



ROSE DAY

It was all-hands-on-deck Saturday as the Amboy Lions Club delivered over 720 roses for their 2019 Rose Day. Rose sales are one-of-two fundraisers the club has each year to help fund community projects. Anyone interested in joining the Amboy Lions Club is invited to attend the next meeting on Monday, April 22, at 7 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Road.

Mary Mays/Amboy News



EASTER EGG HUNT

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

Amboy News file photo

City council approves new business

BY TONJA GREENFIELD
General Manager
AMBOY — Twelve items of new business were passed by the Amboy City Council. The Amboy City Council passed its 2019-2020 budget during Monday night's Amboy City Council meeting. Included in the budget, and approved by two separate votes, was a 60 cent an hour raise to full-time employees and the city covering another 5 percent of the city employee's health insurance, bringing the city's portion to 85 percent. The council also approved Willett, Hoffman and Associates, an engineering firm out of Dixon, to seek bids for the blacktopping of Division Street. The board also approved a motion using motor fuel tax, not to exceed \$100,000, to complete this project. The council approved the purchase of a 2019 Dodge Ram 1500 from Thomas Dodge, the dealership that holds the state bid, for the Amboy Police Department at a cost of \$26,082. The police department's current truck will be given to the maintenance department for use. Andy Shaw from the Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone asked the council to pass an ordinance amending the enterprise zone boundary for

Bonnell Industries in Dixon. Shaw said Bonnell Industries is expanding their footprint. The ordinance was approved. The council passed an ordinance to seek bids on the Palmer property, with a minimum bid of \$8,000. Sealed bids will be opened at the June 17 city council meeting. The property is zoned R1 and will be sold as is. Amboy Mayor John Schamberger said the city wants to move the property, but they don't want to give it away. The council approved a 25 cent an hour increase to employee Rich Schrock who completed his spray license. They also approved a motion hiring Leroy Dukes and Richard Kelly for summer mowing. As the last items of the new business, the board approved the resignation with regret of Kalla Mahar from the library board, and approved the appointment of Britainy Kaleel to the library board. Schamberger said during concerns from the mayor, that they city is still looking for a few more performers for the Summer Concert Series. If anyone is interested in performing, they should contact city hall. The next Amboy City Council meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, May 20, in the Amboy Community Building.

Name the Street bids accepted until April 29 at city hall

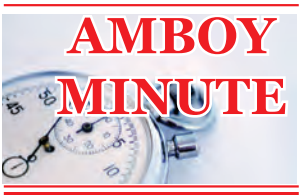
AMBOY — Since 1997 the Amboy Civic Organization (ACO) has been sponsoring a program called "Name the Street" a chance whereby individuals/families can name the street to honor or memorialize a loved one. The sign will hang for one year beginning May 1. At the end of the year the sign will be given to the donor. Currently the sign is in memory of Bob and Mary Welty. Previous honorees were Linda Glenn, Avery Lovgren, Jake Metzen, Gary Hart,

Howard and Ruth Shaw, Doug Blaine, Louie Grasser, Doug Antoine, Dave Yentzer, James "Mort" Hinkle, Jeff "Bodine" Bonnell, Andy Conderman, James Mead, Bob Smith, Lisa Nauman, Dave Payne, Dale Etheridge, Elmer Sensenig, Arnie Stahr and Bob Machen. The minimum bid is \$200 and the money raised will go directly to the Pankhurst Memorial Library. So, if you would like to be this year's successful bidder please get your bid in to city hall by Monday, April 29.

Bill providing parity for craft distillers gains House approval

SPRINGFIELD—Legislation sponsored by State Representative Tom Demmer (R-Dixon) that would bring regulations for craft distillers in line with rules for craft brewers and wine makers cleared the Illinois House last week. According to Demmer, the bill is about parity. "This bill would provide craft distillers with many of the same benefits afforded to craft brewers," said Demmer. "House Bill 2675 eases regulations to help these small businesses get started so they can thrive." Specifically, HB 2675 amends the Liquor Control Act and splits the existing craft distiller license into two classes dependent upon the volume of spirits manufactured each year. It also provides a process by which those who produce less than 5,000 gallons of spirits per year can apply for an exemption to self-distribute their product. "The 90th District is

home to Whiskey Acres Distilling Company in DeKalb and Kennay Farms Distilling in Rochelle," added Demmer. "The revised licensing and exemption processes outlined in this bill would allow these business owners to establish and grow without being subject to overly-burdensome regulations." Upon learning of the bill's passage in the House, Jamie Walter, President and CEO of Whiskey Acres Distilling Company, said the legislation would provide his business a pathway to future growth and success. "Having parity with the wine and craft beer industries creates new opportunities for us to increase sales, generate additional revenue and create more jobs in our community," said Walter. "Whiskey Acres is excited about the future and is thankful for the help Representative Demmer has offered our business as well as the entire IL craft distilling industry."



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NEW MEMBERS

The Amboy Lions Club welcomed new members at their April 8 meeting. From left, new member Jim Child, Jim Travi, sponsor of Jim and Jeff, new member Jeff Hanson, new member Perry Braida, Cecil Harrison, sponsor of Perry, new member Mark Grossman, Roger Wittenauer, sponsor of Mark, and Illinois Lions District Governor, Barb Stewart. Anyone interested in joining the Amboy Lions Club is invited to attend the next meeting at 7 p.m., on Monday, April 22, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Road.

Photo submitted

House pays tribute to 100th anniversary of Dixon Memorial Arch

SPRINGFIELD—Members of the Illinois House of Representatives recognized the 100th Anniversary of the Dixon Memorial Arch this week through an honorary resolution brought forward by State Representative Tom Demmer (R-Dixon). The arch, also known as the "Victory Arch," was built in May of 1919 to honor returning Lee County servicemen, and while it was originally constructed as a temporary structure made of wood, the arch was reinforced and made a permanent structure in 1924. It was rebuilt several times throughout the years, and was ultimately torn down and reconstructed as a fiberglass arch. The current structure, which accommodates the four-lane road that runs



The above photo was taken by 90th District resident Steve Pritchard, who was one of the winners of Rep. Demmer's 2019 "Rich History of the 90th District" photo contest.

Photo submitted

underneath it, was dedicated during Dixon's Veterans Day celebration in 1985. "This arch greets all visitors to Dixon and welcomes travelers to the downtown

area," said Demmer. "It is a mainstay of the city, and I was proud to sponsor a resolution that pays tribute to such an important part of Dixon's history."



DONATION

The Knights of Columbus Council 8277 presented a check in the amount of \$500 to Teen Turf for helping them in keeping their program's running, which benefit the youth of our community, after school and through the summer. Pictured, from left to right, Frank Lachat Grand Knight, presents the check to Eileen Piper, Director of Teen Turf.

Photo submitted

LOCAL NEWS

Sublette News

EASTER EGG HUNTS IN SUBLETTE

On Friday, April 19, Sublette's new Grace Fellowship Church is sponsoring a "glow

in the dark" Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held on

the church lawn.

On Saturday, April 20, the Sub-Let Indians 4-H Club will sponsor its 26th annual Easter Egg Hunt at Sublette Centennial Park. The hunt will begin at 10 a.m. and is for children up to 8 years of age.

CRUISE 'N SHOW

SET MAY 11

Plans are underway for the annual Sublette Cruise 'N Show to be held on Saturday, May 11.

After a long winter, owners of antique, classic or special interest cars, trucks or motorcycles are invited to cruise to Sublette and show

your car. The show will be held on Main Street from 4-7 p.m. There is no entry fee and no judging, just a night to enjoy old vehicles and talk "car talk." 3-D Sound will be providing music and announcements.

Village restaurants will be open as well as the shops in the Village Mall.

SVCC to host Jobs Fair

DIXON — SVCC will hold the annual Jobs Fair on Wednesday, April 24, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the West Mall.

Learn about Sauk's career programs and degrees, and network with more than 50 local businesses.

The Jobs Fair is free to attend and participants are encouraged to bring up-to-date resumes as several businesses are collecting applications and filling positions on the spot.

Professional attire is recommended. For additional information, contact Anita Carney, anita.j.carney@svcc.edu, 815-835-6294.

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HE IS RISEN!

Thursday, April 18th at 7:00 pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper
at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, West Brooklyn

Friday, April 19th at 1:00 pm
Good Friday Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross
at St. Patrick Church, Maytown

Saturday, April 20th at 7:45 pm
Easter Vigil Mass
at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sublette

Easter Sunday
April 21st Mass at 8:00 am
at St. Patrick, Maytown
and 10:00 am
at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, West Brooklyn

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LOCAL NEWS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Kelsey Stewart

Stewart named April Student of the Month

AMBOY — Amboy High School has announced that Kelsey Stewart has been named its April Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Ed and Staci Stewart.

GPA: 3.5/4.0

Memberships and Involvement: Leo's Club Director, Student Council Officer, Yearbook Business Manager, Spring Musicals, Basketball, Tech projects throughout the School Districts, KSB Hospital Volunteer, The American Red Cross Volunteer, Jack Mabley Developmental Center Volunteer

Best Memories of AHS: "My favorite memory from AHS would have to be being able to experience winning a Sectional title for the Girls basketball team. It was great seeing all the community come out and support us, then being escorted back into town by the local police and fire departments."

Future Plans: "I am deciding between Western Illinois University and Southeast Missouri State University. I plan on receiving a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree."

Jesse White announces 15th Annual Illinois Emerging Writers competition

ILLINOIS — Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White announced that entry forms are available for the 15th annual Illinois Emerging Writers Competition Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award.

"We created the Illinois Emerging Writers Competition to promote creative writing and provide an outlet for talented writers," White said. "Great poems have the ability to enrich and enhance our lives, and I am looking forward to celebrating tal-

ented poets with this year's competition."

The competition is named in honor of the late Pulitzer Prize-winning Illinois Poet Laureate

Gwendolyn Brooks, and is co-sponsored by the Illinois Center for the Book.

The competition is open to Illinois residents age 18 and over. Entries must be postmarked by June 30. Cash prizes will be awarded for first (\$500), second (\$300) and third place (\$100). Winning poems will be

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

DIXON-The 15th Annual Expressions Art Exhibit and Sale Reception and silent auction will be held Friday, April 26, from 5 to 8 p.m., to benefit Sinissippi Foundation, at The Next Picture Show, 113 W First St., during regular gallery hours. A reception and silent auction will be held Friday, April 26, from 5 to 8 p.m. Call Andy Jackson at 815-284-6611 for information.

DIXON-The Dixon Lions Club Annual Chinese Auction and Beef Stroganoff Dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 16, at the Loveland Community House, 513 W. Second St. Call Ginny Stadel at 815-288-3072 for ticket information.

ROCK FALLS-The American Red Cross, in coordination with Mayor William B. Wescott of Rock Falls and Bethany Bland, President/CEO of Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, will hold two monthly Blood Drives on the first and third Wednesdays of each month

at the Rock Falls Community Building, 601 W. 10th St. The third Wednesday of the month drive, April 17, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The first Wednesday of the month drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Road, on Wednesday, April 17, by appointment only. Call the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 to schedule an appointment.

SUBLETTE-The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall on Wednesday, April 17, by appointment only. Call the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 to schedule an appointment.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 2 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, at Dixon Sinissippi Center, 325 IL RT 2. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

WEST BROOKLYN-A Mass of the Lord's Supper will be held at 7 p.m. on

Thursday, April 18, at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 2520 Johnson St. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

MAYTOWN-St. Patrick Church, 1336 Maytown Rd., will hold a Good Friday Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross, at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 19. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

SUBLETTE-The Sublet Indians 4-H Club will host an Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, for children 9 and under at Sublette Centennial Park, S. West Street. The Easter Bunny will be available for pictures following the Egg Hunt.

AMBOY-The Green River Saddle Club Gun Raffle & Turkey & Skeet Shoot will be held Saturday, April 20, at the Saddle Club, 1580 Morman Rd. Registration at 10 a.m. and Shoots at 11 a.m.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

will be held at Amboy City Park, E. Main St., at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 20. Pictures with the Easter Bunny beginning at 1:30 p.m.

