Sheriff's Department investigates bomb threat at campground

AMBOY — At approximately 9:51 a.m., on Monday, May 28, 2018, Lee County Sheriff's Department responded to Yogi Bear Campground, 970 Green Wing Road, Amboy, to investigate a report of a bomb threat.

The surrounding area was evacuated and the assistance of the Rockford Bomb Squad was requested. The threat was later determined to be unfounded and remains a pending investigation.

Illinois State Police, Amboy Police Department, and Amboy Fire Department also provided assistance.

Board begins round two of decision on junior high

BY BONNIE MORRIS

Editor

AMBOY – When voters said no to a referendum to fund construction of a new Amboy Junior High addition in March, one big question remained: Now what?

To help the District 272 Board of Education answer that question, they invited Michelle James of CTS to offer some ideas at their May 24 regular board meeting.

James, whose company worked with the district in planning the proposed junior high addition, gave three possibilities for the school board to consider: renovation of the existing junior high building, construction of a free-standing junior high building, and adjustments to the original plan for construction of a new addition adjacent to Amboy High School.

Renovation of the old building: The \$9,300,000-\$9,700,000 cost to renovate the old school building is unchanged from last year. The recommended upgrades would include lighting, electrical (upgrade capacity to accommodate air conditioning, rewiring and installation of eight electrical distribution panels), HVAC, temperature controls, windows/exterior doors, plumbing, main entryway with secured entrance, interior doors, lockers, gym (flooring), asbestos abatement (floor tile, pipes, ceiling, walls), media center/maker space, kitchen (new HVAC, evaporator/condenser for walk-in refrigerator, dishwasher), sidewalk/paving, and tuck pointing.

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Board hears update on new county jail

BY MONETTA YOUNG

Reporter
LEE COUNTY — The Lee
County Board met in regular
session at 6 p.m., on Tuesday,
May 15 at the Old Lee County
Courthouse.

Lee County Sheriff John

Simonton gave an update on the progress of the new Lee County Jail. He had projected costs breakdown and the numbers are coming in about \$500,000 below the \$18.5 million cap that the board approved last month.

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Amboy, Sublette communities honor the fallen on Memorial Day



Amboy High School chorus sang "In Flanders Field" during the annual Amboy Memorial Day service. The high school chorus and band were led by Kathy Mekeel. This was Mekeel's final Memorial Day service as an Amboy High School teacher. Mekeel spoke to the crowd gathered about her plans for retirement.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



Amboy Legion Post #453 Commander Larry Leffelman read a quote from Rob O'Neill, the Navy Seal who shot Osama Bin Laden, "Don't wish me a happy Memorial Day. There is nothing happy about the loss of the brave men and women of our armed forces who died in combat defending America. Memorial Day is not a celebration. Memorial Day is a time to honor the lives of those who would rather die than take a knee when our national anthem is played. But they will fight and die for the rights of those who kneel." Leffelman also said that a veterans is someone who at one point in time wrote a blank check payable to the United States of America for an amount up to my life.

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In Sublette, Don Dinges gave a speech on Sublette's fallen heroes. Above right, the Amboy Post #453 Honor Guard give a 21-gun salute before Amboy High School 2018 graduate Mason Costner and Amboy High School student Alison O'Rourke perform Taps.



AMBOY CONCERT SERIES KICKS OFF

The 2018 Amboy Concert Series was kicked-off Saturday evening by Jimmy Wolber with Lariat. The community turned-out, despite 90 degree plus weather, to enjoy the concert and spend time visiting with each other. Teen Turf volunteers were on hand to sell cold drinks to the thirsty crowd. The next concert will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, featuring Les Floto. Anyone with a farmer's market or vendor stand is welcome to set-up during the concert in the parking lot to the east of the bandstand.

Mary Mays/Amboy News



FINAL EXAM

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Sherry Koch and Nancy Willahan hold up a photo of their parents, Bob and Mary Welty. Bob and Mary Welty were honored in having a street named for them after their family secured the winning bid of the annual A.C.O. Name a Street event.

Bob and Mary Welty Blvd. unveiled

AMBOY — Every year, A.C.O. – Friends of the Library have offered families a chance to honor someone by naming the street to the north of Main Street for one year. The amount raised from this bidding event goes directly to the Pankhurst Memorial Library. This year's dedication is to Bob and Mary Welty.

Bob and Mary Welty were great supporters of the Amboy Community. Bob graduated from Amboy High School and Mary from Dixon High School.

Bob owned Welty Grain and Lumber of Harmon for many year, as well as being a veteran of World War II, serving in the Air Force.

Mary was best known for her musical abilities. She was choir director for many years at the First Baptist Church in Dixon, and in later years, as the musical coordinator for the Kiddie Clippers of Amboy. Writing many songs herself for the children to perform.

They were the parents of Sandy Anderson of Henry, Sherry (Gordon) Koch and Nancy Willahan, both of Amboy, and Bob Welty, of Polo. They also have 14 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Family was their number one priority. They would be very proud seeing their names on the street sign in Amboy.





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Gascoigne recipient of James J. Braida **Teacher Scholarship**

AMBOY — Alyssa Gascoigne, Amboy High School Class of 2018, is the recipient of the James J. Braida Teacher Scholarship

She is the daughter of Gary and Lisa Gascoigne. Alyssa will be attending Sauk Valley College to study Agriculture Education, then transferring to a four-year university to continue her education.

Her wishes are to become an Ag teacher so

more young people will become interested in Ag.

Alyssa is the 12th student to receive this scholarship and her name will be inscribed on the plaque that hangs in Amboy High School. It was established in 2003, 10 years after Mr. Braida retired as AHS Principal.

At that time he and his wife, Marilyn, decided to "give back' to encourage students to



Gascoigne

CGH Medical Center receives an 'A' for patient safety in spring 2018 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade patients from preventable harm

STERLING — The Leapfrog Group, a Washington D.C-based organization aiming to improve health care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers, today released the new Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades. CGH Medical Center was one of 750 awarded an 'A' for its efforts in protecting patients from harm and meeting the highest safety standards in

The Safety Grade assigns an A, B, C, D or F grade to hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections and other harms among patients in their care.

