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# Expansion continued at Amboy Veterans Park

#### **COMPILED BY COMMENTS AND NOTES FROM JACK MEAD**

**AMBOY** — The Amboy Veterans Park saw its beginning in 1919, started by the Amboy Women's Club in the very same location as it occupies now. It was dedicated on Memorial Day 1920. At that time seven more trees were planted to represent the Amboy lives lost in World War I. Many restorations of the park have taken place in the past 99 years. These additions include the flagpole, many plaques and benches and of course the beautiful mural painted by Jim Ehman of this city. These murals were unfortunately lost in the 1993 fire, which claimed the Becker Auto Body, Lee County Cold Storage and Smitty's Auto Salvage.

After Dennis Becker rebuilt the body shop, there was a large area of concrete to the west of Becker's new building. This property was eventually donated to Post 453 Amboy American Legion by Lowell Beggs and Kai Conway. Now fast forward a few years.

After the area was donated, volunteer caretakers of the park, Don Schamberger and Doug Foster, wanted to find a way to use the west stub wall as a Veteran's Memorial. Unfortunately, they both passed away before their plan was developed. In 2016, Jack Mead was appointed to explore ideas for the completion of the project. His wife, Loreen Mead, drew an artist's sketch of what this wall could look like. Mead presented it to the Legion Post and it was approved. Then the sketch was taken to Dennis Donna of Dreamscapes where a plan was developed. The outcome of this ambitious undertaking turned out far beyond our expectations. The curbing created by Pete Donna to contain the Memorial Pavers is very impressive.

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Memorial pavers are available for \$150, a perfect fathers day present. Please consider a paver to  $oldsymbol{honor}$  or remember your Veteran. Donations to the American Legion Park Project are also welcome. Monetta Young/Amboy News



Local artist, Loreen Mead, agreed to paint a mural to replace those lost in the 1993 fire. It was completed and put up in July of 2016 on the west wall of the Becker Autobody building.

Monetta Young/Amboy News



#### **NEW MAIN STREET**

Construction work to resurface Main Street in downtown Amboy began on Tuesday morning. Main Street was closed to parking on Tuesday while the work was underway.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

# Village moves ahead with new maintenance building

BY TONJA GREENFIELD

General Manager

SUBLETTE — The Village of Sublette is moving full steam ahead on the construction of their new maintenance building.

At the village board's monthly meeting on Monday night, Sublette Village President Michael Vaessen told the board that plan for the new maintenance building is getting tweaked. He added that the village is really close to being ready to put the project out for bids.

#### **Sublette Business Association sign**

Sublette Village Trustee Scott Hanson told the board he talked with Signs by Anderson about moving the Sublette Business Association sign. Signs by Anderson gave the village a quote for moving the sign back in March 2017 in the amount of \$2,800. Hanson said the number in the quote is still pretty viable. Hanson said the quoted amount could be reduced if the village had people who would be willing to do the excavating and concrete work.

Hanson also talked about upgrading the sign to a broadband capability. This would allow the sign to be programmed remotely. Hanson said the cost on that is about \$2,000. He added that the Sublette Business Association will be having another meeting later in the month.

#### In other board news:

• The village will be putting a notice in the paper seeking bids for a new 3-year maintenance contract for work around the village.

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#### **SUMMER CONCERT**

The 2018 Summer Concert Series continued on Saturday featuring Les Floto. The crowd enjoyed a more pleasant evening than the scorcher two weeks ago. The next concert in the series will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, featuring Kagy & Torenc-Flying Fish. The first concert in July will change days as Eileen Quest performs on Sunday, July 1, at 7 p.m. at the bandstand. Come for the concert and stay for the fireworks at dusk.

Mary Mays/Amboy News



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# Quest named to Independent Farm **Insurance Agents of** Illinois board

AMBOY-The Independent Farm Insurance Agents of Illinois inducted Lisa Quest, of Leffelman & Associates, to their Board of Directors on Thursday, June 7.

Quest, of rural Van Orin, has been employed at Leffelman & Associates for 25 years and runs the Amboy Office. She was chosen for the IFIAI Board based on her experience in insurance.

"I hope to gain more knowledge about the farming industry along with networking with other farm insurance agents," said Quest when asked about what she hoped the opportunity to serve on the board would provide. "Also, I hope to make a few new friendships along the wav.'

Originally organized in 1928, the Independent Farm Insurance Agents of Illinois work to promote the common interests of the independent farm insurance agents of Illinois by improving the business



Lisa Quest

conditions for the members and offering educational programs covering topics of common interest to the membership. The organization also works to establish and encourage communication among members on all matters related to the farm insurance industry.



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# New plan would add administrative spending to State Report Card

BY BENJAMIN YOUNT Illinois News Network

SPRINGFIELD—Illinois' State Report Card has all sorts of information about students and schools. It doesn't have much information about school administrators. But that could

Illinois' State Report Card can tell parents all sorts of things about students, from reading proficiency and math scores to how many are chronically absent. When it comes to principals, superintendents, and other administrators, the Report Card only shows one salary and

State Rep. David Olsen, R-Downers Grove, wants to change that. His plan to have schools publish the true costs of administrators made it through the Illinois House and Senate this spring.

"If administrative costs are more than in other districts, why is that? There may be a good reason," Olsen said. "But let's

# Amboy **Police**

Criminal trespass to real property

On June 8, at 11:38 p.m., Stephen L. Gascoigne, 27, of Amboy, was arrested for criminal trespass to real property, resisting or obstructing a peace officer, and aggravated battery to a peace officer. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

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prompt those questions so they

Olsen said parents, particularly those new to a school district, use the Illinois State Report Card to help them find the best school. He also wants parents to be able to use the Report Card to make sure they are getting the most out of their schools.

"I think, absolutely, we need to do more to make people aware of the State Report Card," Ol-

sen said. "Because it is a great

wealth of data that helps the pub-

lic hold their school boards and school districts accountable.'

Lawmakers unanimously approved the plan, SB3236, in the spring legislative session. Gov. Bruce Rauner's office has not yet said what he will do with the legislation.



#### Stewart

Stewart (Stewie for short) is a 11/2 year old neutered male. He is a handsome shorthair orange tabby. This very sweet cat was abandoned in a rental and found by the landlord. How sad for Stewie. He is a large cat that has tons of love and affection to offer people. He is playful, but is not extremely hyper. Stewie is inquisitive and likes to check out the toys. Best of all, he is super friendly with people and he seems fine with other friendly cats. He is healthy and vaccinated and eager to find a "furrever" home. To see Stewart, visit Granny Rose Animal Shelter, 613 River Lane, Dixon. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, and closed on Sunday. Call 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit www.grannyrose.org.

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• The board voted 3-3 to approve the prevailing wage ordinance. Jerry Leffelman, Julie Kessel and Richard Klaser voted against the ordinance. Vaessen said although he opposes it, he said he had to vote yes to approve it.

· The board also met in executive session to discuss the purchase or lease of real

• Under concerns from the village president and trustees, Vaessen said that the village of Sublette is a great place and that the village has great people. He added that in Sublette, people treat their neighbor like they want to be treated. Vaessen said everyone has their own opinion, and we

need to be respect them.

• Sublette Village Trustee Julie Kessel will be contacting a company about bringing in about three yards of mulch to put around the trees in the park.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be at 7 p.m., on Monday, July 9, in the Ellice Dinges Center.

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Then local artist, Loreen Mead, agreed to paint a mural to replace those lost in the 1993 fire. It was completed and put up in July of 2016 on the west wall of the Becker Autobody building. Thanks to Dennis and Sue Becker for allowing the legion to mount the mural on their west wall facing the park. Mead donated the mural and all materials. The mural has a somber message that fits well

with the memorial theme. With that, the legion began to consider further expansion of the park area. There was an area of rough uneven concrete between Becker's and the park. The legion decided to remove this concrete and replace it with a green area, more fitting of a park. This began with former

Amboy Mayor Tom Nauman and the city of Amboy removing the concrete and hauling in black dirt to grow grass and trees. Brad Kessel donated the dirt, Lilia Tiling provided trucking and Kessel also did the leveling. Others who helped were Kevin Shaw, Jim Hubble, Marvin Speers and the Amboy City employees. Many others provided

equipment and donations too numerous to mention and the legion wishes to thank them all very much. Trees to border the north edge were donated by Dennis Donna, as well as other trees. Randy Singleton donated two trees. The Ted Lilja family planted a tribute tree in his memory after his death.

