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#### FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

Friends and family of Ryon Richardson gathered on Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Lee County 4-H Center, to host a day long "Pulling for Ryon" fundraiser. Ryon was injured in an anhydrous ammonia farming accident in April. The day included two classes of tractor pulls.

Mary Mays/Amboy News



The Paw Paw Lions Club was on hand during the event cooking their chicken bbq dinner. Mary Mays/Amboy News



A bags tournament was also held during the afternoon.

Mary Mays/Amboy News



Rounding out the events were a beer garden, a bake sale, kids activities, food vendors and a silent auction.

Mary Mays/Amboy News

# 272Kids talk to Sublette board about ballot measure

BY TONJA GREENFIELD GENERAL MANAGER

**SUBLETTE** — On the ballot again in November is a referendum to replace the current the Amboy Junior High with a new addition to the high school. To help get the word out about the upcoming referendum, three representatives of 272Kids went before the Village of Sublette Board on Monday night.

Amboy CUSD Board President Nicole Jones told the board members that the cost for the addition to the high school for the new junior high has increased. The new cost of the project is \$17.3 million, but the district is asking for the original \$15.8 million in November, just like on the March ballot. The referendum on the March ballot was defeated 769 no to 716 yes.

"Our needs haven't changed," Jones told the

Amboy CUSD Board member Carol Schnaiter said if the referendum doesn't pass, it will still cost the district \$10 million fix the current junior high. She added that the \$10 million needed still

doesn't take care of a lot of problems that the

Sublette resident Don Dinges said he was still in favor of fixing the junior high, like what Dixon and LaMoille are doing.

Schnaiter said that the current junior high has a lot more concerns that those buildings do.

Jones said it's costing Dixon more in the long run by repairing the old building. She added that starting repairs on Amboy's junior high could open a can of worms that the district didn't expect. She also added that doing the repairs would also be disruptive to the students during the school year.

Sublette Village Trustee Richard Klaser asked if the repairs needed on the current junior high were state mandated.

Jones said that the state is not shutting the school down, but that the district does need to get those areas fixed. One example she gave was that the bathrooms are not handicapped accessible, and the school has handicapped students enrolled.

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District 1-D Governor Barb Stewart attended the Amboy Lions Club Aug. 27 meeting to install the new 2018-2019 officers. The 2018-2019 Amboy Lions Club officers are: Lion Tamer, Larry Eisenberg; Treasurer, Curtis Harrison; 1st Vice-President, Ray Harrison; Secretary, Dennis Marsili;

## Amboy Lions inducts officers, new members

day, but it did not deter the nearly 3,500 spectators from attending the Amboy Lions Depot Days Parade. The parade went flawlessly thanks to the efforts of Lions Ken Novak, Dave and Kathy Kemp and many other Lions Club members.

There were more than 75 entries in this year's parade led by Parade Marshal Jean Travi, who taught high school science classes for 39 years in Amboy. The theme of the parade was "Chasing your Dreams" and many of Travi's students went on into teaching and health /science related careers. On Aug. 26 a number of the club members volunteered to help line up and park the more than 500 cars, trucks and motorcycles at the 28th annual Amboy Depot Days Car Show

The Amboy Lions were honored to have Dis-

**AMBOY**—Aug. 25, was a hot, sunny, humid trict 1-D Governor Barb Stewart attend their Aug. 2/ meeting to install the new 2018-2019 officers. The 2018-2019 Amboy Lions Club officers are: Lion Tamer, Larry Eisenberg; Treasurer, Curtis Harrison; 1st Vice-President, Ray Harrison; Secretary, Dennis Marsili; and President, Roger Wittenauer. Following the installation of officers, District 1-D Governor Stewart inducted two new club members. New Amboy Lions members Mary Mays and Joshua Nichols were both sponsored by Lion Jim Travi. District Governor Stewart finished with a presentation on the growth of Lions International and emphasized some of the goals set for the next two to three years. She closed her talk with the District 1-D goal for this year: "Fighting Diabetes."

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## **Stephenitch Family Business:** 125 Years

MENDOTA — With it's beginnings in Sublette, Stephenitch is celebrating 125 years in business.

#### The early years:

It was 1893 in the quaint little village of Sublette, approximately eight miles northwest of Mendota, with its dirt roads and horse drawn carriages, when Paul Stephenitch decided to open a hardware store on the corner of what is now Main and Front streets.

Did he ever dream that his venture would evolve into a family business that has thus far spanned four generations, and 125 years? The business gained popularity, and Joseph Bettendorf became a partner leading to the business being known as Stephenitch and Bettendorf.

When Bettendorf turned his interests to other

fields, Paul Stephenitch continued the business, and soon added McCormick Deering farm machinery, and International Trucks. By the 1920s

Paul's son LeRoy joined the operation.

In 1934 Paul Stephenitch met an untimely death in an accident, and LeRoy became the sole owner. LeRoy, or L. J. as he was known to many, expanded the business to add a second location at the other end of the block, converting the old Armory Hall into a repair shop and warehouse. The business continued to grow, causing L.J. to see opportunity to the south, so he purchased approximately two acres of land on the northwest corner of Mendota shortly after World War II.

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The Amboy Lions Club and other area clubs volunteered to help at the "Pulling for Ryon" fundraiser on Sept. 8 at the Lee County Fairgrounds. Pictured above at the entrance were Lions Mary Mays and Dave Brownlee. Photo submitted



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District 1-D Governor Barb Stewart inducted Mary Mays and Joshua Nichols, as two new Amboy Lions Club members. Both were sponsored by Lion Jim Travi.

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In other club news, the members continue to stay very busy preparing for upcoming events. The Amboy Lions Club and other area clubs volunteered to help at the "Pulling for Ryon" fundraiser on Sept. 8 at the Lee County Fairgrounds. Ryon Richardson is a local young man who was seriously injured in a farm accident this past spring. Club members are finalizing plans for our annual Draw Down to be held on Sept.

15 at the Amboy Community Center. Tickets can be purchased through club members. This is the club's biggest fundraising event of the year.

Lions Jim Travi, Edy Pfeiffer, and Mary Mays continue to work on the final details for the free Community Health Fair to be held Oct. 20 at the Amboy Community Center. More information on these upcoming events will be published in the Amboy News.



Amboy Lions and Leo clubs parked cars for the "Pulling for Ryon" event on

Photo submitted

#### **SUBLETTE** continued from page A1

Jones said she understands that no one likes their taxes to go up. But, she added, when anyone is looking at moving into a community, one of the first things they look at is the school district.

She added that the cost to fix the current junior high or build the proposed addition are continuing to rise. She cited that just from March to November, the cost of the proposed addition increased by \$2 million.

Jones added that demolition cost for the current junior high are included in the \$15.8 million price tag.

Schnaiter said one thing she heard after the March referendum failed, was that residents

district still needs \$10 million to fix the junior high. Sublette Village Trustee Laura Jackson asked if the

didn't understand that the

sports fields at the current junior high will still be used. Schnaiter said yes, the

sports fields the bus garage will still be used.

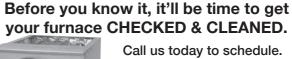
Jones concluded the talk by reminding people to not forget to vote. The election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

In other board business:

 Sublette Economic Development Director Don Dinges reported to the board that the car show on Saturday turned out to be successful. He said that the weather from the south

discouraged some attendees. The board approved a 3-year maintenance contract at \$45,000 per year.

The Sublette Village Board will hold its next monthly meeting at 7 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 8, in the Ellice Dinges Center.





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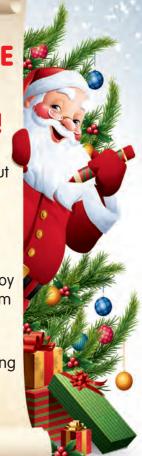
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The building on the corner of Main and Front streets in Sublette where Stephenitch Hardware began.

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### BUSINESS

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#### On to Mendota:

L.J.'s plan to build an International Harvester prototype building on the site didn't become reality immediately, due to the steel shortage caused by the war. In the interim, a 30x80 pole barn was constructed on the property, and the implement business was conducted out of it, as well as the Sublette facility. In 1948, the new 8,200 square foot IH dealership building was completed, and the hardware store in Sublette was sold. The International Harvester farm machinery and truck business was operated in both towns until 1950 when the entire operation was consolidated in the Mendota location. It was around this time that L.J.'s sons Don and Rich became partners with their father in the business, and the name was changed to L.J. Stephenitch and Sons. As the business continued to grow, they even added an auto dealership in 1952, taking on the Hudson line. This was discontinued after one year as the farm equipment business consumed the entire operation. The trio had gotten a taste of the home appliance business by offering the International Harvester refrigeration equipment of the day, and in 1956, they also became a full line General Electric major appliance dealer. LeRoy (L.J.)

as third generation owners. As the 1960s progressed, the two brothers noticed a distinct change in the dynamics of the farm equipment industry. The smaller, single store dealers were starting to disappear in favor of the large, multi-store operations. They felt the time had come to weigh options for alternatives to the implement business

passed away in 1961, and Don

and Rich carried on the legacy

#### **Back to the future:**

As GE appliance dealers, Don and Rich friended many other dealers over the years. Two in particular were also brothers from DeKalb, who also happened to own a hardware store. Likely, over the course of countless conversations, the brothers from DeKalb helped convince the Stephenitch brothers that a hardware store, also offering to go. In 1969, Don and Rich had a 5,000 square foot addition put onto their building, the International Harvester dealership was closed out, and they went back to the roots of the family business - hardware. That same year, Rich's son Gene, just in his freshman year in high school, began working at the hardware store. Four vears later (1973) another of Rich's sons, John, also started there as a freshman. Little did they know at the time, these weren't always going to be part-time jobs for some spending money. The new business was well received by the community, and grew annually. In 1982, Don Stephenitch passed away after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer. Rich subsequently purchased his sister-in-law Netia's interest in the business. At that point the business was incorporated, and the name became Stephenitch Ace Hardware, Inc. Rich operated the business with all three of his sons, Jim, Gene and John working for him.

major appliances, was the way

**The Fourth Generation:** In 1987, with the memory of losing his only brother to cancer fresh in his mind, and his wife Rosemary herself battling cancer, Rich decided it was time to retire to spend more time with his beloved wife, and mother of his children.

