

Next year’s school calendar in flux as Amboy waits for decision from state

BY BONNIE MORRIS

Editor

AMBOY – Changes in the rules for what constitutes a full school day has had some unintended consequences for Illinois school districts. In presenting Amboy’s proposed 2019-2020 school calendar, Superintendent Joshua Nichols said next year’s calendar may have to be amended later.

“We do not yet have guidance for next year from ISBE (Illinois State Board of Education),” Nichols explained at the March 21 District 272 Board of Education meeting. “Even so, we have to have a calendar so we can begin planning and scheduling.”

Nichols explained later that currently, there is no time limit for a full school day. Prior to this year, however, a full school day was “five clock hours” in which students had to be in session receiving instruction. If a day was longer than five hours, schools could “bank” the extra minutes. The banked minutes allowed schools to have an 11:30 a.m. dismissal for school improvement once a month and still have it count as a full school day.

“We do not know yet if they will let us bank minutes or not,” Nichols said. “The removal

of the five clock hours created interesting opportunities for students particularly at the high school level and the use of electronic instruction days for snow days.”

Once the law regulating the number of hours in a school day is finalized by the state legislature, Nichols said he can bring the information back to the calendar committee for discussion.

“Start dates and end dates probably will not change - we have to get those established,” he said prior to the board approving the calendar.

As the 2019-2020 school calendar stands now, students will start school on Thursday, Aug. 15 and the year will end on May 20, 2020. Nichols emphasized that the calendar is still subject to change depending on what Springfield decides.

PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS

Amboy High School Principal Janet Crownhart congratulated March Student of the Month Cameron Simpron.

Curriculum and School Improvement

• The Clippers, Set Sail! and Building Leadership teams met on Feb. 19, March 5 and 19. They focused on students of concern, classroom accommodations, and semester

incentives.

• School Improvement days were held Feb. 25 and March 11. All staff met at Central for the Poverty Simulation on Feb. 25 and high school teachers discussed vaping, dress code, and ESSA calculation for next year on March 11.

• Ms. Drew took nine students to the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture Conference on March 1.

• Ms. Drew has four dual-credit classes ready to go for next year in conjunction with Sauk Valley Community College. Crownhart said the high school is now just waiting for the final paperwork to be approved.

• Mr. Escatel attended the ICTFL (Illinois Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) Winter conference and Ms. Rose went to ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) training.

• On March 6, Mrs. Cleary took 28 students to The Figge Art Museum in Davenport, Iowa. Students went on a guided tour and participated in an art workshop.

• Mrs. Cleary attended the National Art Education Association Convention in Boston, Mass. March 13-17 where she presented two

workshops for art teachers.

School Activities

• “Shrek” the musical was held March 8, 9, and 10. Crownhart congratulated Mrs. Schwamberger, Mr. Kemmerer and the entire cast and crew. “It was an excellent performance,” she said.

• Crownhart congratulated Logan Whelchel for advancing to State in the 3-point shoot-out.

• Baseball, softball, and track are currently underway.

Principal Andrew Full, Amboy Junior High

Curriculum and School Improvement

• The SAT team met on Feb. 26 to discuss various students in each grade level and how they can be helped to succeed in school.

• A faculty meeting was held on Feb. 27 to go over the School Designation, Illinois Quality Framework, and processes.

• The Targeted School Improvement Team met with Anji Garza on March 7 and March 14 to continue working on the “Work Plan” and focused on RtI and the schedule.

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Ketchum, Mercer honored by Lee County Board

BY MONETTA YOUNG

Reporter

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Board presented the families of former board members Ike Mercer and Rick Ketchum with plaques commemorating their time serving on the Lee County Board. Mercer and Ketchum both passed away recently.

On the left side of the plaques were letters from the county board expressing their gratitude to the families for the years of commitment Ketchum and Mercer provided to the county.

Ketchum’s letter said that “Rick’s desire to lead as Chairman of the Board also made a lasting impression and impact on other members of the Lee County Board.”

The letter continued, “Rick’s vision of betterment for our County and his community showed through his passion to actively serve his constituents in a fair, unbiased, logical manner. No matter what the topic, he applied an open mind to decision making and was focused on finding solutions that would be the most justifiable for all.”

The right side of the plaque contained a resolution recognizing the many



Kathy Ketchum, pictured, right, wife of the late Rick Ketchum, was presented with a plaque by the Lee County Board on Tuesday, March 19.

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years of service of the two former county board members.

The board approved sending a petition to the zoning board for property on Sink Hollow Road to be rezoned to Ag-1 Agricultural District with special use for a wedding barn.

The board approved a petition from the zoning board for property in Amboy Township to be rezoned from Ag-1 Agricultural District to I – 1 Planned Industrial District for use of sheet metal and welding.

The board approved

amendments to the Lee County Employee Handbook.

The board tabled the non-union employee raise until next month. They did approve the Teamsters Local No. 722 Union Contract for the next three years, with \$1,125 raise each of the first two years and no raise on the third year.

The board approved the appointments of Terry Zinke as weed control superintendent, Randall Ebert and Lori Hillison as trustees of the Ashton Fire Protection District and Bruce Forster to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Amboy Education Foundation to host annual Wine and Cheese Gala

AMBOY— The Amboy Education Foundation enjoyed another successful year of fundraising. They have also been grateful recipients of contributions from the United Way of Lee County, generous alumni and memorials on behalf of individuals that held the students of Amboy and their schools near and dear to their hearts.

As a result, they were able to allocate \$30,000 to the Amboy School District for the 2019-2020 school year. This is a \$2,000 increase over last year. This level of support to the schools is only possible through the generosity of our sponsors and all that participate in our events. The foundation recently had its first fundraiser of the year, the Annual Bowl-a-thon was held at Plum Hollow with 14

teams participating. This is truly a fun event where scores don’t matter.

The next fundraiser is the Wine (beer) and Cheese Gala to be held at the Amboy Community Building on Saturday, April 6. This event has certainly evolved over the years. The Hors d’oeuvres are plentiful and unique. Be sure to come hungry. They added beer to the tasting several years ago and bourbon last year. This year they are featuring beer made at two local breweries, Hairy Cow in Byron and Prairie Street in Rockford. Live Wire Hops, a local producer, supplies hops to both of these breweries.

The fun doesn’t stop there, they will also have a Desert Auction with fantastic homemade treats and a live auction of meals prepared and

served by the Amboy School Board and Amboy Education Foundation members.

Get your group of friends and family together to bid on one or both of these dinners.

For tickets, please contact Mark Becker at 857-2586 or stop in to the Long Branch.

Summer can get busy so mark your calendars today to join us for the Amboy Education Foundation for its annual Lyle Reuter Open – Golf Outing on Aug. 2 and the Depot Days Dash 5K Run/Walk on Aug. 24.

AMBOY MINUTE



LIONS NEWS

The Amboy Lions Club recaps events, announces plans for Easter Egg Hunt

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LAST CHANCE

Lady Clippers track team competes at Last Chance Meet in Clinton.

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New Artwork

When Meusel’s Dairy Delite opens on Wednesday, customers will get to view new artwork adorning three windows. Nora Balayti, of Nora Kate Paints, spent Monday working on the designs showcasing menu items at Meusel’s Dairy Delite. Balayti, who recently moved back to her hometown of Dixon from the Chicago area, has been painting the windows at the Dixon Dairy Delite as well. Balayti is no stranger to the Dairy Delite in Amboy - she worked at the Dairy Delite as her first job when she was 15. For this project, Balayti drew a sketch on the pink paper taped to the window. The sketch was done in reverse, so that it be facing the customers coming up to the window. Balayti was doing the outline first on Monday morning, and then will focus on the colors in the different menu items. She said the whole process would be done on Monday. Molly Meusel said the design of the windows on the Dixon store Balayti came up with. For the Amboy design, the two collaborated on how the windows would look. By doing the paint on the inside, Meusel said it will help protect the paint and design from the weather.

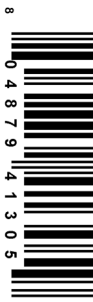
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DISTRICT BOWLING

The Amboy High School Leo Club participated in the Lion’s District Foundation Bowl-A-Thon recently. The Amboy Lions Club helped sponsor the entry fee for the Leo Club to participate.

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LOCAL NEWS

Amboy Lions selling roses for Rose Day, get ready for Easter Egg Hunt

AMBOY — At the March meeting of the Amboy Lions Club, Dr. Kelly Klein of the KSB Eye Care Clinic of Dixon presented an outstanding lecture on eye diseases and the effects of medications on eye health. The Lion members wish to thank Dr. Klein for giving this very interesting presentation.

A reminder goes out to Amboy High School seniors that the Amboy Lions Club Scholarships forms are available at AHS. Completed applications must be back to AHS Guidance Counselor Rob Wissinger by 3:30 p.m., on Friday, April 5. Lion Travi will pick up the apps from Mr. Wissinger at that time. No applications will be accepted after 3:30 p.m., on April 5.

Amboy Lion President Roger Wittenauer, Lion Secretary Dennis Marsili, and Lion Jim Travi attended the District 1-D Convention in Freeport on March 9. The conference's main focus was diabetes education. The Amboy Club plans to bring more awareness of this medical issue to the community through presentations that will be given at future club meetings. The public will be invited to sit in on these presentations.

On March 21, the three members also attended the 1-D Zone meeting held in Paw Paw. Past District Governor Duane Shaw gave a talk on The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Mission. LCIF's mission is to support the efforts of Lions clubs and partners in servicing communities locally and globally, giving hope and impacting lives through humanitarian service projects and grants.