SUBLETTE-Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 202 S. Locust, will hold an Easter Vigil Mass at 7:45 p.m. on Saturday, April 20. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 22, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Anyone interested in joining should attend.

AMBOY-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, at Amboy High School. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, at Amboy Junior High School, 140 S. Appleton.

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This Week's Star Student of the Week is:
Harper Shoemaker

Student's Favorites:
 Favorite Color – Pink
 Favorite Animal – Cat
 Favorite Food – Chicken Noodle Soup
 Favorite Book – Hello Kitty books
 Favorite Game – Hatchimal Board game
 Favorite Song – In the middle by Zedd and Maren Morris

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 Favorite Animal – Zebra
 Favorite Food – Chinese
 Favorite Book – The Night Before Christmas
 Favorite Game – Tic-Tac-Toe
 Favorite Song – Speechless

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 Thursday – Italian sausage w/ peppers on bun, red potato wedges, Italian blend veggies, diced peaches
 Friday – Cheeseburger, wheat bun, tator tots, baked beans, pineapple tidbits

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This Week's Star Student of the Week is:
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Student's Favorites:
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 Favorite Animal – Cat
 Favorite Food – Mac N Cheese
 Favorite Book – The Foot Book
 Favorite Game – Mario Cart
 Favorite Song – Old Town Road

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OBITUARIES

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Mary Ann Gould

April 16, 1946 - April 14, 2019

AMBOY — Mary Ann Gould, 72, of Amboy, died Sunday, April 14, 2019, at home surrounded by her family.

She was born in Amboy, on April 16, 1946, the daughter of Daniel T. and Eda Elva (Blan) Newman.

Mary Ann worked as a housekeeper for Mapleside Manor in Amboy. She was also a waitress at the Long Branch Saloon and a cook at Trackside and Depot Tap in Amboy.

Mary Ann enjoyed bowling, playing softball, and loved doing crossword puzzles. She also enjoyed attending her grandchildren's activities and events.

She was married to James Gould in Sterling on Aug. 3, 1963.

She was preceded in death

by her parents; three sisters, Helen Fredericks, Shirley Gould, and Daphyne Full; and one brother, Daniel "Gene" Newman.

Survivors include her husband; four children, James (Julie) Gould Jr. of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Timothy (Diane) Gould, of Sterling, Tami (Jeff) Christoffersen, and Kim (Chris) Payne, both of Amboy; nine grandchildren, Nick, Patrick, Mary Kate, Madilynn, Brett, Magan, Brody, Abigayle, and Trey; and two brothers, Donald (Donna) Newman, of Dixon, and Dave (Laurel) Newman, of Stockton.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., on Thursday, April 18, 2019, in the United First Church in Amboy with Pastor Jack Briggs officiating. Burial will follow in Prairie Repose Cemetery in



Amboy.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m., and 6-8 p.m., on Wednesday, in the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

A memorial has been established.

Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com.

Educational Briefs

Amboy resident earns degree from WGU

AMBOY — Faith Sachs, of Amboy, has earned her Bachelor of Arts, Special Education degree from Western Governors University (WGU). The online, nonprofit university held its 67th (Austin, Texas), 68th (Washington, D.C.), 69th (Indianapolis, Ind.), and 70th (Orlando, Fla.) commencement ceremonies last fall and earlier this year to celebrate the recent graduation of nearly 22,000 students from across the country.

WGU has recognized 12,920 undergraduate and 8,885 graduate degree recipients, who

have completed their degrees since June 1, 2018. Their areas of study include business, K-12 education, information technology, and health professions, including nursing. The average time to graduation for those earning a bachelor's degree was 2 years, 5 months, while the average time to degree for graduate programs was 1 year, 7 months. The average age for those who graduated is 38 years old.

WGU pioneered competency-based education, which measures learning rather than time spent in class.

OSF Healthcare celebrates Volunteer Week on April 10

MENDOTA — OSF Saint Paul Medical Center honored its volunteers during a breakfast held at the Mendota Civic Center on April 10. The event was part of National Volunteer Week celebration.

In-House, Gift Shop, Meals on Wheels drivers along with Pet Therapy volunteers were recognized.

Kim Kennedy, In-House Volunteer Coordinator; Brenda Grobe, Auxiliary Gift Shop Coordinator, and Molly Pyska, Meals on Wheels Coordinator all spoke and acknowledged the value that each volunteer brings to the hospital and those that are served.

Kim Kennedy, presented a pin and certificate to Judy Alshouse, 25 years, Janet Schmidt, 20 years and Joan Rasgaitis

for five years of service as an In-House weekly volunteer.

Pyska informed the group that over 3,500 meals were provided to Mendota residents by 45 volunteer drivers. Grobe shared her appreciation for her 41 volunteers and to Karen Corrigan, Janet Stiel and Marilyn Sanford for donating additional time in the gift shop this past year.

Corrigan alone spent over 160 volunteer hours in the gift shop by generously picking up extra shifts.

The Auxiliary Gift Shop is open weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and all proceeds benefit the hospital.

Anyone interested in volunteering or receiving meals, please call the hospital at 815-539-7461 and speak to the operator.

Sub-Let Indians 4-H Club to host Easter Egg Hunt April 20

SUBLETTE — The Sub-Let Indians will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 20, at the Sublette Centennial Park. The hunt will start at 10 a.m. Anyone nine and below can participate.

The Easter Bunny will be available for

pictures following the egg hunt.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 16.

Clover Buds will start at 5:30 p.m. and the club meeting will start at 6 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join.

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CGH Auxiliary masquerade jewelry and accessories sale set

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This is the most popular Auxiliary vendor sale for both staff and the community. The

sale will feature a huge variety of jewelry and accessories, including the latest items in fashion.

There is something for all ages and a great idea for gifts. All proceeds to benefit CGH Auxiliary projects.

For more information, please contact the CGH Auxiliary, 815-625-0400, ext. 5727, or visit www.cghmc.com/calendar.

Northwest Illinois National Day of Prayer Services planned in Dixon

FREEPORT — Thursday, May 2 is a special day — a day set aside by Congress known as the National Day of Prayer. Millions of Americans will be gathering at town halls, churches, post office flagpoles, and various venues to pray for their nation and their leaders.

President George Washington was the first to call for a National Day of Prayer, and throughout American history succeeding Presidents have followed a tradition of calling out to God Almighty for His wisdom, guidance, and blessing upon America.

The National Day of Prayer was created

in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, designating the NDP as the first Thursday in May.

This year's National Day of Prayer theme, "Love One Another," is based upon John 3:34 — "Love one another. Just as I have loved you."

National Day of Prayer events are open to the public. Locally, National Day of Prayer services will be held in Dixon at the First Baptist Church at 6 p.m., and at the Turning Point CITI Church at 7 p.m.

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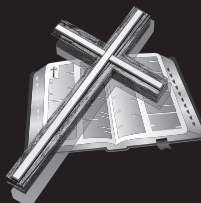
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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

The Long Con

Gillian Flynn said of her dazzling novel, "Gone Girl," that she wanted to write a marital thriller: "I liked the idea of marriage as a really long con. We start any sort of relationship by putting our best self forward. This is kind of what love is. You almost start believing that you are that best self. You feel wonderful in that relationship. But no one can pretend to be someone who is perfect forever. After three to four years you do become different people than the people you tricked into marrying you."

"Gone Girl" opens on Nick and Amy's fifth wedding anniversary. Their days of exquisite happiness in New York City have long since dissipated. Nick has taken Amy back home to North Carthage, Mo., a small town that experienced its own death when the giant shopping mall closed down during the Great Recession. Amy is no longer the cool girl, the New York trust-fund baby who has it all, and Nick, laid off from his job as a journalist, still filters everything through a pop culture lens. When Amy disappears on the day of their anniversary, Nick is stumped: "I felt myself enacting Concerned Husband," he says. "I wasn't sure what to say now. I raked my memory for the lines. What does the husband say at this point in the movie? Depends on whether he's guilty or innocent."

The search for Amy and a mounting suspicion that Nick may have murdered her, takes up the first half of "Gone Girl." It's narrated alternately by Nick and Amy, the ultimate unreliable narrators in a game of "He-said, She-said." Each of them plays both the victim and the aggressor. Flynn said of her two creations that she didn't care to make them redeemable or likable, "but they must be interesting. This is no hero's quest." Nick's narration, directed at us, is in the present tense, and we are solidly on his side until the tabloid media reveal his less becoming side. He has a hot temper and a young, pretty girlfriend on the side; lying is second nature to him. The tide – vigils and wall-to-wall cable coverage – is turning against the bereaved husband.

Amy's narration is from the weirdly giddy diary she kept five years ago. "We're so cute I want to punch us in the face." A stunning reversal in the middle of the novel brings Amy into sharper and more realistic focus. Unlike Nick, she is utterly compelling in her exquisitely executed stratagems. Funny and smart and psychopathic, she is a cynic who knows how to play the long con.

Our book club will be discussing "Gone Girl" at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, April 29, at Pankhurst Library. Everyone is most welcome.



By Emily Goff
Head Librarian

New books and DVD's for the month of April are in. If there is a book or DVD that you would like but

it is already checked out, we will put your name on the wait list and give you a call once it comes in.

New books in the Adult Library are:
"Redemption," by David Baldacci
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"50 Wacky Things Animals Do," by Tracia Wagner
"The Crayon Man," by Natascha Biebow
"A Dog's Porpoise," by M.C. Ross
"Piglet Named Mercy," by Kiate DiCamilli
"Payjama Day!," by Robert Munsch
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SVCC to host 35th annual Child Fair April 27

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College will host the 35th Annual Child Fair "A Day at the Circus" from 9 a.m. - noon, on Saturday, April 27.

The Child Fair features more than 40 exhibit booths including hands-on

activities and games or giveaways for participants.

Children and families can visit the emergency vehicles display, car seat safety checks, and a petting zoo. Each year, The Child Fair attracts more than

1,000 participants.

The Sauk Valley Child Fair is free to the public and all children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Brenda Helms, brenda.helms@svcc.edu, 815-835-6212.

FG Historical society announce activities

FRANKLIN GROVE — The Franklin Grove Area Historical Society met April 9 at the Winifred Knox Library.

It was agreed upon to prioritize improvements to the Chaplin Creek Village.

#1 – spring cleaning of the Chaplin Creek Village campus.

#2 – completion of the chapel.

#3 – tear down the lean-to and move the white garage behind the blacksmith's.

#4 – repair and paint the barn

The group is seeking volunteers to assist with sprucing up the village campus. They will be working there beginning at 9 a.m., on Saturday, April 27.

The estimate given for completing the chapel is approximately \$66,000. That would include foundation, electrical, floor, insulation for walls and ceiling, siding, galvanized roof, HVAC, bell tower and contingency. It is hoped when completed the chapel, and possibly together with the gazebo and large

barn, may serve as a wedding venue for rental. The group received \$300 from a film crew who filmed on March 29 at the village.

It was announced that Rose Shafer and Lynn Asp have donated money towards completing the chapel. Lois Calhoun has donated \$2,000 for upkeep of the salt-box house.

The society is searching for a local AtlAtl group to participate in the Summer Harvest Festival. Vicky Horton is procuring participants for the Harvest Fest. Any crafters/vendors interested should contact her at 815-440-8595.

The Harvest Festival honoree this coming August will be Delbert Shafer.

The music festival that was in the planning stage for this coming September has been canceled.

The Lincoln Highway Association will be hosting a tour commemorating the centennial of the 1919 Army convoy across the Lincoln Highway. The original convoy during the summer of 1919 was a monumental event in the history of the United States. On that convoy was a young army officer named Dwight Eisenhower, who learned many lessons as they crossed the country on

the Lincoln Highway. Beginning at Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Aug. 31, and culminating at Lincoln Park, San Francisco, Calif., on Sept. 16.

Participants will retrace the route taken by the U.S. Army convoy during the summer of 1919, including the feeder route from Washington, D.C. to Gettysburg, and the alternate roads of eastern Ohio. Open to all vehicles, from antique to contemporary. Car clubs and military vehicles are encouraged to participate. For more information see: <https://lincolnhighwaysoc.org/tour/2019>.