An accident recently took

out the shelter at the park. It also compromised the existing flagpole. After much thought a plan was formed for a new and more up to date flag honor area. This area now has contemplation benches surrounding the flagpoles where a flag will hang for each of the six branches of the service, with the American flag and the POW/MIA flag underneath of it A special thanks to Carriage House Electric for helping to provide the lighting on the flags. Once again, Dreamscapes has done a remarkable job helping with ideas, planning and matching

the Memorial Wall. The Amboy Lions Club and the Ted Lilja family donated the flagpoles, which was a big boost for the project. Lilja was a member of both the Lions

Club and the American Legion. On Flag Day, Thursday, June 14, at 4 p.m., the flags will be raised for the first time on the

new flagpoles. Memorial pavers are available for \$150, a perfect fathers day present. Please consider a payer to honor or remember your Veteran. Donations to the American Legion Park Project are also welcome.

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# **Amboy Chamber to host Business After Hours**

**AMBOY** — Everyone is invited to the next Amboy Chamber Business After Hours mixer on Thursday, June 21, at Iron Tree. The event will be held from 5-7 p.m.

Join the chamber for a business networking event. Meet new contacts. Promote your business. Build business relationships in the community. Everyone is welcome.

# Lee County to update plan for disasters

**DIXON** — Lee County will begin updating its countywide plan that identifies activities and projects to reduce the damages caused by natural hazards such as tornadoes, floods, snow storms, thunderstorms and ice storms. This plan will also evaluate manmade hazards. The plan is called an All Hazard Mitigation Plan and will be funded through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

All Lee County municipalities are invited to participate in this planning process. Amboy, Ashton, Dixon, Harmon, Steward, and Sublette have already committed to participate. There is still time for other municipalities to join the process.

"This plan is our blueprint to reduce damages caused by severe weather and man-made hazards before disasters occur. The focus of this plan is to reduce the harm to property and residents. We have an emergency response plan. This mitigation plan is aimed at prevention so it supplements our response plan. The county and each participating municipality who adopts the plan will become eligible for federal funds for projects that might not otherwise be constructed," said Kevin Lalley, Lee County EMA Director. Hazard Mitigation Plans are required by federal law to be updated

Lee County is vulnerable to severe storms, flooding, and tornado damage. Since 1980, Lee County has had Federally declared disasters because of severe storm and flood damage in 1985 1993 and 1996. Major weather fronts moving and colliding across northern Illinois frequently trigger severe winter storms with some of the higher snowfall accumulations in Illinois being recorded in this region of the state. While the most destructive tornadoes have occurred in other counties, Lee County has experienced 19 tornadoes since 1950

A Lee County Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee has been created with representatives from each participating municipality along with technical partners and other stakeholders. Meetings of this committee will be conducted as working sessions so that any interested resident can attend and ask questions. The purpose of these working sessions is to gather and discuss information that will be used to prepare the plan.

The first meeting of this team will be held at 1 p.m., June 28, at the Dixon Public Safety Building, 220 Hennepin Street, in Dixon. The committee will meet periodically through the next several months to develop a draft plan. Lee County residents are welcome to attend every meeting.

# **Convoy Against** Cancer returns to Ladd July 21

**LADD** — Summer is here again and that means that a familiar fundraiser in the fight against cancer is back again, too.

The 2018 "Convoy Against Cancer" BIG Truck Show returns to IL Route 89 and Main Street in Ladd, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., on Saturday, July 21. All makes and models of new and restored, big trucks and pick-up trucks will be on display. Antique and restored farm tractors are also invited to the show this year.

All entrants receive a dash plaque. Registration is a donation to the American Cancer Society. Free admission, food, music, door prizes, raffles and a 50/50 drawing will be part of the show. For entry and general information call 815 488-8245.

All proceeds benefit American Cancer Society Relay For Life.

Email calendar items to mmays@amboynews.com



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# **Community Calendar**

AMBOY-The Board of Trustees of Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S.

AMBOY-Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US RT 52, will host Community Bingo at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 14. Bingo will be followed by a light lunch. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy CUSD#272Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, at Amboy High School.

**DIXON**-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only, on June 15, 19, 21, 22, 27 and 28. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment or to find out about other services offered, like Adult Vaccines.

POLO-The Polo Car Show, including cars, trucks and motorcycles, will be held in conjunction with the Polo Town & Country Days from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 16. Contact Cliff at 815-718-2590 or Mick at 815-973-6932 for car show information or visit www. gatewaytothepines.org.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 18, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The Lee County Health Department will have a Blood Pressure Clinic from 8 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 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, June 20, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The first

Phone: 815-857-2311

Wednesday of the month drive will not be held in July. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY- The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens from 10 until 11 a.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Road, on Wednesday, June 20. Call ahead to the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 to RSVP.

**AMBOY**-The Lee County Health Department will have a Blood Pressure Clinic from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Call 815-284-3371 for more information

SUBLETTE-The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall on Wednesday, June 20. Call ahead to the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 to RSVP.

AMBOY-Business After Hours will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 21, at Iron Tree, 205 N. Jefferson. The public is invited.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy-Lee Center Multi-Township Assessment District meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

**DEER GROVE-**The 16th Annual Rock River Hospice & Home Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Friday, June 22, at Deer Valley Golf Club, 3298 Hoover Rd. For registration information, call RRHH at 815-625-3858 or visit www. hospicerockriver.org or email karen@hospicerockriver.org.

AMBOY-The Lee County 4-H Federation will host "Movie in the Barn!" for Lee County 4-H Members at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 22, at the Lee County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1198 Franklin Rd. Charlott's Web and Sandlot will be shown. Call the Lee County Exten-

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held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Iron Tree, 205 N. Jefferson, on Saturday, June 23. A food stand will be available.

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# **Local News**

**OBITUARIES** 

# **April Lynn Roos** May 20, 1981 - June 6, 2018

OREGON – April Lynn Roos, 37, died on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at the Serenity Hospice and Home following a courageous battle with Aveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma.

She was born May 20, 1981 in Rochelle the daughter of Gary

and Susan (Ebens) French. April graduated from Oregon High School in 1999. She obtained her Associates degree in Horticulture with an emphasis in Landscape design from Kishwaukee Community College. She married Joshua Roos on Sept. 11, 2004. April was a beloved mother, wife, daughter, sister and friend to many. Her faith in God and family was an unwavering presence in her life. She was avidly involved in horticulture design and worked for many years as a landscape designer. She had a love of sports including softball, which she played from high school to college, and the Chicago Cubs. She loved sewing and cooking and spent many years with her grandma perfecting her recipes.

In 2012, April was diagnosed with Aveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma at the age of 30 years old and a mom to an 8-week old baby boy, Hayden. With her faith as an anchor and wrapped

in her family's unconditional love and lifting support of her community, April underwent an intensive treatment plan. As a result, April and her family and friends put their faith in God for healing and it was time to step up and KB!

Out of April's journey and her desire to help others facing similar fights, the KB Fund and KB Tough Run were born to provide support to other families burdened by medical crisis. With an outpouring of support from the community, the KB Fund has been fortunate to be able to provide financial and emotional support to many individuals and their families.

April was predeceased by her grandparents.

She is survived by her husband, Joshua Roos, and son, Hayden, age 6, of Oregon; parents, Gary and Susan French, of Oregon; parents-in-law, Dan and Nancy Roos, of Oregon, and Becky (Billy) Wright, of Texas; brother, Gary (Danielle) French, Jr., of New York; brothers-inlaw, Jeremy Roos and Travis Ratzlaff, both of Oregon; and niece Ashlynn French and nephews Jacob French and

Funeral service was held



at 11 a.m., Monday, June 11, 2018 at the Emmanuel Lutheran Evangelical Church at Paynes Point, with the Rev. Andrew Kayes, Rev. Frank Lay, and Rev. Brant Clements officiating. Burial followed at the Emmanuel Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation was held from 2-4 p.m., on Sunday, June 10, at the Farrell-Holland-Gale Funeral Home in Oregon.

April's memory and KB charity will carry on. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the KB Fund or UW Carbone Cancer Center – Sarcoma Research Fund located at: 600 Highland Ave., K4/658 Madison, WI 53792-6164.

# Margaret M. Mekeel Feb. 19, 1929 - June 5, 2018

**AMBOY** — Margaret M. Mekeel, 89, of Amboy, died Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at Maple Crossing of Amboy.

She was born in Amboy, Feb. 19, 1929 the daughter of Frank and Fannie (Mule) Merlo. She was a graduate of St. Anne Grade School in Amboy and Amboy High School Class of

She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church and the Catholic Women's Club in

Margaret worked at St. Anne Catholic Church and the Village Inn Nursing Home both in Dixon.

