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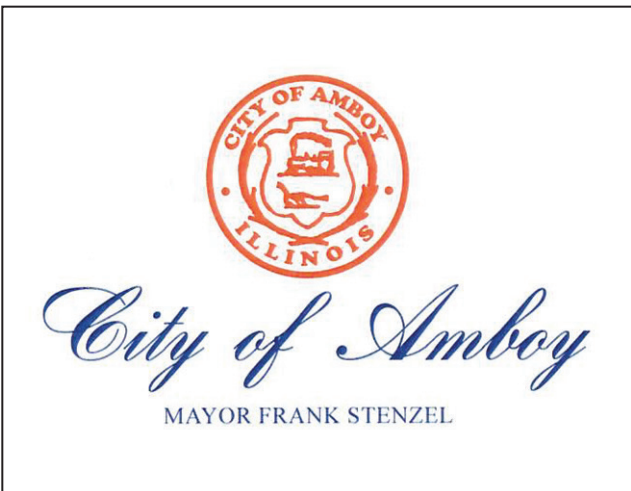
Amboy sewer pond treatment approved for second straight year

BRANDONLaCHANCE
Amboy News Editor

AMBOY – The April 21 Amboy City Council meeting was an unadventurous one as many projects have already been taken care of and a few aldermen were not present.

But business always takes place at the Amboy Community Building when a council meeting is in session.

The Amboy sewer pond treatment through Aquafix Inc. was approved for \$24,948. Amboy Mayor Frank Stenzel said the six treatments over the summer helps with the solid waste in the



sledge pond. This will be the second straight year Amboy has provided the treatment.

One of Amboy’s biggest projects, or most

important, has been the replacement of the lead lines as they’re older and need replaced. The paperwork has been turned in and grants have been

approved and received. The city is waiting for the official go ahead to start the project.

During the meeting, the Jurisdiction Transfer Agreement with Amboy Township was approved.

“There were a few small patches on two or three roads where the Amboy Township roads are close to ours,” Stenzel said. “Through this agreement, the Amboy Township through the Illinois Department of Transportation, is going to repair a few of their roads just a few feet away from ours.”

Jeff Bryant Sr., former

Amboy Fire Protection District chef, was voted in, 3-1 (Brandon Klein and Bill Bontz were not present), to be a grant writer for the city. Andy McCoy was hired, unanimous vote, for part-time lawn mowing service.

On Wednesday, May 12 the closing of the Blackstone property will be official. After years of dealing with the abandoned, condemned property, the City of Amboy is purchasing the small lot and will then have the building demolished.

There are no city plans for the property, and it will be put on the market.

Help the cause, recycle your old shoes

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AMBOY – The Amboy Leos Club has been part of many programs and community assistance programs over the last few school years.

One of the most successful has been collecting old shoes for gotsneakers?, an organization in part of the Sneaker Recycling Program and the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

Last year, Amboy collected 12 trash bags full of nearly 400 pounds of shoes to take to DeKalb, the main collecting point.

This year the Amboy Leos Club and the Amboy Lions Club want to surpass the number of pounds as anyone can bring shoes to the Amboy High School main office. All you have to do is ties the laces together, put them in a bag and drop them off at the desk.

Shoes will be collected through May.

“I think it’s really great and the Leos are really passionate about it,” said Micah Miller, a AHS junior who is the president of the Leos. “All of our members are going through their

houses and finding all of their old shoes they don’t wear anymore. I’m still looking through my closet.

“At first, I didn’t really understand the importance of helping out the community. Now, that’s all I do with different organizations such as National Honors Society, AHS Student Council, and the Leos Club. All of the organizations are built on advancing the community,

“It’s great to make connections in the community because it can help you out in the long run with scholarships and it gets your name out there. Last year, my cousin Elizabeth Clarida was the Amboy Leos president, and she really pushed the Sneaker Recycling Campaign. It was her who was the driving force of getting 400 pounds of shoes last year.

“Now, I’m trying to push to do the same thing.”

The state of Illinois was just shy of six tons of shoes in February and was over 12,000 pounds in April.

The old shoe collecting initiative is centered around Earth Day, April 22.



Amboy Leos President Micah Miller, left, and Amboy Lions Jim Travi, as well as both organizations, are asking you to bring in your old shoes to recycle in part of gotsneakers?, a Sneaker Recycling Program by the Lions of the Illinois Foundation. Shoes can be dropped off at the Amboy High School main office through May.

“We got the Amboy Leos club really going again last year. It had started to break down, but now we have some good officers,” said Amboy Lions’ Jim Travi. “Micah was one of them last year and this year. Cynthia Carlson is the advisor at Amboy High School. She’s doing a fantastic job staying on top of stuff. The Leos Club have run

numerous programs and they’re involved in the community. It gives the kids a chance to give back to the community.

“Without a program like this, the tennis shoes go into landfills. They fill up landfills and that’s a lot of weight and space taken by shoes. Now, they’re being recycled. The good shoes are given to people who need them. Shoes

that are broken down, the material is recycled.

“Any kind of recycling, I think it’s a fantastic program.”

AHS has 30 students in the Leos Club and they have participated in a hat, coat, gloves, blanket drive for Teen Turf, helped with the Teen Turf Halloween Dance, Candy Day, Rose Day, and the Cliff Walter Easter Egg Hunt.

Not in Our State: Illinois urgently calls on residents to help stop hate

CHICAGO – Illinois has faced an alarming surge in hate and extremism, following national trends. Hate crimes have skyrocketed 125% statewide since 2021, with bias based on race, religion, sexual orientation, and gender identity driving over 95% of incidents.

Now, the Illinois Department of Human Rights and Illinois Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes urgently call on all residents to report acts of hate through the Help Stop Hate initiative—a safe, confidential service that provides support and resources.

“At this moment in time, when some are influencing or condoning hateful violence and

rhetoric, we are encouraging Illinoisans to take action by reporting all acts of hate,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “Help Stop Hate not only empowers impacted individuals to break the cycle of silence and seek specialized support, but it also helps us foster a safer, more inclusive Illinois.”

“The surge in vitriol, violence and hate-fueled acts in Illinois is truly distressing. It’s incumbent upon every Illinoisan to make it clear: hate has no home in Illinois,” said Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton. “Help Stop Hate is a vital tool to empower our communities by encouraging people to speak up, report what they see, and stand together against intolerance in all its forms.”

Since its launch, Help Stop Hate has emerged as a vital lifeline for survivors, offering immediate relief through anonymous reporting, trauma-informed care, and connections to services—such as legal aid—to fill gaps where traditional systems fall short. The service is a statewide priority that supports targeted individuals while informing new policies for confronting hate. Still, the state faces significant challenges with underreported acts of hate, which limits the ability to prevent and respond to hate effectively.

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LOCAL NEWS

Amboy, Sublette Memorial Day

AMBOY – Correction to last week’s story about the Memorial Day Service in Amboy.

The service will start at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 26 at Veterans Park. The Amboy American Legion Post #453 is part of Amboy High School’s Veterans Day assembly, not Memorial Day.

The service at the park will include a speaker, flag presentation, and 21-gun salute.

The official service schedule will be in The Amboy News on 5-21-25.

The legion will then travel to Sublette for a service held at 11 a.m. at the Ellice Dinges Center in Sublette where there will be a guest speaker and the legion will once again honor veterans with their tribute.

Pankhurst Memorial Library events in May

Mommy and Me: 10-10:45 a.m. every Tuesday

LEGO Club: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday

Summer Reading forms are due no later than Friday May 23 2025. Forms will be sent home with Amboy Central School students. Please return forms to the Amboy Central School office or Pankhurst Memorial Library.

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Strub named the May Amboy High School Student of the Month

AMBOY – Brooklyn Strub, daughter of Scott and Tammy Strub, is The First National Bank in Amboy’s May Student of the Month from Amboy High School.

GPA: 3.88

Memberships and Involvement: National Honor Society, Student Council, basketball cheerleading, color guard, spring musicals, fall plays, choir,

Junior Master Gardeners, and Kids in the Kitchen.

Awards and Honors: 2025 Golden Apple Scholar, Pathway to Education endorsement, AHS Honor Roll all four years, 2025 National School Choral Award, 2025- Director’s Choice Into the Woods Junior, spring musical, 2025- IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest, second-place solo, 2025-

IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest, first-place small ensemble, 2024- state fair alternate, Lee County 4-H, 2024- Miss Amboy Contest, first-runner up, 2023/2024- Best Flag, color guard, 2023- state fair alternate, Lee County 4-H, 2023- Miss Amboy Contest, Miss Congeniality, 2023- IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest, first-place small ensemble, 2023- Best Supporting Actress, Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, spring musical, 2023- Best Actress, I Only Have Fangs For You, fall play, 2023- first-place for color guard in the Harvest Time Parade, 2022/2023- Outstanding

Underclassmen, Chorus, 2022- state fair delegate, Lee County 4-H, 2022- National FFA Greenhand Degree, 2022- grand champion, Illinois State 4-H Fair, 2022- Best New Face, Moana Jr., spring musical, 2021/2022- Best Underclassman Choir, 2021- Best In Show, Lee County 4-H.

Best Memories of AHS: I will always love the memories I’ve gotten through the plays, musicals, and being a part of the choir.

Future Plans: I am currently enrolled at Northern Illinois University to get my degree in early childhood education so I can one day be a first-grade teacher.

