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Amboy nursing home to close its doors

AMBOY — Maple Crossing at Amboy in Amboy, announced on Friday, March 15, that they will be closing their facility.

“Despite the efforts of our excellent staff and community, we have not been able to make the facility financially viable.” Management said, “The cost of maintaining the aging physical plant, dwindling census, rising cost and low reimbursement— coupled with the very tough long-term care business environment in the state of Illinois has made continuing operations not feasible.”

“This is a difficult time with all the challenges in long term care this facility has faced.” Management said

Maple Crossing is currently home to 32 residents and has a staff of 62.

Momentum Healthcare LLC, a company with experience in long term care were brought on as management consultants to the nursing home and will be taking over the closing of Maple Crossing in order to make sure all residents have alternative home within 90 days of the facilities closing.

The company will also be attempting to provide jobs for as many of the staff as possible.

“Although a very difficult task,” Moe Herman, President of Momentum Healthcare LLC., said “We will be trying to minimize any disruption to the residents, staff, and community, as we know they are not to blame. It is unfortunate that we have all become victims of the regulatory aspect of long-term care”

Nursing homes across the state and country have been closing in recent years all stating similar difficulties. The lack of Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement, along with the tough business environment of long-term care are often named as culprits for the closings of these rehabilitation facilities.



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Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

County health department offers ways to lessen impact of flooding

LEE COUNTY — As the Rock River continues to rise and the threat of significant flooding persists, the Lee County Health Department would like to remind home owners of two ways to lessen the potential impact.

Attention should be given to your well to ensure a safe water supply. In the event of flooding, should your well become submerged or your well pit floods, please contact the Lee County Health Department. In either event, this department does not recommend drinking your well water until your well water is tested. This department will begin testing of water wells (if flooding occurs) once the flood water has receded and there is no longer an opportunity for further flooding.

This department would also recommend to homeowners served by private septic systems to conserve water at times when the ground water is high.

This will aid in your septic system functioning properly and help prolong the life of your septic.

If you should have any questions regarding flooding of your well or general water quality questions please feel free to contact the Lee County Health Department at 815-284-3371 and ask for the Environmental Health Division.

In the event no one is available at the time of your call please leave your name and number and a representative will return your call.

Three charged with drug felonies after search warrant issues in Sublette

SUBLETTE — On March 11, at approximately 4:25 p.m., the Lee County Joint Operations Group, along with deputies and officers from the Lee County Sheriff's Office and Dixon Police Department, executed a drug search warrant in the 200 block of John Street in Sublette.

The search warrant resulted in locating 29.5 grams of cocaine and 35 Xanax pills

inside the residence.

Three subjects were arrested:

Hank T. Nickel, 36 of Sublette for Possession of a Controlled Substance—Class 1 Felony

Christopher Donte Moore-Bennett, 20 of Sublette for Possession of a Controlled Substance—Class 4 Felony; Unlawful Delivery of Cannabis (10-30 grams) – Class 4 Felony; Unlawful

Possession of Cannabis – Class B Misdemeanor.

Antonio DeAndre Simmons, 18 of Carol Stream for Possession of a Controlled Substance – Class 4 Felony.

The investigation is continuing.

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

City asks for residents help on stopping sump pumps from feeding into the sewer system

BY TONJA GREENFIELD

General Manager

AMBOY — Last year in April, the City of Amboy asked the residents within the city to check that all sump pump and gutters connects are not improperly connected to the city's sanitary system.

The item was again discussed during Monday night's Amboy City Council meeting, as the council is looking to solve the issue of sump pumps feeding into the sewer. During the Amboy City Council's committee meeting on March 4, the council had

a discussion about sending out letters to all 605 homes in the city about the continued infiltration of the sewer system. The suggestion was to send out 50 letters per ward per week until everyone is notified.

Section 78-197 of the city code of the City of Amboy prohibits the discharge of any stormwater, surface water, groundwater, roof runoff, and subsurface drainage into the city's sanitary sewer system.

In a press release from last April the city informed resident why this issue matters.

When storm water is pumped into the city's sanitary sewer system, it causes issues in many different ways:

- Excess flow in the sanitary sewer lines causes backups in those lines, which may lead to basement backups and overflows into nearby creeks and yards, putting public health at risk and violating state and federal regulations.

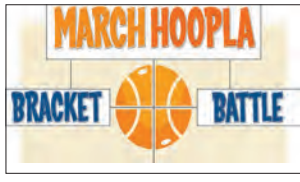
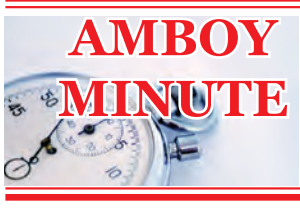
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Annual Sublette Farm Toy and Tractor Show



The 37th annual Sublette Farm Toy and Antique Tractor Show began on Saturday, March 16 at 9 a.m. and continued until 3 p.m. with toys scattered in buildings throughout the town. Sunday began with the Sublette Fire Department pancake and sausage breakfast. Then at 9 a.m., the toy show buildings opened and the craft show doors opened at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall. Other activities included an operating train layout, semi-tractor show and a display of full-size tractors and farm equipment. The feature this year was John Deere and the 1918 Waterloo Boy tractor owned by the Althaus family was displayed as the feature tractor. The annual dinner on Saturday night was canceled.

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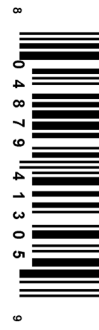
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LOCAL NEWS

Bills aim to ease state banking regulations on marijuana businesses

BY PETER HANCOCK
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SPRINGFIELD—Supporters of legalized marijuana in Illinois have launched efforts aimed at making it easier for legitimate businesses that sell the product to have bank accounts and accept credit card transactions.

State Treasurer Michael Frerichs, a Democrat, said Monday he supports legislation in the General Assembly that would prohibit state banking regulators from punishing banks or credit unions that provide basic banking services to legitimate cannabis-related businesses.

He also said he is joining with other state treasurers around the country in lobbying Congress for changes in federal laws that prohibit banks from doing business with the cannabis industry.

"The inability of the legal cannabis industry in Illinois to use a bank or credit union for ba-

sic services such as check writing, savings or access to capital is a sleeping giant," Frerichs said during a news conference in Chicago. "We have an industry that handles money hiding in the shadows because banking rules built decades ago have not kept up with changes in behavior and in law."

Illinois legalized the use of marijuana for certain medical conditions in 2015, and Frerichs said the business now accounts for \$136 million a year in retail sales. State lawmakers this year are also considering legislation, which Gov. J.B. Pritzker supports, to legalize adult use of recreational marijuana.

However, marijuana is still illegal in all forms under federal law, and it is also a violation of federal banking laws for any bank to knowingly engage in transactions involving proceeds generated from marijuana-related activity.

During the Obama administration, the Justice Department relaxed some of its enforce-

ment of those laws, especially in states that had legalized at least some kinds of marijuana use, saying it would focus its resources on certain priorities, such as preventing the sale of marijuana to minors; preventing revenue from marijuana sales from going to criminal enterprises, gangs and cartels, and preventing the shipment of marijuana from states where it is legal to states where it is not.

But the Trump administration reversed that policy in January 2018 when then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions distributed a memo to federal prosecutors, effectively instructing them to go back to enforcing federal laws as they were originally intended to be enforced.

"Prior to last year, about 85 percent of our cannabis industry was banked with a single bank in the state of Illinois," Rep. Kelly Cassidy, a Chicago Democrat, said during the news conference. "As the Trump administration ramped up threats towards the

legal cannabis industry, that bank got nervous about potential backlash and informed all of these businesses that they would cease to have a banking relationship with them"

Frerichs said the result of that has been to move the finances of the legal cannabis industry into a kind of underground cash-based economy.

"As residents of this state, we needlessly invite risk to people and property as that \$136 million is shuffled from place to place in duffle bags, in the front seat of cars, or the trunk of a car," he said.

In addition to supporting changes in state-level banking regulations and lobbying Congress for changes in federal law, Frerichs said his office is exploring ways to provide incentives for banks and credit unions to serve the legal cannabis industry.

The companion bills pending in the General Assembly are House Bill 2980 and Senate Bill 2023.

Harmon church to offer Spuds and Splits

HARMON—The United Methodist Church of Harmon will hold their Spuds and Splits Supper, from 4:30 – 7 p.m., on March 28.

The will serve baked po-

tatoes or yams, hot dogs, ice cream, desserts include pie with toppings for all.

This event is a free will offering.

Everyone is welcome.

SVCC student art exhibit opening reception set for March 27 in Jerry Mathis Theater

DIXON—Sauk Valley Community College invites the public to the 2019 Student Art Exhibit Reception and Fine Arts Performance Hour on Wednesday, March 27 in the Sauk Art Gallery and Jerry Mathis Theatre.

The Student Art Exhibit Reception

from 4 to 6 p.m. includes free refreshments in the Sauk Art Gallery located on the second floor east.

Exhibit will run from March 27 through April 24.

Guests are also invited to enjoy music, performance art, original readings

or written work, and more by Sauk's Fine Arts students from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Jerry Mathis Theatre located on the first floor, off the Dillon Mall.

For more information, please contact glenn.s.bodish@svcc.edu.

'Tobacco 21' bill clears Illinois Senate, measure heads to governor's desk

BY REBECCA ANZEL
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SPRINGFIELD — A four-year effort by lawmakers and advocates to raise the minimum age to purchase tobacco products in Illinois appears nearly complete now that legislation approved by both chambers heads to Gov. J.B. Pritzker's desk.

The Senate successfully passed the measure Thursday by a mostly party-line vote. It received the backing of only one Republican.

Pritzker has not said definitively whether he will sign "Tobacco 21," which changes the age to buy products containing nicotine—including cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vapes and chewing tobacco, among others—from 18 to 21.

In an emailed statement, his spokeswoman said Pritzker "looks forward to reviewing the legislation."

But supporters of the initiative are optimistic the Democratic governor will sign the bill into law, unlike former Gov. Bruce Rauner, who vetoed a similar measure last year.

"Thankfully, we've got a new governor and a new chance to right past wrongs and make Illinois a healthier state," Senate President John Cullerton, a Chicago Democrat and ardent supporter of the legislation, said in a press release.

If Pritzker signs the bill, Illinois would be the eighth state in the nation, and the first state in the Midwest, to have such a law on the books.

Cullerton was on the

floor of the House when that chamber approved the "Tobacco 21" legislation with bipartisan support Tuesday. The final tally in the House was 82 to 31.

And House sponsor Camille Lilly, a Democratic representative from Chicago, was on the floor of the Senate Thursday watching as her Senate colleague, Julie Morrison, secured enough Democratic votes to successfully pass the bill there.

Morrison, from Deerfield, is the sponsor of the initiative in her chamber.