Gene and John partnered up, and purchased the business from their father. Under the new ownership, many changes were implemented such as remodeling the interior of the store to include increased fixture height and new layout to allow for more inventory and improved traffic flow. The outside of the building was also remodeled to improve aesthetics.

As the years went by, the costs and demands of doing business with their hardware supplier continued to escalate, so the search began for an

alternative. In 2011, after careful thought and deliberation, Gene and John teamed up with Fort Wayne, Ind., based Do it Best Corporation, prompting one more name change for the family business – Stephenitch, Inc.

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**DIXON-**The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only, on Sept. 13, 14, 18. 20, 21, 25, 26 and 27. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment or to find out about other services offered, like Adult Vaccines.

AMBOY-The Board of Trustees of Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 12, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

AMBOY-Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US RT 52, will host Community Bingo at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13. Bingo will be followed by a light lunch. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy CUSD#272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13, at Central School, 30 E. Provost.

AMBOY-The 18th An-

nual "All You Can Eat" Clipper Kiddie Pancake Breakfast will be held from 7 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US RT 52. Carry outs and free local delivery is available. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 17, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens on Wednesday, Sept. 19, by appointment ONLY, at the Community Center. Call 815-288-9236 to make an appointment.

County Council on Aging will provide assistance with accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens on Wednesday, Sept. 19, by appointment ONLY, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Hall. Call 815-288-9236 to make an appointment.

AMBOY-The Lee County Health Department will offer a Blood Pressure Clinic from 8 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Amboy Food Pantry, 32 N. Jones. Call 815-284-3371 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 third Wednesday of the month drive, Sept. 19, 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, Oct. 3. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Lee County Health Department will offer a Blood Pressure Clinic from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Call 815-284-3371 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy-Lee Center Multi-Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

**DIXON-**The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive at the Illinois Department of Transportation, 819 Depot, on SUBLETTE-The Lee Thursday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m.

until 3:30 p.m. Call 800-733-2767 to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Lee County Homemakers Education Association will sponsor a beginning genealogy program by Jan Conkrite of the Lee County Historical and Genealogy Society at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Lee County Extension Office, 280 W. Wasson Rd. The public is invited, RSVP to Donna Wellman at 815-857-2118.

**HARMON**-The 5th Annual Harmon Fest will be held Saturday, Sept. 22, beginning with breakfast at the Fire Department from 8 to 11 a.m. Other events begin at noon.

**AMBOY**-The Pankhurst Memorial Library Book Club will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 24, at the Library, 3 S. Jefferson. Call the library at 815-857-3925 for more in-

formation. AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Mon-

day, Sept. 24, at the Community

Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

STERLING-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at Newman Central Catholic High School, 1101 W. 23rd St. Call 800-733-2767 to make an appointment to donate.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department will have Glucose and Cholesterol Screenings on Thursday, Sept. 27. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment.





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**Speeding** 

On Sept. 7, at 4:37 p.m., Nathan L. Keener, 37, of Amboy, was issued traffic citations for

speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. He was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

#### **Operating uninsured** vehicle

On Sept. 8, at 11:15 p.m. Jose L. Jimenez-Aguilar, 35, of Rock Falls, was issued a traffic citation for operating uninsured vehicle and expired registration plate or sticker. He was issued traffic citations and released after posting bond.

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**OBITUARIES** 

## James J. Braida Nov. 18, 1933 - Sept. 9, 2018

AMBOY — James J. "Jim" Braida, 84, of Amboy, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018, at Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation Center surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Nov. 18, 1933, in Spring Valley, the son of James J. and Esther (Koenen) Braida. He married Marilyn Kulpa Aug. 9, 1958, at St. Valentine Catholic Church in Peru and they recently celebrated their 60th anniversary.

Jim graduated from Hall Township High School, Class of 1951, then entered the Army where he was stationed at the Panama Canal Zone as a radioman and trained in jungle warfare. Afterwards, he began his undergraduate studies at LPO Junior College (IVCC) and completed his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

In a chance campus encounter, he met Bob Reinboth, Amboy principal, who asked him if he would consider teaching at Amboy. He came to District 272 in 1960 and taught at Walton School for three years. He then taught business classes at Amboy High School for 5 years, coached football and track teams, and served as the first president of the Amboy Teacher's Association. He became principal of Amboy High School in Fall 1967, a year before the new high school was built, and remained as principal until his retirement in May 1993. In a newspaper interview, he was quoted as saying "I have never met a bad kid.'

In March 2018, the James Braida Auditorium at Amboy

High School was dedicated in his honor. After retiring, he was the principal and a teacher at St. Mary's School in Dixon from 1994-2000. He was a member of Illinois Principal's Association, Illinois Education Association, and the National Education Association. Jim and Marilyn also established the James Braida Teacher Scholarship to encourage students to become teachers.

Jim was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy, and recited the Rosary daily. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Amboy Lions Club where he received the Melvin Jones Award, and was a past Commander and current finance officer of Amboy American Legion Post #453. He traveled to Washington, D.C. on the Honor Flight in 2015. He was also a member of Shady Oaks Country Club and the Depot Museum.

He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals and Green Bay Packers fan, and enjoyed golfing, fishing, sports card collecting, flea markets, and spending time with his family. He also enjoyed traveling in the US and Europe, especially Italy, which he and Marilyn visited on several occasions.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one son James C. "Jay" Braida.

Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; three children, Perry Braida, of Amboy, Timothy Braida, of Normal, and Bonnie Braida, of Henderson, Nev.; daughter-in-law, Donna Braida, of Princeton; four grandchildren, Shannon and Michael

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Braida, and Schuyler and Hanna Bielema; three step-grandchildren, Amanda (Matt) Pearson, Dustin (Kendra) Wolford, and Jodi (Royce) Fundell; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 3-7 p.m., on Thursday, Sept. 13, at Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy with the Rosary recited at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Friday, Sept. 14, 2018, beginning with a 10 a.m. prayer service at funeral home followed by a 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy, with the Rev. Timothy Draper, Pastor, officiating. Burial will follow with Military Honors by the Amboy American Legion in St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy.

A memorial has been established to the Amboy American Legion and St. Patrick Catholic Church. Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.

Donald C. Wittenauer
Aug. 7, 1931 - Sept. 4, 2018

**AMBOY** — Donald C. Wittenauer, 87, of Amboy, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, at CGH Medical Center, Sterling.

He was born in Amboy on Aug. 7, 1931, to Joseph and Floy (Thrasher) Wittenauer.

Don opened his own barber shop in Amboy in 1960 and continued to service his clients until the time of his passing. Don served in the US Air Force from 1951-1955, and was an active member of the American Legion Post 453. He also served 42 1/2 years as a member of the Masonic Illinois Central Lodge # 178, serving as Worshipful Master for 14 terms.

Don was a founding member of the Shady Oaks Country Club and was president of the Amboy Chamber of Commerce for many years. Don was awarded Amboy Citizen of Year in 2009, having celebrated 50 years in business at that time.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Mary

Morgan, and two brothers, Elmer Wittenauer and Russell "Eugene" Wittenauer, and one granddaughter, Lauren Wittenauer.

Donis survived by two sons, Scott (Amy), of Amboy, and Steve (Wendy), of Quakertown, Penn.; five granddaughters, Emily (Terry) Lester, Amanda (Matt) Walter, Bethany (Collin) O'Connell, Melisa Shuttleworth, and Meghan LaGro; as well as eight great-grandchildren, Isaiah, Aaron, Noah, Everett, Kaeden, Madison, Charlotte, and Caleb.

Dad loved fishing, racing, volunteering his time and services to the community, and solving the world's problems daily in the barbershop.

He never met a stranger, had a nickname for all, and recognized everyone by the backs of their heads, but more than anything, he loved his family dearly. He will be forever missed and eternally loved.

Visitation was held from 2-6



p.m., on Sunday, Sept. 9, with Masonic Services at 5:30 p.m., at Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 10, at the funeral home with Pastor John Kalebaugh officiating. Burial with Military honors followed at Prairie Repose Cemetery, Amboy.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established. Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com.

#### June M. Stephenitch June 30, 1927 - Sept. 6, 2018

SUBLETTE — June M. Stephenitch, 91, of Sublette, died peacefully surrounded by her family, Thursday Sept. 6, 2018 at Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation Center. She was born June 30, 1927, in Maytown, the daughter of George and Margaret (Kelly) Goy.