She married Arthur "Joe" Mekeel in Amboy on Sept. 2, 1950. He preceded her in death on May 3, 2004. She was also preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Alice Finn.

She is survived by her chil-

dren, Kathy (Steve) Gardner, of Amboy, Donald (Diane) Mekeel, of Sterling, Frank (Kathy) Mekeel, of Amboy, Mary (Roland) Derksen, Zeeland, Mich., John Mekeel, of Dixon, Theresa Mekeel, of Dixon, Paul Mekeel, of Dixon, Patrick (Brigette) Mekeel, of Sterling, Michael Mekeel, of Galt, and Thomas Mekeel, of Dixon; 19 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren; one sister, Lena Merlo, of Dixon; one sister-in-law, Ann (Ed) Rios, of Peoria.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m., on Saturday, June 9, 2018, in St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy with the Rev. Timothy Draper, Pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation was held from 9 a.m. until time of service on Saturday, in the



church.

A memorial has been established to St. Patrick Church Food Pantry.

Funeral arrangements by Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.

# Kreider Alliance announces its 2018 scholarship winners parents are Debra and David Drengenberg, of

**DIXON** - Kreider Alliance announced at their Annual Meeting on June 4 the winners of the 2018 Scholarships.

Five local students from Lee County were selected out of a group of 13 candidates for the \$1,000 Scholarship Awards.

Each year, Kreider Alliance, the mother organization of Kreider Services awards up to five scholarships to students studying in a Human Services field, and wanting to work with people with disabilities. Kreider Alliance (formerly the ARC of Lee County) started awarding scholarships in 2005. Since that time, they have awarded 59 scholarships and \$57,000 to Lee County students.

Below are the 2018 Kreider Alliance Scholarship Winners:

Britney Pitzer - Dixon High School. Her parents are Leann and Randy Pitzer, of Dixon. Britney will be attending Benedictine University, studying Elementary/Special Education.

Rachel Heiderscheit - Loras College. Her parents are Elaine and Ron Heiderscheit, of Dixon. Rachel is a three time winner of this scholarship, and graduated from Newman Central Catholic High School several years ago. She is now entering her Senior year at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa studying Psychology and Music with an emphasis in Music Therapy.

Leah Drengenberg - Dixon High School. Her

Dixon. Leah will be attending the University of South Dakota this fall, majoring in Communications Studies and Disorders, with a goal in the future to continue past her Bachelor's Degree to become a Speech Pathologist.

Kaitlin Tarr - Amboy High School. Her parents are Rachel and Andrew Tarr, of Amboy. Kaitlin will study at Sauk Valley Community College, working towards her Associates Degree in Nursing. After Sauk, she plans to attend the University of Iowa to obtain her Bachelor's Degree of Science in Nursing.

Kathryn Cover - Sauk Valley Community College. Katie is the daughter of Howard and Vicki Cover, of Dixon. Katie, a 2015 graduate of Faith Christian School, is a four year recipient of the Kreider Alliance Scholarship. She was enrolled in the pre-med program previously and switched to study Nursing. Katie is currently enrolled in the Advanced Nursing Program at Sauk and intends to finish her RN Bachelor's Degree at either St. Ambrose University or Nazarene.

For more information on these awards and the application process, please contact Becky Reilly at Kreider 815-288-6691.

Scholarship applications for next year will be available from Jan. 1 – March 15, 2019.

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#### KB Tough Run ads 10K to event **OREGON** — The 7th Anto cancer treatments, chronic ill-'Register Now' link. This year's

nual KB Tough Run has been scheduled for Saturday, June 23, and will be held at the White Pines Ranch in Oregon. The KB Tough Run is the major fundraising event for the KB Fund. This fund has been estab-

lished to help those in our community that are burdened by a medical crisis. More than 40 families have been helped by the KB Fund. Their needs ranged from expenses related ness, accident recovery, special needs therapy, premature births and more Early registration ended on

June 6, but registration forms are still available online at www. KBToughRun.com. This year they are once again offering online registration. The new 10K run, 5K Tough Run, Hike and Kid Sprint participants can all sign up online by visiting our website and following the

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event will feature professional timing by Crossroads Events. Chipped bibs will allow for prompt and accurate race times for participants. The 10K race registration is \$35, the Tough Run and Hike registration is \$30 while the Kid Sprint is \$10. The Ogle County Pork

Producers will be on hand preparing their pork chop sandwiches and hot dog for dinner. Rockford Brewing Company will be on hand, featuring great local craft beers. Questions can be directed

to info@KBTOUGHRUN. com. To learn more about the event and the fund visit www. KBToughRun.com.



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Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

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# Book Nook Tatjana Kazan

#### A friendship set on fire

ome time ago, our Pankhurst Library Book Club decided to read all four novels of Elena Ferrante's hugely successful Neapolitan Quartet. This month we will be discussing the final volume, entitled, "The Story of the Lost Child." The novels are about the troubled friendship of Lenu and Lila that spans five decades and ends where it began in the prologue of the first book: Lila has disappeared and Lenu, to sustain the friendship, sits down to write its fraught history. Lenu's writing career has faded, but to her surprise, the book becomes wildly popular. It will sustain

"The Story of the Lost Child" finds the two friends in their 40s, both successful, both have children, and as ever, they are in fierce, unacknowledged competition with each other. Lenu has returned to Naples, and in time, she and Lila become neighbors in the old neighborhood and the best of friends once again. Lenu describes Lila as having an "acute intelligence and bad character," which, after three long novels, may or may not be true. Lila remains hidden, a mystery to the end. She has never travelled, has never left Naples, she is the unmovable object. She owns a profitable computer company and, more important, she is the neighborhood's counterweight to the corrupt, violent Solara brothers.

Lenu is forever moving about, travelling on book tours, doing interviews, attending conferences. She becomes a famous public intellectual, espousing left-wing views highly critical of the endemic corruption of the Italian political system. But regardless of her public success, Lenu knows that she will always be in Lila's shadow

The novel lacks the vivacity, the guts and outsized feelings of youth, but it has some very fine passages, as when Lila and Lenu, both pregnant, are caught in the horrific 1980 Naples earthquake which killed over 2,500 people and injured nearly 8,000. At the heart of the novel is the tragedy of the lost child. Her disappearance reverberates through the characters' lives, and yet there is a muted quality to the incident, as if the loud, talkative, opinionated people in the neighborhood have lost their voice, as if Lenu, the narrator, is at a loss for words

Lenu moves away from Naples in 1995, and when she begins to write the story of her friendship with Lila, it is 2005. Lila will not forgive Lenu for publishing their story. Lenu realizes that "real life, when it has passed, inclines toward obscurity, not clarity.' Much the same can be said of the four novels, which is as it should be. An Anglican clergyman once defined love as "friendship set on fire." Ferrante's four novels are a brilliant edifice to friendship.

Our Book Club will discuss this novel at Pankhurst Library from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., on Monday, June 25. Everyone is welcome.



BY EMILY GOFF Head Librarian Thank you to Mr for a great kick off to Summer Reading. Ev-

eryone had a great time, and we can't wait for you to come back.

Summer Reading is in full swing and all classes are full. Thank you to everyone who help make it possible for the children in the community.

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# Tapas and Tinis fundraiser planned

**DIXON**—"Tapas & Tinis," a fundraiser for Rock River Hospice & Home is a casual social evening featuring a variety of tapas (appetizers) created by

local "Celebrity Chefs."

Each chef will host their own tapas station with plenty of samples. Guests are encouraged to vote with cash for their "Top Tapas Celebrity Chef", with all the proceeds benefiting hospice services in our communities.

The event will be held on June 30 at The Brandywine Banquet Center in Dixon, beginning at 6 p.m., and will also feature a cash bar, including specialty martinis. Cost is \$30 per ticket and are available at Rock River Hospice & Home or any RRHH Board Member.

The event is sponsored by CGH Medical Center. For more information, call Rock River

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# Remember When



This blast from the past is from Central School in 1979-80. Pictured is the third grade class of Kathleen McCormick. Front row, left to right, Derek Iodee, Andy Jones, Chuckie Whelchel, Frank Hiatt, Dawn Jones, LeRoy Forristall and Danette Hitz. Second row, Jeff Croegaert, Grant McGuire, Tim Glenn, Robin Noble, Jodi Meusel, Sabrina Ehman, Bonita Willis, Chad Callison and Joel Hochstatter. Back row, Jeremy Hobbs, Amy Austin, Betsy Payne, Brian Goy, Eddie Stewart, Paul Hardy, Chris Conway, Sheila Drew and Jill Ethridge. This old time photo is courtesy of former Central School principal George Mason. More old time photos can be viewed at the Amboy Depot Museum.