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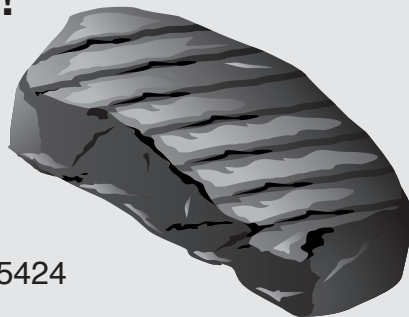
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Opinion

Correcting wrongs with writing checks more likely to divide nation than to heal it

Several Democratic candidates for president have endorsed the idea of the government paying reparations to African Americans as compensation for the enslavement of their ancestors.

How on earth did this once fringe idea move into the political mainstream?

I write about this topic with a bit of trepidation.

Whenever I write about the subject of race, I get angry emails from white folks who lack compassion for what black people have suffered in this country. Often, they make excuses for pretty bad conduct.

That said, the idea of reparations is a non-starter.

First, let me say a national conversation on matters of race and discrimination is long overdue particularly with the reemergence of white supremacist groups.

Discrimination didn't vanish a long time ago with the Civil War or with the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

There are huge inequalities between blacks and whites, which are documented through a variety of economic and other measures. But the idea of writing checks to correct past wrongs is far more likely to divide the nation than to heal it.

Back in 2004, I had a nice lunch with Barack Obama where we discussed a variety of issues about race, religion and slave reparations. As we chowed down on meals from Bentohs, his favorite Springfield restaurant, Malia and Sasha played nearby in the corner of his campaign office.

The then state senator said he opposed having the federal government cut checks to black people for the wrongs committed against their ancestors. Still, Obama said perhaps federal investment in impoverished black communities might be a way helping to right the scales of racial injustice.

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



But now the political discussion has changed. I'd like to say these presidential wannabes are motivated by a desire to right past wrongs. But I'm cynical enough to believe that hard calculus of African American voters and winning Democratic primaries plays a role too.

But haven't slavery reparations already been paid?

After all, more than 350,000 Americans died on battlefields across this nation to preserve the union and end slavery. Their blood was, at least in part, our nation's reparations.

As my friend Steven Greenhut noted recently in Reason Magazine: "Advocates for this proposal are far less persuasive at explaining how reparations would permanently level the playing field than they are at detailing some of the ugliest parts of our nation's history. These folks rarely even tout a specific policy (What type of payment? Who is eligible? How much?)." Former Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, a World War II veteran, wrote that any government "effort to define racial classes" is "repugnant." He compared efforts to define race for affirmative action purposes to the infamous Nuremberg Race Laws of Nazi Germany in which eye color, facial structure and other physical factors were used to determine how "Aryan" a person was.

So how would the U.S. government allocate out reparations? Would bureaucrats tucked away in cubicles weigh how many drops of blood prove a person's compensable lineage? Do recent immigrants from Africa or the Caribbean qualify? Think about the lawsuits over DNA, the bitter feelings and the anger that racists would exploit.

White, Hispanic and Asian people whose families arrived after the slavery and segregation eras will wonder why they must pay for the sins of other people's ancestors.

I think of my own ancestor Seth Laughlin, who opposed slavery but nonetheless he was drafted into the Confederate Army. When he refused to fight, he was hung by his thumbs, horse whipped, and pierced with bayonets.

Does my relationship to such a man make me more or less culpable? I don't know myself. He did serve in the Confederate Army but he refused to fight for slavery. So, who knows...

The fact of the matter is I don't believe in collective guilt. I don't believe all Muslims can be blamed for the 9-11 terrorist attacks, that all gun owners are to blame for violence in our cities or that all Americans are responsible for the injustice of slavery.

This push by the Democratic White House hopefuls points to the further importance of race and identity issues within their party.

While some say reparations are needed to address slavery and racist aspects of American history, I can't help but think the nation would spend billions, even trillions, of dollars without eliminating the underlying problem of racism.

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On This Day in History

100 Years Ago April 18, 1919

The city election last Tuesday resulted as follows: Mayor, F.N. Vaughan; City Clerk, F.A. Flach; City Treasurer, Mrs. Maud P. Whitney; City Attorney, W.L. Leech; Alderman: First Ward, W.J. Kehoe, J.C. MacKinnon, W.L. Berryman. Second Ward, W.J. Edwards, J.E. Curtin, S.D. Thompson. Third Ward, Frank Brady, E.H. Barlow, Henry Ersfeldt.

George Gipson went to Maple Park Saturday to spend Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Paul Thiel.

Quite a number of the country pupils were absent from school Monday because of the rain.

We are showing an attractive assortment of silk waists for Easter. Beautiful models in georgette and crepe de chene. H.W. Gridley & Co.

75 Years Ago April 13, 1944

Charles "Bud" Powell of Rochelle spent Easter Sunday with his father William Powell.

At the Annual Business Meeting of the Amboy Baptist Church the following

officers were elected: Church Clerk, Mrs. Martha Shaw; Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Brown; Missionary Treasurer, Mrs. Marven Hubbell; Church Hostesses, Miss Pearl Dishong, Mrs. Bernard Sullivan; Sunday School Superintendent, Bernard Sullivan; Pianist, Mrs. Carl Rocho; Assistant Pianist, Mrs. A. Baum; Trustees, Virgil Page, Dwight Mynard, John E. Sullivan; Ushers, Bernard Sullivan, Jack Hall, Wilbur Holbrook and John Sullivan.

50 Years Ago April 17, 1969

Second Ward Alderman Stacy Flaherty defeated John A. Liggett, a former first ward alderman, Tuesday in the race for mayor of Amboy.

Don Fritz was named head football coach and Roger Sheridan was assigned the duties of head basketball coach of Amboy High School at the meeting of the District No. 272 Board of Education meeting.

The 13th District Convention of Illinois Federated Woman's Clubs was held April 11 in the First Christian Church at Sterling. Amboy Evening Woman's Club members attending were Club President Mrs. Lane McMillion, club delegates

Mrs. David Shapiro, Mrs. D.A. Selover and Lee County delegate Mrs. Geo. A. Larson. The highlight of the day was the announcement that the pressbook from the Amboy Evening Woman's Club was awarded a first place in the judging and will be sent to the IFWC State Convention for judging on the state level.

25 Years Ago April 21, 1994

A delegation of parents asked Amboy Board of Education to relieve crowding in next fall's first grade class at Monday's meeting. Due to financial constraints, the board is unsure whether a fourth section or teacher's aides can be used next years.

Ruby Ringenberg was named the top volunteer for the year by Amboy Chapter 2326 AARP. "I've been helping people all my life," said the descendant of Josiah Little, founder of the old Josiah Little Bank. She visits each resident at Mapleside Manor and conducts Bingo games each Monday.

Explaining to Amboy Kiwanis Club members how a hobby became her profession, Kathy Bonnell of the Country Dance Club talked about her manager position there after the club's opening in downtown Amboy.

Lawmakers crack open Pandora's box

The cornerstone of J.B. Pritzker's political career has arrived. A graduated income tax is moving.

Pritzker heralded new language for a constitutional amendment April 10. Barring any unlikely changes, this will be what the governor rides until the end of May. It adds 26 words to the Illinois Constitution and eliminates 43.

Those few words mean a lot. Together, they would be the biggest change to Illinois taxation since the state adopted an income tax in 1969. And their inartful phrasing means Illinoisans have good reason to be frightened.

Those concerned about Pritzker's progressive tax have been stating a simple message for months: It is a bridge to higher taxes on the middle class. Pritzker's new wording - two elements in particular - only confirms that fear.

One applies to individuals. The other for businesses.

First, the individuals. The Illinois Constitution currently bars the state from imposing more than one type of tax on income. But Pritzker's amendment scraps that language, allowing Illinoisans to be taxed more than once on the same dollar earned.

If Pritzker's amendment becomes part of the Illinois Constitution, the state could adopt an extra income tax surcharge dedicated entirely to pensions, for example. A quarter of the state budget is currently consumed by pension costs, and a 2018 report published by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago suggested

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a 1 percent statewide property tax to pay for soaring pension liabilities. Pritzker pitched new pension obligation bonds to investors earlier this year.

Specifically, Pritzker's amendment deletes these lines from the Illinois Constitution: "A tax on or measured by income shall be at a non-graduated rate. At any one time there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations."

Pritzker's amendment eliminates that language and adds this: "The General Assembly shall provide by law for the rate or rates of any tax on or measured by income imposed by the state."

Todd Maisch, president and CEO of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, raised concerns about this language in committee testimony. "If somebody decides there's a need for another income tax increase, I think it's going to look a lot like a 'special assessment for public safety.' It's going to be a 'special tax dedicated to education.' It's going to go under that guise," Maisch said.

"It also allows [for] taxation of certain kinds of income a second or third time," he added. Maisch referenced carried interest and agriculture as two examples of income that could be subject to special additional taxation should this protection be eliminated.

Not only does Pritzker's amendment

leave Illinoisans vulnerable to additional income taxes, it also lacks protection for businesses seeking to invest in Illinois talent.

In fact, the amendment would allow lawmakers to impose the nation's highest corporate income tax rate.

The Illinois Constitution currently caps the corporate income tax rate at eight-fifths of the individual income tax rate. Illinois' personal income tax rate is 4.95 percent, and the corporate income tax rate is 7 percent, but lawmakers could legally hike that rate up to 7.92 percent.

The cap remains in place under Pritzker's amendment with one very important change: it would apply to the highest individual income tax rate. Under the governor's fair tax proposal, that rate is 7.95 percent.

So, given Pritzker's top personal income tax rate, lawmakers could pass a corporate income tax rate of up to 12.72 percent. And adding the state's Personal Property Replacement Tax would bring Illinois' effective corporate income tax rate to a whopping 15.22 percent.

The highest marginal corporate income tax rate of any state in the nation is 12 percent in Iowa, according to the Tax Foundation. And that's scheduled to drop to 9.8 percent by 2021.

Ultimately, the state's spending and debt habits mean Pritzker's plan will be a bridge to higher taxes for the middle class. Pritzker and state lawmakers should instead pursue sensible spending reforms that don't require declaring open season on Illinois taxpayers.

