



LOCAL RESIDENTS COMPLETE RAGBRAI

Local residents participated in RAGBRAI, The Register’s Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa, an annual seven-day bicycle ride across the state of Iowa this past week. Heading into its 47th year, RAGBRAI is the oldest, largest and longest recreational bicycle touring event in the world. The RAGBRAI route averages 468 miles and is not necessarily flat. It begins somewhere along Iowa’s western border on the Missouri River and ends along the eastern border on the Mississippi River. The tradition is to dip your back tire in the Missouri River at the beginning of the ride, and to dip your front tire in the Mississippi River. Pictured is local riders Vicki Dambman, of Dixon, Jeff and Lisa Friday, of Rochelle, and Beth Becker of Amboy, a retired AHS teacher. Tony Becker was the group’s support crew and chief. The route changes each year and the overnight towns are announced in late January at the RAGBRAI Route Announcement Party, in The Des Moines Register newspaper.

Photo submitted



Dana Merriman, pictured center, competed in the AAU Junior Olympics for Tumbling. She won a gold medal in one event, and placed fifth and sixth in two other events.

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Merriman brings home gold medal

AMBOY — Dana Merriman, of Amboy, competed in three events at the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics for Tumbling in Greensboro, N.C., July 23-28.

Dana is the daughter of David and Brenda Merriman, of Amboy, and granddaughter of Mike Koppien, of Amboy.

Dana placed first in the Tumbling Sub Novice Girls 13-14 years old. She scored a combined total of 38.60. On the first pass, she scored 19.40 and on the second pass she scored 19.20.

In the Double Mini Intermediate Girls 13-14 years old, Dana placed fifth place with a combined score of 38.80. In the first pass,

she scored 18.90 and on the second pass, she scored 19.90.

In the Single Mini Intermediate Girls 13-14 years old, Dana placed sixth with a combined score of 39.90. On her first pass, she scored 19.80 and on her second pass, she scored 20.10.

This is the fourth time Dana has competed in the national Junior Olympics. She has won three gold medals in tumbling.

Dana trains with Gymnastics Divine in Dixon. She started tumbling when she was four years old. In 2014, she started competing for the first time and qualified for the Junior Olympics.

Pritzker vetoes bill prohibiting waivers from Affordable Care Act

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SPRINGFIELD — Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued his first veto on Friday, striking down a bill that would have prohibited the state from applying for federal waivers from the Affordable Care Act in order to reduce protections or coverage offered through the state employee group health insurance program.

The bill, Senate Bill 2026, sponsored by Sen. Sue Rezin, R-Morris, was intended to make sure state employees could not be denied coverage or charged higher premiums

due to pre-existing conditions or lose access to any health care services that are mandated under the ACA, unless the General Assembly authorized applying for such a waiver.

The prohibition also would have applied to coverage the state provides through its Medicaid program and Children’s Health Insurance Program.

In his veto message, Pritzker insisted he has no intention of applying for any such waiver, but he said the bill would have taken away too much flexibility the state has in administering its insurance programs.

“One of my administra-

tion’s priorities is to create healthier communities by improving the health of all Illinoisans,” Pritzker said. “With that goal in mind, I do not anticipate any circumstances under which my administration would pursue waivers to limit Illinoisans’ access to federal programs or benefits. Nonetheless, it’s critical to retain our flexibility to innovate and be responsive to the evolving health care needs of the people of the State.”

Lawmakers will have an opportunity to override the veto when they return to the Statehouse Oct. 28 for the start of the veto session. The

Illinois Constitution requires a three-fifths majority vote in both chambers to override a veto.

Pritzker also signed 46 other bills into law Friday, including one that sets out rules for operating what are called “mobile carrying devices,” also known as “personal robots.”

Those are rolling devices such as the Gita that have a cargo drum and are programmed to follow its owner.

House Bill 245 provides that such devices may be operated on public sidewalks and crosswalks as long as they do not interfere with pedestrian traffic. It also says the

devices cannot weigh more than 90 pounds, excluding cargo, and may not travel more than 12.5 miles per hour.

The devices also would be required to stay within 10 feet of their operator. The devices also may not be used to carry a person, such as a child, and the operators would be required to obey all other laws and restrictions that apply to pedestrians.

The bill also allows local governments to enact their own ordinances governing the use of those devices.

Other bills Pritzker signed into law Friday include:

House Bill 2123, requiring food products containing

sesame to be labeled as such.

House Bill 2189, prohibiting commercial genetic testing companies from sharing any genetic test information, or other personally identifiable information about a consumer, with any health or life insurance company without the consumer’s written consent.

House Bill 2135, removing the statute of limitations for criminal sexual assault, aggravated criminal sexual assault or aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Senate Bill 556, requiring that single-occupancy bathrooms in public buildings be labeled as all-gender.

And Senate Bill 109, allowing electronic monitoring in rooms, hallways and wings of long-term care residential facilities where only dementia patients reside.

2019 LEE COUNTY FAIR



The 2019 Lee County 4-H Fair & Junior Show was held on July 25-28 at the Lee Co. 4-H Center & Fairgrounds on Route 30 just north of Amboy. The four-day event featured events for everyone including a full grandstand line-up of tractor/truck pulls, Broken Horn Rodeo, and Bluegrass Rides Carnival. In addition to daily judging and livestock shows, free activities



on the grounds included Kids’ Korners, Bingo, a magic show, corn boil, big wheel races and a corn husking contest ensuring kids of all ages had a great time during the fair.

Monetta Young/Amboy News



AMBOY MINUTE

THE FARMER'S REPORT

Illinois study advances possibility of genetic control for major agricultural pests

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# LOCAL NEWS

## John Deere Historic Site to host 2019 Green Iron Days

**GRAND DETOUR** – Dozens of vintage John Deere two-cylinder tractors will be on display for public viewing during the 2019 Green Iron Days at the John Deere Historic Site, Aug. 2-4.

During the three-day gathering, guests to the Historic Site in Grand Detour, will enjoy seeing rare and restored John Deere machines, as well as some related brands, and will have an opportunity to talk with owners about the unique collection and restoration stories behind them.

On Saturday at 7 p.m., the collectors registered for the event will have the opportunity to parade their tractors through the streets of Grand Detour.

“We host this event every two years and we are excited to welcome back regional collectors as they always make for a fun and entertaining weekend,” said Kristen Veto, manager of the John Deere Historic Site. “Their passion, hard work and enthusiasm for collecting attracts many visitors to this region to admire their two-cylinder machines. We are proud to provide a setting that pulls it all together, allowing guests to learn more about the legacy of John Deere products as well as John Deere the man.” In addition to seeing a collection of vintage tractors, visitors to the John Deere Historic Site also have

the opportunity to tour John Deere’s home and an archeological dig of his original blacksmith shop. The site’s blacksmith will also be on hand to conduct demonstrations throughout the weekend. Food vendors and a full gift shop will also be available to attendees throughout the weekend.

Tractor owners interested in participating and displaying their machines at the event should call 815-652-4551 or email JohnDeereHistoricSite@JohnDeere.com. Registration is free, but all equipment must be from 1979 or earlier.

The John Deere Historic Site is a free attraction and is open seasonally, March through December.

Located in Grand Detour, the site is the original Illinois homestead of John Deere and is the location where he built his first successful “self-scouring” steel plow.



It was recently named one of Illinois’ top historic sites by the Illinois Bicentennial Commission.

Gates open daily, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday. For more information about

Green Iron Days or the John Deere Historic Site, go to [www.VisitJohnDeere.com](http://www.VisitJohnDeere.com).



**Join the Amboy Fire Department in the following activities:**

**Saturday, Aug 17**

**1 p.m. - 5 p.m.**

The Amboy Fire Department’s Blood Drive at the station. Please call Anna at 815-213-5784 to set up an appt.

