

All signs a go for Sublette Farm Toy Show this weekend

SUBLETTE — Volunteers have been busy for some time preparing for the 37th annual Sublette Farm Toy and Antique Tractor Show.

The activities begin on Saturday, March 16 at 9 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. with toys scattered in buildings throughout the town.

Then on Saturday evening there will be the annual Toy Show Dinner.

Sunday begins with the Fire Department pancake and sausage breakfast at 7 a.m. continuing until noon. Then at 9 a.m., the toy show buildings open and the craft show doors open at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall.

Other activities include an operating train layout, semi-tractor show and a display of full-size tractors and farm equipment.

The feature this year is John Deere and the 1918 Waterloo Boy tractor owned by the Althaus family will be displayed as the feature tractor.

It is a fun event for the entire family.

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR TOY SHOW DINNER

Tickets are still available for the annual Sublette Toy Show casual dinner, which will be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 16.

The dinner will be a catered dinner with entertainment. The program will be a Musical Review by Phil and Amy. Their music includes Broadway and more. They come highly acclaimed.

Cost of the dinner is \$20 per person and tickets may be purchased at the door.

Sheriff's Association clarifies invitation

LEE COUNTY — Some of the local Lee County citizens recently received a letter from the Illinois Sheriffs' Association inviting them to support law enforcement by becoming an Associate Member or Business Member of the association.

Apparently, the membership invitation mistakenly used the incorrect city name for the Lee County Sheriff's office location.

Please rest assured that the invitation is legitimate, and the Lee County Sheriff's Office appreciates your support. Invitations are by mail only - never by telephone.

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association has served our state for more than 90 years and provides professional peace officer training, promotes crime and drug prevention, and fosters better overall criminal justice.

For more information, visit us online at www.ilsheriff.org.

Candidates for village board introduced

BY TONJA GREENFIELD
General Manager

SUBLETTE — The Sublette Village Board invited all five candidates running for the three open seats on the April 2 election to attend the board meeting on Monday and introduce themselves and say why they were running for the board.

The five candidates are incumbent Scott Hanson and Richard Klaser, former village trustee Robert Bulfer, former village trustee and board president John Stenzel, and local business owner Jeff Myers. Current Sublette Village Trustee Jerry Leffelman is not seeking re-election to the board.

Myers, who owns Sublette Trucking Company, was on the road during the meeting and was unable to attend.

Klaser gave his history of being on the board, saying he has served on the village board for 10 years.

Bulfer said he served two terms on previous boards and that he would like to get back on the board. He said there are some things in the village he would like to see cleaned up, but overall, he thinks the village is progressing very well.

Stenzel said he was a trustee for 10 years and the mayor/village president for 16 years. He said his job has changed, making him more available to be back involved with the village.

In other board business:

- Sublette Village Board President Michael Vaessen presented Steve Klein, of Sublette Farmer's Elevator with a proclamation recognizing the business for celebrating its 100th anniversary.

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Sublette Farmer's Elevator celebrates 100th Anniversary

BY MONETTA YOUNG
Reporter

SUBLETTE — In February of 1919 a number of farmers gathered at the town hall in Sublette to consider the advisability of organizing a Farmers Elevator. There were 50 present and it was a unanimous opinion to move forward with the idea.

In early April of that year an application to organize the company, with \$30,000 capital stock, was filed with the Illinois Secretary of State.

The company purchased the JW Betendorf elevator located in Sublette later that year. The object of the purchase was to provide the opportunity for buying and selling of grains, coal, lumber, building materials, hay, straw, livestock and all other merchandise and commodities used by farmers. Today the company offers grain storage, buys and sells grain and retails fertilizer, chemicals, seed, feed, lumber and building material.

When the elevator was started, the grain was shipped by rail to the Illinois River and other locations.

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Sublette Village President Michael Vaessen presented Steve Klein, of Sublette Farmer's Elevator, with a proclamation recognizing the business for its 100th anniversary on Monday night.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

Voters to elect city, village officials

LEE COUNTY — Voters will head to the polls on Tuesday, April 2 to elect local city and village officials.

On the ballot in Amboy for City Aldermen in the three wards, only one Ward is contested. In Ward One, no candidate is on the ballot. In Ward Two, newcomer Brandon Klein is running

unopposed. In Ward Three, incumbent Daryl Stuckemeyer faces challenger Frank Stenzel.

In the Village of Paw Paw, four candidates are seeking three positions. The four candidates running for the three seats are Janis Dunklau, Mark Clayton, Ellyn Schoenholz and Kate Fabiszak.

In the Village of Sublette, five candidates are seeking three seats. Incumbents Richard Klaser and Scott Hanson are running to retain their seats on the village board. Former Sublette Village President John Stenzel and former Sublette Village Trustee Robert Bulfer are also running for a seat on the village board.

Rounding out the five candidates running for trustee is newcomer Jeff Myers.

Also on the ballot is the election of school board members. A story on that election will appear in a later edition.



MEET THE CANDIDATES

During the Sublette Village Board meeting on Monday, four of the five candidates for the three open seats on the village board were given an opportunity to introduce themselves and say why they were running for the board. Pictured, left to right, former village trustee and board president John Stenzel, incumbent Richard Klaser, former village trustee Robert Bulfer and incumbent Scott Hanson. Not pictured is Jeff Myers, who was unable to make the meeting due to work. The election will be held on April 2.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



PUBLIC SPEAKING

Local 4-Hers compete in Public Speaking contest.

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CHAMPION

Amboy youth takes first place at Sectional meet.

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YOUNG LEADERS DONATE TO LOCAL LIBRARIES

In honor of National Ag Day, recognized March 14, 2019, the Lee County Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee donated "John Deere, That's Who" by Tracy Nelson Maurer to the public libraries in Lee County. Josie Willett, (right) is pictured making the donation to the Pankhurst Memorial Library in Amboy.

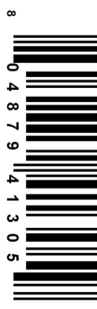
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LESSON ON EYES

Dr. Kelly Klein gave an eye health presentation, Take a Closer Look into Your Medications, on Monday to the Amboy Lions Club. The program covered over the counter and prescription drug influences on eye health and encouraged everyone to have an annual eye exam to prevent drug related problems. Klein brought a book chronicling her mission trip to Honduras. She pointed out the boxes of eyeglasses that were being given to patients had the Lions Club logo on them.

Mary Mays/Amboy News



LOCAL NEWS



Cameron Simpson

Simpson named WACC Student of Month

AMBOY — Cameron Simpson, from Amboy High School, was recently named January Student of the Month for outstanding effort and performance at Whiteside Area Career Center in Sterling. He is the son of Dale and Melissa Simpson.

Amboy Police

Speeding

On March 5, at 12:31 p.m., Rebecca A. Hirsch, 23, of Paw Paw, was issued a traffic citation for speeding 48 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

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Recipients of their annual Books by the Bushel program to promote agriculture education were Amboy Central Preschool, pictured above.

Photo submitted



Recipients of their annual Books by the Bushel program to promote agriculture education were Paw Paw Public Library, pictured above.

Photo submitted

Books By the Bushel donations awarded

AMBOY — The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is excited to announce the recipients of their annual Books by the Bushel program to promote agriculture education.

Amboy Central Preschool, Paw Paw Public Library, and Graves-Hume Public Library, Mendota were each

named recipients of a bushel basket of 11 agriculture related children's books through the Books by the Bushel grant program.

The mission of the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is to fund and encourage ag related educational opportunities to the youth of Lee County

through programs like Books by the Bushel, Ag in the Classroom, and college scholarships.

If you would like more information about the programs of the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation, visit their website, www.lcfbfoundation.org or call 815-857-3531.

Educational Briefs

Lewis University students honored on 2018 Fall Dean's List

ROMEOVILLE - The following students were named to Lewis University's Dean's List for the 2018 Fall Semester:

Dixon

Lauren A. Chacon

Sublette

Marissa C. Henkel, Mathematics

Marissa C. Henkel, Secondary Education

To be eligible for this honor, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester with a grade point average of at least 3.5 and with no "D" or "F" grades.

Lewis University is an innovative and forward-thinking Catholic university offering market-relevant undergraduate and graduate

programs to 6,500 students. Visit www.lewisu.edu for further information.

Kishwaukee College Foundation announces Scholarship Recipients

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Foundation announces the student scholarship recipients for Spring 2019. The Foundation offers over \$300,000 in scholarship funds annually to eligible Kishwaukee College students. Funds comprise of gifts received from generous members of the community, local business and industry, and area agencies and associations. Students are selected on a competitive basis according to each scholarship's specific requirements.

The online application process for the Fall 2019 Kishwaukee College Foun-

ation Scholarships is now open. Application deadline for Fall 2019 Scholarships is April 15 at 4 p.m.

