



The 2024 Amboy Depot Days Parade Grand Marshal is... George Kaleel

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Amboy News Editor

AMBOY – George Kaleel has been part of Depot Days a time or two before. This time, he’s part of it in a different manner as he is the 2024 Amboy Depot Days Parade Grand Marshal.

“I’m sure there are a lot of people who could be the grand marshal besides myself. I’m just honored that I was asked to be the grand marshal,” Kaleel said. “Amboy has been real good to our family. We made a good living here with our store. “I was kind of surprised when they asked me, but I’m looking forward to it. I’ve been involved with Depot Days or have gone to it since it started. It’s a big event for Amboy.”

Kaleel, 91, moved to Amboy in 1956 after being born in Spring Valley, moving

to Earlville in 1939, graduating from Earlville High School in 1952, and enlisting in the U.S. Army during Korean War (1952-55) to start a store for his father, Nemer Kaleel, who wanted to expand from the store he had in Earlville.

With the opening of Kaleel’s Clothing in Amboy, it began a 63-year run (1956-2019) for George in clothing and a lifelong connection to the community.

“I opened the store in Amboy in 1956. It started with my dad, Nemer Kaleel. He came from the old country of Lebanon,” said Kaleel. “At the age of 17, he came over on a cattle boat. He settled in Spring Valley. He was a country peddler at first. They called him “Mike the Peddler” because he peddled with a horse and buggy for many years. He couldn’t speak English or write English when he

first came to the states.

“In 1939, he opened a clothing store in Earlville. That’s how our family got started in the clothing business. My dad was looking for another store and he sent me to Amboy to open a store. I did that in 1956 and a few years later my brother Mitchell, who was my partner in business, opened a store in Mendota.”

When George arrived in Amboy, he was single and didn’t have any children.

It changed through the years as he met and married Mona and they had two children in Mark and Karen.

The children are keeping the Kaleel’s Clothing brand thriving. Mark owns Kaleel’s Clothing & Printing and Karen helps run the store, while Mark’s wife Renee owns an embroidery shop in the same building.

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Pankhurst Memorial Library undergoes makeover

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AMBOY – Every once in a while, it’s time for a new haircut, a new shirt, a new look.

When it comes to a building, the barber is replaced with a painter, shirt means a new table, and a new look translates to an upgraded environment.

Over the last month or so, the Pankhurst Memorial Library in Amboy has been renovating and putting in the work to make the library look and feel better.

“The most recent thing we’ve done is we put on a fresh coat of paint on every wall. I don’t know the official name of the color, but I’d call it baby blue. We have new blinds on the outside of our windows and the window seals have been stained,” said Pankhurst director Emily Goff, who has been the director for nine years and has been with the library for the last 20 years. “The three ceiling fans have all been replaced. We have a brand-new table and chairs. We also revamped downstairs, the children’s section, with a new seating area, new paintings and photos to liven up the place.

“It was something we decided needed to be done. The board of directors went with it and we kept adding to our list of things we wanted to do.”

The board has recently added two new board members in Dominique Willahan and Anne Dickison as they join Deb Hopkins, Jillian Rieskamp, Linda Grady, Tony McCoy, Mary Kathrine Stenzel, and Greg Nobel.

Goff, the board, and the approximately 400 Pankhurst patrons are able to enjoy the new-look library all the time and are opening the doors to anyone in Amboy and the surrounding communities for an open house on September 14 (time is TBA).

The event will help celebrate the library’s 95th anniversary and will include a raffle of goods donated by local businesses.

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A Tribute to the fallen of World War I

Editor’s note: The Amboy News will be publishing a series of articles on Lee County veterans who served during World War I. These heroes are part of Amboy’s history and it is our honor to publish these articles so you can learn about their service to our country. This article was researched by Jack Mead and Tom Dempsey, and written by Dempsey.

Cpl. Ward Arthur Sindlinger

Troop F, 4th Cavalry, U.S. Army

Born in 1886, Ward Sindlinger spent his early childhood in Mt. Carroll before moving to Dixon with his parents Arthur and Mabel Sindlinger.

At the age of 28, Ward enlisted in the army in September, 1914 (nearly three years before America entered the World War) and was sent to Jefferson



Barracks, Missouri for his training. In November of that year, he left San Francisco for Schoefield Barracks in Hawaii where he was stationed with the 4th Cavalry for the next several years.

In those years, much of the U.S. Army still depended on the use of horses for transportation of troops and equipment.

It is likely that Corporal

Sindlinger was experienced with the care and management of horses prior to enlisting.

Army records indicate that Ward left Schoefield Barracks aboard an army transport ship for the United States, assigned the task of attending to the private horses of Lieutenant Colonel William T. Littebrant, arriving at Fort Ogelthorpe, Georgia in



July, 1917.

On August 20th, Cpl. Sindlinger died of a gunshot wound at that location. The cause of that gunshot remains a mystery at this writing.

NOTE: If you know of other Lee County Soldiers who died in service during World War I, we urge you to share that information to demps60@gmail.com so that those soldiers may

be honored and remembered.

Sources:

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LOCAL NEWS/EVENTS

Could the community building become a storm shelter for Amboy?

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
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AMBOY — Amboy City Council meetings usually ask and answer a lot of questions.

One of the first queries came because of the storms the area has suffered in June and July. Could the Amboy Community Building become a shelter?

To do so, Amboy Mayor Frank Stenzel and the council know they need some power.

“We have applied for a grant to purchase a generator to make sure there was power in the building if anything happened,” Stenzel said. “If anything were to happen because of a storm, the generator would make sure there are lights, heat, and air conditioning.”

“We thought about this idea years before the storms we have had in June and July. You never know what is going to happen with thunderstorms in the summer or the weather conditions in the winter. Some people may be out of power for two or three days and may need to relocate for a couple of days.”

The need for a grant comes because a generator big enough to power the building would cost approximately \$65,000.

Even if the grant Amboy could receive would be a match grant, Stenzel said the city would jump at the opportunity.

