehler-Dunsworth passed away Friday, Dec. 14, 2018.

Karen was born April 15, 1958 in Amboy, the daughter of Kenneth and Lois Koehler. Both parents have preceded her in death.

Prior to moving to Phoenix in 2016, Karen's 27 year nursing career at CGH Medical Center allowed her to be affiliated with several departments: RN/Emergency Dept, NSG Supervisor, RN/Ambulatory-Outpatient Surgery, Staff Development Coordinator & RN/Digestive Health Center Nurse.

Karen was also an Adjunct Faculty/Instructor (RN/ MSN) at Sauk Valley Community College for 14 years as a Clinical Instructor for the on-line nursing program & Student Educator/Teacher for Radiology Technology

She obtained her Associate Degree in Nursing in Miami, Fla., then went on to obtain her Bachelor's at University of IL/Chicago and a Masters of Science at NIU.

Karen is survived by one daughter, Alysha Dunsworth (Jeremy Wilson), of Glendale, Ariz.; two sisters, Sheila (Don) Clayton and Judy Koehler-Gabelmann, both of Amboy; one brother, Steve (Sandi) Brown, Evansville Ind.; life long friend, Rebecca Donna (Rick Roeing), of Rutland; nieces, Erin (Greg) Welker, of Byron, Karli (Matt Schmitt) Gabelmann, of Rock Falls; and nephew, Lucas Gabelmann, of Amboy.

Aprivate ceremony/Celebration of Life for immediate family was held on Sunday, Dec 23, 2018, to honor her. She will forever be missed

by those that knew and loved

her and will be remembered for her never ending generosity, her laugh, and her beautiful smile that would light up a room.

A memorial has been established to the American Cancer Society and local Animal Shelter.

#### KC spring registration in progress, classes begin Jan. 14 MALTA—KishwaukeeCollegeregistration

for the Spring 2019 semester is currently in progress. There will be a special Saturday registration opportunity from 9 a.m. -1 p.m., on Jan. 12, on campus; all Student Service offices and the Bookstore will be open for student convenience. The Spring 2019 semester begins Jan. 14.

Online registration is open to current students through the Student Self Service System available in myKC. Online registration can be completed at any time.

In-person registration can be completed in the Student Services Office, Room C2100, in the Student Center at Kishwaukee College. The Student Services Office is open from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Fridays.

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St. Patrick Church **Rev. Timothy Draper** 32 N Jones, Amboy 815-857-2315 • www.stpatrickamboy.org Masses: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 5 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 7 am Saturday 4 pm • Sunday 9 am Confessions: Saturday, 3-3:45 pm Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday, 8am-5 pm

> St. Mary Church **Rev. Timothy Draper** 912 Walton Rd., Walton 815-857-2670 Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm

First Congregational United Church of **Christ of Lee Center** Pastor Jack M. Briggs 1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center www.LeeCenter-UCC.org Phone 815-732-7032 Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.

> St. Flannen Church **Rev. Timothy Draper** 213 S Second St., Harmon 815-857-2670 Mass: Sunday, 7:30 am

**United First Church of Amboy Pastor Mark Glenn** East Main & Jefferson 815-440-0745 Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Grace Fellowship Church - Amboy Pastor Brian McWethy 37 S. East Avenue, (Farm Bureau Bldg.) 815-857-3900

Sunday Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. www.graceisforyou.com

**East Grove Union Church** Pastor Richard Wulf, 815-440-5321 449 Reuter Road, Amboy Phone 815-376-6661

1/2 Mile East of Route 26 on Union Rd. Sun., 9:00 a.m. Morning Service Youth Church, ages 3-Grade 4 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Ages 3 - Adult 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Wed., 6:00 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study First Sunday night of each month, 6:00p.m. First Sunday Family Film Night Fourth Saturday of each month, 6:00p.m. "Fun & Fellowship Game Night for the Whole Family!" Come as you are and join us on the journey!

First Baptist Church **Pastor Rocky Fritz** 24 N. Mason Avenue Church Phone 857-2682 www.fbcamboy.com

Sunday School for all ages - 9:30 a.m. Morning Service - 10:30 a.m. Evening Service - 6 p.m. Wed. prayer meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m. King's Kids program from 6:30-8 p.m. Friday Reformers Unanimous addictions program from 7-9 p.m.

St. James Evangelical **Congregational Church** Robert Dunbar., Pastor US Route 52 & Red Brick Rd., Dixon 815-288-2447

Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Ladies Bible Study, Wed. 9 a.m.

