



AMBOY PROM 2023
The 2023 Amboy High School Prom was held on Saturday, May 13. The tiara was placed upon Courtney LaChat naming her queen and Kelton Schwamberger was crowned king. The tiara and crown were brought in by mini king Lee Bulfer and mini queen Ryleigh Wolf.
Brandon LaChance/Amboy News



Pictured, left to right, Carley Hagemann, Zach Hagemann, Hudson Barlow, Brandon Barlow, Kelsey Barlow, Carson Barlow, Derrek Barlow, Brittany Barlow, and Ann Barlow.
Photo submitted

Running for a Cure

BY GEORGE HOWE
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — What makes each human being different and unique are our beliefs, characteristics, and the path that we end up on. Often times the road is not of our choosing, yet how we handle the triumphs and obstacles through the journey of life defines who we are.

Lifelong Amboy resident Derrek Barlow is a shining example of someone who has encountered a challenge but fights on while also helping to find a cure for a debilitating disease. Barlow has always been known as a hard worker, most recently as a heavy equipment operator. One day while at work he confided to his wife, Ann, that he was having some balancing issues that he never previously experienced. With Ann’s coaxing, he decided to see a doctor. He was first diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS). After several medications, including steroids and a blood transfusion, he showed no signs of improvement and actually was getting progressively worse. Daughter Carley, (Hagemann) one of Barlow’s three children helped make the decision to find out exactly what was going on.

“We made the initial and subsequent trips to the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn., in February of 2021 to see a MS specialist,” she said. “This doctor immediately said that it wasn’t MS and had us see another doctor who diagnosed dad with Corticobasal Degeneration (CBD).”

CBD is a rare neurodegenerative disease affecting the brain and the signals that it sends to the body. It is characterized by eventual difficulties with movement and cognition. Diagnosis is difficult as symptoms are often similar to those of Parkinson’s, Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) and dementia with Lewy bodies, which are protein deposits that develop in nerve cells of the brain. This aggressive disease normally affects older folks in their 70 or 80s making Barlow’s case rare since he is 54 years old.

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City arch gets new lease on life

BY GEORGE HOWE
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — As spring is in full swing and summer not far off, the weather has cooperated to the point that we can go for a walk, perhaps pushing a favorite one in a stroller, bike ride, or run. If you haven’t had a chance yet, make it a point to go over to the Amboy City Park. There you will notice a refurbished piece of history courtesy of the Maintenance Department.

One day recently as the crew were cleaning out the old shed on the west end of town and heading over to the new one at 202 W. Main Street, Adam Wolfe noticed that there was an arch laying in the corner with a tarp on it and pretty much hadn’t seen the light of day for quite sometime. There are a few



tidbits of folklore to this arch which is actually a replica of a much larger one that was erected back in the 1900s.

“The arch stretched across Route 52 back in the day and the Illinois Highway Department instructed the city to remove it when 52 was rebuilt and widened in 1964,” said Amboy Park Board President Gary Wilhelm. “I was surprised and grateful for the good job that they did.”

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Motions made at Sublette Village meeting

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter

SUBLETTE – The Sublette Village Board’s agenda became a little smaller after the Monday, May 8 village meeting as motions were filed and actions were put in place.

Here are the motions, actions, community information shared at the last meeting.

Economic and Beautification

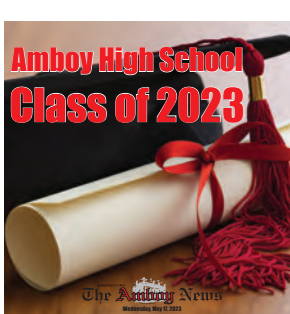
Economic Development and Beautification Chair Julie Kessel addressed a committee meeting that took place on Tuesday, May 2.

At the meeting, the village meeting board was discussed, and it was decided it would remain on the property of Leffelman Automotive after new owner said he is fine with it remaining where it is.

The committee also agreed to pay BLH Construction \$5,090.06 to construct bike racks.

Two bids have been received by businesses to clean the Sublette water tower.

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2023 Amboy High School Graduates

Obituaries

Patricia E. Williams
William C. Schaneberg

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A Look Back At Amboy Area Heroes Who Served During World War II

Editor’s note: The Amboy News will be publishing a series of articles on veterans who served during World War II. 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. This is the final article of the series on the Veterans.

S. Sgt. Charles John Wiederhold

Charles Wiederhold was born in Canada to John and Anna Kurfiss Wiederhold, both American citizens, on Sept. 20, 1916. His father owned and farmed property near Stony Mountain in Manitoba where Charles spent his early years. According to U.S. Consulate records, his parents intended to return to the Sterling, area (Anna’s

birthplace) permanently as soon as they could arrange to sell their property in Canada.

When Charles was 20 years of age, the family lived and farmed in Palmyra Township, Lee County. On April 28, 1941, following the death of his father, Charles enlisted in the U.S. Army and left for Camp Forrest, Tennessee. After training there, he was sent to Fort Brady, Michigan where he spent the next year and a half assigned to guard duty. During his time there he met and married Edna Thompson on Feb. 13, 1943. Over the next year Charles trained at Fort Benning and Camp Atterbury and was promoted to Staff Sergeant, leaving for England with the 120th Infantry Regiment, 30th Infantry Division in February 1944.

Staff Sergeant Wiederhold and the 30th Division landed on the Normandy beaches nine days after D-Day, the start of the big-



gest land invasion in human history. Upon arrival in France, it secured the Vire-et-Taute Canal, and crossed the Vire River, fighting next in the vicinity of St. Lo. In the weeks following the D-Day landings, Allied troops were bogged down in ferocious fighting in the Normandy farm fields which were surrounded by dense hedgerows, sitting on raised soil embankments, making U.S. tanks all but useless. Casualties were high and progress was stalled since German machine gun nests were hidden in hedgerows and fighting was done mainly by infantrymen on foot. If American forces couldn’t

find a way to break out of Normandy, the German army would have time to launch a counter-offensive that could drive the Allies back to the beaches.

On July 25, the 30th Infantry Division, after advance bombing by the Army Air Force, helped launch “Operation COBRA” which led to the American breakout from Normandy. On July 28th, Sgt. Wiederhold was killed in action as the division fought its way toward Avranches. His army hospital admission card indicated bullet or shell fragment wounds to the chest area as the cause of death. In the early weeks of August, Mrs. Anna Wiederhold received

official notification from the War Department. In addition to his mother, Charles was survived by his wife Edna, their son, and one brother.

A memorial service was held Sept. 7, 1944 at the First Methodist Church in Sterling, with burial at Riverside Cemetery. His community and country are forever indebted for his sacrifice.

Citations:
Purple Heart
World War II Victory Medal
American Campaign Medal
Army Presidential Unit Citation
Army Good Conduct Medal

LOCAL NEWS



COMPETING AT STATE

On Thursday, May 4, the Amboy High School Parliamentary Procedure team competed in the state contest and placed fourth as a team. Tyler Huggins placed 10th as an individual. In the contest team members must conduct a business meeting and demonstrate how to do various motions related to parliamentary procedure. The team is pictured above: Grace Althaus, Addison Pertell, Natalie Pratt, Kelton Schwamberger, Emma Dinges, Tyler Huggins, Kenley Wilson, and Brysen Full.

Photo submitted



Race to Beat PSP

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According to family and friends, Barlow isn't the kind of person to let anyone know how he's actually feeling and likes to keep things light by joking around.

"He's so positive and continues to push through," said Carley. "He walks with a cane but says that we all need to keep living our lives

as we go along."

Currently, there is no cure for the disease. Barlow has been very willing to do his part for research, agreeing to deep brain stimulation where doctors at Mayo did a procedure to remove some brain tissue for research. He will also be participating in a sleep study, and will donate his brain for future investigation and exploration.

As you can imagine, trips to Mayo, medications and getting his house wheelchair accessible, along with eventually needing a 24-hour nurse is expensive. Carley, with the help of a great support group of family and friends are holding the inaugural 5K "Race to Beat PSP," on Saturday May 20. The main objective of this fundraising event is to bring awareness to this disease.

"We want individuals that have been diagnosed along with their families to know that you aren't alone in your fight," said Carley. "We want to educate as many people as possible and possibly bring those afflicted together to share stories and provide support."

As of this writing, 62 people have signed up for the event. Carley's hope is that they get 100 participants.

"The citizens of Amboy have been so supportive with their words of encouragement and donations offered," she shared. "Run, walk, jog, whatever it takes to be a part of a fun day." Barlow will be in attendance and Carley has a wish.

"My vision is to walk a short distance with my father and family to the finish line to show our appreciation for everyone's continued support," she said.

Registration is \$25 per person. Race time is 8 a.m., and will start at 11 East Hawley Street. All runners get a t-shirt and a gift card from Meusel's Dairy Delite. For more information visit Carley Hagemann on Facebook. All proceeds will go to CurePSP organization.

ARCH

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Other stories include, that back in the 50s the arch caught fire and the pillars were removed. Amboy Public Works Director Jeramey Wittenauer went about the process of bringing the arch back to life.

"We certainly weren't going to throw it away," he said. "We did an in-house refurbish re-burnt the lettering and re-sealed it and added new posts. It came out good."