"Senator Morrison did a wonderful job staying the course, going along with the different strategies and getting it done," Lilly said. "It takes all of us. That's what makes it difficult, but this is an amazing process."

Opponents made the same two arguments they have in committee hearings and in the House.

First, that if 18 is old enough to get married, vote in a political election, open a bank account and join the military, it should be old enough to purchase and smoke a cigarette.

Morrison pointed out the U.S. Department of Defense is going tobacco free by 2020 and a national group of hundreds of retired senior military officers, called Mission: Readiness, supports this "Tobacco 21" bill out of concern for the readiness of new recruits for the Armed Forces.

"I think this speaks volumes about what the military would, in fact, want for its members," Morrison said.

Detractors also take issue with the removal of language from current law enacting penalties for minors caught with tobacco products. Presently, minors risk the prospect of taking a "smoker's education or youth diversion program" with their parents as well as the possibility of fines or community service.

"Right now, to say that these kids who are getting their cigarettes from other kids are now going to be allowed to do that freely and without any punishment is a real problem," Republican Sen. Steve McClure, from Springfield, said during debate.

Kathy Drea, the American Lung Association's senior director for advocacy, said there is "absolutely no research" demonstrating

penalties reduce the smoking rates among teenagers.

"It's as simple as that," she said.

Lilly said the Senate's vote Thursday was "exciting and encouraging" to watch, and the fact that the measure passed both chambers this session is unsurprising—Illinois society wanted a change.

"When things get out of hand or are no longer tolerable, the people speak and we as legislators come to bring that message and advocate—that's what we did today," she said. "I get to have this be part of my history. I believe this is one of those bills that saves lives."

The legislation is House Bill 345. The final vote in the Senate Thursday was 39 to 16.

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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@countyoflee.org
Phone: 815-288-3309

Cathy Myers
Lee County Clerk & Recorder

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Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of St. Patrick's Church

To celebrate St. Patrick Church's 100th Anniversary all Masses will be in Maytown on Laetare Sunday, March 30 and 31.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 30
Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm followed by dinner in the Hall,

Sunday, March 31
Masses at 8:00 am and 10:30 am
There will be no Masses in Sublette or West Brooklyn that weekend.

St. Patrick's Church is located at 1336 Maytown Road, Amboy

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LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

UP COMING EVENTS

Fish Fry Friday, March 22

Draw Down Saturday, May 11

FISH FRY

Our annual Fish Fry will be this 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 five to 12 is \$5. Ages 13 and older is \$9. This fundraiser helps to keep our After School Program free. Please come out and support our kids.

DODGE BALL TOURNAMENT

The Dodge Ball Tournament on Friday was a fun time. Brock and Amber Decker, Jordan Lahman, Nathan Moore, and Whitney Kessel, the team from Adventures of Backwoods Brock, did a great job of refereeing. Mark and Veronica manned the door. Pam and Maddi Thomas and Christopher Farrar ran the concession stand. Cheyenne Linder checked in the teams. Kaylee Jones ran the brackets. And last but not least our great announcer Mason Ely was there to keep everything running smoothly.

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 Pete and Eileen O'Rourke and Sheila and GG Garcia for the monetary donations. To Gary and Marie Wilcox for the shoes. To Eileen and Irene Ramsdell for the meat, cheese, bread, and beautifully decorated homemade cupcakes and the decorations for our wreaths for next year. To Donna Wellman for all the homemade treats and for serving our kids daily. To Pete Rood for the monetary donation in memory of LeRoy Klein. It is because of these wonderful donations and all the prayers that Teen Turf stays up and running. Blessings to all.

CHAIR AEROBICS

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

TAX FREE DONATIONS

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

RECYCLED CANS

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

If you are in need of a book bag or school supplies throughout the year please call 815-857-4800 and leave your name and number.

LOST & FOUND

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

BOARD MEMBERS

Teen Turf is in need of two new board members. If you want to help make a difference in the lives of the youth of our community please call or stop and talk to us. Our current board members are Deb Albee, Kim Watley, Cindy Phillips, Scott and Janine Huffman, Kaylee Jones, and Mark Grossman. Please do not drop off TV's - we cannot recycle them.

Amboy Police

Speeding

On March 11, at 2:30 p.m., Francisco M. Echebarria, 21, of Rock Falls, was issued a citation for speeding 45 mph

in a 30 mph speed zone. He was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!

CLIPPER KIDDIE 2

This Week's Star Student of the Week is:

Taylor Near



Student's Favorites:

Favorite Color - Pink

Favorite Animal - Lion

Favorite Food - Eggs

Favorite Book - Frozen

Favorite Game - Tag

Favorite Song - Let It Go

CLIPPER KIDDIE 2

This Week's Star Student of the Week is:

Taiden Payne



Student's Favorites:

Favorite Color - Red

Favorite Animal - Giraffe

Favorite Food - Apple

Favorite Book - Llama Llama Books

Favorite Game - Mario Brothers

Favorite Song - Ring Around the Rosie

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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 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.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only, on March 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.

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.

DIXON-The University of Illinois Extension's Ready Set Grow program, hosted by the Master Gardeners, will be held from 8 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, at Sauk Valley Community College, 173 IL RT 2. Register online at go.illinois.edu/ReadySetGrow.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 25, at Sauk Valley Community College, 173 IL RT 2. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an

appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 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, March 26.

AMBOY-The Amboy Township Continued Meeting (End of Fiscal Year) will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department will hold a Glucose and Cholesterol Screening on Thursday, March 28, at LCHD, 309 S. Galena Blvd. Suite 100. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment.

HARMON-The United Methodist Church, 202 N. Grove St., will host Spuds & Splits from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 28. Baked potatoes or yams and toppings, hot dogs and desserts will be served. The public is invited.

SUBLETTE-Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 202 S. Locust, 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 29. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

AMBOY-The First Ever Amboy Firemen's Draw Down and Fish Fry will be held on Friday, March 29, at the Green River Saddle Club, 1580 Morman Rd. Dinner will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. and then the Draw Down will begin. There will be DJ Entertainment until midnight. You need not be present to win. Ticket information at 815-857-2325 or info@amboyfire.com.

MAYTOWN-In celebration of St. Patrick Church's 100th Anniversary, all parish Saturday and Laetare Sunday Masses will be held at St. Patrick Church, 1336 Maytown Rd. On Saturday, March 30, Vigil Mass will be at 4 p.m. followed by dinner in the Hall. Sunday, March 31, Masses will be at 8 and 10:30 a.m. There will be no masses at West Brooklyn or Sublette. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for

more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 1, at the Fire Station, 25 N. East Ave.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Committee Meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 1, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

SUBLETTE-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 202 S. Locust St., from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make

an appointment to donate.

STERLING-April 5 is the deadline to register for an adult Spring Night Paint Night at KIDZ Turn on Thursday, April 11, sponsored by the Whiteside County Master Gardeners. Participants will create an 11x17 canvas. Call 815-632-3611 or online at go.illinois.edu/paintnight. There is a fee for the class.

AMBOY-Deadline to order roses from the Amboy Lions Club for their Annual Rose Day is Saturday, April 6. Roses will be delivered Saturday, April 13. See a Lions Club Member to purchase roses.



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Tuesday - A) Beef stew, buttermilk biscuit, hot applesauce B) Soup & Sandwich, cream of mushroom & roast beef

Wednesday - Baked chicken quarter, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, tossed salad/drs., roll, pumpkin bar

Thursday - Mushroom swiss burger on bun, buttered red potatoes, baked beans, apricots

Friday - Fish patty, wheat bun, potato pancakes, Calif. blend veggies, applesauce, tartar sauce

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

Reservations needed 10:00 am day before

Amboy Community Center
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LOCAL NEWS

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• All water that goes into the city's sanitary sewer system must be pumped out to the lagoons. Extra rainwater means more electricity to run the pumps.

• Costs to treat the water in the lagoons increase with the increase in flow. Those costs are returned to customers.

• The cost to expand the city's lagoon system to treat the increased flow is very high and would be paid for by sewer rate increases.

The City of Amboy is asking its residents to check your sump pump. If it is connected to the sewer, it needs to be re-routed to pump into the ditch or your yard, not into

your neighbor's yard. If you are unable to inspect the connection, or are not sure if the connection is proper, contact City Hall at 815-857-3814 and they will have someone assist you.

In other board news:

- The board approved hiring Gordy Koch for a part-time summer mowing position.
- The board approved spending \$2,690 on a permit fee to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for a commercial culvert.
- Two residents spoke to the council about drainage issues in the 300 block of Jones Street. One resident commented that after receiving a half inch of rain, he has a pond

in his backyard. He added that he has spent about \$14,000 sealing his basement, buying sump pumps, and buying generators. He also questioned if there was a plan for a storm sewer on the new addition to the junior/high school. He said it has gotten worse over the last five years.

A second citizen said he has gotten three inches of water throughout his home. Amboy Mayor John Schamberger said the council will address this at the next committee meeting.

- Amboy resident Camden Ross, who addressed the council last month concerning getting four tickets in the mail saying he

violated the dog at large ordinance, told the council on Monday night that he received yet another ticket for his dog defecating on his own property. He said he is formally requesting a special meeting to discuss this matter. He told the council that he is willing to put up a fence, and that this matter is getting out of hand. He added that he just wants to get this matter resolved. Amboy City Attorney Matt Keegan told Ross he would have a conversation with the mayor and the chief of police and then will contact Ross.

The next Amboy City Council meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, April 15, in the Amboy Community Center.

Illinois Senate bill would block presidential candidates from ballot without release of tax returns

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SPRINGFIELD — A bill making its way through the Illinois Senate would prevent any presidential or vice-presidential candidate from appearing on state election ballots if they do not release their previous five years of tax return documents.

The Executive Committee passed state Sen. Tony Munoz's Senate Bill 145 on a 13-4 partisan-line vote Wednesday after a brief discussion as to whether the bill runs afoul of the U.S. Constitution.

For Sen. Dale Righter, a Mattoon Republican, the answer was obvious.

"In my 22 years in the General Assembly, this might be the most clearly unconstitutional legislative proposal I have ever voted on,"

he said.

But Jeff Radue, of the progressive advocacy group Indivisible Chicago, read from a statement made by Harvard Constitutional law scholar Lawrence Tribe, who said the mandated release of tax returns would not be unconstitutional.

Upon questioning from Righter, however, Radue said the statement was not made in relation to Senate Bill 145, but on the question of mandated tax return release in general.

Radue said Tribe did a review of similar measures in California and Washington, but bills in those states and others are still making their way through the legislative process.

Righter cited two Supreme Court cases, Term Limits v. Thornton and Cook v. Gralike, which he believes set a precedent of unconstitutionality for ballot qualification measures.