West Brooklyn Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m. Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Church

Rev. Randy Fronek

St. Patrick Church Rev. Randy Fronek - Maytown Mass - Fri. 8 a.m., Sun, 8 a.m.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church Pastor Barb Otten** 960 U.S. Route 52 Phone 857-2225

Sun. Worship - 9:00 a.m. Fellowship - 10:00 a.m. Sunday School - 9:40-10:15 a.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Rev. Randy Fronek Locust Street, Sublette Phone 815-849-5412 Saturday Mass - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass -10:30 a.m. Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. Thursday - 8:30 a.m. Refuge Church

Pastor John Kalebaugh Mendota Hills Campground • 642 Rt. 52 Amboy, IL 61310 • 815-849-5930 10 a.m. Sunday, potluck follows

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# SOCIAL NEWS



#### Thinking beyond the 7th Generation

BY PASTOR MARK GLENN

ow many of you have seen or bought "7th Generation" cleaning products in your grocery store? How many of you know what that "7th Generation" name refers to? In many traditions of Native American culture, before any big decision was made by the elders, they would come together and consider what their actions might do to future generations. Their time frame, the furthest they could envision the future, was "seven

Their question was "What might this decision mean for the seventh generation from now?" Decisions made in the present were focused forward on the well-being of future descendants.

Such a "7th generation" outlook might appear to be so much "what-if" naval gazing until we realize that now in the 21stt century it is not uncommon for families to have four or five generations living at the same time. Think about your church.

If you do not attend church, think about your extended family and community. We have kids, parents, grand-

parents, great-grandparents, great-great grandparents who are part and parcel of our community. Maranatha Christians need to think beyond the 7th generation. We need to see our children as 22nd century people and make decisions that purposefully extend God's presence and providence into that future.

We are the Philips, the Peters, the Johns of today. We are called to live the Jesus story in the most unlikely and unlovely places. But to do this we need to learn the three "L's."

First and foremost, you must "learn" your story. That's the first "L" LEARN the Story. There are Christians who don't know the characters, the plot, the pace, the tensions, the dynamics, the drama of their own story. One study decades ago found that 12 percent of Christians thought Joan of Arc was married to Noah. I can only imagine the percentage has gotten worse. Part of the uniqueness of this story is that God works within the wrinkled, wreckage of the world—so you must learn how to see Jesus in the wounds and whirls.

Second, you must Live your story. That's the second "L:" LIVE your story. It is not enough to be an academic, a theorist, to "know" what you know. Your life must show that you know it and reflect the power of the gospel's transfiguring energy for each and every life story. In the words of theologian John Shea, "A story is a window, but if you listen properly, it becomes a mirror. When the window becomes a mirror, you aren't telling the story, the story is telling you." That's when you're really living the story.

Finally, you must LOVE your story, for it should be the heart and soul of your being, the passion of all you do and all you hope for and all that guides your life. All history is God's love story. There is no event in space or time unrelated to the Jesus story, and

there is no metaphor in existence unrelated to Jesus. "All roads lead to Rome" was the brag of the ancient Romans. All stories lead to Jesus is the vaunt and jaunt of the Christian.

The story of Jesus is a love story. Love is the ultimate guiding force of Christ's gift and of the "good news"—the divine heartbeat that continues not only for seven generations, but for eternity.



Nicole Holland, Joshua Burke

## Holland, Burke announce engagement

SUBLETTE — Ty and Lynn Holland, of Princeton are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Marie, of Princeton, to Joshua Burke, of Sublette. He is the son of Jim and Leesa Burke, of Sublette. The bride-elect is a 2015 graduate of Princeton High

School. She is currently employed at her family's John Deere dealership, Holland and Sons, as a marketing and customer relations specialist. Her fiancé is a 2009 graduate of Amboy High School. He

graduated from Western Illinois University in 2014 with a degree in agriculture science. He is currently self-employed as a grain farmer.

The couple will be married June 22, 2019 at the First Lutheran Church in Princeton.

The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

Childhood's Monsters

and Saviors

'n Neil Gaiman's fantastic novel, "The Ocean at the

#### Illinois EPA highlights importance of recycling by launching online recycling education SPRINGFIELD —Illinois Envitails on what can and cannot be recycled, cation campaign to help mitigate the

ronmental Protection Agency (EPA) Director Alec Messina recognized America Recycles Day on Nov. 15 by announcing the launch of a new online Recycle Illinois platform. The website is intended to help

address typical problems in curbside recycling. The tool will also assist residents in locating appropriate outlets for items that cannot be collected in most curbside recycling programs in Illinois. To access the Recycle Illinois plat-

form, visit https://www2.illinois.gov/ epa/topics/waste-management/Pages/ recycling.aspx.