Amboy Mayor John Schamberger said that the feedback has been positive. "Everyone really likes it," he said. "We had an old welcome log that had rotted and we thought that where it was would be the perfect place for the arch. It's displayed prominently and we are very thankful for our talented Maintenance Department who did such a great job with this project."

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Congratulations to the top students of the Amboy and LaMoille Classes of 2023!



AHS Top Students
Front row, left to right, Courtney Ortgiesen, Alexzandra Vaessen, Courtney Lachat, Olivia Costner; back row, Bradley Dinwiddie, Kelton Schwamberger, Charlie Dickinson, Wesley Wilson, Garrett Pertell and James Curl. Not pictured: Aislinn Zitelman

LHS Top Students



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LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

Draw Down Online Auction Info and Thank You's

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and a special thank you to these individuals who volunteered to serve, donated cookies, or ran errands: Tammy and Scott Strub; Folsom's bakery; Bert Glenn; Mark Grossman; Janine Huffman, Shelli Bump; Jillian, Lila, and Liam Rieskamp; Sid Thomas; Maddy Thomas; Larry Piper; Kathy Gardner; Nicole and AJ Fisher; Patrick Jones; Elijah Zimmerly; Michael and Matthew Farrar; Barb Harrison; Cordia Ascencio; Brooklyn Strub; Amboy City Workers; Brooke and Denny Weidman; and Bob and Bonnie Faivre.

Special thanks to these folks who gave back their winnings: Bill Burke; Mary Greff; Joyce Schamberger; Scott and Janine Huffman; Dennis Rose Moss; Dan and Lonnie Schaefer and Elmer and Kay Shaw.

Thank you to Rosemary Buckley and Laura Miller Hudson for donating back their auction items won.

Summer Camp

Let's play video games will be our theme for six weeks. It will begin, June 12 and end July 17th for pre-k to 4th grade. Pre-K and K will be on Mondays, first and second are on Tuesdays, and third and fourth will be on Wednesdays. Information packets are in our 24/7 hallway and were sent to Amboy Central School to distribute. In addition for those kids going into fifth grade, sixth, seventh, eighth, and high school, we are accepting applications for the all day community program and that program started on June 5 and goes to July 26. You can sign up. If you have any questions, please call Teen Turf building at 815-857-4800. Let's have a great summer. Check out our pictures on Facebook.

Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community:

Bill and Vicky Schauer for the granola bars and ice pops; Anna Mainhart for the puzzles; Sue Stephenitch for the cups; Harriet Kelchner for clothes and hygiene items; Mark and Kim Becker; Martha Henley for the cookies; Pete and Connie Kemp for items; Scott and Debbie Clayton for the school supplies and City of Amboy for the snacks.

Needs

Granola Bars

Final Note

We adore your healing power, and We have perfect confidence in all of your provisions. We pray for your miraculous healing to heal the body of anyone in need. Take away all their pain, almighty God, and give rest to their tired and weary body and soul.

Remind us that hope lies ahead, and allow us to believe in your compassion and lovingkindness towards your faithful servants, Father. In Jesus' name, we pray today. Amen.

BOARD

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New businesses in Sublette

Don Dinges, the Sublette economic development coordinator, reported he spoke to the owners of two new Sublette businesses – T&R Sales and Orzech Auto Truck and Tow – and stated they are happy with their receptions.

Dinges also spoke with representatives from the camps of Illinois State Senator Win Stoller and Illinois House Representative Bradley Fritts as both said they would attend a village information night.

The St. Ambrose University reunion that was held in Sublette last summer is coming back to La Fiesta as St. Ambrose contacted Dinges and said last year's turnout welcomes another reunion to the village.

Village Board

Trustee MacKenzie Belan made a motion for Sublette to pay the one-time \$100 fee to the Illinois Department of Transportation to keep the message board in its current location.

Without the IDOT permit, there can't be any advertising on the message board.

Kessel seconded and all trustees agreed.

W. Main Project

Trustee Larry Ellis made a motion to pay \$5,906 to BLH Construction to pour two cement pads (one 10x10 for the Christmas tree) and cut the sidewalk.

It was seconded by Bob Bulfer. Richard Klaser nayed, but the motion passed.

Village President

John Stenzel began his Sublette Village President address by clarifying that he did not call the Illinois Department of Natural Resources about UTVs in Sublette.

He has been approached about the problem of UTVs being driven in the village, but he did not call the DNR to initiate tickets.

Stenzel also spoke on the village board movement being addressed in 2017 without action, information night not having a set date, and the Sublette Memorial Day program set for 11 a.m. on May 28.

Drainage, pothole work

Trustee Bob Bulfer made the motion for \$9,545 be paid for 17 pothole locations to be cleaned and repaired. Ellis seconded and all agreed.

Village President Appointments

Stenzel had a list of positions for appointed officials.

With Katie Leffelman resigning as the village clerk, Stenzel appointed MaKenzie Kessel to take over duties for the rest of Leffelman's term, June 1, 2023 to April 30, 2025.

Ellis motioned, Klaser seconded, Bob Bulfer nayed, and Julie Kessel abstained.

All trustees agreed to appoint Dana Considine of Ehrmann, Gehlbach, Badger & Considine to be the village attorney, Don Dinges as the economic development coordinator, Arch, Hopkins & Associates as the certified public accountant, and MaKenzie Kessel as the freedom of information officer.

The board also agreed to appointing Chris Leffelman, Steve Althaus, Will Klein, Tyler Jackson, Greg Vaessen, and Katie Leffelman to the Sublette Centennial Park Board, Hugh McCoy, Jeff Spitz, and Joe Klein to the Sublette Planning Commission, and Maurice Zimmerlein, Anthony Morgan, Mark Henkel, Jeremy Zapf, Evan Bickett, and John Stenzel to the Sublette Antique Tractor and Toy Show Board.

Toy Show Scholarships

After the appointments, Stenzel addressed the Sublette Antique Tractor and Toy Show giving out five scholarships this year.

The scholarships will go to a member of the Amboy FFA, the Mendota FFA, the Maytown Comets, and the Sublette Indians, while the fifth will be awarded to an Amboy High School stewardship in memory of Dean Stephenitch.

The toy show will also pay \$250 to both the Mendota FFA and Woodhaven Lakes, \$500 to the Sublette EDC and Sublette Township Community Building, and \$1,000 to the Sublette Park Board for tables, chairs, and help with the annual antique tractor and toy show.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department will have Immunization Clinics for Children and Adults by appointment only. Call 815-284-3371 to make an appointment or for information on other services available. You

may also visit the website at www.lchd.com for a list of services available.

AMBOY- Lee County 4-H offers horse clinics in May. Classes will be held on May 16, 23 and 30 at

5:30 p.m. at the Lee County 4-H Center in Amboy. Youth will learn more about showmanship, horsemanship, pleasure, and driving. If you are unable to bring your horse, please call the Lee County Extension Office at least 24 hours prior to the class. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information contact Katie McBride at 815-857-3525. Register for these events at go.illinois.edu/LeeHorseClinic

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Tales for Tots program on Saturday, May 20, from 10-11 a.m.

FRANKLIN GROVE- Franklin Creek Conservation Association will present Dandelion Wine and Wild Fermentation from 2-4 p.m., on Saturday, May 20, at the Franklin Creek Grist Mill, 1893 Twist Rd., Franklin Grove. This is a brewing class where participants will explore the art of crafting exquisite wines and beers using

foraged ingredients. Class fee is \$20 and must be 21 years or older to participate. Register online at donorbox.org/events/437935 or call the Grist Mill at 815-456-2718.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Junior Craft Club on Monday, May 22, from 4:30 - 6 p.m.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, May 22. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

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U OF I EXTENSION NEWS

Extension to Offer Growing Horticulture in Northwest Illinois Series

Growing Horticulture in Northwest Illinois is for anyone interested in learning more about gardening, growing food in a home or community garden, or looking for ideas for the upcoming growing season. University of Illinois Extension is pleased to announce this free gardening series starting in June at the Lee and Whiteside County Extension offices. Extension Horticulture Educator Bruce Black will be presenting this series.

"Horticulture is a great way to get fresh air, daily exercise, and a fun hobby for families," states Black. "Participating in this series can help improve your horticulture knowledge & growing season whether you are growing food for your family, growing flowers, or even just tending your landscape."

The series will be held from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Extension offices in Sterling starting June 14 and Amboy starting June 22. Pre-registration is required one week before each session and can be completed online at go.illinois.edu/WhitesideGrowingHort for Sterling and go.illinois.edu/LeeGrowingHort for Amboy.

Master Gardeners Answer Horticulture Questions

What is causing my plants to die? Will these insects destroy my vegetable garden? What perennials are best suited for my yard? What tree will give me the best shade? How much fertilizer should I put on my yard? If these questions bothered you last year or might pertain to you this year, you can receive answers again by calling University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners.

We bring you the resources and research from the University of Illinois through our Master Gardener program. Carroll-Lee-Whiteside Master Gardeners can help you with your home horticulture and gardening questions. Call the Carroll, Lee, or Whiteside County Extension office as problems or concerns unfold. There is no charge for this service, and it is available through September. Carroll County, 815-244-9444; Lee County, 815-857-3525; Whiteside County, 815-632-3611.