# Beware of dangerous carrots the toxic substance in the plant the toxic substance in the plant to su

are a favorite root vegetable of children and adults alike. This delicious carrot comes in many colors and sizes, but unfortunately, the carrot family has a number of dangerous, poisonous plants in it too.

Two types of hemlock are stomach poisons when eaten. Poison hemlock (Conium maculatum) is not native to Illinois and was added to the Illinois Exotic Weed list in 2015. It grows four to nine feet tall with four to six-inch white

It has a purple spotted, waxy stems. This plant is common along roadsides and ditches and has a disagreeable "mousy" odor. The entire plant is poisonous if ingested.

Water hemlock (Conium maculata) is considered by many to be the most poisonous plant in the northern temperate zone. Only a small amount of

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is needed to produce poisoning in animals or in humans. This native plant grows three to six foot tall with 6-inch white flowers and purple-streaked stout stems. All parts of this plant are poisonous, especially the roots.

The next three dangerous

carrots cause photo-dermatitis. Cow parsnip, wild parsnip, and giant hogweed contain an allergen that is activated by sunlight to cause a rash, blisters, or other skin irritations in susceptible people. Cow Parsnip (Heracleum

maximum) is a native plant that can reach eight feet tall. Like the hemlocks, its flowers are white, but cow parsnip flowers are larger, growing to 10 inches across.

Wild Parsnip (Pastinaca sativa) has large yellow flowers that are about five inches across. It is a stout plant that grows to five feet tall with grooves along

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Giant hogweed (Heracleum mantegazzianum) is the worst of the three that cause blisters in the sun. This plant lives up to its name as a giant. It grows 15 feet tall with five-foot leaves and 2 ½ foot white umbel flowers. Its massive size makes it desirable to some home gardeners, but it is a public hazard that causes severe skin irritation in susceptible people. A USDA pamphlet says this plant's sap produces painful, burning blisters that later develop dark scars that may persist for years.

Fortunately, it has only been found in an isolated location in northwest Illinois, and those plants have been eradicated. Giant hogweed is a federal noxto propagate, sell or transport this plant in the United States.

Finally, not all carrots are dangerous. Queen Anne's Lace (Daucus carota) is also called wild carrot due to its large, edible taproot. It grows four foot tall with lacy four-inch flowers. This plant is the ancestor of our cultivated carrot, though its roots are white instead of

More information on growing carrots and other edibles is found on the University of Illinois Extension vegetable gardening website at http:// extension.illinois.edu/veggies.

Source: Rhonda J. Ferree, Extension Educator, Horticulture, ferreer@illinois.edu.





Monday - BBQ chicken breast, wheat bun, cheesy potatoes, green beans, pineapple tidbits

Tuesday – Italian chicken salad w/greens, carrots, eggs, cucumbers, tomato, cheese, dinner roll/butter, fruit juice

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

Thursday - A) Mushroom swiss burger on bun, buttered red potatoes, baked beans, apricots B) Soup & Sandwich, cream of mushroom &

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

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One Nomination Per Person Per Month

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**DEADLINES** for our issue on July 4 due to

the Fourth of July Holiday. The advertising deadline will

be Thursday, June 28 at 5 p.m. The editorial deadline will be Friday, June 29 at 10 a.m.

The office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 to celebrate the Fourth of July. Open again on Thursday, July 5 at 8 a.m.

# Trump needs whole picture before deciding on Blagojevich

od Blagojevich is a crook.

Everyone remembers his attempt to sell President Barack Obama's former U.S. Senate seat to the highest bidder. That's the charge President Donald Trump focused on when he said Blagojevich "shouldn't have been put in jail" for it. But Blagojevich committed worse crimes than

Trump is now considering commuting the rest of Blagojevich's 14-year prison sentence. The disgraced former Illinois governor, who's served about six years in federal prison on his corruption convictions so far, officially filed paperwork Tuesday asking Trump to free him.

But to have an honest discussion about whether

14 years is too long of a sentence for a person not convicted of a violent crime, we have to view the whole picture. Attempting to sell Obama's Senate seat is just one piece of the puzzle.

"If we're going to have this discussion, we have to put this in proper context," said former state Rep. Jack Franks, now chairman of the McHenry County Board in Chicago's northwest suburbs. That starts with how he got elected governor in the first place.

A former congressman, Blagojevich won the state's highest executive office as his immediate predecessor, George Ryan, was under investigation for the "Operation Safe Road" scheme in which he and his cohorts were illegally selling state licenses and contracts during his time as Secretary of State. The Ryan pay-to-play investigation began after six children from a Chicago family were killed in a Wisconsin crash involving an unqualified truck driver

By Dan McCaleb



Guest Column who illegally obtained his Illinois truckers' license by bribing employees' in Ryan's office. "Illinois was in a crisis," Franks said. "He [Blago-

jevich] campaigned on cleaning up Illinois and ending business as usual. Instead, from day one, it ended up being a criminal enterprise.'

Franks arguably was Blagojevich's most vocal critic in the General Assembly, calling for investigations well before it was revealed the Feds were targeting the former governor. Franks also was among the first to call for an impeachment of Blagojevich.

'He was held to a higher bar because that's what he ran on and that's what we needed," Franks said. "But he turbocharged into the gutter. Everything was for sale for his personal benefit.'

Among the other charges against Blagojevich:

Attempting to extort Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago for a \$50,000 campaign contribution with the threat of increasing the amount the hospital would have to pay for Medicaid reim-

Attempting to extort \$100,000 in campaign contributions from a race track owner by holding up legislation to help the horse

Extorting and attempting to extort more than \$2 million in campaign contributions from companies and others seeking to do business with the state;

Scheming to raid state pension funds in a deal that would redirect state bond refinancing cash to a company that would split the money with Blagojevich and accomplices;

an attempt to fire Editorial page editors who were critical of the governor in exchange for helping the company sell Wrigley Field. Blagojevich was the epitome of the kind of corrupt pay-to-play

Attempting to extort the owners of the Chicago Tribune in

politics that have plagued Illinois since its founding. Four of the past eight Illinois governors have gone to prison, including Ryan and Blagojevich.

"When it is the governor who goes bad, the fabric of Illinois is torn and disfigured and not easily or quickly repaired," Judge James B. Vagel said at his sentencing hearing. "You did that damage." Contrary to Trump's statement, Blagojevich deserved to go

But for 14 years?

"Blagojevich's case and behavior has been reviewed by judges, many judges, including the Supreme Court, by many legal experts, many attorneys," Gov. Bruce Rauner said this week. "They've all come to the conclusion that Blagojevich is where he belongs and he should stay where he's at."

Franks agrees.

"On its merits, there's no case for a commutation unless there's remorse and admission of guilt," he said.

Trump will do what he wants regardless what Rauner, Franks or anyone else thinks. I just hope the president's advisers explain in detail Blagojev-

ich's many crimes against the state of Illinois before he makes Dan McCaleb is news director of Illinois News Network and

the digital hub ILNews.org. He welcomes your comments. Contact Dan at dmccaleb@ilnews.org.

# On This Day in History

#### 100 Years Ago June 13, 1918

John Haas went to Chicago Monday and enlisted in the United States Navy. He expects to be sent to Seattle, Wash, for training.

A petition was circulated in Mendota last week and received over a thousand signatures, requesting the township high school board to drop German from the course of study for at least the period of the war.

Robert Reid is wearing his right eye in a sling, and says he thinks the trouble was caused by an insect that flew into the eye and poisoned it.

#### 75 Years Ago June 10, 1943

Theron D. Sutton, principal of the public schools at Forest Park, for the past seven years, has been hired as principal of Ambov Township high school to fill the vacancy recently created when Capt. O. W. Funkhouser reported for army duty.

of shoes, will expire next Tuesday, June 15.

Clayton Elliot has resigned his job at the G.R.O.P. and Monday began work for the state highway department.

#### 50 Years Ago June 13, 1968

Any Amboy High School students who is entering his of her sophomore, junior or senior year who is interested in Candy Striping at Amboy Public Hospital for this summer is asked to contact Miss Betty Schindel or phone the Amboy High School office.

Amboy's Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Community Bake sale on Main Street Saturday, June 22, starting at 9 a.m. Organizations of the community are invited to take part in the event, the first of its kind ever held here.