"Not every hospital achieves an 'A' rating. We are the only hospital in the Sauk Valley area to achieve an 'A,' and also only one in our 50-mile service area to earn that score," said Dr. Paul Steinke, CGH President and CEO. "Our staff takes great personal pride in this recognition. Their efforts make CGH such a progressive facility. Receiving this high rating shows the importance of our continual efforts to ensure patient safety."

"This is the only national rating of how well hospitals protect and death, such as medical errors, infections, and injuries," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "Receiving an 'A' Safety Grade means a hospital is among the best in the country for preventing these terrible problems and putting their patients first, 24 hours a day.

Developed under the guidance of an Expert Panel, the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade uses 27 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to assign grades to approximately 2,500 U.S. hospitals twice per year. It is peer reviewed, fully transparent and free to the public.

To see CGH's full grade details, and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit www.hospitalsafetygrade. org and follow the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade on Twit-

Ag in the Classroom Golf Outing planned for June 21

LEE COUNTY — Bureau and Lee County Farm Bureaus will be hosting their 9th Annual Golf Outing for supporters of Ag in the Classroom. The outing will be held on Thursday, June 21 at Lost Nation Golf Course in Dixon.

The tournament will be a shot-gun start, 4-person scramble. Tee time is 9 a.m. and lunch, provided by COUNTRY Financial, will be served for all teams during the event.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Bureau and Lee County Ag in the Classroom programs.

Today's youth are two and three generations removed from the farm. Supporting the Ag in

the Classroom program helps us provide free

agriculture materials, presentations and resources to local teachers and classrooms in Bureau and Lee Counties. So, whether you consider yourself "good on the green" or just want to have a fun day out, this is the tournament for you.

Polish up your clubs and support a good cause. Team fees are \$200 for Basic Registration, \$225 for Super Registration and \$250 for Premium Registration. Registration includes 18-holes of golf, half cart and lunch. If you are not a golfer, but would like to support this event, several sponsorship packages are also available.

Registration is suggested by June 8. Registration after the deadline will be accepted if space is available. Tee time starts at 9 a.m.

Thank You Neighbor

If someone has done something kind for you, let them know by nominating them for the "Thank You Neighbor" Rose. Send a brief description of their act of kindness to: The Amboy News, P.O. Box 162, Amboy, IL 61310

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Elsa is a graduate of Amboy High School and lives in Amboy with her husband of 11 years, Luke Payne, and their three children, a daughter aged 8 and two boys, ages 6 and 4.

When she's not helping her customers with their financial needs, Elsa can be found volunteering at community and school events, including serving on the board of her son's preschool and District #272 Board of Education. She also enjoys watching her children in sports and spending time with her family.

For exceptional service, stop in to see Elsa or give her a call for any of your consumer lending needs.

Possession of cannabis under 10 grams On May 25, at 6:40 p.m., a 14-year-old male juvenile, of Amboy, was issued an ordinance

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Five employees retire from school district

AMBOY — Five employees will be retiring from the Amboy School District this year.

Christina Shaw

Christina Shaw will be retiring as the Head Custodian for Amboy High School. Shaw has been with the school district since

Shaw said the best experience for her was seeing the children that were at Central School while she was head custodian there, come to be freshman at AHS, while being head custodian there.

"They remembered me being at Central." Shaw wrote. "I remembered their small faces. I shall miss the students, faculty and staff that I have worked with throughout my years with the district." Shaw has been married to David L. Shaw for 42 years this July.

They have three children, Michael, Susan and Matthew. They also have three grandchildren, Cheyenne who is graduating from AHS this year, Anthony who is in third grade, and Chelsey who is three years old.

"I am enjoying spending my retirement with my husband, grandchildren, reading, doing puzzles and fishing," Shaw wrote.

Kathy Mekeel

Kathy Mekeel has been in the education system for the past 29 years. For 23 of those years, she has been employed by the Amboy School District as the Amboy High School band and chorus director. She attended the University of Illinois.

"When I was a sophomore in high school, I went to a Solo and Ensemble Contest," said Mekeel. "After I performed the judge asked me to come back to her and she told me I had a lot of potential and she wanted to teach me privately. She was the flute professor at Beloit College and Northern Illinois University. I took lessons with her in DeKalb and Aurora throughout high school and when I was home on break during my college years, she was amazing and changed my whole outlook on life. I had wanted to be a veterinarian from third through tenth grade. She had given me a real gift and I wanted to share that gift with others. So, I went into music education and have never looked back since. It was my calling and I have really enjoyed this journey.'

Memorial Day Services was Mekeel's last performance with

She is looking forward to having more time to spend with her family. She has three grandchildren that are the light of her life and two daughters and son –in-laws that she loves to spend time with. Her husband, Frank, retired late last year, so it will be nice to have more time together.

"I am also going to enjoy being able to see my mom more as she was a snowbird and is now in Amboy full time."

She also plans to spend time with her two puppies as well. She will continue to teach music privately at home and to play her flute. "I have loved teaching at Amboy High School and I was glad

to be able to teach and give back to the school I graduated from," said Mekeel. "I will miss my students and wish them all the best. Go Clippers."

Beth Becker

Beth Becker, who teaches Horticulture and Family and Consumer Sciences, has been teaching for 33 years. For 19 of those years she has been employed by the Amboy School District.

She attended Kishwaukee College and the University of Illinois for her Bachelor's degree and received her Master's degree from Rockford College.

"My high school horticulture teacher, Craig Theimer, made a huge impact on my selecting to enter the field of education," said Becker. "He made learning fun through hands on activities and lots of encouragement. Also, my high school band teacher, Terry Roderick, who showed me I could do anything that I put my mind to, event when other people were telling me differently."

She shares that after 33 years of teaching is it difficult to recall just one experience that she would include in a book if she were to write one. Over the years she has found it most satisfying to see the smiles on faces of students who create an incredible, hands on project and turn it in to her and say "I am so proud of this." Or they would tell her what recipe they made at home over the weekend. Many times, it would come from a student that has a difficult time succeeding in the required classes.

"It's as if you see the 'self-esteem thermometer' shoot way up on the scale," said Becker. "Many of my previous students have found me on Facebook to tell me what an impact I had on their lives. Sometimes as teachers we wonder if we are making a difference and these types of experiences prove that we do."

D. Allen Duerksen

D. Allen Duerksen was the Social Studies and Chorus teacher at the Amboy Junior High and was with the Amboy School Dis-

trict for 17 years. **Eileen Quest** Eileen Quest has been the Amboy School District's Technol-

ogy Assistant for the past five and a half years. She will officially retire on June 29.