Lee County Master Gardener Plant Sale to Support Extension Programs

Fill your gardens with growing things and your heart with a giving attitude. Saturday, May 20, the Lee County Master Gardeners will host their annual Plant Sale from 8-11 a.m. at the Lee County 4-H Center near Amboy.

All proceeds benefit Extension programs offered by Lee County. Master Gardeners contribute plants right from their gardens. Plants to be sold include annuals, perennials, vegetables, grasses, and flowers. The sale will occur rain or shine.

Sublette to host St. Ambrose Happy Hour

SUBLETTE — On Thursday, June 8, the Village of Sublette will be invaded by bees – St. Ambrose University Bees.

Each year during June St. Ambrose alumni and friends gather in large cities including Davenport, Des Moines and Clinton, Iowa, as well as Chicago, Rockford, Peoria and Scottsdale, Ariz., for a Bee Happy Hour. For the past two years, Sublette has been included as a location for the "Fighting Bees" to swarm.

St. Ambrose is the patron of bee keepers.

This year's gathering will be held on June 8, at LaFiesta Restaurant in downtown Sublette from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. There will be light snacks and an open bar and a chance for the Fighting Bees to catch up, tell stories and network with people who have an interest in St. Ambrose.

The event is being hosted by Linda Grady, Penn Farringer, Madison Althaus and Don Dinges.

All former students, current students and friends of St. Ambrose are invited to attend. Last year, the Bee Happy Hour was attended by over 40 Bees, and it is hoped this year's attendance will be even bigger.

St. Ambrose University is located in Davenport, Iowa, and many students from this area attend the school.

For more information, call Linda Grady at 815-883-1100, Penny Farringer at 815-677-5938 or Don Dinges at 815-713-5675. More information is also available on St. Ambrose's website.

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Patricia Ellen Williams Feb. 25, 1947 - Jan. 7, 2023

HOTSPRINGS, Ark. — Patricia Ellen Williams, 75, of Hot Springs, Ark., passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023.

Born Feb. 25, 1947, in Amboy, Illinois, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Christy Conway and Dorothy Reid Conway.

Patricia is survived by her husband, Keith Williams; her children, Mark (Carmaleta) LaChat, of Amboy, Carol (Dennis) Ranger, of Monroe, Ga., and Brenda (Phil) Willstead, of Fayetteville; along with her 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; her sister, Marlene (Ronald) Egler, of Sublette; and her two nephews, Chad (Heather) Egler and Ryan (Araceli) Egler.

Patricia was predeceased by her niece, Tiffany Blake.

Patricia loved her family and always wished she could see them more often. She took great pride in her Irish roots. She was a free spirit and gypsy at heart and would speak of how much she enjoyed the years traveling in her RV making her living at flea markets. Patricia struggled many years with severe osteoporosis, which limited her ability to do the things she wanted. In spite of this, she was always optimistic and kind to everyone. Patricia is loved and will be greatly missed by many.

A graveside service will be conducted at Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy, on May



20, 2023 at 1 p.m. Please send condolences to Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, 303 E. Main St., Amboy, IL 61310. www.thejonesfh.com.

In her memory please consider donating to www.osteoporosis.foundation/donate in lieu of flowers.

William C. “Bill” Schaneberg Oct. 18, 1929 - May 6, 2023

FRANKLIN GROVE — William C. “Bill” Schaneberg, 93, of Franklin Grove, died on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at Pinecrest Manor in Mt. Morris.

He was born on Oct. 18, 1929, in Rochelle the son of Clyde and Rose (Hinchey) Schaneberg. Bill was a life long farmer and worked for Del Monte in Rochelle, Pfoutz Electric, Heating, and Cooling. Owned and Operated Little City Garbage in Franklin Grove, and Fantasy Flavors in Amboy prior to his retirement.

He married Laura “Opal” Glenn on May 12, 1951 in

Rochelle.

She preceded him in death on Feb. 2, 2019. Bill is also preceded in death by his parents; son Tony Schaneberg; five sisters; and four brothers.

He is survived by his children, Calvin Schaneberg, Phil (Judy) Schaneberg; four grandchildren, Brandon (Brittany) Schaneberg, Devan Duncan, Chrissy (Mark) Smardo, and William “Willy” (Heather Settles) Schaneberg; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 11 a.m., at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.



Burial followed at Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Lee Center Woodside Cemetery hosts Memorial Day weekend service

LEE CENTER — The Lee Center Woodside Cemetery board and the Lee Center Congregational Church will be co-hosting their annual Memorial Day Weekend Service on Sunday, May 28, at 10:30 a.m., at Woodside Cemetery.

This year’s guest speaker will be Mrs. Betty McMahon who will speak about the first flag raising on Mt. Suribachi during the battle at Iwo Jima. The first flag raising photo was taken on February 23, 1945 and features

her dad Marine PFC James Michels in the front holding a rifle, guarding the perimeter.

During the service, Pastor Jack Briggs will also have a short reflection. They will be recognizing the 167 veterans in the cemetery through a roll call. Patriotic songs will also be sung. Anyone who is planning to attend this service should bring along their own lawn chairs. In case of rains, the ceremony will be held at the Lee Center Congregational Church in Lee Center.

The Lee County Sheriff’s Office announces distracted driving enforcement results

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Sheriff’s Office announced it issued 29 citations for handsfree law violations and three Speeding Citations, one DUI, one Suspended Driver, one Warrant Arrest and seven other citations during April’s Distracted Driving Awareness Month enforcement campaign.

“We strongly enforce traffic laws for one reason — to save lives,” said Chief Deputy Derek Ranken. “This increased enforcement was implemented to help motorists avoid

the often-deadly consequences of distracted driving with a simple reminder: Drop it and drive.”

The Lee County Sheriff’s Office joined forces with the Illinois State Police, local law enforcement and highway safety partners for this enforcement effort.

The Illinois distracted driving campaign is funded with federal traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Fritts passes fourth bill through House

SPRINGFIELD — On Monday, State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon), passed Senate Bill 1127. Following the passage, he released the following statement:

“The state of Illinois and the city of Rochelle have invested millions of dollars of infrastructure into this area to bring new business to the state,” said Rep. Fritts. “This bill protects that investment by ensuring that it is exempt from the new wind and solar law passed at the end of the 102nd General Assembly.”

SB1127 passed the House

with a unanimous vote of 101-0. The bill protects the land within a 4-mile radius of the intersection of Interstates 39 and 88 from being developed into wind or solar energy sites.

“Special thanks to Jason Anderson and Mayor John Bearrows from the city of Rochelle, Tom Demmer from Lee County Industrial Development Association, and Senator Win Stoller for the group effort of pushing through this much-needed legislation.”

Following the passage, former State Representative

Tom Demmer commented, “Thanks to many years and millions of dollars of investment from federal, state, and local government, the Dual Rail Megasite in northeast Lee County is a prime spot for industrial development and job creation. This bill helps ensure we can make the most of those infrastructure investments, and attract projects that will add jobs to our local economy.”

For more information about Representative Fritts, visit RepFritts.com.

Rep. Spain announces annual summer reading club program

PEORIA — State Representative Ryan Spain announced the official launch of his Seventh Annual Summer Reading Club Program for grade school students who live within the 73rd Legislative District. The program is offered to encourage students to read over the summer and

promote the lifelong benefits of literacy.

“Students who read over the summer enter the school year in the fall ahead of students who do not read over the summer. This is a fun way to reward students by simply reading eight books over their summer break and returning

a form signed by a parent or guardian. It’s important for all of us in our communities to encourage students to get ahead by becoming better readers,” said Spain.

Brochures were distributed recently through area schools, but are also available on Rep. Spain’s website at repyrianspain.com or by calling his Peoria District Office. Participation in this program can overlap with any other summer reading program offered through area libraries. Participating students have until July 31st to read their eight books and will be sent a prize upon completion of the program.

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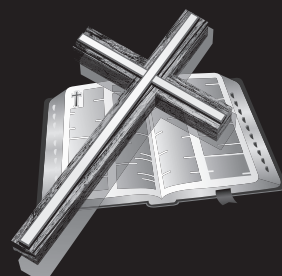
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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook

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THE MASTER GARDENER

Reginald Arkell's "Old Herbaceous" (1950) is a classic British garden novel whose hero is Bert Pinnegar, well into his eighties, who spends his time reflecting upon his remarkable life. It is early autumn, "the time of year and the time of day that the old man loved best.... They had made up his bed by the cottage window, and there he would sit, half waking and half sleeping, dreaming of this and that. From where he sat, propped up among his cushions, he could see into the Manor gardens."

He arrived on a May morning a newborn baby wrapped in an old cotton skirt on Mrs. Pinnegar's cottage doorstep. Mrs. Pinnegar, the cowman's wife, a kindly soul with six children of her own, gladly took him in. Old Pinnegar fondly thinks back "to the hump-backed bridge over the old canal, and the small boy in the torn corduroys and hob-nailed boots." His life took a most fortunate turn when the school teacher, Mary Brain, "a robust person with a robust appearance, who employed robust methods to secure her inevitable goal," befriended him. "So it was that young Herbert, creeping like a frightened kitten into a strange, cold world, discovered a wonderful new heaven where he really meant something to somebody at last."