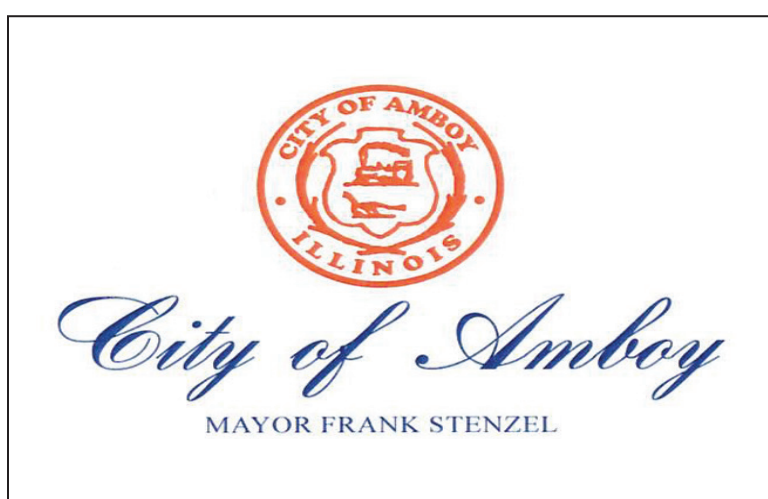
As the Depot Commission gets ready for Depot Days, it is trying to get the building prepared.

While they do so, more and more need for repair is being recognized. The combined cost to fix everything needing some tender loving care would be too much, but to break it down into mini projects would work just fine.

First up is the roof. Dave Shaw, the depot chair, also reported Joe Flessner completed the replacement of the windows in the freight house.

Another project Amboy recently completed is the tar and chip patching of roads both downtown and in residential areas.

“The city crew filled in a lot of spots to try to keep the roads in



good shape,” Stenzel said. “The process is similar to one Mendota uses. It keeps water out and keeps the road from deteriorating. We rented the equipment, and the city crew did a great job going up and down all of the Amboy streets and taking care of what they could.”

A long conversation began during the audience concern section of the meeting.

“We have some landowners who wanted to know about the ending of their 20-year abatement,” Stenzel said. “It was

when we secured the dump and annexed all of them. They all signed and now it’s coming up. They’re saying it’s pretty expensive and they want us to see if we can relieve the city taxes on the property.”

“We’re going to revisit it. The agreements were signed and now the contract is expiring. There was a lot of discussion. We told them we’d look into it and see if there is anything we can do. We also told them it would take time and lawyers.”

There was also a vote on

whether or not to purchase a property in efforts to cut down the number of abandoned decaying properties in Amboy.

This could be the first of many if residents and owners don’t take care of the property first.

“We voted to relieve some money to try to purchase a property located on North Blackstone Avenue. We would like to buy it for a reasonable price and then we would take control of it and have it demolished,” Stenzel said. “There is a grant out there in Lee County. We have to own the property to receive the money.”

“The council did approve the spending of money to purchase the property for demolish costs. It’s abandoned. The daughter lives in Pennsylvania. She comes out here, but there are taxes and other expenses associated with the property. She doesn’t want anything to do with it. It’s a mess and needs to be taken care of.”

Stenzel said the council is hiring a firm to check out a few more properties for the same process. He added it will cost money, but it will clean up the city.

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Sublette Farmer’s Market

SUBLETTE — The Sublette Farmer’s Market will be open every Tuesday from 3-7 p.m. during August and September.

Vendors will be located on Main Street between La Fiesta Restaurant and Leffelman Insurance. Vendors are welcome and there is no charge for space, just bring your table and set up.

For more information, contact Don Dinges at 815-703-5675.

Late Nite Blues Brothers joins last Summer Sounds concert of 2024

DIXON — The Late Nite Blues Brothers will appear with the Dixon Municipal Band for the final concert of the Summer Sounds 2024 at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8 at the Page Park Band Shell.

The Brothers will be performing “We’re on a Mission from God”, “Sweet Home Chicago”, and “New Orleans”.

The concert will also include “Fanfare for the Common Man”, “Emperata Overture”, “West Side Story Selections”, “Florentiner March”, “Eagle Bend”, and “Star Wars — The Marches”.

There will be door prizes and GG’s Ice Cream will provide delicious treats while Christine’s Kitchen will be selling baked goods.

Lee County Farm Bureau retirement seminar on Aug. 19

AMBOY — Attention Lee County Farm Bureau members. Do you feel ready for retirement? Are you wondering what retirement might look like and have questions about how to successfully prepare yourself for a financially secured retirement? No matter where you are in your career it’s never too early or too late to start planning for retirement.

The Lee County Farm Bureau is offering a free

retirement planning seminar to Lee County Farm Bureau members hosted at the Lee County Farm Bureau Building in Amboy on Monday, Aug. 19 from 6:30-8 p.m. The seminar will be given by Brent Seggebruch, financial advisor.

Light refreshments will be provided. Limited spots are available so RSVP by Friday, Aug. 16 by emailing leecfb@comcast.net or calling the office at 815-857-3531.

Amboy Food Truck Monday

AMBOY — The monthly event held from 4-8 p.m. at the Amboy Depot Museum returns Monday, Aug. 12. There will be nine

food trucks, vendors, and a 50/50 drawing.

August’s fees and donations will go to Teen Turf and Lee County Shop with a Cop.

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We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: 4H Federation for the food; Justine Albee for the backpacks; Kathy Kessel for the monetary donation; Donald Duck for chips and fruit; Michele Cheshire and family for the monetary donation for the school supplies; Susan & Nick Vaessen for the food for community fridge and school supply items; Alexis & Carl Harris for the various items; Anonymous donation of corn; Martha Henley for the cookies; Cindy Phillips for the plastic bags; and Mike Stram for fixing the lights; Chris & Larry Morgan for the new vacuum.

Summer Programs

This week our 5th grade and above are going to either the waterpark or indoor amusement park.

School Supplies

We will also be giving away school supplies in early August. Please message Teen Turf on Facebook or call 815-857-4800.

Homework Club

Teen Turf 3rd grade and up afterschool program starts September 3rd. If they are a new student, you must sign up with new application and if a returning student, you must call us at 815-857-4800 or message us on Facebook.

Barnyard Bingo Tickets

Tickets are going fast for our Annual Depot Days Barnyard Bingo. The game is across the street from Sensient Flavors at 5 p.m. The number grid is mixed up. Please message us or stop by Teen Turf and see us for a ticket. \$10 a square and you get a chance to win \$500. Please see our Board Members for tickets: Brian, Amber, Mark, Josh, Maddy, or Barb. You can also stop by the building to get one or more. Thank you for your support! All proceeds benefit our FREE programs.