Amboy High School Report

Janet Crownhart, Principal

Congratulations to the drum majors for next year, Olivia Ketchum, and alternate, Gage Mumm.

The end of the year is drawing to a close. The community is invited to attend and participate in these graduation or end of year ceremonies.

Friday, May 16 is the last day of senior attendance, unless a student needs to finish a final exam.

Baccalaureate is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21 at St. Patrick’s Church in Amboy.

Honor’s Night is at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 22 in the Amboy High School gym. Students being honored will receive an invitation via mail to attend.

Graduation is set for 2 p.m. Sunday, May 25 in the AHS gym. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. Graduates will pick up their diplomas immediately following the ceremony at the concession stand located in the Clipper Cove.

Freshman, sophomore, and junior final exams are May 27-29.

Sublette Cruise ‘N Show to hit the streets May 17

SUBLETTE – The annual Sublette Cruise ‘N Show will be held on Saturday, May 17 from 4-7 p.m. on Main Street in downtown Sublette.

Everyone is invited to cruise to Sublette to show your car. All antique, classic or special interest cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome.

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LOCAL NEWS

AMBOY POLICE

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

A 15-year old male, a Amboy High School student from Sublette, was issued two city ordinance citations for disorderly conduct on social media.

SRCCF grants \$1,500 toward suicide intervention training

OTTAWA – The Starved Rock County Community Foundation recently awarded a \$1,500 community grant to the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN) for suicide intervention training.

The grant allowed Michelle Hansen, ICAHN Director of Clinical Programs, to attend a 5-day Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) for instructors in March. Hansen will train community members and hospital staff to recognize individuals at risk of suicide

and teach them intervention and safety planning.

ICAHN is a non-profit representing 60 rural and critical access hospitals (CAHs) across the state. It was founded in 2003 to facilitate the sharing of resources, support services, grants, education, training and networking among CAH's.

For information about SRCCF Community Grants, visit srccf.org/grant-information, call (815) 252-2906, or stop in the office at 116 W. Lafayette St., Ottawa.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

AMBOY – The Board of Trustees of the Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 14 at the Amboy Township Building, located at 106 South Prospect 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, May 14 at the Paw Paw Village Hall.

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

AMBOY – The Amboy Lions Club meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, May 26 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.

AMBOY – The City of Amboy committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, June 2 at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. The meetings take place the first Monday of every month.

SUBLETTE – The next Village of Sublette meeting is at 7 p.m. Monday, June 9 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, June 10 at the East Grove Township Hall.

MAY TOWNSHIP – The monthly May Township

meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 11 at the township maintenance building.

LEE CENTER – The Lee Center Township meeting is at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 12 at the Township Hall.

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

DIXON – The Lee County Board of Health will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 8 at the Lee County Health Department, located at 309 Galena Avenue, Suite 100 in Dixon.

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Thursday – Beefaroni, California blend veggies, apricots, corn muffin

Friday – (A) Pepper steak/gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, mandarin oranges, whole grain bread; (B) Turkey/vegetable

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Progress hinges on support from every Illinoisan.

To further drive awareness and action, IDHR and CDHC have launched a statewide, multilingual advertising campaign. IDHR and CDHC are also partnering with local organizations and municipalities across Illinois to help stop hate. These partners include the City of Moline, the City of Urbana, the City of Champaign, and Not in Our Town Bloomington-Normal.

"Illinois stands firm in its promise to uphold dignity and respect for all," said IDHR Director Jim Bennett. "When our communities are affected by hate, we respond with action. Help Stop Hate empowers individuals to heal and reclaim their safety."

Acts of hate are defined as those that target people based on their actual or perceived race, creed, color, religion, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, citizenship, immigration status, or national origin. Hate incidents are categorized into

hate crimes, bias-motivated civil rights violations, and hateful, but legal expressions.

"Hate of any kind causes real harm, not only to the individual who has been targeted, but to entire communities," said CDHC Executive Director Elana Kahn. "And bigotry never sticks to one community; when it becomes acceptable to target people because of who they are, none of us are safe. Reporting is an important first step, to help get support and influence real change for a better Illinois."

Help Stop Hate allows Illinoisans to report acts of hate safely and anonymously, with no affiliation to law enforcement or immigration authorities. Personal information will only be shared with law enforcement if legally required and will never be shared with immigration agencies.

Illinoisans can report online to Help Stop Hate anytime in seven languages: English, Spanish, Polish, Mandarin, Tagalog, Arabic or Hindi. The phone line is open between noon and 9

p.m. CT, Monday to Friday, to English and Spanish speakers. Additional translation services are arranged as needed. Online and helpline specialists are equipped to provide resources and referrals to social service agencies for support with physical and mental health, trauma-informed care, advocacy, and more.

Victims or witnesses can report acts of hate online anytime at IL-StopHate.org or over the phone at 877-458-HATE (4283) between noon – 9 p.m. CT weekdays.

About the Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR) The Illinois Department of Human Rights (IDHR) enforces the Illinois Human Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination in connection with employment opportunities, housing and real estate transactions, access to financial credit, and the availability of public services and public accommodations, including educational institutions. Any Illinoisan who believes they have been a victim of discrimination can file a complaint with IDHR within 2

years of the date of the incident or within one year of a housing violation. To file a complaint with IDHR, call (877) 236-7703 or 7-1-1 for *TTY users or visit dhr.illinois.gov/filing-a-charge.

To learn more, download our media kit and follow IDHR on Facebook, X/Twitter, Instagram, Bluesky, and LinkedIn.

About the Illinois Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes (CDHC)

The Illinois Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes (CDHC) is a Governor-appointed advisory commission that establishes Illinois as a leader and innovator among states. The mission of the CDHC is to identify and uproot sources of discrimination and bias at the source, while assisting in the development of resources, training, and information that allow for a swift and efficient response to hate-motivated crimes and incidents.

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Robert Joseph Eisenrich January 16, 1934 - April 19, 2025

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Major Robert Joseph Eisenrich, 91, joined his Heavenly Father on April 19, 2025 from Vancouver, WA, after living a rich and full life that he enjoyed.

He will be buried in the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Ore.

Robert, known as “Bob” to his family and friends, was the youngest child of Frank and Anne Eisenrich, born on January 16, 1934

in Amboy, who enjoyed fishing with his mother and being in nature.

After attending Amboy High School, he joined the military where he was selected for the U.S. Air Force Candidate School. He was commissioned as a second Lieutenant and trained to be a navigator. During his 20 years in the Air Force, he served active duty on bases in Vietnam, Texas, Germany, Cali-

fornia, Japan, Louisiana, and Idaho. Mid-career, he became a nuclear and ground safety officer and served on a regional safety inspection team.

Major Eisenrich ended his commitment to our country at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho in 1973. After retirement he completed his Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management at Boise State University in 1975.

Eisenrich was a lifelong Catholic, enjoyed traveling, boating, chaperoning his children’s school field trips, visiting family, going to the spa, bowling, growing a garden and more. He strove to be kind to others, and had a dry sense of humor, asking people he would meet in the check-out stand, “Is today your birthday?”

Bob married Jane Rohrer in 1964 and during

their 17 years together had three children, Paula, Lisa and Peter.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother Frank, his sisters Rita and Mary, his daughter Lisa and other friends and family dear to him.

Eisenrich is survived by his son Peter, daughter Paula, son-in-law Wayde, and his four grandchildren: Jack, Claire, Erik and Kristin.



Bob was much loved by his family—a caring and generous presence in their lives who will be missed.

OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center receives an “A” rating

OTTAWA – The biannual Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades for the Spring of 2025 have been announced by The Leapfrog Group, a national watchdog organization for patient safety, and OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center has been named to the list.

Nearly 3,000 hospitals across the U.S. are assigned A, B, C, D, and F letter grades. Widely acknowledged as one of the most prestigious distinctions a hospital can receive in the U.S., the recognition showcases OSF HealthCare’s commitment to patient safety and quality.

OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center received an “A” grade.

“Delivering exceptional care is at the heart of everything we do,” said Dawn Trompeter, president of OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical

Center. “Our Mission Partners are committed to excellence, collaboration, and continually enhancing the care we provide. We’re proud of their hard work and honored by the recognition that reflects their dedication.”

Three additional OSF HealthCare facilities achieved an “A” grade: OSF HealthCare Saint James - John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac, OSF HealthCare St. Mary Medical Center in Galesburg and OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony’s Health Center in Alton, Ill. The study only includes hospitals of a certain size and treating a minimum number of specific conditions; therefore, some OSF HealthCare facilities, such as OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota and OSF HealthCare Saint Clare in Princeton, were excluded from the ratings.

PrEP HIV Prevention now available directly from Illinois pharmacists

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has issued a standing order that will allow Illinoisans to obtain the HIV preventive medication known as PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) directly from a pharmacist without first requiring a doctor’s prescription.

PrEP is one of the most effective means of preventing HIV infection. Studies have shown that when taken as directed, it reduces the risk of HIV infection through sexual transmission by as much as 99 percent. The order, signed by IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra, will make it easier for people at risk of exposure to HIV to obtain either of the two oral medications used in the PrEP regimen. It also streamlines the process for pharmacists to re-

ceive reimbursement for providing PrEP services.