**Saturday, Aug. 24**

**7 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

The Amboy Fire Department will host its annual Depot Days Pancake, French Toast & Sausage breakfast at the station



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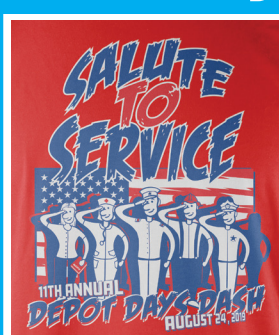
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**TRACTORS:** '14 Case-IH 580 Steiger 4WD tractor, PS trans., 6 hyd. outlets, 1000 PTO, 710/42 tires w/duals, full autosteer system, 2,075 hours, SN ZEF301036; '14 Case-IH 550 QuadTrac tractor, PS trans., 6 hyd. outlets, 1000 PTO, 36" tracks, full autosteer system, 2,240 hours, SN ZEF139707; '14 Case-IH 540 QuadTrac tractor, PS trans., 6 hyd. outlets, 1000 PTO, 30" tracks, full autosteer system, 1,755 hours, SN ZEF300942 – 12 month PPP; '13 Case-IH 350 RowTrac tractor, PS trans., 1000 PTO, 3-pt. hitch, 120" spacing, 18" tracks (new), full autosteer system, 1,480 hours, ZDF139313; '14 Case-IH 370 CVT Magnum MFWD tractor, CVT trans., 540/1000 PTO, front axle suspension, front & rear duals, full autosteer system, 2,065 hours, SN ZDRD09219 – engine warranty; '14 Case-IH 340 CVT Magnum MFWD tractor, CVT trans., 540/1000 PTO, front axle suspension, front & rear duals, full autosteer system, 1,800 hours, SN ZERD02823 – 12 months PPP; '15 Case-IH 340 Magnum MFWD tractor, PS trans., 540/1000 PTO, front axle suspension, front & rear duals, full autosteer system, 1,765 hours, SN ZFRF03319 – 12 month PPP; '14 Case-IH 315 CVT Magnum MFWD tractor, CVT trans., 540/1000 PTO, front axle suspension, front & rear duals, full autosteer system, 2,085 hours, SN ZERD02990; '12 Case-IH 315 Magnum MFWD tractor, PS trans., 540/1000 PTO, front & rear duals, guidance ready, 1,835 hours, SN ZCRF04890; '17 Case-IH 310 Magnum MFWD tractor, PS trans. (30 mph), 1000 PTO, front axle suspension, front & rear duals, full autosteer system, 720 hours, SN ZHRF01266 – 12 months PPP; '11 Case-IH 290 Magnum MFWD tractor, PS trans., 540/1000 PTO, front axle suspension, rear duals, full autosteer system, 1,750 hours, ZBRD03602; '18 Case-IH 250 Magnum MFWD tractor, PS trans., 540/1000 PTO, 46" rear duals, 375 hours, SN JJAM0250EJRF01328 – 12 months PPP; '13 Case-IH 190 Magnum MFWD tractor, PS trans., 540/1000 PTO, 46" rear duals, guidance ready, 840 hours, SN ZCRH08318 – 12 months PPP; '15 Case-IH 125 Maxxum MFWD tractor, PS trans., 540/1000 PTO, 42" rear tires, 785 hours, SN ZFEE03243; '16 Kubota M7-171 MFWD tractor, PS trans., 540/1000 PTO, 42" rear duals, 100 hours, SN 1264; '12 Massey Ferguson 8650 MFWD tractor, DynaDrive trans., 1000 PTO, guidance ready, 2,215 hours, SN HCNG1045; '99 Case-IH MX200 2wd tractor, PS trans., 540/1000 PTO, 46" rear duals, 3,770 hours, SN JJA0101605; '90 Case-IH 7130 2wd tractor, PS trans., 1000 PTO, 42" rear duals, 6,685 hours, SN JJA0023113; '76 Case 1210 2wd tractor, 540 PTO, 3,135 hours, SN 11150201; '05 Case-IH JX75 2wd tractor, 12 spd. trans., 540 PTO, 520 hours, SN HFJ033441.

**COMBINES:** '17 Case-IH 9240 combine, Field Tracker feederhouse, rock trap, power fold bin extension, chopper, Pro700 display, folding unload auger, 620-42 drive tires w/duals, 710 eng./560 sep. hours, SN YHG234245 – 12 months PPP; '17 Case-IH 8240 combine, Field Tracker feederhouse, rock trap, power fold bin extension, chopper, Pro700 display, folding unload auger, 620-42 drive tires w/duals, 710 eng./530 sep. hours, SN YGG233189 – 12 months PPP; '12 Case-IH 7230 combine, Field Tracker feederhouse, rock trap, power fold bin extension, Pro700 display, 620-42 drive tires w/duals, 1,795 eng./1,275 sep. hours, SN YCG217948; '14 Case-IH 7230 combine, Field Tracker feederhouse, rock trap, power fold bin extension, chopper, Pro700 display, 36" tracks, 2,030 eng./1,720 sep. hours, SN YEG224504; '10 Case-IH 6088 combine, Field Tracker feederhouse, rock trap, power fold bin extension, chopper, 30.5-32 drive tires, 1,425 eng./1,160 sep. hours, SN YAG004965; '13 Case-IH 5130 combine, Field Tracker feederhouse, rock trap, power fold bin extension, chopper, Pro700 display, 800-32 drive tires, 1,505 eng./1,065 sep. hours, SN YDG010448 – 12 months PPP; '14 Case-IH 5130 combine, Field Tracker feederhouse, rock trap, power fold bin extension, chopper, Pro700 display, 18.4-42 drive tires w/duals, 725 eng./485 sep. hours, SN YDG011013 – 12 months PPP; '11 Case-IH 5088 combine, Field Tracker feederhouse, rock trap, chopper, Pro600 display, 800-32 drive tires, 1,585 eng./1,140 sep. hours, SN YBG005658; '11 Case-IH 8120 combine, Field Tracker feederhouse, rock trap, power fold bin extension, chopper, 30.5-32 drive tires, 1,425 eng./1,160 sep. hours, SN YAG210525; '09 Case-IH 8120 combine, Field Tracker feederhouse, rock trap, chopper, Pro600 display, 620-42 drive tires w/duals, 3,475 eng./2,680 sep. hours, SN Y9G206237; '08 Case-IH 8010 combine, 4WD, Field Tracker feederhouse, rock trap, power fold bin extension, chopper, Pro600 display, 20.8-42 drive tires w/duals, 2,760 eng./2,085 sep. hours, SN HAJ203646; '05 Case-IH 2388 combine, Field Tracker feederhouse, rock trap, bin extension, chopper, 30.5-32 drive tires, 5,130 eng./3,305 sep. hours, SN HAJ293831; '01 Case-IH 2366 combine, Field Tracker feederhouse, rock trap, chopper, bin extension, 30.5-32 drive tires, 3,785 eng./2,960 sep. hours, SN JJC0254012; '89 Case-IH 1660 combine, Cummins eng., rock trap, specialty rotor, inclined delivery auger, cross flow fan, spreader, 30.5-32 drive tires, 4,285 hours, SN JJC0102933; '86 Case-IH 1640 combine, Navistar eng., rock trap, 4,450 hours, SN JJC001418.

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## LOCAL NEWS

## Educational Briefs

## Lewis University Student Honored on 2019 Spring Dean's List

**ROMEOVILLE** - The following students were named to Lewis University's Dean's List for the 2019 Spring Semester:

**Amboy**

Kelsie Lachat, Nursing

**Dixon**

Lauren A. Chacon, Exercise and Movement Science

More than 1,500 students were honored on the Lewis University Dean's List for the 2019 Spring Semester.

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

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## 2019 Kish Academic Achievement Scholarship recipients announced

**MALTA** — Kishwaukee College announces the 2019 Academic Achievement Scholarship recipients. Academic achievement scholarships are awarded to in-district high school graduates who meet specific GPA requirements. The scholarships are awarded in two categories: the President's Scholar and the College Scholar.

Students receiving the President's Scholar achieved a cumulative high school GPA of 3.75 or higher at time of application and will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship per semester for four semesters.

Students receiving the College Scholar achieved a cumulative high school GPA of 3.25-3.74 at time of application and will be awarded a \$500 scholarship per semester for four semesters.

Locally, one of the 2019 recipients of the Kish Academic Achievement Scholarships—President's Scholar is:

**Paw Paw High School**

Anthony Castaldo

## Amboy Police

**Speeding**

On July 27, at 5:15 p.m., Jonh D. Ackert, 19, of Dixon, was issued a traffic citation for speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. He was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

## Tractor show planned during Franklin Grove Harvest Festival

**FRANKLIN GROVE** — The Living History Antique Equipment Association has added two new activities to the Antique Tractor Show happening this year on Aug. 3 and 4 in Franklin Grove.

A bouncy house with slide and a shelled corn box have been added for the children to enjoy. They will still have the straw scramble at 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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**Thursday** – Sweet and sour meatballs, fluffy rice, blended veggies, wheat bread, apricots  
**Friday** – A) Tropical chicken salad, cucumber slices, croissant, mandarin oranges, pineapple juice B) Soup & Sandwich, tomato & chicken salad

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Farmers Market will be open from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Aug. 3, at the Lions Shelter in the Amboy Depot parking lot, 30 E. Main St. The market will be held each Saturday except for Depot Days weekend. Call Alice Dukes at 815-857-4015 for more information.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 5, at the Fire Station, 25 N. East Ave.

**AMBOY**-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 5, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**WEST BROOK-LYN**-The St. Mary of the Assumption Summer Retreat will feature a 7:30 a.m. Mass followed by a talk on Ignatian Prayer at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6, in the Hall. Refreshments will be available. A Holy Hour in the Church with a repeat of the talk will be held at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

**SUBLETTE** - On Wednesday, Aug. 7, the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Summer Retreat will feature an 8 a.m. Mass followed by a talk on the spirituality of "seeing" as possessing at 9 a.m. in the Hall. Refreshments will be available. A Holy Hour in the Church with a repeat of the morning talk will be held at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more 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

first Wednesday of the month drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 7. The third Wednesday of the month drive, Aug. 21, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make an appointment to donate.