Amboy's Ben Franklin Store, much enlarged and completely remodeled, will hold it Grand Opening this weekend. The store will be open Thursday and Friday

Stamp No. 17 in War Ration Book evenings. Free plants for the ladies and Number One, the stamp good for one pair free balloons for the kiddies will be Grand Opening features.

#### 25 Years Ago June 17, 1993

Work continues on the new drive up facility behind First National Bank in Amboy. Residents will be able to do their banking without leaving their cars after the project is competed sometime this summer. Underground tubes will carry transactions into the bank.

Florence Rasmussen was named Lee County Homemaker of the Year at last months annual meeting. Her name is the 10th to be inscribed on the plaque that was established by Frances Reeverts, former Home Extension adviser.

Two veteran members of the Amboy Board of Education will not seek reelection, one will be a candidate and a fourth is undecided. Board President Tom Mead and Dan Welty, former president, said they will not seek re-election this year.

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# My commencement address (that no one asked for)

o the Class of 2018, faculty members. parents, dignitaries, mis-informed wedding crashers, and Visa/MasterCard representatives who have gathered here today:

I am honored to have the opportunity to address this group of graduating seniors and impart the wisdom I have gained since my own graduation from high school nearly 150 years ago.

Standing before you today, I see the anticipation on your faces as each of you comes to realize what sharing my wisdom with you means: Possibly the shortest commencement speech in school history.

Before long, you will step forward and receive the culmination of 12 – possibly 14 years of education. You will shake hands with some of those who have helped guide you to this milestone. And unless your last name begins with a "Z," you will return to your seat as the rest your classmates step forward to receive their diplomas. That's when you will silently think to yourself, "I really shouldn't have had that second bottle of Mountain Dew.' But you will sit quietly,

probably cross-legged, and deal with it. You are now officially your own person – making your own decisions, embracing the rewards and accepting the consequences of those decisions – as you embark on a journey of independence in a world of your own making.

At least until laundry day, when you will return home to eat chocolate chip cookies while mom gets the Cheeto and pizza stains out of your favorite underwear.

That's because having wisdom isn't about knowing everything. It's also about recognizing and acknowledging when you don't. Just like getting those stains out, it's OK to admit when you don't know how to do something or handle a tough situation in life. A

# **Guest Column**



smart person takes ownership of the things they know; I wise person seeks the knowledge of others when they don't.

When I graduated from high school in 1984, there was no Internet.

No Siri.

No Pinterest.

And thankfully, No Kanye

Therefore, the Class of 1984 was expected to know EVERYTHING. The pressure was tremendous! We hugged our parents goodbye and entered a dark, Google-less world.

We were young pilots flying on YouTube. blind. Dead stick. Rudderless. Broken-winged. And lots of other euphemisms I am now able to Google for occasions like this. We had no choice but to rely on each other.

We pooled our knowledge. Challenged each other. Together, we advanced ourselves and society by having the courage to answer fundamental questions like: What would happen if we grew chia seeds on a clay pot shaped like 'Mr. T?

Truth be told, it's human nature to want to know all the answers. At the same time, culture discourages us from admitting when we don't have them. You've now spent the better part of your first 17 to 20 years of life receiving an education. Not so you'll have all the answers, but have the courage and wisdom to ask the kinds of questions that will improve your life and, hopefully, the lives of others. This will take more than Googling. More than Wikipedia. Possibly even more than How-To videos

It's certainly going to take a great data and texting plan.

However, most of all it's going to take the kind of determination that got you here; sitting in these chairs; moments away from receiving your diploma; and still regretting that second bottle of Mountain Dew.

Yet, I look upon your faces and see my own hope reflected in them. When you leave here, be courageous and wise. Never be afraid to admit you don't have all the answers. Those who do are destined to a life of empty promises. Usually somewhere in our nation's capital.

Always remember the feeling you have right now. The anticipation. The hope. The unlimited possibilities. It's who you are at this moment.

It's who you will always be as long as you allow yourself to be wise..

Write to Ned Hickson c/o Siuslaw News, 148 Maple St., Florence, Ore. 97439, or nedhickson@icloud.com.

# SURTE, I HAVE FRIENDS ON FACEBOOK...

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# Teen Turf





This past week was Teen Turf's opening week of its summer program. Pictured is some of all the fun activities the kids participated in. If anyone couldn't make it last week, feel free to come this week. Teen Turf would love seeing everyone. This week will be themed based on "The Butter Battle Book," by Dr. Seuss. Also, don't forget to sign up for Teen Turf's remind service to get text message updates of all events. Stop in or call Teen Turf at 815-857-4800.

Photos submitted



# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Amboy CCR 2018

Spanish (Espanol)

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

#### Source of Drinking Water

Lead - action level at

consumer taps (ppb)

consumer taps (ppm)

Copper - action level at

1.3

1.3

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

#### Source water assessment and its availability

To determine Amboy's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, information obtained during a Well Site Survey performed by the Illinois Rural Water Association on April 15, 1998 was reviewed. Based on this information, five potential sources of contamination were identified within proximity of this water supply's wells. The Illinois EPA does not consider the supply's source water susceptible to contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydro geologic data on the wells. In anticipation of the

U.S. EPA's proposed Ground Water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that the water supply is not vulnerable to viral contamination. This determination is based upon the completed evaluation of the following criteria during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the supply's wells are properly constructed with sound integrity and proper site conditions; a hydro geologic barrier exists that should prevent pathogen movement; all potential

routes and sanitary defects have been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreak; and a sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate a viral contamination threat. Because the wells are constructed in a confined aquifer, which should minimize the movement of pathogens into the wells, well hydraulics were not considered to be a significant factor in the vulnerability determination. Hence, well hydraulics were not evaluated for this groundwater supply.

#### Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration. (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

#### How can I get involved?

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at 815-857-3811.

To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination

Corrosion of household plumbing systems;

Corrosion of household plumbing systems;

Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from

Erosion of natural deposits

wood preservatives.

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Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl.

#### **Description of Water Treatment Process**

Your water is treated by filtration and disinfection. Filtration removes particles suspended in the source water. Particles typically include clays and silts, natural organic matter, iron and manganese, and microorganisms. Your water is also treated by disinfection. Disinfection involves the addition of chlorine or other disinfectants to kill bacteria and other microorganisms (viruses, cysts, etc.) that may be in the water. Disinfection is considered to be one of the major public health advances of the 20th century.

#### Additional Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Amboy Water Treatment is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

#### Water Quality Data Table

we have provided the definitions below.

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In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all of the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may actually improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms,

**Important Drinking Water Definitions** 

**Definition**Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based

on running annual average of monthly samples.

A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system

|   | MCLG        | MCL, TT,   | Your           | Range          |      | Sample         |            |   |  |
|---|-------------|------------|----------------|----------------|------|----------------|------------|---|--|
| Contaminants  | or<br>MRDLG | or<br>MRDL | Water          | Low            | High | Date           | Violation  | Typical Source  |  |
| Disinfectants & Disinfectant By-Products  |             |            |                |                |      |                |            |   |  |
| (There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants) |             |            |                |                |      |                |            |   |  |
| Chlorine (as Cl2)<br>(ppm)  | 4           | 4          | 0.9            | .3             | 1.1  | 12/31/17       | No         | Water additive used to control microbes   |  |
| Haloacetic Acids<br>(HAA5) (ppb)  | NA          | 60         | 7              | 7.2            | 7.3  | 2017           | No         | By-product of drinking water chlorination   |  |
| TTHMs [Total<br>Trihalomethanes] (ppb)  | NA          | 80         | 28             | 28.1           | 28.1 | 2017           | No         | By-product of drinking water disinfection   |  |
| Inorganic Contaminants  |             |            |                |                |      |                |            |   |  |
| Barium (ppm)  | 2           | 2          | .139           | .139           | .139 | 2017           | No         | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits                                |  |
| Fluoride (ppm)  | 4           | 4          | .651           | .651           | .651 | 2017           | No         | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |  |
| Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] (ppm)  | 10          | 10         | .208           | .208           | .208 | 2017           | No         | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits                               |  |
| Sodium (optional)<br>(ppm)  |             |            | 6.63           | 6.63           | 6.63 | 2017           | No         | Erosion of natural deposits; Erosion from naturally occuring deposits; used in water softener regeneration.               |  |
| Iron (ppm)  |             | 1          | .147           | .147           | .147 | 2017           | No         | This contaminant is not currently regulated by USEPA, however the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.           |  |
| Manganese (ppb)   | 150         | 150        | 40.8           | 40.8           | 40.8 | 2017           | No         | This contaminant is not currently regulated by USEPA, however the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.           |  |
| Radioactive Contamina   | ants        |            |                |                |      |                |            |   |  |
| Radium (combined 226/228) (pCi/L)   | 0           | 5          | 2.83           | 2.83           | 2.83 | 4/6/16         | No         | Erosion of natural deposits   |  |
| Gross Alpha (excluding radon and uranium) (pCi/L)   | 0           | 15         | 1.96           | 1.96           | 1.96 | 4/6/16         | No         | Erosion of natural deposits.  |  |
| Contaminants  | MCLG        | ΔΙ         | 00%<br>centale | Sample<br>Date |      | Sites<br>er AL | Violations | Typical Source  |  |
| Inorganic Contaminants  |             |            |                |                |      |                |            |   |  |