Mary Brain was the greatest authority on wildflowers in the county. She taught young Herbert everything about wildflowers worth knowing. A shy boy, he nevertheless decided to enter the local flower show competition with a bouquet of wildflowers. He lost heart when his wildflowers looked puny compared to the other entries. Deeply ashamed, he faced the judges, but "that imposing collection of autocrats were accompanied by the most lovely, laughing lady he had ever seen. Almost a girl she was; not a day older than 18 – young Herbert stood in the centre of the tent with his mouth wide open and promptly fell in love, forever, and ever, amen." She was Mrs. Charteris, the Lady of the Manor, and she declared Herbert's wildflowers the winner. She soon hired him for her Manor gardens, where he rose from apprentice to head gardener.

"During those splendid years Mrs. Charteris had been as proud of her head gardener as he had been proud of himself. Together, they had worked and planned until the Manor garden had become one of the show places of the country. People came half across England – even from America." The young men who worked under Pinnegar called him Old Herbaceous behind his back. "But crusty Bert Pinnegar, head gardener at the Manor, didn't care what liberties they took. His first love had always been his lady's garden, throughout his eighty years on God's green earth; and if he had made it a little greener, why, that was all that mattered."

OSF HealthCare Saint Paul announces DAISY award winner

MENDOTA — As a partner in the international DAISY award program that recognizes the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care of nurses, OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center recently presented its DAISY award to Sara Schiefelbein, RN.

Schiefelbein is a registered nurse in the emergency department at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center. She has been an OSF Mission Partner for 38 years.

"We truly appreciate the compassionate care that RNs perform every day, and the DAISY award is one way to recognize these dedicated individuals," said Heather Bomstad, vice president and chief nursing officer for OSF Saint Paul Medical Center.

Schiefelbein's nomination included, "I had the best nurse today. She was so patient and very helpful. I could tell that she has much wisdom to share. She explained to me what I needed to know. She checked back on me when she said she would, which meant a lot. I don't move very quickly anymore. I never felt like a



Zackary VanKeulen, director of Emergency Services, Sara Schiefelbein, RN and Heather Bomstad, vice president and chief nursing officer for OSF Saint Paul Medical Center.

Photo submitted

bother. Thank you for that; I feel that way at my age. Lastly, you talked to me. Most people speak loudly as if I can't hear."

The DAISY award program can be found in over 2,000 healthcare facilities

in all 50 states and 14 other countries. OSF HealthCare encourages patients, family members, and fellow staff to recognize caregivers who have provided exceptional care and service by nominating them for an award

to honor their dedication. For more information about the DAISY and Sunflower awards or to submit a nomination, visit: <https://www.osfhealthcarefoundation.org/gratefulpatient/>.

Woodlawn Arts Academy spring music recitals set for May 23 and 25

STERLING — Woodlawn Arts Academy music students will perform in three recitals in late May. The private lesson students of Nadine Appel, Crystal Green, James Miller and Nicole Oberg will perform at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 23 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sterling. Vocal music students of Mardi Huffstutler will perform at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 25 at Woodlawn Arts Academy. Each recital will feature

a different group of students. All are free to attend, but donations are welcomed.

Woodlawn's private music lesson program runs year-round and is open to children and adults. Ages and tuition vary per instructor. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify. Call 815-626-4278 or stop in the Woodlawn office to register or apply for financial assistance.

Woodlawn Arts Academy is an

agency of United Way of Whiteside and Lee counties, and financial assistance is available to those who qualify. Details on the Academy's programming and financial assistance applications are available in the Academy office or on the website at www.woodlawnartsacademy.com. The Academy's programs are partially funded by grants from the Illinois Arts Council Agency and The Chicago Community Foundation.

OSF HealthCare and St. Margaret's Health sign letter of intent

PERU — OSF HealthCare has signed a letter of intent with St. Margaret's Health to purchase some select assets, including the now closed St. Margaret's Health – Peru and other locations across the Illinois Valley.

The goal is for Peru to eventually have an emergency department and select other services.

"Despite the challenges we've faced, we have remained committed to our Mission and to the values of Catholic health care," said Tim Muntz, St. Margaret's Health President & CEO. "Together with OSF, we are exploring how residents

of the Illinois Valley can access quality health care for years to come."

"The Mission of OSF HealthCare to serve with the greatest care and love has always been extended to and inclusive of the Illinois Valley," said August Querciagrossa, Chief Executive Officer Western Region, OSF HealthCare. "Our intent is to

preserve and sustain access to high quality, local health care for the residents of these communities."

The next step is to seek regulatory approvals. While the process will take time, the hope is to bring back emergency care and select inpatient services to Peru as soon as possible. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

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Opinion

Benefits of the small business are great

Hardware stores are my guilty pleasure. No, I'm not talking about the big box monstrosities that sell gallons of milk and bags of dog food right next to the rolls of duct tape.

I like the small family-owned enterprises where the owner knows your name and the fellow back in plumbing knows exactly what part you need for a particular project.

One of my favorite Springfield stores, Noonan True Value, is getting out of the retail hardware business. The firm is going to focus on its equipment rental, barbecue grill sales and selling tools in bulk.

Businesses have to adapt to changing times. I get it. But I'll miss walking down the back aisle and buying the three 5/16ths bolts that I need instead of being forced to buy a whole box.

But more importantly I'll miss the institutional memory. A while back, I was working on a home improvement project late in the evening. Noonan's, Ace and the other family-owned operations had already closed.

So, I drove to Menards and walked half a mile back to their hardware section. I asked a pimply faced teenager for some 3-inch-long 1/4 inch bolts and the corresponding nuts.

When I got home and opened up the bag, I saw he had

Guest Column
By Scott Reeder



given me 1/4 inch bolts along with 1/4 inch nuts. I was furious. That size bolt takes a 7/16ths inch fastener.

Growing up on a farm, I knew what bolts and nuts went together when I was 10. But the youngster working in the hardware department didn't have a clue. The most basic rule of sales is, know what you are selling. But apparently he never was taught that.

I should have checked his work. But I'm so used to going to places like Noonan's, where the staff is knowledgeable, that I forgot that not every retailer functions with the same level of competence.

When I was growing up near Galesburg, the town had at least four family-owned hardware stores. Today, it has none. But it does have a Lowe's and a Menard's sitting on the edge of town sending profits to out-of-town corporate

owners.

When I purchased a home and moved to Springfield 24 years ago, my father hollered at me the day I moved in. Why? Because I had been foolish enough to buy a couple buckets of paint from one of those big box stores.

He believed in giving money to those who gave you money. He was a veterinarian who bought his car from the Dodge

dealer who brought his dog to his practice. Our family doctor had a herd of polled Herefords under my father's care. And we only could buy milk from the local dairy that bought milk from the farmers he served.

After the tongue lashing from dad, I became a customer of Dellert's Paint Co. The store on South MacArthur Boulevard has been owned by the same family since 1943. The first time I entered the store, I handed a chip of paint to the owner, who began working there during World War II. He matched the color better than any machine.

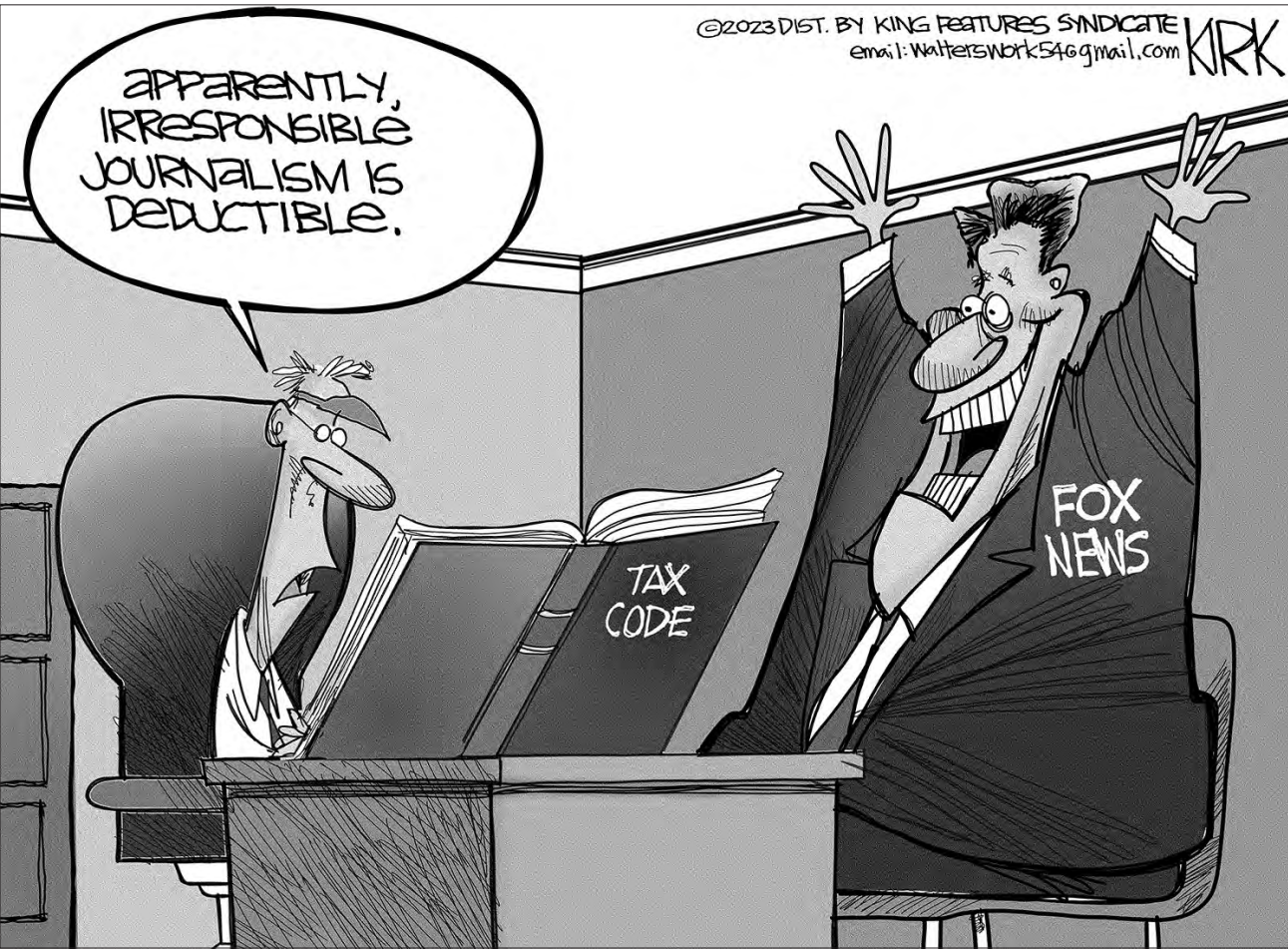
I've been going there ever since. The service is excellent and they always address me by name. Even when we put an addition on our house, I told our contractor that all of the paint was to come from Dellert's.