HIV remains a concern in the state, although the picture is improving under Governor JB Pritzker’s Getting to Zero Illinois (GtZ) program, with a goal of zero new HIV transmissions in the state by the year 2030. In 2024, there were 1,386 new diagnoses of the virus statewide, down nine percent from the previous year. Unfortunately, new infections disproportionately impact Black and Hispanic communities, accounting for more than 60% of new infections annually. IDPH’s PrEP4IL program provides medication assistance to relieve financial burdens for those in need of PrEP. There were more than 900 new applications for the program last year, with significant growth among Black and Hispanic populations. The new standing order represents another important step to improve access to PrEP for individuals at highest risk.

“IDPH continues to value the leadership of Governor JB Pritzker and our tremendous partnerships across Illinois all

striving to help our State get to zero,” said Director Vohra. “IDPH is very proud of our PrEP4IL program and the impact it is making to reduce HIV rates. This standing order now takes our efforts even further, opening additional doors of access so more individuals and communities can have the opportunity to take this preventative treatment and dramatically reduce their risk of acquiring HIV.”

The Illinois Pharmacy Act authorizes pharmacists to provide PrEP if there is a standing order approved by a physician or, as in this case, by the IDPH Director. Under the protocols set up by statute and authorized by the standing order, any pharmacist wishing to offer the service must undergo a training program, following the conditions outlined. Training will include how to provide these services in a private and confidential environment, order and interpret the necessary tests, and maintain records as required under the Act. IDPH will be collecting information on the uti-

lization of this standing order through a reporting form designed for pharmacists. Oral PrEP is a regimen most commonly taken as one pill per day which can prevent at-risk persons from contracting HIV. Those considered at-risk are people who are HIV-negative but may have other risk factors such as:

Have a sexual partner who is HIV-positive.

Have partner who injects drugs.

Don’t use condoms consistently.

Were diagnosed with an STI (sexually transmitted infection) in the past six months.

Share injection drug equipment (needles, cookers, syringes, etc.).

Persons seeking more information about PrEP can visit the IDPH website at Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP). For information on the state’s PrEP Assistance Program, contact IDPH’s HIV Section PrEP Helpline at 1-833-773-7445 (1-833-PRÉP4IL), by email at IDPH.PrEP4IL@illinois.gov or through the website www.PrEPforIllinois.com.

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LOCAL/STATE NEWS

Kish College seats Diego Gonzalez Zabala as Student Trustee, bids farewell to Aiyanna Washington

MALTA—Kishwaukee College seated Diego Gonzalez Zabala as the new Student Trustee on the College’s Board of Trustees at the April meeting. Gonzalez Zabala was elected by his peers to the position and took over the role of outgoing Student Trustee Aiyanna Washington.

Gonzalez Zabala, of Sycamore, is pursuing an Associate in Arts degree with plans to graduate in the Spring of 2026. After Kish, he plans to transfer to a four-year college or university to study business administration with a minor in data science. At Kish, Gonzalez Zabala is a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, president of the Business Club, marketing and public relations chair for Latinos Unidos, and a student worker in the Student Services department.

As Student Trustee, Gonzalez Zabala said he intends to ensure every Kish student feels like they belong by listening closely to their concerns and helping make meaningful changes to improve student experiences.

“As the Student Trustee, my primary goal is to serve as a strong and passionate advocate for my peers. I want to ensure that the student voice is heard and valued in the decision-making processes that shape our campus so that every student continues to feel involved and appreciated in this amazing campus,” Gonzalez Zabala said.

Washington, of Rochelle, intends to graduate in May with an Associate in Arts degree. Following her time at Kish, she plans to pursue a bachelor’s degree in

psychology at Northern Illinois University.

“Aiyanna has shown dedicated service as our Student Trustee, and we are grateful for her leadership. The Board wishes her well in her next steps,” said Bob Johnson, Chair of the Board of Trustees. “We are pleased to welcome Diego to the Student Trustee role and look forward to working with him.”

Washington has served as Kish’s Student Trustee since April 2024. Among the many initiatives accomplished during her tenure, Washington said the development of Kish’s “all-in” tuition model, which includes fees and textbook costs in the price of tuition, is one of the most notable.

“I am most proud, in general, for being a voice for the student body. An example of a time when it really stuck out was when I was asked for my opinions on Kish’s new “all-in” tuition. There were also many other instances where students approached me with ideas or concerns, so getting to do something with those meant a lot to me,” Washington said. “Overall, it was an amazing learning opportunity, and I feel like I have grown so much as a person because of the position.”

In addition to serving as the Student Trustee, Washington is a member of TRIO Student Support Services, the Black Student Union, the Student Government Association, and the National Society of Leadership and Success.

Learn more about Kishwaukee College at kish.edu.



Community rallies for food and cleaning supply drives

STERLING – As economic challenges persist, many families in our community struggle to afford essential household items, from nutritious food to basic cleaning supplies.

Two vital community-driven initiatives are launching to address this pressing need: The Nourish Your Neighbor Food Drive and the Sparkle and Shine Cleaning Supply Drive. Together, these efforts will provide families with the nourishment and cleaning essentials they need to maintain a healthy and dignified life.

Healthy food is a crucial part of a balanced diet, yet many food-insecure families struggle to access nutritious foods. The Nourish Your Neighbor Food Drive aims to bridge this gap by collecting non-perishable food items for distribution.

What to Donate:

- Canned or pouches: tuna (in water), chicken (in water), and salmon (in water)
 - Peanut butter and nut butter
 - Low-sodium or no salt added canned vegetables, and 100% vegetable juice
 - No sugar added or packed in 100% juice canned fruit, raisins/dried fruit, and 100% fruit juice
 - Low-fat shelf-stable milk and protein shakes: evaporated milk, and powdered milk
 - Canned chili, low-sodium soups, and stews
 - Unsalted nuts and seeds
 - Whole Gains high-fiber low-sugar cereal, brown or wild rice, old-fashioned oatmeal, whole grain crackers, pasta, couscous, quinoa
- Every donation helps provide essential nutrients to individuals and families facing food insecurity. A clean home is vital for health

and well-being, but for many struggling families, cleaning supplies fall low on the priority list. The Sparkle and Shine Cleaning Supply Drive seeks to change that by collecting essential household cleaning items.

What to Donate: Fill your bucket with the following items.

- All-purpose household cleaner
- Kitchen cleaner
- Sponges or wash rags
- Laundry detergent and dryer sheets
- Toilet brush & holder
- Bathroom cleaner and toilet bowl cleaner
- Trash bags
- Dish soap
- Disinfectant spray
- Dustpan and brush
- Paper towels

By donating cleaning supplies, community members can help create healthier living environments

for struggling families.

How to Get Involved

Both drives will run from May 1 to May 31, 2025. Community members can support the initiatives by:

Please drop off food or cleaning supplies at the following locations:

- Dixon City Market: 4-8 p.m. May 28, in front of the Discover Dixon office.
- Dixon Park District, Dixon YMCA, Lee County Health Department, Mount Carroll Farm Bureau, Save-A-Lot in Rock Falls

A full pantry and a clean home can provide families with a sense of security and stability. By coming together as a community, we can ensure that no one is left behind. Whether through food or cleaning supplies, every donation makes a difference.

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Opinion

Every day should be treated as Mother's Day

There are tons of holidays. Whether they are national-wide, state-wide, community-wide, retail-made, made-up-out-of-nowhere made, or want-to-be made, there seems to be a day for any and everything.

I try to celebrate, acknowledge, or pay attention to as many of them as possible, but there are too many and some I don't relate with.

However, there is always going to be a front runner and it's not Christmas, Halloween, my birthday, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Election Day, Casimir Pulaski Day, Mendota Sweet Corn Festival (it's a four-day holiday, not an event), National Pizza Day, National Brandon Day, National I Want to Take Over the World Day, National Taco Day, National Video Game Day, National Dueling Dinosaurs Day, National Tom Foolery's Day, National Vitamin C Day...you get the point, there is a day for absolutely everything.

It's Mother's Day.

Although, I am not a mother, I have many women who have been a mother to me and have offered love, support, wisdom, and a swift kick in the booty when I needed it.

I counted my texts, Facebook messages, X messages, and emails, and I sent out 35 Happy Mother's Day greetings. Of course, my mother, my adopted-like mother, my three sisters, my grandmother (she got a phone call), a couple of cousins, and a few close friends were on the top of the list, but I always include others who I see on the social lists, that day, that year.

And every year when I'm sending Happy Mother's Day, I always think, why do we only honor and make sure we say thank you to these role models and life-molding ladies once a year?

Over the years, I've personally made more of an effort to make sure how important the mothers in life truly are whether it's paying for dinner more often than I would have in the past, an extra phone call or text, or a random, 'Hey, I love you.'

Let's face it, without them, we wouldn't be who we are.

Some whooped us into respect.

I say some, which means the older generation, before it became "wrong" or illegal to punish or discipline a child into knowing the difference between right or wrong. I will always be a firm believer in actions speak to children, words do

not, in this discussion.

I'm not a father, but I'm glad I got the lessons I did growing up because without them I wouldn't have the strength, knowledge, admiration, tenacity, or courage to push through things I've needed to

The love.

Nothing feels better than getting a big hug from your mother, even if she is only 4-foot-7 or 5-foot-2 and you're 5-10 and three quarters.

They're the first one you want to talk to if you accomplished a goal, met the "one," are going through a breakup or divorce, or just want to hear a soothing, caring voice.

The support.

It must be in the mom guide book that they're the true Dr. Phil for every one of their children.

Again, the break ups, the heartbreaks, the tough losses on the golf course, not feeling well, car accident, broke a toe kicking a wall in anger, being elected to a position you've worked hard for, or just telling you you're either going about a situation the right way or the wrong way.