4H Pie Sale & Breakfast Thank You's

Now that the 2024 Lee County Fair & 4-H Show is complete, we can express our deepest gratitude to the following families and individuals who helped make another successful 4H Pie Sale & 4H Breakfast. We also want to thank everyone who bought a slice of pie or attended the breakfast. This is how we are able to provide our FREE programs to the kids of our community.

4H Pies & Goodies

Those who donated pies: Katey Dickinson, Margaret Shaw & Jerry for delivering them, Michele Cheshire, Shelli Bump, Barb Harrison, Karen Stenzel, Bert Glenn, Teen Turf kids, Pam Thomas, Bev Halsey, Pam Rodge, Louella Blackburn and Lonnie Schaefer.

Those that helped: Brian Wedekind for cooking pies, Eileen Piper, Maddy & Hayden Thomas, and super seller Nathan for selling slices, and Tammy Strub for the use of their pie cutter.

4H Breakfast

Those that helped: Marykathryn Stenzel, Mark Grossman, Larry & Eileen Piper, Amber Horner, Jilian Rieskamp, Brandi O'Rourke, Candy Robinson, and Maddy Thomas. Special thanks to Pete Rood for the use of his grill.

Super special thanks to our Teen Turf kids: Brooklyn, Lila, Jay, Michael, Liam, Amelia, and Nathan.

Governor Hometown Awards

On behalf of the IDHS-Serve Illinois Commission, in partnership with the Governor's Office, we would like to say Congratulations! Our distinguished panel of judges selected your project, Teen Turf, Inc., submitted on behalf of the City of Amboy, Illinois, as a finalist for the Governor's Cup in the Governor's Hometown Awards! You are one of four finalists vying for the overall award. Judging for the prestigious Governor's Cup will take place on August 14, 2024, at the Illinois State Fair. Pam has been working hard on a presentation this week. Please pray that we have safe travel and do well. We do not know about the other three projects, but we can imagine they are awesome. We have a delegation going down to represent not only Teen Turf, but our community.

Final Note

In those moments when the dense fog of confusion envelops our paths, We humbly beseech Your divine presence for the gift of clarity and unwavering guidance. Illuminate our ways through the labyrinth of uncertainty and endow us with the discernment needed to make wise choices. We trust in Your radiant and unwavering light to guide our steps. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AMBOY – Come see the amazing work 4-H members have completed this year. The public is welcome as youth will be displaying projects in more than 50 subject areas including visual arts, livestock, small animals, horticulture, woodworking, foods, and science.

STERLING – Join Family Life Educator Kara Schweitzer at the Whiteside County Extension Office in Sterling for the Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention Program, with sessions held from 10-11 a.m. on July 31, August 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, and September 3, 10, and 11. This eight-week program focuses on improving muscular strength, flexibility, and fitness to prevent falls, with each session building on the previous one, making full program participation encouraged. For accommodations, contact Kara at kara7@illinois.edu. Register online at go.illinois.edu/WhitesideTaiChi.

AMBOY – You are invited to join fellow senior citizens for a free exercise program at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US Highway 52, Amboy. Sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. Chairs are provided for an approximate 30-minute workout. For more information, call Chris at 815-857-3963.

LEE CENTER – The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, August 8.

AMBOY – The Amboy Lions Club meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12 at the Amboy Community Center, located at 280 W. Wasson Rd. The Lions Club meetings take place the second and fourth Monday of every month.

SUBLETTE – The next Village of Sublette meeting is at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 12 at the Ellice Dinges Center at 202 S. West Street in Sublette.

EAST GROVE – East Grove Township is holding its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 13 at the East Grove Township Hall.

AMBOY – The Board of Trustees of The Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14 at the Amboy Township Building, located at 106 South Prospect St. in Amboy.

PAW PAW – The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Paw Paw will commence at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14 at the Paw Paw Village Hall.

AMBOY – The Amboy City Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, August 19 at the Amboy Community Center, 290 W. Wasson Road. The council meets every third Monday each month.

AMBOY – The City of Amboy committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 2 at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY – The Amboy Civic Organization currently meets the first Tuesday evening of each month at 4:30 p.m. at Maria's Pizza in Amboy, 110 E. Main Street. Please note, the A.C.O no longer gathers at 4 p.m. but instead will gather at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 3. Sharing dinner will provide a great opportunity for socializing and sharing community news.

DIXON – The next Lee County Board of Health meeting is 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10 at Lee County Health Department Family Planning, located at 309 S. Galena Ave. The meetings are held the second Tuesday in the months of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

AMBOY – The Amboy/Lee Center Multi-Township meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18 at the Amboy Township building, located at 106 South Prospect Ave.

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Joseph C. Nuske Jan. 7, 1968- July 31, 2024

LaSALLE – Joseph C. Nuske, 56, of LaSalle, passed away on Thursday, July 31, 2024, at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Toluca. Masonic Service will be at 6:45 p.m. Additional visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Toluca, with the service to follow. Pastor John H. Mix will officiate. Burial will be at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, in Toluca. Dysart-Cofoid Funeral Chapel will be assisting the family with the arrangements.

Joseph was born on Jan. 7, 1968, in Streator, to Donald and Betty (Mix) Nuske. He married Gina Drew on Sept. 23, 1995, in Walton.

Survivors include his wife, Gina Nuske of LaSalle; one son, Colton Nuske of LaSalle; his mother-in-law, Sheila (John) Hemminger of Amboy; one brother-in-law, Tyson (Magen) Drew; one sister, Judy (Marty) Moreno of Granville; sisters-in-law, Kirsten (Pete) Donna of Amboy and Janelle (Dan) Leffelman of Austin, Texas; multiple nieces and nephews and numerous aunts and uncles. His dog, Diesel was by his side.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother Jerry Nuske and father-in-law, Thomas Drew.

He graduated from Toluca High School in the class of 1986. He went to IVCC where he received his Associates Degree in Applied Science in Electronics Technology and received a certificate in Engine Performance. He was a machinist and worked for Caterpillar in Joliet for 25 years until he retired. He was a Chief Steward, a committeeman, a chairman of the general committee of Local 851 and was a District 8 Business Rep. for the International Association of Machinist and Aerospace Workers. He was also a machinist at Black Brothers Co. in Mendota.

