

Lee County Ag Expo teaches students about agriculture

AMBOY — On Friday, April 21, 335 Lee County fifth grade students from Amboy, Ashton-Franklin Center, Dixon, Paw Paw, Steward, St Anne's, and St Mary's converged on the Lee County 4-H Center and Fairgrounds for the 16th Annual Ag Expo, presented by the Lee County Farm Bureau, Lee County Ag in the Classroom, Lee County Soil & Water Conservation District, and University of Illinois Extension-Lee County.

The goal of the event is to make agriculture relevant to today's youth through discussion of science, technology and careers as it relates to bringing food and fiber into consumers' homes. This event began in 2008 and continues to create learning opportunities for students, teachers and parents about agriculture, food and natural resources.

Students enjoyed their day out of the classroom learning about many agricultural topics. Presenters from local agri-businesses, agencies, farms and student volunteers were on hand to discuss topics ranging from livestock (beef, swine, equine, and goats) to pollinators and gardening. Other presentations focused on butterflies, water, energy, mushrooms, bees, 4-H, prairies, corn, dairy, horticulture, ag careers, rabbits and general agriculture. Culver's spoke to the students about how the food we eat starts at the farm and generously provided custard for all of the students.

Through the efforts of many volunteers and the cooperation of Mother Nature, we wrapped another Ag Expo field trip packed with agriculture knowledge and fun.



Pictured above, Nancy Wodsworth, University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners, talked gardening with the students during Ag Expo. Pictured right, AFC student volunteer, Andrea Buhrow waters seeds that each of the students had planted as part of the horticulture workshop. Photos submitted



Olivia Costner, Amboy senior receiving college degree first

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter **AMBOY** — Heavy metal or Rock-N-Roll is heard from Olivia Costner's bedroom.

Is she singing? Maybe. Is she head banging? Maybe, if she's working on the right math problem.

However, there is a good possibility she is doing homework.

"I've always found that my grades were very important and doing my best in school was always important," Costner said. "I had a lot of support and pushing from my parents (Nathan and Alicia Costner). All of my siblings have always done well in school. It's just always been that way.

"I really like numbers and the way they work together. I've always been a fan of math, but I thought I was going to go into a more of an English-focused field. I'm technically better at English and writing than I am at math, but I don't enjoy it nearly as much. "When I got to high school, I realized math is an easier subject to use in a career and be successful. It's more applicable and I really took a liking to accounting and a fascination to the number system, how the numbers interact, and all the rules you need to know."

Costner, who can listen to music and study but can't have a TV on and pay attention to schoolwork, will complete two steps toward her career in a 16-day stretch.

On May 12, Costner will be speaking at the Sauk Valley Community College commencement. Not as a special speaker, but as a student who received her associate degree in business.

Then, 16-days later on May 28, Coster is going to walk across the Amboy High School gymnasium and be handed what most students obtain first, a high school diploma.

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Amboy High School senior Olivia Costner will be graduating with her associates degree from Sauk Valley Community College on May 12, and then graduating from high school on May 28. Photo submitted

Klaser, Belan, Hanson sworn in as Sublette Village Trustees

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did it. It does happen on occasion. "There wasn't a lot of shake up after this election"

Sublette Village Trustee Jeff Myer did



The elected Sublette Village Board members were sworn in by Sublette Village Clerk Katherine Leffelman, far left, at the end of the year board meeting Thursday, April 27. The village board members being sworn in were, left to right, incumbent Scott Hanson, incumbent MacKenzie Belan, and Richard Klaser, who previously served on the board.

Photo contributed

and gone, but it didn't change an awful lot in terms of trustees on the Sublette Village Board.

At the end of the year board meeting on Thursday, April 27, Richard Klaser and incumbents MacKenzie Belan and Scott Hanson were sworn in for their 4-year terms as Sublette Village Trustees.

"They already know the ropes. Richard was previously on the board for at least four years and maybe even eight years," said Sublette Village Board President John Stenzel. "They're all seasoned trustees. I don't know if it happens very often when board members are on, leave, and then come back, but I also not receive enough votes to be re-elected to the board and was given respect for being on the board during his tenure at the meeting, although he wasn't in attendance.

"Myer was real familiar with construction because he worked in the industry for many years," Strenzel said. "He mainly did road construction. He had knowledge and experience that helped the board. He also had his own business, so he knew about everything owning a business includes.

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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.

P.F.C. Antone A. Giese

ntone Giese was born in Dixon on May 20, 1924, making him a first generation American. His mother, Louisa Schuster Giese came to America from Germany in 1921, and 20 years later would become a naturalized citizen. Could Mrs. Giese have imagined that one of her sons would one day give his life for the cause of freedom while fighting the Nazi army of her homeland? In the years after her immigration, Mrs. Giese was widowed and took in laundry to earn a living for her five children, all raised in Dixon.

After turning eighteen in 1942, Antone registered for the military draft. On March 2 1943 he entered the U.S. Army at Fort Sheridan near Chicago. Although his regiment and division assignments were not available at this writing, he and his assigned unit were sent to France on June 27, 1944, just three weeks after the D-Day Invasion on the Normandy Beaches. Allied forces, including the First and Third U.S. Armies were engaged in hedgerow fighting and capturing key roads and bridges needed to move into southern France.

By the end of July, Allied forces in Normandy were mired down in a worrisome situation. In the east, British and Canadian forces were making little headway against German resistance and American soldiers were bogged down in the hedgerows surrounding the farm fields of Normandy where some of the worst weather conditions brought heavy rainfall turning country lanes into rivers of mud. The Allies were well short of their goals, having lost 40,000 soldiers



since D-Day. A new strategy was needed.