According to the nonprofit, nonpartisan political website Ballotpedia, the Cook v. Gralike decision prohibited Missouri from placing warnings on ballots for candidates that did not support term limits. The Thornton decision invalidated an Arkansas law that denied ballot access to any congressional candidate that had already served three terms. The latter ruling said states cannot impose qualifications for prospective members of Congress that are stricter than those specified in the Constitution.

Righter also pointed out the Illinois bill would not require the release of tax returns from any of the state's constitutional officers or other elected officials.

Since a vice presidential candidate is not chosen prior to primary filing, Radue said the bill contains mechanisms to mandate release

of the documents prior to the general election.

The documents would be released to the Illinois secretary of state's office and posted to the office's website. Social security numbers, addresses and telephone numbers would be redacted.

A similar bill passed out of the Illinois Senate in 2017, but it died in the House during the previous legislative session. That bill was carried by former state Sen. Daniel Biss, of Evanston, and it passed with 32 votes in favor.

Notably, then-Sen. Kwame Raoul, who is now the state attorney general, voted in favor of the measure. Raoul's office would be in charge of defending the measure if it passes the House, is signed by the governor and faces a court challenge.

On Wednesday, Raoul's office said it has not yet taken a position on Senate Bill 145.

CGH Medical Center recognized as a 2019 top 100 rural and community hospital

STERLING — CGH Medical Center has been named one of the Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals in the United States by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. Regarded as one of the industry's most significant designations of performance excellence, the annual Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals award is based upon the results of the Hospital Strength INDEX® from iVantage Health Analytics. Only four hospitals in Illinois were named to this list.

"To be named one of only four Illinois hospitals on the Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals listing is quite an honor," said Dr. Paul Steinke, CGH President and CEO. "This recognition is a reflection of our outstanding team of healthcare providers, staff and volunteers, and represents our ongoing commitment to providing safe, high quality care to the communities we serve."

Hospitals recognized as a Top 100 facility scored in the top 100 among all rural and

community hospitals nationally. Now in its ninth year, the INDEX leverages 50 rural-relevant indicators across eight pillars of hospital strength to determine an overall score for each hospital. Each of the INDEX's 50 indicators is collected from publicly-available data sources.

"In an era of increased complexity and uncertainty, Top 100 hospitals have established themselves as leaders for rural provider performance," said Michael Topchik, National

Leader of The Chartis Center for Rural Health. Top 100 status indicates how proactive these hospitals are when it comes to pushing for performance improvement in areas such as quality, outcomes, patient safety, and more, according to Topchik.

To view the complete list of this year's Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals, as well as the 2019 INDEX methodology, visit www.ivantageindex.com/top-performing-hospitals.

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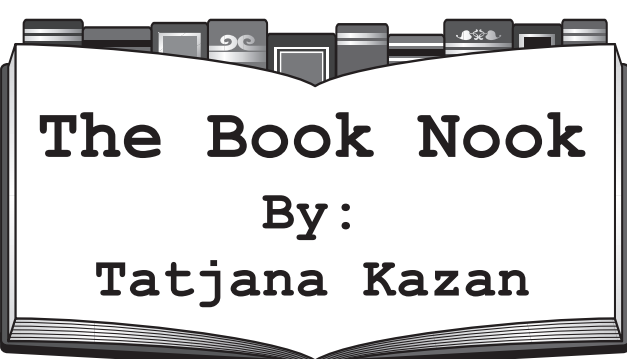
SOCIAL NEWS



Fredenhagen celebrates 94th birthday

AMBOY — Ted Fredenhagen recently celebrated his 94th birthday horseback riding in Cave Creek, Ariz., with his family. Joining him was his son, Jim, of Anchorage, Alaska; his daughter, Deb Zellhofer, of Amboy; and his daughter, Janie Herron, of Rolla, Mo. Absent from the trip was his daughter, Lonnie (Dan) Schafer, of Amboy, and son, Gary Fredenhagen, of Boulder Junction, Wis.

Fredenhagen was born on Feb 28, 1925.



Goodbye to all that

The poet Robert Graves's "Good-bye to All That," an account of trench warfare in World War I, struck me in its irreverent, comic take on war as a forerunner to the brash impertinence of our GIs in Viet Nam fifty years later. Graves's training for warfare began in boarding school, a half dozen of which he briefly attended until he landed at Charterhouse where, in response to harassment, he feigned madness, wrote poetry, and took up boxing. (He is best known to us as the author of the popular mini-series, "I Claudius.")

Graves was nineteen when he enlisted at the outbreak of the war in August 1914. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Third Battalion of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, and within a year, rose to captain. He catalogues, often gleefully, the many "bloody balls-ups" by incompetent officers which caused so much of the horrific slaughter. But he also honors the heroism of his men: "The first dead body I came upon was Samson's. I found that he had forced his knuckles into his mouth to stop himself crying out and attracting any more men to their death. He had been hit in 17 places."

The trenches were a mere thirty yards from the German lines; in a single day, seventeen of Graves's men were killed. Graves was badly injured in the Battle of the Somme, which lasted from July to November 1916 and had 3 million combatants, over a million casualties, 311,000 of which were killed. Shell shock kept him safely in England. "I thought of going back to France, but realized the absurdity of the notion. Since 1916, the fear of gas obsessed me: any unusual smell, even a sudden strong scent of flowers in a

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garden, was enough to send me trembling. And I couldn't face the sound of heavy shelling now; the noise of a car back-firing would send me flat on my face, or running for cover."

Graves relates how even small infractions could lead to court martials. "Executions were frequent in France." Stalemate and the unimaginable number of casualties produced a different kind of training. Men were no longer trained for a war of attrition, but to truly hate the Germans, "to tear their hearts out." Indeed, atrocities were not uncommon: "Nearly every instructor in the mess could quote specific instances of prisoners having been murdered on the way back. The commonest motives were, it seems, revenge for the death of friends or relatives, and jealousy of the prisoner's trip to a comfortable prison camp in England." It had become clear to Graves, as it had to many others, "that continuance of the war was nothing less than the sacrifice of an idealistic younger generation to the stupidity and self-protective alarm of the older."



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Examining our own personal disciplines

BY PASTOR MARK GLENN

A keyboardist of blessed memory at the church I now pastor was my piano teacher when I was a child. Music lessons fall into two categories. Either they enter our lives as a gift from God, or they enter our lives as the wrath of God—depending upon our affinities for creating the sounds that humans call music. For me, it seemed more like the wrath of God because it interfered with baseball. I still regret not having the self-discipline to choose what I needed or what I wanted.

Have you heard of "Tiger" parents? These are parents who are wholly invested in molding their children into musicians, artists, mathematicians, or computer wizards. "Tiger" parents pour their kid's childhoods into "practice, practice, practice"—and the discipline of music lessons is very often a big part of those practices. Other parents think it is good for their kids to be able to read music and maybe plunk out a Christmas carol. Whatever the parental motivation, for the child there is either the joy of discovery or the groan of a new chore. For some of us, music lessons become a lifetime lifeline. For others, those same lessons are grudging grunt-work that we pray will soon end.

Whether you loved or hated music lessons, your parents were "investing" in your future. You were offered a new way to look at life, a new way to express yourself, a new way to find a joy that

might always be yours. Even those of us who fled from practice sessions and failed in the eyes of our teachers have found music to be a source healing for our mind and body and resuscitation for our soul. Whether it be the sounds of pop music, old-soul, reggae, classical, bluegrass, or classical jazz, music makes its mark upon us, whether we can play it or not.

This is the second full week of Lent—the 40 days observing Jesus' 40-day endurance test "in the wilderness" when he was tempted daily by the invitations of the evil one to take a different path. We are always being tempted to take easier paths than the ones we know we are born to follow. Lent marks a time in the Christian calendar when we disciples contemplate our own temptations, failings, promised follow-throughs—or lack thereof. Lent is when we examine our own personal disciplines—the "practices" that continue to shape our lives, whether those are committee meetings, PTA meetings, or getting-up-early devotions or going-to-bed-late devotions. We "give up" things for Lent so we can "take up" the higher things of life. We give up meats and sweets to take up a more intense focus on prayer time, study groups, and good works. However, what is it that we are truly supposed to be remembering and recalling at this season of the church calendar?

Jesus offered a new reality to human-

ity. For those who in believe in Jesus as the Christ "there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, the same Lord is the Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him" (Romans 10:12). Paul's "music lesson" is a hard row to hoe for some a great grace for others, for his first message is that "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (v.13). "Everyone" means everyone.

There is no other allegiance, no other promise, no other confession of faith, that can so alter our lifestyle, life-path, life-achievements as a confession that Jesus is Lord, our graced gift to a redeemed life, an eternal life. It is the confession that Jesus is Lord that gives life a richness beyond all human accounting.

The greatest redeeming quality of a great piano is not the humidity of its environment; it is not the air surrounding it—it is whether or not it has been played. Pianos that are not played sour and squelch down. They cannot retain the resonance that they once had. More use leads to a better sound and a more valuable piano. Even museum curators need to arrange for models on display to be played at least once a week.

Lent is when we ask the piano question, and when we re-dedicate ourselves to being played every day and in every way. Like a piano, you were not meant to be set aside in a safe place or set on a pedestal to be idolized. You were meant to play music, God's beautiful music.

Boys Science Siesta and Girls Science Siesta scheduled for two weekends in April

ROCKFORD — "Science Siesta is once again being offered this year for both boys and girls," said Johnna Jennings, University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator. "This year we will be offering a Science Siesta event just for boys on Friday, April 12 to Saturday, April 13, and another Science Siesta just for girls on Friday, April 26 to Saturday, April 27 both at the Discovery Center Children's Museum in Rockford," said Jennings. Both of these events are open to youth in fourth to sixth grades.

"Both events will be action-packed programs that combine hands-on science, an opportunity to meet real scientists, to learn about a particular field of science and to spend an awesome night in a museum. This is an excellent program and we are excited to have the opportunity to offer it once again," said Jennings.

At Science Siesta the

participants will interact with scientists in science career fields from throughout northern Illinois.

Following the face-to-face interaction with the scientists, youth participate in activities based on the "Wonderwise" curriculum developed by the University of Nebraska, and from experts in the field. This curriculum highlights the work of scientists and

then translates their work into hands-on science based activities, which are fun and engaging.

Both events will begin with registration at 5 p.m. on Friday and will conclude with checkout at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. The registration fee is \$40 per participant which covers pizza, snack, breakfast, admission to the Discovery Center Children's

Museum, a t-shirt and all hands-on activities. The University of Illinois Extension is providing this program, which is open to all boys and girls in fourth-sixth grades. For additional information, as well as to register for Science Siesta go to the University of Illinois Extension website at <https://go.illinois.edu/ScienceSiesta> or call 815-758-8194.