Joe was a very active member and leader in several Masonic Fraternal organizations working to improve the community and to support various charities. He served in several key officer positions, including two terms as the Worshipful Master of Occidental Lodge No. 40, A.F. & A.M., in Ottawa. Additionally, he was active in the following Masonic organizations in Ottawa: Shabbona Chapter No. 37, Oriental Council No. 13, and Ottawa Commandery No. 10. Also,



he had been a member of Tebala Shrine, in Rockford, which has a goal of providing care for children, and Briar Knoll Hunting and Fishing Club member since 2012. He was also an endowment member of the NRA and he was on the committee Illinois Valley Friends of NRA.

Joe was owner of Feral Firearms manufacturing and was a Cerakote Certified Applicator and a graduate of SOTAR. He also attended many gun smith classes.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Colton's Education Fund, Lighted Way in LaSalle or the Masonic Lodge in Ottawa.

Pallbearers will be Pete Donna, Mickey Martin, Tim Menefee, Ralph Moshage, Jim Rippel and Bill Kraft. Honorary Pallbearer will be Tyson Drew.

Online condolences may be made to his family at www.dcfunerals.com.

Rose Mary Theiss July 26, 2024

AMBOY – Rose Mary Theiss, 70, passed away peacefully on July 26, 2024 in Riverside, CA.

A Celebration of Life ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, August 23, 2024 at the Acheson & Graham Garden of Prayer Mortuary in Riverside, CA. Interment will be at St. Mary's cemetery in Sublette at a later date.

Rose was born in Amboy and graduated from Amboy High School in 1971. After her marriage to Les Theiss in 1976, she moved to Riverside, Calif. where she worked for the Press Enterprise for 33 years.

Theiss enjoyed road trip vacations, birdwatching, gardening, holiday baking, and playing games. She was known to be a bit of a prankster. Her quick wit and cheerful attitude will be missed by friends,

family and anyone lucky enough to have known her.

Theiss was preceded in death by her parents, Clement and Mary Henkel; brother, Charles Henkel; one sister in infancy, Louise; and her twin sister at birth, Rose Marie. She is survived by her loving husband Les; brothers and sisters, Delores (Keith) Beck of Tucson, Ariz.; Nancy Neal of Amboy; Paula Henkel of Salt Lake City, Utah; Mark (Tammy) Henkel of Sublette; Tim (Melody) Henkel of Amboy; and Carole (John) Day of Dixon; as well as numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to Loma Linda University Health by either online at lluh.org/giving referencing Rose Mary Theiss or



Rose Theiss and selecting from the menu cardiology; a check payable to LLUH (reference Rose's name in the memo) and send to the Office of Philanthropy at PO Box 2000, Loma Linda, CA 92354; or by phone (909-558-5010) if you wish to use a credit card.

A memorial bench will also be placed in Amboy City Park. For donations, please send checks to Les Theiss at 28880 Grelick Dr., Moreno Valley, CA 92555.

IDNR reminds Illinoisans of potential black bear visits

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) reminds residents that although sightings of black bears in the state are rare, the potential exists that animals from neighboring states may be observed in Illinois over the next few months.

With established populations in the adjacent states of Missouri and Wisconsin, occasional summer movements by bears into Illinois are anticipated, including recent confirmed sightings in Saline, Pope, Williamson, and Jackson counties. It's uncertain at this time if it's the same bear or multiple bears.

"IDNR biologists are monitoring the bear's movement and appreciate receiving ongoing reports from the public of its whereabouts," said IDNR wildlife chief Mike Wefer. "We're also grateful to everyone who has followed our advice to leave the bear alone and enjoy the rare privilege of observing it from a safe distance."

Go online to report a bear sighting to IDNR.

During early summer months, yearling bears disperse from their birth ranges in search of food and a permanent home range. Adult males travel far and wide looking for mates, and nursing females

venture further from home range core areas to meet the energetic demands of raising cubs.

Bears are omnivores that will consume a wide range of plants or animals that provide calories. The bulk of their spring and early summer diet is plant-based with whatever available protein they can locate – small mammals, fish, insects, birds, reptiles, amphibians, or dead animals.

Seeing a bear may be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and their presence should not necessarily be perceived as a threat to human safety. Nevertheless, it's important to remember that bears are wild animals and should be treated as such.

IDNR encourages people to avoid direct encounters with bears and to check their property for food sources that could attract a bear if one is reported in the area. Bears can follow their powerful noses to food sources and can pick up nearly anything with an odor from more than a mile away. Through learned behavior, bears often investigate anything that may yield a food reward, such as bird feeders, barbeque grills, garbage cans, and dog food. Once a bear finds a food source, they will likely return, so prevention is key.

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LOCAL NEWS



THE PASTOR'S PEN

By Pastor Rick Wulf
East Grove Union Church of Rural Amboy

AMBOY –Southern Gospel Music has always been known for it's smooth harmonies, strong vocals and powerful, straight forward lyrics. For the last 27 years, the Wanda Mountain Boys have displayed all three of these qualities as they have established themselves in the Gospel Music community in the Midwest.

The River Wanda Mountain Boys continue the tradition set forth by the founding members as they share their unique sound and style with congregations across Mid America.

Gary O'Neal has assumed the managerial position for WMB as well as anchoring the group, singing lead. Gary has been involved in Gospel Music for more than 50 years and has sang with some of the

Midwest's most popular groups. He has traveled in full time ministry with the Brashears of Russellville, AR as well as being a founding member of the trio, Solid Gospel based out of St. Louis, MO. He is also an accomplished songwriter, having his songs recorded by such noted artists as the Lesters, the Dixie Echoes, the Dixie Melody Boys, the Melody Boys Qt., Solid Gospel, the Brashears, and the Chosen Ones. Gary currently serves as president of the Mid America Gospel Music Association, a position he has held since 2007. On November 3, 2017, the Mid America Gospel Music Association presented Gary with the Lifetime Achievement Award at their annual convention.