Independent businesses return to the community in a variety of other ways. For example, Noonan's sells cheese on behalf of my Kiwanis club. The proceeds go to help local children.

It's difficult to imagine a national retailer setting up a refrigerator near their checkout lane so customers can spend money that is not going toward the company's bottom line but instead to a worthy cause. But Noonan's has been doing that year after year.

It's this type of community commitment that keeps me coming back. Running a small business is hard. But the benefits are great – not just to the owners and their customers – but to the community as well.

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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago May 18, 1923

Saturday, May 26, will be a big day of opportunity for those who trade in Amboy. The Merchants' Committee of the Amboy Commercial Club are sponsoring a Special Sale Day and all business houses are cooperating.

A Chi-Namel demonstrator will give lessons and explain the art of refinishing and converting old furniture into the up-to-date enameled effects which are now in fashion. The demonstration will be held at Aschenbrenner Pharmacy.

75 Years Ago May 13, 1948

Ron Ellis, Amboy Township High School junior, left for Champaign-Urbana to compete in the state track meet. He qualified for competition by tying for first place in the pole vault when he cleared the bar at 11'6" at the district meet in Ottawa.

The Girls Athletic Association held their semi-formal Spring Dance at the AHS auditorium with music by Al Grace and his orchestra.

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50 Years Ago May 17, 1973

The second annual Amboy Rodeo will be held May 25-28 with Governor Dan Walker serving as parade marshal on Sunday. Rodeo queen contestants included local girls Geri Steder, Meg Albee, Tara Hassler, Sue Bonnell, Jackie Full and Roxie Archer.

25 Years Ago May 14, 1998

Frank Stenzel has been appointed as the new Amboy Fire Protection District Chief. This was effective May 1 after the resignation of Rocky Sensenig. Stenzel, who has been with the department for 25 years, started out as an EMT in 1973, became a Firefighter II in 1977, a lieutenant in 1983 and captain in 1988. In 1992 he became an assistant chief along with Mike Koppien who will continue

in that position.

Kreider Services of Dixon announces the hiring of Jul E. Adams of Walnut as Public Relations Coordinator as of May 4. A graduate of Northern Illinois University, Adams has held positions in management and business throughout her career. Formerly the executive director of the Chamber of Commerce in Walnut, Adams also worked previously in the Dixon community for 17 years.

Students attending Sauk Valley Community College will have an opportunity to make the transition into Western Illinois University even easier thanks to a dual admission agreement signed May 8 by the two institutions.

Upon a court order issued by Judge Thomas Magdich, a building foundation on Commercial Avenue was removed by city workers Monday. The foundation, allegedly belonging to Jeff Cardot, had been found to be in violation of city zoning ordinances. According to Amboy Mayor Hank Gerdes, Cardot failed to comply with requests to remove the foundation himself and, as a result, will be billed for the city's expense in removing it.



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LOCAL NEWS

Warm weather puts a spring in the step of lawn and garden scams

ROCKFORD—With recent storms dumping heavy rain the past couple of weeks just in time for warmer temperatures, lawns are quickly greening up and coming to life. While there are many great high-quality lawn and garden experts to hire, unfortunately, there are many scam operators as well.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is altering consumers of the annual uptick in lawn-care scams, which can be challenging to spot.

You may envision a lush green lawn and all the herbs, flowers, and vegetables you'll harvest at the end of the season. But you'll need to put in hard work – and some homework – to make your dream garden a reality.

Complaints coming into the BBB Scam-tracker reveal victims who pay for a season of services up front, only never to see the scammer again. Often people sign a contract without reading the fine print, and prices can be significantly increased for additional services the homeowner did not want or need. A beautiful lawn can be appealing and environmentally friendly, but it can take a lot of work and be a tricky project.

Caring for a yard under the best circumstances can still be challenging; extended periods of extreme weather, dull lawnmower

blades, bugs, pests, and heavy foot traffic can lead to a lawn needing extra care.

Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau, says, "Each year, especially in spring, we receive many complaints for these types of services. Before selecting a business, evaluate your needs and do your research at BBB.org before hiring. You also want to be especially careful when using a business, you are unfamiliar with that uses high-pressure tactics." Horton notes, "Not all lawn care scams are the same. Sometimes, the business will offer a free inspection and then set up a recurring lawn care schedule and charges, regardless of the homeowner's wishes. Other times it's about shoddy work and charging a pretty penny for it, not delivering services as promised, or tacking on extra charges without warning."

"Be certain of the services you need," says Horton. "Some businesses specialize in one area, while others offer various services." **LANDSCAPING:** Landscaping businesses design landscapes for designated areas, select the appropriate plants, and provide and install the plants.

LAWN MAINTENANCE: Services include mowing, edging, weeding of flower beds, treating for insect disease, weed control,

trimming of shrubs, irrigation systems checks, and fertilizing.

SPRINKLER SYSTEMS/IRRIGATION: Services provided by sprinkler system businesses include design installation, general maintenance, and repair. Check with your state or county to see if special licenses are required to do this work.

To make a success of your garden and stay on budget, BBB recommends the following tips:

Research garden centers and landscaping companies. Before you head out to buy the supplies you need for your garden, find a reputable business to purchase from. Remember that national chains often have low prices and good return policies, but they may not stock a wide variety of plants or accommodate specialty plant orders.

If you plan to hire extra help to get your garden thriving, you can also look up landscaping, lawn maintenance, and irrigation specialists.

- Search. BBB.org for ratings and reviews to find businesses you can trust.

- Plan ahead. If you are starting a garden from scratch, think carefully about what kind of plants you want to cultivate and where they will thrive best in your yard.

- Ask for advice. Plant nurseries usually have knowledgeable staff to help you with your gardening questions.

- Know what you are buying. It's a good idea to ask garden center staff if plants were grown locally or in a greenhouse somewhere else. They may do well in the garden center's-controlled environment, but will they flourish in your garden zone and climate? Will they survive if planted outdoors?

- Understand plant return policies. Return policies vary from store to store, so get to know store policies before making any significant purchases. Some nurseries will give you a free replacement for a diseased plant; others may have stricter "no refund/exchange" policies.

- Weigh the pros and cons of buying clearance plants. Inspect clearance plants may be root-bound, drought-stressed, or hiding weeds or pests. Make sure the plant is in good health before you buy it.

For more information If you've encountered a scam, report it to BBB Scam Tracker. Your report exposes scammer tactics. Sign up for BBB's free consumer newsletter, BBB Edge, at BBB.org/ChicagoBuzz. Visit BBB.org or follow us @ChicagoBBB on social media. Look for the BBB seal, The Sign of a Better Business.

May is Foster Parent Appreciation Month

CHICAGO—May is Foster Parent Appreciation Month, a time to honor and celebrate the 8,350 foster families across the state who have made it their life's mission to care for Illinois' most vulnerable children and encourage more Illinoisans to join them by becoming licensed foster families.

Children are placed in the temporary care of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) by local courts when it is determined that their families cannot safely care for them. DCFS works tirelessly with families to make the positive changes necessary, from addiction ser-

vices to counseling and housing assistance, to successfully reunite families with their children. During this critical time, foster families step in to provide homes where children are protected, nurtured and loved. Today, there are more than 20,000 children living in foster care in the state: 8,200 are living with foster families, 11,000 with relatives and 600 in group homes.

"Our foster families have chosen to open their hearts and homes to provide a loving and accepting environment where our youth in care can begin to heal from the trauma they have endured," said Illinois DCFS Director Marc D. Smith. "As rewarding as this role is, it can also be challenging, and I am incredibly grateful to our foster families for making a positive difference in the lives of the children who need them the most."