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| Level 1<br>Assessment  | to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.   |
|--|---|
| Level 2<br>Assessment  | A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of<br>the water system to identify potential problems and<br>determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation<br>has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria<br>have been found in our water system on multiple<br>occasions. |
| Maximum<br>Contaminant<br>Level or MCL:                        | The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.   |
| Maximum<br>Contaminant<br>Level Goal or<br>MCLG:               | The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.  |
| Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:                   | The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.   |
| Maximum<br>residual<br>disinfectant<br>level goal or<br>MRDLG: | The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.  |
| Na   | Not Applicable  |
| Mrem   | millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)  |
| ppb  | micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.   |
| Ppm  | milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.   |
| Treatment<br>Technique or<br>TT:                               | A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.   |
| For more inform<br>Contact Name: I                             | nation please contact:<br>Dale Simpson  |

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# Clippers awarded at annual banquet

AMBOY - The Amboy Clippers' baseball team held its awards banquet for the 2018 season. Five Clippers were named to the NUIC All-Conference team.

Mitchell McLaughlin was named to the first team, Justin Hart and Hunter Zimmerly were chosen to the second team, and Clayton Kemp and Maverick Lindenmeyer received honorable mention recognition.

The Clippers also named the team award

winners. Lindenmeyer was selected the most

improved player, Zimmerly earned the top pitcher award, Hart received the Gold Glove award and McLaughlin captured the Silver Slugger award as the top hitter. Hart and McLaughlin shared the award as team co-MVPs.

Amboy loses two starters to graduation in Hart and Reece Vaessen. With the return of a strong core of juniors and several underclassmen getting valuable playing time this year on the varsity level, next season looks very promising for the Clippers.

# Registration begins for **Clippers Boys Basketball** Camp

**AMBOY**—Register now for 2018 Summer Clipper Boys Basketball Camp.

The camp is designed for our young athletes who want to mix learning fundamentals with team play during games. Each camper will receive individual attention from the high school players and coaches. There will be daily drawings and prizes and each camper will receive a T-shirt. The camp will be held at the Amboy High School gym and dates and time for the camps are as follows:

Grades Third-Fifth-Camp Dates: June 25, 27, 29. Time: 4-5:30 p.m. Cost-\$25 per player Grades Sixth – Eighth - Camp Dates: June 18, 19, 20, 22. Time: 4-5:30 p.m. Cost \$35 per player

Families with more than one child participating should deduct \$10 from the total

registration fee. To register email Coach Glawe at jglawe13@gmail.com or send information and payment to: Josh Glawe, 501 S Franklin Ave., Polo IL 61064. Please include the following information with your payment: student name, address, phone number, email address, emergency contact, grade student will be enrolled in Fall of 2018 and shirt size. Deadline for registration is June 15. Please feel free to email Coach Glawe with any questions.

# Free fishing days event is June 15-18 SPRINGFIELD - The 2018 Illinois Free need to get started.

Fishing Days celebration coincides with Father's Day weekend — June 15-18. During this fourday celebration of fishing in Illinois, anglers can fish without purchasing a fishing license, salmon stamp or inland trout stamp.

Discover the fun of fishing or introduce children to the outdoor adventure of fishing during these free fishing days.

If you're new to fishing, log on to www.ifishillinois.org for a helpful guide to everything you

The most important part of fishing is having fun. Catching fish is secondary to the opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends and taking the time to enjoy the beauty of nature and

At a time when so much entertainment is derived from video games, TV, and computers, fishing can offer a refreshing reprieve from this screen time. Keep the atmosphere light and relaxed and be sure to enjoy the outdoors.

# Video games may soon join scholastic bowl, football, and bass fishing

BY BENJAMIN YOUNT Illinois News Network

**SPRINGFIELD** — The organization that manages everything from football and volleyball to bass fishing and scholastic bowl at Illinois' high schools could soon add video games to

A number of Illinois high schools already have e-sports teams. Those are teams that play video games competitively. E-sports across the globe was worth \$1.5 billion last year. Craig Anderson with the Illinois High School

Association, which oversees high school sports and activities in Illinois, said e-sports are becoming very popular, almost popular enough to see a high school season.

"I think we have more than the number of schools that have identified on a list," Anderson said. "But, to date, we think we have about 25 schools that have indicated to us that they have a team that is competing."

It will take time for e-sports to become an official IHSA activity.

Anderson said IHSA recently hosted its exploring the sport.

Although some people may not consider video games a sport, Anderson said there's always value in teamwork and giving young people a sense of pride in anything they do.

"Some people would argue that gaming, and just sitting at a computer lab or a monitor is not healthy," Anderson said. "But I think that it's competition. And there's a benefit to competition, even at that level."

Anderson said the IHSA is exploring e-sports

Member schools would have to push to make it official, then the organization would vote on a season, rules, teams and the like.

# Illinois lawmakers pass \$40,000 minimum wage requirement for teachers

BY COLE LAUTERBACH

Illinois News Network

**SPRINGFIELD** — Lawmakers recently passed a bill that would mandate local public schools set minimum pay for teachers at \$40,000 annually by the 2022-2023 school year. The union-crafted legislation would set the

minimum teacher pay at \$32,076 for the 2019-2020 school year and scale up to \$40,000 by the 2022-2023 school year. The minimum would then be raised commensurately with inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index. Lawmakers would have the ability to vote against the CPI-based raise. The House of Representatives passed the the bill by a 65-47 vote in May.

State Rep. Christian Mitchell, D-Chicago, said teachers in Illinois are underpaid and it's contributing to a statewide shortage.

"We were short more than 2.000 teachers last year," he said. "This is a reasonable bill."

While schools in more urban areas often pay

above the proposed minimum, schools in central and southern Illinois would have to come up with more money for teachers to meet the mandate. The bill doesn't provide additional funding for school districts, which are controlled by locally

Teachers in more than 500 schools would be awarded automatic raises, according to data from the Illinois State Board of Education. Some teachers would see raises of more than \$10,000 by the 2022-2023 school year.

The average pay of an elementary teacher in Illinois is more than \$62,000, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Republicans said the bill amounts to a significant unfunded mandate that would put further pressure on local taxpayers.

"There's no good reason to do this at a state level," said GOP floor leader Peter Breen, R-Lombard. "This would decimate certain downstate districts."

first lacrosse state championship after years of

Walnut 5K for ALS set for June 30

ALS Research (Lou Gehrig's Disease) will be held on Saturday, June 30. The event starts at 8 a.m., in front of the Bureau

WALNUT — The Walnut 5K Run/Walk for

Valley North Junior High. Entry fee is \$15 if received by Friday, June 15,

or \$20 after the date and on race day. T-shirts guaranteed to all that register by June 15. Extra shirts will be ordered but please send your entry in early for a shirt. Race day registration time is 6:45-7:45 a.m. at the tent located south of the school.

Trophies will be awarded to first, second, and

third place overall male and female, and medals to the top three in age groups. There are 15 age Join us for the 8th year in support of ALS

The course is new this year and will take participants through the residential streets of Walnut, with a turnaround point close to the Walnut water tower.

Also new this year is online signup at runsignup.com and search for the Walnut 5K.

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# **Educational Briefs**

#### Hosto of La Moille Among Knox College's **2018** Graduates

**GALESBURG** — About 300 Knox College seniors received their bachelor's degrees on June 3, 2018, at the College's Commencement exercises in Galesburg, Illinois.

The new graduates include: Benjamin Hosto, of LaMoille. Hosto graduated and majored in History with a minor in English Literature. Hosto is also a graduate of La Moille High School.