Singing baritone for the Wanda Mountain Boys is one of the found-

ers of the group, Claude Johnson. Claude has been involved in Gospel Music for over 50 years, having sang with some of the Midwest's best known groups, the Gospel Four and the Victory Quartet. In 1990, he helped to start the ministry of the Wanda Mountain Boys. In 2011, he was presented with the Mid America Gospel Music Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

The newest addition to the group is tenor. Jason Nixon. Jason is a veteran singer having managed and performed with his own group, Crown of Joy. He most recently traveled with Anthem Quartet where he served as lead singer. He is excited to return to singing and his clear tenor voice is sure to endear him with Wanda Mountain Boys followers.

The Wanda Mountain



Boys travel many miles singing traditional Southern Gospel Music. They desire to both uplift the Christian by sharing a positive message and a laugh or two as well as take the Gospel message to those who need to come to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

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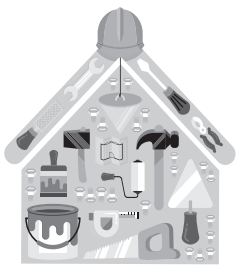
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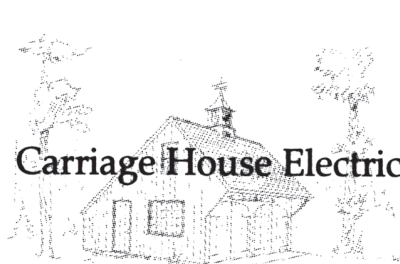
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When people ask Amboy High School athletic director Mike McCracken what he did this summer vacation, he can tell them that he painted his daughter's house in 100-degree heat. He can also tell people about his experiences as a counselor at Michael Jordan's Basketball Camp at Elmhurst College.

LOCAL NEWS

Watercolor Art Exhibit opened Aug. 1

OREGON – The Coliseum Museum in Oregon, IL is pleased to announce the opening of the Works in Watercolor Art Exhibit on display from August 1 – September 14. The exhibit features twenty-four artists with forty-eight pieces of art, covering a wide range of subjects including landscapes, cityscapes, floral, portraits, animals and more.

Visitors to the Coliseum Museum will be allowed to vote for their favorite art piece with the People's Choice Award winner announced at the close of the exhibit.

The Coliseum Museum will present an Artist Reception on August 9, 6:00pm – 8:00pm with music by New Shoes consisting of Jeff Kagay on guitar/vocals & Neil Jones on cation and various percussion instruments. They play acoustic easy rock from the 60's thru present covering artists from The Beatles, CCR, Moody Blues, Tom Petty, REM, Real Estate, originals and so much more.

The August schedule



also includes new exhibits by pastel artist Paula Kuehl of McHenry on the Feature Walls, watercolor artist Janet Cederlund of Union in the Lowden Gallery, and the photography of Steve Toole of Ashton in the Taft Gallery.

On Sunday, August 4, at 2:30pm the Coliseum Museum will present a concert featuring the Tamarack Players who perform a variety of music from the past and present including Jazz, Pop, and Broadway.

Attached images include

performers The Tamarack Players; Larry Bond of Sycamore – “Afternoon Shower”; Joy Meyer of Dixon – “Orchid Trio”; and Mary Von Tish of Oregon – “Majesty”.

The CMAAA mission is to present Art, Antiques, Americana and history through permanent and rotating exhibits, workshops, music, theater and more. Additional information can be found on the website, www.cmaaa.org and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ColiseumMuseum/



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“It’s really nice to have board members who really care about the library,” Goff said. “It makes you feel like you’re doing the right thing. It’s nice to see changes and people being positive about how the library looks.”

At a recent Amboy City Council

meeting Amboy Mayor Frank Stenzel had nice words to say about the library’s renovations.

“The library looks great. They’ve put a lot of time and effort into their projects and it’s really paid off,” Stenzel said.

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The decision to choose Kaleel as this year’s grand marshal was made by Roger Wittenauer.

Wittenauer, former president of the Amboy Lions Club who is still an administrator for the club, wanted to recognize Kaleel for what he’s meant to Amboy through the years.

“I have a list with people who have been influential in Amboy and the surrounding area. George has done great things for the town and the community, and he deserves to be the grand marshal,” Wittenauer said. “The weird thing about this job for me is I grew up here as a kid. I know the older folks and things they did. I left for 35 years to Chicago for work. I came back and still remember them. I remember the Kaleel’s Clothing shop and the business it brought to Amboy. Everyone went there for tuxes, gym uniforms for school, business clothes, and shoes.

“If you were getting married or going to a prom, you were wearing something you bought from Kaleel’s. George will be a great grand marshal.”

If you see Kaleel during the parade, ask him what

his ranking was in the Earlville High School Class of 1952.

He’ll share a chuckle.

“I graduated in the Top 20 of my class,” Kaleel said. “There were only 20 kids in my class.”



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16th Annual Juried Art Exhibit Opens Aug. 23 in Sterling

STERLING – The public is invited to attend the opening reception of the Woodlawn Arts Academy’s annual Juried Art Exhibit from 5-6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23 at the academy, 3807 Woodlawn Road in Sterling.

Cash prizes will be given to the winners of the exhibit, which features fine art and photography from adult exhibitors, and artwork of all types from students in grades kindergarten through 12th. The art exhibit is co-presented by Sauk Valley Community College.

Awards, including the juror’s picks and People’s Choice for Best of Show, voted on by the public during the beginning of the reception, will be announced and prizes awarded at 6 p.m. Artwork will remain on display through Nov. 15, and the exhibit is free and open to the public during regular business hours: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays.

Woodlawn Arts Academy is a partner agency of United Way of Whiteside and Lee counties, and financial assistance is available to those who qualify. Programs are partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

During the year, the Academy presents three other exhibits. The 2024-25 Winter Exhibit, “Portraits: Faces in Art,” will open Dec. 13. “Portraits” features works by local artists Matt Jagitsch, Ryan Jandrey and Heather Shore. The 2025 Student-Teacher Art Exhibit, featuring artwork by area students and their teachers, opens Feb. 21. The 2024 Summer Art Exhibit will open in May. In addition to the featured exhibits, the Winter and Summer Exhibit opening receptions will feature artwork from Woodlawn Arts Academy’s Exploration Art School students and students from other WAA visual arts classes.