Rose Day is coming. This is one of the major fund raisers which enables the Lions to support community projects throughout the year. If you have not ordered yet and would like to do so, contact a Lion member by Saturday, April 6. The cost is still only \$15 per dozen. Roses will be delivered on Saturday, April 13.

In other upcoming events, the Amboy Lions and Leo Club members will prepare and serve breakfast to the Mabley Center residents and their families on Sunday, April 14.

The Club is also busy organizing the annual Cliff Walter Easter Egg Hunt. This will be held at 2 p.m., on April 20, at



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the Amboy City Park. The festivities will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the opportunity to take pictures with the Easter Bunny and the egg hunt for the various age groups will begin at 2 p.m. In case of inclement weather, it will be held on Sunday, April 21.

This is one of the many community events that the Club organizes and sponsors each year. Amboy Food and Liquor will donate the eggs again this year.

In other news, the Amboy Lions Club donated money to sponsor a possible candidate to the Lions Camp for the Visually and Hearing Impaired.

They also recently donated to the Sublette Toy Show, and

the AYSO Soccer Club.

The Amboy Lions welcome new members, Perry Braida, Mark Grossman and Jeff Hanson. Lions 1-DDistrict Governor Barbara Stewart will be at the Club's meeting on April 8 for the induction/recognition ceremony of the new members.

Lion Dave Kemp was recently awarded the Diamond Centennial pin at the March 11 meeting. Lion Kemp received this award for his work and dedication toward growing our Club and establishing a Leo Club at AHS. Congratulations, Lion Kemp.

For more information about the Amboy Lions Club, check us out on Facebook page and the Amboy Lions website.

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LOCAL NEWS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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 first Wednesday of the month drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3. The third Wednesday of the month drive, April 17, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

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-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, at CGH Medical Center, 100 E. LeFevre Rd. 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.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, April 5, at Dixon Hope Bible Fellowship, 732 Brinton Ave. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

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, April 5. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

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.

ROCKFORD-The 16th Annual Home & Garden Showcase will be held Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 7, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Forest Hills Lodge, Hwy 173 and Forest Hills Rd.

STERLING-T*I*M*E* Grief Support Group will meet at 12 p.m. on Monday, April 8, at the Rock River Hospice & Home, 2706 Avenue E. Call 815-625-3858 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet on Monday, April 8, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet

at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 8, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 506 W. Third. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

WEST BROOKLYN-St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 2520 Johnson St., will host a Lenten Retreat on the Five Paths of Repentance by St. John Chrysostom on Tuesday, April 9. The retreat talk will be in the hall following Mass at 8:15 a.m. with Lenten-Breakfast, and again in the church with Eucharistic Exposition at 7 p.m.

AMBOY-The Board of Trustees of Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, for the Annual Town Meeting, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, at the Sublette Township Building.

EAST GROVE TWP-The East Grove Township Board will meet at 7:30 on Tuesday, April 9, at the East Grove Township Hall.

SUBLETTE-Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 202 S. Locust, will host a Lenten Retreat on the Five Paths of Repentance by St. John Chrysostom on Wednesday, April 10. The retreat talk will be in the hall following Mass at 8:50 a.m. with Lenten-Breakfast, confessions to follow 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the church for Be Reconciled Day. The retreat will also be offered in the church with Eucharistic Exposition at 7 p.m., with confessions to follow for Be Reconciled Day.

AMBOY-Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US RT 52, will host Community Bingo

at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 11. Bingo will be followed by a light lunch. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

MAYTOWN-St. Patrick Church, 1336 Maytown Rd., will host a Lenten Retreat on the Five Paths of Repentance by St. John Chrysostom on

Friday, April 12. The retreat talk will be in the hall following Mass at 8:30 a.m. with Lenten-Breakfast. The retreat will also be offered in the hall following Mass at 6 p.m. with a Lenten dinner of soup and bread supper, provided by the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Patrick, Maytown.



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SUBLETTE NEWS

TOY SHOW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

The Sublette Toy Show committee announced that the following were the recipients of the 2019 Toy Show Scholarships:

- Evan Bickett of Sublette received the Maytown Comets 4-H scholarship
- Pearl Taylor of West Brooklyn received that Mendota FFA scholarship
- Maverick Lindenmeyer of Sublette

received the Amboy FFA scholarship

- Mary Thompson of Amboy received the Max Armstrong scholarship
- Mitchell McLaughlin of Sublette received the Toy Show Committee scholarship

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TOY SHOW

St. Patrick's weekend brought two things to Sublette – a snow storm and

large crowds attending the annual Sublette Farm Toy and Antique Tractor Show.

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LOCAL NEWS

Energy assistance still available through LIHEAP

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) announced that winter heating assistance through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is still available.

Heating assistance and Reconnection Assistance (RA) applications will be processed through May 31st or until funding is exhausted. Even if your household has already applied for and received LIHEAP (bill payment assistance, but not the full RA benefit) since Oct. 1, 2018, you may be eligible for the RA benefit.

Reconnection Assistance is available for eligible households who are disconnected from their energy source needed for heating or are under imminent threat of disconnection (are within seven days of being disconnected or have less than 25 percent in their propane tank).

The RA benefit may also

be approved to help adults who are trying to establish heat-related energy services. RA is provided to eligible households if a) it will ensure reconnection and b) if the household has made a good faith effort to maintain energy services and/or can pay a portion of the balance due to the energy vendor, when applicable.

"We understand we're coming out of an extremely cold winter and Illinois residents' heating bills are probably higher than they anticipated," said Erin Guthrie, Acting DCEO Director. "This program was created to help our most vulnerable residents remain healthy, safe and warm during the winter months."

A single-person household can qualify with a monthly gross income of up to \$1,518; a two-person household up to \$2,058; a family of three can earn up to \$2,598; and a family of four can earn up to \$3,138. Benefits are paid directly to

energy vendors on behalf of eligible households. The exception is households whose heating costs are included in their rent.

Customers must bring all required documentation when applying for assistance, including:

- Proof of gross income from all household members for the previous 30-day income period, beginning with the date of the application.
- A copy of their current

heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days (if they pay for their energy directly).

• A copy of their rental agreement (if they are renting) showing that utilities are included, the monthly rental amount and landlord contact information.

• Proof of Social Security numbers for all household members.

• Proof that their household received TANF or other benefits, such as Medical El-

gibility or SNAP, if receiving assistance from the Illinois Department of Human Services.

LIHEAP heating assistance applications, including Reconnection Assistance, will continue to be accepted through May 31, 2019 or until funding is exhausted. Applications are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

LIHEAP is a state and federally funded energy assistance program for low-

come families in which heating bill payments are made on behalf of households. LIHEAP applications are processed through a network of 35 local administering agencies around the state.

For a complete listing of LIHEAP's local administering agencies and additional information about the program, go to www.liheapillinois.com, or call the LIHEAP toll-free hotline at 877-411-WARM (9276)

TEEN TURF

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Draw Down Saturday, May 11

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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

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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.

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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.

Ashton church to host 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.

Amboy Police

Multiple county warrants

On March 16, at 1:23 a.m., Kenneth D. Adkins, III, 22, of Amboy, was arrested on a Winnebago County warrant and LaSalle County warrants. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

Speeding

On March 24, at 7:01 p.m., Robert McCullough, 54, of

Amboy, was issued a traffic citation for speeding 43 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. He was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

Runaway

On March 25, at 5:35 p.m., a 17-year-old juvenile was charged with being a runaway. The juvenile was released to its parents.

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<p>First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center Pastor Jack M. Briggs 1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center www.LeeCenter-UCC.org Phone 815-732-7032 Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>East Grove Union Church Pastor Richard Wulf, 815-440-5321 449 Reuter Road, Amboy Phone 815-376-6661 1/2 Mile East of Route 26 on Union Rd. Sun., 9:00 a.m. Morning Service Youth Church, ages 3-Grade 4 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Ages 3 - Adult 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Wed., 6:00 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study First Sunday night of each month, 6:00p.m. First Sunday Family Film Night Fourth Saturday of each month, 6:00p.m. "Fun & Fellowship Game Night for the Whole Family!" Come as you are and join us on the journey!</p>	<p>St. Mary's Church Rev. Randy Fronck West Brooklyn Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m. Saturday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Refuge Church Pastor John Kalebaugh Mendota Hills Campground • 642 Rt. 52 Amboy, IL 61310 • 815-849-5930 10 a.m. Sunday, potluck follows</p>
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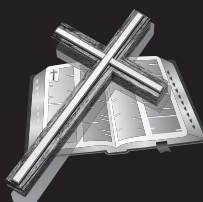
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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

The resistance workers of Austria

Jillian Cantor's historical novel, "The Lost Letter," is a heartfelt story of loss and renewal, but it is marred by rather glaring historical inaccuracies. The novel consists of a double narrative, alternating chapters of Austria 1938 and Los Angeles 1989. In Austria, young Kristoff becomes apprentice to a famous Jewish stamp engraver. He is warmly welcomed into the Faber family, and instantly falls for Elena, the beautiful, older Faber girl. The family lives in the Alps, far from the momentous events that will be of such profound consequence to them.