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Community Calendar

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only, on May 31. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment or to find out about other services offered, like Adult Vaccines.

AMBOY-A Novel Idea Book Club will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, at Pankhurst Memorial Library. 3 S. Jefferson Ave. Call the Library at 815-857-3925 for more information.

STERLING-The Rock River Hospice & Home will host a Celebration of Life at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 3, at Wesley United Methodist Church, 2200 16th Ave., to remember and honor the loved ones served in the past year. Call 815-625-3858 to include others not served by RRHH.

AMBOY-Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, June 4, at the Fire Station, 25 N. East Ave.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 4, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive, sponsored by the SVCC Student Government, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, at Sauk Valley Community College, 173 IL Route 2. Call 800-733-2767 or online RedCrossBlood. org to schedule an appointment.

SUBLETTE-The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive, sponsored by the Sub-let Indians 4-H Club, from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 202 S. Locust. Call Carol Vaessen at 815-849-5533 or the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment to

ROCK FALLS-The American Red Cross, in coordination with Mayor William B. Wescott of Rock Falls and Bethany Bland, President/CEO of Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, will hold two monthly Blood Drives on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Rock Falls Community Building, 601 W. 10th St. The first Wednesday of the month drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m., June 6. The third Wednesday of the month drive, June 20, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

DIXON-The Bureau and Lee County Farm Bureau's Golf Outing to Benefit Ag in the Classroom sign-up deadline is Friday, June 8. The outing will be held on Thursday, June 21, at Lost Nation Golf Club, 6931 Lost Nation Rd. Email JFrueh@ bureaucountyfarmbureau.org or leecfb@comcast.net for more information.

AMBOY-The 2018 Amboy Summer Concert Series will feature Les Floto, Lonesome Fugitive, at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, at the bandstand in downtown. A Vendor Fair will be held along side the concert.

ASHTON-The 29th Annual Ashton Lions Club Car Show will be held Sunday, June 10, at AFC High School, 611 Western Ave. Registration 8 a.m. until noon. Trophy presentations at 3 p.m. Call 815-677-1601 for more information.

Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 11, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. **SUBLETTE**-The Sublette

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions

Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 11, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

STERLING-The U of I Extension will host "All My Money: Change for the Better", a train-the-trainer financial management program for agency staff, social workers and educators, from 8:45 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 12 and 13. Visit go.illinois.edu/AllMy-Money for more information.

FRANKLIN GROVE-The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, at the Atlasta Park Building, South State Street. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, at Ken Nelson Auto Group, 1050 N. Galena Ave. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, at the Sublette Township

EAST GROVE TWP-The East Grove Township Board Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12, at the East Grove Township Hall.

PAW PAW-The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive from 2 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13 at the Paw Paw Elementary School, 511 Chapman. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

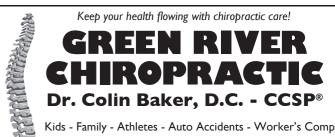
AMBOY-The Board of Trustees of Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

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



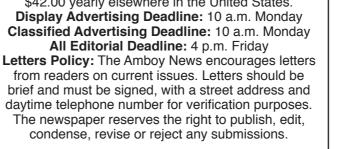
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chilled pineapple Wednesday - Lemon pepper chicken, wild rice, broccoli, dinner roll,

applesauce Thursday - A) Cheeseburger, wheat bun, tator tots, baked beans, jello w/ fruit B) Soup & Sandwich, vegetable & ham

Friday - Tropical chicken salad, cucumber slices, croissant, mandarin oranges, pineapple juice Meals served

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Most of the renovations would have to be done during the school year while students are present in the building. James said an alternative would be to purchase modular classrooms to use during the renovation but that would be an additional expense and would require plumbing and electrical

Free-standing building: Construction of a new free-standing building located near the existing building would cost \$17,900,000-\$19,800,000. The building would be 58,000-62,000 square feet with 20 classrooms (800-850 square feet), up to two science classrooms, art room, media center with STEM lab, band room, kitchen, cafeteria, gym, locker rooms, lockers, secured entryway, offices (main office, principal's, nurse's, etc.), restrooms, site work, landscaping, circle drop off area/sidewalks, parking area and track/football field.

James said this price does not include the cost of demolishing the old building (around \$750,000-\$800,000).

Addition: If the same plans for an addition at Amboy High School are used, the \$15,800,000 price tag for construction remain nearly the same as last year. James said material costs have increased about 4-8 percent, but the labor cost is the same. Since the estimate given by CTS included a 5 percent contingency to account for potential cost increases, the dollar amount would be unchanged.

To lower the cost of the addition, James suggested a few possible examples for tweaking the original plans such as using the high school's kitchen for both buildings and not having a new kitchen in the junior high addition and also not building a new media center for the high school. She said the principal's and the district offices could all be moved near the new front entrance and the space currently occupied by the offices could be converted to the high school media center.

Board president Nicole Jones said she felt it was important for the district to not request the same amount of money as they did in March.

"We cannot go back to the ballot in November and ask for the same amount," she commented. "We may have to dip into our reserves . . . I don't know what the numbers are yet but we can't go back with the same design plan, we need to

Special meeting: To further discuss alternatives and plans moving forward, CTS will attend a special meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 26 at AHS. The meeting will be open to the public, as are all regular board of education meetings.

Prior to the open meeting, CTS will meet with District 272 teachers and staff so they can offer their suggestions.

SCHOOL SAFETY

In light of the shooting at Dixon High School this month, the question of active shooter training for Amboy students was raised. Amboy parent Allison Fox, who is a teacher at Dixon High School, told the board noting that for a number of years, Dixon students have received training for such an occurrence, which she felt was very

helpful during the recent incident.

"It was still scary but I didn't feel like I was unprepared and I didn't feel like my kids were unprepared - they knew what was expected of

In the training, students were instructed that in an evacuation they had to stay together and could not just go home with their parent. First, they had to be accounted for by the school.

"It wasn't just me saying they had to stay, the training had emphasized that," she said.

Although they were fortunate no one was seriously injured in Dixon, Fox said these days it is important to be prepared.

"I know some people don't like the thought of exposing our kids to that kind of stuff but at the same time, they all know what happened to some extent," she noted. "I had little kids ask me about it and my son who is in kindergarten knows about it."