**AMBOY**-Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 USRT 52, will host Community Bingo at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8. Bingo will be followed by a light lunch. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

**MAYTOWN**-The St. Patrick Church Summer Retreat will feature a 7 p.m., Aug. 8, Holy Hour in the Church with a talk on the 14 Holy Helpers. All are welcome to attend. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

**LEE CENTER TWP**-The Lee Center Township Board will meet at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

**MAYTOWN**-On Friday, Aug. 9, the St. Patrick Summer Retreat will feature an 8 a.m. Mass followed by a talk on the 14 Holy Helpers (repeat of Thursday evening talk) in the Hall at 8:30 a.m. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome to attend. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

**STERLING**-Together in Memories Grief Support Group will meet from Noon to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 12, at Rock River Hospice & Home, 2706 Avenue E. Feel free to bring your lunch. Call 815-625-3858 for more information.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 12, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**SUBLETTE**-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 12,

at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

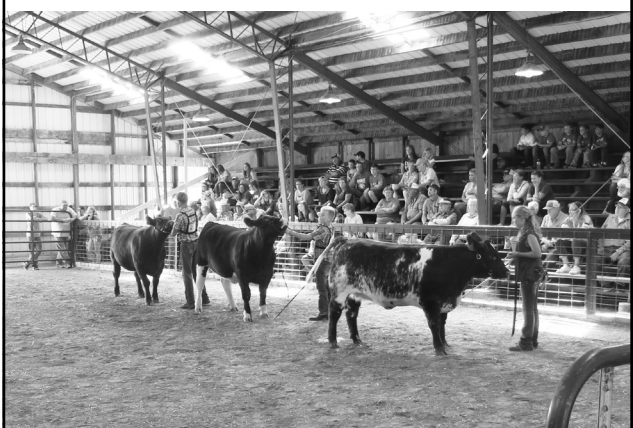
**SUBLETTE**-The Sublette Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13, at the Sublette Township Building.

**EAST GROVE TWP**-The East Grove Township meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13, at the East Grove Township Hall.

**MAYTOWN**-St. Patrick Church will have the Vigil Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation of the Assumption of Mary at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 14. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Aug. 2-4 • Green Iron Days  
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Aug. 3 • Cabela's King Kat Fishing Tournament and Kids Rodeo  
PAGE PARK, DIXON

Aug. 2-4 • 40th Annual Franklin Grove Harvest Festival  
Aug. 3 • Harvest Festival Big Rig Show  
FRANKLIN GROVE (BIG RIG SHOW AT CHAPLIN CREEK)

Aug. 13 • Final 2019 FFA Farmers Market  
AFCHS TENNIS COURTS, ASHTON

Aug. 17 • Gardenstock 2019  
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**ONGOING THIS SUMMER**

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Real Estate Broker Pre-License Exam preparation program coming to Kish this fall

**MALTA** — The Real Estate Broker Pre-license Exam preparation program will be offered at Kish this fall. The course will take place Sept. 3—Dec. 19 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6—9 p.m. The program will cover the fundamentals of real estate and prepare participants to sit for the state licensing exam. The cost of the program is \$500.

The program will provide the required 90-hours of real estate education divided into the following two courses: 75-hour Broker Pre-License Topics and a 15-hour Applied Real Estate Principles. Topics covered will include real estate concepts, math, brokerage services, real property contracts, the Illinois Real Estate License Act of 2000, financing considerations, property management, fair housing, current information on the Truth in Lending Act (TILA), Real Estate Settlement

Procedures Act (RESPA), and more. The program will also include observation time in the field.

The program Instructor Todd Burghardt teaches both pre-license and continuing education and is a nationally recognized Certified Instructor for REALTORS® Property Resource. Burghardt is a graduate of the REALTOR® Institute with the distinguished GRI designation. He has decades of experiences and has earned Transnational Referral Certification (TRC) and Certified Agent Relocation Specialist (CAAS), among other accomplishments.

For more information, visit [www.kish.edu/realestate](http://www.kish.edu/realestate) or contact Melissa Gallagher, Coordinator of Short-Term Training and Continuing Education, at [mgallagher1@kish.edu](mailto:mgallagher1@kish.edu) or 815-825-9466.

## Whole blood, double red cell and platelets to be collected at upcoming blood drive

**STERLING** — Due to low summer donations, and increased patient need, the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center (MVRBC) urges all eligible donors, especially those with AB or O blood type, to donate at CGH Medical Center's upcoming community blood drive. The drive is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the CGH Ryberg Auditorium, 100 E. LeFevre Road, Sterling. In addition to whole blood and double red cell donations, platelets will also be collected — something that could only be donated previously by driving to Davenport or Peoria.

"Platelet donation is important because

these are the cells in your blood that form clots and stop bleeding," said CGH blood drive coordinator Connie VonHolten, RN. "They are essential to fighting cancer, chronic diseases, and traumatic injuries."

Appointments are appreciated, but walk-ins are welcome. Individuals who have not donated with the MVRBC in the past will need to bring a photo ID to the blood drive to get registered. To schedule an appointment to give blood, please contact Michelle Nelsen at (815) 625-4790, ext. 6879; Connie VonHolten at (815) 625-0400, ext. 5425; or visit [www.bloodcenterimpact.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/84695](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/84695).

## Bureau Co. fairbooks now online

**PRINCETON** - The 2019 Bureau County Fair Fairbooks are available on-line now. The 164th annual Fair will be held Aug. 21-25 in Princeton.

To find the fairbook, which has entry blanks and class schedules, go to [www.bureaucountyfair.com](http://www.bureaucountyfair.com). There is a link at the bottom of the page for the book. For anyone who does not have computer access, come to the fair office on Mondays from 5 to 7 p.m. or on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a copy of the department entry blank will be

printed for you. There will not be any books printed this year.

Fine arts entry blanks are due to the fair office by 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 5. This includes photography, art, baking, canning, flowers, vegetables and hobbies and collections. The actual entries have to be brought to the fairgrounds on Monday, Aug. 19 between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Livestock entry forms are due by 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 12.

The fair office phone number is (815) 875-2905 for additional information.

## OSF Saint Paul names Chief Medical Officer

**MENDOTA** - OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center has named Leonardo Lopez, MD as chief medical officer for OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota.

In this role, Dr. Lopez will be accountable for leading the practice of medicine as a member of the hospital executive team.

He will ensure consistency in practice standards and facilitate an interdisciplinary team approach to the delivery of care. He will develop and

share the vision and strategic direction for the practice of medicine, collaborating on the implementation of strategies.

Lopez will continue to serve as the medical director of quality and safety at OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center. In addition, he will continue to see patients at his family medicine practice in Mendota.

Lopez received his Bachelor in Biology from the University of Illinois. He completed his medical degree



at Loyola Stritch School of Medicine.

## 40th Annual Summer Harvest Festival planned in Franklin Grove

**FRANKLIN GROVE** — The 40th Annual Franklin Grove "Summer Harvest Festival" is a city-wide celebration of the area's heritage with a wide variety of activities and events for

all to enjoy. The event occurs Aug. 2-4 in Franklin Grove.

In addition, the festival includes, village-wide yard sales, tours of the H.I. Lincoln Building in downtown Franklin Grove, the Franklin Grove Art Festival, the Living History Antique Equipment Show and parade, tours of the Franklin Creek Grist Mill, Nachusa Grasslands — Self-Guided Tours and other events in and around the Village of Franklin Grove.

The Franklin Grove Area Historical Society hosts many of the Summer Harvest Festival activities and events at Chaplin Creek Village.

See Chaplin Creek Village

come alive featuring:

- The Chaplin Creek Muzzle Loaders - Camp and Demonstrations
- The Civil War Dismounted Calvary Unit Missouri Guerillas

The name for the village, "Chaplin," comes from the first settlement in the area, which was originally located just north of the historic site at the intersection of Lahman and State streets in Franklin Grove.

While the historic site is generally open to the public to drive through... there are no specific hours of operation for access to the many buildings you see on display here.



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Pastor Jack M. Briggs  
1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center  
[www.LeeCenter-UCC.org](http://www.LeeCenter-UCC.org)  
Phone 815-732-7032  
Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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

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Pastor Mark Glenn  
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815-440-0745  
Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m.  
Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

**Grace Fellowship Church - Amboy**  
Pastor Brian McWethy  
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815-857-3900  
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Pastor Richard Wulf, 815-440-5321  
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Wed. prayer meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
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Rev. Randy Fronck  
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Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

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**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
Pastor Barb Otten  
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Sunday School - 9:40-10:15 a.m.

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Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.  
Thursday - 8:30 a.m.

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## SOCIAL NEWS



## THE PASTOR'S PEN

### Simply learn to trust in God for all things

BY PASTOR RICK WULF

East Grove Union Church Hi Friends,

I would like to share with you some thoughts that I have just recently shared with the people of East Grove Union Church. Where has the Summer gone? One answer might be "crazy." It started out so cold and rainy and quickly jumped for almost a week to record highs. So much for trying to figure out the weather again. I believe it was Mark Twain who said, "If you don't like the weather in New England now, just wait a few minutes." Now even though he was referring to New England weather, weather is weather, right?