Founded in 1837, Knox College is a national liberal arts college in Galesburg, Illinois. Knox enrolls students from nearly every state and more than 50 countries and is one of the 40 Colleges That Change Lives. Knox's "Old Main" is a National Historic Landmark and the only building remaining from the 1858 Lincoln-Douglas

> Iowa State University announces spring 2018 Dean's List

AMES, Iowa — Approximately 9,196 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the spring semester 2018 Dean's List.

Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Students listed below are from your area.

#### Dixon

Todd Matthew Nelson, Senior, Aerospace Engineering Olivia Frances Pultorak, Sophomore, Biology

Paw Paw

John Jeffrey Hoelzer, Senior, Mechanical Engineering

#### Oklahoma State University releases spring 2018 honor rolls

STILLWATER, Okla. –

A total of 6,020 students were named to the 2018 spring semester honor rolls at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. including 2,488 students named to the President's Honor Roll for earning an "A" grade in all their courses.

Full-time undergraduate students who completed 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 4.00 were placed on the President's Honor Roll, and students with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher with no grade below a "C" were placed on the Dean's Honor Roll.

Locally, Grace Thompson, of Amboy, was named to the

Wear life jackets and stay sober

President's Honor Roll.

#### Simpson named to Upper Iowa **University Spring** Dean's List

FAYETTE, Iowa — Kelsey Simpson, a Graphic Design major from Amboy, has been named to Upper Iowa University's Dean's List for the 2018 spring semester. To be honored, a student must have earned a minimum 3.50 grade point average for the semester and be enrolled as a full-time student.

About Upper Iowa University Founded in 1857, Upper Iowa University is a private, not-for-profit university providing undergraduate and graduate degree programs to about 5,800 students-nationally and internationally-at its Fayette, Iowa, campus, 20 U.S. education centers, as well as centers in Malaysia and Hong Kong.

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For more information, visit www.uiu.edu.

Pictured above, Katie Pratt talks to students during the recent Ag Day at the Lee County

Amboy News file photo

# Pratt takes part of Culver's #FarmingFridays

**PRAIRIE DU SAC, Wis.**— People want to know where their food comes from, and Culver's #FarmingFridays is dedicated to satisfying this hunger for knowledge. The popular social series is part of Culver's Thank You Farmers Project. #FarmingFridays invites influencers from

across the agricultural industry to share their stories on Culver's Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat accounts. The series takes place on five Fridays spread throughout the year. This year's second #FarmingFridays guest

was Katie Pratt. Pratt is a fourth-generation Illinois family farmer and blogger who participates in agricultural literacy programs to teach kids about farming. Pratt also works as an agricultural literacy

coordinator for the Illinois Ag in the Classroom program. In this position, Pratt spends her days in schools talking to students and teachers about food and farming.

"I watch students connect their dinner plates with a farm gate. Seeing that figurative light bulb flash is so exciting," explained Pratt. "The more are grown, the more we know about the world around us and the choices we have."

When she's not busy farming or promoting agriculture, Pratt enjoys gardening and writing. Pratt's favorite Culver's menuitem: Fresh Frozen Custard, of course.

"Our guests love learning more about the agricultural industry and where their food comes from," said Jessie Kreke, senior marketing manager at Culver's. "Culver's is proud to provide an avenue for those in the agricultural industry to share their stories through #FarmingFridays.

Culver's Thank You Farmers Project works to ensure that we continue to have enough food to feed our country's growing population by supporting agricultural education programs that teach smart farming.

To date, the Thank You Farmers Project has raised nearly \$2 million in support of the National FFA Organization and Foundation, local FFA chapters and a variety of local agricultural organizations. To learn more about the program and how to get involved, visit www.culvers.com/ thankyoufarmersproject.

# we know about how and why food, fuel and fiber SVCC's graphic designer awarded national honor

**DIXON** — Sauk Valley Community College is proud to announce that Senior Designer, Jenny Bumba, has been awarded design honors for 2018 by Graphic Design USA magazine (GDUSA). This is the sixth time Bumba has earned this award for her SVCC design work.

Bumba's design for the Sauk Foundation event, The Chocolate Rendezvous, was chosen from more than 5,000 entries to the GDUSA annual competition for its creative impact and ability to effectively highlight the College's first signature fundraising event.

Previous GDUSA winners include leaders from all walks of commerce and culture including Amazon, Clorox, GEICO, and Rutgers University. Bumba's designs are frequently available to view through the svcc.edu website and upon visits to the Sauk campus.

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#### life jackets, and for boat operators to stay sober, as Illinois' busiest boating season is now in full Statistics compiled by the IDNR Office of Law Enforcement show that there were 80 boating-related accidents in Illinois in 2017 resulting in 48 injuries and 12 fatalities. Annual boating accident statistics are compiled based on

while boating in Illinois

the Federal Fiscal Year of Oct. 1 through Sept. 30. Conservation Police officers (CPOs) in 2017 issued 1,355 citations and 4,886 warnings in enforcement of Illinois boating safety laws. CPOs made 145 arrests for boaters operating under the influence

SPRINGFIELD - Illinois Conservation

Police officers are reminding boaters to wear

Illinois law requires that properly-fitting U.S. Coast Guard-approved PFDs - life jackets or life vests – be available for each person aboard a that anyone under the age of 13 must wear a life jacket while aboard any watercraft under 26 feet in length at all times the boat is underway, unless they are below deck in an enclosed cabin or operating on private property. Illinois law also requires persons of any age to wear a PFD while operating a personal watercraft or Jet Ski. Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1998 must pass

boat or other watercraft. State law also requires

a course and have a valid Boating Safety Certificate to operate a motorboat (with over 10 horsepower); and, state law requires boating safety education for persons ages 12 to 17 to operate a motorboat.

The free safety courses, taught by volunteer instructors, are available throughout Illinois, and schedules are available by checking the IDNR website's boating information page at https:// www.dnr.illinois.gov/safety/Pages/Boating-

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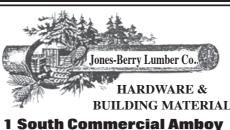
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**Amber Waves** 

NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

I SPIT IN THE FACE OF FEAR

GOSH, WHAT SHOULD

I DO FIRST?! FISHIN'? SWIMMIN'?

RIDE MY PONY?

GREAT!

AHHH! TOO HIGH! TOO

HIGH! CAN'T LET GO!

OK, LOOK OUT BELOW!

PREPARE TO BE AMAZED

Out on a Limb

R.F.D.

The Spats

HOW WAS YOUR

FLY FISHING TRIP?

HOW COME?

TH'WAY T'STAY YOUNG!

A SPORTS BAR IS NOT MY IDEA OF A

ROMANTIC DINNER, ESPECIALLY WHEN

IT'S ONLY DURING COMMERCIAL BREAKS

Just Like Cats & Dogs

IF'N WE HAD VISITORS, DEY'D

THINK I WUZ TH

by Dave T. Phipps

YAY! SCHOOL'S

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# Posting Date June 11, 2018

# **King** Crossword

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## **ACROSS**

**Local News** 

by Dave T. Phipps

OUCH! UGH ... OK, FEAR

DECIDED TO SPIT BACK

by Gary Kopervas

by Mike Marland

by Jeff Pickering

DEY'D CHANGE DERE

I CAUGHT A

FLY "THIS" BIG!

I GOT WIT'TH

LAFF-A-DAY

"Lately we seem to be picking up a confusing profusion of space debris."

SUMMER GOES BY FAST--BEST TO CRAM IN AS MUCH

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STICKMEN

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# 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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Today's Word

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uonnios SCRAMBLERS

# 1. GEOGRAPHY: Which nation's tall-

- est mountain is called Fan Si Pan? 2. ASTRONOMY: About how many
- miles across is Jupiter's Great Red Spot?
- 3. HISTORY: When did apartheid become the official policy of South Afri-
- 4. MYTHOLOGY: Who was the Greek goddess of the underworld?
- 5. RELIGION: Sankara was an important theologian of which religion?
- 6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the famous sculpture that sits atop the U.S. Capitol Building?
- 7. INVENTIONS: In what century was the printing press invented?
- 8. PRESIDENTS: What was the first
- name of Harry Truman's wife? 9. MUSIC: What is the meaning of the
- musical term "tenuto"? 10. LITERATURE: When did George Bernard Shaw win the Nobel Prize for

Literature?