Moms are always there.

And we should always be there for them. To tell them thank you and I love you every day of the year for our entire lives.

Column

By Brandon LaChance



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
We write to you, our fellow citizens, as members of the board of trustees of the Oregon Public Library. Ours is a small library that operates on a tiny budget. The Oregon Public Library is a Carnegie Library. Ours was one of hundreds created a century ago due to the philanthropy of Andrew Carnegie.

Today, there is no way our library can possibly house, nor purchase, all the materials desired by our thousands of users and patrons. Therefore, we rely on interlibrary loan services which are funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, or IMLS. IMLS is especially important for small rural libraries and communities.

For example, if you would like to read a book we don't have in the Oregon Public Library we can get it for you from libraries in the area spanning from Dubuque to North Chicago and we can get it to you quickly. Although our local library

owns approximately 14,000 items, we have access to over 5 million items through a library consortium.

These books and other materials are shared around the library system. This is made possible by the Reaching Across Illinois Library System, or RAILS, which services 27,000 square miles, much of it in rural areas. RAILS delivers five days a week to the Oregon Public Library. Over the past year, our patrons have borrowed nearly 6,000 items from other Illinois public libraries.

There aren't enough programs that help rural communities, but at a very small expense the interlibrary loan service allows our community to order materials from academic libraries, school district libraries, and libraries with significantly larger materials budgets. Local library services are vital for veterans, seniors, young children, people with disabilities, jobseekers, rural residents and low-income individuals.

We ask you to please call your elected officials and let them know the value library services provide to smaller rural communities. Our voices sometimes feel forgotten. Defunding this service will not result in significant savings, but it will cause harm and loss for Oregon and the surrounding community. However, investing in interlibrary loans will pay dividends because it contributes to the strength and resilience of rural communities.

Please call Rep. Darin LaHood at 202-225-6201

Senator Richard Durbin at 202-224-2152

Senator Tammy Duckworth at 202-224-2854.

Ask them to protect the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

-- Rick Bunton, Martha Bohrer, Pam Steele, Jim Winkler, Karly Spell, Danyel Larsen, and Randi Webb

Board of Trustees, Oregon Public Library District

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 years ago
May 15, 1925

The Junior-Senior banquet was held at Amboy Township High School with the banquet being served by the sophomore class. The assembly room was beautifully decorated in purple and white. Entertainment during the supper was furnished by a group of students who gave a lively May Pole dance.

Widening of the pavement on Adams Avenue was started by Rocho Brothers of Freeport and the work has been progressing rapidly. Pouring of the cement will perhaps be started today, weather permitting.

Drivers of automobiles have been requested to remember the city ordinance in regard to the speed of cars traveling with in the city limits. The ordinance states that 15 miles per hour shall be the speed limit. Violators of this ordinance will be prosecuted, according to Mayor W. J. Edwards.

75 years ago
May 18, 1950

Members of the Amboy Young Women's Evening Club have taken over the drive for the purchase of an incubator for Amboy Public Hospital. Miss Marie Ross was appointed chairwoman with Mrs. Harold Glessner, Mrs. Charles Hill, Mrs. O. P. Dickinson, Miss Mildred Price, Mrs. William Knuth and Mrs.

John Elliott volunteering to assist..

50 years ago
May 15, 1975

Amboy Volunteer Firemen and their wives, members of the Amboy Fire Protection District Board of Trustees and their wives were honored at an "Appreciation Dinner" in the Long Branch. Sponsoring the dinner ere the City of Amboy, the Amboy Evening Woman's Club, the Amboy Lions Club, Mapleside Manor, Lee FS, Inc., Poths-Lavelle Post No. 453, American Legion, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Dean July, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold July, Jr., has been named the recipient of the Amboy High School Alumni scholarship from the graduating class of 1975.

Amboy High School graduate Russ Taylor recently completed an outstanding freshman season with the Illinois College track team. Taylor was the Blueboy standout in the weight events as Illinois College put together one of the finest seasons ever at the school, winning two of three triangular meets and capturing the school's third straight Prairie College Conference championship.

Kurt Schaible, Ron Noble, and Keith Herkert of Amboy competed in the Sinnissippi District Scout Pinewood Derby at the Ogle County Fairgrounds in Oregon. They ran their cars against 70 other scouts and Kurt won the district championship. Schaible has been Pack 62 champion

for the past three years. Pack 62 had a booth at the scout show - Expo '75 - held by the Boy Scouts of the Sinnissippi District at the Ogle County Fairgrounds.

Floyd Pry, Sublette's Bicentennial Chairman recently received word the Village of Sublette has been officially recognized as a Bicentennial Community. On June 12, the official certificate and the Bicentennial flag will be presented to the community. The ceremony will pace at the Village Municipal Building.

25 years ago
May 10, 2000

The Amboy Community Unit School District 272 Board met April 25 with recognition being given to the horticulture and agriculture classes for the mall project in the lobby. Superintendent Mary Summers gave special recognition to Beth Becker, Mark Streit, Kevin Schultz and the students in the agriculture and horticulture department.

At a recent meeting of the Amboy Area Chamber of Commerce, President Ted Lilja presented a plaque to outgoing Treasurer Mona Kaleel in honor of her 10 years of service to the organization.

Ashley Kessel practiced her jumping at the Jump Rope for Heart at Amboy Junior High School. Kessel was joined by over 25 other students who raised money for the American Heart Association.

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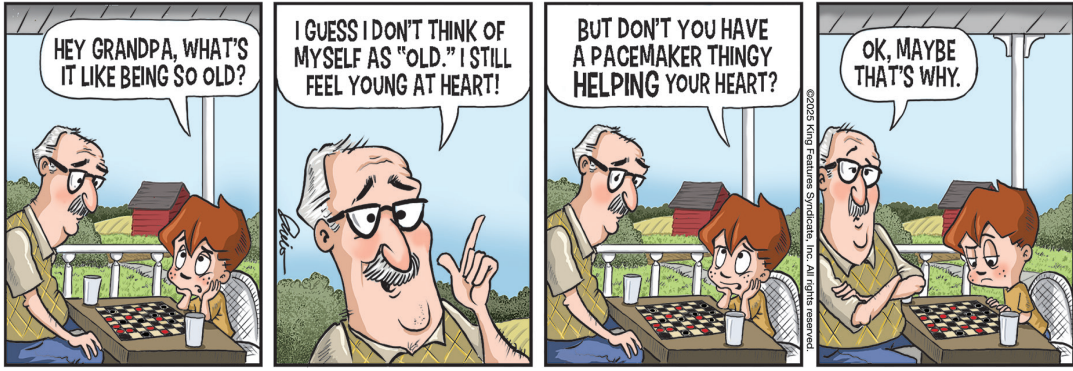
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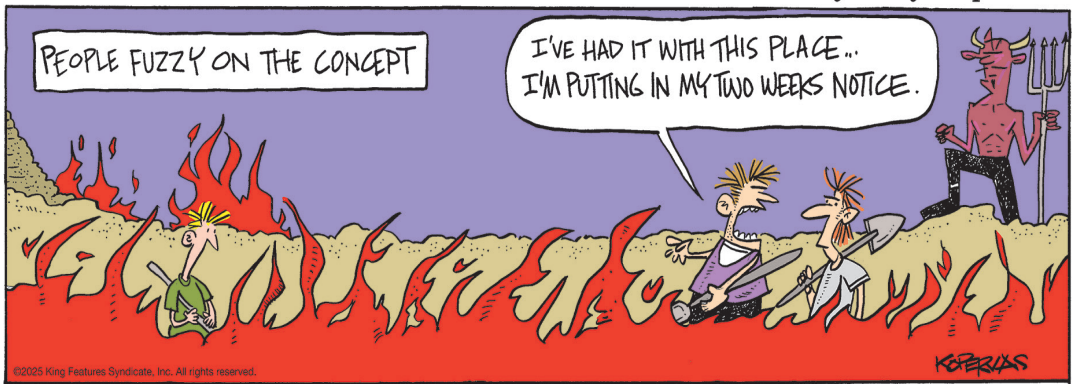
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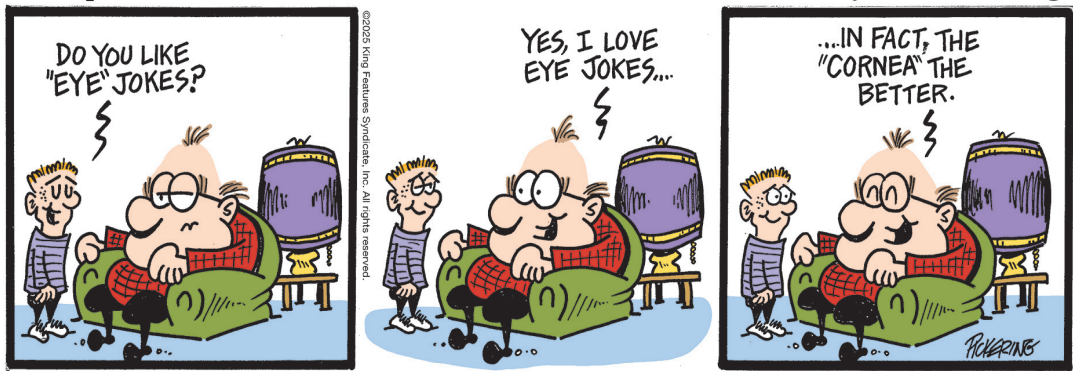
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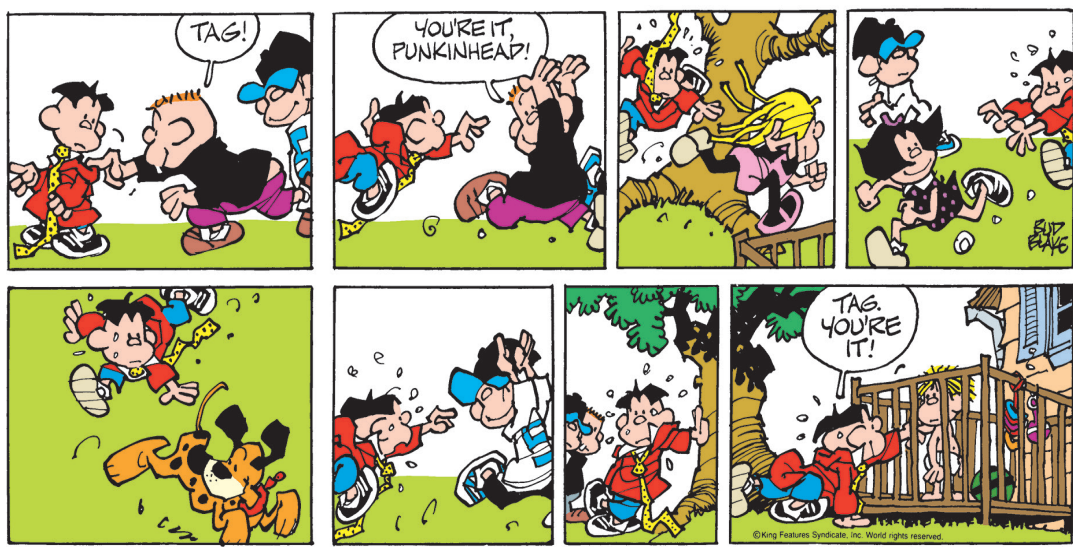