Fox said in some districts such as Amboy, the teachers receive training but not students, so in an emergency the teacher has to tell them what to do. But she questioned that philosophy since everyone reacts to stress differently.

"I heard that a couple of teachers at Dixon froze up," she explained. "Kids could be left not knowing what to do. This was high school, so the students stepped in and made sure they went where they were supposed to in this situation." Responding to Fox's question, Superintendent

Jeff Thake said the district is in "full evaluation mode" with their crisis plan. He noted that previously, they were advised by law enforcement that the state-mandated training for shooter drills must be conducted with staff, but not necessarily

"We have a part time school resource officer, who could go into classrooms and talk to kids about school safety," Thake said. "When something happens in Dixon, it has adverse effects on Amboy and vice versa. Everything is in full evaluation mode right now."

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Principal Joshua Nichols, Amboy High **School**, congratulated the May Student of the Month Mason Costner.

Curriculum and School Improvement

- The Building Leadership and Clippers, Set Sail! teams met on May 1 and May 15.
- School Improvement day was held April 9. Teachers and paraprofessionals worked with their personalized learning and department peers and on implementing tech and curriculum in their
- On April 27, Janet Crownhart, Amelia Hemmen, and Elizabeth Zinke attended a Social Emotional Learning Summit at SVCC.
- Nichols and Mr. Wissinger administered the AP English Lit and Comp test on May 9 and the U.S. History test on May 11.
- Nichols attended a Threat Assessment Training on May 10 in Rockford.
- Final exams were held on May 17 for seniors and May 23, 24 and 25 for other grades.

School Activities

East Grove Union Church to host Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School, Time Lab – Discovering past, present and future through Bible stories, Jesus from Eternity Past to Eternity Future from 9 – 11:30 a.m., on June 4-8.

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AMBOY — East Grove Union Church, ing the most important man ever. At Time Lab. 449 Reuter Road, in rural Amboy, will present they will take kids on a journey to find Jesus in key Bible verses, songs, snacks, games, science experiments and crafts.

Everyone ages three through eighth grade are invited to attend. Please call 815-857-3570 to register.

• The FFA Banquet was held April 29.

- On May 8, La Fiesta catered lunch for teacher appreciation.
- On May 11, Justin Hart and Rayven Wheling were honored at the IPA Leadership

Principal Joyce Schamberger, Amboy Junior High and Central Elementary, congratulated track athletes who advanced to the state meet in Peoria this month. They include Jordon Hohstatter, Chanlor Pohl, Elly Jones, Zoey Bulfer, Tyrah Vaessen, Lauren Althaus, Kelton Schwamberger, Ryan Dickinson, Charlie Dickinson and Quin Leffelman.

AJHS students' reward incentive trips to Woodhaven Lakes took place May 22 for grades 7/8 and May 24 for grades 5/6. All junior high students earned this reward.

Central School's end of year PBIS celebration featured ice cream sundaes with toppings provided by Sensient Flavors.

School Activities

- AJHS Annual All-School Goofy Games were held May 23.
- The Annual Track and Field day was May 24. Chris Payne, PE teacher, planned all games and activities and the 7th grade Junior Beta Club members also helped out.
- Parents were invited to an all school Awards Assembly at AJHS on May 25. Central School's Awards Assembly was May 23.
- 5th Grade Orientation took place May 9. Students who attended received a free homework pass good for next school year.
 - Schamberger congratulated 8th graders

Andruw Jones and Ian Eller, who were chosen to attend the Student Leadership Recognition Brunch sponsored by the Illinois Principals Association on May 11 in Dixon.

OPEN FORUM

Seven AHS students in Mr. Browne's STEM class presented their projects, which include an egg drop in oobleck, pitching a baseball, hydroponic system, Arduino frequency, wind tunnel, bottle launcher and a homemade rocket. Following the presentations, everyone was invited to go outside and watch a demonstration of the bottle launcher in action and a launch of the rocket.

OTHER BUSINESS

The board accepted the proposal of Medical Fitness Services, Inc. of Sublette for provision of Drug & Alcohol Testing Services for the 2018-19

They also approved the 2018-19 fee schedule and the Prevailing Wage.

one-year contract for Andrew Full as K-8 Assistant

PERSONNEL Following closed session, the board approved a

Principal, effective July 1 to June 30, 2019. They hired Adam Surufka as social studies teacher at Amboy Junior High, Avery Kerley as band and chorus teacher at Amboy Junior High, and Benjamin Schott as physical education/technology teacher at Amboy Junior High, all positions for the 2018-19 school year.

In addition, they accepted the retirement resignation of Eileen Quest as technology assistant, effective June 29.

The next regular meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 14 at Amboy High School.

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Construction is projected to begin sometime near the end of July 2018 and the project is expected to be done by the end of November 2019.

Former board chairman Rick Ketchum addressed the board, encouraging them to revisit the county wide burning ordinance before they Jevin Schultz, assistant chief of the Sublette

Fire Department, endorsed the burning ordinance as presented and asked the county board to approve it, noting that it would provide safety for all. The board voted against the ordinance 16-4.

In other action, the board approved the hiring of two part time employees for the Circuit Clerk's office and one part time employee for the Animal Control department. They also approved the highway department projects in Palmyra Township, Dixon Township and South Dixon Township.

The following appointments were made:

Pat Hilliker, Josh Tucker and Jeff Blake to the Lee County Emergency Telephone System Board; Dr. Saad Blaney, Dr. William Long, Sue Shippert and Dana Considing to the Lee County Board of Health; James Smith to the Lee County Board of Review; James D. Schielein and Judy Truckenbrod to the Lee County Farmland Assessment Review Committee; Richard Griffin and Jack Baylor as Trustees of the Ashton Fire Protection District; and Donald Dinges as Trustee of the Sublette Fire Protection District.

The next meeting will be held June 19, at 6 p.m. in the Old Lee County Courthouse.

Franklin Center Community Church Council invites children to VBS

FRANKLIN GROVE — A summer event called Babylon will be hosted at Franklin Grove United Methodist from June 25 to 29.

Children step back in time at Babylon, exploring Daniel's adventures as a captive in a foreign land. Kids participate in a memorable Bible-times Marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamworkbuilding games, dig into Bible-times snacks, visit Daniel, and collect Bible Memory Makers to remind them of God's Word.