"While recycling is one of the easiest ways to improve our environment, we want to continue to educate residents on the importance of recycling properly,' said Illinois EPA Director Alec Messina.

and the online mapping tool will direct residents to the nearest collection point for all items that may be recycled but cannot be accepted by most curbside

Illinois EPA conducted a statewide survey of county recycling coordinators in the fall of 2017 to identify the types of items recycled or collected and what types of collections are available. Information gathered from that survey was used in the development of the new Recycling Locator tool.

In late 2017, end markets for American recyclables significantly narrowed when China banned the import of recyclable materials that exceed minimal levels of contamination.

In response, the Illinois Recycling Contamination Task Force was formed efforts of the import ban in Illinois. The Task Force is comprised of members of federal, state, and local government, as well as waste industry and affiliated

Following several meetings, the Task Force identified common issues that adversely impact recycling in Illinois, items that are universally acceptable by haulers in Illinois, and items that are universally prohibited. Based on those discussions, the Task Force has developed guidelines to represent the common recycling denominators of all programs throughout the state, and the goal is to have them as go-to guidelines for all programs, all haulers, and all educators in Illinois.

Those guidelines were used in the recycling education on the Agency's

#### End of the Lane," a nameless narrator returns after .40 years to his childhood home in Sussex. "I do not miss childhood, but I miss the way I took pleasure in small things, even as greater things crumbled. I could not control

#### the world I was in, could not walk away from things or people or moments that hurt, but I found joy in the things that made me happy. He recalls the fateful event when their boarder commits suicide and unleashes a shapeshifting monster. The boy asks

his only friend Lettie Hempstock for help. She lives with her mother and grandmother on a farm that is a portal to other worlds. The two children go out to find the monster so that Lettie can bind it. It appears as a giant face of wind against an orange sky; it looks down at them "like a scientist gazing down at two white mice, two very scared white mice."

The monster escapes when the boy lets go of Lettie's hand and the monster uses him as a gateway to his house. It reappears as Ursula Monkton, the beautiful new housekeeper who ingratiates herself to everyone but the boy. He knows who she is and she means to terrorize him out of existence.

The boy escapes one night to the Hempstock farm. Lettie's mother explains that he was Ursula's "way here, and it's a dangerous thing to be a door." The Hempstocks will save him. "I was not scared, though I could not have told you why I was not scared. I trusted Lettie, just as I had trusted her when we had gone in search of the flapping thing beneath the orange sky. I believed in her, and that meant I would come to no harm while I was with her. I knew it in a way that I knew that grass was green, that roses had sharp, woody thorns, that breakfast cereal was sweet.'

In a nightmarish sequence, the boy must stay within a safe circle through the night until Lettie brings him a bucket of the ocean. He sinks into the water and realizes that the ocean is inside him. "I knew the world. I saw the world I had walked since my birth, and I understood how fragile it was, that the reality I knew was a thin layer of icing on a great dark birthday cake writhing with grubs and nightmares and hunger."

The monster is destroyed when Lettie calls forth the terrifying hunger birds, the vultures of the void who devour Ursula, but who insist on eating the boy's heart, as a piece of Ursula's wormhole still remains there. And so begins the battle for the boy's heart.

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## "The online education tool provides de- to develop a consistent statewide edu- Recycle Illinois platform. In-person Girl Scout Cookie season kicks off in northern Illinois

LEE COUNTY — Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois today launched the in-person start of the 2019 Girl Scout Cookie season, celebrating the largest financial investment in girls annually in the United States and a powerful entrepreneurship incubator for the next generation of leaders. At a time when girls' needs and issues collect fewer than eight cents of every dollar granted by philanthropic foundations in the country, each and every Girl Scout Cookie purchase is key to supporting the change-makers of today and

Research shows female-founded start-ups generate more revenue over time and per dollar than male-founded start-ups, but only 17 percent of start-ups are female-founded. Given that over half (53 percent) of female entrepreneurs and business owners are Girl Scout alums, supporting Girl Scouts as they make sales and learn essential business skills is imperative to ensuring our country has a strong work-

force and economy. Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program®, girls not only discover their inner leadership potential but also use their earnings to power amazing experiences for themselves and their troop, including travel, outdoor adventure, and science, technology, engineering, and math(STEM) programming. Many girls put the money toward impactful community projects right in their own backyards, from supporting animal shelters and food banks to working with local and state legislators to change laws. The cookie program's benefits are many; a recent Girl Scout Research Institute study found that two out of

three girls who participate

in the program learn five crucial skills—goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics-while doing incredible things for themselves and their com-