Fifty years later in Los Angeles, Katie Nelson, on the brink of divorce, comes upon an unopened letter with a curious upside down stamp in her father's massive stamp collection. Her father, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease, lives in an assisted care facility, and so Katie has his stamp collection appraised. Benjamin Grossman, the appraiser, takes an immediate interest in the 1939 Austrian stamp, which is of an Edelweiss, a magical Alpine flower symbolizing purity and devotion, against the famous Viennese St. Stephen Cathedral. Did the stamp convey a secret message and to whom? The mystery propels Katie and Benjamin to hunt for the origin of the stamp and the engraver who made it.

The novel's pivotal historical event is the German annexation of Austria in March 1938. Cantor mistakenly depicts the annexation as a brutal German invasion. But in fact, the Austrians welcomed the annexation, not too surprising, considering that Austria was the German-speaking heart of the defunct Austro-Hungarian Empire. More than 800,000 Austrians fought with the

Rockin'

River Fest planned

OREGON—The Rockin' River Fest Committee is hard at work planning the 3rd annual Rockin' River Fest to be held on Saturday, June 15.

Once again, Franklin Street and N. Second Street will be closed to allow safe access to the grounds along the Rock River.

Live music featuring Falling Objects, a popular Chicago area rock band playing 80's, 90's, and 2000's music from a broad range of artists, will kick off the staged portion of the event at 4:30 p.m. Hillbilly Rockstarz, also Chicago based, will take the stage at 8 p.m. These musicians are definitely high energy with great stage presence and will perform many country favorites, as well as a few of those forgotten greats.

The much loved "Tug Across the Rock, Adventure Triathlon, and Toss 'em Tourney will again provide competitive activity – with bragging rights, of course. The Game Spot, with fun for all ages, returns with a few new additions including interactive inflatables, and a new game – the "Duck Blast."

The committee is grateful to Martin and Company, who return for the third consecutive year as "Presenting Sponsor" of this community event.

For more information on event details, check out www.rockinriverfest.net and be sure to connect to the Rockin' River Fest Facebook presence.

German army and 150,000 Austrians were members of the Waffen SS. It was only after the war that the Austrians conveniently turned themselves into victims of German aggression.

The danger to Austrian Jews was immediate. That November, Austrian Nazis rampaged through Vienna, torching all but one of Vienna's 26 synagogues. Outside of Vienna, no Jewish community was spared. It was Kristallnacht ('the night of crystal,' a spiteful joke about rich Jews getting theirs when their crystal glasses and chandeliers were smashed). The Faber's are in grave danger not from the Germans, as Cantor has it, but more likely from mercenary Austrians. Cantor has the Germans haul off Mrs. Faber to Mauthausen, the notorious Austrian camp, where she is killed. (But there were no women prisoners in Mauthausen until 1945, six years later.)

Kristoff and his beloved Elena use the engraving tools to forge papers for Jews to escape Austria. They are the good Austrians, staking their lives on saving others. On her website, Cantor mentions that her novel "was inspired by real resistance workers during World War II Austria." What happened to these heroes is for Katie and Benjamin to find out, and for someone to finally open the letter.

BY FATHER TIMOTHY DRAPER

Last Wednesday (March 13), six of my parishioners joined me down in Springfield at our Illinois State Capitol. The seven of us were among over five hundred men, women, and children there to speak with our Illinois House Representatives and Illinois Senators about the extreme pro-abortion legislation that was introduced into our Illinois State Legislature the week of Feb. 11th. House Bill 2495 introduced by Kelly Cassidy (D) and Senate Bill 1942 introduced by Melinda Bush (D) seek to establish the "Reproductive Health Act."

This act would define abortion as a "fundamental right" in Illinois and say that a fetus does not have any "independent rights under the laws of this state." This act would repeal the state's ban on partial-birth abortion and remove all limitations on abortion, such that an abortion could be performed at any time during the nine months of pregnancy for any reason whatsoever. This act would also repeal the

Abortion Performance Refusal Act, thus attacking the conscience rights of doctors and hospitals who refuse to participate in an abortion. Moreover, this act would mandate insurance coverage of abortion and expand public funding for it by requiring all insurance plans subject to state regulation to cover abortion "without deductible, co-insurance, co-payment or any other cost sharing requirement."

House Bill 2467 introduced by Chris Welch (D) and Senate Bill 1594 introduced by Elgie Sims (D) seek to repeal the Parental Notice of Abortion Act. This law currently requires a parent or legal guardian to be notified when a minor seeks an abortion (and includes a judicial waiver for those children who have been physically or sexually abused).

This law was passed in 1995 and has been enforced since 2013, after the Illinois Supreme Court unanimously found the law to be constitutional. Since this law has been enforced, there has been a 57 percent decline in abortions performed on

minors in Illinois, according to the stats of the Illinois Department of Public Health. By repealing this law, Illinois would become the only state in the Midwest which would not require parental notification of their minor daughter seeking an abortion.

Under current Illinois law, a minor between the ages of 14 and 17 needs parental consent for using an indoor tanning bed and for getting a tattoo or body piercing. Such minors cannot vote, buy cigarettes or lottery tickets, or serve in the military. Yet, repealing this common sense law would allow these same minors to make the life-changing decision to have an abortion at any time, for any reason, without even their parent's knowledge.

The logic of the Catholic Church's pro-life stance is rather straightforward. It is rooted in reason and science as well as revelation and faith. Human beings have human rights. These rights are rooted in who we are, not in who happens to hold political power. They ultimately come from God, not from politicians. The first and most fundamen-

tal of our God-given rights is the right to life, as our own Declaration of Independence testifies.

It is a scientific fact that human life begins at conception. Since the unborn child is a human being, it too has human rights, including the right to life. And as our human rights deserve the protection of law, so the unborn child's right to life deserves legal protection. Such legal protection is not an "imposition" of religious beliefs, but rather a simple recognition of human rights.

Hence, I invite all Christians and all people of goodwill reading this newspaper to reach out to their IL House Representatives and Senators and urge them to oppose these extreme pieces of pro-abortion legislation. To do so by email, you can go to: www.ilcatholic.org.

This Lent, let us all pray and fast for the legal protection of the unborn and for our legislators that they may wisely enact laws that protect life from conception until natural death. "I came that they might have life and have it to the fullest" (Jn 10:10).

Judges announces for annual Phidan Art Show

DIXON — The Phidian Art Club has selected Glenn Bodish to judge the 72nd Annual Phidian Art Show to be held on April 9, at the Loveland Community Building in Dixon. Bodish is originally from Allentown, Penn., and currently lives and makes art in both Montana and Illinois. He holds a MFA degree in Painting from the University of Mon-

tana, a BFA in Painting from Southern Oregon University and an AAS degree in Commercial Art from Luzerne County College. During his career, Glenn has worked in the fields of fine art, commercial design, museum management and higher education.

The public will again have the opportunity to choose a "People's Choice

Award" by voting for their favorite entry prior to the award presentation and judge's critique of the winning artwork. Doors open at 6 p.m. for viewing and voting. Presentation of awards begins at 7 p.m.

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Beautiful ranch style home located on large corner lot. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, cozy living room with patio doors to back deck 2 car attached garage and full basement for entertaining with a pool table and bar area.



1 PARK LANE, AMBOY \$95,900
Ranch style home with handicap ramp on large lot. 3 bedrooms, updated kitchen and bath, full basement with bar area, Lots storage, back yard with firepit, shed, 1.5 garage with breezeway!



501 W. MAIN STREET, SUBLETTE \$95,000
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Charming ranch style home located on large corner lot. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, whole house generator, open front porch step n roof goes into front enclosed porch with electric heat, all appliances, laundry room on main floor, family room, office/workshop and dining area in basement.



6 S STROBLE AVE., AMBOY \$89,000
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3 bedrooms with large closets, 2 baths, full basement
2 car attached garage, shed and nice back yard



31 W DIVISION ST., AMBOY \$89,000
Its bigger than it looks! Features: 3/4 bedrooms, 1 bath, main floor laundry, 2008 added thermal pane windows, doors & cedar siding, 2013 updated kitchen w/ dishwasher & Pantry, stove frig, 2015 bathroom, dining & Laundry redone, C/A, A 20x24 garage w/ insulated sides and 4ft cement retaining walls, (11ft ceiling), 2018 beautiful back yard patio and deck with bench, seat and bar, and firepit.



316 W. PIERONNET ST., AMBOY \$57,900
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Opinion

Parents seeking status for themselves

When I read that some rich parents were indicted last week for allegedly paying bribes to get their kids into some hoity-toity schools, I couldn't help but just scratch my head.

It would appear these parents weren't seeking educations for their children, but status for themselves.

Pursuing an education is fulfilling. But seeking a higher social status is just plain boring.

You know the types of folks I'm talking about. They have to be chosen by the "right" sorority or fraternity, later they just have to belong to the "right" country club and then live in the "right" neighborhood and later have their kids admitted to the "right" colleges.

Such behavior is alien to me. I grew up in

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



Galesburg, a blue-collar town.

Many of my high school classmates sought to work in factories, farm or just be good parents. No degrees were required.

Kids who went on to a university were about as common in some neighborhoods as a purebred dog.

If you told someone you would attend someplace like Wellesley, Vassar or Grinnell, you'd inevitably be asked, "Now, are those four-year schools?"

Those youngsters who went off to college were special - often the first in their family.

The idea of going to the "right" college was alien. Just going to college made you extraordinary.

A number of years ago, Rock Island attorney

Thomas Kilbride was running for the Illinois Supreme Court against a politician with a Harvard law degree.

I asked Kilbride if he was intimidated and his response was stuck with me: "I've never had someone come to my office with a legal problem and ask where I went to law school."