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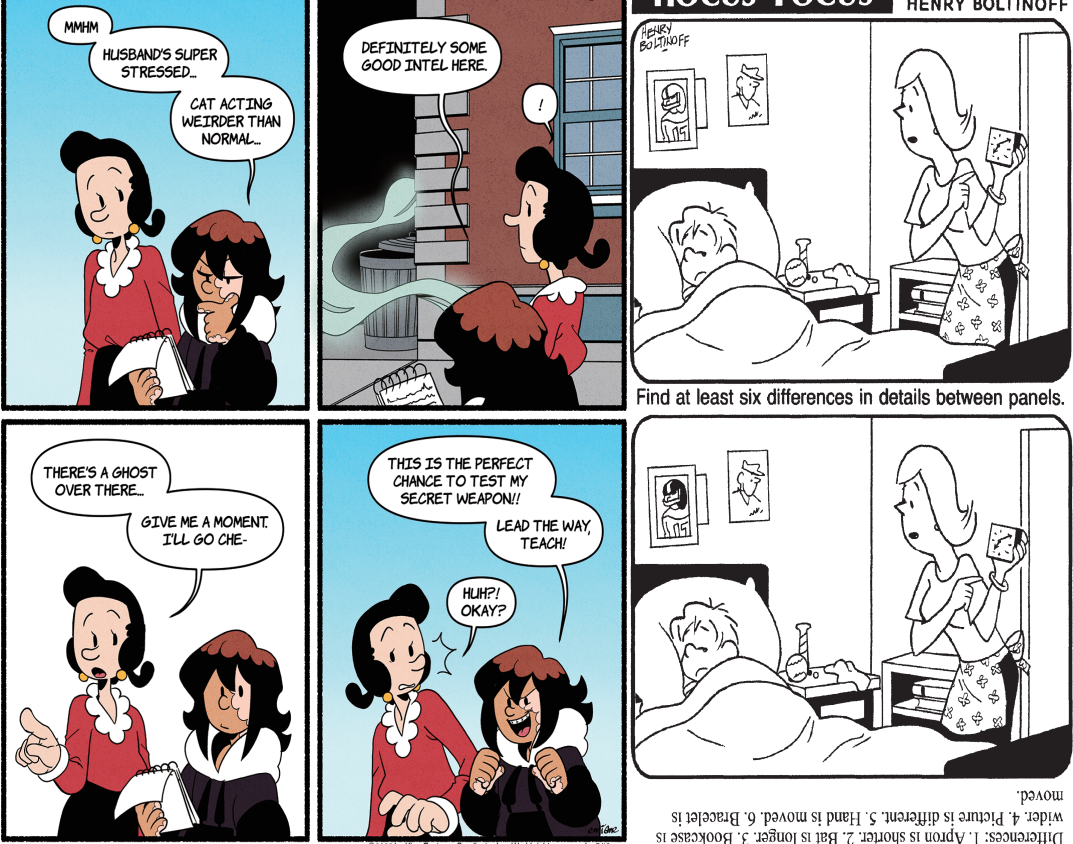


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CryptoQuip

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: F equals B

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UALAY: WTFXKY LKLFLWL.

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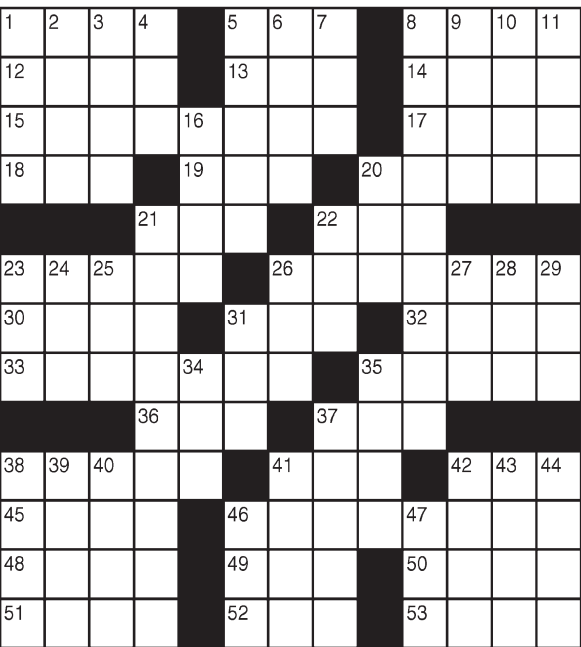
TODAY'S WORD

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Swedish car
- 5 Do sums
- 8 Gym pads
- 12 Bruins' sch.
- 13 Cattle call
- 14 Modern money
- 15 Tall, thin person
- 17 Bickering
- 18 Sound from a hot wok
- 19 Small bill
- 20 Elitists
- 21 Warm-up run
- 22 "Top Gun" target
- 23 Fall flower
- 26 "Hamilton" or "Rent"
- 30 Old money of Rome
- 31 Weir
- 32 Tiers
- 33 Not generic
- 35 Flaxen, as hair
- 36 Stitch
- 37 Hosp. workers
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- 41 Bikini half
- 42 Solidify
- 45 "The Wire" actor Idris
- 46 Tilt towards
- 48 Region (Abbr.)
- 49 Kreskin's claim



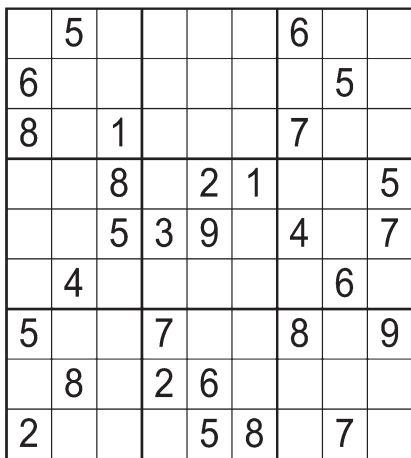
DOWN

- 1 Long lunches?
- 2 High cards
- 3 Regrettably
- 4 Prohibit
- 5 Surrounded by
- 6 Hand (out)
- 7 Anonymous Jane
- 8 2004 Lindsay Lohan movie
- 9 Prefix with pilot
- 10 Chicago paper, for short
- 11 Lushes
- 16 Indigent
- 20 Venus, to Serena
- 21 "Hacks" actress
- 22 Silent
- 23 Cleric's tunic
- 24 Navy address
- 25 — -la-la
- 26 Frenzied
- 27 Bill's partner
- 28 Bristle
- 29 Leary's drug

- 31 Morning moisture
- 34 — Moines
- 35 Muffin choice
- 37 Cover with cloth
- 38 Wagers
- 39 Power co. supply
- 40 "East of Eden" girl
- 41 Optimum
- 42 Bitty biter
- 43 Sicilian spouter
- 44 Privation
- 46 French article
- 47 AOL, for one

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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.