Local scholarship winners include:

50 for 50 Scholarship Steward

Caleb Gould

Cliff Caruthers & Linda Stoltz Caruthers Memorial Endowment Paw Paw

Antonio Solis and Janette Solis

Doris & Robert Boey Endowment Lee

Richard Ragan

Rollan Bonneau Memorial Endowment Amboy

Drake Barlow

Ruth Ashelford Pollock Horticulture Internship Scholarship Sublette

Joyce Papiech

Tim Hammons Memorial Scholarship Paw Paw

Lucas Ekstrom

Vernon & Dorothy Smith Memorial Endowment Steward

Austin Suddeth

Sheriff's office arrests Iowa man on felonies

LEE COUNTY — On March 7, at 9:10 a.m., a Lee County Sheriff's Deputy conducted a traffic stop on US Route 30, near Rock Road on a white Chevrolet SUV for traveling 70 mph in a 55 mph speed zone.

Deputies obtained consent for a search of the vehicle, after smelling the odor of cannabis inside the vehicle.

As a result of the search, the passenger, Jacob. N. Eilermann, 22, of North Liberty, Iowa, was arrested for possessing 285 grams of cannabis, a class four felony. Eilermann was transported to the Lee County Jail, awaiting bond hearing.

The charges are merely an allegation and all parties are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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Tuesday – Baked ziti w/ meatsauce, Italian blend veggies, garlic bread, hot applesauce

Wednesday – A) Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, glazed carrots, dinner roll, peach cobbler B) Liver & onions

Thursday – Sloppy Joe, wheat bun, tator tots, green beans, apricots

Friday – Lemon tilapia, wild rice, peas, dinner roll, fruit cocktail

Meals served Mon.-Fri. at 11:30 am

Reservations needed 10:00 am day before

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280 W. Wasson Road • 1-815-262-7516, reservations

AMBOY TOWNSHIP NOTICE

By Resolution of
Amboy Township Board
VEHICLES RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING GROSS WEIGHTS:
Beginning March 13, 2019

2 AXLES	
SINGLE REAR TIRE	8000 LBS.
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2 AXLE FARM WAGONS AND FERTILIZER BUGGIES	9000 LBS.
3 OR MORE AXLES	
DUAL REAR TIRES	33000 LBS.
MAXIMUM FOR HIGH FLOTATION APPLICATORS	9000 LBS.
AXLE W/ TWO TIRES	18000 LBS.

NOTE: In no case shall GVW exceed 33,000 lb.

NOTICE OF VOTE BY MAIL AND EARLY VOTING

April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election

Cathy Myers, Lee County Clerk and Recorder would like to announce that **VOTE BY MAIL** and **EARLY VOTING** is being conducted in the Election Department of her office, first floor of the Old Lee County Courthouse.

VOTE BY MAIL ~ will take place from Thursday, February 21st through Thursday, March 28th and is available for properly registered Lee County voters. Application can be made beginning January 2, 2019, and is available on the website or by contacting the Election Department of her office.

EARLY VOTING ~ will take place from Thursday, February 21st through Monday, April 1st and must be conducted in person. Early voting is available Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. and Saturday, March 30th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the Election Department of her office.

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

Website: www.leecountyil.com

Email: election@countyoillee.org

Phone: 815-288-3309

Cathy Myers
Lee County Clerk & Recorder

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LOCAL NEWS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DIXON-The deadline for entries to the Phidian Art Club's 31st Annual Literary Competition is Wednesday, March 13. Mail or hand deliver entries to Phidian Art Club c/o Dixon Public Library, 221 S. Hennepin Ave., Dixon, IL 61021. All writers 17 years old or older by March 13 and resides within a 35 miles radius of Dixon or attends Sauk Valley Community College is eligible to enter. Call Chris Gehlbach at 815-288-4957, or email chrisgehlbach@gmail.com for contest rules and other information.

AMBOY-The Amboy Township Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 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 14. Bingo will be followed by a light lunch. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only, on March 14, 15, 21, 27, 28 and 29. 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 or the application

process for medical cannabis.

WEST BROOKLYN-St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 2520 Johnson St., will have Confessions at 4:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 5 p.m. and Holy Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 15. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion Post #453 will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 18, at the Amboy Family Restaurant, 211 E. Main St., in the community room.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 18, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The University of Illinois Extension's Four Season Gardening Webinar Series will present "Pruning Deciduous Shrubs" at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, at the Lee County Extension Office, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Advance registration needed by March 12. To register, call 815-632-3611 or online at go.illinois.edu/4seasons.

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, March 20, 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, April 3. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Lee County Health Department will hold a Blood Pressure Clinic from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Call LCHD at 815-284-3371 for more information.

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 20, 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, by appointment only. Call the LCCOA at 815-288-9236

to schedule an appointment.

STERLING-The University of Illinois Extension will host "Healthy Aging Summit: The POWER of Aging" from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, at the YMCA. A box lunch is included in the fee. Pre-registration is required. Call 815-632-3611 or online at golillinois.edu/powerof-aging.

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AMBOY-The Amboy-Lee Center Multi-Township Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 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 21, at

Amboy High School, 11 E. Hawley.

MAYTOWN-St. Patrick Church, 1336 Maytown Rd., will have Confessions at 4:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 5 p.m. and Holy Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 22. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

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Illinois Sheriff's Association announces scholarships

LEE COUNTY — The Illinois Sheriffs' Association announces that it will be awarding over \$50,000 in college scholarships throughout the State of Illinois to students wishing to pursue higher education during the 2019-2020 academic year.

The scholarships are to be applied to tuition, books and fees only.

The student must be enrolled full-time at a certified institution of higher learning within the State of Illinois.

Sheriff John Simonton, Lee County, will be awarding one scholarship in the amount of \$500.00.

There will be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex or national origin. The only limitations are as follows:

- Applicants must be permanent Illinois residents

residents

- Scholarships must be utilized at institutions of higher learning within the State of Illinois

- Students must be enrolled as a full-time student during the 2019-2020 school year (excluding summer session).

Applications are now available at your local Sheriff's office or on the ISA Website www.ilsheriff.org. Students must complete the application; answer the essay question and return all documentation to the Sheriff's office in their permanent county of residence by March 15, 2019 - must be postmarked by this date.

For more information, please contact your local Sheriff's office, Illinois Sheriffs' Association, high school advising center or college financial aid office.

Mentalist Christopher Carter to perform at SVCC April 11

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College invites the public to a free performance by Mentalist, Christopher Carter, on Thursday, April 11 starting at 7 p.m. in the Jerry Mathis Theatre.

Christopher Carter is recognized as one of the world's greatest minder-readers. Carter is not psychic, simply an incredibly skilled observer of human behavior.

His performance is one that mesmerizes the mind and surprises the audience.

After pursuing dual interests in psychology and theater, Carter combined both to create a humorous production with displays of his stunning talent. Carter has appeared on The Martin Short Show as well as Donny and Marie.

He also was awarded Entertainer of the Year from the Campus Activities Industry. Carter also presents to national corporations such as Harley-Davidson, Wells Fargo, Spirit, John Deere, Exxon Mobile, and more.

This performance is co-sponsored by SVCC Student Activities and the Student Government Association.

For more information contact Ana Salgado, ana.s.salgado@svcc.edu, 815-835-6432.

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CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU March 18-22

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 - Nachos grande w/cheese & beef, salad, salsa, beans, rice, fresh cut veggies, peaches, jello cup
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Crispy chicken fillet on a bun, lettuce, tomato, sweet potato fries, broccoli & cheese, pears, cake
Wednesday	- Egg & cheese muffinwich or pick two from breakfast cart - Beef steak patty, mashed potatoes/gravy, roll, peas, carrots, applesauce, raisins, blueberry cobbler
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Chicken pasta bake, peanut butter sandwich, fresh cut veggies/ranch, corn, mixed berry cup, cupcake
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Breakfast for lunch-choice of cheese sticks, yogurt & eggs plus cereals, juice box, granola bars, dries fruit mix

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JR HIGH MENU March 18-22

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 - Nachos grande w/cheese & beef, salad, salsa, beans, rice, fresh cut veggies, peaches, jello cup
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OBITUARIES

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The last box cars of grain were shipped in about 1973. At about that time Jerry Bonnell started working at the elevator as a truck driver and today 46 years later he is still driving for the elevator. He is also the longest term employee the elevator has ever had. Now the grain is hauled via trucks to river terminals, container loaders and processors at various locations.

"We strive to serve the entire community, not just the farmers," said Steve Klein, manager.

"Today, the grain storage capacity is 3,700,000 bushels and the company will be expanding once again with the addition of a 1.3 million bushel capacity bin on Inlet

Road. The industry sees fewer but bigger farmers than years ago, but for the most part, they are familiar family names from the area.

"Grain yields have increased greatly and the equipment is a lot bigger," said Klein.

Sublette Farmer's Elevator currently has 11 employees.

The staff celebrated their 100th anniversary with current stockholders at a special dinner on March 7 at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church hall.

There was a display of historic memorabilia at the dinner for all to enjoy.

The elevator operates as a cooperative, meaning that each stockholder receives

a portion of the proceeds, dependent on the amount of business they have done throughout the year.

When Klein started working at the elevator, Lester Full was his manager. Full worked for the Sublette Farmer's Elevator for 35 years and served as manager for 31 years. Klein has been manager for 35 of his 44 years of employment.