She was a graduate of Amboy High School. June was a homemaker and farmed with her husband all their life.

She enjoyed life and all of her family. She loved to cook and have family meals.

June was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette and was an Eucharistic Minister taking communion to the nursing homes and shut ins. She was also a member of the Altar and Rosary Society in Maytown.

She had a strong faith and

loved going to daily Mass, twice a day if she could.

June married Robert A. Stephenitch June 29, 1946 in Maytown. He preceded her in death Jan. 16, 1985. She was also preceded in death by one son, Scott Stephenitch, three brothers, Gilbert, Leroy and Donald Goy, and one sister, Loleta Mathesius.

June is survived by her children, Terry (Deb) Stephenitch, Charles (Karen) Stephenitch, Ronald Stephenitch, all of Dixon, Dean (Sue) Stephenitch and Diane (Roger) Truckenbrod, both of Sublette; 10 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m., on Wednesday Sept. 12, 2018, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette



with the Rev. Randy Fronek officiating. Burial followed in St. Patrick Cemetery in Maytown. Visitation was held from 9-10:45 a.m., on Wednesday at the church.

Memorials can be made to the Sublette Fire Department, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette or St Patrick Catholic Church in Maytown.

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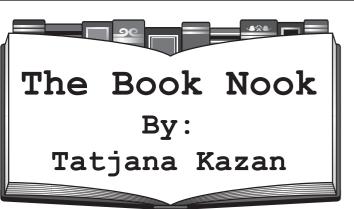
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#### The good German

Tessica Shattuck's "The Women in the Castle" opens with a glamorous party at a Bavarian castle. It is Nov. 9, 1938. • Guests include aristocratic landowners and high-ranking Nazis. A stranger appears and tells the hosts that Nazi thugs are rampaging through German cities, destroying Jewish synagogues and businesses. It became known as "Kristallnacht," the night of crystal glass, a disparaging name about rich Jews who had it coming.

The hostess, Countess Marianne von Lingenfels, is appalled. She is a good German; she and her husband Albrecht are part of the resistance that will attempt to assassinate Hitler in the failed July 20 Plot. At war's end, Marianne sets out to find the widows and children of the plotters. Two women, Benita and Ania and their children, are given refuge at the castle. Their stories are told in flashback, as the novel proceeds forward to 1950 and 1991.

Shattuck's descriptions of the German countryside and its people are perhaps too elegant for a country shattered by war and defeat. Indeed, there is a kind of well-mannered reluctance to look too closely at the horrors. This is especially odd when nothing is said of the aftermath of the failed plot other than a quick mention of the meat hooks from which the men were hanged.

In fact, Hitler had ordered the execution not only of the men but also their families – two wives were guillotined – and at his insistence, men were hanged with piano wires to prolong their deaths over several days. There were public show trials to humiliate the aristocratic plotters. In the end nearly 5,000 people were executed.

The women are untouched by these events. No fear of retribution, no fear for their children. At the heart of the story is Marianne who dedicates her life to doing good works, but is not terribly interesting in her humorless German sense of duty. It is the beautiful widow Benita, a small-town working-class girl married to a dashing conspirator, who engages us in her tragic dissolution.

Ania is by far the most compelling character. She and her husband ran a youth camp before the war, which enmeshed them in the monstrous program of extinction in Eastern Europe, including babies. Her story is the best part of the novel, not least because of the moral twilight people like Ania operated in.

I read that Shattuck felt compelled to write her novel because of a deep sense of shame she felt about her grandparents, who like Ania, ran a youth camp in the Nazi era. I grew up in a small town in Austria, some 50 miles from Hitler's hometown, at a time when the war was the great unmentionable. Yet I have never felt the shame Shattuck has taken upon herself. It really

## **21st Annual Scarecrow Festival**

**DIXON**—Dixon Chamber & Main Street hosts its 21st annual Scarecrow Festival on Sept. 16. The event begins at noon at the 200-300 block of First Street in Downtown Dixon and along the Dixon Riverfront. Admission is free.

This fall festival is family friendly and will feature craft vendors, the members of the Pink Heals Tour, face painting, photo booth, pie eating contest, scarecrow contest, petting zoo, downtown train rides, street performers, line dancing, pumpkin painting supported by Dixon Paint Co., and the return of the Pumpkin Fairy and his

The 21st Annual Scarecrow Festival is sponsored by; Hicks Insurance Agency, Bonnell Industries, Borg Warner, KSB Hospital, Comcast, Physicians Immediate Care. Contact Dixon Chamber and Main Street at 815-284-3361 for more information.

## Genealogy program offered on Sept. 20

AMBOY — The Lee County Homemakers Education Association is sponsoring a beginning genealogy program presented by Jan Conkrite, representative from the Lee County Historical and Genealogy program at 1 p.m., on Sept. 20, at the Lee County University of Illinois Extension Office in Amboy, 280 W. Was-

Everyone is welcome to attend. There is no fee for this program. Please register by Sept. 19, by calling Donna Wellman at 815-857-2118 with the number in your party so that they can arrange for adequate seating space.

For more information, please call Shirley Rees at 815-824-2279.

# PASTOR'S PBN

#### Where do you find refreshment?

#### PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

am writing this column while sitting in my recliner early on a rainy morning, cup of coffee in hand, with our cat sleeping on the floor beside me. The sound of the gentle raindrops on the window makes it a truly peaceful moment. A very refreshing and rejuvenating moment for me.

If I were to ask you to pick a setting that you would consider a place of rest and refreshment where would you go? For some it may be in a setting similar to what I just described – at home. For others it may be in a park of open grasslands. Others may choose a cabin in the woods or in the mountains with a flowing stream nearby. Still others may choose to relax upon the beach while listening to the sound of the waves crashing on the seashore.

We all need times of rest and reflection whether in our own home, or in the woods with the smell of pine trees in our nostrils, or the sound of a trickling stream or crashing waves in our ears. These tranquil moments often provide a break from the stress in our lives and also help increase our awareness of the presence of God in our lives. Psalms 46:10a says, "Be still and know that I am

Sometimes it is hard to find a place of 'stillness" in the midst of our busy lives. We need to be intentional about it. This doesn't mean we have to free-up our entire schedule for an entire week or even a day. Nor does it mean we necessarily have to travel far away – it could be as near as our home or backyard. It does mean finding a place and making a time – perhaps 15 minutes. Making it a time to rest, reflect, and focus upon God – your Creator. May God give you peace, rest, and rejuvenation as you seek Him and His presence.

# Solar tour planned in Ogle County

OGLE COUNTY — On Sept. 22, the annual north central Illinois Solar Tour will be held. Five homes will be open for visitors who are interested in renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Owners will be available to discuss their systems and answer questions for all but one system.

Buildings will be open from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The tour is free and open to the public. No advance registration is required. Visitors simply stop at the homes that are of interest to them - one or all.

Sites on this year's tour, from south to north, are:

• Bob and Sherry Piros, 4585 S. Chana Road, Chana, 815-732-7020: PV system; geothermal heating and cooling.

 Bob and Sonia Vogl, 1230 E. Honey Creek Road, Oregon, 815-732-7332: Hybrid grid connected photovoltaic and wind power system with battery backup; three separate PV installations; stand alone (cabin type) photovoltaic installation. Hoop house for winter greens. Wood heat using wood collected from the property. Woodland and prairie restorations. Tour organizers.

• David Merrill, 139 Perene, Byron, 815-234-2530: Two systems: hybrid photovoltaic and wind power system with battery backup and grid tied, east - west 6 kW solar system. Also corn stove and Chevy Bolt all electric car (EV) charged solely by solar power made at home.

• Bruce Roe, 5719 E. Skinner Road, Stillman Valley 815-234-8039: Photovoltaic system with two installations to test production in relation to time of use: one facing south; one facing east and west. Projects include eliminating wasted kWh. The ground mount solar generates all the house heat and electricity, zero carbon footprint. It is customized for northern IL conditions. Also visible is the high tech heat pump system.

 Klaus and Teri Hoffman, 8232 Pueblo Drive, Rockford, 815-721-4490: Solar hot water using evacuated tubes, provides 75 percent of hot water needs, since 2007. Photovoltaics providing more electricity than actually used, now gridtied, started as a backup system more than 10 years ago. Only efficient lighting (mostly LEDs). Added insulation and modern windows.

percent of heating. Rain water collection for plant watering. The north central Illinois Solar Tour is hosted by the

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Illinois Renewable Energy Association as a public service. IREA is a non-profit 501©(3) organization.

Visit www.illinoisrenew.org for information on more events.

# Youth WORKS (Wellness, Opportunity, and **Resources for Key Services)**

5 Ways to Start the School Year off Right

**BY KELSEY KANT** Case Manager

The school year has just begun and it is filled with excitement and endless opportunities. From new classes to folders and pencils and backpacks, this year is

full of fresh possibilities. When starting off the school year with your child it is important to have a positive focus as it sets the tone for the school

Below are five ways to assist your child in starting off the school year on the right foot.

1. Work with your child to set a schedule and/or routine. A schedule/routine can help children manage time appropriately.