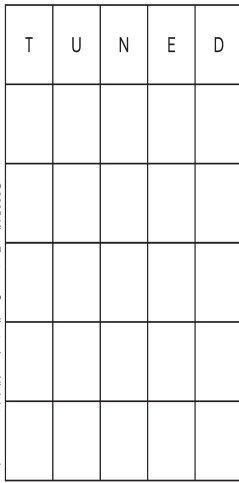
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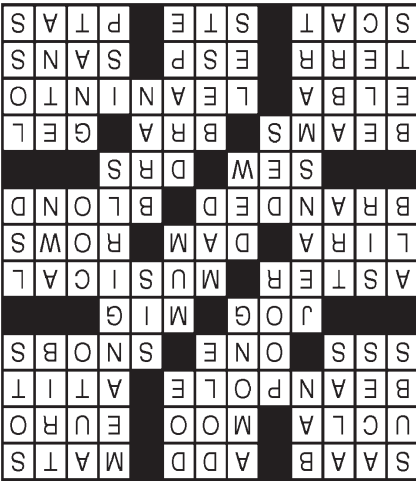


- Prepared to play
- "Divine" poet
- Matched
- Water vapor
- Form of postage
- Type of religious music

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Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: What is the name of Han Solo's ship in the "Star Wars" series?
- TELEVISION: What is Ray Barone's job on the sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond"?
- U.S. STATES: The Baltimore Ravens' name is a nod to which past famous resident?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called "alliumphobia"?
- LITERATURE: Who created the fictional detective Lord Peter Wimsey?
- GAMES: Which chess piece can't move in a straight line?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby mouse called?
- SCIENCE: What does the acronym RNA stand for?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the first to wear contact lenses?
- ASTRONOMY: Which constellation contains Polaris, the North Star?

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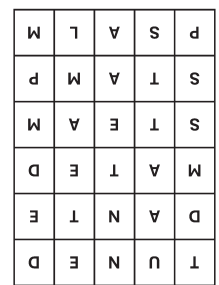
1. Millennium Falcon
2. Sports writer
3. Edgar Allan Poe, who wrote the poem "The Raven"
4. Fear of garlic
5. Dorothy L. Sayers
6. Knight
7. A pinky or pup
8. Ribonucleic Acid
9. Lyndon Johnson
10. Ursa Minor (The Little Dipper)

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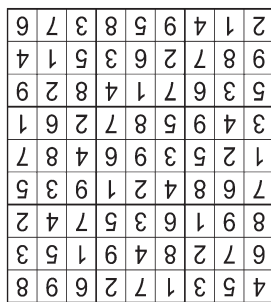
Today's Word

- 1. Morale 2. Deport;
- 3. Entice; 4. Pester

SCRAMBLERS



Solution



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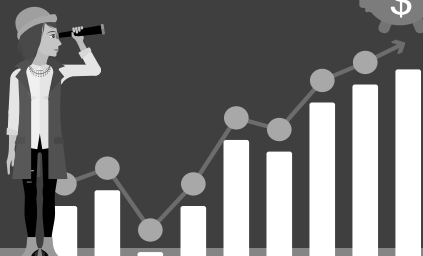
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LOCAL/STATE NEWS

Supreme Court approves three proposals impacting the practice of law in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Supreme Court and the Supreme Court Executive Committee on the Practice of Law announced the adoption of three proposals to amend and create new rules that will impact the practice of law and help to address unmet legal needs in Illinois.

The first proposal, Regulation of Intermediary Connecting Services, will regulate attorney participation in intermediary connecting service (ICS) entities. The second proposal, New Supreme Court Rule 300, will create a new Supreme Court Rule governing attorney's fee petitions. The third proposal, MCLE for Pro Bono Pilot Project, will create a two-year pilot project to allow MCLE credit for pro bono service.

Each of the proposals will take effect on July 1, 2025.

The Executive Committee worked extensively with numerous groups including the Illinois Attorney Registration & Disciplinary Commission (ARDC), the Supreme Court Committee on Professional Responsibility (CPR), the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA), the Chicago Bar Foundation (CBF), and the Illinois MCLE Board. These stakeholders had the opportunity to weigh in on the proposals and their feedback helped to achieve a wide breadth of consensus. Each proposal fur-

thers the Committee's charge to provide recommendations to the Supreme Court regarding issues impacting the practice of law and unmet legal needs.

"I would like to thank the Executive Committee, bar groups and Supreme Court committees and commissions for their hard work in researching and proposing these changes to the practice of law," Chief Justice Mary Jane Theis said. "The practice of law is experiencing profound change in the areas of technology and access to justice and these updates are necessary to address them."

ICS entities are organizations which connect lawyers to clients, typically through the internet. ICSs are already in operation and have the potential to help address unmet legal needs by making it easier for consumers to find a lawyer. It was determined, however, that existing rules did not clearly address lawyer participation in an ICS, creating confusion and making some lawyers reluctant to participate. As a result, the Executive Committee proposed amendments to Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct 1.6 and 7.2 to define "intermediary connecting service" and permit attorneys to participate in an ICS when certain conditions are met. With these changes, attorneys must engage in due diligence

before and while participating in an ICS to ensure that the ICS is complying with certain requirements. This due diligence can be accomplished via an annual ICS certification letter.

"The Illinois Supreme Court has been a leader in exploring ways to practice law with an eye towards meeting the unmet legal needs of Illinois residents," said Attorney J. Timothy Eaton, who serves as Chair of the Executive Committee.

New Supreme Court Rule 300 Governing Attorney's Fee Petitions is intended to encourage alternative fee agreements (which increase access to legal services by making the cost of services more affordable, predictable, and transparent) by clearly establishing that an alternative fee agreement may be the basis for an attorney's fee petition and that hourly billing records will be required only under circumstances set forth in the rule. This new rule will provide greater consistency in the presentation and consideration of fee petitions and is ultimately intended to enhance the affordability and accessibility of legal services.

The MCLE for Pro Bono Pilot Project temporarily amends Supreme Court Rule 795(d) and creates a two-year pilot project wherein Illinois attorneys can

receive Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit for providing pro bono legal assistance through Illinois Free Legal Answers, a virtual, internet-based legal advice clinic administered by the Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI). This program will allow an attorney to earn 1 hour of MCLE credit for every 2 hours of pro bono participation in Illinois Free Legal Answers, up to 5 credits per 2-year MCLE reporting period. PILI and the Executive Committee will regularly review the data during the pilot period to determine whether CLE credit increases volunteerism and adds value to the legal profession by expanding professional development, and most importantly, the pilot will provide a demonstrable framework for how to broaden initiatives to help people most in need.

The Executive Committee was created in 2023 and consists of 13 members appointed by the Supreme Court, including representatives from the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, the Illinois Board of Admissions to the Bar, the Commission on Professionalism, the Committee on Professional Responsibility, the Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois, and the MCLE Board. Eaton, a partner in the Taft Law Firm, serves as Chair with Tim Bertschy as Vice-Chair.

Illinois State Museum receives donation of items from President Lincoln's extended Springfield family

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois State Museum announced the donation of a collection of items from President Abraham Lincoln's extended family in Springfield.

These family belongings are donated by descendants of the Hickox-Edwards families in memory of Catharine Officer Saxe Loucks. Passed down through five generations, they offer an exciting glimpse into the social and familial relationships of Lincoln's Springfield.

"These items tell the story of people who helped shape Illinois history," said ISM Director Jenn Edginton. "The Illinois State Museum is thrilled to receive such an amazing donation. We cannot wait to share it with the people of Illinois."

The donated items represent the families of Virgil and Catharine Hickox and Ninian and Elizabeth Todd Edwards. They were passed down through the descendants of

Charles and Mary Hickox Edwards, who married in 1868. Elizabeth Todd Edwards was the oldest sister of Mary Todd Lincoln; her husband Ninian was an early friend and political ally of Abraham Lincoln.

Highlights from the donation include a never-before-seen daguerreotype of Lincoln's niece, Lizzie Edwards, taken between 1855 and 1860; a daguerreotype of Ninian Edwards with his son, Charles, taken in 1850; and Elizabeth Todd Edwards' personal copy of the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer.

"As a Lincoln enthusiast, this donation is incredibly exciting to me. The people in these photographs and who owned these items were Lincoln's nieces, nephews and in-laws," said Erika Holst, curator of history for the ISM. "They were a part of the emotional fabric of his life, as he was in theirs. It's amazing to be able to look at pictures of the same faces that Lincoln

saw on a daily basis."

The public is invited to learn more about Lincoln's extended family and to enjoy an exclusive first look at these items at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23. The event will take place at the Illinois State Museum's Research and Collections Center, 1011 E. Ash St., Springfield. It is free to attend and open to learners of all ages.

About the Illinois State Museum: Established in 1877, the Illinois State Museum is a dynamic institution that inspires the exploration of Illinois' past and present to inform and enrich everyday life and promote stewardship of cultural and natural resources. Headquartered in Springfield with branch facilities in Lewistown and Lockport, ISM is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and a proud member of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience.

Chronic wasting disease detected in four additional Illinois counties

SPRINGFIELD—Chronic wasting disease has been detected in Putnam, Marshall, Adams, and Peoria counties, expanding the geographic presence of the disease in free-ranging deer populations in northern Illinois, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources announced.

Adams County is the first documented case recorded outside of the leading edge of the CWD endemic region.

CWD is an always-fatal neurological disease that affects the long-term health of white-tailed deer in Illinois. First documented in Illinois in 2002 near Roscoe, CWD has been detected in 25 counties across northern Illinois and now as far south as Adams County in west-central Illinois.

In early February 2025, CWD was detected and confirmed through diagnostic testing in Putnam, Marshall, and Adams counties from routine surveillance of hunter-harvested deer. Peoria County was confirmed in a 2-year-old deer exhibiting clinical signs consistent with CWD infection using the same diagnostic testing procedures. Following standard protocol, samples from Adams County underwent genetic testing to ensure genetic matches between submitted tissue samples and source deer.