Even though the weather is quite vacillating, we have confidence from God's Word and many times from personal experience that our God is unchangeable. The writer to the Hebrews in Chapter 6:17 wrote: "Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath." He went on to write in Chapter 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Our God truly is awesome and amazing. This is why our Christian faith is so special and important. Everything in this world changes and eventually passes away. In life, "everything is a hopeless end, without God." But, "with God, everything is endless Hope." This is the message we have and the one that the world is in desperate need of hearing and seeing lived out in our daily lives. We don't have to "know it all," we simply have to share with others what we do know about Him and what He has done for us.

This world system many times is so hard to understand. We may question, "Why do people do what they do?" And on the flipside, "why don't they do what they should be doing?" Humanity is so hard to figure out sometimes. I am so glad

that it's not up to me. I am truly blessed to know that God is in control. Now, I don't make any claim to be able to understand much, but by faith, just as those wonderful folks that the writer of the Book of Hebrews in Chapter 11, verses 1-3, 6, where he wrote: "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." Each one he wrote, lived by faith.

Now you may be thinking, living by faith seems too hard. How can it be done? Well the Hebrews author says it has to be according to 11:6, "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." But really when you stop to think about it, we really do live everyday by faith. If you drive a car, every time you go out on the road you are exercising your faith that the car coming at you will stay on its side of the road to avoid having an accident.

And speaking of that car that you may or may not have, you most likely don't know who built it, but you also exercise your faith that it will run correctly. Some may be exercising more faith than others with their cars. We put our trust in so many other people and things. Why can't we simply learn to trust in God for all things? We certainly would be so much better off.

May all the tests of faith that you face, bring you to trust in God more fully. May His grace be sufficient for all your needs. Trust in God, He is completely faithful.

God Bless you all.

## The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

### The sunken sailor

The Golden Age of classic British mystery fiction had pretty much run its course by the late 50s. Agatha Christie, Dorothy Sayers, and Ngaio Marsh had given way to high-octane action thrillers, hardboiled detectives, and the realism of urban mean streets. In my misspent youth, I read one summer all of Sayers and Marsh, but it was not until recently that I came across another member of the illustrious group – Patricia Moyes, whose nineteen Inspector Tibbett mysteries were recently reissued.

"The Sunken Sailor" from 1961 (its British title is the less alliterative "Down Among the Dead Men") has all the hallmarks of the genre. It's written in a typically breezy style, its unprepossessing Inspector Henry Tibbett has superb intuition and unerring powers of deduction, his cheerful wife Emmy is both smart and gutsy, and the well-drawn English characters populating the coastal hamlet of Berrybridge Haven are fresh, not at all shopworn. Moreover, the plot is sufficiently ingenious to hold our attention to the end.

"The Sunken Sailor" opens thus: "It is often interesting, in retrospect, to consider the trifling causes that lead to great events. A chance encounter, a thoughtless remark – and the torturous chain reaction of coincidence is set in motion, leading with devious inevitability to some resounding climax. For instance, it is virtually certain that if Emmy Tibbett had not broken her shoulder strap in a small, smoky restaurant just off King's Road, Chelsea, one spring evening, the Berrybridge murderer would have got clean away."

It is Henry and Emmy's bad luck to have their vacations interrupted by murder. In this instance, they are invited by friends to go sailing off the Suffolk coast. They are told about the death of Pete Rawnsley who ran aground in his boat in a thick fog.

When he stepped out to check things out, the boom snapped, knocked him unconscious, and he drowned when the tide came in. Plausible enough, but to Henry it sounds all wrong. He begins poking around, realizes that everyone is lying, more murders ensue, and he and Emmy barely escape the Grim Reaper.

Everything is spoiled: "It was a lovely day. The tide was full, and the river was a sheet of frosted blue glass, ruffled by tiny wavelets. Once again, Henry experienced a sense of wonder at the subtle intensity of color. But what had seemed to Henry a week ago to be the essence of calm, uncomplicated beauty, now created an atmosphere at once unspeakably sinister and sad, like the painted face of a corpse in an American mortuary parlor. He was briefly surprised at himself for conceiving such an analogy: he had never been to America, let alone into a mortician's den. Perhaps they weren't like that at all, in spite of all one read."

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## Wittenauer reunion set

AMBOY — They're at it again. . . . Roger and Sandy Wittenauer are hosting this year's Wittenauer family reunion, and have since 2004. They realized the value and importance of family gatherings and how the annual reunion serves that purpose. The many members of the Wittenauer family need to keep in touch as it shrinks and grows from year to year. Roger and Sandy will continue to plan an annual reunion and hope to see you there.

This will be the 16th annual gathering. Roger and Sandy have secured the Centennial Shelter at Amboy City Park for Sunday, Aug. 11. Please bring two dishes to pass, your own table service and drinks of your choice. Lemonade will be provided. Plenty of reminiscing and sharing can be expected along with updating of the Wittenauer Family Tree on Ancestry. Eating starts right around noon.

Bring a relative or guest. There's always plenty of food and friendship for all who come. Let's see if you are the one who has come the farthest this year, or you're our newest family member.

Don't miss this, we're all family, no matter what.

## Craft and vendor show planned during festival

FRANKLIN GROVE — More than 20 Crafters and vendors are registered for the first Craft and Vendor show to be held during the Franklin Grove Harvest Festival.

The show will be held at the Chaplin Creek Historical site, 1715 Whitney Road, Franklin Grove, on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 3 and 4 from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Please come and support these quality crafts and vendors. It is never too early to start shopping for Christmas gifts. Fall décor is also available.

## Church to host breakfast

FRANKLIN GROVE — The annual Church of the Brethren Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be on Saturday, Aug. 3, from 7 to

11 a.m., at 121 W. North St., Franklin Grove. Adults meal is \$6, kids ages 4-12 meal is \$4 and kids 3 and under are free.

Come join us for good food, good fun and good fellowship. Hope to see you there.

## Society to host family fun morning at Amboy Marsh

AMBOY — The Illinois Audubon Birdsong Chapter will host a Family Fun morning at the Amboy Marsh on Aug. 6. Come out from 10 a.m. - noon to learn about the many birds in the area. There will be activities for the

entire family including making a bird feeder, playing a bird migration game and hiking to look for birds.

The Amboy Marsh is located at 1701 Morman Road. There is no cost.

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# Opinion

## Some products can never be perfectly safe

How is it that a society with the engineering know how to put a man on the moon 50 years ago can't make a decent gasoline can today?

Don't blame the engineers. Blame government bureaucrats and trial lawyers.

Today's gas cans have become hard to use contraptions with springs that snap the lid shut even when you're trying to fill or empty the container.

And they lack vents that actually work well. Everyone knows if you want a container to empty well, it needs to be vented.

That's why you punch two holes in the lid of a can of condensed milk or tomato juice before you pour.

But here in the USA we have gas cans that flow about as well as a 75-year-old man with a prostate the size of a softball.

Earlier this month, I found myself in the market for a new gas can after the spring on one I keep in the back of my pickup snapped, rendering it useless.

I looked at my wife and said, "When we vacation in Canada, we're buying our gas cans there."

Americans travel across our northern border to buy a variety of things not available in the U.S.: Cuban cigars,

### Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



five-gallon toilet tanks and, yes, gas cans that actually work.

I bought two from a Canadian Tire store just across the border from International Falls, Minn. And they are the same design that was available in American hardware stores in the 1990s.

So how did the world's largest economy become so inept that it can no longer produce a decent gas can?

Well, back in 2009, the Environmental Protection Agency banned the sale of gas cans that actually work well. It seems the federal bureaucrats were wringing their hands over a whiff of gas vapors escaping into the atmosphere from a vent while the gasoline is being poured.

So, vented gas cans were outlawed.

Instead, we just have to worry about a pint or two of gasoline spilling into the environment.

It's rare, indeed, when I manage to fill my lawnmower or chainsaw without spilling something when using the new government-approved gas cans.

These new cans are a sloshing, heaving mess, belching gasoline and leaking it from the complex yet flimsy spouts that easily break.

But hey, it's not just the bureaucrats that have brought the demise of useful gas cans. Trial lawyers have litigated the

industry to death.

In fact, back in 2011, Blitz USA, then the nation's largest gas can-maker went out of business after spending \$30 million defending itself in court.

How often do you see a company such as Blitz, with 75 percent of the domestic market, shut its doors? It wasn't the vagaries of the marketplace that put the firm out of business, but our legal system.

Some products can never be perfectly safe, particularly when people don't use them wisely.

According to The Wall Street Journal, most of the lawsuits came from folks who tried to pour gasoline onto fires and were burned.

Pouring gasoline onto a fire? It seems commonsense isn't a flower growing in everyone's garden.

When I last wrote on this issue six years ago, trial lawyers contacted me claiming I didn't care if people got burned. Of course, I do.

But I also care about the 117 factory workers in Oklahoma who lost their jobs when their gasoline can plant shut down. And I care about the consumers stuck with having to buy harder to use, more expensive products.