The current board of directors include: Steve Becker, Dean Dinges, John Schultz, Shawn Leffelman, Marty Montavon, John Schmidt and Lance Walter. The Officers are Marty Montavon, president; Shawn Leffelman, vice president and John Schmidt, secretary-treasurer.

Key employees include

Steve Klein, manager; Reed Akre, incoming manager; Jason Streit, assistant manager,

Nancy Mathieu, bookkeeper, Sarah Kaecker, bookkeeper, and assistants Jerry Bonnell,

Mike Burkardt, Dennis Antoine, Marty Bonnell, Nick Kaecker and James Bonnell.



The current board of directors of Sublette Farmer's Elevator include: Steve Becker, Dean Dinges, John Schultz, Shawn Leffelman, Marty Montavon, John Schmidt and Lance Walter. Photo submitted



~Pictured Left to Right ~ Floyd Streit ~ Lester Full ~ unknown ~ Janice Label ~ Hattie Rapp

Thank you to my friends and family who helped make my 90th birthday extra special! I enjoyed your phone calls, hearing the funny and thoughtful memories you wrote in cards and e-mails, as well as your visits with Virginia and me. It also meant a great deal to receive such heartfelt expressions from former employees and their families, in addition to former customers and committee members. I am truly blessed to have spent my life in such a supportive and caring community. God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Sylvan Leffelman

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James Mead

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Words cannot express how much we miss you James
Thank you for so many wonderful memories, It helps us all to go on without you.

Love Dad, Mom, Melissa, Lane, Dylan,
Alex, Mike, Elsa
Family and Friends

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TEEN TURF

DODGE BALL TOURNAMENT

There will be a Dodge Ball Tournament at 6 p.m., this Friday, March 15, at the Amboy Junior High. Permission forms and money are due by Wednesday, March 13. Students from other schools may play but they must have signed insurance waivers. Junior High students will play against Junior High students. High School students will play against High School students. Chaperones are needed so call 815-857-4800 or 815-440-8195 to help out.

FISH FRY

Our annual Fish Fry will be Friday, March 22, at Teen Turf 235 West Main Street, Amboy. There will be fish, fries, coleslaw, dessert and a drink. Kids under five are free. Ages 5 to 12 is \$5. Tickets for ages 13 and older is

\$9. This fund raiser helps to keep our After School Program FREE.

DONATIONS

High Fives: To the Rick Ketchum family and Keith and Mary Jane Shaw for the food. To Donna Wellman for the homemade treats almost daily and coming every day to serve them. To Ray and Mary Harrison for the huge monetary donation. To the Maytown Altar and Rosary Society for the coats and monetary donation. To Katie and John Dickinson for the ham. To Sheila and GG Garcia for the monetary donation. To Eileen and Irene Ramsdell for the bread, meat, cheese and beautifully decorated cupcakes. It is because of these wonderful donations and all the prayers that Teen Turf stays up and running. Blessings to ALL!!

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• Don Dinges said he attended an area economic development meeting in Peru recently and learned that the state of Illinois is looking to offer grants for capital

projects the village may want to do. Dinges said he has the grant applications and will get together with Vaessen to identify any infrastructure that the village would want to seek a grant for.

• Two items were turned over to the village property committee for recommendations. The first is selling the Chevy 3500 with snow plow. The vehicle has almost

39,000 miles on it. The board asked the property committee to come up with a price in which to sell the vehicle. The other matter referred to the property committee was what to do with the old maintenance building—lease it or demolish it.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, April 8, in the Ellice Dinges Center.



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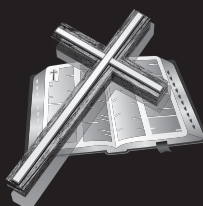
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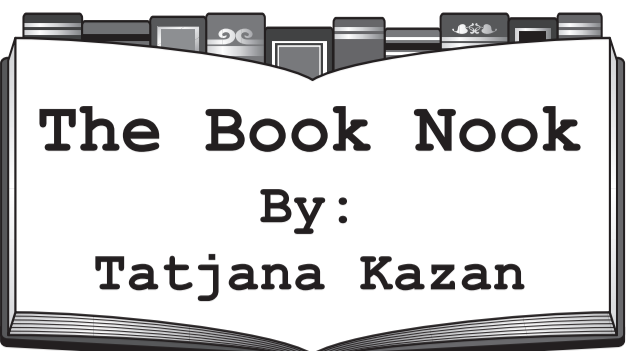
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The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

A Father's Choice

Claire Adam's very fine debut novel, "Golden Child," is both a richly textured portrait of a family and a terrific thriller. We meet Clyde Deyalsingh, an upright, hardworking family man who is scouring the neighborhood for his 13-year old son Paul. The boy has disappeared. The family lives quietly in a rural neighborhood known as a "bush-and-bandits" area some two hours south of Port of Spain, Trinidad's capital. That afternoon, bandits had invaded their home, tying up Paul, his twin brother Peter, and their mother Joy. Paul had rashly stared down the armed headman of the gang until his mother intervened. Clyde is still furious with the boy as he half-heartedly searches for him.

Clyde recalls his family's history from the time the boys were born, first Peter and then with great difficulty, Paul, who is too long deprived of oxygen and is forever marked as "slightly retarded." Joy's mother Mousey lives with the family, and "when Clyde comes back from the hospital with Joy and the babies, the house is spotless and the big iron pots are full of food: rice, roti, curry chicken, curry shrimp, alloo pies, green salads, macaroni pie."

Paul is the novel's second narrator. We see his inner life, which he has completely hidden from his father. Paul loves disappearing into the bush where he sits and daydreams. He wears his hair so long and wild that everyone in the neighborhood calls him Tarzan. We see that he is shy rather than stupid. He is afraid of books and exams and his father's anger. Father Kavanagh, a priest who gives Paul private lessons, does not believe the boy is retarded. But to his father, Paul is "the other one."

Peter is the golden child, industrious, brilliant in school, the focus of all his father's hopes and dreams. Joy's Uncle Vishnu, a beloved doctor who believes in the transformative power of education, bequeaths the family a large sum of money to send Peter to Harvard University. But when it emerges that Paul has been kidnapped, Clyde is faced with an unbearable choice.

In fine detail, the novel portrays Trinidad as a corrupt society where money, rather than guaranteeing safety, attracts pitiless violence. In the charged atmospheres of a kidnapping, we witness Paul's heroism in captivity, his child's belief that it will all come out right. And we watch his father, who has tried so hard to walk on the straight and narrow, who has never understood his son, wheel and deal to save him.

From The Heart Calendar

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Feb. 1 - Ryan Stevens, High Ridge, Missouri, \$25	Rochelle, \$50
Feb. 2 - Rob & Angela Spartz, LeClaire, Iowa, \$250	Feb. 11 - FTH event purchase, \$25
Feb. 3 - M. Joanne Kantner, DeKalb, \$50	Feb. 12 - Jody Pagles, Monroe Center, \$25
Feb. 4 - Tessa Sturgeon, New Albany, Indiana, \$25	Feb. 13 - Frank Hintzsche, Rochelle, \$25
Feb. 5 - Mary Ellen Berg, Casselberry, Florida, \$25	Feb. 14 - Samantha Garver, Rochelle, \$250
Feb. 6 - Renee Anders, Rochelle, \$25	Feb. 15 - Jeff McCluskey, Rochelle, \$25
Feb. 7 - Clay Whelan, Dixon, \$25	Feb. 16 - Scott Gilbert, Oregon, \$25
Feb. 8 - Jean Margheim, Rochelle, \$25	Feb. 17 - Lisa Lee, Byron, \$50
Feb. 9 - Calvin Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25	Feb. 18 - Jennah Mariani, Milwaukee, Wis., \$25
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	Feb. 20 - RuDella Suter, Chana, \$25
	Feb. 21 - Danah Himes, Charleston, \$25
	Feb. 22 - Corrie Dyer, Sycamore, \$25
	Feb. 23 - Judy Harrison, Rochelle, \$25
	Feb. 24 - Rochelle Eye Care Center, \$50
	Feb. 25 - Diane May, Volo, \$25
	Feb. 26 - Hidden Timber Gardens, Chana, \$25
	Feb. 27 - Rita Heller, Rochelle, \$25
	Feb. 28 - Jacob Bigelow, Rochelle, \$25
	Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month

Spots still open for Gardening Day at Sauk Valley College

LEE COUNTY — On Saturday, March 23, 2019, the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners of Carroll, Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside Counties will be hosting the 2019 Ready...Set...Grow... garden conference day from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Sauk Valley Community College.

Horticulture experts will lead 15 workshops and participants will choose three sessions to attend. Workshops will share information everyone can use—from the beginner to the most experienced gardener.

A sampling of sessions include: Hydroponics, Managing Fruit Trees in the Home Orchard, Japanese Gardens, Kokedama, and Growing Greens and Herbs Indoors All Year-Round. A vendor show, door prizes, and a Master Gardener Help Desk can be visited throughout the day. The fee for this program is \$45, and registrations will be accepted until March 18, 2019.

Fee includes a Continental breakfast & buffet lunch, a welcome bag, and handouts from educational sessions.