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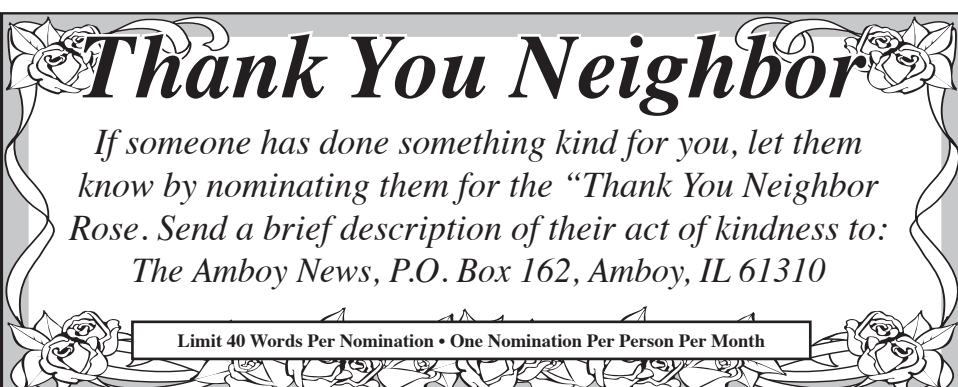
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Opinion

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Taxes discouraging people from living and working in Illinois

As soon as I heard Illinois lawmakers were considering taxing plastic and paper shopping bags, I purchased a half dozen canvas bags to take with me on future shopping trips.

I don't like paying taxes. And bringing my own reusable bags struck me as a good tax-avoidance strategy.

Of course, the environmentalists who are lobbying for the legislation hope more people will respond to the tax the same way I have. They want fewer bags heading to landfills and entering waterways.

I can't argue with their logic. When you tax something, you create a deterrent for people. That's one of the reasons the state puts a \$1.98 tax on every pack of cigarettes sold in the Land of Lincoln.

Lawmakers hope the tax is a financial incentive for people to quit smoking.

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



The sack tax approved recently in a Senate committee would put a 7-cent surcharge on every shopping bag dispensed.

It's interesting that some lawmakers believe that taxing cigarettes and bags deters folks from smoking or taking a sack at the checkout line, but they don't acknowledge that taxing property and income discourages people from living and working in Illinois.

Let's face the facts, Illinois and New Jersey have the highest property taxes in the nation.

During the past several years, I have received hundreds of emails from readers who have either left the state or are planning to do so because of our property taxes.

They read like "Dear John" letters from residents leaving behind family and friends for places with lower taxes.

According to the Chicago Tribune, the number of residents fleeing Illinois for other states jumped

to 93,704 in 2014 from 68,204 the previous year. It increased in 2015 to 106,544, and in 2016 to 109,941. More exodus in 2017 of 114,779 and last year, another 114,154.

For more than 15 years, residents have left Illinois at a rate of one person every 10 minutes.

Our neighbors Iowa, Indiana, Missouri, Wisconsin and Kentucky are growing. So, we can't blame the weather for this diaspora of Illinoisans scattered across the nation.

The blame rests squarely on the shoulders of Illinois lawmakers who for decades have ignored cries for property tax reform. High property taxes are pushing people from Illinois and deterring others from settling here.

Once upon a time, the state's high property taxes were offset by lower income taxes. But over the past nine years, Illinois' property taxes have surged upward. And now, Gov. J.B. Pritzker is pushing for amending the state constitution to create a progressive income tax, which would enable tax rates to rise further still.

If this happens, expect the Illinois exodus to accelerate.

Strange how lawmakers will tax things like cigarettes and bags, to discourage people from buying them, but fail to see how taxing homes and income encourages folks to leave.

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

On This Day in History

100 years ago March 21, 1919

Rev. James Lauer, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lauer, of Sublette, was ordained to the priesthood of the Catholic Church Saturday by Rt. Rev. Edmund M. Dunne, D.D., in St. Bede College Chapel, Peru. The celebration of his First Holy Mass was in the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sublette, at 10:00 o'clock on the morning of March 19th and this event was followed by a reception at the Lauer home at twelve o'clock.

Ed Blum was in Chicago Monday on business.

A.P. Tice has purchased the Mason lot north of the "Q" tracks on Mason Street.

Lieut. Fred Vaughan of Camp Grant has been visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. F.N. Vaughan.

75 years ago March 16, 1944

Four deputy fire marshals visited Amboy Wednesday of last week and conducted an inspection of a number of the business houses in the city.

All truck rations for the second quarter must be called for at the Lee

County War Price and Rationing Board during the last week of March. Rations will be mailed.

SGT. And Mrs. R.S. Ross of Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala., arrived Sunday to spend a 10-day furlough with relatives here.

Mrs. R.G. Nowe entertained her bridge club Monday evening. Mrs. Henry Mortensen was a guest substitute. High score was held by Mrs. E.T. Houser and low by Miss Irene Branigan. Lunch was served by the hostess after the games.

50 years ago March 20, 1969

Amboy Central Grade School lightweight and heavyweight basketball teams won district first places and sectional third places in IESA competition.

Fullback Ralph Kurek of the Chicago Bears will be the speaker for the annual athletic banquet of Amboy High School on Thursday evening, March 27. Athletes of all sports are honored at this affair.

Mrs. Russell Smith, 224 South Commercial Avenue, Amboy, was the first to report seeing a robin. She wrote a postal card to the Amboy News, it was received

Saturday, and said, "I saw a robin March 7 in my back yard."

25 years ago March 24, 1994

Amboy Board of Education voted to tighten its financial belt to the tune of about \$120,000 at Monday's meeting. Facing a projected loss in equalized assessed valuation (EAV) of \$2 million and cost increases in a number of areas, Superintendent Terry Salem said the board must revert to 1992 expenditure levels.

Nearly 100 Amboy Area Chamber of Commerce members got a look at operations at Fantasy/BlankeBaer, including the new addition that is now under construction. For some, it was their first inside look at the factory that has been here for almost 20 years.

Bob Love, former superstar with the Chicago Bulls, spoke to the student body at Amboy High School on March 16. Love played in the NBA for 11 seasons, eight of those with the Chicago Bulls. He was truly a superstar on the court. However, off the court he was plagued by a life-long speech impediment as he was a sever estutterer.

Why Illinoisans can't trust Pritzker's tax promises

Illinoisans have a lower level of trust in their state government than residents of any other state, according to Gallup polling. This has been the case for years, with good reason. So why should they trust J.B. Pritzker's promise to lower their taxes in exchange for eliminating the most important taxpayer protection in the state?

Neither taxpayers nor lawmakers should believe Pritzker when he makes claims of tax cuts — specifically that 97 percent of Illinoisans would see one — as part of his effort to scrap Illinois' constitutionally protected flat income tax. Here are four reasons why.

1) Pritzker's plan does not raise what he says it will.

Pritzker claims his tax plan will raise \$3.4 billion. But even under a "static" revenue estimate that doesn't take into account the economic effects of a tax hike, his proposal would raise about \$1 billion less than his office claims. A "dynamic" estimate that models those effects shows Pritzker comes up nearly \$2 billion short.

Despite Freedom of Information Act requests to multiple departments, his administration has yet to detail its methodology for producing this estimate.

Illinoisans deserve complete transparency on a tax hike this large. They're not getting it. And that doesn't build trust.

2) Pritzker's plan does not raise what he wants to spend.

Even if Pritzker's estimate were accurate, it's not nearly enough to cover the \$14 billion to \$19 billion in new spending he's promised.

Under Pritzker's proposed tax structure, the typical Illinois family with two children making around \$79,000 a year would see a tax hike of up to \$3,500 to fund his spending promises.

Guest Column

By Austin Berg



That's not relief.

One of the loudest cheerleaders for a progressive income tax, union-backed Center for Tax and Budget Accountability Executive Director Ralph Martire, has publicly acknowledged that Pritzker's "fair tax" is not enough to pay for the governor's promises.

Who makes up the difference when those dollars fall short? Get out your wallet.

3) State lawmakers just broke the same promise Pritzker is making.

One reason Pritzker's claim of tax cuts for 97 percent of Illinoisans is so frustrating is that the cuts are a pittance compared with what families had to fork over in 2017, when lawmakers broke their last tax cut promise.

The seeds were sown in 2011 when politicians promised a temporary income tax

hike, moving the rate up to 5 percent from 3 percent. They promised that tax hike would partially sunset in 2014 to 3.75 percent, and sunset again in 2025 to 3.25 percent.

"We have some temporary tax increases that are designed to pay our bills, get Illinois back on sound fiscal footing and make sure that our state has a strong economy," Gov. Pat Quinn said in 2011. Senate President John Cullerton said lawmakers would "establish caps on how much we can appropriate ... and it is going to work."

Of course, it didn't work. Overspending didn't slow down. Credit downgrades continued.

So in 2017, lawmakers broke the sunset promise. They passed the largest permanent income tax increase in Illinois history, costing the typical family around \$800 a year. Now Pritzker is promising that same family around \$200 back.

That's not a tax cut. It's a partial rebate on a tax hike, subject to change.

4) The elephant still in the room.

About 90 cents of every dollar of the "temporary" income tax hike went to pensions. And Pritzker has already pledged that "hundreds of millions of dollars" from his new tax plan will go

to pay for pensions.

Without pension reform, lawmakers will go back to the well for yet another tax hike should Pritzker get his amendment.

Standard & Poor's Global Ratings recently confirmed that Illinois cannot avoid a junk credit rating without a "practical reduction in liabilities," which can only be achieved through pension reform. Amendments currently filed in both chambers of the General Assembly — SJRCA9 and HJRCA21 — would allow reasonable pension changes that protect every dime of current checks cut to retirees, and benefits earned to date by current employees. Specifically, lawmakers would be allowed to make changes to compounding 3 percent benefit increases for life, as well as retirement ages.

If Pritzker is serious about adequately funding social services while putting the state on sound fiscal footing, he would back pension reform.

He's pursuing political promises instead. And when they're inevitably broken, Illinoisans will pay.