The voters apparently agreed. Justice Kilbride has served a distinguished 18 years on the Illinois Supreme Court.

About a decade ago, the University of Illinois was enmeshed in a scandal in which it was admitting less qualified students with political connections. Illinois politics being what it is, no one should have been surprised.

After all, children of alumni and donors as well as athletes have long been given advantages in the admissions process at elite universities across the country. We shouldn't be surprised that less qualified but politically connected students got a break too.

Now we are learning that the wealthy parents are bribing their kids' way into elitist universities.

Those who participate in a system that gives a leg up to the children of the privileged but fails to give a hand up to those who have overcome obstacles deserve the antipathy of those passed over.

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 28, 1919

Miss Josephine Egan, of this city, is now running a Red Cross dock canteen at Brest, France.

Miss Esther Meyers had her tonsils removed at the Amboy hospital Monday.

Sunday was a beautiful day and many were out for the first time this season in their automobiles.

When you see the charming new Spring Suits and Coats we have, you will at once decide that our store is the place to buy yours - J.P. Canavan

O.N. Daw of Inlet hauled hogs to Amboy Monday.

75 Years Ago March 23, 1944

Mrs. Dorothy L. Wise will open a beauty parlor to be known as Amboy Beauty Shop at 139 North Jefferson Avenue March 27.

The measles epidemic in Harmon vicinity is evidently on the wane, as over half of the 30 pupils of the Harmon grade school absent from their classes in past several weeks Monday reported back to their studies.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Woodarchak of Rockford visited her grandmother, Mrs. Anna Klein, Saturday.

50 Years Ago March 27, 1969

Joseph Eichler, 72, President of Eichler Bros., Inc. Department store which operates Eichler's in Amboy and Dixon, died at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 24, 1969, in KSB Hospital, Dixon, following a short illness. A prominent business man in both Dixon and Amboy, Mr. Eichler had also been active in civic affairs.

Amboy Police Office Earl Sensenig resigned effective Saturday, March 15, according to Amboy city officials. The City of Amboy is this week advertising for a policeman.

Bradford Mutual Fire Insurance Co., formerly Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Bradford, will hold an open house on June 22, 1969, for the celebration of the company's 100th birthday. It was chartered by a special act of the Illinois Legislature on March 30, 1869.

25 Years Ago

March 31, 1994

Amboy firemen and their families are rehearsing for their 41st annual Firemen's Play April 8 and 9 at 7 p.m. in the AHS auditorium. Some of the cast members are, Kim Stenzel, Jim DeGeorge, Tammy Bryant, Kathy Noble, Roxy Stenzel, Carol Machen, Frank Stenzel, and Val Pierce. This year's play will be "Rest Assured," a hilarious comedy, directed by Dave and Cyndi Stenzel.

The freshman CCD class at St. Patrick's Parish will portray the Stations of the Cross on Amboy's streets, starting at 9:30 a.m. Good Friday. They will begin at Meusel's Dairy Delite, continue through Main Street business district and then down Jones Avenue to Mapleside Manor.

Amboy Lions and Northwestern Illinois Bicycle Club (NWIBC) will co-sponsor the third annual Amboy Road Race here on Saturday, April 9. The race is the first and longest of three scheduled United States Cycling Federation sanctioned bicycle races in the local area during 1994. In 1993, over 200 entrants from nine states and Europe competed in the Amboy Road Race.

Why Illinoisans can't trust Pritzker's tax promises

A five-letter word should sink Gov. J.B. Pritzker's new tax plan: trust.

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

Guest Column

By Austin Berg



fund his spending promises. 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 prom-

ised 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.

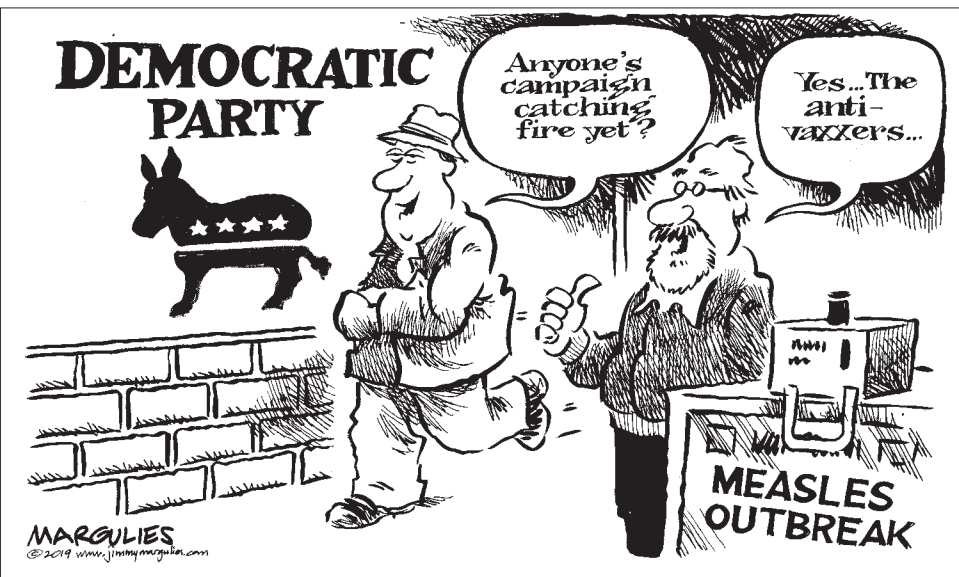
Without pension reform, lawmakers will go back to the well for yet another tax hike should Pritzker get his amendment.

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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LOCAL NEWS

SCHOOL continued from page A1

• A faculty meeting was held on March 11 to go over the "Root Causes" and IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) test information. Following the faculty meeting, teachers were given some time to work in their classrooms.

PBIS

• On Feb. 25 the PBIS Team held their monthly assembly and recognition was given to Students of the Month, Character Traits, Faculty/Staff, 2nd Quarter Honor Roll, and Club Wrestling. A friendly competition was held between classes.

School Activities

• Jr. Beta attended the state convention on Feb. 25 and 26.

• AJHS students went to the high school for a preview of the spring musical on March 8.

• Kevin J. Wood, "Lincoln Impersonator" visited 6th grade students on March 11. Full noted that Mrs. Walter got shocked when she first saw Wood. "He buzzed in and looking at her was Abraham Lincoln," he laughed. "You don't see that every day. He looked very, very much like Lincoln. The kids really enjoyed that."

• Track started on March 13 with coaches Mrs. Bulfer and Mr. Payne.

• Jr. Beta is running a "Dime Wars" to raise money for the community. The class that collects the most dimes gets donuts.

Principal Joyce Schamberger, Central Elementary School Improvement

• Illinois Assessment of Readiness practice tests have been given to grades 3 and 4.

• For the March 11 School Improvement Day, Anji Garza from the Regional Office of Education explained to the staff how Central School earned the Commendable Designation.

• Chris Delimata, school counselor, demonstrated to the staff during team times how to use mindfulness techniques in class with students.

PBIS

• During an all-school assembly on March 11, awards were handed out for Student of the Week.

• The Third Quarter PBIS Celebration was scheduled for March 22. Schamberger said the entire school was going to load on busses and head to the Princeton Theater to watch the movie, "Wonder

ART SHOW

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All awards are monetary prizes. Phidians will be awarding more than \$3,500 in prizes donated by local businesses and individuals; many are memorial awards in remembrance of special people. It is through their generous support that the art show continues to be the highlight of the year for the ever-growing artistic and cultural scene in the Sauk Valley area.

Artwork will be received in the lower gallery of the Loveland Community House from 2-6 p.m., on April 4 and 5, and from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., April 6. Entry fee is \$15 for one artwork and \$25 for two artworks with a two artwork limit.

Artwork must be original, not produced under the direction of an instructor, no more than five years old, never have been entered in the Phidian Show, ready for hanging by wire, no larger than 48" in width nor exceeding 25 pounds. Artists must live within 35 driving miles of Dixon and be 17 years or older. Only two-dimensional printings or drawings, in any medium, will be accepted. No photography, crafts, sculptures, computer generated art or three-dimensional art will be accepted.

For more information, guidelines and entry forms, please contact Lynn Roe at 815-973-1050 or Gloria Nusbaum at 815-631-3560.

Park."

School Activities

• Central School's Best Attendance for February was the fourth grade with 95.3 percent. They earned a snack sponsored by the P.T.C.

• Report cards were moved to March 22 due to extending the third quarter five days because of snow/weather days.

• March 2 was set-up day for the Pancake/French Toast and Sausage Breakfast and the breakfast followed on March 3. Schamberger said there were 1,530 pre-sold tickets for the event and a total of 1,249 people were served that day with 106 tickets sold at the door. She thanked board members, parents and the community for making the breakfast so successful.

• Whiteside Dental Clinic came to Central and provided services to students on March 7.

• A Severe Weather drill was held on March 12, the Spring Concert for grades 3 and 4 was March 19 at the high school auditorium and the second grade trip to Brookfield Zoo was March 21.

Upcoming Dates

April 8 - Central PTC meeting at 6:30 p.m. All are invited.

April 16 & 17 - Preschool screening. Please call the school for an appointment.

April 24 - Kindergarten Pre-registration Night for parents, 6-7:30 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

• During the week of March 25-29, asbestos abatement will be done at Amboy Junior High. Nichols said signs will be posted warning people to not enter the building during that time.

• Nichols reported that the district has grown by five students this year. "It doesn't sound like a lot but it's nice to have positive growth," he

told the board.