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LEE COUNTY Public speaking is one of the most feared tasks a person can do but not for these local 4-Hers. Carroll, Lee and Whiteside County 4-H held their annual Public Speaking contest on Saturday March 2, at the Milledgeville public Library.

Participants included: Brook Bradbury, Hayden Bradbury, and Linnea Thorngren from Carroll County. Natalie Pratt from Lee County. Lara Bielema, Lola Klimstra, August Kuehl, and Alex Manon from Whiteside County. With a variety of ages and speech topics, the crowd was easily entertained. S elected for State fair from each county: Carroll: Linnea Thorngren with her Illustrated speech, Lee: Natalie Pratt, with her Formal Speech, Whiteside: August Kuehl and Alex Manon with their team oral interpretation, Lara Bielema with her Formal Speech, and Lola Klimstra with her Oral Interpretation. Top Junior Presentation was Linnea Thorngren and Top Senior Presentation was August Kuehl and Alex Manon.

Pictured Front to Back: Lara Bielema, Alex Manon, August Kuehl, Natalie Pratt, Lola Klimstra, Hayden Bradbury, Linnea Thorngren Not Pictured: Brook Bradbury.

Photo submitted

Ashton church to host spring kuchen sale

ASHTON — The Ashton United Methodist Church will host its spring Kuchen carryout sale on April 6. Kuchen must be preordered. To order call 815-973-4002.

Please leave a message with your order and phone number as a means to contact you to confirm your order.

Flavor choices are cherry, peach or prune.

You can order a maximum of 2 pans (8" x 8") for \$10 each.

Pick up will be Saturday, April 6 from 8:30 – 10 a.m. at the Ashton United Methodist Church, 906 Richardson Ave. Payment will be collected at the time of pick-up.

Quantities are limited, so please place your order now if you would like some fresh Kuchen.

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day planned in Rochelle

ROCHELLE — The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Rochelle Chapter, invites Vietnam veterans, anyone who was in service May 1955 – November 1975 and significant others to honor them in observance of Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day, at 2 p.m., on March 29.

It will be held at Roberts Armory Museum, 2090 Brush Grove Road, Rochelle. Please RSVP by March 25 to ml.kator@comcast.net or call Mary Lou Kator at 815-299-1943.

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Student's Favorites:

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- Favorite Animal – Zebra
- Favorite Food – McDonald's
- Favorite Book – Sea Favorite Color – Red
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- Favorite Food – Cookies
- Favorite Book – The Best Mouse

CLIPPER KIDDIE 2

This Week's Star Student of the Week is:
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Student's Favorites:

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- Favorite Animal – Unicorn
- Favorite Food – Mac-N-Cheese
- Favorite Book – Unicorn Expert
- Favorite Game – Bellz
- Favorite Song – Roar by Katy Perry

CLIPPER KIDDIE 2

This Week's Star Student of the Week is:
Audree Schaefer

Student's Favorites:

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- Favorite Animal – Unicorns
- Favorite Food – Strawberries
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In politics, you need priorities

Guest Column

By Lee Hamilton



It's been many decades now, but I still remember a piece of advice I got not long after entering Congress. It came in passing from a prominent journalist as we were talking about the bewildering array of issues Congress faced. Every day, he told me, I should ask myself a simple question: "What's the most important thing to be doing today?"

He was raising what may be the toughest problem in politics, though it's one you don't really confront until you take office: what do you focus on at any given moment?

Sometimes this is easy to answer. The 9/11 attacks occur, and the whole country turns to the agenda rising from that event. A river floods in your home district, and you put everything aside to deal with the problems created in towns and cities along its banks.

But in ordinary times, when we have the luxury of addressing every other pressing issue we face, legislators at all levels of government are confronted each day by a single, uncomfortable question: Am I doing what I most need to be doing right now? For the number of challenges facing policy-makers is simply staggering.

Let's just look at the federal level, and start with the economic ones. At any given time, they're wrestling with:

- the economic growth rate;
- the need to provide broad-based economic opportunity;
- the perception and often the reality that too many Americans are being left behind;
- the challenge that adults today feel less likely to earn as much as their parents, and see a similar fate for their children;
- the need for investment in schools, hospitals, highways

and other infrastructure;

- annual deficits and a federal debt that has grown out of control;
- appropriate levels of taxation.

Domestic policy challenges are no less daunting:

- immigration and civil rights protections;
- the quality and availability of health care;
- the cost of higher education;

Third, there's a set of foreign-policy questions that seem without end:

- climate change;
- cyber-attacks and election meddling;
- hostile powers like North Korea and Iran;
- powerful adversaries such as Russia and China;
- global challenges such as environmental degradation and nuclear proliferation;
- terrorism;
- the constant powder-keg of the Middle East.

Finally, the political challenges:

- uncertainty about whether our political system can meet the challenges confronting it;
- the disintegration of the political center;
- the weakening of political institutions;
- the depressing quality of political discourse;
- the difficulty of arriving at a common set of agreed-upon facts, let alone the possibility of building political consensus;
- deep political divisions and our inability to negotiate and compromise.

This is just a partial list. And even so, it's hard not to feel overwhelmed.

Moreover, these are the same problems we faced last year,

and we'll face them again in 2020. Many are intractable, impossible to solve. The best we can do is manage them, chipping away year by year.

In a very real way, the depth and breadth of the many challenges we face show the depth and breadth of America's abilities and ambitions. They are a symbol of all we have done and all we are trying to achieve. They also ought to create some sympathy for our policy makers, who sit down with an impossible agenda every day and try to make progress on it.

So how do they establish priorities? The plain fact is that you can't solve problems like these alone. You need to find a lot of people who agree with you about them — and can agree on approaches to resolving them. So it's not simply a matter of asking oneself, "What do I think our biggest problem is?" It's also, "What do I think is the biggest problem I can make progress on?" The answer involves the opinions of a lot of other people as well.

In short, my journalist friend was on the mark. Maybe the best you can do each day is ask yourself, Am I putting my energy where it ought to be right now? It's what makes governing such a bewildering, challenging job. It's also what lies at its heart.

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On This Day in History

100 Years Ago March 14, 1919

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. Church will meet next Wednesday, March 19, in the church parlors at 10 a.m. A scrambled dinner will be served at noon. Come prepared for sewing.

The real estate transfers filed with the Circuit Clerk in Morrison Saturday and Monday were large. The total amount of the transfers filed for record on the first two days of March this year was \$897,288.57. The number of transfers files on the two days this year was 144. Whiteside Sentinel.

The residence of the late Mrs. D. C. Chase on Mason Street was sold at auction Saturday afternoon for \$2,550. William Burns, an engineer of the Illinois Central railroad was the purchaser.

75 Years Ago March 9, 1944

The Amboy 4-H "Party-Of-The-Month Club" is scheduled to meet at

the home of Miss Lois Rita Hinkle, Thursday evening, March 16 at 7 p.m. Each member is asked to bring five cents for the Red Cross purposes.

C.P.O. Richard W. Tuttle left Tuesday evening for Melbourne, Fla., after spending a week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Tuttle.

Mrs. Jerry Peterson and Miss Rose Murtaugh expect to spend Saturday in Chicago when they will attend the state production "Oklahoma" at the Erlanger.

50 Years Ago March 13, 1969

Illinois sportsmen will have a split deer season, the Department of Conservation announced. The first half will begin Friday, Nov. 21 and the second on Friday, Dec. 12.

Retail and wholesale food dealers in Lee County should not accept food stamp coupons unless they have been authorized to do so by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, cautions USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service of Food Stamp office in Peru.

A fire at the Dale Brownlee farm sometime during the night Thursday destroyed a hog house. Twenty-one hybrid hogs, consisting of three sows and 18 young pigs which were F.F.A. and 4-H projects of Mr. and Mrs. Browlee's son David were killed.

25 Years Ago March 17, 1994

Lee County voters approved Enhanced 911 and gave incumbent Sheriff Tim Bivins the GOP nomination over Mike Koppin in Tuesday's balloting.

Josh Piper, a junior at Amboy High School, has been invited to participate in the European Track and Field Adventure in Germany this summer, and he's endeavoring to raise the money he'll need for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Louise Hargitt is in an unusual position as she takes over the reins of the Depot Museum Historical Society. For the first time, the group has enough money to make some significant improvements to the museum and surrounding park.

Progressively worse: Pritzker's tax push has a dangerous precedent

Guest Column

By Austin Berg



Gov. J.B. Pritzker took his first steps toward axing Illinois' flat income tax protection this week. His administration began building a roll call on what will be one of the toughest Statehouse votes in years, with the House of Representatives as the battleground.

But the last state to take Pritzker's path should serve as a bright red flag to Illinoisans weighing whether to back him.

Only one state has adopted a progressive income tax in the past 30 years: Connecticut. The Nutmeg State switched away from a flat income tax in 1996, phasing in the progressive tax over three years. Politicians there made all the same promises that some Illinois politicians, including Pritzker, are making today.

First, they said the middle class would see a tax cut. Second, they said a progressive tax would ease the property tax burden. Third, they said it would stabilize state finances. And finally, they said it would help the poor and disadvantaged.

The results are in.