Local Girl Scouts kicked off the 2019 Girl Scout Cookie Program with online sales beginning Dec. 17, 2018. Digital Cookie 5.0 allows girls to take electronic orders for cookies. Customers have the ability to order and pay for cookies online and have the option to have the cookies shipped directly to them (shipping charges apply), have the Girl Scout deliver the cookies to them, or donate cookies (with no additional

handling fees). Girl Scouts will also take cookie orders in-person (and online) from January 4–27, 2019. The cookie lineup features refreshing Thin Mints, caramel-y Samoas, peanut butter-stuffed Tagalongs, crunchy Do-si-dos, buttery Trefoils, zesty lemon Savannah Smiles, sweet S'mores, toffee-chipped Toffee-tastics (gluten free, too.). Cookies are on sale for \$5 per box. All of the net revenue raised—100 percent of it-stays within the northern Illinois area. Don't know a Girl Scout? Email cookies4you@girlscoutsni. org to be connected to a local entrepreneur who would love to add you to her customer list.

Additionally, Girl Scouts who participate in the cookie program this season have the opportunity to win the Cookie Entrepreneur Experience of a lifetime featuring the DC Super Hero Girls<sup>TM</sup> by entering the Cookie ProTM contest. GSUSA has teamed up with DC Super Hero Girls to inspire Girl Scouts to be smart and courageous as everyday super heroes. The contest will highlight and reward exceptional cookie bosses who take the lead, set high goals for themselves, bring positive change to their communities, and learn valuable entrepreneurial skills.

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# Our schools need more people like Mr. Fitch

ometimes the only thing a troubled **Guest Column** Fitch. He could really turn your heart around." The former student, who asked not to be and an adult who is willing to listen. Being a teenager has never been easy, but

today young people face new pressures. Guidance counselors are the unsung heroes

of education. They not only help youngsters through the academic bureaucracy but they assist students facing life's challenges. Unfortunately, these are among the positions most vulnerable to budget cuts.

I was thinking about that last week when I learned that Doug Fitch had died. He was a counselor for 26 years at Galesburg High School, where I attended. Doug Fitch was the kind of person who

could spot a youngster in trouble and offer a helping hand. One former student told me how Mr. Fitch talked him out of suicide.

"My Dad was working two jobs, my Mom was working fulltime and my best friend, my brother, was in the service and had been deployed overseas. I was lonely and had no one to talk to. I was briefly suicidal and then I talked to Mr.

By Scott Reeder



identified, went on to become a suicide-prevention counselor.

On a tragic day, when I was 17, I too sought out Mr. Fitch.

I grew up on a farm near Galesburg and shortly before leaving for school, someone hollered that our hired hand had been hurt. I yelled for my mother to call an ambulance and raced behind the hog barn where he had been working.

The back of the otherwise blue Ford tractor was bright red with the man's blood. My dad was standing over him administering a tourniquet. And I found the man's foot 20 feet away.

After the ambulance left, I climbed into my Pontiac and headed for school. There were tears in my eyes and I was embarrassed. I grew up in

a home where boys weren't supposed to cry.

When I pulled into the high school parking lot, the only thing I could think to do was talk to Mr. Fitch. He listened and told me about losing a cousin in a logging accident when

Later he walked with me to talk to a teacher and asked that I be excused from a test that day and he contacted each of my teachers to let them know what I had been through.

I can't help but wonder how many teenagers sat in his office and shared secrets: pregnancies, trouble at home, bullying at school.

I'm sure Mr. Fitch gave each of them a compassionate

When you sat down with Mr. Fitch, you had his undivided attention. There was a quiet confidence about him. You could tell he really cared," said Sean Hanlon, a former student who is now a lawyer in Denver.

school shootings and other catastrophes that befall young people. Inevitably, I'm asked how we can prevent such tragedies.

they acted out. We need to provide more counseling resources in our schools.

Our schools need more people like Mr. Fitch.

Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and a

# On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Jan. 10, 1919

The Music Committee of the Women's Club provided a most delightful program on Dec. 27 at the home of Mrs. C. T. Smith. Those taking part were Miss Rachel Smith, Miss Ruth Smith, Mrs. Burnham, Miss Berneice Antoine, Mrs. Joseph Burrows, Miss Lucy Bourne, Miss Alma Ullrich and Miss Lucile Entorf.

Clar and Son carry a very large and complete line of dinnerware.

Four hundred and sixty cases of influenza were reported recently at Sterling as the result of the second wave of the epidemic.

> 75 Years Ago Jan. 6, 1944

Miss Rita Powers, who has been employed at Hull's for the past year and a half, resigned her position and left New

Years Day for Bloomington where she is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hauskins and family.

Phyllis Jayne Hanson returned too Janesville, Wis., Monday to resume her studies as a junior in Janesville high school after spending the holiday vacation here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hanson.