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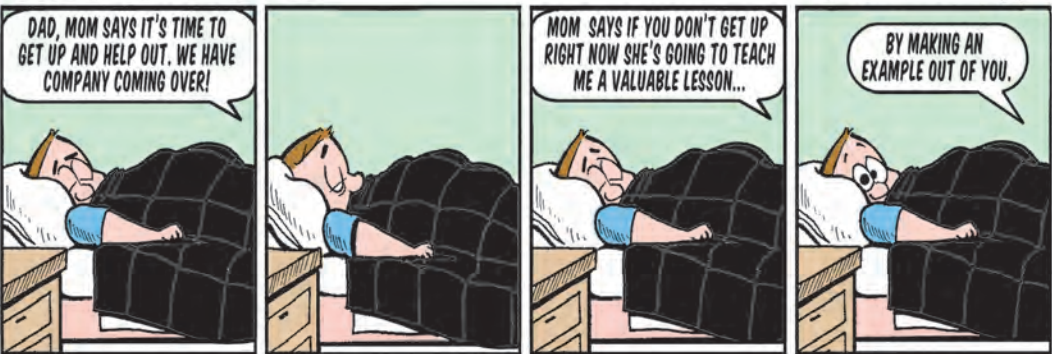
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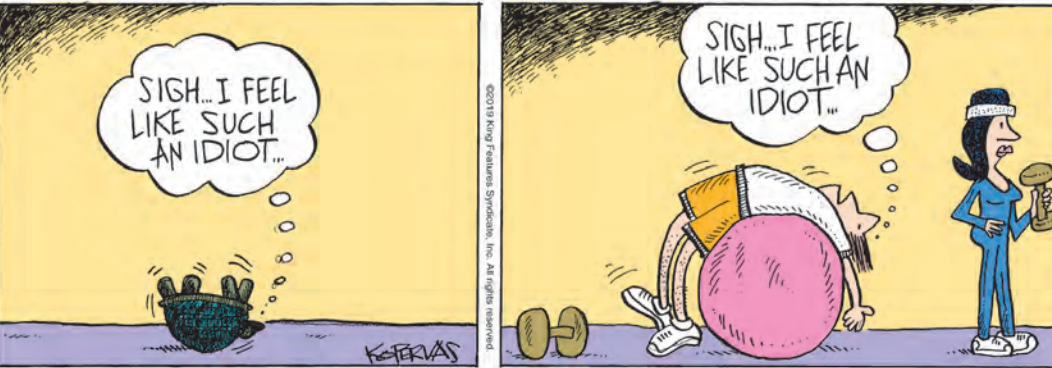
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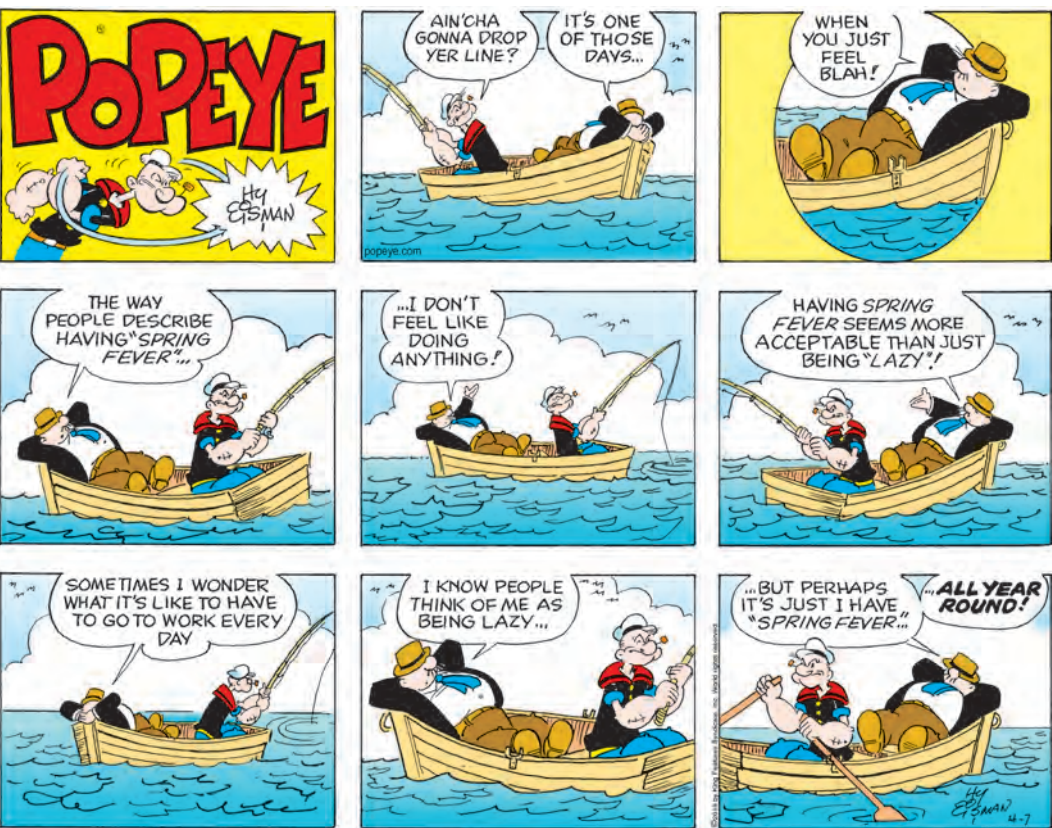
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Volcanoes National Park?

2. HISTORY: When did the Deepwater Horizon oil spill occur in the Gulf of Mexico?

3. MOVIES: Who sang "Beauty and the Beast" in the 1991 movie of the same name?

4. GEOGRAPHY: Which one of Japan's islands is the largest in size?

5. RELIGION: Who was the first Roman emperor to convert to Christianity?

6. LITERATURE: What was the name of the land featured in the seven-novel fantasy series written by C.S. Lewis?

7. MATH: What is the name of an angle that is less than 90 degrees?

8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was Mahatma Gandhi's profession before he became an activist for nonviolent civil disobedience?

9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president popularized the phrase "The Silent Majority"?

10. INVENTIONS: Who is credited with inventing Coca-Cola?

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Girl's bow is bigger, 2. Socks are different, 3. Teacher's dress has buttons, 4. Extra apple is on desk, 5. Blackboard is smaller, 6. Girl's left hand is shown.

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: J equals W

JSQL MJV EOFKGFYNR GOLN

MVHQMSQY JSFKQ JYVIFLH VL

O MORI, UVTKN AVT ROA

MSQA OYQ UVL-EVFLQN?

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SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

3. Dredge; 4. Antic

1. Solve; 2. Chagrin; solution

DIVORCE

Answers

1. Hawaii

2. 2010

3. Angela Lansbury

4. Honshu

5. Constantine

6. Narnia

7. Acute

8. Lawyer

9. Richard Nixon

10. Dr. John Pemberton

Trivia Test Answers

L	I	P	D	I	A	L	S	C	A	B	E
A	D	E	G	E	R	T	A	B	E	R	
C	A	R	P	E	N	T	E	R			
A	M	I	R	E	A	P	E	R			
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M	A	B	C								
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I	L										
O	O	C									
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Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Cryptoquip

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
To Whom It May Concern:

On April 5, 2019, Junction Solar, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, 7650 Edinborough Way, Ste 725 Edina, MN 55435, as lessee of certain real property located in Alto and Reynolds Townships, Lee County, Illinois, and more particularly described in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference (collectively referred to as "the Property"), filed a petition with the Lee County Planning and Zoning Commission requesting it be granted a special use on the Property, which is zoned Ag-1 Rural/Agriculture District, to allow for the construction and operation of a solar energy system ("SES").

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the proposed petition of the SES at 7 p.m. on May 2, 2019, at the Lee County Old Courthouse Building, 112 East Second Street, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

The officers and shareholders/stockholders owning >20% interest of Junction Solar, LLC, are as follows:

Name

Noel P. Rahn, Chairman of the Board, 7650 Edinborough Way, Suite 725, Edina, MN 55435
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Geronimo Energy, LLC, a, Stockholder, 7650 Edinborough Way, Suite 725, Edina, MN 55435
Delaware limited liability company, 7650 Edinborough Way, Suite 725, Edina, MN 55435

Dated this 10th day of April 2019.

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EXHIBIT A

PARCEL #	PIN	LEGAL DESCRIPTION
1	17-05-25-100-007	The East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E ½ NW ¼) of Section 25, Township 39 North, Range 1 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Lee County, Illinois, EXCEPTING the Northerly 352.37 feet of the Westerly 370.90 feet thereof; ALSO EXCEPTING therefrom, described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the East Half of said Northwest Quarter; thence Easterly along the North line of said Northwest Quarter, 370.90 feet to the Point of Beginning of the hereinafter described tract of land; thence continuing Easterly, along said North line, 247.24 feet; thence Southerly, parallel with the West line of said East Half, 352.37 feet; thence Westerly parallel with said North line, 247.24 feet to a point 370.90 feet East of said West line of the East Half; thence Northerly, parallel with said West line, 352.37 feet to the Point of Beginning, all situated in the County of Lee and State of Illinois.
2	17-05-25-200-002	The Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 25, Township 39 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, situated in the Township of Reynolds, County of Lee, and State of Illinois, except the East 60 acres.
3	17-05-25-200-003	The East 60 Acres of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 25, Township 39 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, situated in the Township of Reynolds, County of Lee, and State of Illinois.
4	17-05-25-400-002	The North 46.67 acres of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section 25, Township 39 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, situated in the Township of Reynolds, County of Lee, and State of Illinois.
5	17-05-25-400-003	The Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section 25, Township 39 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, situated in the Township of Reynolds, County of Lee, and State of Illinois, except the North 46.67 acres.
6	17-05-36-100-001	The Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 36, Township 39 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in the County of Lee and State of Illinois, LESS AND EXCEPT the following described tract of land: Beginning at the northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 36, Township 39 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in the County of Lee and State of Illinois; thence running South along the West property line for a distance of approximately 533 feet; thence running East parallel to the North property line for a distance of approximately 603 feet; thence running North parallel to the West property line for a distance of approximately 531 feet; thence running West along the North property line for a distance of approximately 582 feet back to the point of beginning.
7	17-05-36-300-004	The West Half of the Southwest Quarter (W ½ SW ¼) of Section 36, Township 39 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in the County of Lee and State of Illinois.
8	17-05-36-200-001	The Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 36, Township 39 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian, situated in Lee County, State of Illinois, LESS AND EXCEPT the following described tract of land: Commencing at the southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of Section 36, Township 39 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal

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		Meridian, situated in Lee County, State of Illinois; thence running North along the East property line for a distance of approximately 295 feet to the point of beginning of the hereinafter described tract of land; thence running West parallel to the South property line a distance of approximately 667 feet; thence running North parallel to the East property line for a distance of approximately 406 feet; thence running East parallel to the South property line for a distance of approximately 664 feet; thence running South along the East property line for a distance of approximately 406 feet back to the point of beginning.
9	17-05-31-100-001	The Northwest Fractional Quarter (NW¼) of Section Thirty-One (31), Township Thirty-Nine (39) North, Range Two (2), East of the Third Principal Meridian, all in Alto Township, Lee County, Illinois.
10	17-06-31-300-008	Part of the Fractional Southwest Quarter (SW¼) in Section 31, Township 39 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest Corner of the Fractional Southwest Quarter of said Section 31; thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes 45 seconds East along the South Line of said Fractional Southwest Quarter, a distance of 985.89 feet; thence North 0 degrees 46 minutes 27 seconds East parallel with the West line of the Fractional South-half of said Section 31, a distance of 2651.31 feet to the North line of said Fractional South-half; thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 04 seconds West along said North line, a distance of 985.87 feet to the Northwest Corner of said Fractional South-half; thence South 0 degrees 46 minutes 27 seconds West along the West line of said Fractional South-half, a distance of 2652.52 feet to the point of beginning, all situated in the Township of Alto, the County of Lee and the State of Illinois.
11	17-05-31-300-010	Part of the Fractional Southwest Quarter (SW¼) in Section 31, Township 39 North, Range 2 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Fractional Southwest Quarter of said Section 31; thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes 45 seconds East along the South Line of said Fractional Southwest Quarter, a distance of 985.89 feet to the point of beginning of the hereinafter described tract of land; thence continuing North 89 degrees 32 minutes 45 seconds East along said South Line, a distance of 150.13 feet; thence North 0 degrees 17 minutes 57 seconds East, a distance of 693.90 feet; thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes 45 seconds East, parallel with the South Line of said Fractional Southwest Quarter, a distance of 256.92 feet; thence North 0 degrees 17 minutes 57 seconds East, parallel with the East Line of the Fractional Southwest Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 39 minutes 04 seconds West along said North Line, a distance of 385.06 feet; thence South 0 degrees 46 minutes 27 seconds West, parallel with the West Line of said Fractional Southwest Quarter, a distance of 2650.71 feet to the point of beginning, all situated in the Township of Alto, the County of Lee and the State of Illinois.