Affected Illinois counties now include Adams, Boone, Bureau, Carroll, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Ford, Grundy, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, Livingston, Marshall, McHenry, Ogle, Peoria, Putnam, Stephenson, Will, and Winnebago.

CWD management is important to the overall health of Illinois' deer herd. A primary goal of ongoing CWD management in Illinois includes lowering prevalence in affected areas to slow the spread of the disease. Those management efforts have kept prevalence low in the state for almost an entire generation of deer hunters.

"Illinois is a national leader in managing and slowing the spread of CWD, and over the past two decades IDNR's program has served as a model for other states," said IDNR Director Natalie Phelps Finnie.

While the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have not linked CWD to human transmission, they recommend against eating meat from CWD-positive deer. Hunters are encouraged to have their deer tested and avoid consuming brain, spinal cord, eyes, and other tissues known to harbor the CWD agent.

Go online for additional information about CWD management in Illinois, including updates made to the program in 2024. For more information about these detections or about CWD, contact Chris Jacques, wildlife disease program manager, at chris.jacques@illinois.gov.

IDNR wildlife biologists will be available to discuss current management strategies and answer questions about CWD in public meetings anticipated to occur later this year. Meeting dates and locations will be released at a later date. Landowners, hunters, and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.



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5:00 Chiller's Shakeups & Ice Cream (\$)

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4:00 Food - Taco Special / Beer Tent Opens
Chiller's Shakeups & Ice Cream (\$)
4-8 Blondin's Bounceables (Wristbands \$10)
5:30 Baby Buff Winners Announced- Allen School
6:00 Prairie Princess- Allen School (Mara 579-1833)
5K Stampede-High School (Stacy 878-6962)
8:30-12 Music By **THE BRAT PACK** - Beer Tent
11:00 Egg Sandwiches

Parade Registration is in the High School parking lot. Parade Route will go North this year on Main Street, starting at Burnett Street, ending at the Park.

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10-4 Vendor Fair (Tammy Mcstoost-Stachowiak 830-8215)
11:00 Parade-Main Street (Jeremy 343-6848 / Brian 200-2899)
12:00 Adult Waterfights Registration- Sheldon Street by Park
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12-4 Silent Auction
12-8 Blondin's Bounceables (Wristbands \$20)
1:00 Adult Waterfights Begins
Magic Show by John Measner
1-3 Kids Fun fair
1-4 Around the Town Entertainment - Caricature Drawing
2:00 Magic Show by John Measner
2:30-4:30 Foam Party (included in wristband)
3:00 Magic Show by John Measner
3-7 Music By **WISE GUYS** - Beer Tent
8-12 Music by **WILDCARD** - Beer Tent

11:00 Egg Sandwiches

SUNDAY, JUNE 15
9:00-10:30 Churches of La Moille Service Park Pavilion
9:30 Biscuits and Gravy (food tent)
10:30 Sign Up Bags Tournament - Beer Tent
11:00 Food / Beer Tent Opens
Bags Tournament begins
Kiddie Waterfights Registration - Sheldon Street
Chiller's Shakeups & Ice Cream (\$)
11:30 Kiddie Waterfights begins
1-6 Music by **BURN N BUSH** - Beer Tent
2:00 Live Auction - Beer Tent (Lori 252-2827)
5:30 50/50 Drawing

Complete listing of events:
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Or call 815-878-5858



LOCAL/STATE NEWS

Foreigner offers special opportunity to one Rockford youth choir

ROCKFORD—Over the past 18 years, Foreigner has welcomed many youth choirs all across the nation to share the stage during their North American shows and now it is Rockford's chance to shine. Foreigner has an exciting and unique opportunity for one Rockford youth choir to join them on stage August 10 at the historic Coronado Theatre in Rockford

to perform their classic hit song, "I Want to Know What Love Is." The legendary band is looking for a talented junior high or high school youth choir with 25 kids or less and two chaperones from the Rockford area. Submissions are currently open now until Friday, April 25, 2025 by submitting a video entry of your youth choir singing any Foreigner

song through 96.7 The Eagle's app. The winning youth choir will also be awarded \$500.00 to support their choir program from Foreigner. In 2018 during their previous Rockford concert, the contest winner was Hononegah High School. For questions on how to enter, please email priscilla.cantu@townsquaremedia.com or call 815-580-4522.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets to the show on August 10, please visit [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com), call 815-968-5222, or come in-person noon-4 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Coronado Theatre box office at 314. North Main Street, Rockford. Tickets may also be purchased at the BMO Center box office, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

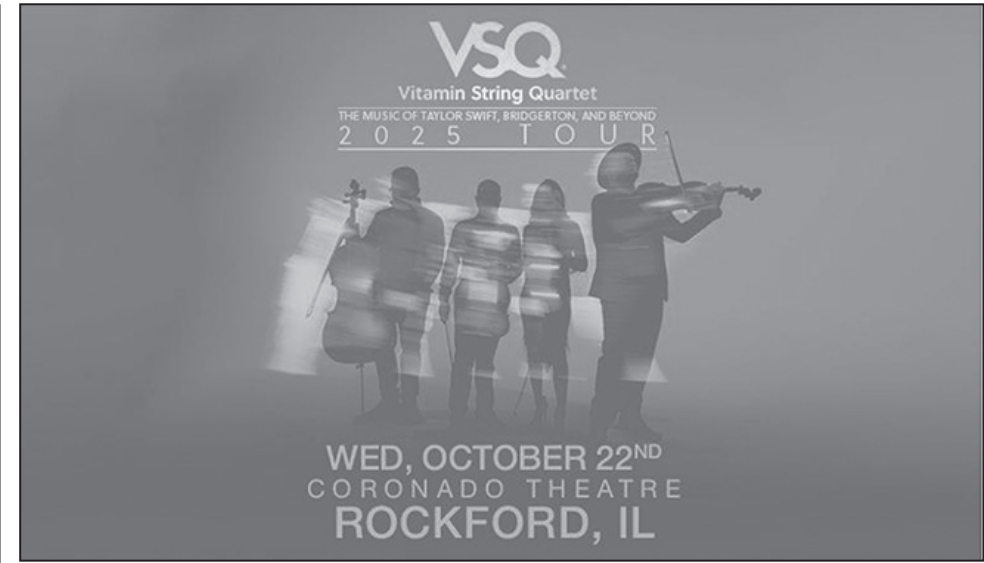


Leanne Morgan extends national headlining tour "Just Getting Started"

ROCKFORD – Comedy sensation Leanne Morgan is on a meteoric rise with her wildly successful national headlining tour, Just Getting Started, which she is bringing to the Coronado Theatre on September 19 in Rockford. Tickets are on sale now at [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com), by phone at 815-968-5222, or in-person at the Coronado Theatre box office (12-4 p.m. Monday-Friday) or the BMO Center box office (10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday). Upgrade your experience with Club Coronado. Following the massive success of her critically acclaimed Netflix special, I'm Every Woman, Morgan has been performing to sold-out audiences in over 100 theaters and arenas across the country. In major markets, she's consistently adding second, third, and even

fifth shows to meet overwhelming demand. Due to popular demand, Morgan is extending her tour into the fall of 2025, with new stops planned across the U.S. and additional opportunities for fans to experience her celebrated live show. This new leg of the tour will bring Morgan to cities across Nevada, Arkansas, Texas, Illinois, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Louisiana. Tickets go on sale Friday, April 4 at 10 AM local time, with an exclusive presale beginning Wednesday, April 2 at 10am local time (code: LEANNE) via [LeanneMorgan.com](https://www.LeanneMorgan.com). Morgan's humor resonates across generations, genders, and backgrounds, offering a fresh reprieve from the entertainment landscape that often prioritizes youth over substance. Her come-

dy is a celebration of life's richness at every stage, showcasing the wisdom and wit that come with age. Her Netflix special, Leanne Morgan: I'm Every Woman, reached the Top 10 and is one of the highest-rated comedy specials of the year. This tremendous success has earned Morgan accolades, including being named one of Variety's "Top 10 Comics to Watch for 2023" and a spot on Forbes' prestigious "50 Over 50" list. Her widespread appeal has also led to appearances on The Today Show, The Kelly Clarkson Show, PBS NewsHour, and Sherri, and featured in outlets such as The Washington Post, People Magazine, NPR Fresh Air, Christianity Today, AARP, Forbes Magazine, and The Wall Street Journal.



Vitamin String Quartet: The Music of Taylor Swift, Bridgerton & Beyond

ROCKFORD—With over 2 billion streams, almost 4 million downloads, and over 1 million physical units sold, the Billboard-charting ensemble, Vitamin String Quartet, is known for their classical reinterpretations of pop hits. The quartet's songs have been prominently featured in the Netflix and Shondaland original series Bridgerton and other popular shows. See them at the Coronado Theatre on October 22, 2025 in Rockford. Tickets are on sale now at [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com), by phone at 815-968-5222, or in-person at the Coronado Theatre box office (12-4 p.m. Monday-Friday) or the BMO Center box office (10 a.m.-5p.m. Monday-Friday). Upgrade your experience with Club Coronado. For 25 years, Vitamin String Quartet has been establishing classical crossover as a genuine force in contemporary music. Fresh off high-profile placements in Seasons 1 and 2 of the aforementioned streaming smash, VSQ has "reached a mainstream, global audience"

(Variety) and "charmed the world with their classical covers" (Nylon). On their latest tour, VSQ will perform spellbinding and innovative renditions of Taylor Swift's music, alongside familiar hits from Billie Eilish, BTS, Bridgerton, The Weeknd, and Daft Punk. Across over 300 releases, VSQ has produced cutting-edge string renditions of a highly eclectic mix of artists, erasing boundaries between classical, dance, hip-hop, rock, and pop. From Lil Nas X to Björk, Studio Ghibli to gothic metal, VSQ approaches their renditions with respect and care, breathing new life into music they already love. The Quartet's string stylings have also been featured in HBO's Westworld, ABC's Modern Family, the Judd Apatow-directed The King of Staten Island, among many others. In addition, the ensemble has appeared onscreen with 30 Seconds to Mars for an episode MTV Unplugged as well as an episode of Gossip Girl.