The typical Connecticut household has seen a 13 percent hike in their income tax rates since 1999, when the progressive income tax was fully phased in. Property taxes as a share of income are up more than 35 percent. The state has faced a budget deficit in 12 of the past 15

years. And Connecticut saw a 47 percent jump in the poverty rate while the rest of the nation saw a dip.

The state also has one of the nation's heaviest debt loads and an outmigration problem. Starting to sound familiar?

In short, every political promise about switching to a progressive income tax in Connecticut was broken. Illinoisans have no reason to believe Pritzker's will be any different.

In more recent history, states have been moving in the opposite direction when it comes to their income tax structure.

Just last year, neighboring Kentucky swapped six progressive income tax brackets for a flat income tax. Iowa consolidated nine income tax brackets into four. Missouri cut its corporate income tax, as did Indiana. And Colorado voters rejected a progressive income tax at the ballot box.

In 2013, North Carolina ditched its progressive income tax and replaced it

with a flat income tax. Former North Carolina state Rep. Ken Waddell, a Democrat, voted in favor of the change. I asked him six years later what he thought of the move.

"I do think it made the state more attractive," he said. "It was a talent draw. I think it made [the state] more attractive for people to come in for jobs and it accelerated things."

The data back him up. Prior to the tax change, North Carolina's economic growth was lagging the national average. After the tax change, North Carolina's economic growth zoomed past the national average. Its annual wage growth doubled, also far outpacing the national average.

North Carolina's rebound was no surprise. States without a progressive income tax see faster jobs growth, wage growth and GDP growth than states with a progressive income tax.

With Illinois already close to the back of the pack nationally for jobs growth and income growth, Illinois families seeking opportunity can't afford what Pritzker is pushing.

Ultimately, a progressive income tax in Illinois has nothing to do with fairness, competitiveness or tax cuts. It is another way to mask the state's structural spending problems and delay difficult decisions, ultimately ending in higher taxes on the middle class. Connecticut was the same.

And if Illinois taxpayers sit on their hands — if they don't reach out to their lawmakers to express where they stand on this issue — they will find themselves on the same treacherous path.

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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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March 13, 2019

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ESTATE OF)
Cyril D. Ward,)
deceased)
Case No. 2019-P-6
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March 13, 20, 27, 2019

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SPORTS

Boys, girls track team compete at Bureau Valley Coed Indoor Meet



CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

Aden Spinelli and Tavarius Briar of the Clipper Wrestling Club competed at the 2019 Illinois Bantam Championships in Bolingbrook on March 3. Spinelli placed fourth in the 8u Elite division and Tavarius placed third in the 7u Bantam division.

Photo submitted



FIRST PLACE

Aden Spinelli took first place at Sectionals in Rock Island in the 49-pound weight class on March 2. He wrestles for the Amboy Clippers Wrestling Club.

Photo submitted

STERLING – The Amboy-LaMoille boys' and girls' track teams participated in the Bureau Valley Coed Indoor Meet on March 7 at the Westwood Complex in Sterling.

In the boys' competition, A-L's Thomas Stamberger took first-place honors in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:05.39 and he was second in the 1600-meter

run with a clocking of 5:06.65.

The Clippers' Brady Becker finished third in the shotput with a measurement of 43-5.5.

For the girls, Kaitlin Orgiesen turned in a second-place performance in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:47.94. Sophia Nelson was sixth at 3:00.57.

Orgiesen also competed

in the 1600-meter run and was fourth with a time of 6:43.88, while teammate Dulce Bajarano was sixth in 6:52.96.

The Lady Clippers' Kylee Brown took fourth place in the long jump with a distance of 15-1.5 and she finished fifth in the high jump at 4-6.

In other results, Sidney Corcoran was clocked in

8.67 in the 60-meter dash.

Amboy-LaMoille had six runners in the 200-meter dash. They included Emma Lundquist (29.76), Corcoran (29.77), Brown (30.60), Lauren Althaus (30.78), Desiree Badan (33.31) and Nelson (33.33).

Running in the 400-meter dash were Lundquist (1:06.49) and Lauren Althaus (1:06.76).

John Deere locations to offer new passport program for guests

GRAND DETOUR – The John Deere Pavilion, John Deere Tractor & Engine Museum and the John Deere Historic Site recently launched a new passport program designed to help guests commemorate their trips to the attractions, as well as other John Deere locations, by collecting seals and stamps in their personal passport booklet.

Participation in the program is completely free and visitors can earn gifts and discounts along the way.

"The passport is like opening a door to a new adventure and provides a fun and interactive way to visit and experience all we have to offer," said Brigitte Tapscott, manager of the John Deere Attractions. "The John Deere Attractions and other Deere sites provide unique and exceptional experiences. We hope this inspires visitors to learn about each location and encourages more participation at our special events held throughout the year."

Visitors can start their adventures at one of the three main John Deere Attraction locations which include: the John Deere Pavilion in Moline, Illinois; the John Deere Tractor & Engine Museum

in Waterloo, Iowa and the John Deere Historic Site in Grand Detour. Guests of all ages should ask for a passport at the visitor information desks.

When visiting an attraction for the first time, guests commemorate the experience by using a location-specific seal embosser.

For special events, return visits to any of the three main attractions, and trips to other John Deere locations, visitors should ask Deere personnel to stamp their passport booklet.

Guests collecting all three embossed seals will earn a limited-edition John Deere hat.

For every passport page visitors complete with unique stamps, participants earn a one-time, one-day-only discount of 20 percent on merchandise purchased at participating John Deere stores and the John Deere Historic Site gift shop. Some exclusions apply.

When visitors complete the entire passport booklet, they receive a special commemorative hook, hand-forged by a blacksmith at the John Deere Historic Site.

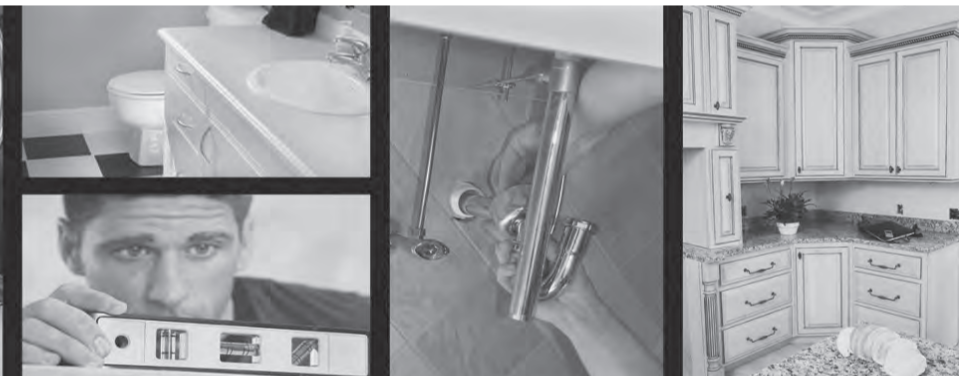
"The final gift is quite unique and

we believe it is something John Deere fans will enjoy," Tapscott said. "Our team is excited to share this program with guests, and we can't wait to award our travelers with some legendary gifts as our way of saying thanks for visiting John Deere!"

"The John Deere Historic Site is one of the most visited attractions in our four-county region and this innovative and fun passport program will add another reason for people to make our area a "must see" destination," said Diane Bausman, executive director, Blackhawk Waterways CVB.

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Illinois Performance Tested Bull sale kicked off Beef Expo

URBANA – The Illinois Performance Tested (IPT) Bull Sale kicked off the 2019 Illinois Beef Expo, held Feb. 21 at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The sale averaged \$3,757 on 48 lots.

“The IPT sale continues to be one of the best sources for total performance genetics in the Midwest,” said Travis Meteer, IPT sale manager. “During the past 51 years, the sale has sold 4,788 bulls valued at over \$8.8 million dollars.”

There were three breeds represented in the 2019 sale: Angus, Simmental, and Polled Hereford. Meteer said a senior Simmental bull was the top seller, selling for \$7,500. The bull, HHS Power House 868E, was sold by Haven Hill Simmentals to Hildebrand Cattle. The second-highest-selling

Simmental bull was also consigned by Haven Hill Simmentals, and he sold for \$5,800. Rincker Simmentals consigned the third-highest-selling Simmental at \$5,400.

The top selling and highest-indexing Angus bull was consigned by Hobbs Angus. He sold for \$6,300 to Melvin Seivers of Staunton. The second-highest seller in the Angus division was the second-highest-indexing Angus bull, also consigned by Hobbs Angus. He sold for \$5,200.

There were three Hereford bulls that left the ring at a price of \$4,000. Rabideau Polled Herefords, Sturdy Herefords, and Biggs Polled Herefords consigned the top-sellers.

University of Illinois Extension and the Department of Animal Science

es sponsored the sale, along with consigning breeders. Vita-Ferm, ABS, Boehringer-Ingelheim, Zoetis 50K, Illinois Angus Association, and Illinois Simmental Association provided industry support, Meteer said.

Producers interested in viewing a breakdown of all the prices can visit the IPT Bull Sale website at www.IPTBullSale.com. Also included on this site are the individual bull prices from the 2019 sale and the numbers and averages from the previous 50 sales.