Plus, everyone learns to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes at Celebration—a time of upbeat worship that gets

Kids at Babylon will join more than a million participants reaching out to needy kids through a hands-on mission project called Operation Kid-to-Kid, in which families will raise money to feed families in Haiti.

Babylon will run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each day. For more information, call 815-677-6904. Registration forms are available at the Winifred Knox Memorial Library in Franklin Grove, can be found on the Franklin Grove website or you may register at the church on the June 25.

Vacation Bible School is for ages 4 years through 10 years.

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9:45 a.m. Sunday School

Ladies Bible Study, Wed. 9 a.m.

St. Mary's Church Rev. Randy Fronek West Brooklyn Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m. St. Patrick Church Rev. Randy Fronek - Maytown Mass - Fri. 8 a.m., Sun, 8 a.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church Pastor Barb Otten 960 U.S. Route 52

Phone 857-2225 Sun. Worship - 9:00 a.m. Fellowship - 10:00 a.m. Sunday School - 9:40-10:15 a.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church **Rev. Randy Fronek Locust Street, Sublette** Phone 815-849-5412

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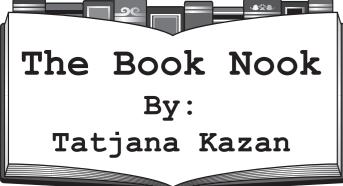
Which stones would you choose?

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

The Old Testament book of Joshua records the powerful story of how God stopped the Jordan River from flowing so that the people of Israel could cross over on dry land into the Promised Land. To commemorate this miracle God told Joshua to have twelve men each take a stone from the middle of the river and set them up, "as a memorial among the people of Israel forever." (4:7). This pile of stones would serve as a reminder to Israel of Gods mighty power (v. 24). And it was also meant to be used as a teaching tool for when their children and future generations asked, "What do these stones mean?" Then the story could be told all over again!

I think this is an amazing story. And a fun one. I am sure the pile of stones probably stood in sharp contrast to the surrounding area in such a way as to inspire the question from children. What a fun way to remember a special moment. And to glorify God.

I have also been known to occasionally pick up a rock as a (cheap) souvenir to commemorate a special place or moment in my life. While I do not have a "pile" or even very many of them,



Division street

The title of Michael Ondaatje's novel "Divisadero" refers to a street in San Francisco. It means "division," but it also refers to the Spanish word "divisar," which means "to see from a distance." And that is what the novel is about, as Ondaatie explained to an interviewer: "It is a book of separations and divisions, of two stories that link up."

In a highly imaginative, poetic style, "Divisadero" introduces three children: Anna, Claire, an adopted sister of the same age, and Coop, an adopted brother who is four years older. Anna's mother died in childbirth, as did Claire's, and Coop's family was murdered by a hired hand while Coop hid under the floorboards. They are brought up in the 1970s by Anna's father on a farm near Petaluma, California.

"We live with those retrievals from childhood that coalesce and echo throughout our lives ... We live permanently in the recurrence of our own stories, whatever story we tell," Anna tells us. The event that "set fire to the rest of her life" is when, at 15, she and Coop become lovers and are discovered by her father. He nearly kills Coop and drags Anna away, but she escapes him. In the liveliest part of the novel, Coop becomes a card shark, and we meet some great characters and are treated to a fine lesson in how to cheat at Texas Hold'em and walk away with \$300,000.

The linked story finds Anna at 33 with a doctorate in French literature in an old farmhouse in the south of France, doing research on the poet Lucien Segura, born in the late 19th century and famous for seven popular novels. She meets Rafael, an older man who in his childhood spent many hours with the aged Segura. Anna and Rafael become lovers, but Anna still finds Coop, Claire, and her father everywhere: "It is the hunger for what we do not have that holds us together."

The novel then veers off into the life, from birth to death, of Lucien Segura, who escapes into writing "where a third person hides us." A married farmer's wife, Marie-Neige, who is taught to read by Lucien's mother, becomes the poet's inspiration and great love. Lucien's story contains superb descriptions of French country life and its hardships before the Great War, and far worse deprivations and violence after the war. Lucien joins up and soon catches diphtheria, called "the plague of the throat," and is castoff into a tent with scores of dying soldiers.

The lives of Ondaatje's disparate characters may not add up to a traditional novel, but there is an overarching idea to consider: "There is the hidden presence of others in us, even those we have known briefly. We contain them for the rest of our lives."

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I do have a golf ball sized one that I picked up from the bottom of the Grand Canyon when my daughters and I road there on mules. When I look at that rock I always remember the special memory of that trip and the people I was with.

Wouldn't it be special if we were able to keep a rock "as a memorial" for every time we had a special moment with God. Something as a souvenir to remember an event in our life in which we felt especially close to Him? Or to commemorate the time He answered a prayer in a unique or powerful way.

Chances are that none of us have done this. But what if we did? What would be some of those special memorials that you would have to testify of God's presence and work in your life? I think it would be appropriate and even a blessing to Him if you took the time to acknowledge God and thank Him again for those "memorials" in your life. And in the process, I bet that you will be blessed from them all over again.



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eading Can Take You Anywhere, Summer Reading 2018 is right around the corner.

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a.m., on Tuesdays, June 5, 12,

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nate snack or juice boxes that would be great. We only ask that the snacks

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Floto to celebrate 80th birthday

AMBOY — Caroline P. Floto of Amboy will celebrate her 80th birthday on June 10, 2018.

She was born the third of four children to Everett and Genevieve Ehman. She graduated with the Class of 1956 from Amboy Township High School. She is a lifelong resident of Amboy.

She married the love of her life, Virgil Floto, on Sept. 1, 1956. They were married for 55 years before he passed away in 2012.

She has three children, Lisa Shaheen, of Amboy, Les Floto, of Amboy, and Laurel (Bruce) Gerardy, of Stillman Valley. She has eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

A family dinner is planned.

Cards and best wishes may be sent to 435 Northland Avenue,

Fun spring events at Franklin Creek State Natural Area and Gristmill

FRANKLIN GROVE — Franklin Creek Conservation Association is celebrating spring with a great lineup of events. From special evenings like the June trivia-night dinner to weekly hikes and stewardship days, there's something for everyone at Franklin Grove's beautiful state park and historic gristmill this season.