2. Discuss the importance of school work and responsibility. Plan to have this discussion early in the year to establish expectations for your child.

3. Set aside time to talk about the school day and ask questions. Your interest in discussing your child's school day shows them its' importance

4. Keep open lines of communication with the school and teachers. This allows you to be aware expectations for you and your child and to discuss any issues that may arise in a timely and effective manner.

5. Work to instill confidence and positive self-talk with your child. Giving your child a sense of confidence will allow them to make positive and appropriate decisions not only in school but in day to day situations as well.

Youth WORKS (Wellness,

Opportunity, and Resources for Key Services) is a program of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) dedicated to reducing violence in our communities especially among

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

# International luncheon planned for Oct. 15

AMBOY — The Lee County Homemakers Education Association invited everyone to attend an international luncheon featuring the country of Israel at 11 a.m., on Oct. 15, at the Amboy University of Illinois Extension office.

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Ethnic food will be served followed by a program presented by the Rev. Dr. Anne Hoflen.

There is no fee, but the extension would greatly appreciate that anyone interested in attending to call Tatjana Kazan at 815857-7153 for reservations for the number in your party by Oct. 20 so that they can prepare enough food for all attendees.

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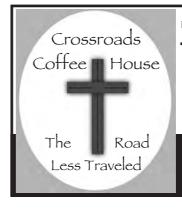


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# What are political parties good for? Plenty, actually

f you take a dim view of our political parties, you're in sterling company. So did George Washington

In his famous Farewell Address, he warned us against "the baneful effects of the spirit of [political] party." A political party, he wrote, "agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms, kindles the animosity of one part against another, foments occasionally riot and insurrection. It opens the door to foreign influence and corruption..." It's safe to say he was not a fan.

So, it's with some trepidation that I want to speak up in favor of political parties. For well over 165 years, they have played a key role in our representative government. They are the best stage I know for broad economic, political, and social change. It's hard for me to imagine a democracy without them.

This is in part because we live in a very different country from the one George Washington led. The United States today is not just geographically bigger, but immeasurably larger in both population and diversity.

And that's where our two great parties, for the most part, have excelled: they accommodate different interests, opinions, and views. Our system does not have enough consensus-building mechanisms; the parties are crucial to this. Strong political parties that can unite groups with different interests have been a source of powerful change in our history.

#### **Guest Column**

By Lee Hamilton



Of course, more than building consensus within a party is needed. Even though the American people prefer bipartisanship, the parties too often prefer to lambast each other. But legislation passed on a party line vote rarely stands the test of time. To work properly, our system needs a broader consensus — and party-line votes do not provide it. The really effective legislation in our history — Social Security and Medicare, for instance — was passed with solid, bipartisan support.

Our parties also play a lubricating role in the mechanisms of democracy. They get out the vote and educate voters. They teach many thousands of ordinary Americans what the nuts and bolts of democratic participation look like. They choose, train, and promote candidates who are (for the most part) worthy of holding public office. They play

an important role in funding elections, financing the system, and giving candidates a platform. In short, they're a personnel system for government office.

To be sure, Americans divide rather sharply on their support of political parties — not just on which they support, but on whether to support them at all. Many avoid identification with them. Others become ardent loyalists. Still others follow them regularly, but not slavishly. At the moment, more people define themselves as independent than as a member of one or the other party, but the two parties together still command a majority of the electorate.

I am a member of a party, and have certainly been disappointed in its performance on occasion. Yet I've never felt that my disappointment was grounds for abandoning the party. Nor, on the other hand, have I ever felt that my loyalty was grounds for despising the other party. I cringe when I hear a member of either party express hatred or accuse the other party of disloyalty. Both parties are patriotic, both want the best for their country — even if they have different ideas about what "best" means. That's part of the democratic dialogue, after all.

That's why I also get uncomfortable with unswerving loyalty to any political party. I think political parties have to earn our loyalty by their performance. And in particular, by their ability to move the nation forward legislatively.

George Washington was right, of course, in pointing out some of the risks of people joining together to form organized parties. But he didn't fully recognize their role as consensus-builders — their concern with transcending differences and political factionalism and arriving at stances designed to appeal to political majorities both in elections and in legislatures. The most successful party officials I know have made consensus-building a priority, both within their own parties and across partisan lines. In a country as diverse and divided as ours, that's not a baneful effect at all.

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# On This Day in History

#### 100 Years Ago Sept. 13, 1918

Homer Rosier, 43 years of age, one of three most popular locomotive engineers on the Illinois Central, was terribly scalded from steam and hot water in a collision at Henkle last Thursday night that caused death

a few hours later.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burns were in Chicago over Sunday to visit the war exposition. They returned Monday accompanied by Mr. Burn's mother, Mrs. Ellen Burns, who will remain a few days.

The Lee Center school opened Monday with the following teachers: Miss Dorothy Barnett, Principal; Miss Fern Ackerman, Latin, English, Domestic Science; Miss Grace Tallman, History, Manual Training; Miss Clara Erbes, Seventh and Eighth grade; Miss Jennie Oakes, fourth, fifth and sixth grades and Mrs. Frieda Baumgarten, primary.

75 Years Ago Sept. 9, 1943 Private William Brady who is in training at Drew Field, Fla., recently scored 171 on the rifle range to achieve the "sharpshooter" rating. His score was three points over the required mark.

Miss Ruth Avenarius has received a first honor resident scholarship to the College of St. Francis at Joliet, IL and will leave next Monday to enroll as a freshman.

Mrs. Lyman Rambo substituted for Mrs. J. D. Bellows as teacher at the Binghampton school Friday.

#### 50 Years Ago Sept. 12, 1968

Arthur C. Machen, 56, a printer-pressman in the Amboy News shop for many years died early Saturday, in Amboy Public Hospital where he had been admitted the previous Saturday. He had been in ill health for several years.

Mrs. Oscar Berga, librarian at Pankhurst Memorial Library, announces that the library has four new art reproductions for circulation – "Madonna of the Lilies" by Botticelli; "Ia Orana Mareia" by Gaugin; "Yellow Flowers" by Leger and "Starry

Night" by Van Gogh. These may be checked out for a three-week period.

Jack McKnight, noble grand of Green River Lodge, No. 999, IOOF, announces that election of officers will be held this evening in Odd Fellows Hall.

#### 25 Years Ago Sept. 9, 1993

Country dancing is a rage that is sweeping the country and Joe Cicchetti's new enterprise hopes to capitalize on the trend. Cicchetti recently opened The Country Dance Club in the former Torman and Sons building in downtown Amboy. Response from dancers living in a wide area has been great, he said.

Franklin Center FFA Chapter has been selected as one of 10 national finalist chapter in the Nation al FFA organization's Building Our American Communities award program.

James Braida, who retired as principal of Amboy High School in June, was presented with a plaque from the Three Rivers conference at the conference meeting at Emerald Hill in Sterling on Sept. 1

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## **Politics and me**

PRINGFIELD – I don't feel much like being a Republican or a Democrat.

But folks sure try to label me one way or the other.

This column runs in about 60 or 70 newspapers across Illinois. Just last week, I received a note from one newspaper editor that read like this: "Scott, what has happened to you, becoming more liberal by the day? You oppose displaying the Confederate Flag, but defend illegal immigrants being here? Mollie Tibbetts' death was NOT a tragedy. It was a crime that would not have happened if (the immigrant) had not been

talk about that fact?"

Well, no, I am not becoming more liberal – or conservative. In fact, I reject both labels for myself. And increasingly I feel isolated from the ideas being expressed by either political

here. And Trump should not

I am a strong believer in the efficiencies of the market economy being able to solve most societal woes. That is why I support the ideas of smaller, less-intrusive government and low taxes

low taxes.

Along those lines, I believe in more open borders and immigration. Why? Because we should be a beacon of liberty drawing hopeful immigrants from across the globe. Immigrants make our economy

stronger and enrich our culture.

The so-called "Illegal aliens" I've met came here to work hard and support their

To quote George W. Bush, "Wouldn't you cross a river to

feed your family?"
People come here for economic as well as political freedom. That's an old story.
My ancestors came here from Europe not just so they could vote but so that they could

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



prosper.

Now you'll hear people say, "But, Scott, your people came here legally."

Well, of course they did; there were few immigration laws before 1925. In other words, the source of illegal immigration isn't Mexico, Honduras or Guatemala. It's Washington, D.C.

Folks are coming here for the same reasons they always have, but now our government is labeling them "illegal."

Iowa college student Mollie Tibbetts' death is a tragedy. But it is no more a tragedy because it may have been committed by someone who crossed our border.

When I hear politicians like Donald Trump exploit tragedies such as this for political gain, I become angry. No group deserves to be painted with a broad brush.

As for symbols such as the Confederate flag, I believe it is an emblem of white supremacy. And, yes, I believe even hateful icons such as this should be protected by our constitution. The best way to counter speech you disagree with is to speak out, which is what I do.

A friend told me the other day, "I read your column. I know you're a Republican." Well, I split my ticket in almost every election. I vote for the person, not the party.

But, my friend would be correct that I've voted for more

Republicans than Democrats.

But I won't support Donald Trump. He embraces an ideology that divides and has a personal character that disap-

Conservative friends will say, "He cut taxes." Well, not really. When you cut tax rates but not spending, it's just pushing debt onto future generations. That's a tax deferral, not a tax cut.