Free Ravinia Lawn Tickets available at PC libraries

GRANVILLE – The Putnam County Public Library District is delighted to announce that it will be partnering with the Ravinia Festival to offer free tickets to the community for the 2024 Words & Music Program. The tickets grant free lawn admission to fifteen concerts from July through September. Additionally, the tickets grant free train fare on the Metra Union Pacific North Line to Ravinia. The tickets are limited, and will be available first come, first serve. Please call the Granville Branch for more information on availability. Tickets being offered are for the following concerts:

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Tue, Aug 27 @ 7:30 PM – 4 tickets available
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Call leads to arrest in Amboy

AMBOY – Lee County deputies were called to the American Auto Wash, located at 331 E. Wasson Road in Amboy at 4:30 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3 after a report of a suspicious person.

The deputies made contact with a white male who was initially unable to be identified. Throughout the course of the investigation, Lee County deputies learned the door leading into the building was damaged.

Ultimately, the male was identified as 23-year-old Jakob G. Dowling from Chicago. He was charged with the following offenses: Burglary (Class 2 Felony), Possession of Burglary Tools (Class 4 Felony), Criminal Damage to Property (Class 4 Felony), and Obstructing Justice (Class 4 Felony).

Dowling also had valid arrest warrants in Cook County for Burglary, Lake County for Failure to Appear, Retail theft in Kenosha County, Wisconsin for

Felony Retail Theft, and Des Moines County in Iowa for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Dowling is in the custody of the Lee County Jail.

Citizens are reminded to call the Lee County Sheriff’s Department at (815) 284-6631 or Crimestop-

pers at 1-888-CAUGHT-UP. Callers can remain anonymous and receive rewards of up to \$1,000 if their information leads to an arrest.

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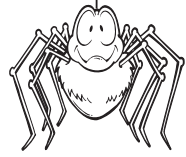
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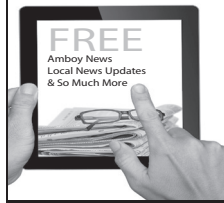
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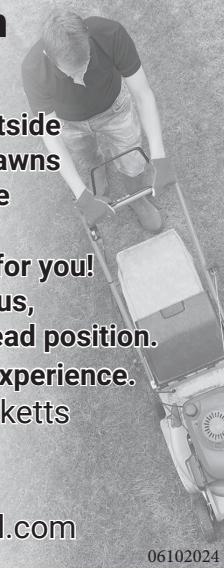


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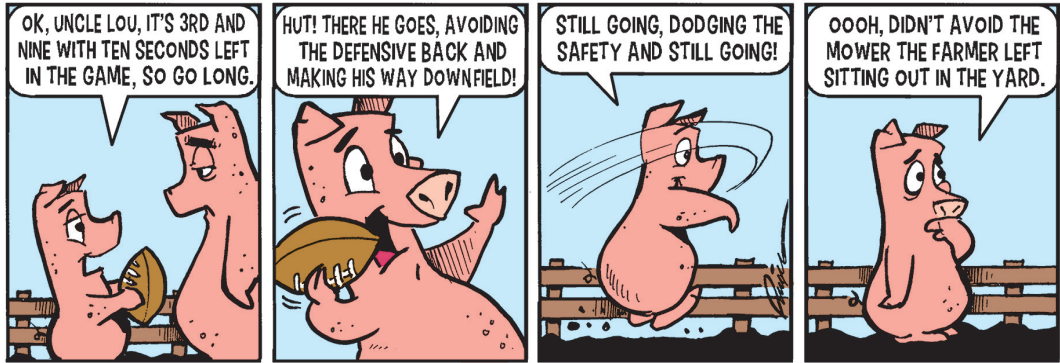
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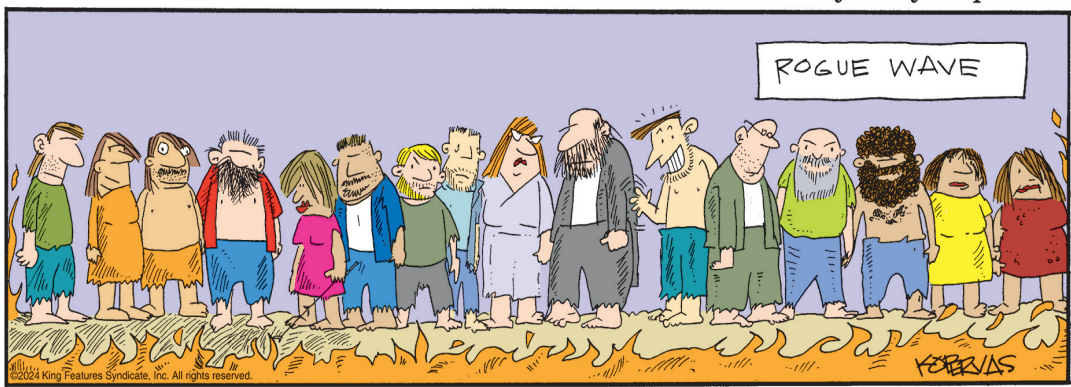
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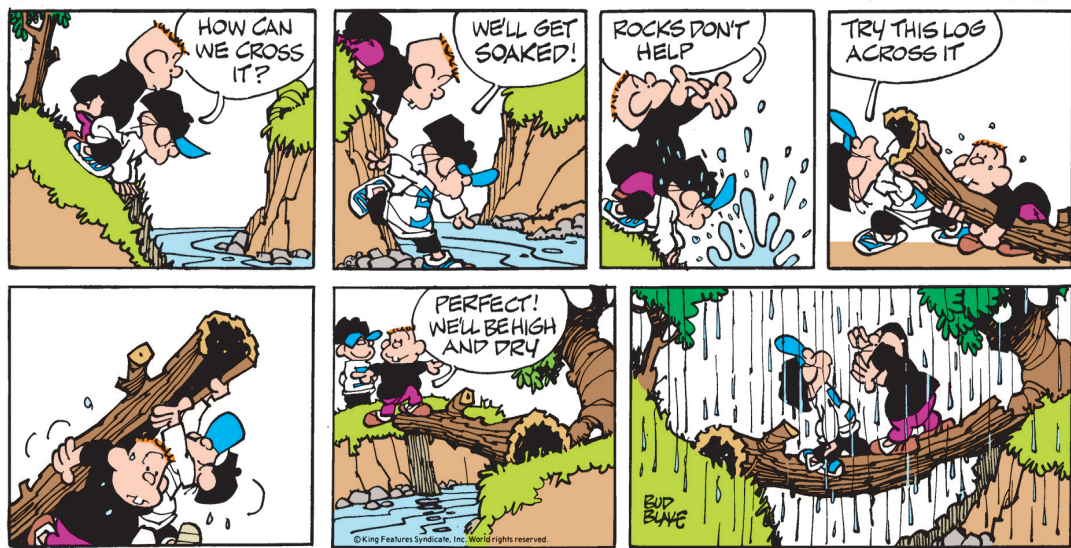
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: H equals B

KUJL'X LUO HOXL HYOKOB
HOMOYJIO LP BYFAZ KUOA
KYFLFAI LUO SFYXL MOYXFPA
PS J KPYZ? BYJSL HOOY.