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September 11, 2019 7:30 PM

October 9, 2019 7:30 PM

November 13, 2019 6:30 PM

December 11, 2019 6:30 PM

January 8, 2020 6:30 PM

February 12, 2020 6:30 PM

March 11, 2020 6:30 PM

April 8, 2020, 7:00 PM

Lisa Bickett, Township Clerk

No. 0404

(April 17, 2019)

mitted by 6 p.m., on Monday, May 13. Bids may be mailed to the Village of Sublette, PO Box 86, Sublette, IL. 61367. Sealed bids will be opened during the Monday, May 13 Sublette Village Board meeting. If anyone has any questions about either item, please contact Sublette

Village Board President Michael Vaessen at 815-994-7543. The Village of Sublette reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. No. 0403 (April 17, 2019)

Viola Township Annual Treasurer's Report

Beg. Balance as 04/01/18
Revenues
Expenditures
Ending Balance as 03/31/19

	Town Fund	General Assistance	Road & Bridge	Permanent Road	Equip. & Building	Special Bridge	Total all Funds
Beg. Balance as 04/01/18	64,513	32,718	93,988	39,846	10,411	44,645	286,122
Revenues	47,719	98	35,823	24,168	6,028	8,119	121,954
Expenditures	(38,595)	(1,000)	(24,580)	(832)	(8,000)	0	(73,007)
Ending Balance as 03/31/19	73,637	31,816	105,231	63,182	8,439	52,764	335,069

Revenues:

Property Tax
Personal Property Replacement Tax
Interest Income
Misc. Income
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Total Revenues

112,989
7,115
745
0
1,105
121,954

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Brooklyn Township
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SPORTS

Clippers go extra innings to take down Forreston 8-3

AMBOY — The Amboy Clippers needed extra innings to take down Forreston, 8-3, in a varsity conference baseball game on April 8 at Forreston.

The two teams were tied at 3-3 after seven innings. After a scoreless eighth, the Clippers erupted for five runs in the top of the ninth to claim the victory.

Amboy totaled 15 hits in the contest, with Logan Whelchel (two singles, double) and Preston Henkel (two singles, double) collecting three hits apiece. Rapping out a pair of safeties were Hunter Zimmerly (single, double), Clayton Kemp (two singles), Maverick Lindenmeyer (two singles) and Mitchell McLaughlin (two singles).

Zimmerly started on the mound for Amboy and surrendered three runs over seven innings. He struck out 11. McLaughlin pitched two innings in relief to get the win. He wiggled out of a bases loaded jam in the eight by striking out the final two batters, and then fanned the side in the ninth.

Amboy went extra innings again and the Clippers prevailed, 5-4, in eight frames over Orangeville in conference action on April 9 at city park.

Orangeville carried a 4-0 lead to the bottom of the seventh when the Clippers struck for four runs to tie the game. Kemp and McLaughlin both doubled in the frame,

Zimmerly, Lindenmeyer and Lane Boehle each had a single, and Hayden Montavon delivered a game-tying sacrifice fly.

Then in the eighth, Kemp led off with a double and scored the game-winner on a double by Zimmerly.

Amboy's 11-hit attack was led by Kemp (three doubles), Zimmerly (two singles, double), Lindenmeyer (two singles) and Boehle (two singles).

Whelchel was the starting pitcher, going 2 2/3 innings before being relieved by Montavon, who went the rest of the way to get the win. Montavon struck out five, with no walks and no runs allowed.

Serena rallied in the late innings to nip the Clippers, 6-5, on April 12 at Serena.

Amboy got a solo homer from McLaughlin in the first inning, scored two runs in the second and added two more in the third on a two-run homer off the bat of Lindenmeyer to take a 5-4 lead.

But Serena got single runs in the fifth and sixth innings to pull out the victory.

In addition to his homer, McLaughlin also singled in Amboy's seven-hit attack.

McLaughlin was the losing pitcher in relief, while Lindenmeyer started and gave up four runs on five hits over two innings. Kemp threw three innings and permitted just one run.

Lady Clippers suffer first conference loss against Orangeville on April 9

AMBOY — The Amboy Lady Clippers suffered their first conference loss of the season, a 3-1 setback to Orangeville on April 9 at the AHS field.

Amboy scored the game's only run in the bottom of the fourth and carried that lead to the sixth when Orangeville struck for two runs to forge in front. The Broncos added another

tally in the top of the seventh.

Dani Hochstatter doubled for the Lady Clippers, while Gabby Jones and Mallory Powers both singled.

Bailee Highbarger took the loss in the circle for AHS.

The Clippers blasted Serena, 14-1, in

nonconference action on April 12 at Serena. The game was called after five innings by the 10-run rule.

Amboy jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first and then erupted for seven second-inning runs to take command.

Alison O'Rourke swung a hot bat for the Lady Clippers with two triples and two runs

batted in. Summer Bulfer delivered a pair of singles, while Abbie Ely had a double.

Highbarger was the winning pitcher, allowing three hits and striking out nine.

AHS is 8-2 overall and 4-1 in the conference.

Karl's Krusaders to present Harlem Wizards at Mendota HS

MENDOTA — Karl's Krusaders is proud to present the Harlem Wizards on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Mendota High School.

The world-famous Harlem Wizards is a basketball team that provides a world-class, laugh-a-minute, high-flying, and interactive family-oriented show on the basketball court.

The Wizards' opponents for the game will be local teachers and recognizable people from the community.

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to complement the Wizards' dazzling demonstration of hoops artistry: Pregame "Wiz Kids" warm-up, contests, comedy, awesome slam dunks, audience participation, merchandise giveaways, and more. The game will conclude with the Wizards' signature dance extravaganza that will have the crowd on their feet.

On game day, the Harlem Wizards will have school assemblies at Blackstone, Lincoln, and Northbrook schools. These motivational assemblies will focus on the

message of teamwork, perseverance, sportsmanship, health and fitness for all of our area youth.

Tickets are on sale now at www.harlemwizards.com and at Sports-N-Stuff in Mendota.

Karl's Krusaders is a foundation created in memory of Karl Soliman of Mendota, 12, who died suddenly playing basketball in December 2018. Its mission is to promote active lifestyles, encourage healthy well-being, and educate to prevent sudden cardiac death.

Email news items to tgreenfield@amboynews.com

Kids fishing expo set for May 11

PERU — The 21st annual Kids' Free Fishing Expo will be held on Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Baker Lake in Peru.

Some of the features at the event will be "how-to" clinics for boys and girls ages 6 and up starting every 15 minutes, free fishing games with prizes, casting games, live fish displays, free literature, door prizes, tips from

local fishermen and more.

A limited number of fishing poles will be available for loan and bait will be provided. Free food and drinks will also be available.

For more information, contact Mark Dudek at (815) 220-3901, Tom Wall at (815) 223-3671 or go to the web at www.better-fishing-assoc.org.

Sweet Corn Festival Golf Outing set for June 1 in Mendota

MENDOTA — The 2019 Mendota Sweet Corn Festival Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, June 1. The shotgun start will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Mendota Golf Club.

The cost is \$65 per person or \$260 for a foursome.

The entry fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, tee gifts, entry into contests, one

raffle ticket, cook-your-own steak dinner and prizes for winners.

The outing is sponsored by the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information or an entry form, call the Chamber office at (815) 539-6507. Entry forms are also available at the Mendota Golf Club. The registration deadline is Friday, May 17.

King Kat Tournament Trail travels to Dixon and Rock River

DIXON — Catfish anglers from several states will travel to the Rock River at Dixon, for a King Kat Tournament Trail event presented by Bass Pro Shops Cabela's. Local and traveling anglers will be vying for cash, prizes, and an opportunity to compete at the 2019 King Kat Classic which will feature a guaranteed payout of \$120,000 in cash and prizes. Anglers fishing the June 1, event will be testing their catfishing skills against other anglers and whatever Mother Nature has in store.

How to Enter

Teams may consist of one or two anglers, with a third allowed if the angler is under the age of 16 or over 65 years of age. Early registration can be accomplished on the King Kat website at https://www.kingkatusa.com/Tournament_Registration.cfm. Teams may also enter by calling 502-384-5924 or by entering at the mandatory pre-tournament seminar on the night before the tournament begins. Late entries are subject to a \$25 late fee.

Participating anglers must be a member of the King Kat Association (KKA). Membership is \$30 for adults and \$15 for spouse and youth memberships. Other membership levels are outlined on the King Kat website. Each membership will include a subscription to the official publication of the King Kat Association, one of the top catfishing fishing

publications in the nation.

Registration and Seminar

A pre-tournament seminar will be held the day before the tournament at Ace Hardware and Outdoor Center, 900 N. Galena Ave., Dixon.

Sign up will begin at 5 p.m. The Seminar and National Sponsor Field Test Product Drawing starts at 7 p.m. local time. This seminar is open to the public. Those individuals not fishing the event are encouraged to attend and meet top catfish anglers from several different states.

Free Kids Fishing Rodeo

A free Catfish Kids Fishing Rodeo will be held in conjunction with the tournament. Sign up is Saturday morning at Page Park, 614 Palmyra Street, Dixon.

The event is free of charge and open to all youth 12 years old and younger. All participating children must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up is from 8 - 9 a.m. with fishing from 9 - 11 a.m. The Fishing Rodeo is a chance for children of the area to get out and enjoy nature, do a little fishing and win some prizes. All participants are eligible for a chance to win one of six \$1,000 scholarships presented by Outdoor Promotions.

For more information on the championship and other King Kat activities visit their website at www.kingkatusa.com.

Amboy Community Unit School District #272	
Thurs., April 18	AJHS Spring Concert - AHS Auditorium - 7:00 p.m. AHS Girls & Boys Track (H) HinckleyBR/AFC/Putnam/Polo/Forreston 4:00 p.m. AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball (H) Durand-Pec - 4:30 p.m. AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball @ Durand - 4:30 p.m.
Fri., April 19	NO SCHOOL AHS Girls & Boys Track @ Rock Falls - 4:00 p.m.
Sat., April 20	AHS Fresh/Soph Softball @ Byron - TBA
Mon., April 22	AHS Girls & Boys Track @ Bureau Valley - 4:30 p.m. AHS Varsity Baseball (H) Forreston - 4:30 p.m. AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball @ Forreston - 4:30 p.m. AHS Varsity & Fresh/Soph Softball (H) 4:30 p.m.
Tues., April 23	AJHS Track @ Mendota (Old Track) - 4:15 p.m. AHS Fresh/Soph Softball (H) Dakota - 4:30 p.m. AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball @ Dakota - 4:30 p.m.
Wed., April 24	Kindergarten Preregistraion - Central School - 6:00-7:30 p.m. AJHS Scholastic Bowl Regionals @ TBA
Thurs., April 25	AHS Fresh/Soph Softball @ Dakota - 4:30 p.m. AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball (H) Dakota - 4:30 p.m. AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball (H) Dakota - 6:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting - AJHS - 7:00 p.m.


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Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Loaded tots w/grilled chicken strips OR buffalo chicken bites, cheese, fresh cut veggies/ranch, peaches, cake
Wednesday	- Breakfast pizza or pick two from breakfast cart - Roast pork, mashed potatoes/gravy, peanut butter sandwich, fresh cut veggies, corn, raisins, baked apples
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Chicken & bacon flatbread, cheese, chips, green beans, fresh cut veggies, pineapple, hot rice & cinnamon sugar
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Breakfast for lunch-Sausage patty, biscuit, scrambled egg, cheese, juice box, granola bar, dried fruit trail mix

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April 22 - 26

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Warm breakfast choice on Wednesdays.

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SPORTS

Lady Clippers finish fourth at Bureau Valley Invitational

AMBOY — The Amboy-LaMoille girls' track team kept up a busy pace by competing in the Bureau Valley Invitational on April 8 at Manlius.

The Lady Clippers finished fourth in the team standings with 65 points. Bureau Valley (160), Fulton (108) and Princeville (72) occupied the top three spots. Five teams finished behind A-L.

Amboy-LaMoille captured three first-place finishes. Margaret Vaessen was the lone individual winner with a time of 6:06.07 in the 1600-meter run.

Two Lady Clipper relays teams broke the tape. The 4x400 of Sidney Corcoran, Brooklyn Whelchel, Emma Lundquist and Ashley Althaus was clocked in 4:20.10, while the 4x800 tandem had a winning time of 10:55.34. Competitors were Kaitlin Ortgiesen, Kelynn Boyle, Lauren Althaus and Vaessen.

