

Just Saying.....

By Doris Elmore

Palm Sunday is behind us and we are in the week of Easter. I was “Just Saying” that the week of Easter is one you approach with a solemn heart and mind, yet one of joy and jubilation. While Jesus died on the cross to save us from sin, he arose on the third day and the world has never been the same. I love all the services during Easter week, from the Maundy Thursday services to Good Friday, Sunrise Service and Easter worship. Every one of them has a different meaning, but Easter Sunrise has so much meaning. The United Church of Atwood also has a Living Cross Service at the beginning of Easter worship. It is absolutely beautiful and means so much to go to the front and add your flower to the cross. When it is done, the cross is filled with beautiful fresh flowers. What an awesome service.

Everyone is invited to attend any of these services. Good Friday services will be held at the Hammond United Methodist Church at 7 p.m.

Another fun thing to do at Easter time is the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20, at 10:30 a.m. at the A-H Grade School playground. The Atwood Chamber of Commerce works hard to have a nice Easter Egg Hunt each year and I hope you will take advantage of this fun event with your children. Be sure and take a bag or basket with you to put your eggs in. They have some really neat prizes to choose from. Be sure and thank the chamber members working at the event before you leave. They try hard to make this a fun day.

Have you been participating in the Atwood Bunny Shop Hop? I think it is a great idea for the local businesses to generate business in a fun way and I hear there is a prize in every egg. Some big and some small prizes, but always a winner. The grand prize winner's name will be drawn at the Easter Egg Hunt. Some lucky person will win a \$100 shopping spree at the business of their choice participating in the event.

The spring trees and flowers are beautiful again this year. The magnolia trees are so gorgeous, it is sad

when they start losing their blooms. Everyone should stop and take time to smell the flowers and envision the beauty that surrounds us.

The Atwood Chamber of Commerce is diligently working on the Atwood Apple Dumping Festival August 17 & 18. If you would like to be a part of the festival, there are many areas where extra help is always needed. I realize August seems far away, but when you are planning a festival or other major event, you have to start early. Maybe you have an idea for something new for the festival. If so, be sure and contact a chamber member or attend a chamber meeting and bring your idea to discuss with the others. The chamber meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the A-H Public Library District.

Spring is here and it is evident by driving around town that the trash did not melt with the snow. Stand back and take a look at your home, if there is trash to pick up, please do so. I think it always makes one feel better when their surroundings look neat and your neighbors will thank you for your effort to clean up around your home. When people visit our town, we want to be proud of it and have them say, “What a nice clean town.” Let’s all do our part and clean up your property, make everyone proud.

Bement Boulevard Parking Ordinance Fails

By CHRISTY JANKOWSKI
Staff Writer

Tuesday evening, April 9, around ten villagers attended to voice their concerns about the new boulevard parking ordinance the Village of Bement was looking to implement.

Only a few spoke, with their main concerns being where to park their semis states Village President Pat Tieman. “There was something to do about cars parking on the right side of the road, and wheels turned a certain way. There was a lot of stuff in there that people thought was too much and semi parking was the main thing. Kurt Durbin was there because he drives one and parks out there.”

The ordinance failed to pass. Frank Koebel and Judy Good voted for the ordinance, while the rest of the board members voted against.

Two new computers will be purchased for the office at a cost of no more than \$3,000 a piece.

The board unanimously approved allowing Lucky Monkey to block off part of Morgan St. for their 10th anniversary party. The party will take place on Labor Day weekend.

Two of the assistant pool managers will receive a raise of 50 cents per hour, while lifeguards that have been there for four consecutive years will receive a raise of 25 cents per hour. The pool rate will not change.

The ordinance establishing employee salaries was approved.

The village approved a donation of \$800 to the beau-

tification committee. The village annually donates to this cause.

Normally the chamber of commerce gives some aid as well, but with them ceas-

ing to exist the village donated more than the usual amount.

Tieman stated, “We usually do \$500 and the Chamber usually does some, but

the Chamber is gone. They have disbanded. So, the board did decide to donate more to it, because it is a good part for our town.”



MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH. Sarina Larrick, a freshman at Cerro Gordo High School, has been selected as the March Student of the Month. Sarina is involved in student council, scholastic bowl, theatre, musicals, and FCCLA. Keila LeHew, Sr. Vice President, State Bank of Cerro Gordo, presented Sarina with an American Eagle Silver Dollar.

Douglas County Ag in the Classroom teaches about Soybeans

Soybeans are called the miracle crop because they contain all three of the main nutrients needed for good nutrition. They contain complete protein, carbohydrates, and fat. They are especially high in calcium and iron.

Across the globe, 1 in 7 people are malnourished. A program called World Initiative for Soy and Human Health (WISHH) is working to bring the benefits of United States soy protein to developing countries around the world. Countries that are involved with this program are Afghanistan, India, Haiti, and Indonesia. WISHH works to get soy

flour and textured soy protein to the children of these nations.

Illinois raises 427 million bushels of soybeans per year. Decatur, Illinois is known as “Soy City” because they process so many soybeans at ADM. The complete soybean is used at their facility. The hull becomes additives and livestock feed. The beans are flattened into flakes and oil is extracted. This oil is separated into lecithin to use in baked goods. Flakes are also processed into flour and this high protein flour improves the shelf life of baked goods.

This month in Ag in the

Classroom we made Beanie Babies. The bags can be hung in a window, or someplace warm, and the soybeans should sprout in a few days. This is an excellent way for students to observe germination. Other classes learned about drones and crop spraying. These classes did experiments with flight principles.

The soybean fields in Douglas County are helping to feed people around the world. Douglas County Ag in the Classroom is supported by Douglas County Farm Bureau, Douglas County Ag Center and Illinois Ag in the Classroom.

EASTER

Prime Rib Buffet

Sat., April 20
Starting at 4:30 p.m.

- Broasted Chicken
- Prime Rib
- Shrimp
- Turkey
- Sweet Potato Casserole
- Baked Potato
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Chicken & Noodles
- Soup, Salad, Dessert Bar & so much more!

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COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019

Sponsors: Atwood Chamber of Commerce, A-H Learn & Serve Team & Local Businesses

10:30 a.m.
Easter Egg Hunt
A-H Grade School
(Outside-weather permitting)

INFANT to 2 Yrs.

3 Yrs. to Pre-K

Kindergarten & 1st GRADE

2nd & 3rd GRADES

Drawing for Bunny Shop Hop Grand Prize

In case of rain the Easter Egg Hunt will be held in the A-H Grade School Cafeteria.

Bring Your Own Basket