Foster homes are needed for children of all ages, including sibling groups, adolescents, African American and Latino children, children with special medical needs, teenage mothers and their babies and LGBTQI+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and/or questioning, intersex) children. To learn more about some of the children in need of a foster family, visit the Heart Gallery of Illinois at <https://greenlight-familyservices.org/heartgalleryofil/>.

Making the decision to become a foster parent is a serious commitment to a child who needs stability and love. DCFS and a network of private agency partners offer a range of supports to foster families, including a monthly stipend for the child's basic needs, such as food, clothing and housing

costs; a medical card; therapeutic, educational, recreational and crisis support services; and access to caseworkers, training programs and support groups to meet the child's and family's needs.

Foster families also become part of a team, working with DCFS and private agencies, birth families, counselors, physicians and the courts to reunite children with their families whenever possible.

The licensing process to become a foster parent can take up to six months. Prospective foster families are required to: Participate in a social assessment and home inspection.

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Complete a criminal background check of all household members.

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There are many types of foster care, including traditional care, emergency/shelter care, medical/therapeutic care, relative/kinship care, respite/short-term care and tribal care.

To learn more about becoming a licensed foster parent, fill out the online interest form on the DCFS website: <https://dcfs.illinois.gov>. Click on Loving Homes, then click on Become a Foster or Adoptive Parent.

Sen. Stoller initiative to protect Lee County's Enterprise Zone passes

LEE COUNTY – A preexisting Enterprise Zone in the Lee County area is now one step closer to being safe from potential wind farm projects uprooting years of planning thanks to legislation filed and passed by State Senator Win Stoller (R-Germantown Hills).

The Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone is a 2,000-acre designated area along I-39 and I-88 that local, state and federal officials have invested more than \$70 million in power, water, sewer, road, rail, fiber and bridge infrastructure over the last 25 years. The Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone was created to attract thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars in new EAV.

"Local leaders and officials have spent years and millions of dollars creating and building an Enterprise Zone in Lee and Ogle Counties," said Sen. Stoller. "All of their years of hard work and investment faced the serious threat of being undone because of new and controversial statewide siting standards for renewable projects that ignored preexisting enterprise zoning."

During Lame Duck session, House Bill 4412 was passed and signed into law. This piece of legislation created a statewide siting standard for renewable projects that overruled local zoning authority and would have potentially threatened long term plans for the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone. Sen. Stoller's Senate Bill 1127 exempts the Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone from the state's new siting rules.

"This legislation ensures that local officials no longer have to worry about an outside renewable energy company deciding that they want to come into this enterprise zone and disrupt years of economic development to help attract new businesses and jobs," continued Sen. Stoller.

Senate Bill 1127 passed both the Senate and the House without any opposition, and now will be sent to the Governor's office for his signature.

IDOA announces poultry shows return for 2023 fair season

SPRINGFIELD - The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) has announced the return of poultry shows for the 2023 fair season. The influx of highly pathogenic avian influenza cases forced the cancellation of in-person junior and open poultry shows at Illinois county fairs and the Illinois State Fair in 2022, with only virtual poultry shows being held.

"We still want to remind our exhibitors to practice good biosecurity on your farm and monitor your flock for signs of disease, especially the birds you plan to exhibit for 14 days prior to the show," said Dr. Mark Ernst, IDOA State Veterinarian.

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SPORTS

Allen JH track athletes bring home state medals

By BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter
LaMOILLE – Allen Junior High was well represented at the IESA State Track and Field Meet on Saturday, May 13 at East Peoria, as it had seven state qualifiers.

Out of the seven, three stood on the podium as seventh graders Gaige Spangler took second in discus, Olivia Glasper was seventh in the shot put, and Aiden Robinson (also competed in the long jump) was eighth in the 200-meter dash.

“It means a lot. We had a lot of kids come out for track this year for the first time,” said co-coach Kenny Shrimplin, who has guided the Allen track team with his wife Staci Shrimplin for the last two seasons. “They were very successful. It’s nice to see them succeed in something, especially coming from LaMoille because we’re not a big town. It’s

very exciting and it’s a lot of fun to see them succeed and do good things at every single meet.

“Just to see the smiles on their faces, it capitalizes everything for us.”

The Shrimplins only coach track together as track and field is Staci’s favorite sport. She was a multiple state qualifier for Mendota and won an eighth-place medal in the 200 at the end of her senior year in 1994.

Kenny and Staci agree, Kenny is the disciplinarian while Staci teaches the proper techniques.

“It’s a lot communicating after practices and fixing everything we need to. We work very well as a team trying to figure out how to put the relay teams together and who needs to be where. It’s nice having him right next to me to get through this.”

Also representing Allen Junior High at the state meet in individual events



Allen Junior High in LaMoille made the best out of the IESA Track Meet on Saturday, May 13. After seven athletes qualified, three seventh graders won medals as Olivia Glasper was seventh in the shot put, Aiden Robinson finishes eighth in the 200-meter dash (also competed in long jump), and Gaige Spangler was second in discus. Also representing LaMoille at the state meet were Jhett Cowser in the 1600-meter run, and Jenna Monroe in the long jump. Monroe was joined for the 4x1 relay by Caidence Hendricks, Alexis Flanagan, and Olivea Glasper, who also competed in shot put.

Photos submitted

were Jhett Cowser in the 1,600-meter run and Jenna Monroe in the long jump.

Monroe was joined by Caidence Hendricks, Alexis

Flanagan, and Olivea Glasper, who was also in the shot put.

“For being our second year as coaches, we did

very well with a lot of new kids to track this year,” said Staci Shrimplin. “It really surprised me on how well

they listened, and they did what we asked them to do.

“It led to us succeeding at the end.”

AJH relay team wins state championship, sets record

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY – Practice was over.

The sun started to set. The parking lot emptied.

But the Amboy Junior High girls track and field team’s 400-meter relay team of Aubrey Wells, Madison “Maddie” Althaus, Lili Leffelman, and Alexa McKendry stayed on the track to improve their handoff speed.

The hard work paid off as Wells, Althaus, Leffelman, and McKendry won the IESA State Meet Class 2A 400-relay state championship and set a 2A record with their time of 53.24 on Saturday, May 13 in East Peoria.



Pictured left, Amboy Junior High eighth grader Madison “Maddie” Althaus left the IESA State Track and Field Event on Saturday, May 13 in East Peoria with three medals. Althaus joined Aubrey Wells, Lili Leffelman, and Alexa McKendry on the Class 2A state championship 400-relay team, which set a state record with its time of 53.24, and the fourth-place 1,600-meter relay team. Individually, she placed sixth in the 400-meter dash with a 1:03.42.

Photo submitted

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Jones qualifies for state meet in two events

ERIE – For the third straight year, Elly Jones will be making the trip to Charleston for the IHSAA State Track & Field Meet after she participated in the Erie Class 1A Sectional on May 10.

The Amboy-LaMoille team member qualified for state in two events – the 100-meter hurdles and the

triple jump. Jones, a junior, raced to a first-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles in a time of 16.47. While she placed fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 10.21 meters (33-5.5), the measurement was under the state qualifying mark of 10.18 meters (33-5).

Jones returned to action

after being sidelined with an ankle injury incurred during the Pecatonica Invitational on April 27.

“I’m proud of myself for qualifying for the third straight year; it’s crazy,” said Jones. “I was so scared when I got hurt. Honestly, I’m just really happy I was able to compete at the sectional. My

coach, Michael Robinson, and I talked, and we were both nervous, but taping my ankle definitely saved my life. We taped my ankle really tight so I couldn’t feel it.

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SPORTS

Clippers compete in Northwest Upstate Illini Conference track meet in Forreston

FORRESTON – The Amboy-LaMoille boys' track team had its final preparation for the sectional when it completed its regular season schedule in the Northwest Upstate Illini Conference track meet on May 11 at Forreston.

Kyler McNinch was the star of the show for the Clippers, earning two first-place medals. The senior had a winning time of 4:51.79 in the 1600-meter run and outran the competition in the 3200-meter run with a clocking of 10:31.56.

The next best finish for the Clippers belonged to Ian Sundberg, who took third place in the discus with a distance of 131-2.

Amboy-LaMoille placed sixth in the team standings with 64 points. Lena-Winslow (135) outdueled Galena (131) for the team championship.

May 11 – NUIC Boys' Meet
Lena-Winslow 135, Galena 131, Dakota 87, Forreston 85, Milledgeville 70, Am-

boy-LaMoille 64, Pecatonica 48, Stockton 31, Fulton 27, West Carroll 10, Pearl City 3
A-L 1st place: Kyle McNinch, 1600m run, 4:51.79; McNinch, 3200m run, 10:31.56

A-L 3rd place: Ian Sundberg, discus, 131-2
A-L 4th place: 4x400m relay (Joel Billhorn, Zane Murphy, Caleb Yanos, McNinch), 3:38.55; Ed Fry, high jump, 5-8

A-L 6th place: Billhorn, 400m dash, 53.90; 4x100m relay (Yanos, Billhorn, Kelton Schwamberger, Murphy), 46.12; 4x200m relay (Yanos, Brayden Klein, Schwamberger, Murphy), 1:37.42; Sundberg, shot put, 43-7; Zach Dunne, discus, 107-4; Billhorn, long jump, 19-1; Fry, triple jump, 38-1

A-L 7th place: Murphy, 100m dash, 11.62; Schwamberger, 200m dash, 24.17; Kydreel Green, shot put, 42-8

A-L 8th place: 4x800m relay (Aiden Marquez, Michael Shoemaker, Jaden Haley, Conner Deering), 10:39.66

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"I started track in fifth grade and I never thought this would happen, especially being a junior and I still have another year to compete. Little fifth grade me didn't expect qualifying for my ninth and tenth state events by my junior year."