April 8 — Bureau Valley Invite
Bureau Valley 160, Fulton 108, Princeville 72, Amboy-LaMoille 65, St. Bede 46, Annawan-Wethersfield 43, Putnam County

41, Cambridge 39, Kewanee 31

A-L 1st place: Margaret Vaessen, 1600m run, 6:06.07; 4x400m relay (Sidney Corcoran, Brooklyn Whelchel, Emma Lundquist, Ashley Althaus), 4:20.10; 4x800m relay (Kaitlin Ortgiesen, Kelynn Boyle, Lauren Althaus, Vaessen), 10:55.34

A-L 2nd place: Vaessen, 800m run, 2:35.98; 4x200m relay (Corcoran, A. Althaus, Lundquist, Whelchel), 1:51.86

A-L 3rd place: Lundquist, 300m hurdles, 51.48

A-L 4th place: 4x100m relay (Corcoran, A. Althaus, Whelchel, Lundquist), 52.38; Kylee Brown, long jump, 15-7

A-L 6th place: Brown, 200m dash, 29.7; L. Althaus, 800m run, 2:46.30

A-L 7th place: Boyle, 1600m run, 6:38.82

A-L 8th place: Brown, high jump, 4-8

The Lady Clippers seized second place in the team standings of the Rollie Morris Invitational on April 13 at Spring Valley. Bureau Valley cruised to the team title with

142 points, while Amboy-LaMoille scored 75 points in the 12-team field.

A-L recorded four first-place finishes, including winning three of the four relay events. Ashley Althaus had the lone individual first for the Lady Clippers in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:03.75.

Winning relay teams were the 4x100 (Corcoran, A. Althaus, Whelchel, Lundquist) in 52.88, the 4x400 (Corcoran, Whelchel, Lundquist, A. Althaus) in 4:22.31 and the 4x800 (Ortgiesen, Boyle, Madalyn Shuck, L. Althaus) in 11:15.48.

April 13 — Rollie Morris Invitational

Bureau Valley 142, Amboy-LaMoille 75, Putnam County 64, Hall 56, Streator 56,

Newark 50, Mendota 40, Fieldcrest 26, St. Bede 20, Princeton 19, Somonauk 5, Stillman Valley 1

A-L 1st place: 4x800m relay (Ortgiesen, Boyle, Shuck, L. Althaus), 11:15.48; 4x100m relay (Corcoran, A. Althaus, Whelchel, Lundquist), 52.88; 4x400m relay (Corcoran, Whelchel, Lundquist, A. Althaus), 4:22.31; A. Althaus, 400m dash, 1:03.75

A-L 2nd place: 4x200m relay (Corcoran, A. Althaus, Lundquist, Whelchel), 1:51.12

A-L 3rd place: Boyle, 3200m run, 13:48.02; Corcoran, 100m dash, 13.43; Brown, long jump, 15-10.5

A-L 4th place: L. Althaus, 800m run, 2:47.56; Lundquist, 300m hurdles, 50.92

A-L 6th place: Shuck, 1600m run, 6:36.31



A m b o y - L a M o i l l e 400-meter runner Ashley Althaus is out in front on her way to a first-place finish in the race during the Rollie Morris Invitational on April 13 in Spring Valley.

Photo courtesy of Bureau County Republican



Amboy-LaMoille's Brooklyn Whelchel and Bureau Valley's Kamryn Kolb sprint down the home stretch during the 4x200-meter relay at the Rollie Morris Invitational in Spring Valley on April 13. Bureau Valley edged out the Lady Clippers for the win.

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The Catholic Parishes of St. Patrick, Amboy, St. Flannen, Harmon and St. Mary, Walton invite you to celebrate Holy Week and Easter with us.

Holy Thursday, April 18th

† St. Patrick, Amboy –
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.
† St. Patrick, Amboy Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00-10:00pm (Without Exposition)

Good Friday, April 19th

† St. Patrick, Amboy –
Veneration of the Cross, 12 noon
† St. Patrick, Amboy –
Confessions 1:00-2:00 p.m.
† St. Patrick, Amboy –
Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.m.

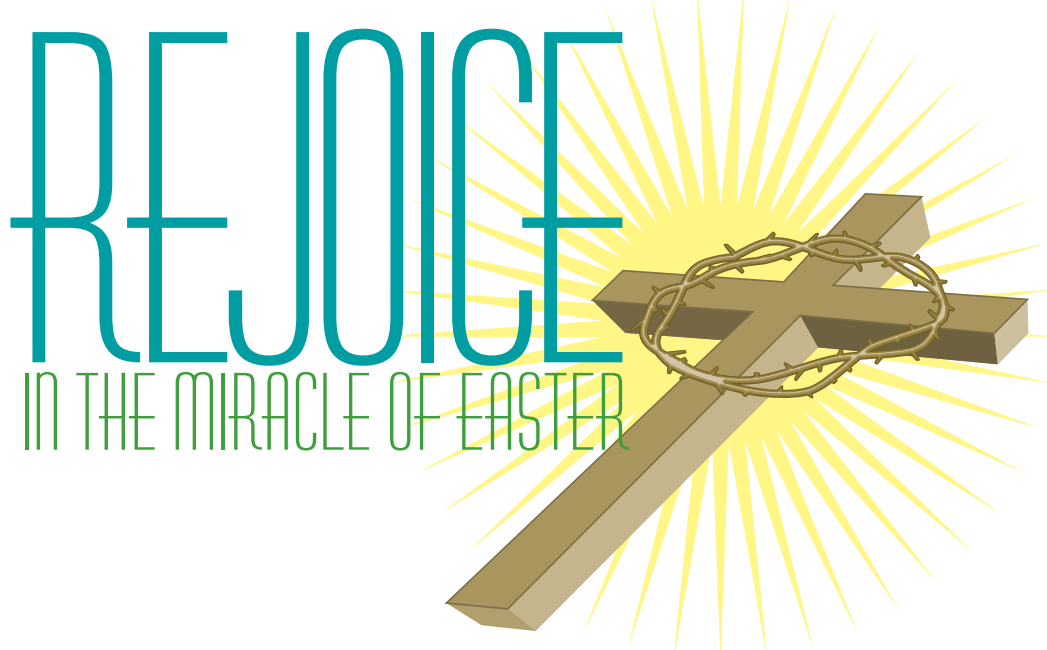
Holy Saturday, April 20th

† St. Patrick, Amboy –
Confessions 10:30-11:30 a.m.
† St. Patrick, Amboy –
Easter Vigil Mass, 7:45 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 21st

† St. Flannen, Harmon –
Easter Mass, 7:30 a.m.
† St. Mary, Walton –
Easter Mass, 9:00 a.m.
† St. Patrick, Amboy –
Easter Mass, 10:30 a.m.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

Ways to boost your home's curb appeal

(StatePoint) When it comes to your home, you only get one chance to make a great first impression – and that takes place before anyone ever steps inside, making curb appeal upgrades an effective way to beautify your home while boosting its value.

Here are some great ways to enhance curb appeal that will give you a great return on investment, according to Remodeling Magazine's 2019 Cost Vs. Value Report.

Garage Door Replacement

Whether you want your garage door to take center stage or provide a demure complement to your home's overall exterior, the right selection will make a great visual impression. Luckily there are a growing number of ways to personalize a garage door. New color options, which include two-tone combinations, are growing in popularity, and an expanding array of panel designs can help you work in harmony with your home's architectural style.

But know that this is not just any cosmetic upgrade. A new garage door has the potential to improve your family's safety and comfort, providing safety features not found in older models, while reducing heat and cold transfer for lower energy bills.

Manufactured Stone Veneer

A manufactured stone veneer project can enhance the aesthetic appeal of any space, indoors or out, and can be customized to suit your needs and style. When applied to a home exterior, this project has an impressively high return on investment at 95 percent, according to the 2019 Cost vs. Value Report.

Maximize this upgrade by opting for high-quality materials that look like authentic stone, even upon careful inspection. For example, the choices available from ProVia are molded and colored to produce a realistic, dramatic effect, mimicking stones from unique geographic regions in a range of cuts. Their online resources, which can be found at provia.com, include design ideas and tools for selecting harmonious color groupings, helping you make the best choices for your home.



Siding Replacement

Of all the home updates that will boost your curb appeal, new siding has the third highest return on investment, according to the report. When making this upgrade, consider materials wisely. Thanks to its overall low cost, ease of installation, minimal maintenance required and long-term durability, vinyl

is the most popular home siding material. Whether you opt for insulated, traditional or decorative siding, this can be a great way to give your home a high-impact facelift that's well worth the cost.

To add beauty and value to your home, start with curb appeal, selecting projects that offer a great return on investment.

When remodeling, rethink your kitchen layout

Kitchens are the most popular rooms in many homes. Even though The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics states the average person spends just 68 minutes each weekday consuming food, and around 37 minutes preparing meals, the kitchen is not just a spot for food. It also is a gathering place for conversation, homework and family time.

In recognition that so much time is spent in this heart of the home, many people are embracing some of the more popular trends concerning kitchen layouts to maximize the comfort and efficiency of these rooms.

Communal zones

Unlike the days of yore when the kitchen was utilitarian, today's home floor plans make kitchens a focal point of a home.

Food preparation also is no longer a solitary task. Thanks to larger kitchen footprints and multiple zones set up for meal creation, a greater number of people can hang out in the kitchen and help with meals. You'll find multiple sinks, large islands and more counter space are key components of modern kitchen layouts.

Dining nooks

Kitchen designs are bringing back banquette seating in a cozy nook. This design is a practical use of space, and can fit in large and small kitchens alike. It also can give a kitchen a high-end look, as built-in banquettes can highlight a bay window or seem custom-made for the space. Banquette seating can fit a number of people comfortably

and provides a sensible and casual dining spot solution.

Family table

The trend experts at Southern Living magazine indicate that formal dining and living rooms are now used infrequently. As a result, kitchens have evolved to accommodate meal prep and dining. A large family table in the center of the room brings people into the kitchen to get more involved with food, according to San Francisco designer David Kensington.

Counter culture

Taking a page out of a favorite corner diner or bar, kitchens are increasingly outfitted with a large island flanked by chic counter stools, according to the design pros at Dom-

ino. Family members can pull up a stool and grab a quick snack. It's also a great place for friends to engage in conversation while a host or hostess prepares cocktails and appetizers for an evening soirée.

Work zone

Many families like to have an area of the kitchen set up as a tech zone where kids can do their homework and even parents can do some work, such as paying bills. Setting aside an area of counter space as a small desk area can be a great idea. Such areas also help parents keep a watchful eye on children while they're surfing the internet.

Kitchens are the hub of the household, and modern design trends cater to a growing need for a multipurpose space.



Getting ready: Early spring landscaping tips

During the cold months of winter, many people stare longingly out of the window dreaming of spring and time spent outdoors.

Draw inspiration from those budding crocuses and daffodils pushing through the last remnants of snow and employ these tips to prepare for the upcoming gardening season.

- One of the first steps is to apply a preemergent weed killer to get a head start knocking out weeds that can plague the lawn during the growing season. Killing weeds at the roots early on can mean far fewer hassles in

spring and summer, and may prevent new generations of weeds from cropping up each year.

- While it may be tempting to take a prematurely warm day as a sign that spring is in full force and purchase a bunch of annuals, it's better to know the last of the possible frost dates (check "The Farmer's Almanac"); otherwise, you may waste time and money planting flowers or vegetables only to have them zapped by another frosty day.

- Amend the soil so that it is the right consistency — just crumbling when lifting

it. Soil that is too muddy after spring thaw can harden, making it difficult for plants to flourish later on.

- Lawn and garden experts at The Home Depot suggest filling in bare patches of lawn now by mixing a few shovelfuls of soil with grass seed.

Then apply this patch to the bare areas, water, and continue to care for the area until the spot fills in.

- Spend a day in the garage or shed tending to the lawn mower and other gardening equipment. Clean all tools and ensure that everything works, repairing

parts as needed.

- Give outdoor entertaining spaces a good scrubbing, clearing away dirt and grime that may have accumulated over the winter.

- Check if the front porch, railings or decking need painting and/or staining. Tackle these projects when the weather is cooler so everything will be ready for those peak spring days.

- Think about any annuals you might want to plant in the landscape this year that will complement any existing shrubbery or perennials. Come up with a theme so that the entire yard is cohesive.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

Get more bang for your buck with these spring home improvements

(StatePoint) The warmer weather means it's time to start thinking about home improvement projects. Whether you're getting your home in tip-top shape for your own enjoyment, or getting it ready to put on the market, not all home improvement projects are created equal when it comes to return on investment (ROI). Here are top areas on which to focus:

Interiors

The kitchen is the heart of the home and it's one of the best areas to renovate in terms of ROI, according to Remodeling magazine's annual Cost vs. Value Report, which puts the price tag of the average minor kitchen remodel at \$22,507, with 80.5 percent of the cost recouped upon resale.