I was thinking about that as I walked down the aisle of Canadian Tire; I couldn't help but notice that the store was selling one-gallon gas cans, even though Canadian gas pumps dispense fuel in liters.

It's not hard to figure out who those gas cans are being marketed to.

Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist. He works as a freelance reporter in the Springfield area.



## On This Day in History

### 100 Years Ago Aug. 1, 1919

Dr. T. F. Dornblaser has purchased a test lot just east of T.B. Nicholson's on East Main Street of S.A. Long and will begin the erection of a new residence in the very near future.

Mrs. Catherine Einspahr and children went to Ashton Monday for a week's visit at the N. Meister home.

Miss Wilhelmina Machen is substituting for Miss Bethard during her absence from the Soil Assn. office.

S. Rose returned from Chicago on Monday accompanied by his daughter, Miss Yatta.

Miss Matie Hammond went to Chicago Wednesday to spend two weeks at the D.B. Fish & Co. wholesale millinery, studying the styles.

### 75 Years Ago July 27, 1944

Lally's Alleys, after being closed

for several weeks while the alleys were being reconditioned will reopen on Saturday evening, July 29.

Margaret Schwamberger and Yvonne Robbins and Mrs. Carleton Russell are attending State 4-H Junior Leadership Conference at Lake Bloomington.

Patsy Hillison spent the weekend in Dixon with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Butler.

### 50 Years Ago July 31, 1969

Competing for the honor of being Amboy's Miss Flame of 1969 are Paula Kagay, Jeanie Clayton, Karen Gehant, Pam Smith, Eileen Mead, Pat Girton, Nancy Kay Hicks, Susan Hintz and Jan Douvier, Vickie Mitchell, Therese Elliott, Sandy Bonnell, Beverly Wilson, Karen Sondgeroth and Pat Morris.

Voters game unanimous approval Saturday for annexation of several townships south and west of Amboy to the Amboy Fire Protection District.

Polling places were located at Briar Knoll Hunting Lodge and in St. Mary's Hall at Walton.

Lynette Robbins, of rural Amboy, granddaughter of the late Chauncey W. Robbins, gets a drink from the fountain given in memory of her grandfather. The fountain, recently installed near the Miller shelter in Green River City Park, was a memorial gift to the park from Mrs. C.W. Robbins and family.

### 25 Years Ago Aug. 4, 1994

Josh Piper, 18-year-old son of Larry and Eileen Piper recently returned from a 13-day tour as part of the European Track and Field Adventure. He competed against other youngsters from across Europe and spent time in Germany, Switzerland and Austria.

Mrs. Leo Bulfer was a supper guest Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rood, Amboy.

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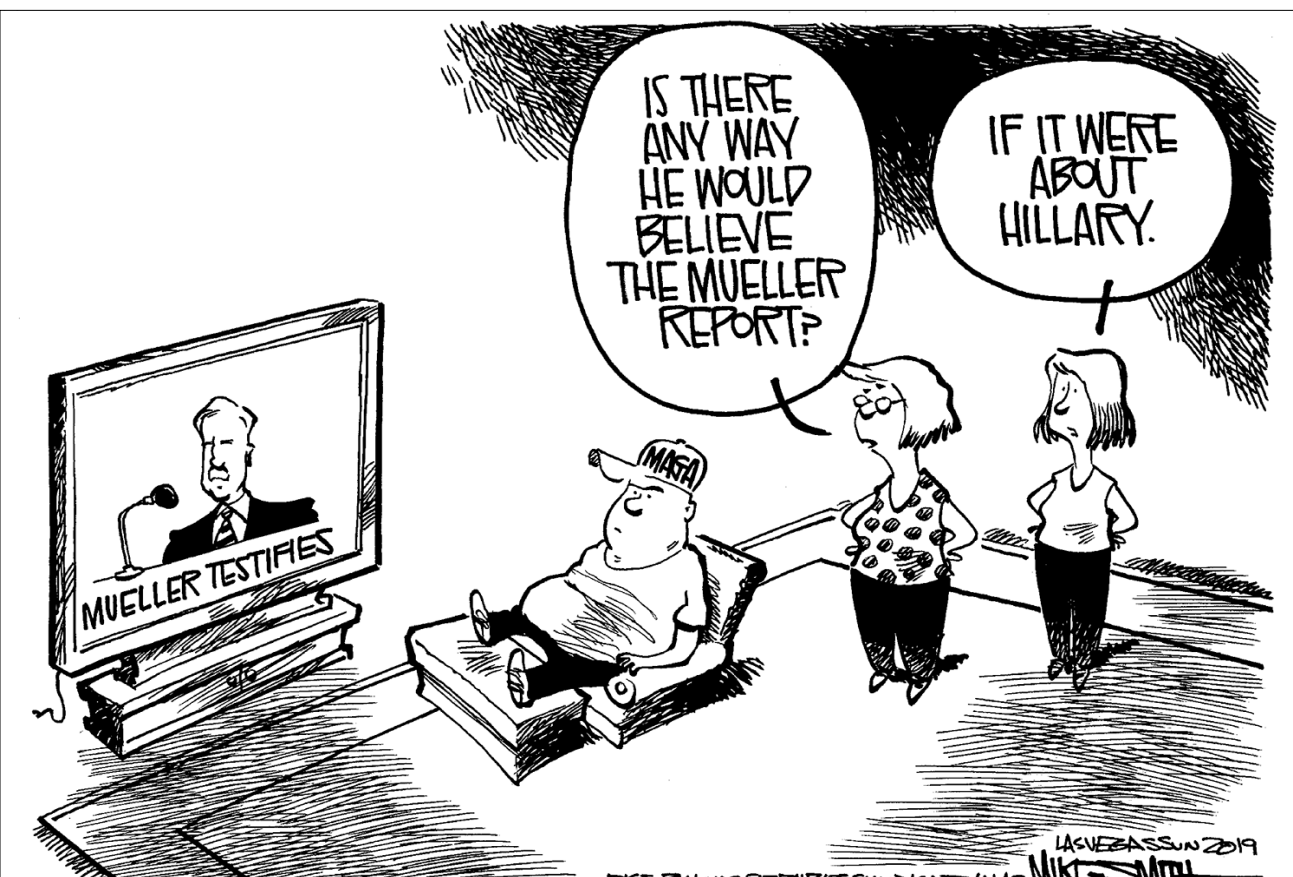
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Annual Sweet Corn Festival in Mendota offers something for everyone

**MENDOTA** – The 72<sup>nd</sup> annual Mendota Sweet Corn Festival will take place Aug. 8-11 in downtown Mendota.

The Sweet Corn Festival is one of the Midwest's oldest and largest harvest festivals. Over 60,000 visitors descend on Mendota and they consume nearly 50 tons of sweet corn that is cooked in an old-fashioned vintage steam engine and served free on Illinois Avenue on Sunday afternoon of the festival.

The Crafters Market Place and Flea Market features over 200 dealers in handmade crafts, tasty treats and unique merchandise. There is a queen pageant, beer garden with live entertainment, a huge parade, and carnival rides and games for both children and adults. The midways are also lined with food booth vendors featuring a multitude of ethnic, regional and festival food.

There is no admission charge to the festival and parking is also free, so mark your calendar and plan to attend the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival.

The daily calendar of events is as follows:

**Thursday, Aug. 8**

3:30 - 5:30 p.m. – A Special Afternoon for Special Kids. The Carnival will be open for a private armband for anyone with special needs and their immediate family. Please call the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce at 815.539.6507 for more details. Registration is required to get an idea of how many we should expect: [sweetcornfestival.co](http://sweetcornfestival.co)

6-10 p.m. – Carnival Midway Open to Public. Carnival and Midway open to the general public. Unlimited Ride Special from 6-10 p.m. for \$25 each.

6-10 p.m. – Food Booths open. Featuring festival, ethnic, and regional delights.

7 p.m. – The Valley Katz performance on the First State Bank Stage. The Valley Katz are a very talented group of veteran musicians

who will feature covers by Elvis, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis, Buddy Holly and more.

**Friday, Aug. 9**

10:30 a.m. – Youth division tennis tournament: All day event. Youth division tennis tournament. Tournament takes place at the Mendota High School Tennis Courts located at 2300 West Main St.

10:30 a.m. – First State Bank Kasasa Hospitality Tent opens.

10:30 a.m. – Food & Merchandise Booth open. Food Booths featuring festival, ethnic and regional delights, and a variety of Merchandise Booths, & First State Bank Hospitality Tent open for the day.

10:30 a.m.-10 p.m. – Magic Matt performing his strolling magic & balloon artistry downtown Mendota.

11 a.m.-1 p.m. – Dallas Stamberger will be playing a mix of 50s, 60s, blues & country in the First State Bank Hospitality Tent.

Noon-10:30 p.m. – Carnival Midway Opens. Unlimited ride specials from noon-4 p.m. and 6-10 p.m.

2-4 p.m. & 4:30-6 p.m. – The Acoustix performance in the First State Bank Hospitality Tent.