Jones has won five medals during her first two years of state competition.

"We're always hoping for more and I know she wasn't happy that she didn't qualify in all four of her events like she has in the past," said Coach Robinson. "With the conditions that we were dealing with – two weeks before she gets hurt at a meet, she's in a boot for the week leading up to sectional, and then she was able to run – it was quite

a miracle.

"The fact that she was able to compete at the level that she did was even better. We were happy with what she was able to do. She was disappointed, but two is better than nothing."

The IHSA State Track & Field Meet will take place Thursday, May 18 through Saturday, May 20 at O'Brien Stadium on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

The Lady Clippers finished with 24.5 points in the sectional meet. Sherrard was crowned the team champion with 113 points.

May 10 – Erie Sectional
Sherrard 113, St. Bede 62, Erie 58.5, Fulton 55, Indian Creek 52, Milledgeville 44,

Rockridge 28, Amboy-LaMoille 24.5, West Carroll 24, Riverdale 23, Bureau Valley 21, Rock Island Alleman 14, Hall 11, Morrison 10, Newman 8, Marquette 8

A-L 1st place: *Elly Jones, 100m hurdles, 16.47

A-L 4th place: Jones, 300m hurdles, 53.27; *Jones, triple jump, 33-5.5

A-L 5th place: Bella Yanos, 200m dash, 27.68; Jones, long jump, 15-8.5

A-L 6th place: 4x200m relay (Jillian Anderson, Stephanie Nave, Lexi Ketchum, Yanos), 1:54.08; Anderson, high jump, 4-4; Yanos, long jump, 15-8

A-L 8th place: Yanos, 100m dash, 13.61; Samantha Nauman, 300m hurdles, 54.4 (* indicates state qualifier)

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Lee County property tax bills mailed May 23

LEE COUNTY — Paul Rudolphi, Lee County Treasurer, announced that his office will mail real estate bills on May 23 to Lee County

property owners. Taxes are payable in two installments due on June 23 and Sept. 1.

Anyone not receiving a bill can pay or print their

bill from www.leecountyil.com. Failure to receive a bill does not exempt liability for payment.

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"I grew up watching my sisters in track and they always went to state in junior high and high school," said Althaus. "I always went to them for advice and always wanted to do the same thing. Last year, I was third in the 400-meter dash and our 400-relay finished second.

"We worked really hard this season. We really wanted to come out on top and be state champions because we knew we could do it. We had a really good chance because we were ranked first. All season long we were in class looking at our ranking on athletic.net. We were so excited to see our times and to see what we needed to do to improve.

"It was really exciting to win the championship and break the 2A record." Althaus was a three-event state qualifier this year as she finished sixth in the 400 with a time of 1:03.42 and she joined fel-

low eighth graders Wells, Leffelman, and McKendry once again in the 1,600-meter relay where they finished fourth.

First-year Amboy Junior High track and field coach Brad Dunlap receives part of the credit of the 1,600-relay team's success.

"Last year, they didn't even run the 1600. They thought I was being mean by putting them in it this year," Dunlap said. "They advanced to state in both, so now they think I'm smart. I told them, 'You're fast and have a good chance, so you're going to do it.'

"They were pretty quiet because they knew I was right."

Amboy was also represented in the long jump by eighth grader Morgan Kreiser and seventh grader Karona Gall finished 12th in the high jump after winning the Class 2A Erie Sectional championship.

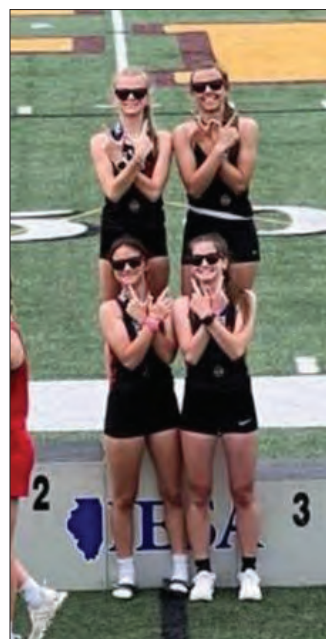
After winning the Erie Sectional as

a team, advancing five events to state, winning a state championship, setting a record, and bringing home numerous medals, Dunlap is proud of his athletes and his coaching staff.

"It's a big credit to the athletes who made it to state, and I have help with two other really good coaches, Katie Krogman and coach Allison Fox. Going from two events at state last year to five this year is pretty special," Dunlap said. "Hopefully, we can keep building it from here."

"We're really happy with this season. We thought we had a chance to get a few more girls to state this year. We had a lot of talent this year on both the boys and girls teams. Having Amboy represented in five events is special, especially for a small school like Amboy. They've worked really hard and we pushed them pretty hard this year.

"The hard work paid off."



The 400-meter relay team of Aubrey Wells, Madison Althaus, Lili Leffelman, and Alexa McKenry (the order they ran the race) not only won an IESA Class 2A state championship at the IESA State Meet on Saturday, May 13 in East Peoria, but it set the 2A state record with a time of 53.24.

Photo submitted

IDPH urges Illinoisans to get educated about tickborne illnesses at start of Lyme Disease Awareness Month

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is urging the public to get educated about how to protect themselves from Lyme disease at the start of National Lyme Disease Awareness Month. This year the Department is also unveiling a new resource to make it fun for families to learn about tickborne illnesses and "Fight the Bite": Tick Defense flyer and Knowledge Check crossword puzzle.

"Lyme disease is the most common vector-borne illness in the United States," said IDPH Director Dr. Sameer Vohra. "We encourage everyone who enjoys spending time outdoors to get educated about how to protect themselves from tickborne illnesses. Please review our many IDPH resources and join us as we all work together to Fight

the Bite."

Director Vohra said the most important thing people can do to "Fight the Bite" is to diligently check themselves, their pets, and help children with a tick check after spending time in areas where ticks live, such as in and near wooded areas, tall grass, and brush. Removing ticks within a 24-hour period reduces the risk of potential disease transmission.

In addition to Lyme disease, other tickborne diseases include Spotted Fever Group Rickettsiosis, tularemia, ehrlichiosis, and babesiosis.

IDPH has created an interactive Tick Surveillance Map that documents the counties in Illinois where the different tick species have been confirmed.

Following are additional tips for how to avoid tickborne illnesses and have a healthy time in the outdoors:

Learn about tick removal and symptom awareness (IDPH website).

Walk in the center of trails. Avoid wooded, brushy areas with high grass and leaf litter.

Wear light-colored clothing to make ticks easier to find. Tuck long pants into socks and boots.

Apply an EPA-registered insect repellent containing 20% DEET, picaridin, IR3535, or Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus according to label directions.

Treat clothing and gear with products containing 0.5% permethrin. Permethrin can be used to treat boots, clothing and camping gear and remain protective through several

washings

Conduct full-body tick checks on family members (underarms, ears, belly button, behind knees, between legs, waist, hair and scalp) every two to three hours. Also check any gear or pets taken on outings.

Put your clothes in the dryer on high for 10 minutes (or one hour for damp clothes) to kill ticks.

Shower within two hours after coming indoors.

If you become ill with fever and/or rash after being in an area where ticks may have been, contact your health care provider. Some tick-borne illnesses can be life-threatening. For example, if untreated Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever may cause death as quickly as five days after symptom onset.