Francis Seelover went to Chicago Monday where he entered a hospital for treatment of injuries he received while at work.

> 50 Years Ago Jan. 9, 1969

V. O. Bonnell Implements, Oliver farm equipment dealer at 27 S. Main in Sublette, will be host to farm families from the surrounding area at a Farm Fair on Thursday, Jan. 16.

Amboy High School's cagers will resume their schedule Friday evening, Jan. 10, when they travel to Mount Morris. Oregon will come here Saturday

evening, Jan. 11. Both are conference

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lashley of Mendota and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hamlink, Jr. of Chicago spent New Year's Day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hamlink, Sr. and family.

> 25 Years Ago Jan. 13, 1994

District 272 Education Foundation has undertaken a project to provide calculators for all students at Central

Amboy City Council hired a man and wife animal control team and promised a crackdown on stray dogs and cats

Illinois highest among all states for its effort to combat drunk driving, Secretary of State George H. Ryan said additional anti-DUI measures could prevent even more needless tragedy.

# Tuesday. Even though MADD survey ranks

# Fixing Illinois? Pritzker needs a New Chicago Way

refrain from Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker during campaign season. It's a nice sentiment. The state is short on pride and solidarity.

But now that campaign season is over, how can Pritzker actually bring Illinois together?

Take Chicago. In parts of Illinois, Chi-

cago bears the brunt of the blame for all the state's problems. The blame game arises from many factors: cultural, political, economic, racial and historical. Sometimes the criticism is warranted. Other times, 2.7 million Illinoisans near Lake Michigan are just convenient scapegoats.

Either way, Illinois does not thrive when its largest city fails.

Chicagoans know well the problems they face. Chicago's homicide rate is the highest among major cities. Its municipal debt per capita is the highest, too. When it comes to the city's schools, parent and teacher unrest often boils over.

But oftentimes, Chicagoans are left powerless to bring about the structural change necessary to fix these problems.

That's where the rest of the state comes in.

In a new book for the Southern Illinois University Press, my co-author and I spoke with dozens of civic leaders across the 15 most populous cities in the U.S., trying to figure out what Chicago can learn from its peers. A number of eye-popping comparisons jumped out

immediately. The biggest one, and

#### **Guest Column**

By Austin Berg



maybe the simplest, is this:

Chicago is the largest U.S. city without a true city charter. In other words, the city lacks a constitution. Charters and charter revision are the normal way that big cities form and reform their government.

Since the Illinois Constitution lays out rules for local governments, creating a new city charter for Chicago probably will require some assistance from state lawmakers in the form of a constitutional amendment.

In other words, the 80 percent of Illinoisans who live outside Chicago city limits could help empower the 20 percent who do to finally turn their city around. One Illinois.

But why is a city charter so important?

In its absence, Chicago has become home to the last true strongman political system in the U.S.

The mayor is the strongman. He or she holds all the cards. Checks and balances, the hallmark of American government, aren't in the deck.

What follows is rash decision-making, enormous deficits, a rubber-stamp City Council, and other problems affecting both average Chicagoans as well as families throughout the state.

Forming a city charter commission, and giving Chicagoans a vote on that charter. could bring enormous change to Chicago and Illinois.

as party leaders.

In 1999, Los Angeles voters passed a new city charter that changed the powers and duties of the mayor, city council, controller and city attorney, among other reforms.

and more.

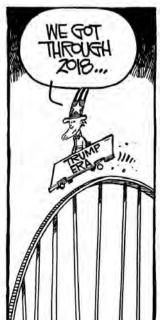
Fixing Chicago's outdated governance would benefit the entire state. Pritzker should use his new job – and the megaphone that comes with it—to help make that a reality.

## The New York City charter

revision in 1989 provides just one example of what's possible. Among other items, charter revision reformed the powers and size of the city council, the process for budget-making and banned elected officials from serving

Chicago needs all of that

Austin Berg is a writer for the Illinois Policy Institute and the co-author of "The New Chicago Way: Lessons from Other Big Cities."





ear as he did for me.

During my 30 years as a journalist, I've covered suicides,

In each incident, a troubled student wasn't helped before

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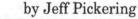
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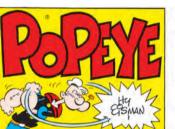
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by Dave T. Phipps





"Isn't that a cute dress, Harold? Harold...?"