So, am I Republican or a Democrat? Neither. A liberal or a conservative? Both.

Is there room for someone with my views in the political conversation? Beats me. But I'm going to keep on talking.

Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist. He works as a freelance reporter in the Springfield area and produces the podcast Suspect Conviction.

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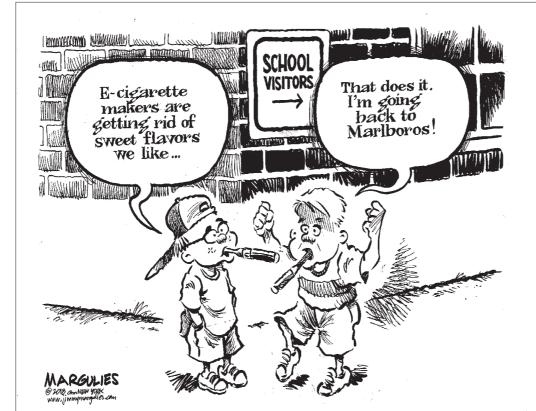
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## New website launched to compare earning data by Illinois degree programs

**DIXON**—State Representative Tom Demmer (R-Dixon) is helping spread the word about a new website launched this week linking employment and higher education data so users can compare the relative earnings value of college degrees.

The planning tool (http://ILCollege2Career. com) was unveiled by Governor Bruce Rauner at his quarterly Children's Cabinet meeting on Thursday.

"Data can help drive better decisions by students to increase their earnings prospects right here in Illinois," said Demmer. "This is an innovative new tool to bring our education system into the 21st Century and allow data to help drive results for Illinois students and future workers."

The data is broken down by schools and area of study, so that students may compare the earnings potential of degree programs from different public and private institutions in the state. ILCollege2Career.com is the product of collaboration between the Governor's Office. Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE), the Illinois Community College Board (ICCB), the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC)

and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES)

"ILCollege2Career.com is groundbreaking for our state," Rauner said while introducing the tool to cabinet members at the meeting at Springfield High School. "Education has been my top investment priority for many years. In order to grow our economy, we need to give our young people the best education system possible, so they will choose to live, learn and work here in Illinois."

All 48 community colleges and more than

60 four-year universities in Illinois participated in the project.

"As a state, we are moving away from just gathering data for compliance purposes to using data to transform decision-making at the local, regional and state level," said Karen Hunter Anderson, executive director of the Illinois Community College Board. "The Illinois College2Career tool gives high school students and parents, as well as nontraditional students, more transparent and easily accessible information about their post-secondary choices and careers."

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# Dick Van Dyke tops list of Illinois actors

SPRINGFIELD-He was Rob Petrie, Bert the Chimney Sweep, Caractacus Potts and countless other characters. Now Dick Van Dyke's latest role is top actor in Illinois history, as chosen by voters in the Illinois Top 200 project.

Van Dyke, who grew up in Danville, was followed by Bill Murray of "Ghostbusters" and "Groundhog Day" fame and two-time Oscar winner Gene Hackman, a fellow Danville native.

Also in the top five: Harrison Ford, king of the Hollywood blockbusters, and Gary Sinise, a character actor who has played everything from "Lieutenant Dan" to corrupt cops.

The Illinois Top 200 project lets Illinoisans vote every two weeks on the most inspiring leaders, greatest inventions, top businesses and much more. By the state's 200th birthday on Dec. 3, voters will have chosen 10 favorites in 20 different categories – the Illinois Top 200.

Here are the top 10 Illinois actors chosen in online voting:

Dick Van Dyke - The beloved actor, singer and dancer was raised in Danville. He won a Tony for "Bye Bye Birdie," then reached national stardom with "The Dick Van Dyke Show" and appeared in such films as "Mary Poppins" and "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.'

Bill Murray – After growing up in Wilmette, Murray achieved fame on "Saturday Night Live" and later starred in such classic comedies as "Ghostbusters," "Caddyshack" and "Groundhog Day."

Gene Hackman – Hackman spent most of his childhood in Danville, later joining the Marines and then embarking on a film career that includes "The French Connection," "Hoosiers" and "Mississippi Burning."

Harrison Ford – Born in Chicago and raised in its suburbs, Ford became a Hollywood super-

star playing Han Solo and Indiana Jones. Other notable movies include "The Fugitive," "Blade Runner" and "Witness."

Gary Sinise – Sinise grew up in Blue Island, studied at Illinois State and launched his career at Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre. He won two Emmys and received an Oscar nomination for "Forrest Gump."

Charlton Heston - Heston was raised in the Chicago suburbs. He appeared in 100 films, including "The Ten Commandments" and "Planet of the Apes." He won an Oscar for "Ben Hur."

Marlon Brando - Brando grew up in the Chicago suburbs. He became one of the greatest actors in history with performances in "On the Waterfront," "A Streetcar Named Desire," "The Godfather" and "Apocalypse Now."

John Belushi – Belushi was born in Chicago, grew up in the suburbs and learned his craft at Chicago's Second City. He became a star on 'Saturday Night Live" and then a superstar in "Animal House" and "The Blues Brothers."

Melissa McCarthy - McCarthy, who grew near Plainfield, had her first big success on "Gilmore Girls" but reached new heights in the movie "Bridesmaids," for which she received an Oscar nomination. She has also won two Emmys.

John Malkovich - Malkovich, a Benton native, was a charter member of Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre Company. He starred in "Places in the Heart," "In the Line of Fire" and "Being John Malkovich" and won an Emmy for "Death of a

The nominees who did not make the top 10 were Mary Astor, Andre Braugher, Dennis Franz, Rock Hudson, Marlee Matlin, Bernie Mac, Joe Mantegna, Frances McDormand, Laurie Metcalf and Gloria Swanson.

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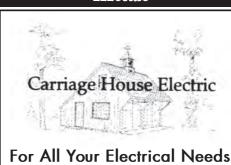
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# Governor Rauner declares 2018 harvest emergency

Farmers, crop haulers won't have to wait to more successfully compete with neighboring states

**SPRINGFIELD** — Gov. Bruce Rauner declared a harvest emergency to help level the playing field between Illinois farmers and crop haulers and those in neighboring states on

The action bridges the gap between the 2018 harvest season and a new law the governor signed Aug. 25 that takes effect next year. Going forward, that measure will allow for an annual harvest-season easing of gross vehicle and gross axle weight limits for agricultural commodities haulers with a free permit.

"We have heard from Illinois' trucking industry and from farmers who are operating on thin profit margins in today's agricultural climate," Rauner said before making his announcement at the Ladage Farm in Auburn. "Today's harvest emergency declaration recognizes that the weightrestriction structure in place in Illinois put our farmers and truckers at a disadvantage.

"They cannot and should not be forced to wait until the 2019 harvest season to reap the economic benefits of eased weight limits," he said. "Now they won't have to as they take their crops to market, processing or storage.'

The emergency declaration is in effect from Monday, Sept. 10, to Dec. 31, 2018, and enables crop haulers to seek free Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) permits to exceed legal maximum gross vehicle and gross axle weight limits or the vehicle's registered gross weight, whichever is less, by no more than 10 percent on state and federal highways under IDOT's jurisdiction, except interstates. (Federal requirements prohibit inclusion of interstates.)

"We appreciate Gov. Rauner declaring an emergency situation for the 2018 harvest season, especially in light of the declining incomes and market turmoil which farmers are currently facing," said Richard Guebert Jr., president, Illinois Farm Bureau. "This declaration opens the door for increased efficiencies for farmers and truck drivers hauling agricultural commodities and will help offset any uncontrollable effects of weather and commodity markets, allowing farmers the freedom to move what is projected to be a record-breaking crop.'

Permits will once again be issued at no charge, but applicants must obtain a route authorization number every two weeks. The harvest emergency permit and other information on the permitting process can be obtained through IDOT's automated permitting web application at https://webapps. dot.illinois.gov/ITAP.

Rauner said the declaration will speed the movement of crops to market, adding that the importance of an economically healthy agriculture community in Illinois cannot be overstated. Illinois is home to 71,000 farms on 26.6 million acres. Marketing of Illinois' agricultural commodities generates more than \$19 billion annually, and the state's food and fiber industries employ nearly 1 million people. The state ranks third nationally in the export of agricultural commodities, with \$8.2 billion worth of goods shipped to other countries, according to the Illi-

nois Department of Agriculture. Meanwhile, the neighboring states of Kentucky, Missouri and Wisconsin automatically ease highway weight limits at harvest time.

"Our farmers feed the world, working tirelessly every harvest season to get their crops from the field to market as quickly as possible," said Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) Director Raymond Poe. "We need to give Illinois farm families every advantage we can to

ensure they stay competitive

with farmers in neighboring states. We thank Gov. Rauner for recognizing the need for a quick change to help our farmers this harvest season without waiting until the new law takes effect next year."

Legislators also welcomed the declaration.

"Gov. Rauner and Director of Agriculture Poe are enabling farmers a smoother, more efficient harvesting season, given the weather," said Rep. Avery Bourne, R-Raymond, who attended today's ceremony. "I supported the governor last year with this announcement, and I stand with him today to ensure Illinois does its best to help this pillar of our economy — the agriculture industry."