On June 9, from 6-9 p.m., they will be hosting "Treevia Night," an Evening at the Mill event with six rounds of tree-related trivia questions, a four-course meal featuring some delicious forest-themed foods, and great prizes at the end of each round. If you don't have a team, don't worry – they will be mixing people up before the first round. All are welcome. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for students, and proceeds will go to support the activities of the Franklin Creek Conservation Association.

On the stewardship days every first and third Saturday of the month, visitors have a chance to help care for the land. Starting time is 9 a.m. and they will meet in the mill

Every second and fourth Saturday there is a free guided hike in the park. Meeting times vary and they meet in the mill parking lot. Attached is a copy of the guided hike schedule.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @franklincreekconservation for event updates, or give us a call for more information.

Fundraiser planned June 30

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

The event is sponsored by CGH Medical Center. For more information, call Rock River Hospice & Home at 815-625-3858.

Retired teachers association to offer scholarship

LEE COUNTY — The Ogle-Lee Retired Teachers Association- IRTA is offering a \$750 Scholarship to a college junior or senior from Ogle or Lee county, who is currently working toward a degree in education and is enrolled at an accredited school.

An application may be downloaded from the Ogle-Lee RTA

website at www.ogleleerta.weebly.com Applications are due by July 31, 2018, send to Phil Bratta, 5631 Fairoaks Dr., Davis Junction, IL 61020, any questions may be directed to him at 815-520-5312

The scholarship winner will be announced in August 2018 on the website and in local media.



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In a shrinking state, census sheds light on struggling cities

ich Roth didn't think his story would go viral. But a Facebook post with his photo Guest Column in the country to lose population over the year. It's seen fewer residents for the last three years running. and a quote from the longtime Clinton, resident has reached more than 800,000 people since May 21, with more than 10,000 reactions and 8,000 shares.

"I've lived in Clinton since I was two years old," Roth begins.

"The moving company is coming June 1. I sold my business as of this morning.'

Roth's story – he's moving his family to Arizona and sold his home for a six-figure loss – resonated. And that's because too much of the state is in the

Clinton sits between Bloomington and Decatur,

and it's lost 5 percent of its population since 2010, according to new data from the U.S. Census Bureau. Illinois' population has been shrinking for the last four years consecutively, driven by losing more people to other states than we gain.

The new Census data show 39 of Illinois' 50 most populous cities shrank from July 2016 to July 2017. Half have shed population since 2010. And the state's titan, Chicago, was the only major city

By Austin Berg



Among the Land of Lincoln's largest cities, there should be particular concern for Rockford. Twenty

miles from the Wisconsin border, it's been shrinking every year this decade, and has fallen to the fifth-largest city in the state this year from the third

Peoria is another pain point. It saw the largest decline in population over the year among the top 50 cities, losing 1.3 percent of its population in a matter of months. One of Peoria's largest employers, Caterpillar Inc., announced in January 2017 that it was moving its headquarters to the Chicago suburbs.

Mid-sized cities like Belleville and Decatur are seeing severe declines, both losing more than 5 percent of their populations since 2010.

Here's something that isn't helping: Proposed solutions to Illinois' fiscal problems appear completely detached from reality. First there was Chicago Democratic state Rep. Robert Martwick's FRIENDLY Act, which outlined progressive tax rates

homes at among the highest rates in the country. Illinois ranked 42 out of 50 states for jobs growth in 2017, and last among all its When people can't find good job opportunities in Illinois, they So how does Illinois flip the trend? are too often forced to leave. And to take their place, too few

have enough confidence in the state to move in from elsewhere and build a future. Growing Illinois requires growing confidence. For state and

that would hike income taxes on Illinoisans making as little as \$17,300. More recently, the Chicago Federal Reserve proposed

a property-tax-for-pensions plan where every homeowner would

pay an additional 1 percent property tax to the state to pay down

more than \$1,700 in additional property taxes to the state for the

Who wouldn't want to stick around for that killer deal?

Under the proposal, the typical Illinois homeowner would pay

"I saw the [Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's proposed] 1

Jobs and housing are the key to making any state more attrac-

percent tax. I shared it and tagged all my friends and said 'my

suggestion to you is just get the hell out of the state," Roth said.

tive. But the Land of Lincoln punishes small businesses and taxes

local leaders, that means spending restraint, aggressive reform and renewed respect for taxpayers.

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On This Day in History

100 Years Ago May 30, 1918

The teachers who have signed contracts for the school year 1918-19 are Amboy High School – Thomas Brew, M. Maude Manley, Lena M. Johnson, Ilah M. Gordon, Harriet L. James. Grades, H.S. Building–Elizabeth Edwards, Jean Carroll, Maude E. Reilly, Lincoln School – Margaret Hammond and Mary B. Rooney.

I am head quarters for Safety Razor Blades. I stock Keen Kutter, Enders, Ever Ready, Penn, Fox, Gem, Gem Jrs., Clean Cut, Diamond Edge, Gillett, and Ecco; W.

Little Miss Genevieve Coller went to Rochester, Minn., with her aunt, Mrs. Smith, to remain during the summer months.

75 Years Ago May 27, 1943

On orders received in a telegram Friday evening, Principal O. W. Funkhouser of Amboy Township high school left Monday

KENNEDY.

JUSTICE ANTHONY

for Lexington, Va., where he will be com-Division of the U.S. Army. He will serve as an educational officer and will be attached to some Army headquarters.

Jack Liggett, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Liggett, was guest of honor at a party given Friday afternoon to celebrate his sixth birthday.

Miss Ruth Elizabeth Hughes, elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J.H. Hughes, was graduated Monday from William Jewell College at Liberty, Mo.

50 Years Ago May 30, 1968

Honors Day was held Wednesday, May 22 at Amboy High School - Honor Graduates who have maintained a 4.0 or above during all four years of high school include William Bulfer, Pamela Carey, Rebecca Donoho, Penney Edwards, Gregg Eisenberg, Barbara Glenn, Rose Henrich, Charles Jeanblanc, Joy Ann Kerchner, Alan Pfeifer, Joe Rapp, Penny Reinhold, Kathy Sherrard, Tom Spenader, Daryl Stuckemeyer and Patricia Young

I HEAR YOU ARE THINKING OF RETIRING -LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND, SAYS 84-YEAR-OLD SENATOR

CHUCK GRASSLEY TO 81-YEAR-OLD SUPREME COURT

Beggs' Certified Foods advertises missioned a captain in the Special Services Dubuque weiners for 55 cents per pound, Country's Delight Frozen lemonade for 10 cents and Kraft Miracle Whip for 49 cents a quart.