To give the kitchen an updated appearance, replace the flooring, countertops, sink and faucet. A fresh coat of paint in a trendy shade, such as Living Coral, Pantone's Color of the Year, can add a vibrant pop of color to energize any kitchen. Not looking to go that bold? Consider an accent wall, or stick to a classic palate of gray and white in terms of cabinets and countertops. White on white is also a popular new style for kitchens and bathrooms.

Other features home buyers are paying close attention to are laundry rooms and such energy-saving elements as Energy Star appliances and windows, according to the survey "What Home Buyers Want in 2019" by the National Association of Home Builders.

Curb Appeal

The popularity of outdoor projects remains strong and it's for a good reason. According to the Cost vs. Value Report, the biggest bang for your buck in 2019 will come from replacing a garage door. The report says the average price is \$3,611, and 97.5 percent of it is recouped when the house is sold.

Other outdoor projects with high ROI include adding manufactured stone veneer to the exterior (94.9 percent), adding a wood deck (75.6 percent) and replacing siding (75.6 percent). Looking for a simpler way to make an impact? Sprucing up the landscape by planting flowers or bushes or even just clearing the yard of debris will make a big statement.



No matter what updates you end up making, it's always a good idea to notify your insurance agent. Certain upgrades may change the value of a house, so homeowners need to make sure they're properly covered. There are a few things to look for. Ask your agent about guaranteed replacement cost policies that can cover the cost to rebuild a home in today's dollars following a covered loss.

Some upgrades may also make you eligible for discounts, especially if they make the home more secure. For example, some companies offer certain safety discounts such as for installing smoke alarms or an automatic sprinkler system.

Now you have a checklist of DIY projects to focus on this spring. But before you start, take a moment to assess which ones are worth your time and money.

Emerging deck trends for spring home improvements

Custom-built decks can expand usable outdoor entertaining spaces. Decks can surround pools and create outdoor patio areas that make it easy to establish multitiered living spaces, improving the functionality of outdoor areas.

Certain deck trends have emerged as industry experts' top picks for the upcoming remodeling and renovation season. For those thinking of revamping an existing deck, or building an entirely new one, these trends are on point.

- Established perimeters: "Picture framing" is not a new trend, but one that has taken greater hold in recent years. The term refers to aesthetically appealing designs that conceal the ends of deck boards for a clean finish. Some designs feature contrasting material colors on the ends for even more impact. This helps create refined perimeters for a polished look.

- Roof-top decking: Urban areas also can benefit from decking to create usable outdoor spaces. In fact, many new condominium and townhouse communities are incorporating roof-top decks into their designs, particularly in communities with water views or other impressive vistas. HGTV experts suggest roof-top decks feature light-colored materials and fixtures to help keep the area cool even in direct sunlight.

- Distressed hardwood: Builder and Developer, a management resource for professional homebuilders, says that the trend for using

distressed hardwoods at home has migrated outside. Some decking manufacturers have recently introduced low-maintenance composite deck boards that mimic the look and feel of distressed, rustic hardwood flooring. This weathered appearance gives the look of age without the upkeep of real aged wood.

- Wooden walkways: Decking can be the more traditional design people envision with a patio table or outdoor furniture. But it also can consist of wooden walkways or a low-laying patio to accentuate the yard.

- Mixed materials: Homeowners may be inspired by commercial eateries, breweries and urban markets in their exterior design choices. Decks featuring composite materials and aluminum railings blend sophistication, urban appeal and comfort.

- Personal touches: Homeowners can customize their decks with personal touches. It's not unheard of to wrap columns in stone or glass tiles for more impact. And a vast array of decking colors now enables fun interpretations for outdoor areas.

- Fire pit conversation area: Many decks can incorporate water or fire elements for visual appeal. Gas-fueled fire elements can expand the functionality of decks beyond the warm seasons, or make enjoying them practical on nights when the temperature plummets.

Decks are reimagined in many different ways with continually evolving trends.



Did you know? Keeping lawns looking lush and green

One of the ways homeowners can keep their lawns looking lush and green is to aerate the turf when the need arises.

Aerators perforate the soil with small holes. These holes allow air, nutrients and water to penetrate all the way to the roots, helping them grow deep and strong. Deep, strong roots are essential to healthy, lush lawns.

While aeration can help many lawns, not every lawn will necessarily need to be aerated. Lawns that get heavy use, such as those that are often played on by children or pets, will likely benefit from periodic aeration. Feeling the lawn also can help homeowners determine if it needs to be aerated.

Lawns that dry out quickly or feel spongy may be overcome with thatch, which can prevent lawns from getting the air, water and nutrients they need to thrive. Lawncare professionals recommend aerating lawns that contain thatch that is more than one-half inch. Thatch also can foster grub infestations, providing another benefit to removing it and aerating a lawn. When to aerate depends on the type of grass.

Homeowners should consult with a lawncare professional about the best time to aerate their particular lawns, but it's generally recommended that cool-season grasses be aerated in early spring or fall, while it's best to aerate warm season grasses in late spring.

Ways to make bathrooms a safer place

Although anywhere in a home can be the scene of an accident, bathrooms tend to be the most dangerous room in the house. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says falls, which can result in serious injuries like hip fractures and head trauma, are the cause of 80 percent of all bathroom accidents.

Many bathroom accidents are preventable with some easy modifications.

1. Reduce slippery surfaces. Wet tile is a recipe for slick conditions. Bath rugs with rubber backing can provide traction in the bathroom, as can nonslip mats placed on the floor of the bathtub or shower enclosure. Water-resistant flooring made from recycled rubber is another option.

2. Install lever-style fixtures. Round knobs in the bathroom can be difficult to grasp, especially for the elderly or those with arthritis. Lever-style fixtures are easier to maneuver and

can help alleviate scalding from not being able to adequately adjust the water temperature.

3. Utilize transfer benches and shower seats. A transfer bench can help reduce injuries that occur when trying to climb over a tub wall. Benches are placed outside of the tub and a person sits and then swings his legs over the ledge. Transfer benches also can be used in conjunction with shower seats.

4. Install grab bars. Properly installed grab bars around the shower and toilet area can provide leverage and stability. AARP says many injuries to seniors occur when they are attempting to sit or get up from the toilet. Grab bars or an elevated toilet seat can help.

5. Install motion-detecting lights. These lights turn on automatically upon detecting movement, making them beneficial for people who routinely visit the bathroom in the middle of the night.

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Springtime is coming: Easy tips for sparkling hardwood floors

(BPT) – Spring has arrived, and it's time to spruce up your home, clean out those dusty corners and say goodbye to winter. You're not alone in the spring cleaning adventure – according to the American Cleaning Institute, 91 percent of Americans participate in spring cleaning.

As you join your fellow Americans this year, don't forget to show a little extra love to those hardwood floors. The floor is the largest surface in your house, so caring for and cleaning your floors is important to keeping the home healthy and dust-free. Particularly for hardwood floors, a little care goes a long way in keeping this central feature in your home looking beautiful.

Here are a few easy spring cleaning tips to care for hardwood floors the right way – quickly, efficiently and safely.

1. Clear out the clutter. Spring is a great time to declutter, and clearing out the room not only looks cleaner but will allow fewer places for those dust bunnies to collect. Carefully move large items out of the way, so you can give the room a wall-to-wall, thorough clean. If you have limited space, move a couple of pieces of furniture at a time. Enlist help from family or friends to avoid scratching your floors and to prevent a back injury! This is also a great opportunity to consider a new furniture arrangement, or to clear out little-used or worn-out items to open up your space.

2. Banish the dust. Dust, sweep or gently vacuum hardwood floors first to remove all of the loose dust, accumulated pet hair and fine debris. Even small particles of dirt can create micro scratches in the finish.

3. Get the right tools. Not just any old mop will do. Old-fashioned sponge or string mops tend to just push the dirt around, or they can leave streaks of dirty water on your hardwood floors. For more effective cleaning on any kind of flooring, the Bona Premium Spray Mop is an all-in-one solution with the largest mop head base plate in the industry. That means covering more floor surface in less time. The mop also has rubberized corners to prevent damaging baseboards or furniture during your enthusiastic cleaning. Use a washable, reusable microfiber pad designed for hardwood floors to ensure dirt is lifted and trapped in the pad rather than just pushed around the room. The Bona Microfiber Cleaning Pad, for example, has dual-zone cleaning action – the outer fibers break up grime while the inner fibers trap and absorb dirt.



4. Use the right solution. Did you know that some floor cleaners can actually damage hardwood floor finish? Standard soap and water, and products containing ammonia or vinegar-and-water solutions can strip the finish and dull your hardwood floors – even when diluted with water – making them look and feel less clean. Oil-based cleaning products can leave a residue, making the surface of your floor dangerously slippery. Instead, look for a residue-free, non-toxic cleaner specially developed to help clean and protect hardwood floors. Bona Hardwood Floor Cleaner, which is recommended by professional floor installers, is safe to use in your home and around family and pets.

5. Protect your floors. After cleaning your hardwood floors, consider using easily washable or vacuumable rugs under furniture to prevent marks or scratches from marring your hardwood floors. Furniture pads are another inexpensive investment to protect the floor finish. Finally, add doormats at key entryways in your home to grab dirt and debris before it ever hits the floor.

The floor is the largest surface in your home, which gets the most wear and tear. A room with a clean floor looks and feels so much better. With the right tools and little effort, you can get your hardwood floors – and your home – looking springtime ready.

8 ways to refresh your kitchen without a major renovation

(BPT) - The kitchen is one of the most important rooms in your home. From cooking and eating to spending time with your family, most kitchens are well lived in and loved. But when it comes time for an upgrade, the kitchen is also one of the most expensive rooms to remodel.

A full kitchen remodel can take months to complete, and the cost can add up quickly. The good news is there are plenty of budget-friendly fixes to help you rejuvenate your space without a total overhaul. Here are some top tips:

Choose customizable features

What if your kitchen sink could perfectly match your counter or backsplash? Customizable features like Kohler's Tailor Customizable Farmhouse Sink allow you to choose your own material for the apron front to match your existing countertop or backsplash or choose one of Kohler's designed inserts. Easily change up the look of your kitchen simply by switching out the material in the apron of your sink.

Update your cabinet hardware

One of the easiest ways to refresh your kitchen cabinets and drawers is to switch up the hardware. Warm up your space with brass finishes or opt for another on-trend finish and shape.

Add open shelving

Adding shelves is the perfect solution for a large blank wall. Once the shelves are installed, use them to display your glassware collection, beautiful china or colorful cookbooks. Shelves add storage and style to your kitchen.

Upgrade your fixtures

Bring out your inner chef by selecting fixtures like Kohler's Semi-Professional Kitchen

Sink Faucet, which features a pull-down sprayhead with functions for rinsing, cleaning and fast filling of pitchers. Simply upgrading your kitchen faucet takes your kitchen to the next level. New fixtures enhance the style of your space while you enjoy the latest innovative features like water temperature memory.

Splurge on a new appliance

If you're really looking to spruce up your kitchen, choose your most outdated appliance and spring for a new one. A new stainless-steel refrigerator or sleek black cooktop might be all you need to revamp a dull space. If you're on a tight budget, keep an eye out for sales throughout the year.

Paint the cabinets or walls

Never underestimate the power of a fresh coat of paint. A new color always feels like a huge change; and with very little supplies needed, painting is one of the most cost-effective ways to improve your kitchen space.

Buy fresh flowers

It may sound simple, but fresh flowers bring life and a pop of color into an otherwise dreary room. Make it part of your weekly routine to pick up fresh flowers to brighten your kitchen and your mood.

Play with lighting

Lighting plays a big role in how your kitchen feels. Warm lighting will make your kitchen appear brighter and more welcoming. You can easily shop around for new light fixtures and light switches at most home improvement stores and compare prices online to get the best deal.