Seedstock breeders interested in consigning to the 2020 IPT Bull Sale should contact Travis Meteer at 217-430-7030 or wmeteer2@illinois.edu to request a copy of the rules and regulation and nomination form. Nominations need to be made by Dec. 15, 2019, for the 2020 sale.



Factors poised to shape the future of the soybean meal market

CHESTERFIELD, Mo. – The soy market is integral to the international and national economies of the world, and that market is in the early stages of major change. Although the industry is growing, there are several factors to take into consideration that will have impact, such as cost barriers and developing countries protein needs.

Express Markets Inc. (EMI) provides poultry market analysis for its diverse clientele of producers, further processors, distributors, foodservice, retailers and many allied companies. They also host a twice-yearly spring and fall protein conference, which provides a comprehensive outlook of the current and future protein markets. After this year's fall conference in Dallas, Texas, Dr. Scott Carter, Chief Scientific Officer at ANIZOME, described the current state of the market as in the preliminary phases of transition. “Now, during a time of low volatility and price, is the time to prepare for major market changes that are only three harvest seasons away,” he said.

During this “eye of the storm” opportunity, buyers and sellers of soy should stay abreast of the multiple factors poised to shape the future of the soybean meal market, as these changes have the po-

tential to transfer power, alter demand and influence value in significant, long-term ways.

KEY FACTS

The international animal protein market remains a significant and growing market for soybean meal – with a preference for U.S. Soy's quality.

While U.S. Soy's nutritional profile is preferred, cost is a barrier, given slim profit margins in the meat, egg and dairy industries. However, recent market changes may be helping U.S. Soy overcome this obstacle. Measuring improvements in developing countries economic health is a direct indicator of that country's potential as a soybean meal importer. Several of these emerging economies like Egypt and India will shape the future markets for U.S. Soy.

Corn and soybean prices trend together due to integration in production and consumption, creating a symbiotic relationship to weather market shocks.

Human food consumer preferences have a trickle-down impact on soybeans crushed for soybean meal for animal feed.

Soybean meal is included in more than 90 percent of diets for poultry and swine, so the currently tumultuous animal protein industry is closely connected with the overall success of U.S. soybean meal. Beyond that, soy has become an indicator of the price of protein around the world and directly connected to the stability of economies due to its tight connections with other commodities. Though central

to many market functions, soy's usability and diversity of markets continue to widen. Understanding the various overlapping arenas soy in the marketplace is crucial in preparing for what's to come.

Animal Protein Market Growth

More people equal more demand for animal protein. At close to 7.5 million people, the planet still has the largest total population to date, doubling since the 1960s.

Profitability Challenges

Because of continuing profit-margin pressure, animal protein producers seek cost-effective protein that provides an attractive amino acid profile.

China still maintains the No. 1 spot in soybean meal production with an estimated 75.2 million metric tons in 2017. The U.S., in comparison, produced 42.2 MMT.

Opportunities in Aquaculture

Aquaculture is the fastest-growing agriculture segment in the U.S. with growth rates exceeding 6 percent. Farmed fish currently comprise approximately half the global fish protein intake. The growth potential of this market makes it very attractive for several feedstuffs, but none more than soybean meal.

Developing Nations

Meeting global demand is a concern for much of the agriculture sector, but not for soy. Soy production reached another record level in MY17/18 (USDA). With abundance, however, establishing new markets becomes a top priority, particularly

with complicated trade issues with two major players: China and U.S.

Poultry Partners

Growth and expansion in poultry provides a stable and promising platform for soybeans, as poultry nutritionists have more feed additives than ever to manage the digestibility of soybean meal in poultry for favorable results. For the past five years, soybean meal has been the dominant protein supplement used in poultry diets.

GMO-Free/Organic Marketing

While genetically modified animals have yet to reach the public market, concerns around genetically modified soybeans fed to animals have arrived. Despite a study of over 100 billion animals published in Science Reviewing 2014 concluding that there is no harm in feeding livestock genetically modified crops, consumer preferences continue to move in the opposite direction.

Impacts of Corn

Diversification in investments is a widely known cautionary principle to avoid taking heavy losses; however, some commodity prices, such as corn and soy, often rise and fall together.

Essentially, when the soy market faces low prices and losses, everyone with a stake in the soy market behaves differently with their other investments to recoup losses and minimize additional loss. So, a shock to either market will cause a shock to the other because they are intertwined. Similarly, gains in either category can also help pull up a suffering commodity. Success in corn makes investors less likely to completely modify their soy behaviors as the loss is mitigated when looking at their overall net profits.

Summary

The global soy market has never been more complex. Soybean growers, crushers, soy product end marketers and even investors in other commodities are all facing an industry in flux. Trade issues with the U.S. and China (and how/if they are resolved) will determine the future of international trade for soy and the success of the various producer markets. In the midst of this political arena is a consumer whose preferences continue to evolve – putting additional pressure on the soy industry to deliver products to meet their needs or lose the business. But, in the face of challenge comes opportunity. For soy, the opportunities lie in developing economies and markets such as Egypt and India as well as the aquaculture industry at large.

Soy market stakeholders that keep a careful eye on these various shifts and developments will be better poised to weather the storm and make the best strategic choices.

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2019 Illinois EQIP application deadlines set

CHAMPAIGN—Look to the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for conservation assistance on agricultural and forestland.

Ivan Dozier, Illinois NRCS State Conservationist, explains, "NRCS has a long history of conservation planning with agricultural producers and forestry managers. We have the technical knowledge to develop a conservation plan for your resource concerns and NRCS has conservation programs to help you implement that plan."

The primary financial assistance program is the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). EQIP provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural and forestland producers. To participate, produc-

ers can apply for EQIP throughout the year, however, Illinois NRCS has established two application deadlines for April 19, 2019 and May 17, 2019. NRCS encourages producers to submit applications by one of the deadlines if they are interested in the program.

Hundreds of Illinois producers have successfully used EQIP to address natural resource issues on their farm. Some EQIP activities include installing structures to address gully erosion, improving pastureland diversity using interseeding techniques, and improving soil health by increasing organic matter with cover crops.

A special Illinois funding pool also targets monarch butterflies by creating or improving monarch habitat with stands of milkweed

and nectar plants.

These conservation practices can be completed through NRCS EQIP funding pools, such as grazing land operations, confined livestock operations, organic, monarch butterfly, and wildlife habitat, just to name a few.

In addition to conservation practices, EQIP funds plan development, such as Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMPs), Grazing Plans, Drainage Water Management Plans, and more.

Producers interested in EQIP should submit a signed application (NRCS-CPA-1200 form) to the local NRCS field office. Applications submitted by April 19, 2019 and May 17, 2019 will be evaluated by NRCS staff for the funding period submitted.

Applicants must meet program eligibility requirements to participate in EQIP. Local NRCS field office staff will work with applicants to determine eligibility and answer ranking questions. If an application is ranked high enough to be funded, NRCS staff will work with each applicant to develop a contract.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program available for agricultural producers and forestry producers.

Through EQIP, NRCS provides financial and technical assistance to install conservation practices. For more information on EQIP, contact your local NRCS field office or visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/il/programs/financial/eqip/

Planning for safety on the farm in severe weather

In many locations, March is known for its early-frigid temperatures and ending with more suitable farming weather as the calendar turns. With this introduction to warmer conditions, the risks of severe weather become more prominent.

Does your farm have an emergency weather plan? If forecasts show incoming conditions may be severe, you should have a strategy to protect the investments on your property. Be prepared for the numerous natural risks that put you and your farm or ranch in danger.

Tornadoes

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the United States sees an average of 1,253 tornadoes per year. While protecting your herd during these conditions can be a struggle and dangerous to your personal safety, employing your emergency strategy at the earliest sign



of potential severe weather will enhance your chances of a positive outcome.

Here are some tips to follow from the Center for Food Security and Public Health on how to protect your livestock before, during and after a tornado.

Before: Create a list of the animals on your farm and their location on the property. All livestock should have a permanent form of identification. Designate a safe shelter for animals to wait out the storm and ensure there is backup generators

in place to perform farm operations.

During: Never leave animals restrained outside during a tornado. If possible, they should be in a structure away from windows with plenty of food and water. Their behavior may change

NRCS announces application cutoff dates for special Illinois initiatives

CHAMPAIGN — State Conservationist Ivan Dozier announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) of Illinois will offer funding for the following Landscape Conservation Initiatives throughout the state: the Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative (MRBI) and the National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI). Producers who have agricultural, pasture, or forest land in an established initiative project area can apply for assistance through

the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Using this program, they can implement a range of conservation practices that will improve water quality, decrease soil erosion, and improve wildlife habitat.

To compete for funds in the initiative project areas, producers must complete and submit an application by one of two cutoff dates, April 19 and May 17, 2019. NRCS encourages producers to apply for EQIP financial assistance at any time throughout the year, as they accept

applications on a continuous basis.

Contact your local NRCS field office to obtain more details about a specific initiative and to see if your land or farm is located in one of the project areas. To learn more about NRCS programs and services in Illinois, visit NRCS online at www.il.nrcs.usda.gov.