"I was wondering if the latest popularity poll still has us behind

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**TODAY'S WORD** 

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# Weekly **SUDOKU**

#### by Linda Thistle 9

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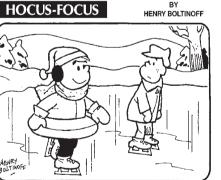
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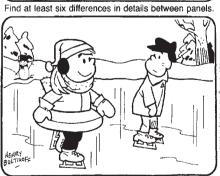
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◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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- mom? 4. GEOGRAPHY: In which country is
- is the "Land of 10,000 Lakes"?
- 7. CHEMISTRY: What is the lightest element?
- 8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What was the Secret Service code name for President
- 9. MUSIC: Which 1980s movie fea-
- "Volvo" mean in Latin?





Differences: 1. Snowman is added. 2. Boy's hat is black. 3. Girl's hair is different. 4. Background hills are missing. 5. Tree is added on right. 6. Boy's left arm is hidden.

## **CryptoQuip**

for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error. Clue: B equals T

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#### **PRESIDENT** Today's Word

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SCRAMBLERS

# 1. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, "All of this

- happened, more or less"? 2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What
- ed with the month of December? 3. FOOD & DRINK: What is carda-
- Mount Kilimanjaro located? 5. U.S. STATES: Which state's slogan
- 6. TELEVISION: What was Archie Bunker's nickname for his wife Edith in "All in the Family"?
- Jimmy Carter?
- tures the song "The Power of Love"? 10. LANGUAGE: What does the name

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Weekly SUDOKU

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CryptoQuip

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IN RE THE

**ESTATE OF** 

Deceased.

2018 P 86

Jan. 2, 9, 16, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT

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**ILLINOIS** 

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representative and In-

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Three Clipper wrestlers placed in their respective weight classes, led by Zack Cerreto with a fourth-place finish in the 126-pound Cerreto opened the tournament with a

pin loss to Dixon's Austin Pleskovitch at the 3:30 mark. Cerreto bounced back with a quick pin in just 26 seconds over Kel Lee of Mercer County before being pinned by Cody Lang of Genoa-Kingston in 3:37 of the third-place match.

Amboy's Dylan Daniels claimed fifthplace honors in the 120-pound division. He won two of four matches, starting with a pin over Carter Donahue of Mercer County in 33 seconds and ending with another pin of Donahue in 29 seconds.

In between, Daniels lost a 13-9 decision to

Ethan Hanaman of Mendota and was pinned in 3:25 by Dixon's Roman Kozak.

Bradley Gazza finished sixth at 138 pounds for the Clippers. His lone win in four matches was a pin over Dixon's Jeremiah Joos in 2:36. Gazza was pinned twice by Alex Tatrae of Genoa-Kingston (5:07, 0:47) and also suffered a pin loss to Aleks Zydek of Dixon at the 41-second mark.

Tanner Schrock also competed for the Clippers but did not place in the 132-pound

Amboy finished 11th in the team standings

Dixon won the tournament with 240 points, followed by Rock Falls (213), Erie-Prophetstown (92), Kewanee (90), Harvard (87), Genoa-Kingston (86), Mercer County (76), Sterling (74), Winnebago (68) and Mendota (35). Durand-Pecatonica (16) and West Carroll (12) finished behind the Clippers.

## Clippers victorious against Varna

**VARNA** – The Amboy Clippers had a quick start and then held off Midland for a 78-67 victory in varsity boys' basketball action on Jan. 5

The Clippers zoomed out to a 25-8 first-quarter lead as Mitchell McLaughlin torched the net for 14 points.

Amboy cooled off in the second period, but still owned a 33-24 halftime lead.

Midland cut the margin to five (53-48) heading to the fourth frame where the Clippers outscored the home team, 25-19, to preserve

McLaughlin finished with

a game-high 26 points for the Clippers.

Hunter Zimmerly was next for Amboy with 19 points, while Logan Whelchel dropped in 12 tallies. Preston Henkel and Trevor Vaessen contributed eight and seven points, re-

## Holy Cross School to host 3rd **Annual Shamrock 5K**

MENDOTA - Holy Cross School is sponsoring its third annual Shamrock 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, March 9. Check-in opens at 8:30 a.m. and the race will start at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross. The finish line is also at Holy Cross. Walkers will start immediately after the runners. The entry fee is \$25 by Feb. 25 and \$30

between Feb. 26 and March 9. Participants who pre-register are guaranteed an official Shamrock 5K long sleeve T-shirt.

Awards will be presented to the first overall male and female runners in the 5K.

In addition, first-, second- and third-place finishers in each age division for male and

female will be awarded medals.