7:30 p.m. – Sweet Corn Queen Pageant on the First State Bank Stage on Rt. 34 downtown with intermission entertainment featuring the Clef Hangers, the first mixed a Capella group on the Illinois State University campus, founded in 2008.

7:30 p.m. – Beer Garden opens featuring entertainment from 'Big Uproar.'

**Saturday, Aug. 10**

8 a.m. – "CornaPalooza" 5K/10K Run & 5K Fitness Walk. The race starts/ends at Lake Mendota. Participants will encounter rural Mendota and its rolling hills & 1 mile of trail. Awards, giveaways & food provided for all those who participate. For more information, a registration form, or to register online

visit [www.sweetcornfestival.com](http://www.sweetcornfestival.com). Proceeds from this event benefit OSF Saint Paul Foundation.

9 a.m.-2 p.m. – American Red Cross Blood Drive on the corner of Indiana Avenue & Jefferson Street. "Help fill the Blood Bank" is designed to encourage Americans to help save lives through regular blood donations. For an appointment, please call the American Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE, ext. 5.

9 a.m.-5 p.m. – Crafters Market Place & Flea Market. Over 200 vendors in two locations - Veteran's Park on Rt. 34 in downtown Mendota and the Elks Club parking lot on Indiana Ave. & Jefferson St. just ½ block north of Veteran's Park.

10 a.m. – Mini Royalty Pageant. 5-year olds competing to wear the crown of Mini King & Queen of Mendota's Annual Sweet Corn Festival, on the First State Bank Stage on R. 34 downtown.

10 a.m.-8 p.m. – Art Show & Sale featuring the work of artists within our local region inside Setchell Studio located at 723 Washington St.

10:30 a.m. – Adult division tennis tournament doubles. Tournament takes place at the Mendota High School tennis courts located at 2300 W. Main St.

10:30 a.m. – First State Bank Kasasa Hospitality Tent opens.

10:30 a.m. – Food & Merchandise Booths open featuring festival, ethnic, and regional delights, and a variety of merchandise booths

10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. – Magic Matt performing his strolling magic & balloon artistry downtown Mendota.

11 a.m. – Nicodemus musical performance in the First State Bank Hospitality Tent.

11:30 a.m. – Ballet Folclorico de Colores brings an exciting performance where culture, art, dance and music make the perfect combination. Come see traditional dances from various regions

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Noon-2 p.m. – Lica Lorraine will enchant people of all ages with her timeless balloon designs and sparkly personality! From amazing your child with their favorite animal or surprising your loved one with hearts and flowers, she creates it all! At the intersection of Washington Street and 8th Avenue.

Noon-3 p.m. – Free face painting professional artists will be available to transform you into your favorite animal or superhero for the day. Near the corner of Washington Street & Indiana Avenue.

Noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. – Mr. Steve performance includes music, magic, balloons and comedy all blended into wholesome family entertainment.

Noon-10:30 p.m. – Carnival opens for the day. Unlimited ride specials from noon-4 p.m. and 6-10 p.m.

2 p.m. – Annual Sweet Corn Festival Food Contest. All categories of food must be made with sweet corn and prepared in advanced. Judging will be held at 2 p.m. at the Mendota Elks Lodge, 707 Indiana Ave., downtown. Entry form available at the Mendota Chamber Office or online at [www.sweetcornfestival.com](http://www.sweetcornfestival.com).

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. – Steve Cerqua acoustic guitar performance in the First State Bank Hospitality Tent. Sponsored by: Diversifoam Products

3-5 p.m. – Matt & Kat musical performance on the First State Bank Stage.

3:30 p.m. – K9 Demonstration coordinated by the Mendota Police Department. Located on Indiana Avenue and Jefferson Street.

5-7 p.m. – Andrew Blomquist performance in the First State Bank Hospitality Tent.

6-8 p.m. – Chugs and Austin performance on the First State Bank Stage.

7:30 p.m. – Beer Garden opens, featuring 'She's A

Maybe.'

**Sunday, Aug. 11**

9 a.m.-5 p.m. – Crafters Market Place & Flea Market. Over 200 vendors in two locations - Veteran's Park on Rt. 34 in downtown Mendota and the Elks Club parking lot on Indiana Ave. & Jefferson St. just ½ block north of Veteran's Park.

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10:30 - 5 p.m. – Magic Matt performing his Strolling Magic & Balloon Artistry downtown Mendota.

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loved one with hearts and flowers, she creates it all! At the intersection of Washington Street and 8th Avenue.

Noon-2 p.m. – The Acoustix performance in the First State Bank Hospitality Tent.

Noon-6 p.m. – Carnival opens for the day. (Unlimited Ride armband from 1-6 p.m. \$30)

1 p.m. – SWEET CORN FESTIVAL GRAND PARADE Featuring floats, bands, antique & classic vehicles, Shriners and more! Special highlights include The Jesse White Tumblers and The South Shore Drill Team.

2 p.m. – 3D Sound will be providing entertainment & music at the intersection of Illinois Avenue & Jefferson Street.

2 p.m. – FREE SWEET CORN! Del Monte's finest served steaming hot! Served at the intersection of Illinois Avenue & Jefferson Street.

3-5 p.m. – The Acoustix performance in the First State Bank Hospitality Tent.

3:30-4 p.m. – The South Shore Drill Team will perform in front of the Mendota Elks Lodge at 707 Indiana Ave.

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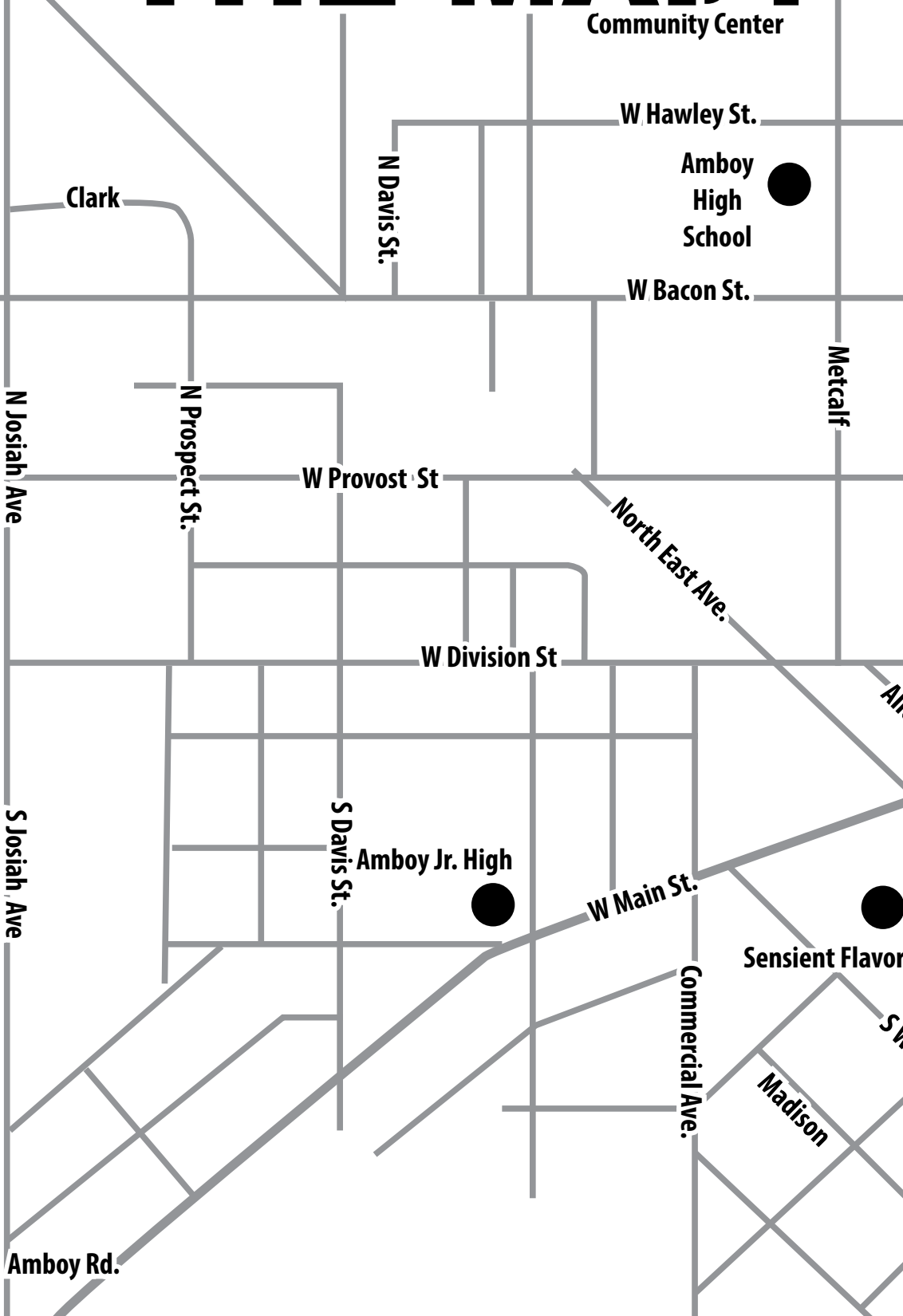
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1) The AFC Elementary School is seeking a para-professional. Candidate must have a high school diploma and meet one of the following criteria:  
\* Hold an associate's degree: or  
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\* Presents an official score from Educational Testing Service (ETS) showing a score of 460 or higher on the ParaoPro test.