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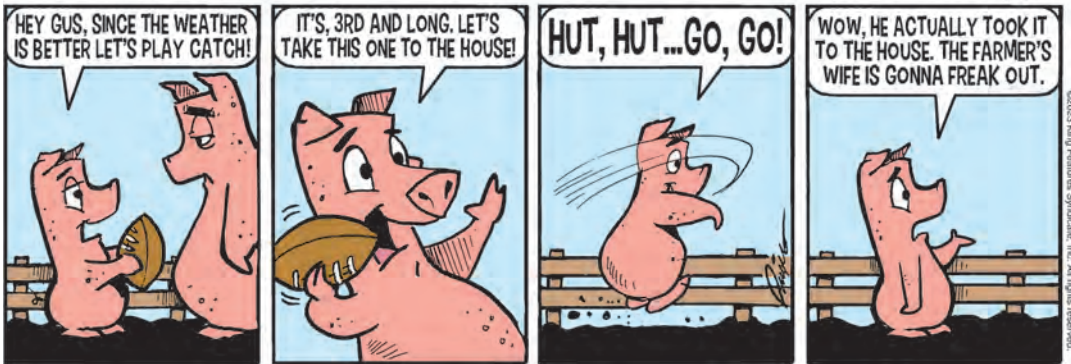
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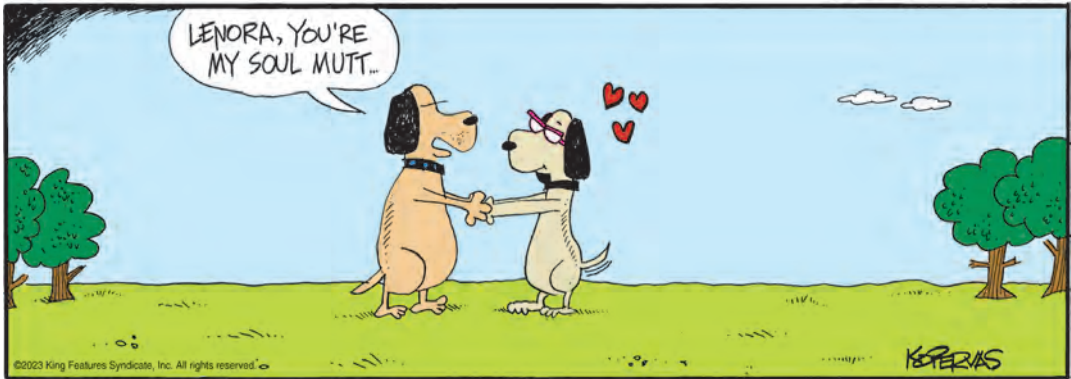
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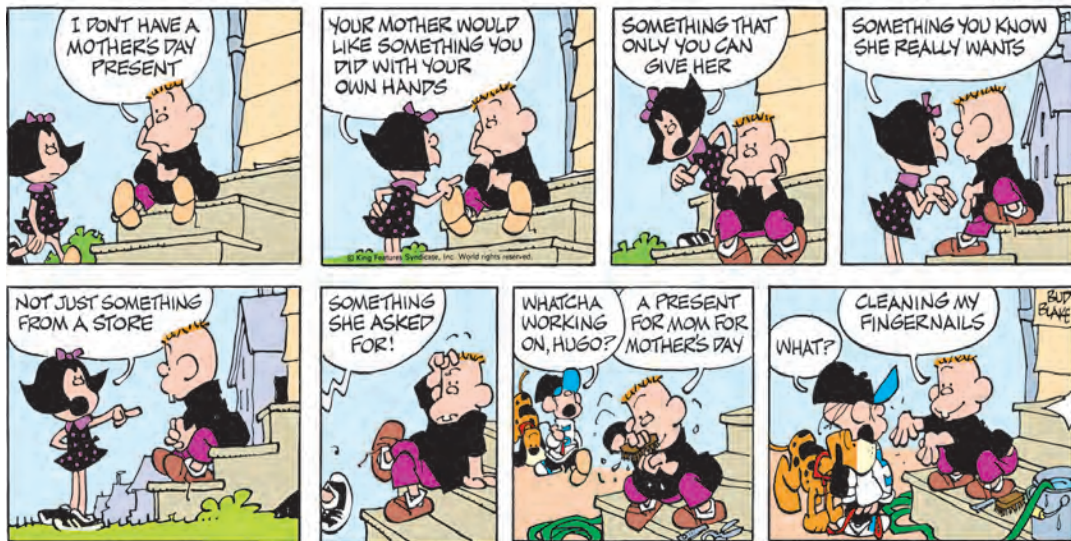
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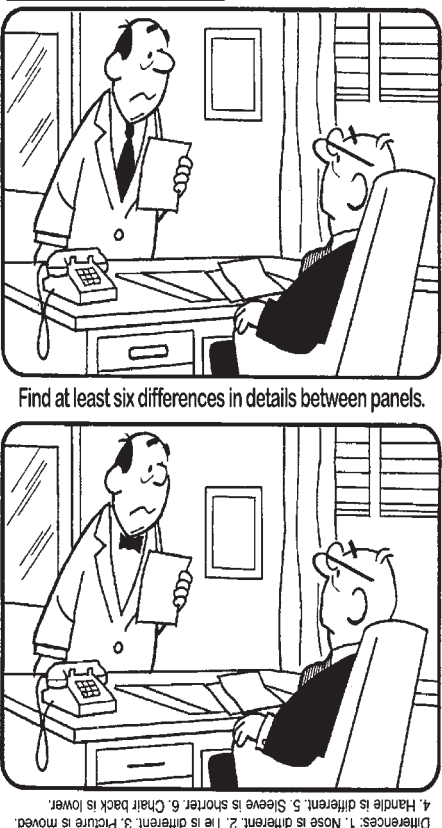
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Actor Baldwin
- 5 Hindu hero
- 9 ISP alterna-tive
- 12 Without help
- 13 Burden
- 14 — Jima
- 15 Woody's son
- 16 A/C measures
- 17 Moving vehi-cle
- 18 High point
- 19 Belief
- 20 Fury
- 21 "There's no — team!"
- 23 Mil. morale booster
- 25 "Bottoms up!"
- 28 Perfect place
- 32 Martial arts mercenary
- 33 "Rubber Capital"
- 34 Cancel out
- 36 Heirs
- 37 Workout unit
- 38 Scratch (out)
- 39 AAA jobs
- 42 Scull tool
- 44 Bigfoot's cousin
- 48 Mimic
- 49 Initial chip
- 50 Cupid's alias
- 51 CSA soldier
- 52 Rhone city
- 53 Baseball's Tommie

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- 54 Switch set-tings
- 55 Madame Bovary
- 56 Valentine flower
- 6 Picnic invad-ers
- 7 Hawaiian gar-ment
- 8 Ninny
- 9 Prima donna
- 10 Booty
- 11 One and only
- 20 Athlete's first season
- 22 Hopping mad
- 24 Pancake order
- 25 Blitzer's chan-nel
- 26 Hasten
- 27 Chang's brother
- 29 Expert
- 30 Charged bit
- 31 Reply (Abbr.)
- 35 Name derived from a person
- 36 Tennis great Williams
- 39 Tropical tuber
- 40 Frank
- 41 Entangle-ments
- 43 Teensy bit
- 45 Thus
- 46 Low digits
- 47 "Got it"
- 49 Hearty quaff

DOWN

- 1 Now, in a memo
- 2 Traditional tales
- 3 Jazzy Fitzgerald
- 4 Ginger snaps vessels
- 5 Small song-birds

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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 WINDY to AIRED in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

WINDY

AIRED

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ROSE	EMMA	ONS
REBB	LYON	REBB
APPE	ANTH	APPE
EROS	ANTH	EROS
YETI	OAR	TOWS
KEKE	REP	KEKE
SCION	SCION	SCION
AKRON	AKRON	AKRON
UPTON	UPTON	UPTON
SO	SO	SO
USO	USO	USO
RAAG	RAAG	RAAG
ISMS	ISMS	ISMS
BTUS	BTUS	BTUS
WANO	WANO	WANO
SL	SL	SL

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. ANATOMY: What is a common name for lateral epicondylitis?
- 2. GEOGRAPHY: What was the country of Portugal known as in Roman times?
- 3. MOVIES: What are the final words spoken in the movie "The Shawshank Redemption"?
- 4. LITERATURE: Which novel series includes a fictional place called Godric's Hollow, England?
- 5. SCIENCE: What is cytology?
- 6. TELEVISION: What is the name of the ranch in the 1960s western show "Bonanza"?
- 7. U.S. STATES: Which state has the longest cave system?
- 8. FOOD & DRINK: In which country were bagels invented?
- 9. HISTORY: What kind of beetle was revered by the ancient Egyptians?
- 10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest lizard on Earth?

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- 1. Tennis elbow.
- 2. Lustraria.
- 3. "I hope."
- 4. The "Harry Potter" series by J.K. Rowling.
- 5. The study of cells.
- 6. Ponderosa.
- 7. Kentucky.
- 8. Poland.
- 9. Scarab.
- 10. Komodo Dragon.

CAKES

Today's Word

3. Tackle; 4. Large

1. Narrow; 2. Rouse;

SCRAMBLERS

WINDY, WIRED, AIRED

WINDY, WINDS, WINES

Answer

WORD LADDER

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

Answer

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to the parody.

It appears as though this staged satire has already commenced. I guess I'm late

answer

CryptoQuip

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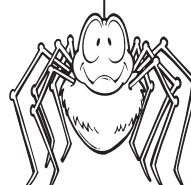
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Pictured above, Tucker Lindenmeyer steals third against Somonauk on May 11. The Clippers lost the game 5-4.

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Clippers close regular season with loss to Somonauk

SOMONAUK – The Amboy Clippers closed out the regular baseball season with a 5-4 loss at Somonauk on May 11. Amboy was 12-10 during the regular season campaign. Somonauk got the scoring started with three runs in the bottom of the first, but Amboy responded with three tallies in the top of the second to tie the game. Landon Montavon was

hit by a pitch, Dillon Merri-man walked, Garrett Pertell singled and Ryan Dickinson had a sacrifice. The Clippers nudged across a run in the fifth to take the lead. Quinn Leffelman drew a lead-off walk and later scored. Tucker Lindenmeyer and Montavon had singles in the frame. Somonauk quickly tied

the contest with a run in the bottom of the inning, and then the Bobcats plated the eventual game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth without the benefit of a hit. Lindenmeyer paced the Clipper offense with three singles, while Pertell added a pair of singles. Brody Christoffersen was on the hill for Amboy.



Pictured above, Garrett Pertell was one of the pitchers against Somonauk on May 11. The Clippers lost the game 5-4.

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Pictured left, Landon Montavon makes the out at third base against Somonauk on May 11. The Clippers lost the game 5-4. Photo courtesy of Brenda Merriman

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