• With winter now officially over, Nichols noted that the district ended up spending \$18,610 on snow removal this school year. "Hopefully, we do not have another winter like this for a long time," he added.

• Ag teacher Deanna Drew and four of her students reported on the status of ren-

ovations in the welding lab. The lab now has eight new welding booths for students to use, a huge improvement according to the students who said it was "really terrible" welding in the old booths.

Drew said funding for the project came from various sources including a grant that helped pay for much of the ventilation along with fund-

raisers and other donations. Following the presentation, board members and others attending the meeting were invited to take a tour of the ag room and see the new welding booths first hand.

PERSONNEL

Following closed session, the board approved the retirement resignation of Robert Halberg, Jr. as 5th grade

teacher at the conclusion of the 2018-19 school year.

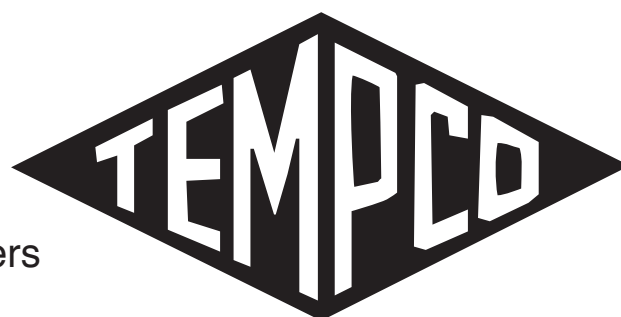
They hired Hunter Zim-merly as summer help at the bus garage and approved Bonnie Oury as playground supervisor at Central School, effective March 18.

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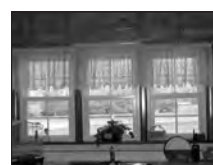


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Case No. 2019-P-6

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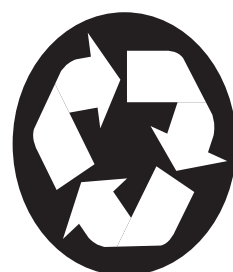
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LOCAL NEWS

Pritzker-tied group launches first TV ad promoting 'fair tax'

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SPRINGFIELD—A dark money group that counts Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker among its donors has launched its first television advertisement supporting the governor's signature graduated income tax proposal.

Think Big Illinois, whose other donors have not yet been made public, launched an ad called "hole," framing Pritzker's tax plan as a solution to Illinois' \$3.2 billion budget deficit. It will run in media markets across the state, the group announced Thursday.

"There's a \$3.2 billion hole in Springfield. And after years of ignoring it, we can't keep doing more of the same," a narrator in the ad says over informational graphics and video of Pritzker engaging with constituents.

Minutes after Think Big announced the 30-second spot in a press release Thursday, Ideas Illinois, a dark money group on the opposite side of the tax fight, announced a longer digital-only ad in a press release.

"Pritzker and Madigan want to change the constitution to allow a permanent jobs tax on middle class families. 'Trust us,' they say: we'll use your money to fund our schools, fix our roads, shore up pensions and cut property taxes. Do you trust them?" a narrator asks.

Passage of a constitutional amendment to allow for Pritzker's graduated tax plan would require approval from 60 percent of those voting on the question or half of those voting in the November 2020 presidential election, should the Legislature muster the three-fifths majorities in each chamber to put a question on the ballot.

If the constitutional amendment is successful, the Legislature would have the authority to pass a graduated structure, and the one proposed by Pritzker lowers the tax rate modestly for all single- or jointly-filing earners with an income of \$250,000 or less in a year.

The current tax rate is a flat 4.95 percent on every Illinoisan. Under Pritzker's plan, only earners whose income exceeds \$1 million would be taxed at a flat rate — 7.95 percent — on every penny of income.

For all other earners, filing jointly or alone, different rates ranging from 4.75 percent to 7.85 percent would apply to different margins of income.

The lowest bracket's rate is 4.75 percent and it applies to an earner's income from \$0 to \$10,000. Once an earner's income reaches the second bracket, the 4.75 rate would still apply to the first \$10,000, and a 4.9 percent rate would apply from income between \$10,001 and \$100,000.

This structure continues through bracket three (4.95 percent on income margins between \$100,001 and \$250,000), bracket four (7.75 percent for income margins between \$250,001 and \$500,000) and bracket five (7.85 percent for income between \$500,001 and \$1 million).

Per this structure, fewer than 20,000 Illinois households claiming more than \$1 million in taxable income would provide \$2.7 billion of an estimated \$3.4 billion in added revenue, according to the governor's office.

Ideas Illinois portrays the ad as a "jobs tax" and a "blank check" to Springfield lawmakers that have "broken promises" in the past. Think Big calls it a "fair tax," the preferred language of the governor.

The ads have been launched a full 20 months ahead of the November 2020 election, which is the earliest the question could be put on the ballot.

Both Ideas Illinois and Think Big Illinois are 501(c)4 organizations, which means their donor lists do not need to be disclosed publicly, although Think Big has said they will release their donors eventually.

Illinois Policy, the 501(C)4 advertising wing of the Illinois Policy Institute, has been running digital ads against the tax plan as well.



THE PASTOR'S PEN

The things they teach us

BY PASTOR JACK M. BRIGGS

When I met Elmer, he was already 96 years old and as a young man herded cattle out in Montana. He related the story of the day one of his bulls escaped and proceeded to the middle of a shallow pond where it stood, stubbornly refusing to return to shore where it could be corralled. As the men stood around, scratching their heads, trying to figure out what to do, Elmer's dog Lucy sized up the situation, jumped into the pond, paddled out to the bull, and proceeded to bite on its tail. The startled bull scampered out of the water, with Lucy hanging on for dear life. Mission accomplished.

Fast forward seventy years or so. Early one Sunday morning I received a call asking whether I could spend some time with a hospice patient whose daughters were all gathered at her bedside. I had some time, since Sunday worship wasn't until 9 a.m. As I arrived at the facility around 7:30 a.m., one of the daughters asked, "Where is Murphy?" I replied that he was out in the car. For those of you who don't know, Murphy is my canine companion, adopted from a local shelter a couple years ago, is a certified therapy dog.

"Well, bring him in," she requested.

The Murphmeister trotted in, assessed the situation, looked at me and the girls, and sensed immediately what was needed. He marched to the bedside, gently hopped up, circled twice, and cuddled with their mom, who by now was unresponsive. Not a dry eye in the room as the girls witnessed the tender moment, knowing what a critter lover their mom had been. She passed from this life later that afternoon.

Before you think that this is simply "Dog Tales from PJ," I suggest that there is an element to our Christian life that Lucy and Murphy teach us by their tail-wagging examples.

In fact, a Google search of "things dogs teach us" will yield 9,440,000 results including books, blogs, Youtube videos, and of course, Facebook pages. And you can probably predict some of the most common lessons mentioned: the value of loyalty, the notion of unconditional love, etc. But I suggest that what both Lucy and Murphy illustrate is the importance of taking action. It seems that we upright, two-legged critters spend a whole lot of time thinking and pondering and weighing all possible angles rather than... acting. In the process of delay and deliberation, the moment passes and we miss the opportunity. It is like the local chapter of Procrastinators Anonymous that can't seem to get around to scheduling their first meeting.

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Clippers split double headed with Milledgeville to start season

AMBOY – The Amboy Clippers split a double-header with Milledgeville to start the season on March 21. Both games featured walk-off finishes.

In the opener, the Clippers needed 10 innings to finish off the Missiles, 8-7, at City Park.

Leading the Amboy attack were Clayton Kemp with three singles and a double, Hunter Zimmerly with two singles and Mitchell McLaughlin with a double and a triple. Lane

Boehle delivered a clutch run-scoring single to end the game in the bottom of the 10th.

Zimmerly was the starting pitcher and he worked 4 2/3 innings before giving way to Logan Whelchel, who got the win.

Game two ended with a 5-4 Milledgeville win.

Maverick Lindenmeyer singled twice for the Clippers, while Boehle also had two singles and an RBI.

Amboy dropped both games of a double-header with Westmont on March 23 at City Park.

In game one, Westmont scored six runs in the first inning en route to a 12-1 victory.

Kemp, McLaughlin and Hayden Montavon each had one hit for the Clippers.

Montavon started on the hill and struggled in the first inning before being replaced by Mason McCoy, who worked 4 1/3 innings in relief.

The Clippers were on the short end of a 12-4 scored in the second game of the twinbill.

Amboy (1-3, 1-1) collected eight hits, including a pair of doubles and a RBI by Kemp and two singles and a run batted in by Zimmerly.

Lindenmeyer got the call on the mound and allowed four hits and three runs over three innings. Boehle and Kemp also had stints on the hill.

Girls track competed in Last Chance meet in Clinton

BLOOMINGTON–The Amboy-LaMoille girls’ track team competed in the Clinton Last Chance Meet on March 18 at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington.

The meet is the unofficial Illinois High School state indoor meet. It was the last chance to qualify for the Illinois Top Times Meet.

The 4x400-meter relay

team was ranked 12th coming into the meet and was ranked first after the meet. The squad of Sidney Corcoran, Brooke Whelchel, Emma Lundquist and Ashley Althaus ran a time of 4:18.26.

The same foursome comprised the 4x200 relay, which was ranked 21st heading into the meet.

The team ran a time of

1:52.97 and ranked sixth after the meet.

Individuals participating were Ashley Althaus in the 400-meter dash (1:02.83), Margaret Vaessen in the 800-meter run (2:32.80), Kylee Brown in the long jump (16-1), Lauren Althaus in the 400-meter dash (1:07.07) and Ki’Yanna Moore in the shot put (26-7).