Refreshments will be available after the

Entry forms are available at Holy Cross School or Holy Cross Church Vestibule, or sign-up online at www.runrace.net. Aminimal fee applies for online registration. Following the 5K, a Shamrock Dash for

children 3-6 will take place at Holy Cross. The registration fee is \$15 and participants entered by Feb. 25 are guaranteed a T-shirt. For more race information, like us on Face-

book at Holy Cross Church & School-Mendota or email shamrockhcs5K@gmail.com.

Proceeds will benefit Holy Cross School.

# IDNR NEWS BITS

#### **Spring Turkey Applications**

Think spring by applying now for the second lottery for 2019 Illinois Spring Wild Turkey Season permits. The application deadline for the second lottery is Jan. 11. Go to the IDNR website for more information at https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/ TurkeyHunting.aspx Pere Marquette Bald Eagle Days

Enjoy watching bald eagles on the Illinois and Mississippi rivers near Pere Marquette State Park this winter by participating in one of the park's popular Bald Eagle Days tours. The informative programs are conducted on select winter dates. Upcoming programs are on Jan. 28, 29, and 31; Feb. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 14, 15, 22, and 25; and March 4 and 8. The programs are free, but registration is required by calling 618-786-3323. https://www.dnr. illinois.gov/Parks/Event/Documents/PereMarquetteSPBaldEagleDays.pdf

#### Late-Winter/CWD Deer Season Jan. 18-20

The Illinois Late-Winter Antlerless-only and Special CWD deer hunting seasons conclude on Jan. 18-20. There will be 20 counties open for the final segment of the Late-Winter season and 15 counties open for the final weekend of the Special CWD season. Hunters should check the information page on the IDNR website to make sure the county they intend to hunt is open for the Late-Winter or Special CWD season

Winter Nature Trek on Jan. 26

Spend the day outdoors on a winter Nature Trek at The Nature Conservancy's Emiquon Preserve near Lewistown from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Jan. 26. Did you know glaciers contributed to the formation of the Illinois River Valley? Learn about how the last Ice Age shaped the present-day landscape. Participants will meet at the Therkildsen Field Station at Emiquon, 11316 N. Prairie Road, Lewistown, to begin the tour through the Emiquon Preserve. Information will be presented by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Dickson Mounds Museum staff members. Participants must dress appropriately for the outdoors, provide their own drinks and snacks, and be able to hike comfortably with an elevation gain and across uneven terrain. For more information, call 309-547-3721.

Starved Rock Bald Eagle Watch Weekend Jan. 26-27

The Bald Eagle Watch Weekend in and around Starved Rock State Park is set for Jan. 26 and 27. Activities are scheduled from 9 a.m. both days at the Illinois Waterway Lock and Dam Visitor Center, Starved Rock Visitor Center and Starved Rock Lodge. The Bald Eagle Watch Weekend is hosted by the Illinois Audubon Society, IDNR, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Starved Rock Lodge, Starved Rock Audubon, Starved Rock Foundation, Ameren Illinois and the Illinois Raptor Center. For more details: https://illinoisaudubon.org/ programs/bald-eagle-watch-weekend/

**Ice Fishing Safety** 

Ice fishing can be great fun, but you need to take ice fishing safety seriously. Review important ice fishing safety information on the I Fish Illinois website: https://www. ifishillinois.org/programs/ice.php

#### **Pheasant Fest and Quail Classic**

Mark your calendars for Feb. 22-24 when the annual National Pheasant Fest and Quail Classic comes to Illinois for the first time at the Schaumburg Convention Center. The event includes programs, seminars, displays and vendors with a focus on wildlife conservation, upland game bird hunting, dog training, and wildlife habitat management and restoration. Staff and volunteers from the IDNR and Illinois Conservation Foundation will be there to answer questions and discuss programs. For more information: https://www.pheasantsforever.org/Pheasant-Fest.aspx

#### Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip **Grants:**

Teachers in Illinois can apply now (through Jan. 31) for the annual Illinois Biodiversity Field Trip Grant program. Funding for the program is donated by the Independence Tube Corporation in Bedford Park, the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Foundation in Skokie, and the D. F. and M. T. Grohne Family Foundation in Wilmington. Application details for these nature field trip grants are online at https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/education/ Pages/GrantsIBFTG.aspx and the application deadline is Jan. 31.

#### **Camping Reservations**

It is not too early to make reservations for campsites and shelters for many Illinois state parks and other IDNR sites for 2019. Reservations can be made online through the Reserve America website at www.reserveamerica.com using a Visa or MasterCard.

# **Educational Briefs**

#### Schlesinger named to Wartburg College Fall Term Dean's List

WAVERLY, Iowa — Kimberly Schlesinger of Compton was named to the Wartburg College Fall Term Dean's List.

The college recognized 478 students for

The list honors students who earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above in at least four course credits during the term. Three of the four course credits have to be graded with a traditional letter grade.