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SCRAMBLERS

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!

Nibble
CANKS
Keeper
DRAWEN
Raise
ENTRAP
Number
OUTMAN

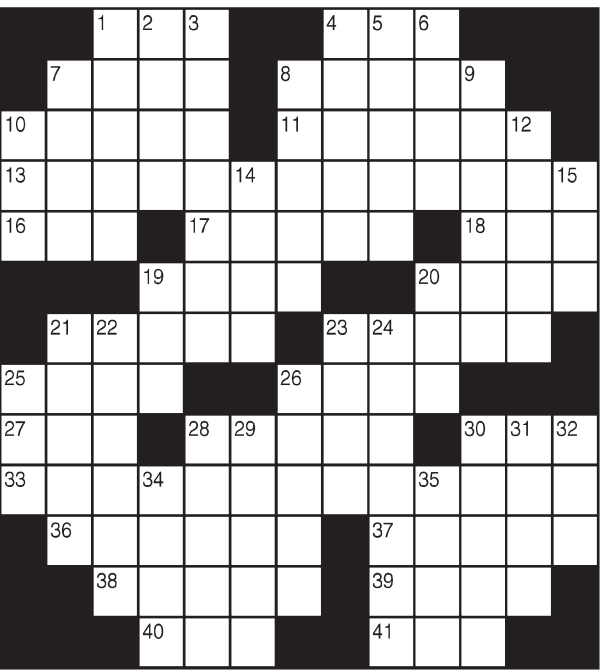
TODAY'S WORD

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 "Bow-wow!"
- 4 Dol. fractions
- 7 Ornamental jug
- 8 Ballet bends
- 10 Resident of Tabriz
- 11 Limber
- 13 Goes on
- 16 Sault — Marie
- 17 Quarterback Tom
- 18 La-la lead-in
- 19 Cat call
- 20 Antelope's playmate
- 21 Map feature
- 23 Goethe play
- 25 Thor's father
- 26 Sax range
- 27 Consumer protection agcy.
- 28 Ryan's daughter
- 30 Ninny
- 33 Refuses to answer
- 36 Italian ice cream
- 37 Paris school
- 38 Turkish coins
- 39 Modern money
- 40 Lith., once



- 25 Frequently
- 26 A Musketeer
- 28 Despots
- 29 Perfume ingredient
- 30 Earlier, in verse
- 31 Normandy battle site
- 32 "Thar — blows!"
- 34 Yale students
- 35 Hosp. areas

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from YOLKS to WARMS in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

YOLKS

WARMS

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MUSIC: Which folk-rock group produced many of the songs in the movie "The Graduate"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which European capital is known as "The Eternal City"?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin prefix "acri-" mean in English?
- TELEVISION: Lenny and Squiggy are the annoying neighbors in which TV comedy?
- MONEY: What is the basic currency in Guatemala?
- CARS: What animal is found on the Porsche car logo?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which country is associated with the soup dish pho?
- LITERATURE: In which U.S. state is the novel "Their Eyes Were Watching God" set?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the home of the Greek gods called?
- AD SLOGANS: What product is advertised with the slogan, "You're not you when you're hungry"?

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- Simon & Garfunkel.
- Rome, Italy.
- "Sharp" (e.g., "acrimonious").
- "Laverne & Shirley."
- Quetzal.
- A horse.
- Vietnam.
- Florida.
- Mount Olympus.
- Snickers candy bars.

TEAMWORK

Today's Word
1. Snack; 2. Warden;
3. Parent; 4. Amount

SCRAMBLERS

FORMS, FARMS, WARMS
YOLKS, FOLKS, FORKS,
Answer

WORD LADDER

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 24 mins.

King Crossword

Answers

CryptoQuip
What's the best brewed beverage to drink when writing the first version of a work? Draft beer.

STATE NEWS

What is the Freelance Worker Protection Act?

SPRINGFIELD – The Freelance Worker Protection Act, which provides protections for independent contractors who create products or services in Illinois or who work for a hiring entity located in Illinois, took effect on July 1st.

Under the law, freelance workers are entitled to the following when the value of their work is equal to or greater than \$500 in a 120-day period:

- A written contract outlining the products and services to be provided, the dates by which services are to be performed, and the rate and method of compensation (sample available online)
- Full payment for the services by the due date in the contract, or if the due date is not specified, within 30 days of completing the services outlined in the contract
- Protection from retaliation and/or other negative action for exercising rights under the FWPA

“The Freelance Worker Protection Act establishes a framework of understandable and transparent expectations for independent workers in Illinois, to better protect their work, and compensation,” said Illinois Department of Labor Director Jane Flanagan.

The law only applies to freelance contracts taking effect after July 1, 2024. It does not apply to individuals performing construction services, nor does it apply to employees of an employer. Employees owed back wages from their employer may file a wage claim with the Department of Labor here.

“Freelance workers, like all workers, deserve to have basic protections like timely pay and the right to a written contract,” said State Rep. Will Guzzardi (D-Chicago). “Many freelancers say they live check to check; these protections ensure there are clear expectations for the workers and hiring entities.”

Frequently asked questions and a sample freelance worker contract (which is available in multiple commonly-spoken languages) can be found at the Department’s website: labor.illinois.gov/freelance.