Registration for Amboy fall youth soccer program now open

AMBOY – Registration for Amboy Fall Soccer is now open. All registrations and payments are now online at www.amboysoccer.com. Complete an application for each child/volunteer you are registering.

The soccer program is open to all boys and girls ages 4-19. Early bird cost is \$50 per player and includes

jersey, shorts, socks, and accident insurance. After June 1, this will increase to \$65 per player.

The AYSO National Committee has now implemented a mandatory \$25 per volunteer fee that covers a level 2 background check and free training for all courses. You will be asked on the application if you would like to pay

the fee, however, the region will pay the fee if you decide not to.


For questions about the soccer program, contact Tanya Ketchum at (815) 441-0882. For questions about registration, contact Kirstyn Carter at (815) 564-7043.

Amboy High School Girls’ Track Schedule

March 27 – Rosenberry Invite @ Westwood – 4:30
April 2 – at Forreston (Dakota, Earlville, Rockford Christian, West Carroll) – 4:00
April 6 – at Mendota Don Gooden Invite – 10:00
April 8 – at Bureau Valley Invite – 4:30
April 11 – Home meet – 4:00
April 13 – at Hall Rollie Morris Invite – 10:00
April 16 – at Fulton Invite – 4:00
April 18 – Home meet – 4:00
April 19 – at Rock Falls Invite – 4:00
April 22 – at Bureau Valley (St. Bede, Kaneland) – 4:30
April 30 – Home meet – 4:00
May 9 or 10 – Sectional
May 16-18 – State Finals

Boys’ Track Schedule

April 2 – Kewanee, Mendota – 4:00
April 6 – at Mendota Don Gooden Invite – 10:00
April 9 – at Fulton Invite – 4:00
April 11 – AFC, Pearl City, Pecatonica – 4:00
April 15 – at Forreston +5 – 4:00
April 18 – Hinckley-Big Rock, AFC, Putnam Co., Polo-Forreston – 4:00
April 19 – at Rock Falls Invite – 4:00
April 22 – at Bureau Valley (St. Bede, Kaneland) – 4:30
April 26 – at Oregon Invite – 4:00
April 30 – Hinckley-Big Rock, AFC, Milledgeville – 4:00
May 16 or 17 – Sectional
May 23-25 – State Finals

	
CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU April 1-5	
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 - Two cheesy bosco breaksticks, dipping sauce cup, broccoli & cheese sauce, baby carrots, pineapple, cake
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Chicken tenders, rice, roll/butter, peas, carrots, fresh cut veggies/ranch, pears, craisins, hot rice & cinnamon sugar
Wednesday	- Biscuit & gravy or pick two from breakfast cart - Walking chicken taco, salad, salsa, beans, rice, fresh cut veggies/ranch, mixed fruit, cupcake
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Pulled pork on bun, corn chips, cowboy beans, fresh cut veggies/ranch, peaches, cookie
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Fish sticks, mashed potatoes, corn, baby carrots, roll/butter, strawberry cup, dried fruit mix, baked apples
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Monday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Two cheesy bosco breaksticks, dipping sauce cup, broccoli & cheese sauce, baby carrots, pineapple, cake
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Chicken tenders, rice, roll/butter, peas, carrots, fresh cut veggies/ranch, pears, craisins, hot rice & cinnamon sugar
Wednesday	- Biscuit & gravy or pick two from breakfast cart - Walking chicken taco, salad, salsa, beans, rice, fresh cut veggies/ranch, mixed fruit, cupcake
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Pulled pork on bun, corn chips, cowboy beans, fresh cut veggies/ranch, peaches, cookie
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Fish sticks, mashed potatoes, corn, baby carrots, roll/butter, strawberry cup, dried fruit mix, baked apples
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*5 Paths of Repentance
by St. John Chrysostom*

April 9th, Tuesday in West Brooklyn
at St. Mary of the Assumption Church
-Retreat talk in the hall following Mass ~8:15 am with Lenten-Breakfast
-Retreat talk* in the Church with **Eucharistic Exposition** at 7:00 pm

April 10th, Wednesday in Sublette
at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
-Retreat talk in the hall following Mass ~8:50 am with Lenten-Breakfast, **confessions** to follow: 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the Church for **Be Reconciled Day**
-Retreat talk* in the Church with **Eucharistic Exposition** at 7:00 pm, **confessions** to follow talk for **Be Reconciled Day**

April 12th, Friday in Maytown
at St. Patrick Church
-Retreat talk in the hall following Mass ~8:30 am with Lenten-Breakfast
-Retreat talk* in the hall following Mass ~6:00 pm with Lenten-Dinner - Soup and bread supper provided by the Altar & Rosary Society of St. Patrick, Maytown.

*Note: The same retreat talk will be given in the evening as what was expounded upon in the morning.

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SPORTS

2019 Illinois Spring Trout fishing season opens April 6

SPRINGFIELD – The 2019 Illinois Spring Trout fishing season opens on Saturday, April 6 at 58 ponds, lakes and streams throughout the state, with four new sites added for this spring. Baumann Lake in Cherry Valley is among the sites that have been added for the first time for spring stockings.

Lake Mendota is once again a participant site in the spring trout fishing program.

The Illinois Catchable Trout Program is funded by those who use the program through the sale of Inland Trout Stamps.

The IDNR stocks more than 80,000 rainbow trout each year in bodies of water where trout fishing is permitted during the spring season and an additional 80,000 trout

for the fall season.

No trout may be taken from any of the stocked sites from March 15 until the spring trout season opens at 5 a.m. on April 6. Anyone attempting to take (harvest) trout before the legal harvest season opening will be issued citations.

All anglers must have a fishing license and an Inland Trout Stamp, unless they are under the age of 16, blind or disabled, or are an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. The daily catch limit for each angler is five trout.

For more information about trout seasons and other Illinois fishing opportunities, check the website at www.ifishillinois.org.

Illinois fishing licenses and Inland Trout Stamps are available at DNR Direct license and permit locations, including many bait shops, sporting goods stores and other retail outlets. For a location near you, check the IDNR website at this link: <http://dnr.illinois.gov/DNRDirectMonitor/VendorListing.aspx>

Fishing licenses and trout stamps can also be purchased by using a credit card through DNR Direct online via the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov, or by calling DNR Direct toll-free at 1-888-6PERMIT (1-888-673-7648).

For more information about all site regulations, anglers should contact individual sites that will be stocked with catchable-size

trout. Not all sites open at 5 a.m. on opening day. Anglers are reminded to check the opening time of their favorite sites prior to the opening date.

Among the 2019 Illinois Spring Trout locations are:

- Bureau County, Hennepin Canal Parkway
- Kendall County, Big Lake at Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area
- LaSalle County, Illinois and Michigan Canal Lock 14, LaSalle; Lake Mendota, city of Mendota
- Ogle County, Pine Creek at White Pines Forest State Park
- Whiteside County, Centennial Park Pond in Rock Falls

Amboy High School Varsity Softball Schedule

March 27 – Newark – 4:30
March 28 – at Pecatonica – 4:30
March 30 – Lena-Winslow – 11:00
April 2 – at Polo – 4:30
April 4 – Polo – 4:30
April 6 – at Indian Creek (DH) – 11:00
April 9 – Orangeville – 4:30
April 11 – at Orangeville – 4:30
April 12 – at Serena – 4:30
April 15 – at Marquette – 4:30
April 16 – Durand – 4:30
April 18 – at Durand – 4:30
April 23 – at Dakota – 4:30
April 25 – Dakota – 4:30
April 26 – Oregon – 4:30
April 29 – at Earlville – 4:30
April 30 – AFC – 4:30
May 2 – at AFC – 4:30
May 7 – at Freeport Aquin – 4:30
May 9 – Freeport Aquin – 4:30
May 13-18 – Regional
May 21-25 – Sectional
May 27 – Supersectional
May 31, June 1 – State Finals

Amboy High School Varsity Baseball Schedule

March 27 – Newark – 4:30
March 29 – Mendota – 4:30
March 30 – Lena-Winslow (DH) – 11:00
April 2 – at Polo – 4:30
April 4 – Polo – 4:30
April 6 – at Somonauk (DH) – 10:00
April 9 – Orangeville – 4:30
April 11 – at Orangeville – 4:30
April 12 – at Serena – 4:30
April 15 – at Marquette – 4:30
April 16 – Durand-Pecatonica – 4:30
April 18 – at Durand-Pecatonica – 4:30
April 23 – at Dakota – 4:30
April 25 – Dakota – 4:30
April 29 – at Earlville – 4:30
April 30 – AFC – 4:30
May 2 – at AFC – 4:30
May 6 – Oregon – 4:30
May 7 – at Freeport Aquin – 4:30
May 9 – Freeport Aquin – 4:30
May 13-18 – Regional
May 21-25 – Sectional
May 27 – Supersectional
May 31, June 1 – State Finals

Sophomore Baseball Schedule

March 29 – at Mendota – 4:30
April 1 – Marquette – 4:30
April 9 – at Orangeville – 4:30
April 11 – Orangeville – 4:30
April 16 – at Durand-Pecatonica – 4:30
April 18 – Durand-Pecatonica – 4:30
April 23 – Dakota – 4:30
April 25 – at Dakota – 4:30
April 29 – at Marquette – 4:30
April 30 – at AFC – 4:30
May 2 – AFC – 4:30
May 7 – Freeport Aquin – 4:30
May 9 – at Freeport Aquin – 4:30

Sophomore Softball Schedule

March 30 – Lena-Winslow – 1:00
April 1 – West Carroll – 4:30
April 3 – Kewanee – 4:30
April 8 – at West Carroll – 4:30
April 20 – at Byron Tournament
April 23 – Dakota – 4:30
April 25 – at Dakota – 4:30
April 26 – at Oregon – 4:30

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LOCAL NEWS

First plans to legalize sports betting in Illinois released

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SPRINGFIELD – An Illinois lawmaker leading the charge to bring sports betting to the state has laid out the first concrete details on how that might happen.