Wartburg students take four courses during Fall Term, which runs from September through December.

Wartburg, a four-year liberal arts college internationally recognized for community engagement, enrolls 1,498 students. Wartburg is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and named after the castle in Germany where Martin Luther took refuge

disguised as a knight during the stormy days of the Reformation while translating the Bible from Greek into German.

#### Kishwaukee announces Fall 2018 Deans List

MALTA—The Office of Student Services at Kishwaukee College has announced the students named to the Fall 2018 Deans List.

To be eligible for Dean's List honors, a student must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours (at the 100/200 level) during an academic term at Kishwaukee College with a semester GPA (grade point average) of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

The following Kishwaukee College students have been named to the official Fall 2018 Dean's List:

**Amboy** 

Drake Darrin Barlow

Richard P Ragan

## Amboy Community Unit School District #272

Thurs., Jan. 10

Fri., Jan. 11 Sat., Jan. 12

Mon., Jan. 14

Tues., Jan. 15

Wed., Jan. 16

Thurs., Jan. 17

AJHS Girls Basketball (H) Bureau Valley South – 4:00 AHS Boys Basketball @ Milledgeville – 6:00 p.m.

AHS Girls Basketball @ Forreston – 5:30 p.m. AHS Varsity Wrestling (H) Tournament – 9:00 a.m. AHS Boys Basketball @ Forreston – 1:00 p.m.

EARLY DISMISSAL - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY

AJHS - 1:15; Central - 1:20; AHS - 1:25 AHS Scholastic Bowl (H) Milledgeville – 4:00 p.m. AHS Girls Basketball (H) Durand – 6:00 p.m.

AJHS Girls Basketball @ Bureau Valley North (Walnut) AHS Wrestling @ Oregon w/Winnebago – 5:30 p.m.

Freshman Boys game at home with Mendota @ 5:30 pm AJHS 7th Grade Girls Basketball @ Indian Creek **Tournament** (Waterman) - TBA

AHS Boys Basketball (H) Polo – 6:00 p.m.

AHS Fresh/Soph Scholastic Bowl @ Pecatonica – 4:00

AHS Girls Basketball @ Ashton – 6:00 p.m.



#### **JR HIGH MENU January 7 - 11**

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.

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast Monday

Tuesday

Friday

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast

- Crispy chicken fillet on a bun, sweet potato fries, green beans, fresh cut veggies/ranch, strawberry cup

Wednesday - Roast pork in gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots veggies/ranch, roll, apricots, cinnamon baked apples Thursday

> cup, veggies/ranch, beans, rice, pineapple - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast

veggies/ranch, juice cup, dried fruit mix

- Corn dog nuggets, cowboy beans, applesauce cup, fresh cut veggies/ranch, chocolate cup cake - Early Dismissal 1:25 p.m

- Pancakes & syrup or pick two from breakfast cart

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast - Taco on soft tortilla, chicken, salad, salsa, cheese

- Cheese stuffed crust pizza, broccoli & cheese,

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Friday

CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU **January 14 – 18** 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.

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast - Corn dog nuggets, cowboy beans, applesauce cup,

cinnamon baked apples

fresh cut veggies/ranch, chocolate cup cake - Early Dismissal - 1:20 p.m. - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast

> - Chicken tenders, sweet potato fries, roll/butter, green beans, veggies/ranch, strawberry cup - Pancakes & syrup or pick two from breakfast cart - Roast pork in gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, veggies/ranch, roll, apricots,

- Taco on soft tortilla, chicken, salad, salsa, cheese cup, veggies/ranch, beans, rice, pineapple

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast - Cheese stuffed crust pizza, broccoli & cheese,

veggies/ranch, juice cup, dried fruit mix

# ATHLETES

Girls Basketball

**Varsity Team** 

## **Boys Basketball**

Logan Whelchel

Wrestling

**Brad Gazza** 

**Dylan Daniels** 

**Zack Ceretto** 

The First National Bank in Amboy



# **E**

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#### **WEEKLY SPECIALS**

### **Chef Boyardee Canned Pasta**

Reg. Price \$4.99 ea.

Assorted 14-15.5 oz

**S129** Reg. Price \$1.59 ea.



#### **Quaker Rice Cakes** Assorted 4.47 oz – 7.5 oz

Reg. Price \$2.69 ea.



# **Shurfine Sour Cream**

Reg. Price \$5.99 ea.











# Kellogg's Eggo **Waffles**





Reg. Price \$1.99 ea.





## **Shurfine Canned Tomatoes**

14-15 oz

Reg. Price \$4.49 ea.