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No. 0306
March 13, 20, 27, 2019

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No. 0307
March 20, 2019

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March 20, 2019

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

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March 20, 2019

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Lisa Bickett-Clerk No. 0313
March 20, 2019

Lisa Bickett, Clerk
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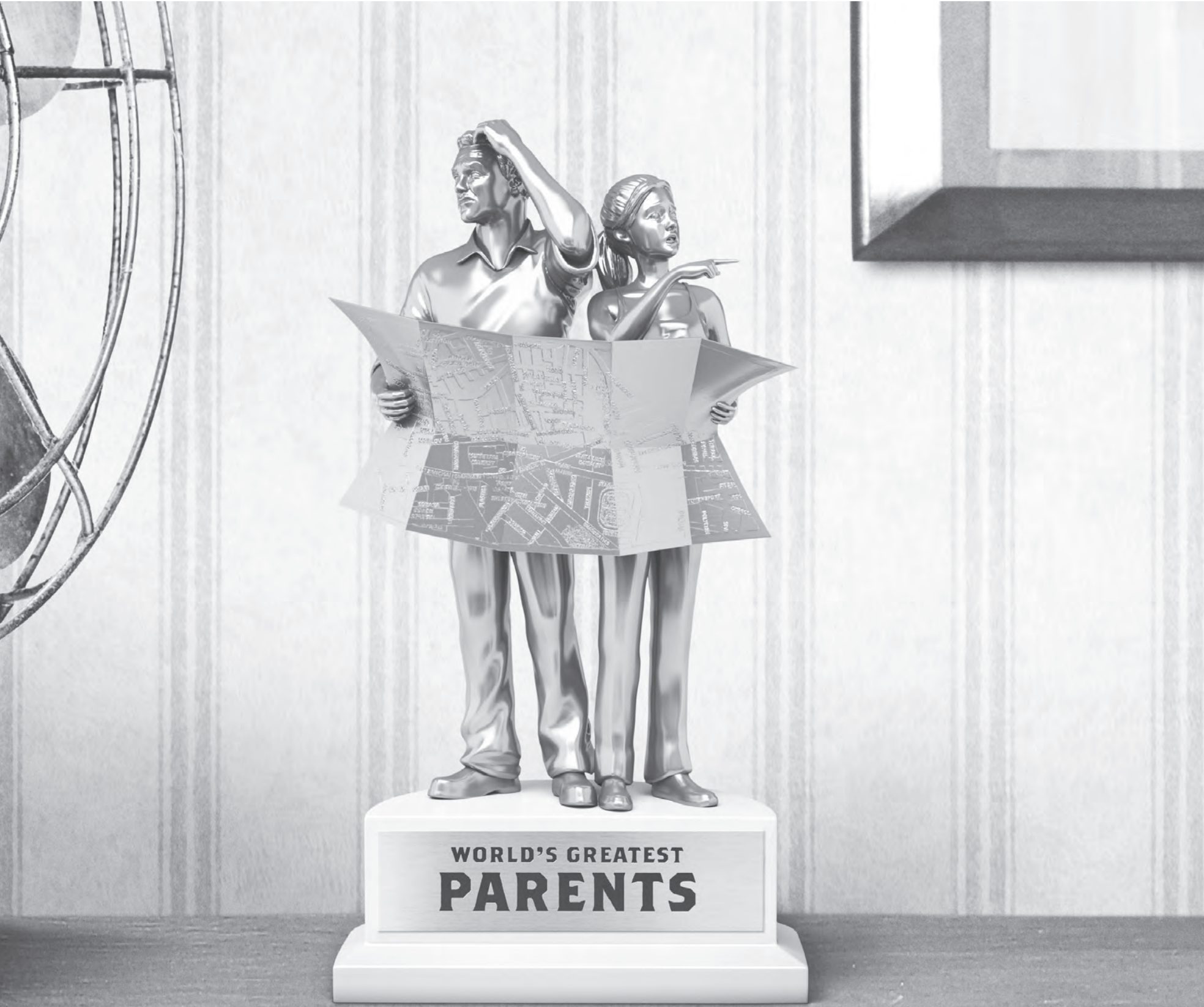
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Five ways to help your student stand up to bullying/cyberbullying

WRITTEN BY KELSEY KANT, PREVENTION SPECIALIST

In this day and age, it is difficult for youth to go through one day without hearing, seeing, or being the victim of bullying and/or cyberbullying. According to statistics, nearly one in three students report being bullied during their time in school. Staying focused on excelling in school and other interests is difficult when students' day to day interactions are full of trying to fit in and not standing out amongst peers. Here are five ways that you can help your student stand up to bullying and/or cyberbullying.

1. Work on building up self-esteem and self-worth in your student. Having an increased level of self-esteem can help lessen the impact your student might feel from potential bullies and negative comments.
2. Start practicing how to navigate a situation regarding bullying and/or cyberbullying. Discuss potential scenarios that might occur. Being prepared can assist your student in successfully managing a range of stressful situations.
3. Make sure students are aware of who

to tell and when to tell. Reporting a bullying issue to a trusted adult sooner, rather than later, can help defuse the negative impact of the situation.

4. Teach your student that it is okay, and even beneficial, to stand up for themselves and others around them. Preparing students to confront a bully, in a positive manner, can lend to diffusing the situation as well as allowing them to build self-esteem and character.

5. Finally, check in with your student often about what is happening in their life. Building a rapport and keeping the lines of communication open will allow them to feel safer expressing concerns to you as they occur.

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If you have any questions about Youth WORKS, would like to learn more, or want to get involved in reducing violence in our community, please contact Kelsey Kant at (815) 284-7796, ext. 4162, or by email at Kelsey.Kant@lssi.org.

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Photo contributed



Community church council hosts Lenten services on Wednesdays

FRANKLIN GROVE — The Franklin Center Community Church Council is a group of representatives from all the local churches in the area. The group meets monthly throughout the winter and endeavors to help

local people who may be needing assistance with food during hard times. The group also sponsors numerous functions including vacation bible school, Christmas boxes, Easter boxes, community church service during the

Harvest Festival and Lenten services.

During Lent the churches take turns hosting supper and a service on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. The offering collected during the worship services are used to help fund all the activities throughout the year.

March 20 - United Methodist Church, 223 W. Middle Street. Supper 6 p.m. and service 7 p.m.

March 27 - Church of the Brethren, 121 W. North Street. Supper 6 p.m. and service at 7 p.m.

April 3 - First Congregational-United Church of Christ, 1140 Inlet Road Lee Center. Supper 6 p.m. and service 7 p.m.

April 10 - Catholic Church hosting at Church of the Brethren, 121 W. North Street. Supper 6 p.m. and service 7 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service is April 21 at Church of the Brethren, 121 W. North Street in Franklin Grove. The service is at 6:30 a.m. with breakfast to follow.

Free tax preparation assistance available to low-to-moderate income, senior citizens throughout Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Low-to-moderate income families and senior citizens needing assistance filing their 2018 income taxes can receive free help through several trusted programs across the State of Illinois. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and AARP Tax-Aide programs are providing free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals in over 300 locations statewide.

"With April 15 just around the corner, it is important for Illinois taxpayers to know that filing assistance is available," said David Harris, Illinois Department of Revenue Acting Director. "Volunteers at these locations are certified by the IRS and ready to assist qualified individuals in

filing their state and federal tax returns accurately and on time."

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs offer free tax help for individuals making \$55,000 or less, persons with disabilities, limited English speaking taxpayers and individuals 60 years of age or older.

AARP's Foundation Tax-Aide program focuses on helping low-to-moderate income individuals, with special attention to those over 50 years of age. An AARP membership is not required.

"I want to thank the Illinois Department of Revenue, Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE), and AARP Tax-Aide programs for providing this much needed service to older adults across the

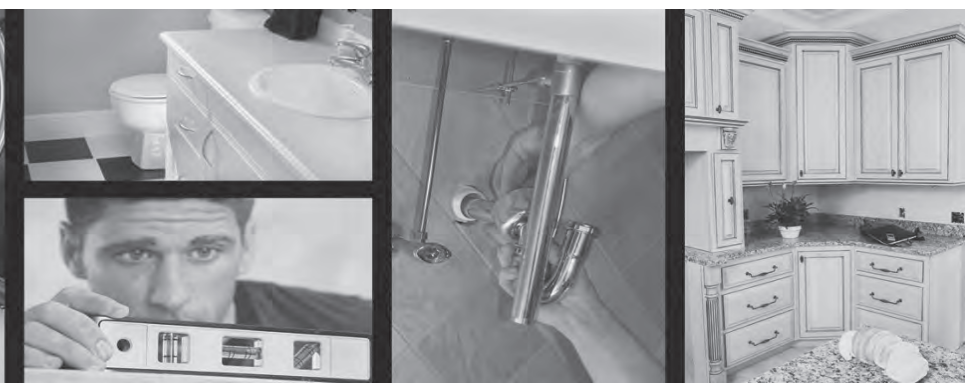
state that just need help," said Paula Basta, Acting Director of IDoA. "I encourage everyone to spread the word to those that need assistance with filing their 2018 income taxes, all of which can be quite frankly overwhelming and confusing."

Taxpayers can search for a free tax preparation location closest to them by visiting the Illinois Department of Revenue's website tax.illinois.gov.

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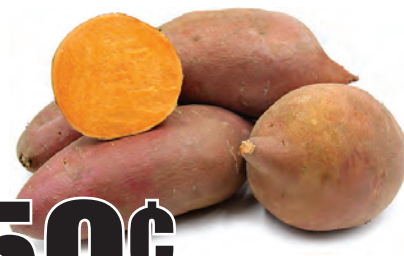
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Lady Clippers finish seventh at Byron Indoor Classic

BYRON – The Amboy-LaMoille girls’ track team went up against some stiff competition at the Byron Indoor Classic on March 16. The Lady Clippers finished seventh in the team standings with 38 points. Bureau Valley took first with 98 points, followed by Prairie Ridge (87), Aurora Central Catholic (66), Byron (57), Winnebago (53) and Hampshire (47). Placing behind A-L were Rockford East (9), North Boone (4), Harvard (3), Stillman

Valley (0) and Rockford Christian Life (0). The Lady Clippers took first place in two events. Margaret Vaessen topped the rest of the field in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:33.64, while the 4x400-meter relay team broke the tape in 4:26.16. Runners were Sidney Corcoran, Emma Lundquist, Lauren Althaus and Ashley Althaus. “The girls that participated did great,” said A-L coach Bob Halberg. “The 4x200

improved their season best by two seconds and the 4x400 that won ran just about the same as their season best. Margaret Vaessen ran her best of the year by three seconds and won her race going away.” Other results include: Shot put – Ki’Yanna Moore, 13th place, 26-4; Tori Daniels, 16th place, 25-6 Long jump – Kylee Brown, 4th place, 15-0.25; Lundquist, 8th place, 13-2.75

55m dash – Corcoran, 7th place, 8.14 3200m run – Kelynn Boyle, 3rd place, 14:32.66 4x200m relay – Corcoran, Brown, Lundquist, Brooklyn Wheelchel, 3rd place, 1:55.34 400m dash – L. Althaus, 5th place, 1:08.56 1600m run – Kaitlyn Orgtgesen, 8th place, 6:24.92 200m dash – Wheelchel, 8th place, 29.49; Brown, 9th place, 30.04.

Gross competes as member of Monmouth College track and field team

MONMOUTH — Joshua Gross, from La Moille, who is majoring in physical education, will be a member of the Monmouth College track and field team. Their first meet was on Jan. 11 against Saint Ambrose University. Founded in 1853, Monmouth College is a

nationally ranked liberal arts college. Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the birthplace of the women’s fraternity movement, the college offers 38 majors, 42 minors, 17 pre-professional tracks, and two innovative Triads in Global Food Security and Global Public Health.