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Solution time: 27 mins. **ANSWers** 

#### – **King** Crossword –

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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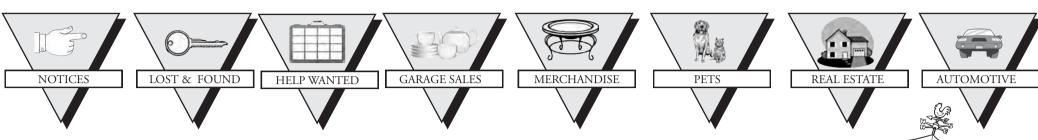
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## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT OF THE 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF LEE** 

PROBATE DIVISION ESTATE OF

ROGENE R. FITTS, Deceased.

2018 P 37 **CLAIM NOTICE** NOTICE is given of the death of ROGENE

R. FITTS. Letters of Office were issued on May 16, 2018 to CHARLES F. FITTS, 1544 Hoyle Road, Dixon, Illinois, who is the legal representative of the Estate. The attorney for the Estate is James M. DiVerde, Jr. of HOWARD & HAR-DYMAN, LLP, 124 N. Water Street, Suite 100, Rockford, Illinois

61107. Any claims against the Estate may be filed on or before November 30, 2018, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act. 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Anv claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred. Claims against the Estate must be filed

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DATED: May 18, 2018 CHARLES F. FITTS, Independent Executor James M. DiVerde. Jr. ARDC# 6312675

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filed.

## LEGAL NOTICE

HOWARD & HARDY-MAN. LLP 124 N. Water Street, Suite 100 Illinois Rockford, 61107 (815) 964-8888 jdiverde@howardhardyman.com Attorneys for the Estate of ROGENE R. FITTS. Deceased No. 0510 May 30, June 6, 13,

> IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH** JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY, II I INOIS

EUREKA SAVINGS BANK, a corporation organized and doing business under and by virtue of the Illinois) Savings Bank Act

FIRST STATE BANK ) as trustee of Trust #286 Dated July 28, 200 JOSEPH J. BORES,

a/k/a Joev BORES, ILLINOIS HOUSING **DEVELOPMENT** AUTHORITY, LUTES H20 WELL DRILLING.

Unknown Owners and)

Non-Record Claimants. Defendants. No. 17 CH 73

**NOTICE OF** SHERIFF'S SALE Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled Court, in said cause, on April 18, 2018, John Simonton, Sheriff of County, will on August 9, 2018, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the OLD LEE COUN-COURTHOUSE. 112E. 2ND STREET, DIXON, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate

situated in Lee Coun-

ty, Illinois, commonly

known as 2797 W.

Brooklyn Rd., Comp-

#### LEGAL NOTICE

ton, IL 61318, Property Index No. 05-17-10-200-017 Lot 2 in Bores Acres, being a subdivision of part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 10, Township 37 North, Range 1 East of the Third Principal Meridian in the Township of Brooklyn, Lee County, Illinois

The property is subject to general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and easements and restrictions of record and unpaid water bills. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject

to confirmation by the Court. This is an "AS IS" sale for "cash." The successful bidder must deposit ten percent (10%) down by cash or certified funds and the balance of the purchase price prior to the date of confirma-

tion of sale.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a "This Deed to the real estate after confirmation of

the sale. The real estate is residential real estate. The property will not be open for inspec-The judgment \$146,706.30. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file to verify this information. For information, contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Todd L. Martin, Martin Law Office, 812 Washington, P.O. Box 177,

Mendota, IL 61342-

0177, (815) 539-3711.

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# HELP WANTED

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# GARAGE/ RUMMAGE SALES

ROCHELLE: 907 N 12th St. Thursday June 14th and Friday June 15th. 7am-4:30pm. 4ft Pool, Coffee Table and End Tables, Bassinet, Two Chairs, Kid's Bikes. Tovs. Bovs & Girl's Clothes, Women's Clothes, & Miscellaneous Household Items. (06-14-18)

# GARAGE/

ROCHELLE: N 3rd St. Thursday June 14th thru Saturday June 16th, 8am-5pm. Boy's NB - Size 8, Girl's NB - Size 6, Women's S - 3X, Men's Clothes, Little Tykes, Outdoor Toys, Bikes, Pack N Play,

Baby Swing, Treadmill, Household & Miscellaneous. (06-14-18)

GARAGE/

LINDENWOOD: 600

N Moore Rd. Thursday

June 14th, 9am-5pm

& Saturday June 16th,

9am-2pm. Marble Top

Accent Table, Round

Wood Table with Four

Chairs, Two TV Stands

For Flat Screen, Rock-

ing Horse, Yard Or-

nament, Books, CDs,

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mas Items. (06-12-18)

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ROCHELLE: 1015 Lakeview Dr. Thursday June 14th 8am-5pm, Friday June 15th 8am-4pm & Saturday June 16th 8am-3pm. Furniture, Household Items, Clothing, Plants, and Other Items. (06-14-

MISCELLANEOUS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS EUREKA SAVINGS BANK, a corporation

organized and doing business under and by virtue of the Illinois Savings Bank Act

FIRST STATE BANK as trustee of Trust #286 Dated July 28, 2004, JOSEPH J. BORES, a/k/a Joey BORES, ILLINOIS HOUSING

LUTES H20 WELL DRILLING. Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants. Defendants.

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,

No. 17 CH 73 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Public Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled Court, in said cause, on April 18, 2018, John at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the OLD LEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 112 E. 2ND STREET, DIXON, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate situated in Lee County, Illinois, commonly known as

2797 W. Brooklyn Rd., Compton, IL 61318, Property Index No. 05-17-10-200-017.

The property is subject to general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and easements and restrictions of record and unpaid water bills. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

Sale terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "cash." The successful bidder must deposit ten percent (10%) down by cash or certified funds and the balance of the purchase price prior to the date of confirmation of sale. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The real estate is residential real estate.

The property will NOT be open for inspection. The judgment was \$146,706.30. Prospective purchasers are admonished to check the court file to verify this information.

For information, contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Todd L. Martin, Martin Law Office, 812 Washington, P.O. Box 177, Mendota, IL 61342-0177, (815) 539-3711.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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North-

ROCHELLE:

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2016 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab, LTZ, 4x4, Nav,

2016 Chevy 1500 Crew Cab LT, 4x4, Red ..\$32,900

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2016 Buick Enclave AWD

FWD, Blue .....\$20,900 2015 Chevy 2500 Crew

2015 Chevy K-2500 4x4,

Maroon......\$33,900 LTZ, 4x4, Nav, Gray \$35,500

2015 Chevy 1500 DBL Cab, 2015 Chevy 1500 4x4, LT,

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# Place your ad by 4 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 2nd and get entered to win a garage sale kit. Kit includes two garage sale signs, price \*\*\*Price is valid only for the Amboy City Wide Garage Sales in 2018. 05092018

# The Amboy News will make a once-weekly Facebook

Place your garage sale ad with us and reach

our entire **Amboy News** circulation Plus our Facebook followers! Call 815-857-2311.

Deadline to place your ad: Monday at 10:00 am

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post on Tuesday night of the complete garage sale advertisements from our newspaper. Each listing will be enhanced with a Google map link to the address of the

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# Gustafson's 90th Anniversary Sweepstakes!

Congratulations to our 3rd winner: James M.

# You could be next! Enter today!

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6651 East State Street • 808 W. Riverside Blvd. • Rockford, Illinois Prices good through June 16, 2018



Alistair Queen Bed WAS \$39999 Displayed at Both Locations.



Accent Chair WAS \$38999 Only 34 available. Displayed at Both Locations.

**FATHER'S DAY** 

Home Stretch Massage Recliner WAS \$56999

Available in 2 colors Only while supplies last! Displayed at Both Locations.



2 Recliners for 1 low price Displayed at State Street Location Only.



3 color options. Displayed at State Street Location Only





Ashley Tibbee Sofa and Loveseat Set WAS \$119999 Only 14 sets left. Sold as Is. Displayed at Both Locations.



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Blue 100 Gentle Firm **Queen Mattress Only** \$1099 \$1349 Motion Essentials Base \$1899

Serta® iComfort® Queen Blue Max 3000 Elite Plush **Queen Mattress Only** \$2299 \$2499 Motion Essentials Base \$3099



Serta® iComfort® HYBRID Queen Blue Fusion 100 Firm Queen Mattress Only \$1099 \$1349 Set **Motion Essentials Base \$1899** 

Serta® iComfort® HYBRID Queen Blue Fusion 1000 Plush Pillowtop Queen Mattress Only \$1799 \$2049

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All Mattresses, Living Room Sets, Bedrooms, Dining Rooms, Accessories

**Every Room**\* at our

Riverside location is now up to

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