You may have visions of your dream kitchen, but a full-fledged renovation isn't always in the budget. Follow these tips to satisfy your urge to upgrade.



Prevent the hazard of overloaded electrical circuits

Safety at home is something that can be taken for granted until it's too late. The National Fire Protection Association notes that each year more than 47,000 home fires in the United States are caused by electrical failure or malfunction.

Overloaded electrical circuits are a frequent culprit in residential fires. Fortunately, overloaded circuits are preventable. According to the Electrical Safety Foundation International, the following are some potential indicators that circuits are overloaded.

- Flickering, blinking or dimming lights
- Frequently tripped circuit breakers or blown fuses
- Warm or discolored wall plates
- Cracking, sizzling or buzzing from receptacles
- Burning odor coming from receptacles or wall switches
- Mild shock or tingle from appliances, receptacles or switches.

Learning to recognize the signs of overloaded circuits is an important step in making homes safe, as the NFPA notes that home fires contribute to hundreds of deaths and more

than 1,500 injuries each year. Such fires also hit homeowners in their pocketbooks, causing an estimated \$1.4 billion in property damage annually.

Prevention is another key component when safeguarding a home and its residents from fires sparked by electrical failures or malfunctions. The ESFI offers the following tips to prevent electrical overloads.

- Never use extension cords or multi-outlet converters for appliances.
- All major appliances should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Only one heat-producing appliance should be plugged into a receptacle outlet at any given time.
- Consider adding new outlets to your home. Heavy reliance on extension cords indicates that your home does not have enough outlets. Bring in a qualified electrician to inspect your home to determine if more outlets are necessary.
- Recognize that power strips only add additional outlets; they do not change the amount of power being received from the outlet.



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5 ways to customize a bathroom space

(BPT) – Bathrooms are one of the most frequented rooms in a home. It's where you start and end your day, and can be a room to relax and recharge in.

This special space should reflect your personality and unique preferences. If you don't feel it adequately does, there are a few simple ways to refresh this room so it feels one of a kind.

If you want to update your bathroom with customized features that suit your personality, consider the following five ideas:

Lighting: Bathroom lighting should be functional and fashionable, enabling you to get ready for the day while also allowing you to relax in the evening, for example, while taking a calming bath. General lighting provides the bulk of illumination in the bathroom space, but consider adding accent and task lighting for more flexibility. For example, wall sconces can provide extra light for personal grooming tasks while a strategically placed pendant light provides an adjustable accent glow by the tub.

Faucets: Both the sink and bath faucet can add style and functionality to the bathroom. KOHLER's Components Collection of interchangeable spouts and handles, as well as bathroom accessories, offers a wide range of timeless, modern options that allow you to create a personalized faucet configuration

tailor-made for any environment and decor. Choose your spout, then handle and finally finish – in a variety of offerings – for an ideal update that suits your design ideals.

Hardware: Vanities serve a utilitarian purpose in the bathroom, offering storage necessary for bathing, grooming and more. The vanity also is a focal point of the room, becoming a key part of the overall aesthetic. If your vanity is dated, consider updating before replacing.

Hardware is one affordable option for an instant refresh. Remove old, dingy knobs and handles and replace with modern ones found at your local home improvement store for a fast, notable makeover.

Flooring: You probably don't put much thought into your bathroom floor, but it offers a wonderful opportunity for a refresh. Dated linoleum or tile can easily be replaced with modern options that are sure to impress. Tile is always a good choice for the bathroom. Ceramic and marble tiles come in every color imaginable, and can be laid in various patterns to add visual interest to the space. What's more, consider adding heated elements under the tile for a luxurious touch that keeps toes toasty.

Mirror: Front and center on the main bathroom wall is a large mirror that helps you get ready for the day or prepare for bedtime. This



mirror also creates a visual illusion of a larger space, reflecting the light and tricking the eye into thinking the wall is larger and more open than it is. Analyze your current mirror and consider updating it to a modern style.

Size is another consideration. Is your bathroom mirror too small? A good general

rule is that it should measure several inches smaller than the vanity.

These five simple updates will have a dramatic impact on the look and feel of your bathroom. They will help you create a personalized space so you feel comfortable and at home every time you use it.

When it can be smart to hire a painting pro

Few things can revitalize a home more readily than a fresh coat of paint. Thanks in part to the affordability of paint and its ease of application, painting is something that even novice DIYers can typically handle. According to the marketing advice guru Brandon Gaille, it is estimated that residential interior paint only lasts around three years before it needs to be updated. Exterior paint can fade, chip and peel due to various environmental factors. As a result, many homes can likely use a fresh coat of paint in at least one room.

As DIY-friendly as painting can be, when attempting to paint the interior or exterior of their homes, homeowners may learn that some painting projects are best left to the professionals. Painting requires skill, patience and a knowledge of how various paints — including finishes for particular applications — will hold up. Novice painters may do more harm than good by dripping paint on expensive carpeting or floors or fail to recognize the nuances that indicate a spot-on painting job.

Professional painters have spent hours upon hours learning the ropes of what works — and what does not. Painters

often understand that painstaking preparatory work is crucial to getting pristine finished results. Walls and ceilings must be properly repaired and prepared even before a base coat is applied.

Professional painters also have an eye for details. And because professional painters make a business out of doing interior and exterior surfaces, they understand which techniques can improve efficiency.

Even though some people think they'll save money by painting their own homes, that's not necessarily true. Professionals already have all the equipment necessary, unlike novices who may need to make repeated and potentially costly trips to the hardware store for supplies. Plus, if mistakes happen, DIYers have to spend additional time and money fixing them.

Safety can be a large motivator for turning painting over to a pro. Navigating exterior areas or tall interior ceilings can be challenging and may require scaffolding or tall ladders DIYers do not have. Risk of falls or other injuries increase with lack of experience.



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Tips to make a style statement in every room of your house

(StatePoint) Want to elevate your home décor? Whether you're going for farmhouse style or mid-century modern décor, make a statement in every room, even the most neglected spaces. From the laundry room to the garage, to the game room, these easy and simple ideas from the design experts at Hunter Fan Company will add comfort and beauty to your home.

The Laundry Room

While this space is one of the most used on a weekly basis, it's often forgotten in terms of décor and style. Simple touches, like matching laundry bins, wall art and coordinated shelving can

really change the ambiance and help organize laundry day chaos.

While this space has a ton of potential, it also comes with its share of challenges. Many laundry rooms tend to be cramped and get steamy easily. Adding a circulating element, like a ceiling fan, can remedy this woe and make chores more pleasant.

The Game Room

Game rooms are often the most aesthetically neglected rooms of the home. Often a culmination of mismatched and hand-me-down furniture, the game room is most likely in need of some tender love and care. Some new pillow covers for the couch and

an added cowhide rug can provide a refreshing update to this room.

The Garage

For many people, the garage is the first interior space they encounter after a long day. Unfortunately, it's also often the dumping ground for old tools, children's toys and items with no place to call home. Built-in storage can help with organization, and adding a layer of colored floor protectant will make your garage seem more polished and presentable.

If you use the garage as a workshop, the introduction of a cool breeze can revitalize strenuous home projects and ensure proper ventilation.

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Spring cleaning can alleviate allergies

Allergies affect people of all ages. The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology reports that allergic rhinitis affects between 10 and 30 percent of the world's population. In addition, the prevalence of allergic diseases has risen in industrialized nations for more than 50 years.

Seasonal allergies tend to be the strongest in spring and autumn.

Allergies can be exacerbated by many factors, including in homes where improvements are being made. Regular housecleaning can remove many common allergy triggers and help alleviate symptoms. Knowing which common home improvement mistakes can aggravate allergies can help homeowners avoid them.

Suit up

Before any cleaning begins, allergy sufferers should don face masks and rubber gloves to prevent themselves from breathing in allergens or having them touch their hands, where they can be transferred to the face or elsewhere. Those cleaning should also wear clothes that can be easily removed and

laundered after a day's work.

Clean windows singularly

Prolonged exposure to outdoor allergens, such as pollen, mold or ragweed, can aggravate allergies. Therefore, if windows are being cleaned, do one at a time and then promptly close the window. Having the air conditioning running can help filter the air as well.

Use exhaust fans

The AAAAI recommends using an exhaust fan in the kitchen and bathrooms to reduce the levels of moisture in these rooms and filter out potential allergens and odors. Moisture can eventually lead to the growth of mold and mildew, which isn't healthy for anyone, including allergy sufferers, to breathe in.

Invest in a HEPA filter

Vacuums with HEPA filters can trap allergens that are so small that they pass through regular vacuum filters. That means instead of containing them, these small particles are only being shot back into the air where they are easily breathed in. WebMD suggests vacuuming once or twice a week to keep carpets and floors as clean as possible. Plus, don't



Leave carpet and upholstery shampooing to the professionals, as excess moisture can contribute to mold and dust mites, which aggravate allergy symptoms.

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forget to vacuum upholstered furniture and drapes as well.

Launder with hot water

When it comes time to wash linens, do so in hot water, which can kill dust mites residing in sheets and blankets. Employ mattress covers to further protect against dust mite allergies.

Shampoo smart

Shampooing a carpet may cause moisture to become trapped in the carpet fibers, leading to increased dust mites or mold growth. Spot-clean stains instead. Otherwise, hire a professional cleaner who will clean and dry the carpet as quickly as

possible.

Damp dusting is better

When cleaning up dust or home renovation debris, use a damp cloth or a vinegar solution to wipe down surfaces. This helps trap small particles instead of sending them into the air.

Treat mold issues

Mold can trigger allergic reactions, so it is best to keep it out of a home. Solutions that contain at least 10 percent bleach can be effective at killing mold, but it's best to prevent mold from growing entirely. That means keeping tabs of any moisture issues and addressing them immediately.

Consider getting a generator for power outages

Being stuck without power is no fun. Power outages deprive us of all the things we take for granted, such as light, heating and air conditioning. The devices we use most frequently, such as phones, computer and televisions all rely on electric power.

If power outages happen often enough, you might want to consider getting a generator. Even if they are not too common where you live, you still might want to consider a generator just to be prepared.

Whether you've lost electricity due to the weather, a downed power line or some other occurrence, a generator will help you get back to business quickly.

A generator provides you with clean, useful electricity from a local source.

If you live in an area prone to storms, hurricanes and tornadoes, then investing in a generator will bring comfort and protection to you and your family.

AUTOMATIC STANDBY GENERATORS

Automatic standby generators are on continuous standby, meaning that the generator can power itself on and off, regardless of whether you are home. Once a stop in the flow of electricity is detected, these machines respond instantly. They turn themselves on and begin supplying power.

Installed outside of your home, these generators are similar to a central heating and air units. They are powered by liquid propane or natural gas. The generator supplies electricity directly to your home's circuit breaker.

Because they operate quietly and smoothly, they are not an annoyance or distraction to you or your neighbors.

PORTABLE GENERATORS

Portable generators are built to remain outside of your home. These mobile units are fueled by gasoline and manually operated. Extension cords will make it easier to plug objects directly into the generator. These kinds of generators are usually cheaper than automatic standby generators.

STANDBY VS PORTABLE

Despite the price difference, there are plenty advantages to buying an automatic standby generator.

Since automatic standby generators use natural gas and liquid propane, the cost of running this machine will be cheaper.

The Red Cross endorses automatic standby generators because they are a cleaner method of powering your home. Portable generators produce harmful byproducts that can damage the environment.

These units keep your house neat and clear of clutter. Portable generators require numerous wires and extension cords running through your home. It is much easier to have power connected directly into your home's infrastructure.

Once power is restored, automatic standby units turn themselves off. There is no need to worry about shutting it off yourself.

GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR GENERATOR

It is important to pick a generator that can supply power to all the items you need in your house.

Understand running and surge wattage. These two values inform you how much power your appliances need and the maximum amount of electricity they can handle.

Prior to purchasing a generator, check the safety tags on your appliances for the correct wattage. The running and surge wattage on the generator needs to be high enough to satisfy the ratings of your most demanding appliances.

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