Please complete online application. Call Jennifer Warrenfeltz, Principal for any questions 815-456-2325

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\* Hold an associate's degree: or  
\* has completed at least 60 semester hours of credit from an accredited institution of higher education or:  
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ROCHELLE: 1008 Sunset Terrace. Estate/ Garage Sale Friday and Saturday August 2nd and 3rd, 8am-4pm. Furniture, Household Items, Kitchenware, Yard Items, Clothes and jewelry. (07-31-19)

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Illinois controlled pheasant hunting reservation information now available online

**SPRINGFIELD** — Controlled pheasant hunting opportunities will be available at 18 Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) sites during the 2019-20 hunting season. Dates and permit reservation information are now available online.

Sixteen of the sites are operated by the IDNR, while two other sites continue to be operated in a public/private partnership arrangement between the IDNR and concessionaire T. Miller, Inc.

"Controlled pheasant hunting in Illinois is an ideal way for hunters of all ages, and especially young hunters, to have a worthwhile upland hunting experience," said IDNR Director Colleen Callahan. "Now is the time to plan for some good opportunities for pheasant hunting in Illinois."

The online permit reservation system for IDNR-operated controlled hunting sites opens on Monday, Aug. 5, and permit information, season dates, and other information are now available. Detailed information and permit reservations are available now for the two sites operated by T. Miller, Inc. Hunters should always review the application instructions, season information and regulations accessible online prior to applying.

On IDNR-operated sites, the daily fee for permits acquired online for controlled pheasant hunting is \$30 for resident hunters and \$35 for nonresident hunters. The daily permit fee applies to each hunter. Hunters are required to pay for permits acquired online in advance over a secure system using an American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or Visa credit card. The credit card account is billed when hunters apply. A transaction fee of \$1.00 or 2.25 percent of the permit fee (whichever is higher) will be assessed for each application, except for applications submitted for the Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt.

The controlled pheasant hunting areas operated by T. Miller, Inc. are Chain O' Lakes State Park in Lake County and Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area in Kendall County. Information about controlled pheasant hunting at these sites is available on the concessionaire's website at [www.tmillerinc.com](http://www.tmillerinc.com) or via a link on the IDNR website at

[www.dnr.illinois.gov](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov).

Of the 16 sites operated by the IDNR, six provide the Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt opportunity for young hunters between the ages of 10-17. Those six sites are the Mackinaw River State Fish and Wildlife Area in Tazewell County, Clinton Lake State Recreation Area in DeWitt County, Edward Madigan State Fish and Wildlife Area in Logan County, Pere Marquette State Park in Jersey County, Sangchris Lake State Park in Christian and Sangamon counties, and the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Randolph County.

Nine sites provide lengthy hunting seasons for hunters, as well as additional special hunting days for young hunters under the age of 18: Johnson Sauk Trail State Recreation Area in Henry County, the Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area in Will County, Kankakee River State Park in Kankakee County, the Iroquois County State Wildlife Area, Moraine View State Recreation Area in McLean County, Sand Ridge State Forest in Mason County, Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area in Cass County, Eldon Hazlet State Recreation Area in Clinton County, and Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area in Jefferson and Franklin counties.

The Green River State Wildlife Area in Lee County provides 15 days of controlled pheasant hunting during a season that extends from early November until mid-December.

At Des Plaines, Moraine View and Eldon Hazlet, hunting opportunities are available for hunters with disabilities, where special vehicles are provided to assist with the hunt.

Online permit reservations for the first lottery period on IDNR-operated sites will be accepted from 8:30 a.m. on Aug. 5 until 1 p.m. on Aug. 12. Two additional one-week lottery periods are scheduled thereafter. Hunters should always review the application instructions and season information on the controlled pheasant hunting website prior to applying. To navigate to the controlled pheasant hunting website once the IDNR website has been accessed, hunters should follow these directions:

- Click on the "Hunt/Trap" button on the



toolbar

- Then click on "Upland Game"
- Then click on "Controlled Pheasant Hunting Permits, Hunting Areas, Regs, etc."

IDNR-operated controlled pheasant hunting sites will continue to have a portion of their hunter quota allocated to standby hunters. Standby hunters acquire permits and pay permit fees at the site hunter check station on the day of the hunt. Standby permits also are available for the Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt if the site hunter quota is not filled by young hunters with reserved permits prior to the hunt date. However, to ensure enough pheasants are released each hunting day, all hunters are strongly encouraged to access IDNR-operated controlled pheasant hunting sites by using the online permit reservation system.

Special note for the 2019-2020 hunting season: Hunters will be required to use non-toxic shotshells when hunting at the Des Plaines SFWA, Horseshoe Lake SP, the Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA, Mackinaw River SFWA and the Silver Springs SFWA. Non-toxic shotshells have been required when hunting at Chain O' Lakes SP, the Eldon Hazlet SRA, the Green River SWA, the Johnson Sauk Trail SRA and the Wayne Fitzgerald SRA for many years. Hunters are reminded when hunting at any of these sites that only non-toxic shotshells may be in possession while hunting.

For complete details, check the controlled pheasant hunting website at [www.dnr.illinois.gov](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov) or the T. Miller, Inc. website at [www.tmillerinc.com](http://www.tmillerinc.com).

## Big Rig show part of annual festival

**FRANKLIN GROVE** — The Franklin Grove Harvest Festival will be host to the Big Rig 2019 Show. The show will be held Aug. 3 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Chaplin Creek show grounds, 1715 Whitney Road in Franklin Grove. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. Trucks and trailers need to be in place by

10 a.m. The event will be held rain or shine. Truck entry fee is \$25. All proceeds from the event are donated to Shriners Hospitals for Children in Chicago.

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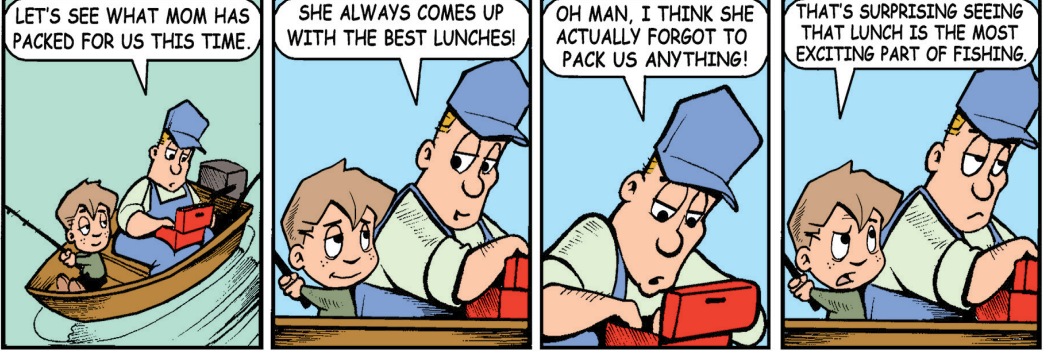
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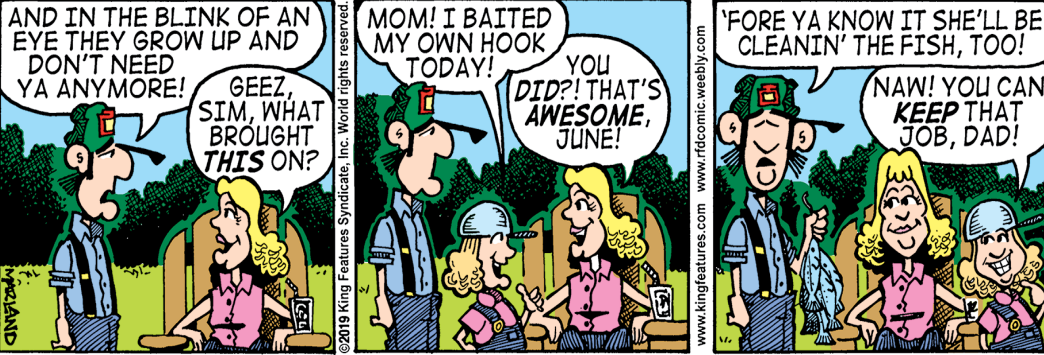
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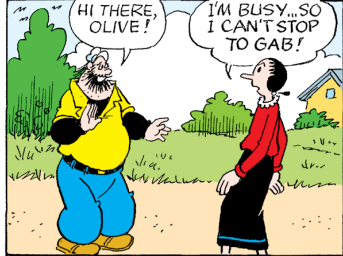
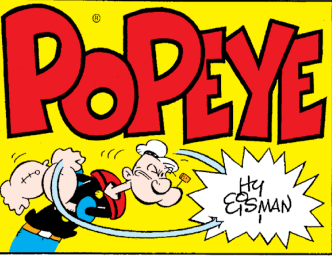
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# THE FARMER'S REPORT

## Illinois study advances possibility of genetic control for major agricultural weeds



Palmer amaranth

URBANA – Waterhemp and Palmer amaranth, two aggressive weeds that threaten the food supply in North America, are increasingly hard to kill with commercially available herbicides. A novel approach known as genetic control could one day reduce the need for these chemicals. Now, scientists are one step closer.