Illinois EPA announces 10 household hazardous waste collection events for fall of 2024; one-day and long-term collection events

SPRINGFIELD –Illinois EPA Interim Director James Jennings is announcing ten upcoming Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) one-day collection locations for the Fall of 2024. These collection events are co-sponsored by units of local government and provide residents the free opportunity to safely dispose of unused or leftover hazardous products commonly found in homes.

“Illinois EPA is pleased to once again offer one-day Household Hazardous Waste collection events, providing residents with the opportunity to properly dispose of unused and unwanted household chemicals and other hazardous products from their homes,” said Interim Director Jennings. “I would also like to extend a special thanks to our local partners for helping to make these events possible.”

One-day collections are open to all Illinois residents and operate from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the day of the event. Pre-registration is required for all Fall 2024 collection events. Residents participating are encouraged to bring chemical cleaners, oil-based paints, thinners, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, kerosene, weed killers, insecticides, and pesticides, and similar hazardous household products. Fluorescent and other high-intensity discharge lamps may also be brought to the collections. ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED include latex paint, explosives, propane tanks, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, agricultural chemicals, and business wastes. A complete list of wastes that are and are not accepted is available online at <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/acceptable-wastes.html>.

For safe transport of HHW, residents are asked to:

- Pack HHW items in a disposable box to avoid spilling during

transport.

- Keep like chemicals together and separate unlike chemicals.
- Secure lids and make sure containers are not leaking.
- Place box(es) of HHW in the empty trunk or storage compartment of your vehicle, away from passengers during transport.
- Remain in vehicle at collection site. On-site personnel will remove the HHW from your vehicle.

The Fall 2024 one-day collections are scheduled on Saturdays and require Pre-Registration:

- August 17 – Champaign – State Farm Arena
- August 31 – Taylorville – Christian County Fairgrounds
- September 21 – Decatur – Progress City USA
- September 28 – Bloomington – McLean County Fairgrounds
- October 12 – Oregon – Ogle County Waste Solid Waste Management Department
- October 19 – Springfield – Location TBA
- October 26 – Dixon – Sauk Valley Community College
- November 2 – Orland Park – Village of Orland Park
- November 2 – Carbondale – Banterra Center

In addition to the one-day collections, the following long-term collection facilities are available for disposal of HHW throughout the year:

- Naperville, 156 Fort Hill Drive (immediately North of Naperville Public Works), DuPage County, www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx
Hours: Saturdays 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Sundays 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Phone: 630-420-6095
- Rockford, Four Rivers Sanitation Authority, 3333 Kishwaukee, Winnebago County

<https://www.rockfordil.gov/492/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Disposal>
Hours: Saturdays 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Sundays Noon – 4:00 PM, Phone: 779-348-7425

- Chicago, Goose Island, 1150 North Branch, Cook County www.cityofchicago.org/hccrf
Hours: Tuesdays 7:00 AM – Noon, Thursdays 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM, and
First Saturday of every month 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Phone: 312-744-3060
- Lake County, The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) currently operates a long-term household chemical waste collection program. Information and a collection schedule can be found on their website (www.swalco.org) or by calling 847-336-9340.
- Madison County, Madison County Building & Zoning, 249 N. Old St. Louis Road, Wood River, Madison County, https://www.co.madison.il.us/departments/planning_and_development/recycle_events.php
Hours: First Saturday and Third Friday of every Month 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Appointments are required. See website to schedule your appointment. Questions: 618-296-5237 or recycling@co.madison.il.us

For questions concerning the Illinois EPA’s one-day or long-term collections, please contact the Illinois EPA Materials Management Unit at 217-524-3300. The HHW collection schedule is also available on the Illinois EPA website at <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/collections.html>. Illinois EPA HHW collections continue to be contactless for the safety of participants and workers. Collection events are funded through the Illinois EPA’s Solid Waste Fund.

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IDOL conducts annual prevailing wage survey

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) posted updated prevailing wage rates, by construction trade, for each county.

By requiring that local prevailing wages are paid on public works construction and infrastructure projects, the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act helps ensure that Illinois’ tax dollars

are re-invested back into Illinois’ workforce and spent in Illinois’ economy.

Under the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, in the month of June, the Illinois Department of Labor investigates and determines the prevailing rate of wages for each county in the State. The prevailing wage is defined as “hourly cash wages plus annualized fringe benefits ... paid generally, in the local-

ity in which the work is being performed, to employees engaged in work of a similar character on public works.”

“Establishing, publishing, and enforcing prevailing wage rates are core functions of the Department,” said Illinois Department of Labor Director Jane Flanagan. “Keeping rates up-to-date safeguards local contractors’ ability to bid and win publicly funded construction

and infrastructure projects and provides local workers with quality job opportunities.”

From now until August 14th, people who disagree with the published rates may object in writing to the Department. Any objection filed will then be granted a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge.

For more information on prevailing wage rates, visit IDOL’s website.

Illinois Supreme Court announces Committee on Equal Justice

SPRINGFIELD—Chief Justice Mary Jane Theis and the Illinois Supreme Court have announced that the Supreme Court Committee on Equality has been renamed as the Supreme Court Committee on Equal Justice (Committee) and given a new charge.

The Committee will continue its work to promote equality and fairness in all aspects of the administration of justice and facilitate a high level of trust and public confidence in the courts, judicial officers, and the entire judicial system. The Committee works to advance the Su-

preme Court of Illinois’ commitment to a judicial system free of bias in which every user and employee of the court feels fairly treated, safe, and respected.

A new charge for the renamed Committee is to “strengthen and advance the ideals of fairness, equity, and diversity in the entire Illinois legal system; identify and work to dismantle inequalities, disparities, and biases in the Illinois legal system; foster and develop a high level of public confidence; and extend respect and dignity to all.”

First formed in 2015,

the Committee is chaired by 1st District Appellate Court Justice Michael B. Hyman with Justice P. Scott Neville Jr. serving as the Supreme Court Liaison to the Committee. The appointed members are a diverse mix of judges and attorneys from all around the state. In 2022 the Committee added six subcommittees to help further promote equality and trust in the court system.

For more information contact James Brunner, public information officer of the Illinois Supreme Court at 217-208-3354 or jbrunner@illinoiscourts.gov.

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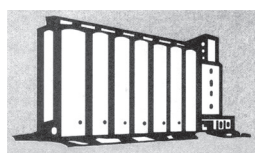


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