Southeast students spend spring break studying global issues at CSIS

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — After their first full day at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, D.C., Monday, Southeast Missouri State University students Michaela Gaskins and James Trent Waltz were energized by their experience, saying the think tank is opening a door to help them better understand the complexities of U.S. foreign policy.

Locally, Liam Ohlendorf, a first-year graduate student with a major in English, professional writing option, of Amboy, participated in the seminar.

“After just one meeting with CSIS, I have had a complete paradigm shift with regards to how I view the world,” said Waltz, a junior psychology and chemistry double major from Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Gaskins and Waltz are among 30 Southeast Missouri State University students and two faculty members who are spending their spring break this week in the nation’s capital, participating in the annual Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Think Tank in Washington, D.C.

As part of this year’s four-day seminar, the students are engaged in discussions about cybersecurity and cyber defense, global food and nutrition, U.S. policies on Africa and China, human rights at home and abroad, and the Seven Revolutions which focus on leading global changes for the next 30 years.

“My biggest takeaway wouldn’t be any particular fact, but rather the new way I can view the world from the perspective of someone whose job it is to condense all of the world’s complexity into digestible policy suggestions,” Waltz said. “CSIS starts with the idea that the U.S. has certain goals and objectives, and that those objectives can be categorized into seven different areas known as the Seven Revolutions. This way of thinking about

the world, and the place our country has in it, has reshaped the way I look at things that I might read about or see in the news.”

For many of the students, the plunge they’ve taken this week is a deep dive into political global issues that shape the current economic and political landscape.

“Before approaching CSIS, the words ‘foreign policy’ were very intimidating to me because I was unaware of the term itself and how it affected me,” said Gaskins, a junior social work major from Wardell, Missouri. “Luckily, within the first couple of minutes after joining CSIS, I realized that you do not have to be an expert in foreign policy to understand the impact that it has on the whole population.”

“The CSIS speakers and mentors were amazing at breaking down the material we covered on site and elaborating on topics that any major or minor would be able to understand,” she said. “This experience has allowed me to understand why our country makes the decisions it makes and how difficult it is to make rational decisions on such short notice.”

She continued, “I have gained a massive amount of knowledge just within my first day. I look forward to coming back to CSIS.”

Southeast is just one of four institutions nationally selected to partner in student seminars with CSIS and is the only university that participates in a week-long program. The think tank is made up of scholars and board members who advise the federal government on significant social, economic, environmental and political global issues. CSIS experts hold extensive credentials in the public and private sectors and offer a unique perspective on global issues based on their firsthand experiences in the policy world. They are often asked to advise presidential administrations and Congress regarding public

policy.

“This is a wonderful program, as it allows our students to closely interact with some of the world’s leading researchers in an informal round-table setting,” said Dr. Willie Redmond, professor of economics, director of Southeast’s International Business Programs, and the project leader for Southeast’s CSIS program. “Over the years, we have been the only university to participate in a week-long educational program with CSIS. There is no doubt that the exceptional performance of our students is the reason why we keep getting invited back. I am always so proud to hear how impressed the people at CSIS are, as they always compliment me on the knowledge and professionalism of our students.”

The students attending are enrolled in the UI498 Senior Seminar course, which allows them to earn course credit for their participation. The research-based course revolves around a detailed preparatory study of the Seven Revolutions - global trends projected to significantly impact the world. In addition to the seminar at CSIS, students will present their research to the campus and larger community on April 17 at Southeast’s Student Research Conference.

Students must apply for the CSIS program, which requires one letter of recommendation and the names of two other references. Each student must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average and a minimum of 60 credit hours at the start of the spring semester. Students must also demonstrate leadership activities and academic excellence.

Students are selected for the trip by Southeast’s president, provost and deans and are eligible for the CSIS Endowed Scholarship, The White Oak Kennett, MO CSIS Scholarship, John and Betty Glenn CSIS Scholarship, and the Erik Peterson CSIS Scholarship.



The recently elected 2019-20 Upper Iowa University Student Government Association officers include, left to right, Vice President Breyanna Hill of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Extended University Officer Daniel Lem of Pusat Bandar Puchong, Malaysia; President Kelsey Simpson of Amboy; Treasurer Riley Braughton of Stanwood, Iowa; and Secretary Alyson Carroll of Oswego.

Photo submitted

Simpson elected President of Student Government Association

FAYETTE, Iowa – An Amboy native has been elected Upper Iowa University (UIU) Student Government Association (SGA) president. Kelsey Simpson, a junior graphic design major, was recently elected alongside four additional officers at UIU’s Fayette Campus for the 2019-20 academic year.

“I chose to run for Student Government president because I would like to leave my mark on this university,” Simpson said. “While in office, I intend to do the best I can in making changes that best benefit the students and UIU.”

Simpson, who plans to seek a career in sports marketing following her UIU education, is a member of Gamma Delta Phi, Dance Marathon, Peacock Entertainment Crew, and the women’s track and field team.

In addition to Simpson, the newly elected 2019-20 Upper Iowa University SGA officers are as follows:

· Vice President Breyanna Hill was re-elected to her SGA position. A junior elementary education major from Oskaloosa,

Iowa, she has earned her art, reading and special education endorsements.

· Secretary Alyson Carroll is a sophomore from Oswego, Illinois. Majoring in special education at UIU, Alyson has earned her language arts, reading and English as a Second Language endorsements.

· Treasurer Riley Braughton ‘18 was re-elected to his SGA position. A graduate student in UIU’s MBA program, Riley double majored in accounting and financial management.

· Extended University Officer Daniel Lem is a junior from Pusat Bandar Puchong Malaysia. Double majoring in psychology and communication studies, Lem is involved in Chi Alpha and Student Activities.

SGA agendas are emailed to UIU students before every scheduled meeting. Unless otherwise notified, all meetings are held at 12:15 p.m. every other Monday in the Student Center Ballroom at Fayette Campus. For additional information, contact studentgovernment@uiu.edu.

AMBOY CUSD #272 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

The Amboy School District Preschool for All program focuses on providing high-quality educational programs and services for children, ages 3 and 4 years old, who are determined to be at risk of academic challenges. It also provides funding for programs serving families of low to moderate income whose children are not considered to be at risk academically but qualify with other factors.

A requirement of the program grant funding is a screening process to identify eligible children and families. The screening should take about 20-30 minutes to complete. Preschool screenings will take place on Tuesday, April 16, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Wednesday, April 17, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Please contact Principal Joyce Schamberger at 815-857-3619 prior to April 15 to schedule a time to complete the DIAL-4 Assessment and screening process.

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Amboy Community Unit School District #272

Thurs., March 21	AJHS 7th & 8th Scholastic Bowl (H) Dimmick – 4:00 p.m. AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball @ Milledgeville – 4:30 p.m. AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball (H) Milledgeville – 4:30 p.m. School Board Meeting – AHS – 7:00 p.m. AHS Fresh/Soph Girls & Boys Track @ Westwood, Sterling – 4:30 p.m. AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball (H-Double Header) Westmont – 11:00 a.m. NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK AHS Varsity Boys Track @ Westwood, Sterling – 4:30 p.m. AHS Varsity Softball (H) Pecatonica – 4:30 p.m. AHS Girls Track @ Westwood, Sterling – 4:30 p.m. AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball (H) Newark – 4:30 p.m. AHS Varsity Softball @ Pecatonica – 4:30 p.m.
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Sat., March 23	
March 25 – 29	
Tues., March 26	
Wed., March 27	
Thurs., March 28	

AMBOY C.U.S.D #272 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Parents and guardians of children that live in the Amboy School District and will be five years of age on or prior to September 1, 2019, will need to register for kindergarten.

This will be done by coming to Amboy Central School on Wed., April 24, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Parents/Guardians must bring their child’s certified birth certificate (not hospital copy). All health forms and proof of residency need to be turned in on or before the first day of student attendance in August.

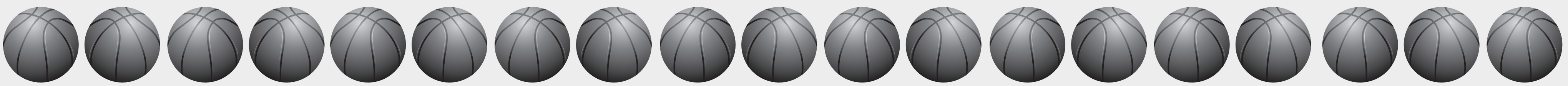
At this event, parents will sign up for a Kindergarten screening time for either Thursday, May 2nd or Tuesday, May 7th, 2019. The screenings are held at Central School.

On April 24th, the kindergarten classrooms will be open and parents will be able to meet the teachers. Parents will also complete paperwork for registration on this night so will need to be prepared to do this. This registration event is for parents/guardians only. Students will be able to come in and meet their teacher in August before the start of school.

Packets of information can be picked up before April 24th by stopping by the Central Elementary School Office.