Among the areas where 2019 funding is available for the MRBI program is Crow Creek West/Clear Creek, which includes portions of Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall, Putnam and Stark counties.

Spring is perfect time to plan construction projects on the farm

As your operation grows, you likely have the need for more equipment, animal or crop supplies and more livestock housing. Spring is the perfect time to plan construction projects to enhance the functionality of your farm.

You are probably familiar with traditional structures built with wood, steel and concrete. The tried and true construction methods have proven to be great for quality, longevity and operation. But there is a newer contender on the market which you may not be as familiar with.

When creating blueprints for your newest structure, find a contractor in your area who is capable of constructing a fabric building. The benefits are incredible over more classic materials including:

- Less cost for and time

during construction;

- High quality material which is easy to relocate if necessary;
- Built tough and withstands inclement weather conditions; and
- Produces better ventilation for both farmers and their livestock.

While this technology isn't necessarily brand new, you may have difficulty finding a professional to construct a fabric building in your area. If this is the case, do research online or ask for references from farmers who have turned to this different style of structure.

Construction Loans

As a farm operator, you can find a great financing deal by utilizing the Farm Storage Facility Loan Program, offered by the United States Department of Agriculture. Check with a

representative in your area to find out how to qualify and the stipulations of this low-interest program.

Since the program was created in 2000, it has influenced over 33,000 loans for farms around the country, resulting in increasing storage capacities to an incredible 900 million bushels. While this particular loan encourages growth in storage buildings, the USDA has several options you may seek for help in acquiring the funds to provide animal or equipment housing.

Consider the Location

Your new structure is there to help, so make sure it doesn't get in the way of your daily operations. When choosing the location, consider what the building's purpose will be and create a construction strategy.

For instance, if the build-

ing will require running water or electricity, save money by erecting it near a source. You also will want to avoid building on land that is susceptible to flooding or near power lines and other obstructions.



as livestock can sense severe weather in advance.

After: Assess the storm damage and perform an inventory of your animals. You should examine them closely for injury and call a veterinarian immediately if it is severe.

Lightning

This element is more unpredictable than tornadoes and can be devastating to a farm. The United States Department of Agriculture recommends operators install lightning-protection systems to dissipate its effect on metal structures and equipment.

Consider it an efficient security measure to dissi-

pate the electrical charge by sending it to a ground. It's a good idea to include buildings with a metal roof and silos near power lines or trees. Contact the Lightning Protection Institute to find a certified installer in your area.

Insurance

Spring weather introduces risks of farms losing important components to their operations. In addition to employing an emergency management plan, acquiring insurance adds even more protection. Inquire with a professional about the coverage you need to keep crucial pieces of the puzzle protected.







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Maintenance is key to functioning farm

The family automobile is not the only piece of equipment that requires routine upkeep to ensure it is operating properly.

Life on a farm can come to a screeching halt if farm equipment is not properly maintained. Farmers invest hundreds of thousands of dollars on agricultural equipment, such as tractors, tillers, hoppers, and dozers. Adhering to maintenance schedules can prevent breakdowns and decrease the need for potentially costly emergency repairs.

Keep it clean

Cleaning the surface of equipment can go a long way toward keeping it operating smoothly. Use a pressure washer to remove caked-on mud and other debris. Titan iron suppliers recommend quickly washing equipment after usage so that substances do not have the chance to harden.

Learn the equipment

Over time, it is possible to employ your senses of sight, sound and even smell to determine if equipment is working properly. Familiarize yourself with the owner's manual so you can troubleshoot minor problems. Any unusual sounds, odors or responses from the gear should be noted.

Routine maintenance checks

Routinely inspect hoses, fittings, and seals to ensure they are in good working condition. Be sure fluids, such as coolant and oil, are at the proper levels. Check and replace filters as needed. Tires need to be properly inflated, and inspect the battery for corrosion or other signs that it may need to be replaced. Check belts for cracks.

Tour the exterior of the equipment looking at signals and lights to ensure they are in proper working order. Hardware should be tightened and any missing pieces replaced.

Heavy farm equipment needs motor oil, hydraulic oil and filters changed more frequently than automobiles. Such equipment also may need more frequent lubrication of chains and cables. Always check and inspect equipment prior to jobs requiring heavy and extended usage.



Expect some welding

Have a knowledgeable welder on call to make repairs as needed, or develop your skills to a point where you feel comfortable making your own spot repairs. The experts at Miller, producers of welding equipment, say cleaning the surface area and removing any paint, oil or corrosion

from the metal area that needs repairing can make for smooth, durable welds. Multi-process welding generators and accessories can ensure the right welds for repairs in the field or in the shop.

Maintenance on farm equipment helps keep operations running along and protects expensive investments.

Farm to table businesses booming

Consumers' appetites for local foods are growing, and restaurants have taken notice. Today, many local businesses, including farms and restaurants, have mutually exclusive relationships that make it possible for local residents to enjoy nutritious, locally produced meals.

According to the market research firm Packaged Facts, local foods generated \$11.7

billion in sales in 2014 and will climb to \$20.2 billion by 2019. Farm-to-table remains a growing trend that benefits farmers, restaurateurs and consumers.

This is evidenced by the rising number of farmers markets cropping up in neighborhoods all across the country, as well as the niche offerings by regional food purveyors. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says

that, in the last 20 years, the number of farmers markets has grown by more than 350 percent. Many consumers are now choosing "local" for dining at home and when dining out, and this is making a major impact on the nation's food systems.

Foodies as well as industry experts predict that the local foods movement is a permanent and mainstream trend. In 2014, the National Restaurant Association found the desire for local foods dominated its "Top Food Trends."

The most in-demand foods include locally sourced

meats and seafood as well as locally sourced produce. Consumers also are interested in farm/estate-branded foods. Some restaurants are even producing "hyper-local" food, or herbs and produce grown right on the property.

As the demand for local foods has evolved, so has the term "local foods." "Local" can be a wide-ranging term that refers to foods produced in a particular town, state or even region.

The 2008 Farm Act defines a "locally or regionally produced agricultural food product" as one that is marketed less than 400 miles from

its origin.

However, a few states have established more stringent rules that indicate "local" constitutes food produced within the borders of a state or within a small perimeter of the state.

The growing preference for locally produced foods is great news for the farmers and small food producers that have long fought for footing among the mega-importers.

According to the trade publication Produce Business, even though "local" does not place limits on the size of the farm, the growing desire among consumers to

go local is benefitting many small and midsized farms, as consumers are increasingly buying foods grown closer to where they live.

In addition to meats, fruits and vegetables, consumers can find many locally made items that expand the potential for farm-to-table. These include, but are not limited to, artisanal cheeses, wines, beer, baked goods, milk and other dairy, and honey.

Local, sustainable foods are in demand, helping not only local restaurants and merchants, but also the small and medium farms that service these establishments.

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IDAO announces state-specific restrictions on use of herbicide dicamba on soybeans for 2019

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) announced today it will require Special Local Needs labels, including new restrictions, for the use of the herbicide dicamba on soybeans in Illinois for the 2019 growing season. Dicamba is primarily used on soybeans to control post-emergence broadleaf weeds.

On Feb. 15, IDOA notified the manufacturers of the three dicamba-containing products approved for over-the-top application to dicamba-tolerant (DT) soybeans that additional application restrictions will be required for the 2019 growing season. The affected formulations of dicamba are Engenia by BASF, XtendiMax with Vapor Grip Technology by Bayer, and FeXapan plus Vapor Grip Technology by

DuPont/Corteva. The additional restrictions beyond federally-approved labels are:

1. The implementation of a cutoff date of June 30, 2019, for application to DT soybeans.
2. Prohibiting application when the wind is blowing toward adjacent residential areas.
3. Required consultation of the FieldWatch sensitive crop registry before application, as well as compliance with all associated record keeping label requirements.
4. Maintaining the label-specified downwind buffer between the last treated row and the nearest downfield edge of any Illinois Nature Preserves Commission site.
5. Recommendation to apply product when the wind is blowing away from sensitive areas, which include but are not limited to bodies of water and non-residential, uncultivated areas that may harbor sensitive plant species.

The intent of these addi-

tional restrictions is to reduce the potential for off-target movement of these products, thereby reducing the potential for possible adverse impacts to dicamba-sensitive crops/areas. The decision to pursue state-specific Special Local Needs (SLN) labels was made in response to the record number of misuse complaints IDOA received during the past two years. In 2017, IDOA received 430 total complaints, 246 of which were related to the use of dicamba on soybeans. Those numbers rose to 546 total complaints, including 330 dicamba-related complaints, in calendar year 2018. Prior to the 2017 introduction of these new formulations of dicamba for use on tolerant soybean varieties, total pesticide misuse complaints average 110 per year from 1989 to 2016.

Because of this significant increase in alleged pesticide misuse complaints, IDOA reviewed SLNs currently in place in other soybean-production states and worked with several Illinois stake-

holder organizations before making the decision to require state-specific labels for Illinois.

"We now have two years of data showing how dicamba has the potential to drift off target," said Acting Director John M. Sullivan. "It's obvious measures need to be put in place so farmers can continue to effectively use these products, while also protecting surrounding property and crops."