Four amendments were filed to Riverside Democratic Rep. Michael Zalewski’s House Bill 3308 Thursday, each of them providing a different avenue for legalizing sports betting in the state.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker supports and has already budgeted to bring in more than \$200 million of new state revenue next fiscal year from licensed sports gambling.

But that revenue hinges on the ability of the Legislature to pass a sports betting bill by May, a task Zalewski thinks will be difficult.

“Any gaming bill is difficult to get through, and we’re probably going to need the governor’s help to pass something like this,” Zalewski said. “But I’m also confident my colleagues are interested in this topic and want to see the state benefit from it.”

If successful, Illinois would become the eighth state to legalize sports betting since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against its prohibition in a case last May. The practice was already legal in Nevada.

New Jersey Model

While no two systems are the same, Zalewski said the “classical” New Jersey model is the most likely to get broad support from Illinois stakeholders.

That model, according to one of the amendments filed Thursday, would allow for both brick-and-mortar betting at the state’s casinos and racetracks and online betting on digital platforms, with a tax rate of 15 percent for the former and 20 percent for the latter.

Licenses in the New Jersey-based plan would cost \$10 million with a \$250,000 renewal every five years, while each licensee would be allowed two contracts with partners to provide mobile and online betting – known as skins – at \$1 million per skin with a \$500,000 renewal every five years.

“I think the New Jersey model is what most people expected [Illinois] to look like,” Zalewski said, adding that he does not have a preference. “It’s kinder to existing bricks-and-mortar and racetrack casinos, gives them the first slice at implementing it, and has a reasonable tax rate.”

Mississippi Model

The second amendment to HB 3308 contains details for the “Mississippi Model,” which allows for brick-and-mortar betting at the state’s racetracks and casinos, but limits online betting to 10 operators that must be partnered with brick-and-mortar properties.

The \$10 million license fee is the same as in the New Jersey-based model, but must be renewed at higher costs along with other fees totaling \$850,100 every four years. Both plans would be overseen by the Illinois Gaming Board.

Professional Sports Leagues Plan

The third option, called the “Professional Sports Leagues” plan, connects sports betting in the state to the leagues on which people bet by limiting the gaming facilities to sports venues, giving a .25 percent royalty on wagers to the leagues, and providing for data sharing between sports betting operators and the leagues for accuracy and to watch for illicit activity.

Details for the administration of this plan are less clear than the first two.

Illinois Lottery Plan

The fourth plan, meanwhile, gives the Illinois Lottery jurisdiction over all the state’s sports betting operations by relying on just one state-issued license. The tax rate on this plan would be 50 percent.

Moving Forward

Because the Legislature is still in the earliest stages of developing a plan, Zalewski said, those laid out in HB 3308 are nothing more than conversation starters until more groups have a chance to testify in committee.

Ivan Fernandez, executive director of the Illinois Gaming Machine Operators Association, said the group is happy conversation has begun with the various plans, although none of them are “etched in stone.”

“And we’re going to be active participants in that conversation, because Illinois has a unique gaming environment that can make sports betting a powerful winner for the state, small businesses and the players that are interested,” he said.

Fernandez added he is unsure of details on the sports league model, but the three other options “all have merit and could bring a benefit” to the state.

Pritzker spokesperson Jordan Abudayyeh did not specify which of the early plans is most desirable, but said the governor looks forward to “bringing sports betting off the illicit market and into a legal, regulated space.”

“Because this is a new market, Illinois has the opportunity to move expeditiously and be the first state in the Midwest to legalize sports betting,” she said.

The Illinois Gaming Board could not be reached in time for publication.

Zalewski said he expects the largest opposition to the bill to come from anti-gaming groups, while complications could also arise as casinos and racetracks negotiate licensing, taxes, royalties and administrative structure.

“But overall, the response has been pretty good so far,” he said.

HB 3308 is assigned to the House Revenue and Finance Committee, which Zalewski chairs. As the bill moves through the legislative process, Illinois joins a wave of 29 other states with active bills to legalize sports betting, and two other states that have passed but not implemented it yet.

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LOCAL NEWS

Springtime is wildlife breeding season, and Illinoisans are encouraged to leave young wildlife alone

SPRINGFIELD—Spring is a busy breeding season for wildlife, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) reminds Illinois citizens not to bother or handle baby birds and other young wild animals.

Wildlife biologists are often contacted during the breeding season by well-meaning people who believe incorrectly that they may be protecting young wildlife by taking possession of baby birds, rabbits, fawn deer, and other animals that may appear to have been abandoned or orphaned. In most cases, these animals and birds are still being cared for by their parents, which likely stay away from dens and nests if people are nearby.

The Illinois Wildlife Code

provides legal protection for wildlife. It is against the law to keep wild animals as pets, or to raise wild animals believed to have been abandoned. Additionally, responses by agencies like the IDNR to incidents involving wildlife can be costly to taxpayers.

Anyone with questions about care for possibly abandoned wildlife can contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. To learn more about potential wildlife conflicts, and keeping people, pets and wildlife safe, visit the new Wildlife Illinois website at <https://www.wildlifeillinois.org/>

All wild birds, except the Rock Pigeon, European Starling, and House Sparrow, are protected by federal law. This includes protection of eggs,

nests, and feathers. The IDNR works with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect and manage birds in Illinois.

Some additional reminders about wildlife in Illinois:

- Birds often leave the nest before they can fly. These birds, known as fledglings, will live on the ground for a few days while they grow flight feathers; you may hear them making noises calling for their parents to feed them; it doesn't mean they are in trouble. Keep children and pets away.

- Do not attempt to rescue fawns. Fawn deer often stay still to conceal themselves until they are old enough to keep up with their mother; the female deer may not stay near the fawns for fear of alerting predators to their presence. People should leave fawns

alone and the mother will return.

- It is illegal in Illinois to feed wild deer. When deer congregate, it can facilitate the spread of disease and cause other unintended consequences.

- Wild birds and animals can become habituated to people when they are pro-

vided food, so don't leave pet food outside at night, clean up under bird feeders, secure the lids on garbage cans to keep raccoons and other wildlife out, and don't feed Canada geese and coyotes in urban/suburban areas. Nuisance animals can become dangerous to people.

- Handling wild animals

can result in the handler being bitten. According to the Centers for Disease Control, wild animals that bite a person must be euthanized immediately to be tested for rabies.

The IDNR urges everyone to enjoy wildlife by observing, but not interfering, and by leaving wildlife in the wild.

Recording artist Shinedown added to Illinois State Fair grandstand

SPRINGFIELD — Multi-platinum, record-breaking band, Shinedown, will headline the Illinois Lottery Grandstand on Saturday, Aug. 17 at the Illinois State Fair.

Record-breaking doesn't even begin to describe Shinedown. In their career they have already sold more than 10 million albums worldwide, earned 11 platinum and gold singles, four platinum and gold albums, and garnered over 1.5 billion total streams so far. This doesn't stop with their albums; each of the band's released singles have reached the Top 5 on Billboard's Mainstream Rock Songs Chart.

After performing "GET UP" on Live with Kelly & Ryan and having the song featured as part of TODAY's look back at 2018 — the band broke yet another record. Shinedown obtained the title of most Rock Airplay Top 10s ever with their 13th number one on Billboard's Mainstream Rock Songs Chart. This 13th number one ties them with Van Halen for the second most in the history of the chart.

Their latest album "Attention Attention" already has momentum with singles "Get Up" and "Devil" and doesn't show any signs of slowing down.

Tickets for the concerts listed below go on sale via Ticketmaster at 10 a.m., on Saturday, April 20, and at the

Emmerson Building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield on Monday, April 22 at the following prices:

Sunday, Aug. 11: "Dan + Shay"

Tier 3 - \$25 / Tier 2 - \$30 / Tier 1 - \$35 / Gen Track - \$35 / VIP Track - \$55

Monday, Aug. 12: "The Traveling Salvation Show - A Tribute to Neil Diamond"

Free Concert

Tuesday, Aug. 13: "Why Don't We"

Tier 3 - \$20 / Tier 2 - \$25 / Tier 1 - \$30 / Gen Track - \$30 / VIP Track - \$50

Wednesday, Aug. 14: "Pentatonix" with Special Guest "Rachel Platten"

Tier 3 - \$45 / Tier 2 - \$50 / Tier 1 - \$55 / Gen Track - \$55 / VIP Track - \$75

Thursday, Aug. 15: "Old Dominion"

Tier 3 - \$30 / Tier 2 - \$35 / Tier 1 - \$40 / Gen Track - \$40 / VIP Track - \$60

Friday, Aug. 16: "Snoop Dogg w/ Dogg Pound" "Warren G," "DJ Quik," "Twista," and "Do or Die"

Tier 3 - \$25 / Tier 2 - \$30 / Tier 1 - \$35 / Gen Track - \$35 / VIP Track - \$55

Saturday, Aug. 17: "Shinedown"

Tier 3 - \$30 / Tier 2 - \$35 / Tier 1 - \$40 / Gen Track - \$40 / VIP Track - \$60

Sunday, Aug. 18: "Reba McEntire" with "Rachel Wamack"

Tier 3 - \$35 / Tier 2 - \$40 /

Tier 1 - \$45 / Gen Track - \$45 / VIP Track - \$65

Tickets to all the announced Illinois Lottery Grandstand Stage concerts can be purchased starting April 20 at Ticketmaster.com. For those who prefer to purchase tickets in person, you can get them at the Emmerson Building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, starting Monday, April 22.