Joseph M. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Smith of Amboy has been assigned to the position of Station Agent for Braniff International Airlines. He will be stationed in Chicago.

25 Years Ago June 3, 1993

Mayor Hank Gerdes paid tribute to the 3.1 millions American who have served in this nation's wars at Memorial Day services Monday at Veterans Park in Amboy.

Fifty-nine seniors will receive their diplomas at commencement exercises at Amboy High School, Friday, June 4.

Jeff Cardot is asking for a variance too install a 19 x 43 foot pool that will be open to the public on South Commercial just off East Main Street. The city council has agreed to provide 25,000 gallon of free water if the proposed pool is approved.

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Graduates, chances are your old bedroom is already hot tub

For parents, graduation is a bittersweet time Guest Column filled with angst and second-guesses. Particularly if it appears their graduate won't be out of the house before the contractor is scheduled to begin turning that extra bedroom into a new hot tub by July 4th.

Don't get me wrong. Parents will always have a place for their children at home. It's just that, after the remodel, that place may have to be in one of the

To help with this important transition, a lot of parents put together a "survival" package containing things like pots and pans, utensils, toiletries, dishes, tools—things from home that 1) you, as graduates, will find familiar and comforting in your new life,

and 2) they've been waiting to unload on you for years so they can buy all new stuff.

To protect yourself, take careful inventory of this "survival" package before you accept it. Any small appliance — such as a toaster, blender or hot plate — that was made before standard outlets were introduced should be refused. The same goes for any "family heirlooms" that you've never seen before, but that your parents insist you loved as a child. In many cases, these items were never in your home to begin with, and are actually the result of an exchange program established by other parents of graduating seniors who are also trying to get rid of stuff they don't want.

The reason for this is simple: All parents know that whatever you leave behind after graduation will likely remain in the attic or garage until the reading of their wills. Because of this, they will stop at nothing to make sure you are accompanied on your journey by that 70-pound ceramic pterodactyl you made in fifth grade, as well as any other belongings that won't readily ignite should the garage be consumed in a "freak" inferno.

By Ned Hickson



But let's assume you manage to escape from home in anything smaller than a 27-foot moving van. Your next step as a graduate will be to settle into your new surroundings. This generally includes adjusting to having a roommate your first year in college. It will probably be someone you've never met before, but whom you can rest assured has been carefully screened and, based on compatibility, specifically chosen as the perfect roommate. You will never actually *meet* this person of course, and will instead share a room with someone you once saw in a David Lynch movie. But that's all part of the college experience, which is aimed at preparing you for life.

(Or a life sentence, depending on how the whole roommate thing goes.)

Once you're settled, it's time to focus in on what you came to college for: An education.

Ha Ha! Just kidding! Let's just be honest and admit that you chose a college based on which website had the best-looking students playing volleyball in the fall leaves. Every college website has one of these photos, along with pictures of young, chiseled teachers lecturing before 300-seat-capacity halls filled with super models.

Warning: This is not real life! You will not find a lecture hall filled with 300 super models. In fact, your first semester, you'll be lucky if you find the lecture hall at all.

And even when you do find it, chances are you'll be sitting next to your roommate.

That said, I wish all of this year's graduates the best of luck as they embark into the world with stars in their eyes and dreams in their hearts — and, if they weren't quick enough, a 70-pound ceramic pterodactyl.

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Clippers compete at state track meet

CHARLESTON – The Amboy-LaMoille boys' track team concluded its season with several team members competing in the IHSA Class 1A State Track Meet on May 24-26 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Junior Thomas Stamberger took 11th place overall in the 800-meter run. His finals time was 1:59.19. Stamberger had a time of 2:00.25 in the preliminaries, which was good enough to propel him to the finals.

The 800-meter run state champion was Riley

Wells of Rockford Christian with a clocking

The Clippers' Kyle Hunter participated in the shot put and did not make it out of the preliminary round. He had a throw of 46-2.25. The state champion in the shot put was

Hunter Woodard of Tuscola with a heave of

A-L's Travis Eames also qualified for state in the 300-meter hurdles, but he did not compete

Kids fishing tournament held June 2 pole and one hook). No artificial lures will be

LASALLE-The 33rd annual Kids' Free Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 2 at I&M Canal Lock #14 in LaSalle. Registration is at 8 a.m. and fishing will be from 9-11 a.m.

The event is for boys and girls, who will be divided into two age groups -4-12 and 13-15. Participants should bring their own tackle (one allowed. Bait will be provided.

Prizes will be awarded, and snacks and drinks will be provided.

For more information, call (815) 223-2382, (815) 223-3671 or go to www.better-fishing-

Early registration deadline approaches for KB Tough Run **OREGON** — The 7th Annual 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 established to help those

in our community that are burdened by a medi-More than 40 families have been helped by

the KB Fund. Their needs ranged from expenses related to cancer treatments, chronic illness, accident recovery, special needs therapy, premature births and more. Early registration for the event ends on June 6.

Registration forms are 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 'Register Now'link. Early registration guarantees tough run and Hike participants an event t-shirt and drink token. This year's 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.

Please join the KB Tough Run for another family friendly event. A \$5 Kid Zone wrist band ensure unlimited access to all the games, face painting and activities. DJJ, Jason Hardin, will be setting up his mobile sound station to provide music and emcee services throughout the day. 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. Fundraising activities including Horsey Bingo and a cash raffle are being organized too. See vou in June.

Questions can be directed to info@KBTOUGH-RUN.com. To learn more about the event and the fund visit www.KBToughRun.com.



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The Lee County Fair Association is so thankful for this donation from America's Farmers and Lee County farmer Josie Willett. Each August, farmers can enroll online for a chance to win \$2,500 as a direct donation to a non-profit of their choice. Willett enrolled, chose the Lee County Fair Association, and was Lee County's winner. Each year the America's Farmers Grow Communities program awards more than \$3 million to rural non-profits. Pictured are association members, front row, left to right, Molly Biggs, Abbey Kelly, Adam Henkel, Willet, Katie Pratt, Lindsay Daniels back row, left to right, Nick Hemborough, Aaron Wolf, Andy Pratt and Joe Becker.