In a study published today in *Weed Science*, researchers from the University of Illinois identified genetic signatures

that distinguish male waterhemp and Palmer amaranth plants from females. The discovery is a crucial part of developing a genetic control system for the damaging weeds.

The researchers' goal is to one day introduce genetically modified male plants into a population to mate with wild females. Modified male plants would contain a gene drive, a segment of DNA coding for maleness, which would be

passed on to all its offspring, and their offspring, and so on. Ultimately, all plants in a given population would become male, reproduction would cease, and populations would crash.

It's a controversial strategy, but Pat Tranel, the U of I scientist leading the project, says they're still in the very early stages.

"It's important to emphasize that we are not at the point of releasing genetically mod-

ified waterhemp and Palmer. We are doing basic research that could inform how we could do that," says Tranel, professor and associate head of the Department of Crop Sciences in the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences at U of I.

He adds that the team hasn't found the specific gene or genes for maleness in either species. Instead, they identified small genetic sequences associated with a male region, presumably on a particular chromosome. They think the specific gene(s) for maleness lies somewhere within that region.

In the study, the researchers grew 200 plants of each species and each sex, then extracted DNA and determined whether any sequences were unique to a given sex.

"We found sequences present in waterhemp and Palmer males that were not found in females, but no female-specific sequences. Then we took known males from other populations and looked for the

sequences – they were there," Tranel says. "Our sequences not only worked, they confirmed males are the heterogametic sex in these plants."

In humans, males have an X and a Y chromosome, and male gametes, sperm, contribute either an X or a Y to the next generation. Females have two X chromosomes, and every egg carries an X. Males are heterogametic; females, homogametic. Similarly, male waterhemp and Palmer amaranth plants produce pollen with either the male-specific Y region or not.

"The fact that males are the heterogametic sex suggests that maleness is dominant. That's good in that it's easier to control the trait (maleness) if the gene for that trait is dominant," Tranel explains. "When we get to the point of identifying the specific genes for maleness, they would be an obvious target for a gene drive where you could spread that maleness gene in the population."

In the meantime, however,

having a set of genetic sequences that can accurately identify males before flowering could help the researchers better understand the biology of the plants and their response to the environment. For example, Tranel says the discovery could help determine if the weeds are able to switch sexes under certain conditions or if one sex is more sensitive to herbicides. Both concepts have been proposed by previous research or anecdotal reports.

In addition to pursuing these basic questions, Tranel's team is now working to find the needle in the haystack: the maleness gene within the male region. When they find it, it will take time before genetic control of waterhemp and Palmer amaranth could become a reality. And even then, Tranel says it will still be important to use all the tools in the weed management toolbox.

"I'd never see this as replacing all our other strategies," he says. "But it's super cool to imagine this as part of the solution."

## Yield-boosting stay-green gene identified from 118-year-old experiment in corn

URBANA – A corn gene identified from a 118-year-old experiment at the University of Illinois could boost yields of today's elite hybrids with no added inputs. The gene, identified in a recent *Plant Biotechnology Journal* study, controls a critical piece of senescence, or seasonal die-back, in corn. When the gene is turned off, field-grown elite hybrids yielded 4.6 bushels more per acre on average than standard plants.

Dating back to 1896, the Illinois experiment was designed to test whether corn grain composition could be changed through artificial selection, a relatively new concept introduced by Charles Darwin just 37 years earlier. Repeated selection of high- and low-protein corn lines had the intended effect within about 10 generations. As selection for the traits continued, however, additional changes were noticeable.

"One of the things that was noted as early as the 1930s was that the low-protein line stays greener longer than the high-protein line. It's really obvious," says Stephen Moose, professor in the Department of Crop Sciences at Illinois and co-author of the study.

Staying green longer into the season can mean more yield. The plant continues photosynthesizing and putting energy toward developing grain. But, until now, no one knew the specific gene responsible for the stay-green trait in corn.

"The stay-green trait is like a 'fountain of youth' for plants because it prolongs photosynthesis and improves yield," says Anne Sylvester, a program director at the National Science Foundation, which funded this research. "This is a great basic discovery with practical impact."

The discovery of the gene

was made possible through a decade-long public-private partnership between Illinois and Corteva Agriscience. Moose and Illinois collaborators initially gave Corteva scientists access to a population derived from the long-term corn protein experiment with differences in the stay-green trait. Corteva scientists mapped the stay-green trait to a particular gene, NAC7, and developed corn plants with low expression for the trait. Like the low-protein parent, these plants stayed green longer. They tested these plants in greenhouses and fields across the country over two field seasons.

Not only did corn grow just fine without NAC7, yield increased by almost 5 bushels per acre compared to conventional hybrids. Notably, the field results came without added nitrogen fertilizer beyond what farmers typically use.

"Collaborating with the University of Illinois gives us the opportunity to apply leading-edge technology to one of the longest running studies in plant genetics," says Jun Zhang, research scientist at Corteva Agriscience and co-author of the study. "The insights we derive from this relationship can result in more bushels without an increase in input costs, potentially increasing both profitability and productivity for farmers."

Moose's team then sequenced the NAC7 gene in the high- and low-protein corn lines and were able to figure out just how the gene facilitates senescence and why it stopped working in the low-protein corn.

"We could see exactly what the mutation was. It seems to have happened sometime in the last 100 years of this experiment, and fortunately has been preserved so that we can benefit from

it now," Moose says.

He can't say for sure when the mutation occurred, because in the 1920s, crop sciences faculty threw out the original seed from 1896.

"They had no way of knowing then that we could one day identify genes controlling these unique traits. But we have looked in other corn and we don't find this mutation," Moose says.

Future potential for this innovation could include commercialized seed with no or reduced expression of NAC7, giving farmers the

option for more yield without additional fertilizer inputs.

Moose emphasizes the advancement couldn't have happened without both partners coming to the table.

"There's value to the seed industry and society in doing these long-term experiments. People ask me why university scientists bother doing corn research when companies are doing it," he says. "Well, yeah they are, and they can do things on a larger and faster scale, but they don't often invest in studies where the payoffs may take decades."

## For soybean growers, 2019 typifies a year of short plants

BLOOMINGTON – The IL Soy Advisor recently received a question from central Pennsylvania:

"My question is that my growers are seeing flowers on plants that are almost 1.5-foot-tall, which is much smaller compared to what we saw last year (or in normal years). I am wondering what happens to plant growth after the plants begin to flower. In other words, do plants keep growing and keep producing more nodes after they start flowering? My understanding was that once the plants start flowering, they don't grow much in height and or nodes. Is that true?"

Soybean agronomist Daniel Davidson answers.

"This is a very good question and 2019 typifies a year of short plants associated with late planting followed by quicker initiation of flowering.

Soybeans grown in Illinois are indeterminate and

continue vegetative growth after flowering starts. Soybeans begin flowering after accumulating a couple nodes. However, it really commences at Summer Solstice as night length increases. Soybeans will continue to flower all through July and into early August at the top of the plant.

This season soybeans were planted mainly in June and commenced flowering. Embryonic node structures are formed early in development, but laid down later as the plant grows. There was so little time between planting/emergence and flowering that fewer nodes and internodes formed, resulting in shorter plants. Hopefully, branching and lower pod set will compensate for loss of nodes and height.


Height does not always correlate with yield. I cite the 2012 drought year. Soybeans stayed short and growth was relatively dormant all summer, but the crop survived.

At the same time corn was extremely stressed and, in some cases, literally died or yields were extremely low. However, when the rains returned in mid-August soybean plants renewed growth, pods begin to fill and yields were often just below average. This taught us that soybeans can survive a drought and that short plants don't necessarily equate to reduced yield.

When planting soybeans is delayed, vegetative growth is reduced since flowering starts as soon as the plants have one or two nodes. However, the

plant is indeterminate and will continue vegetative growth producing more nodes and internodes, but due to the lateness of planting and so little time before flowering, fewer nodal points are laid down on the main stem. Late-planted soybeans will be shorter with fewer nodes, but with more pods occurring lower in the canopy as more sunlight penetrates deeper through the canopy.

The one plus that comes with late planting and shorter plants is that a shorter crop won't lodge, which would lead to some harvest losses."



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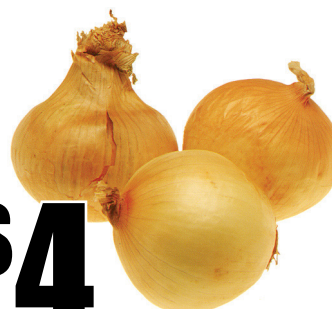
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