"The Illinois Corn Growers Association supports on-label use of crop protection products, along with farmer or applicator adherence to any additional label requirements issued by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. We know that Acting Director Sullivan takes seriously his obligation to protect the interests of many stakeholder groups, along with the preservation of public trust and transparency. We understand how the department came to this conclusion. It will no doubt cause difficulty for some farmers in certain areas and we are sensitive to that issue but encourage full compliance as per the 24(c) labels," said Ted Mottaz, Illinois Corn Growers Association President.

The three product registrations – BASF, Bayer, and DuPont/Corteva – have each submitted formal SLN labels for their respective dicamba-containing products to IDOA, which include the additional restrictions noted above. IDOA has submitted the resulting 24(c) registration packages for each product to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The SLN labels will be distributed in addition to the already federally-approved labels with all Engenia, XtendiMax, and FeXapan product sold for use in the State of Illinois for the 2019 growing season.

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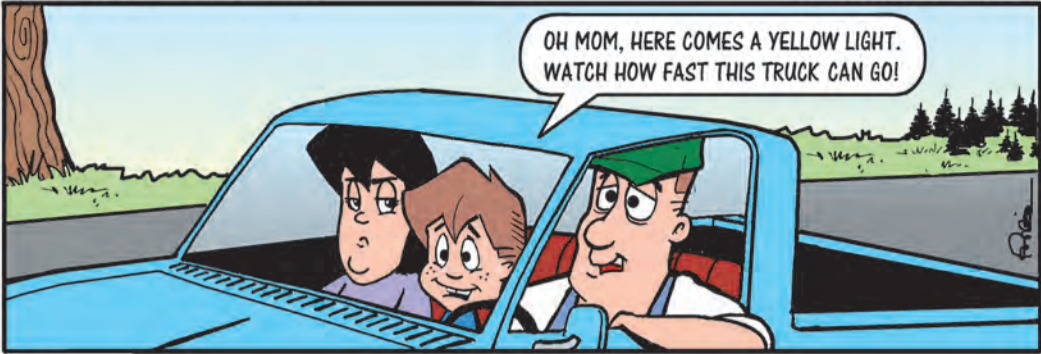
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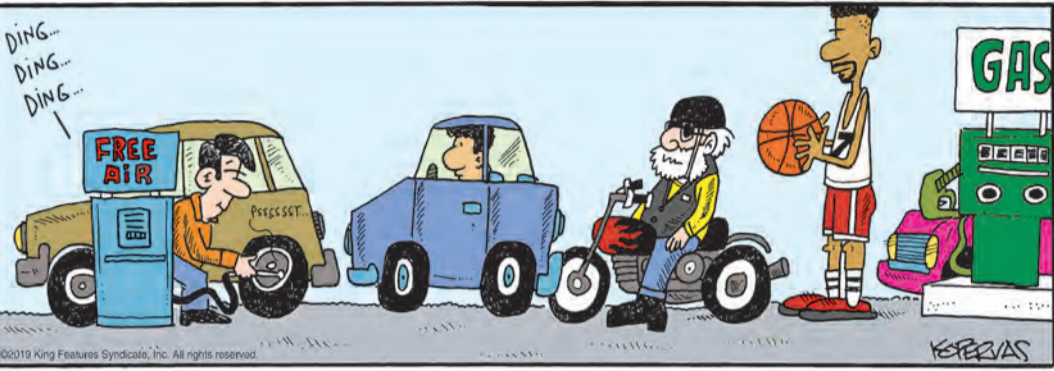
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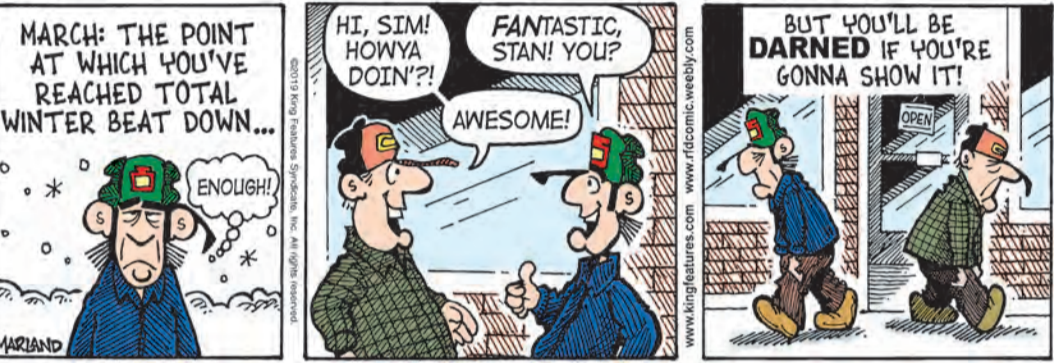
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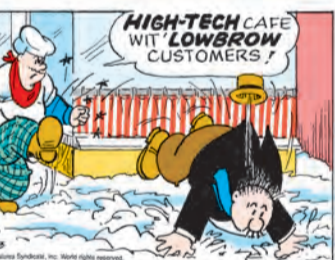
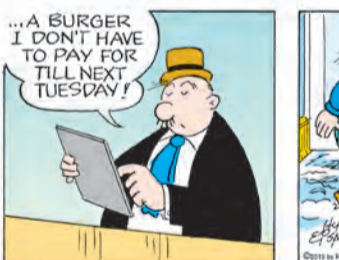
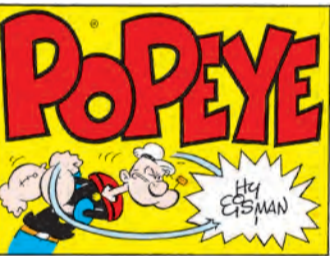
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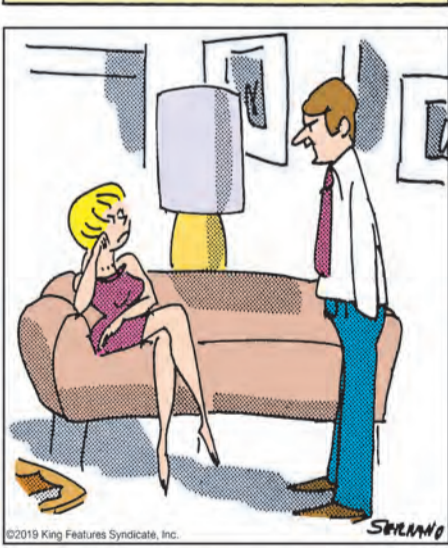


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by Linda Thistle

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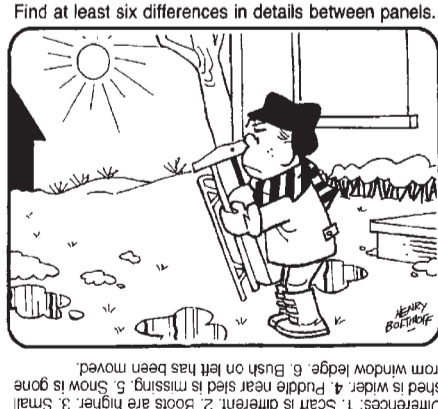
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1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the international word (NATO phonetic alphabet) for the letter "O"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. city lies further west: Los Angeles, California, or Reno, Nevada?
3. MUSIC: Which Latin rock band had a hit with the 1999 album "Supernatural"?
4. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century author wrote a book of short stories called "Twice-Told Tales"?
5. LANGUAGE: What does the phrase "fifth column" refer to?
6. ANATOMY: What part of the human body is referenced by the adjective "hepatic"?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What was the name of President Bill Clinton's family cat?
8. NICKNAMES: Which West Coast city's nickname is "Emerald City"?
9. ORGANIZATIONS: How many countries are members of Interpol, an international police organization?
10. MOVIES: Who played the character "Iceman" in the 1986 movie "Top Gun"?
11. Oscar
12. Reno
13. Santana
14. Nathaniel Hawthorne
15. A group of spies or traitors within your own defensive line
16. The liver
17. Seattle
18. Socks
19. 194
20. Val Kilmer

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HOCUS-FOCUS

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Differences: 1. Scarf is different. 2. Boots are higher. 3. Small shed is wider. 4. Puddle near shed is missing. 5. Snow is gone from window ledge. 6. Bush on left has been moved.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: H equals E

KB TSAHS JT FHHL ITEFV ISTP
CHJJKBC VHYVKUF, MH MSHS
YEE JTEA JT ASKBF YB TUHYB
PTJKT B LTJKT B.

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Today's Word

1. Astute; 2. Shelf; 3. Retain; 4. Belong

Solution

King Crossword

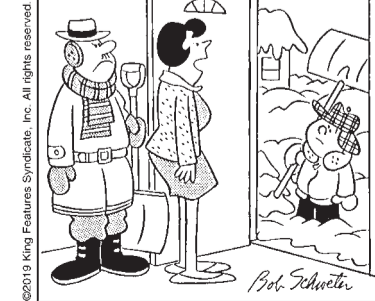
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Weekly SUDOKU

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

CryptoQuip

In order to keep folks from getting seasick, we were all told to drink an ocean motion potion.



"Sorry, young man, but I've already got a _____ who's eager and willing—or else!"



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