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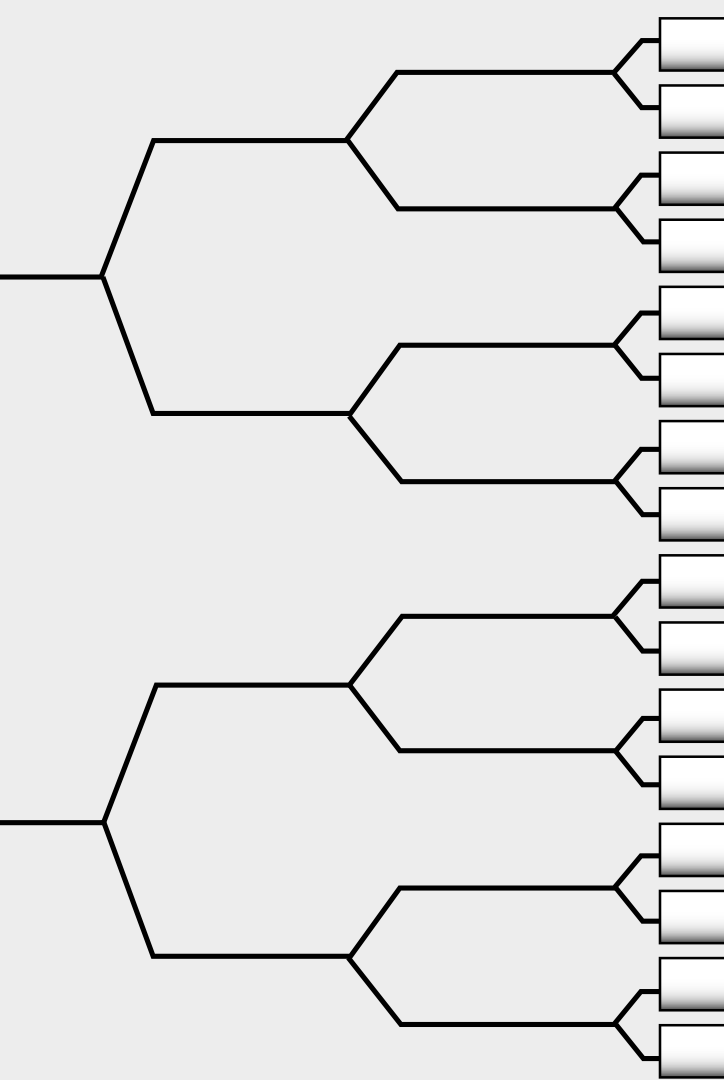
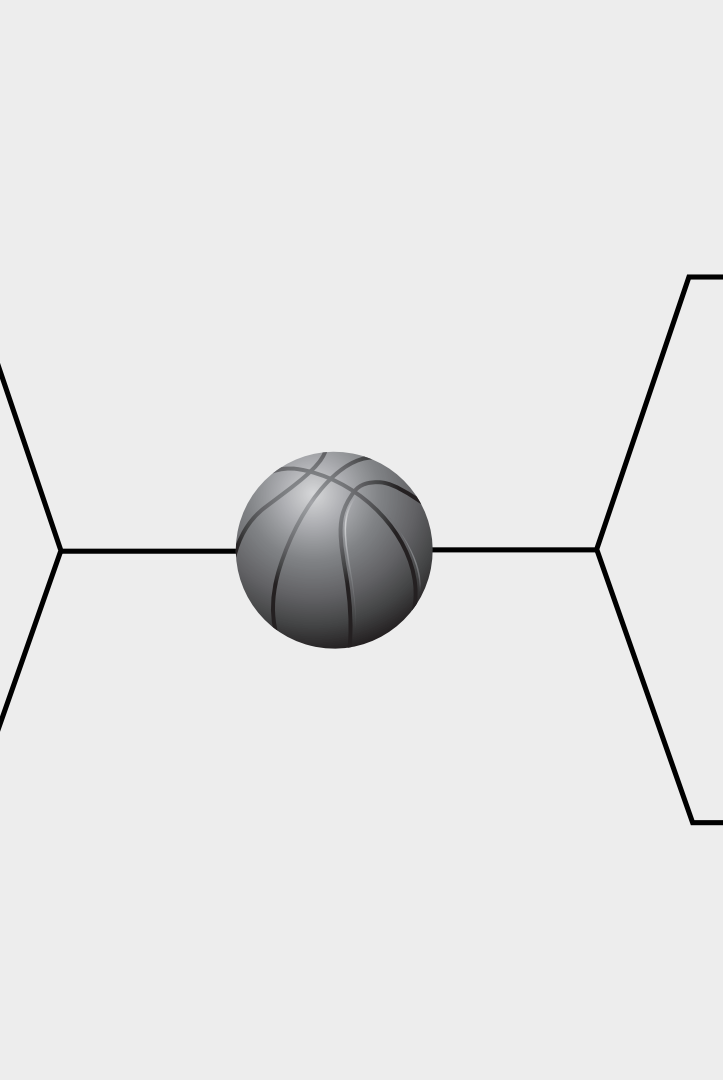
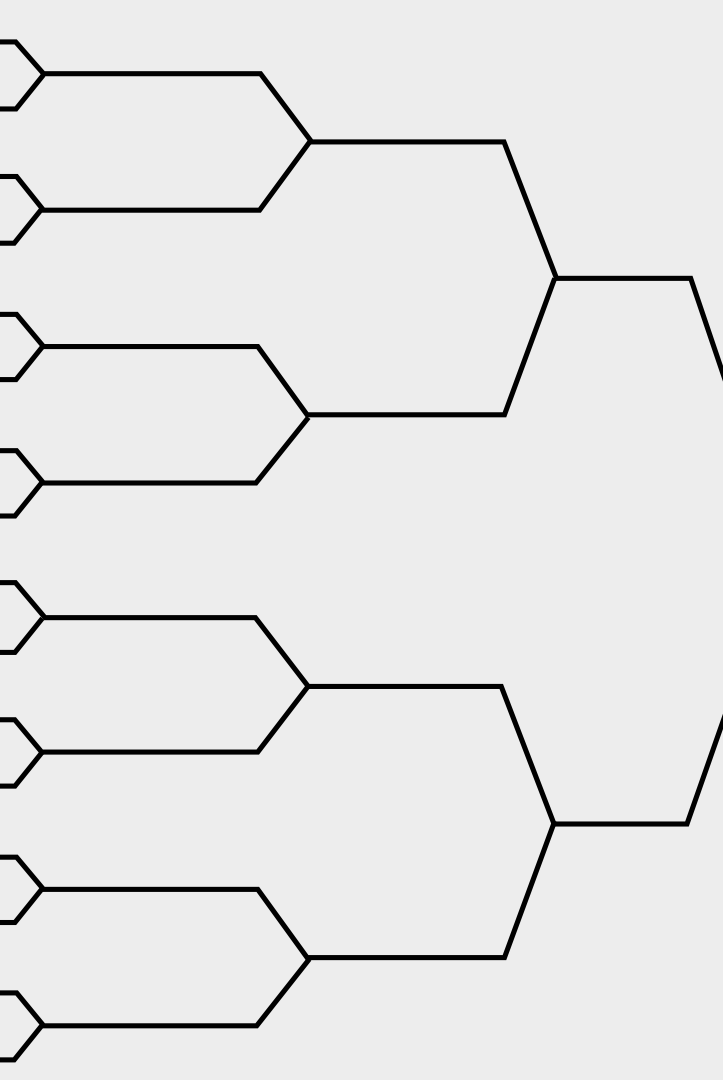
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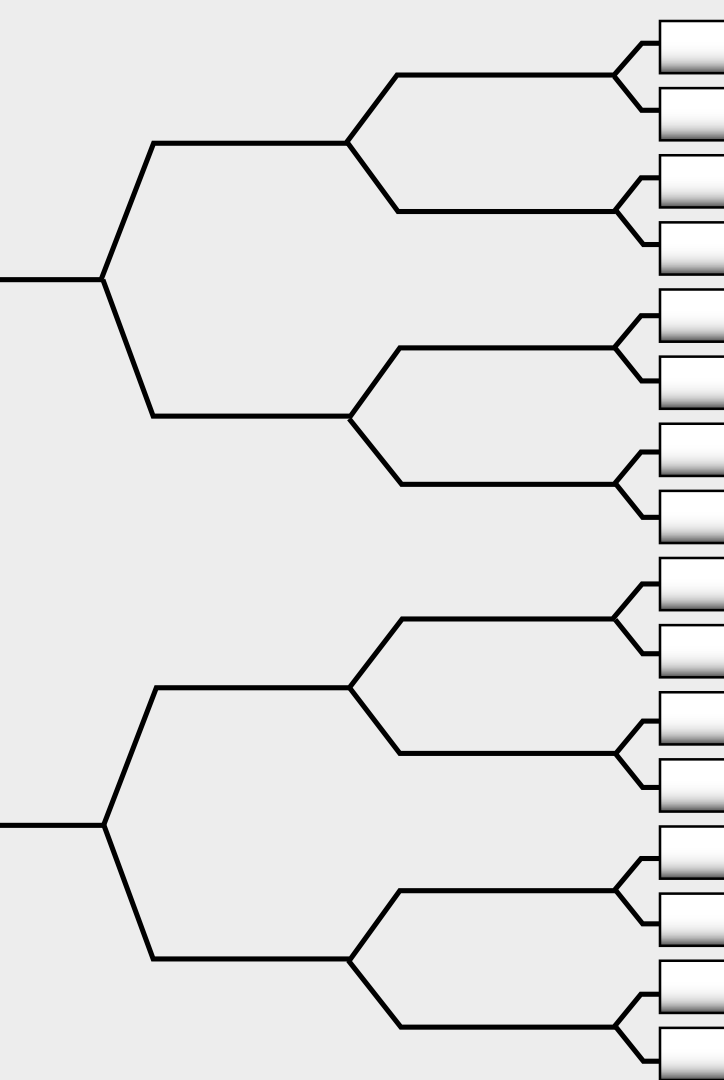
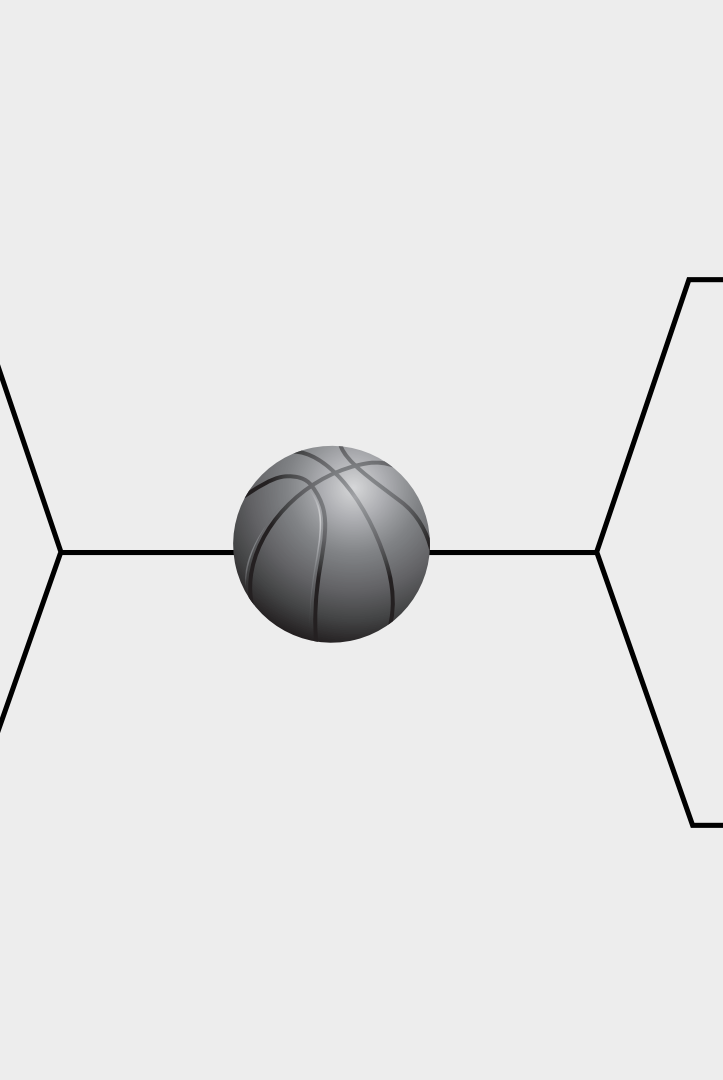
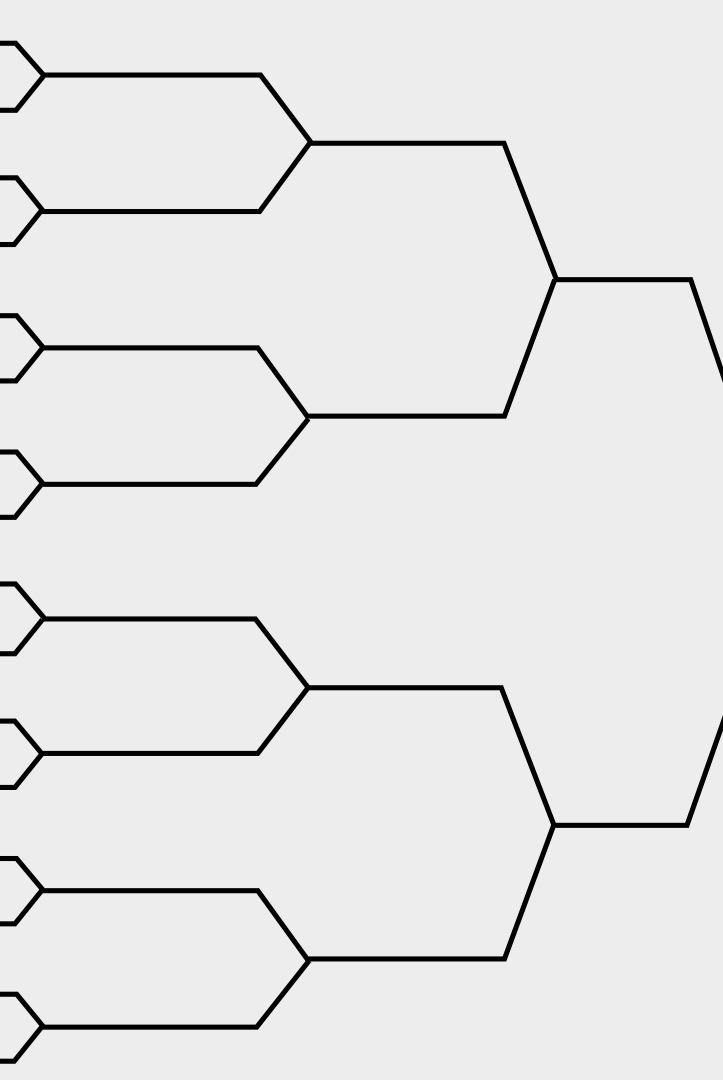
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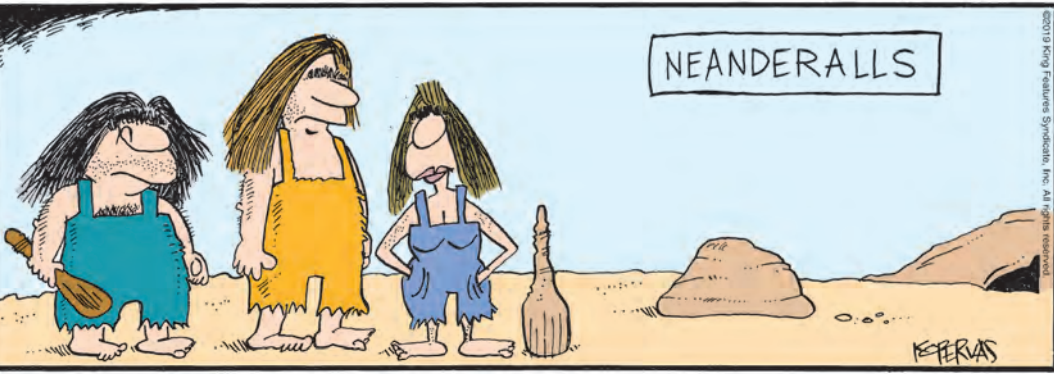
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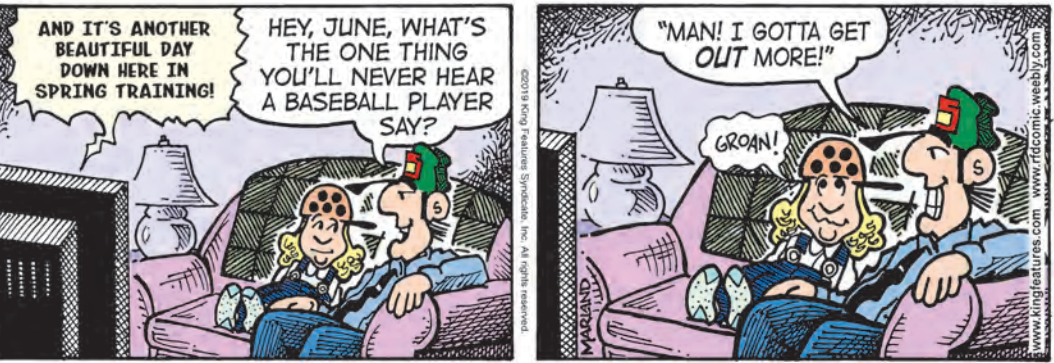
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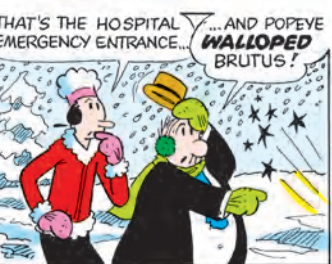
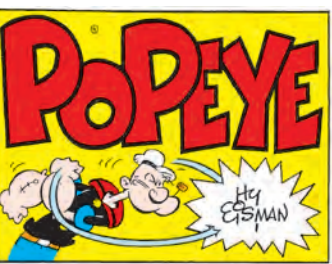
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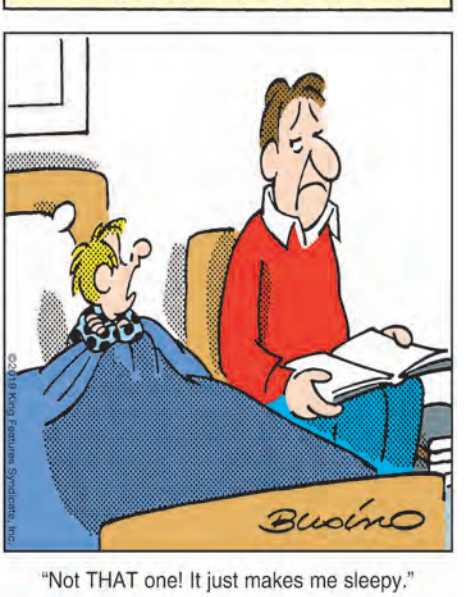
The Spats