She was joined by Rep. Dave Severin, R-Benton.

"I applaud this decision to allow trucks hauling agricultural commodities to obtain a free permit to exceed the gross vehicle weight limit by 10 percent and help farmers harvest their crops more efficiently," said Severin, a member of the Agriculture and Conservation

"I'm glad to see that our state is taking the steps necessary to assist our agricultural industry at a critical time of the year,' added Rep. Jerry Costello II, D-Smithton. "With livelihoods at stake, we need to responsibly remove barriers for our harvesters and ensure that their crop is brought to market. I am appreciative of the effort on both sides of the aisle to make this emergency order a reality."

"I'm encouraged to see Gov. Rauner be proactive about an issue that has unfairly restricted our farmers and hindered our state's ability to compete with our neighbors," said Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg. "This decision to declare a harvest emergency will serve as a bridge until House Bill 5749 takes effect next year, providing relief to those in the agriculture industry and providing some long-term assistance to Illinois' farmers."

"I support the harvest emergency declaration because our farmers need every opportunity they can get to get their crops out of their fields as quickly and efficiently as possible," said Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo. "A declaration such as this shows we value their hard work."

**Harvest Safety** 

"Giving farmers additional latitude to harvest crops this year will ease their burden and allow for commodities to get to the market quicker, which is good for all consumers," said Sen. Neil Anderson, R-Andalusia. "Agriculture is the backbone of Illinois' economy, so anytime we can support farmers and the agriculture industry, it's a win for the entire state. I wish our farmers a safe and bountiful

"Harvest season always comes with unexpected delays and unpredictable challenges," said Sen. Jil Tracy, R-Quincy. This declaration should pave the way for a smoother harvest season for the farmers who feed our world."

"With this harvest emergency declaration, farmers have the ability to get more grain to the storage sites quicker. I appreciate Gov. Rauner's action and IDOT for developing a user-friendly application process," said Rep. Dan Swanson, R-Alpha, a fifth-generation family farmer and member of the House Agriculture and Conservation Committee.

"It's that time of year when farmers have to harvest their crops with limited time," said Rep. Charlie Meier, R-Okawville. "The governor's declaration will be very helpful to farmers as it can be difficult to estimate the proper amount of bushels loaded on a semi. Without this declaration, if a semi is determined to be overloaded, the fine can actually be worth more than the crop itself. I'm glad the governor declared the harvest emergency in order to help Illinois' No. 1 industry, agriculture."

"Moving corn and other crops in a timely and efficient manner affects the bottom line of hard-working farmers," said Rep. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro. "This declaration is an appropriate response to an urgent need and I applaud the governor for taking this action."



BY JANA L. DAVIDSON, Education Content Specialist for the Progressive Agriculture Foundation

Te have now entered that busy time of year filled with long hours and numerous tasks around the farm, known as harvest. Next to spring planting season, fall harvest can be one of the most dangerous times of the year due to the rush to accomplish many tasks in a short amount of time and the risk in cutting corners. In an effort to shed the light on the importance of safety on farms and ranches, National Farm Safety and Health Week, promotes a 75-year tradition of educating and celebrating safety's relevance in the agricultural industry.

Cultivating the Seeds of Safety is the theme of this year's National Farm Safety and Health Week, taking place Sept. 16-22, 2018. Emerging issues and important topics will be highlighted daily such as Rural Roadway Safety (Monday), Health/Suicide/Opioids (Tuesday), Children & Youth Health and Safety (Wednesday), Confined Spaces in Agriculture (Thursday) and Tractor Safety (Friday).

During this week alone, close to 30 Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® will be taking place. Progressive Agriculture Safety Days® are designed to be one-day, age-appropriate, hands- on, fun and safe events for children in rural communities. Since our program's inception in 1995, more than 1.7 million children and adults have learned life-saving safety lessons helping us become recognized as the largest rural safety and health education program for children in North America.



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griculture is recognized as one of the most hazardous industries in America and around the world. In the United States, over two million full-time workers were employed in the production of crops, livestock, and poultry in 2017. According to CDC-National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in 2016, 417 farmers and farm workers died from a work-related injury.

Young workers and youth living on farms are also subject more frequently to injuries and fatal injuries. NIOSH reports that everyday approximately 100 agricultural workers will suffer

an injury resulting in lost work time National Farm Safety and Health Week has been recognized for over 70 years, since September 1944. AgriSafe along with partners such as the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS) have hosted activities to support awareness for Ag health and safety professionals and farmers alike. This year's theme "Cultivat-

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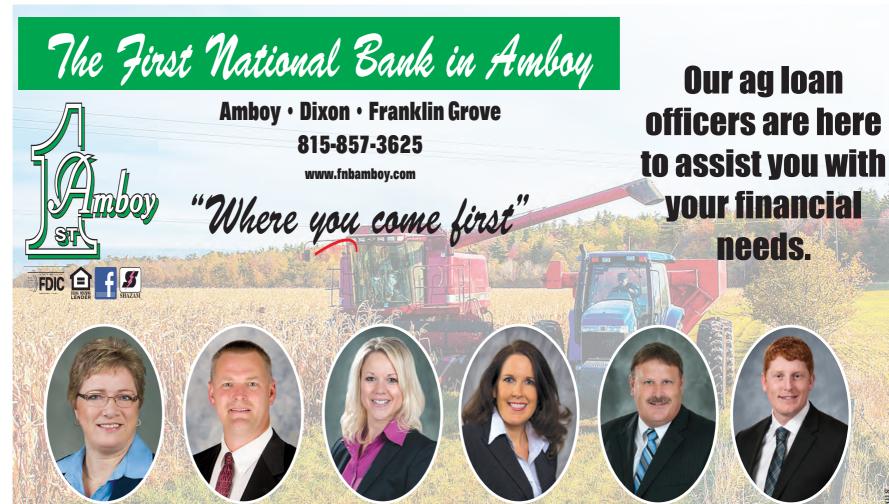
ing the Seeds of Safety" spotlights safe practices such as grain bin entry and PPE use for farmers.

Many injuries are preventable through education and during Sept. 16-22, free webinars will share information on the following topics: Immigrant Workers (Monday), Respiratory Health (Tuesday), Child/Youth Health and Safety (Wednesday), Confined Spaces in Agriculture (Thursday), and Women's Health (Friday).

This year AgriSafe is collaborating with four outside experts to share information through our webinar series.

All webinars are free and open to the public, thanks to generous support from sponsor, CHS. For more information on National Farm Safety and Health week, visit https://www.agrisafe.org/ nfshweek2018

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# Safety tips for parents of young farmers

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eople who live in cities, exurbs or suburbs may not come across farms very frequently. But millions of people, including children, still live on farms. In fact, in 2009 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention noted that more than one million children under the age of 20 lived, worked or had a regular presence on farms in the United States.

Protecting children from injury on farms, especially those who perform work on farms, is of paramount importance. The American Society of Safety Engineers offers the following safety tips to parents of children who will be spending time on

· Know and obey the laws. Various state and federal laws are in place to protect young children from farm-related accidents and injuries. Age requirements dictate which jobs children can perform on a farm, and parents should adhere to those requirements. Asking children to do more than they're physically capable of can lead to accident, injury or even death.

· Review equipment operation instructions. Before assigning children a task on

the farm, parents should reparents reacquaint themselves with tools and equipment they may not have used in awhile, and that can make it easier for them to teach kids how to use such equipment. In addition, reviewing equipment instructions may provide insight to parents unsure if their children are old enough to use certain tools.

• Inspect equipment. Before children perform any tasks on the farm, parents should inspect the equipment their children are likely to use to make sure each tool is safe. Make sure tools are in proper working order, equipment increases the risk of accident or injury.

mends that parents contact their local Cooperative Extension and Farm Bureau offices to enroll children in farm safety camps. Such camps can teach kids safe farming techniques and the proper ways to use age-appropriate tools.

set a positive example. Parents can do so in various ways. Using when tractors are not in use and hazardous materials shows kids the importance of caution when working on farms.

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• Set a positive example. Another way for parents to protect their children on the farm is to equipment properly, removing tractor keys from ignitions exercising caution when using





## Maintenance key to functioning farms

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

#### Keep it clean

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

#### Learn the equipment Over time, it is possible to employ your senses

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

Routinely inspect hoses, fittings, and seals to ensure they are in good working condition. Be sure fluids, such as coolant and oil, are at the proper levels. Check and replace filters as needed. Tires need to be properly inflated, and inspect the battery for corrosion or other signs that it may need to be replaced. Check belts for cracks. Tour the exterior of the equipment looking at signals and lights to ensure they are in proper working order. Hardware should be tightened and any missing pieces replaced.

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

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

## How to protect livestock in extreme weather

xtreme weather is seldom fun for any-✓ one. Although people often have the means to escape inclement weather, animals are at the mercy of their caregivers. Protecting animals during

extreme weather is not restricted to domesticated pets. Those who have livestock on their properties must recognize that these animals will need various levels of care as well. Animals such as chickens, cattle, goats, and llamas can be adversely affected by extreme weather. Individuals can need these safety guidelines to avoid subjecting such animals to the stress, discomfort and illness that can result from exposure to extreme weather.