Dispose of prescription drugs safely at OSF Saint Paul

MENDOTA — According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the United States is experiencing an epidemic of drug overdose deaths.

Since 2000, the rate of deaths from drug overdoses has increased 137 percent, including a 200 percent increase in the rate of overdose deaths involving opioids. OSF HealthCare is leading the way in helping reduce the misuse of prescription medications by installing safe, secure disposal boxes for the public at each of its hospitals in Illinois and Michigan.

Jerry Storm, Senior Vice President of Pharmacy for OSF HealthCare started investigating a drug take back program after hearing from people who wanted a safe way to dispose of old medication but were uncomfortable taking them to a police station where most drop off boxes are located.

The containers can be locked and are monitored continuously when open. They operate much the same as a mailbox.

The drug disposal boxes are currently installed in 10 of 12 OSF HealthCare hospitals. OSF Saint Paul Medical Center has installed their disposal box in the lobby of the hospital, near the entrance.

The public can utilize the drop box seven days a week, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 8 p.m.



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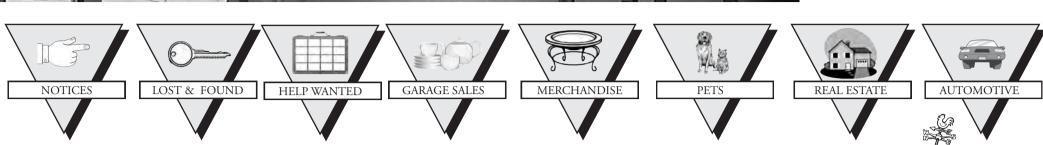
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61367. Dated this 14th day of May A.D. 2018. Cathy Myers, County Clerk

by Lori Miller, Deputy No. 0508 May 16, 23, 30, 2018

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Thompson, 515 N.

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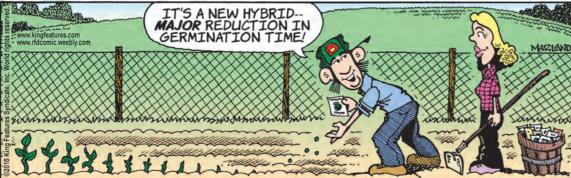
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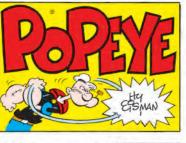
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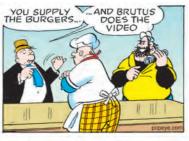
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

SCRAMBLERS





"I think you've diagnosed your trouble very well, Mrs. Jones. Now, how do you plan to treat it?"



"Relax — I haven't been married before! because

this was Mom's wedding dress!"

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag! Defer VESEHL **MORTER** PETALS ZEIBRAR **TODAY'S WORD**

by Dave T. Phipps

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Grand story

12

33

50

- 5 Recipe meas. 8 Slender
- 12 Stereo precursor

smoke

- 13 Conger or moray
- 14 Opposed to 15 Sit on eggs
- 17 Highlander 18 Rib
- 19 Off the path
- 21 Thing 24 Golf prop
- 25 Related 28 Sandwich
- shop 30 Shock and -
- 33 Lair
- 34 Duck down
- 35 Vast expanse
- 36 Pouch
- 37 Male 38-
- Across 38 See 37-
- Across 39 Eggs
- 41 Unrivaled 43 Legendary
- 46 Adult insect
- 50 Sahara-like 51 On an angle
- 54 Rinky- -55 Use the
- microwave 56 Unrivaled
- 57 Long story

58 Flightless bird 8 Haste result 59 Tackles' 9 Enlarge teammates 10 Old portico

58

stick

script

23 Olympics

prize 25 Billboards

27 Arriving

29 Toy block

name

25?

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- **DOWN**
- 1 Send forth 2 Corn concoc-
- tion 3 Erstwhile Peruvian
- 4 Family mem-
- ber 5 With 6-Down, 26 Mauna cups and
- saucers and such
- 6 See 5-Down
- 31 Teensy 7 Entreaty 32 Listener

52 53

- 38 End 11 Compassion 40 Bullshot
- 16 Wager ingredient
- 20 Use a swizzle 42 Zero
- 43 Crazes 22 Fix a manu-

34 Jacob's

brother

35

- 44 Operatic solo 45 Dimension
- 47 Any time now
- 48 Neuter
- 49 Rhyming trib-
- utes 52 "Platoon" set-
- ting, for short 53 Innards of a

-Rodriguez

1. MATH: What is the square root of

2. GEOGRAPHY: How many South American countries border Argentina?

3. SCIENCE: The conversion of water

4. MUSIC: Who composed the opera

5. ANATOMY: Where are the muscles

6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a

7. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear experienced by someone suffering from

8. AD SLOGANS: What breakfast

9. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: What writer and activist once said, "The oppo-

site of love is not hate, it's indifference"? 10. MYTHOLOGY: Which Greek god

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is associated with winged sandals?

cereal's ad slogan was, "They're GR-R-

vapor to liquid is called what?

"The Barber of Seville"?

called "lats" located?

group of lions called?

ailurophobia?

Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

7			3	6				4
	1				9		3	
		4	8			1		
	7				5	4		
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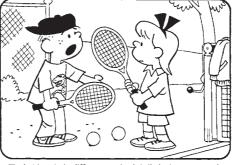
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

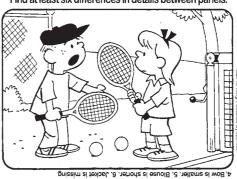
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IZB LMPDC RYI M'L HYSMAP CDG LZBATR.

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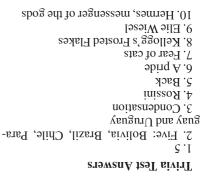
1. Shelve; 2. Tremor; uoijnjos

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word 3. Staple; 4. Bizarre

you might say I'm raking the leaves from knolls in my yard, If I am removing autumn

CryptoQuip



R N O U S INCUBATE q 2 T

Solution time: 25 mins. Answers

— **King** Crossword — 2 1 9 4 6 9 1 8

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S	5	6	8	2	1	3	Þ	9
9	8	t	9	3	6	2	L	Ţ
6	9	L	2	2	8	t	9	3
8	3	2	6	9	Þ	9	1	2
Þ	g	2	L	9	3	6	8	L

Answer

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