Just Like Cats & Dogs



LAFF-A-DAY



SCRAMBLERS

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

Shake
MORTER

Thether
SHALE

Wild
FRALE

Live
TEXIS

TODAY'S WORD

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

by Mike Marland

by Jeff Pickering

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Long sandwich
- 4 Loathe
- 8 Den
- 12 Web address
- 13 Pianist Gilels
- 14 Competent
- 15 Swelled head
- 16 India's movie industry
- 18 Happen again
- 20 Thanksgiving veggie
- 21 "Show Boat" composer
- 24 Club used in sand traps
- 28 Robin Hood's forest
- 32 Night light
- 33 Tin container
- 34 Japanese wrestlers
- 36 Movie trickery, for short
- 37 Declare
- 39 Actor Clint
- 41 Archaeologist's find
- 43 Approach
- 44 Chow down
- 46 Actress Winona
- 50 "American Gothic" painter
- 55 Hearty quaff
- 56 Top-notch
- 57 Spherical do
- 58 Work with
- 59 Bosc or

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12				13				14		
15				16			17			
18			19			20				
21				22	23		24		25	26
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50	51	52			53	54			55	
56					57				58	
59					60				61	

- 10 Dockworkers' org.
- 11 Roulette bet
- 17 Deviate off course
- 19 Kiev's country (Abbr.)
- 22 Libertine
- 23 "— is an island"
- 25 Erte's style
- 26 Full of energy
- 27 Oklahoma city
- 28 "The Lion King" villain
- 29 Own
- 30 Organic compound
- 31 Amount of medicine
- 35 Fame
- 38 Hot dog
- 40 Like some humor
- 42 Feline
- 45 "— the night before ..."
- 47 Smear
- 48 Otherwise
- 49 Clarinetist's need
- 50 Space
- 51 Fish eggs
- 52 Santa — winds
- 53 Frequently, in verse
- 54 Raw rock

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

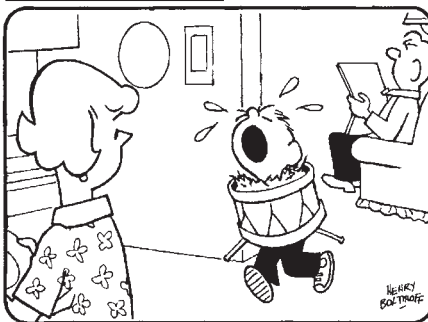
by Fifi Rodriguez

- ENTERTAINERS: Which pop music singer was born with the name Georgios Kyriacos Panayiotou?
- HISTORY: Who was the first woman to hold federal office in the United States?
- MEDICAL: What is a more common name for "myocardial infarction"?
- MUSIC: Which singer had a 2010 hit single with "Rolling in the Deep"?
- GENERAL LANGUAGE: What is the NATO phonetic word for the letter "I"?
- SCIENCE: What is the only type of rock that is less dense than water?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of jellyfish called?
- MOVIES: Who voiced the character of "The Iron Giant"?
- LANGUAGE: What are the Carabinieri in Italy?
- U.S. GOVERNMENT: How many states are required to ratify an amendment to the U.S. Constitution?

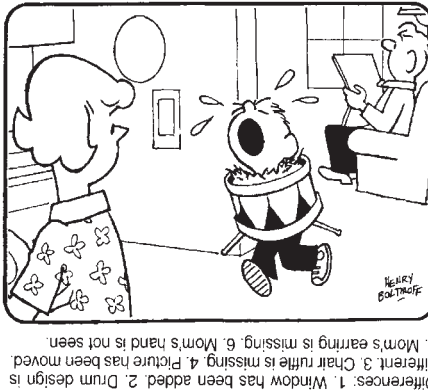
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Window has been added. 2. Drum design is different. 3. Chair ruffie is missing. 4. Picture has been moved. 5. Mom's earring is missing. 6. Mom's hand is not seen.

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: Y equals T

VOBEK YOK GQUBK GBWOY OSUK
NDLYOKL CDZCKIDKAY UKLCBQAC,
YOBC VBEE ZK YOK NBLCY SGQAW
CKIDKEC.

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HIMSELF

Today's Word

- 1. Tremor; 2. Leash;
- 3. Feral; 4. Exist;

SCRAMBLERS

King Crossword

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

While the movie might have further subsequent versions, this will be the first among sequels.