#### Suitable shelter

One of the best ways to safeguard livestock from extreme weather is to ensure they have a place to escape the elements. Animals can get sunburned and may overheat, so make sure shelters can block the sun's rays on hot days while also allowing for air to circulate through the dwelling.

It's also key that the shelter be capable of accommodating all of the animals at the same time.

Livestock shelters do not have to be complicated. They can be as elaborate as a barn or as simple as carports or tarps and shade cloth.

#### Fresh water

Access to fresh, clean water is also essential. Dehydration can set in, particularly for animals with thick coats or those that are young or elderly. Animals tend to expend a lot of energy to cool down or stay warm, so they will need



an ample supply of water to remain hydrated and healthy.

Standing water can become a breeding ground for parasites and insect larvae. Therefore, change water frequently to make sure it is sanitary. Some farm experts advise aerating troughs to help prevent algae growth or mosquito infestations. A small amount of raw apple cider vinegar may help as well. However, always discuss water sanitation methods with a veterinarian before testing them out on farm animals.

Mold-free feed



Hot, humid temperatures can cause mold to grow on hay and other feed sources. Cows do not like to eat moldy hay and it can make horses ill. The University of Minnesota Extension says horses are particularly sensitive to dust from mold spores and can get a respiratory disease similar to asthma in humans called recurrent airway obstruction, or RAO, which is often referred to as heaves.

Hay needs to be dried out before it is fed to animals. Any feed should be stored in cool, dry conditions and inspected before being dispersed to livestock.

#### Hair cut

Wooly animals may benefit from a shear prior to the onset of hot weather, advises the Maryland Small Ruminant group. Do not shear too short. For instance, a one-inch fleece can dissipate heat and help the sheep keep cool.

#### Rest

Livestock should not be worked and handled during the heat of the day. Their productivity levels may be diminished, and the extra exertion may affect their health. Rest will help them stay happy and healthy until the extreme weather has subsided.

# Clippers taste victory after defeating West Carroll

**MOUNT CARROLL** – Amboy-LaMoille's varsity football team tasted victory for the first time this season with a dramatic 28-26 triumph over Savanna (West Carroll) in Northwest Upstate Illini (Northwest) Conference action on Sept. 7 at Mount Carroll.

West Carroll scored the only touchdown of the first quarter when it recovered a blocked punt in the end zone. The two-point run was no good. Each team found the end zone twice in the

second stanza. Amboy-LaMoille took the lead when Hunter Zimmerly gathered in a 15-yard touchdown pass from Mitchell McLaughlin, followed by an extra-point kick by Mario Carvahol, to make it 7-6.

After West Carroll went in front on a 1-yard touchdown run and a successful two-point run, the Clippers knotted the score at 14-14 on a 5-yard TD pass from McLaughlin to Preston Henkel with just 54 seconds left in the half. Carvahol added the extra-point kick.

While it looked like the two teams would head to halftime tied at 14-all, the Thunder shocked the Clippers with a 58-yard touchdown strike with 36 ticks on the clock. West Carroll's two-point conversion run came up short.

The seesaw battle continued in the second half. Amboy-LaMoille got a 1-yard TD run from McLaughlin and a Carvahol PAT kick at the 4:07 mark of the third period to take a 21-20 lead, but West Carroll quickly answered on a 58-yard touchdown run to seize a 26-21 advantage.

The Thunder made that lead hold up until the 1:10 mark of the game when McLaughlin connected with Hunter Walzer for a 25-yard touchdown pass. Carvahol's successful extrapoint kick gave the Clippers a 28-26 lead.

Amboy-LaMoille's defense was able to hold

back West Carroll in the final minute to preserve the thrilling win.

The Clippers piled up 405 vards of offense compared to 328 for West Carroll. McLaughlin completed 15 of 23 passes for 289 yards, while Jake Schaver rushed the ball 24 times

Amboy-LaMoille (1-2 overall, 1-1 conference) will head out on the road Friday, Sept. 14 when it travels to winless Pecatonica. The Indians have been shut out in their last two games after scoring just six points in the

# Illinois native Bill Veeck was champion for game of baseball

BY DENNIS ANDERSON Of the Peoria Journal Star ill Veeck wasn't your typical baseball team

He was listed in the Chicago phonebook. He often walked the Comiskey Park concourse shaking hands as he limped on his wooden leg that he retrofit-

As a young man he planted the ivy on the outfield walls at Wrigley Field.

ted with an ashtray.

He hired Larry Doby, the first black to play in the American League just months after Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier with the Brooklyn Dodgers. And he owned the Cleveland Indians when they last won a World Series in 1948.

In later years, he was a regular on Chicago sports TV talk shows offering reasoned arguments on politics and society, and was often seen on WGN broadcasts of Cubs games shirtless with a beer in his hand sitting among the fans in the Wrigley Field bleachers.

Bill Veeck was a showman, nonconformist and a champion for the game of baseball and the fan. And he's an Illinois product.

Veeck was born in Hinsdale in 1914. One of his early jobs was working with his father, who ran the Chicago Cubs in the 1920s and 1930s, selling everything from tickets to popcorn.

"His father, William Veeck Sr., wrote for the Chicago American under the name Bill Bailey. He was intensely critical of the Cubs. It was unheard of at the time to take a newspaper writer and make him the general manager of the team," said Paul Dickson, author of "Bill Veeck: Baseball's Greatest Maverick.' "He comes in and (owner Wil-

"He went in with the idea that Wrigley wanted to promote the team as an event for the whole family, rather than a game for guys with a cigar in their mouth.

liam Wrigley Jr.) just loves him.

He sold it as a summer oasis. They planted trees and the ivy on the outfield wall and redid the bleachers and put in new concession stands with better food. Wrigley was a great advertising man and filled the newspapers with ads, not about how great the team was, but about the experience at Wrigley Field, about how much fun the family was going to have.'

The Cubs won two National League pennants under Veeck Sr., who died in 1933 when his son was just 19 and a student at Kenyon College in Ohio. The son left school to return to work for the Cubs, becoming team treasurer.

"He wanted to fulfill what his dad was doing," Dickson said. "Part of that was planting the ivy. He carried out the mission that Wrigley wanted. He kept Wrigley Field a friendly place. Cubs games were a social place as well as as athletic event. Veeck made sure the hot dogs were hot and the beer was cold.'

In 1942, Veeck, along with former Cubs star and manager Charlie Grimm, bought the Triple-A Milwaukee Brewers. Veeck experimented with promotions (including a contest to rename the ladies' room. The winner was "Hall of Fem.") and game times, seeking to attract as many fans as possible. He also for the first time in 40 years, but

enlisted in the Marines, serving three years in an artillery unit (the same unit as Peoria native and Chicago Cubs announcer Jack Brickhouse) during World War II. Veeck's leg was crushed by a recoiling artillery piece and his foot was amputated. He would later have more than 30 surgeries on the leg and lived the rest of his life in constant pain.

Veeck sold his interest in the Milwaukee club and in 1946 purchased the Cleveland

With Doby in the Cleveland lineup, Veeck also signed legendary pitcher Satchel Paige of the Negro Leagues, making him the oldest rookie in baseball history. The Indians won the World Series in 1948. A year later, and in need of money to settle a divorce with his first wife, Veeck sold the Indians.

In 1951, Veeck bought the lowly St. Louis Browns. According to one tale, when a fan called the Browns' offices to see what time that day's game was supposed to start, Veeck responded, "What time can you make it?"

Some of Veeck's greatest stunts took place in St. Louis. In August 1951, Eddie Gaedel, who stood 3 feet 7 inches and wore number 1/8, suited up for the Browns. The shortest man to ever play in the major leagues walked in his only plate

Veeck also turned game management over to the fans for a game, giving the crowd signs stating "Yes" and "No" when asked if the Browns should bunt, steal a base or play the infield in. The Browns beat Philadelphia 5-3 that day.

Money issues often prompted Veeck to sell his teams but rarely was he out of the game for long. After leaving St. Louis, he returned to Chicago, buying the White Sox in 1959. That year, the Sox made the World Series lost to the Los Angeles Dodgers. Veeck would again sell his team.

One of Veeck's best friends was Abe Saperstein, owner of the Harlem Globetrotters.

"They were two of a kind, promoters," Dickson said. "At one point the two of them talked about buying a circus. It was a Chicago style — brash. If Veeck grew up somewhere else he'd be a different person. He grew up reading the Chicago writers, people from his father's era, like Ring Lardner. It was a different kind of place than anywhere else.'

In 1976, Veeck purchased his last baseball team, the Chicago White Sox again. This was on the eve of player free agency when salaries headed north of \$1 million for top stars. Veeck created a strategy to keep the Sox competitive: rent-a-player,

in which he would bring in a player in the last year of his contract with no intention of signing him after the season.

for 91 yards.

"It solidified him as to who he was," Dickson said of renta-player. "He relished this opportunity."

By 1981, Veeck could no longer complete with baseball's new financial structure and sold the team. He left the game but his legacy continues and can be seen in every major- and minor-league ballpark, from the promotions to the scoreboards. He also had an influence on race and integration of the game.

"Veeck opened the park for kids, women and families," Dickson said. "He knew the game was constantly facing challenges and he knew he had to keep a step ahead. He realized the total package of well-contained insanity. While it didn't always work, consider Disco Demolition (when the White Sox had to forfeit a game because fans destroyed the field), he had a major impact on the game."