The Illinois State Fair will once again offer Stage Side Parties for each of the ticketed Grandstand concerts. An additional \$30 ticket provides fairgoers access to an exclusive pre-show party that includes food, entertainment, giveaways and early entry into the concert. The Stage Side Party is only available to those who have purchased a concert ticket to attend that night's concert — both concert and Stage Side Party tickets will be required to enter the party tent. These tickets can be purchased via Ticketmaster once tickets are on sale. Stage Side Party tickets purchased on or before July 15, 2019, will also receive a parking pass for the concert date event.

Mark your calendars for the 2019 Illinois State Fair, Aug. 8 - 18, in Springfield. Stay up to date with all the latest news and announcements from the Illinois State Fair by connecting via Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Bracket offered to narrow down Lincoln's greatest words

SPRINGFIELD — As March Madness heats up, a battle to determine Abraham Lincoln's greatest words is getting underway, too. The public can vote on 32 of his most famous quotes, eliminating them one at a time until a champion emerges.

Stand-outs in the "War of Words" tournament, organized by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, include "A house divided against itself cannot stand" from an 1858 campaign speech, "government of the people, by the people, for the people" from the Gettysburg Address, and "with malice toward none, with charity for all" from his Second Inaugural Address.

The brackets include some less-exalted quotes that might be hoping for a Cinderella story.

"If we never try, we shall never succeed" demonstrates Lincoln's firm belief in striving even against long odds. "Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery, I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally" mixes his biting wit with his disdain for slavery.

The competition began March 21. Anyone can cast votes on the presidential library's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/LincolnMuseum, or at <http://bit.ly/LincolnQuotes>.

"Obviously, we're having some fun with this, and we hope the people who take part have fun, too. But we also think it's a great way to encourage people to study Lincoln's words, to think about what they mean and decide which ones resonate the most in modern America," said Alan Lowe, executive director of the Abraham

Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum.

The final round of voting begins April 3. The winner will be announced April 5.

The Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum uses a combination of rigorous scholarship and high-tech showmanship to immerse visitors in the life and times of Abraham Lincoln. Visitors can see ghosts come to life on stage, watch TV coverage of the 1860 presidential election, roam through the Lincoln White House, experience booming cannons in a Civil War battle and come face to face with priceless original Lincoln artifacts.

The library holds an unparalleled collection of Lincoln books, documents, photographs, artifacts and art, as well as some 12 million items pertaining to all aspects of Illinois history.

For more information, visit www.PresidentLincoln.illinois.gov. You can follow the ALPLM on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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LOCAL NEWS

CGH Health Foundation honors more than 50 Tree of Life donors, youth groups

STERLING – More than 50 Tree of Life donors were recognized during the March 14 CGH Health Foundation Annual Appeal reception at CGH Medical Center. Youth groups from throughout the Sauk Valley were also recognized for stepping up as the new philanthropists of tomorrow.

Foundation Chair Amy Downs expressed gratitude to the more than 100 contributors and friends present.

“What a legacy we are continuing to build because of all of you,” she said. “Our Tree of Life Grove represents thousands of lives impacted. Your continued support is celebrated year in and year out. We are honored to be your chosen charity, grateful for the passion you show toward the wonderful projects you make happen.”

Gift levels highlighted during the ceremony included 1 Stone, (\$25,000 or more); 6 Pine Cones (\$10,000 to \$24,999) and 45 Leaves (\$1,000 to \$9,999). Individuals, businesses and groups were honored.

CGH Health Foundation Campaign

General Chair Scott Wolber announced over \$361,000 had been raised toward the \$380,000 goal, with more gifts expected. He thanked the many volunteers who were vital to the success of the annual fund drive. Special mention was made of the late Pam Topper, who served as Business Division Chair during the campaign, until her unexpected death last August.

“It was an honor to serve with Pam,” said Mr. Wolber. “She was such an ardent supporter of one of our newer projects – to raise awareness about women and heart disease. She shared her own story of dealing with heart disease during the campaign. We mourn her passing and extend our heartfelt thanks to her family for her efforts in behalf of the Foundation.”

A combined total of \$10,666 was raised for the Foundation by the following youth groups: Amboy High School basketball and volleyball teams, Erie-Prophetstown volleyball and football teams, and St. Andrew’s School. Foundation Executive Director Joan

Hermes praised the students for working so diligently to benefit their communities by focusing on the needs of others.

During the last 31 years, over \$10 million has been donated and invested right back into the community. Under-served children and adults have received free to low cost healthcare services.

Wellness education centering on heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and obesity has been a major focus. Scholarships have been awarded to several hundred college-bound students and capital items have been funded.

Tree of Life honorees included: Stone: Angelo’s Pizzerias; Pine Cone: Erie-Prophetstown Volleyball Team, Geraldine Leftwich Memorial, Bruce and Mary Jane Munsell, Don and Maxine Olson, Prophetstown Lions Club, and Jim and Maggie Wike.

Donors receiving a Leaf included: Amboy High School Volleyball Team, Missi Armstrong, Jennifer Behrens, Pam and Bill Bittorf, Lori Cantu, Donna Cook, Corner-

stone Credit Union, Dr. Jerald and Sheila Cundiff, Paul Cunniff, Judy Dennis, Theresa Devine, Ben and Emily Durham, Pat Flynn Memorial, Betty Harms, Dr. Rita and John Hart, Daryl and Barb Hook, Nick and Jennifer Lareau, Bill Lilly Memorial, Breck and Sheri Loos, Barb Loy Memorial, Dr. Steven and Deirdre Mackay, Nancy Lou Matthews Memorial, MCR Technologies Group, Estella Metcalfe, Nanette Metzler, Sandra and Marvin Miller, Nichole Mitchem, Tom and Sue Nestor, Jim and Carol Nieman, Jack Oberle, Olson Insurance & Financial Services, Kevin Rogers, Joe and Pat Rosengren, Rotary Club of Walnut, Jennifer and Steven Sheaffer, St. Andrew’s School, Dr. Marc and Lori Stees, Sterling Fire Fighters, Rick and Pam Topper, Beth Vandersnick, VISA, Dr. Heather Wakefield, Stephanie Waller, Richard Weigle, and Pat Zigler.

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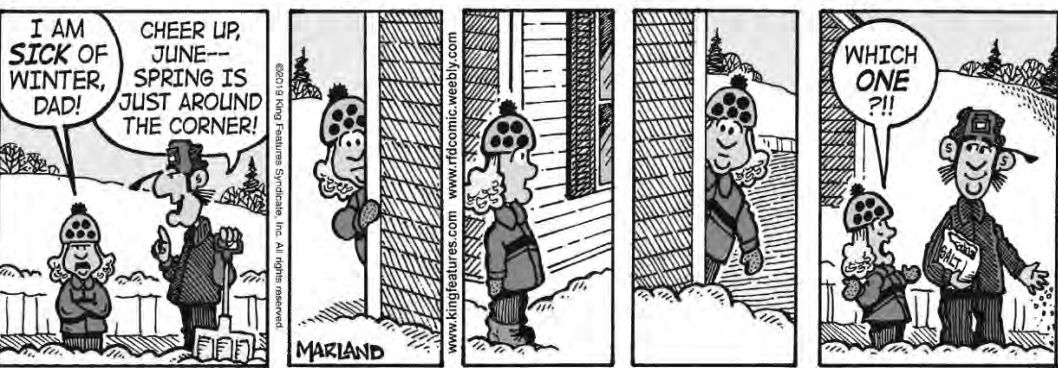
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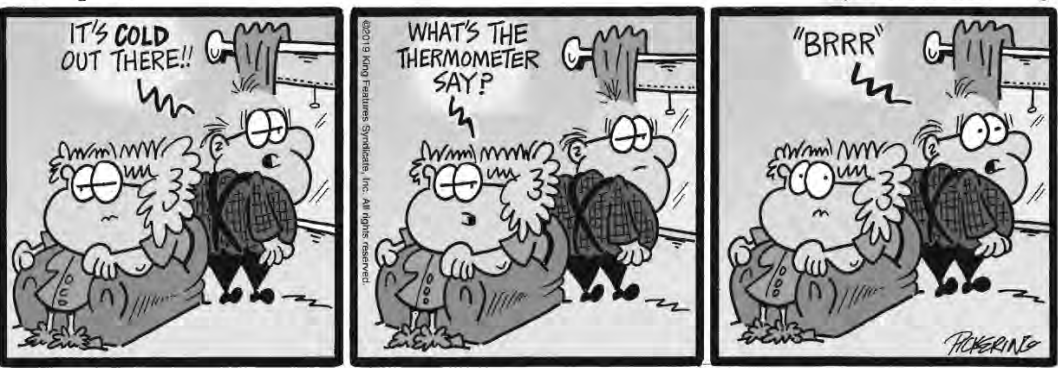
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