Illinois EPA notifies 47 community water systems of right-to-know requirements triggered by recent rulemaking

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is notifying the owners and operators of 21 Community Water Systems that there has been a detection of one or more Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in the most recent water sampling of those specified CWSs at levels exceeding newly enacted groundwater quality standards. The Illinois EPA is also notifying owners and operators of 26 connected CWSs that obtain water from CWSs that had one or more PFAS exceedances. Existing state Right-to-Know laws require a CWS to notify all end users when groundwater contamination poses a threat of exposure to the public above the Class I groundwater quality standards. This law establishes methods of notification and strict time frames for providing notice. PFAS are a group of several thousand human-made chemicals that are manufactured for their oil and water-resistant properties. Since the 1940s, PFAS have been used in a wide range of consumer products, industrial processes, and in some fire-fighting foams (called aqueous film-forming foam or AFFF). This has resulted in PFAS being released into the air, water, and soil. PFAS do not easily break down under natural conditions and are often referred to

as "forever chemicals." Attached is a copy of the Public Health Notice being provided to the CWSs, which includes information on potential health effects, home water filter treatment options, and ways to minimize PFAS exposure from other sources. On December 7, 2021, the Illinois EPA filed amendments of the Illinois Pollution Control Board's (Board) Part 620 groundwater quality regulations to preserve and protect Illinois groundwater and to ensure that the state's groundwater quality standards match current scientific data and methodologies. The Illinois EPA's proposal included new groundwater quality standards for six PFAS, based on the most recent scientific information available:

- perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)
- perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)
- hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid, also known as GenX (HFPO-DA)
- perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS)
- perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)
- perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS)

On April 11, 2025, the Board's adopted amendments to Part 620 were published in the Illinois Register, triggering this Right-to-Know notification.

Attached is a complete list of the affected systems, the most recent detected concentration, and the new groundwater quality standards. Due to the prevalence of PFAS in the environment, Illinois has been among the most proactive states in the country in developing and implementing PFAS health standards and groundwater quality standards, in order to protect its residents. Between 2021 and 2024, Illinois EPA issued seven PFAS Health Advisories to provide guidance to local officials and CWS operators in protecting the health of water consumers, and calculated 16 health-based guidance levels (HBGLs) which represent the concentrations in drinking water at which no adverse health effects are expected to occur. The adoption of Part 620 groundwater quality standards will replace five of the Health Advisories with the other two, Perfluorohexanoic Acid (PFHxA) and Perfluorobutanoic Acid (PFBA), remaining in effect until an enforceable groundwater standard exists. Additionally, U.S. EPA recently set Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs), which are federal drinking water standards, for certain PFAS. CWSs will need to sample for and comply with the federal MCLs for PFAS by April 2029.

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SPORTS

Amboy sluggers win two against Milledgeville, fall to Newman

AMBOY—The Amboy baseball team were ready for two games against Northwest Upstate Illini Conference foe Milledgeville as they beat them 11-3 on Tuesday, May 6 at Milledgeville and 9-1 on Thursday, May 8.

Newman got the best of Amboy, 8-0, on Monday, May 12.

In the first game against the Missiles, senior Brody Christoffersen gave up three hits and one run and had seven strike outs and four walks in five innings.

The Clippers tallied nine hits as senior Eddie Jones and junior Rylan McNinch collected two hits apiece.

Seniors Carson Barlow and Quinn Leffelman each drove in three runs in the second game against the Missiles, while senior Caleb Shugars tallied two hits and freshman Landon Carter was walked twice.

Barlow started on the mound allowing two hits and one run while walking two in seven innings.

Against Newman, senior Eddie Jones was the starting pitcher and allowed two hits and three runs (two earned) while striking out one and walking five in four innings. Senior Dillon Merriman led the Clipper offense going 2-for-2 at the plate.



Amboy senior Quinn Leffelman, right, takes a swing against Newman during an 8-0 Clipper loss on Monday, May 12. The previous two games were Clipper wins against Milledgeville, 11-3 and 8-0.

Photo courtesy of Brenda Merriman

Vaessen perfect in 12 consecutive at-bats

AMBOY – As Amboy softball coach Kelly Whitman said, senior Tyrah Vaessen has been on fire at the plate.

In three consecutive games, Vaessen was 4-of-4, 5-of-5, and 3-of-3 with a home run, eight doubles, three singles, and five RBI.

Unfortunately, the Lady Clippers have not been able to pick up wins even with Vaessen's hot bat.

Amboy lost to Milledgeville 8-6 on Tuesday, May 6 and again to Milledgeville 17-15 on Thursday, May 8. The Lady Clippers suffered a 16-6 defeat to Eastland in five innings on Saturday, May 10, and 9-5 to Newman on Monday, May 12.

Amboy is 4-18 on the season and 2-6 in the Northwest Upstate Illini Conference South Division.

Amboy baseball fans don't have to travel for regional play; Clippers host IHSA Class 1A Amboy Regional

AMBOY – The Amboy Clippers' baseball team will stay home and host the IHSA Class 1A Amboy Regional Baseball Tournament.

The Clippers will take the field for their first game at 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 19 against Kirkland Hiawatha.

An Amboy win will propel it to the semifinal-round to meet Forreston at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 21. The second semifinal contest will be between Fulton and Ashton-Franklin Center at 6:30 p.m.

The two winners will advance to the regional championship at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 24.

The champion of the Amboy Regional will move on to the Lena-Winslow Sectional where it will square off against the winner of the Warren Regional

at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 28. The other sectional participants will come from the East Dubuque and Lanark Eastland regionals.

Amboy Class 1A Regional
Baseball Tournament

Monday, May 19

1 – (9) Kirkland (Hiawatha) at (7) Amboy – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21

2 – (1) Forreston vs. Winner Game 1 – 4:30 p.m.

3 – (4) Fulton (H.S.) vs. (5) Ashton (A.-Franklin Center) – 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 24

4 – Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3 – 1 p.m. (championship)

Lady Clippers set to travel to Fulton for IHSA Class 1A Fulton Regional

FULTON – The Amboy softball team has been assigned to the IHSA Class 1A Fulton Regional Softball Tournament.

The Lady Clippers will open the tournament against the host Steamers on Tuesday, May 20. The first pitch is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. The other first-round game will pit Putnam County against Sterling Newman on Wednesday, May 21.

The winners of first-round games will meet for the regional championship at 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 23.

The champion of the Fulton Regional will advance to the Woodhull (AlWood) Sectional to take on the winner of the Abingdon-Avon Regional at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 28. The other sectional participants will come from the Kewanee Wethersfield and Williamsfield regionals.

Fulton (H.S.) Class 1A

Regional Softball Tournament

Tuesday, May 20

1 – (2) Fulton (H.S.) vs. (7) Amboy – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21

2 – (3) Granville (Putnam County) vs. (6)

Sterling (Newman Central Catholic) – 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 23

3 – Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2 – 4:30 p.m. (championship)

Manlius Fun Day planned for June 6

MANLIUS—Manlius is beginning something new to continue a trend the community always enjoys – fun.

The first annual Manlius Fun Day is scheduled for Friday, June 6 as the Fun Day Golf Outing is teeing off at 1 p.m. at Deer Valley Golf Club.

Registration is \$200 per team.

Another Manlius Fun Day is set for Saturday, Aug. 2, with multiple activities on Maple Avenue between First Street and Second Street.

The Hawaiian-themed fun starts with a softball tournament at 8 a.m., and continues with

events throughout the day including parade registration at 10 a.m. followed by the parade at 11 a.m., ice cream social and kiddie pedal pull at noon, kids water inflatables and Rolle Bolle at 1 p.m., bags registration at 4 p.m. and the beginning of the bags tournament at 4:30. King Jeremy will take the stage at 8 p.m. and fireworks will be lit by RKM at 9 p.m.

Food options include Sisler's Ice Cream, COWS (Coffee on Wheels), Tacos La Rosila, Beer Here Bar & Grill, Big Rich BBQ, Naiho's Egg-rolls and More, and Sweet Butts.

Amboy High School

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Softball

Tyrah Vaessen

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Amboy Community Unit School District #272

May 19

AHS Fresh/Soph Girls
& Boys Track @ Lena
Winslow-4:00 pm

May 20

School Board Meeting-
AJHS-6:30 pm

May 21

EARLY DISMISSAL-
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT
DAY-AHS-11:18/AJHS-
11:20/Central-11:25

May 22

AM Preschool Graduation-
Gym-10:00 am

AHS Honors Night-
Auditorium-7:00-9:00 pm

May 23

PM Preschool Graduation-
Gym-2:00 pm
AHS Graduation Practice-
Gym-9:30-11:00 am
AJHS Promotion-7:00 pm

May 24

AHS Graduation-Gym-2:00 pm

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