Journal Star Executive Editor Dennis Anderson can be reached at danderson@ pjstar.com or on Twitter at (a) dennisedit.

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School Board meeting – Central School – 7 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 15

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AHS Golf @ Port Byron (Byron Hills) - 8:30 a.m. AHS Freshman & Sophomore Volleyball @ Oregon Tournament - 9 a.m.

AHS Cross Country @ Bureau Valley North Junior High -9:30 a.m.

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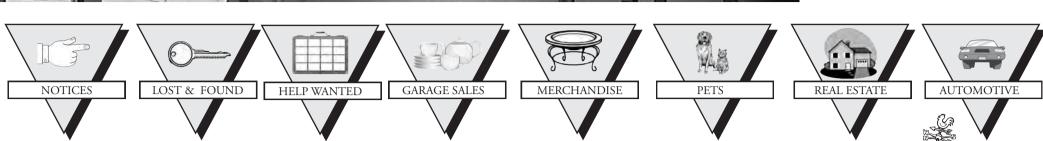
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Fiscal Year April 1, 2017 - March 31, 2018. Beginning Balance April 1, 2017 56, 371.31

Property Taxes	38,425.40
Replacement Tax	2,019.24
Interest Income	93.41
Misc. Income	
Insurance Refund	510.00
Total Revenue	41,048.05
Expenditures:	
Utilities	3,555.40
Administration	13,990.98
Audit	
Insurance	
Wages	9,237.42
Taxes	8,722.88
Publication	
Misc. Expenses	1,218.80
Total Expenditures	36,725.48
Ending Balance March 31, 2018	60,693.88
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	
Beginning Balance April 1, 2017	39,245.98
Revenue:Interest Income	88.15
Property Taxes	857.06
Ending Balance March 31, 2018 SPECIAL BRIDGE	40,191.19
Beginning Balance April 1, 2017	164,992.48
Revenue: Property Taxes	,
Interest Income	201.81
C. D. Interest	
Total Revenue:	201.81
Ending Balance March 31, 2018	165,194.29

EQUIPMENT & BUILDING Beginning Balance April 1, 2017 112,669.95 Revenue: 10,398.64 **Property Taxes** Interest Income 118.27 Storage Bldg -76,025.00 Ending Balance March 31, 2018 47,161.86 COMMUNITY BUILDING Beginning Balance April 1, 2017 14,186.52 Revenue: Property Taxes 8.313.61 1,975.00

Rental Income Interest Income 9.21 10,297.82 Total Revenue Expenditures: Administration 2.193.87 Insurance 5,265.00 Utilities 2.453.09 Main. & Repair 6,884.00 1.992.19 Misc. Expenses Total Expenditures: 18,788.15 Ending Balance March 31, 2018 5,696.19 ROAD & BRIDGE 193,975.50 Beginning Balance April 1, 2017 Revenue: Property Taxes 80,287.17 3,856.18 Replacement Taxes Interest Income 599.84 764.00 Insurance Refund Misc. Income 135.71 Total Revenue 85,642.90 Expenditures:

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#### Lee Center Cemetery Maintenance District - 2017-18 Financial

Beginning Account Balance as of May 1, 2017 \$9,869.87 Income Received \$10,021.84 Lee County Taxes \$4798.94, Burial Receipts \$5150.00, Interest on CDs \$64.98, and Interest on Checking Account \$7.92. Expenses Paid \$8,922.77 Sexton Salary \$2000.00, Grave Opening/Closing Fees \$1250.00, Mowing

\$2421.00, Lawyer Retainer/Fees \$1000.00, Mower Equipment/Repairs/ Fuel \$165.32. Tree Trim/Removal \$1500.0, Insurance \$448.00, and Publication Fees \$138.45. Ending Account Balance as of April 30, 2018 \$10,968.94

Savings Account \$14,893.34 Beginning Account Balance as of May 1, 2017 Income Received \$89.19 General Deposits \$89.19, and Interest on Savings Account \$52.36 Expenses Paid \$0.00 Ending Account Balance as of April 30, 2018 \$15,034.89

#### Lee Center Cemetery Maintenance District - 2018-19 Budget Statement

Actual Beginning Account Balance as of May 1, 2018 \$10,968.94 Income Expected \$10,878.00 Lee County Taxes \$4800.00, Burial Receipts \$6000.00, Interest on CDs \$70.00, and Interest on Checking Account \$8.00. **Expenses Expected** \$10,500.00 Sexton Salary \$2400.00, Grave Opening/Closing Fees \$2400.00, Mowing \$2300.00, Maintenance of Cemetery Grounds \$1500.00, Lawyer Retainer \$300.00, and and Fees \$1000.00, Mower Equipment/Repairs/Fuel Insurance, Publication Fees, Misc. \$600.00 Expected Ending Account Balance as of April 30, 2019 \$11,346.94 Savings Account Actual Beginning Account Balance as of May 1, 2018 \$15,034.89 \$175.00 Income Expected General Deposits \$120.00, and Interest on Savings Account \$55.00. **Expenses Expected** \$0.00 \$15,209.89 Expected Ending Account Balance as of April 30, 2019

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No. 2018 P 58 **CLAIM NOTICE** 

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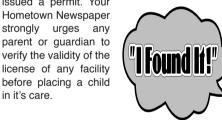
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Gray......\$29,900 Crew Cab, Red.....\$29,900 2018 Chevy Equinox AWD 2015 Chevy Colorado 4x4 Premier, White......\$29,500 Crew Cab, Z71, Red\$27,900

2016 Chevy Impala LTZ

2016 Chevy Equinox AWD

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Out on a Limb

YOUR FRIEND, GLEN,

SURE LIKES BASEBALL

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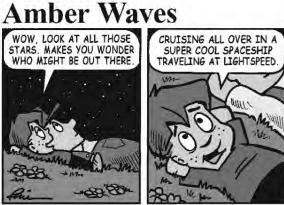
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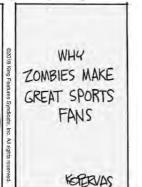












#### by Mike Marland



\*SIGH\*...OUR MARRIAGE IS GOING NOWHERE.



#### The Spats

















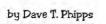








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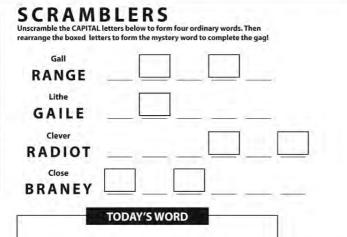


LAFF-A-DAY

"This is interesting—I never knew George Washington chewed gum."



"What's the for this scale, Dad? "



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# King Crossword

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#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Sandwich
- shop Glazier's

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- sheet 9 Wapiti
- 12 Culture medium
- 13 Winged
- 14 Evening hour, in a way
- 15 Folded entree
- 16 Thy
- 17 Every iota
- 18 Paradise
- 19 "Monty Python" intro
- 20 Grooving on
- 21 Biddy 23 Always, in
- verse 25 Watermelon-
- shaped 28 Dodges
- 32 Stash excessively
- 33 Privately
- funded film 34 Confesses
- 36 Not quite
- 37 Conger, e.g. 38 Mex. neigh-

bor

- 39 Big fish story? DOWN 42 Anvil location
- 44 Wading bird 48 Vessel from
- way off 49 Data
- 50 Prescribed

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Appointment 24 Satan's

Weekly **SUDOKU** 

by Linda Thistle

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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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- 20 Heavy metal band
- 41 Troubles 43 Somewhere 22 Provide
  - out there 45 Drill
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  - 49 Doctrine
  - adornment

# Rodriguez

- 1. SCIENCE: What is the study of heat and its transformation to mechanical energy called? 2. LANGUAGE: What is the symbol
- associated with the Greek letter "Delta" (uppercase)? 3. MUSIC: Which city is hometown to
- the Red Hot Chili Peppers band? 4. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear
- represented in tachophobia? 5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a
- male rabbit called? 6. GEOGRAPHY: Which two African nations joined to become Tanzania in
- 1964? 7. LITERATURE: Who wrote the children's classic book "Charlie and the
- Chocolate Factory"? 8. MEASUREMENTS: How many
- centimeters are in a foot? 9. MOVIES: Who was the Oscar-win-
- ning director of "The Deer Hunter"?
- 10. CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the element arsenic?

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9. Michael Cimino 7. Roald Dahl 6. Zanzibar and Tanganyıka 5. A buck 4. Fear of speed 3. Los Angeles

> 2. Triangle 1. Thermodynamics Trivia Test Answers

Solution time: 24 mins. Answers

#### - King Crossword

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#### Answer

#### Weekly SUDOKU

conusdeonaly stepped do some ironing chores, When it was my turn to

CryptoQuip

# BY HENRY BOLTINOFF **HOCUS-FOCUS** Find at least six differences in details between panels



Differences: 1. Clothesline is missing. 2. Handle is shorter. 3. Sweatshirt is shorter. 4. Can is missing. Shorter, 4. Can is missing.

#### 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.

JQCR FV JIE BN VPXR VG HG EGBC FXGRFRW KQGXCE,

F KGPXIWCGPEON EVCSSCH

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#### **TONNAGE**

Today's Word 3. Adroit; 4. Nearby 1. Anger; 2. Agile;

uoitulos SCRAMBLERS