As July turned to August, "Operation COBRA" was launched using heavy Allied

Sgt. Clare Weybright

lare Weybright was the third child of Charles and Mary Weybright of Franklin Grove. Born on Feb. 21, 1910, Clare grew up on his family's farm in China Township, and most likely attended one of the country school houses near his home before graduating from high school. By 1940 he was living with his parents while managing the farm and taking college courses. In October of that year, he stopped by the First National Bank in Amboy to register for the military draft bombing of German defenses followed by army infantry and artillery engagement. General George Patton was brought in to command the

as required. Two years later he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in Chicago.

By 1943 Clare had attained the rank of Sergeant assigned to the 24th Combat Squadron, U.S. Army Air Force, based in the China-Burma-India theater of operations. Among the unsung heroes of World War II were the soldiers who risked their lives to provide aerial photos needed for maps that could help commanders make sound decisions in advance of battle. Sgt. Clare Weybright's 24th Combat Squadron, U.S. Army Air Corps, made a significant contribution to the war effort against Japanese forces in

Third Army as the allies successfully advanced south toward Paris.

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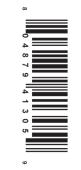
China using cameras instead of guns. Using air bases in mainland China, American bombers would need to have clear routes over mountainous terrain toward Japanese bases on the Pacific coast of the country. The 24th Squadron used F-7 planes (modified B-24 bombers) replacing turrets with camera positions for aerial reconnaissance. According to squadron pilots, the danger to these planes came most often from bad weather conditions rather than enemy fighter planes, but either way the risk was high

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LOCAL NEWS



SUBLETTE NEW BUSINESS - T&R Sales

The Village of Sublette welcomes its newest business T & R Sales. Tina and Rusty Sergent purchased the property located at 601 Inlet Rd., in Sublette. T&R Sales specialize in park model homes, destination trailers, LSV's (low speed vehicles), scooters and ebikes. A grand opening is planned for 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., on Saturday, May 6. Presenting an American flag is Sublette Village Trustee Julie Kessel, right, pictured with Tina and Rusty Sergent. The business is open Monday-Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., closed Wednesday, open Thursday-Saturday, 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., closed Sunday. For more information, call 815-849-9089 or visit their website at www.tr-sales.com



SUBLETTE NEW BUSINESS - Orzech Auto Truck and Tow

The Village of Sublette welcomes its newest business Orzech Auto Truck and Tow LLC. Ethan Orzech purchased the building that formerly houses Leffelman Automotive, located at 301 W. Richmond St., in Sublette. He also has a second location at 114 3rd St., Compton. A grand opening is planned for noon -5 p.m., on Saturday, May 27. Presenting an American flag is Sublette Village President John Stenzel, left, pictured with Ethan Orzech. The business is an auto/semi truck and trailer repair shop, with 24-hour towing. The shop will do batteries, oil changes, tires, suspensions, electrical systems, computer diagnostics, brakes, general repairs and maintenance. The business is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. -5 p.m., Saturday, 8 a.m. -4 p.m., and towing is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. For more information, call 815-343-8047 or email orzechtowing@gmail.com, or visit their website at www.orzechautotruckandtow.com.

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We would like to thank the family and friends who showed us so much support after all our farm buildings were destroyed by the severe weather on March 31. They showed up without being asked to provide helping hands, equipment and food & drink. We feel so blessed to be members of this wonderful community.

A loud shout out goes to: Gordon & Joy Meyer, Rex & Lori Meyer, Alan & Sarah Meyer, Maren & Elsa Meyer, Mike Mead, Doug Kreiser, Darrin, Drake & Dorian Barlow, Dave, Christy & Jake Schaver, Mark & Wendy Ryerson, Frank Murphy, Ian Meyer, Kelly & Maddie Foster, Brandon Poss, Tyson Drew, Dave & Alex Didier, Casey Reuter, Allyn Buhrow, Dean Kessel, Craig Kessel, Scott & Karen Schultz, Anthony Wells, Skip Willett, Danelle & Paul Burrs, Kirsten Donna, Lightenburg Family, Liz Bontz, Emily Pratt, Jack & Loreen Mead, Matt Schwingle, Ross Gould, Tony Cook, Sorin Cates, Connor Simpson, Alan Berkley, Billy Goldman, Phil Riley, Nick Nauman, Joe Dunphy, Lynn O'Laughlin, Janel Eaton, Tony & Kathy Stefanelli, Don & Earlene Stefanelli.

Sincerely, Don, Paula, Paul and Eva Meyer

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TEEN TURF



Frank Lachat from Amboy Knights of Columbus stopped in and provided a donation from their Euchre tournament. We have been truly blessed with our community's support. Photo submitted

Aerobics

We will be having Aerobics on Tuesday and Thursday. Everyone is invited to gather at Teen Turf these days at 10 a.m. for group chair exercises and walking. They have a great time together.

Draw Down

This Saturday, May 6 is our Drive-Thru Dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. and the live drawing at 7 p.m. on Facebook. You must have pre purchased a ticket to go through the Drive-Thru. We are not sure if we will have more tickets (writing this prior to Wednesday publication), but you are welcome to call the building at 815-857-4800 to see. We could use your support during our online auction. Our online Auction ends tomorrow Thursday on Air Auctioneer ends at 8 p.m.

Thank You's

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

The Clarks for clothes and bedding; Alice and Leroy Dukes for snacks; Lisa Hart for the decorations; Martha Henley for the brownies; Bruce Black and Brittany Holocker for the bikes; Eileen nd Irene for the meat, cheese, bread, and spring cupcakes; Bonnie and Bob Faivre for the books; Hurst family for the sandbags; Anonymous for the food; Larry and Diane Eisenburg for the stickers and bookmarks; Diane Blain for items; Laurie and Dan Nauman and Katey Dickinson for the items.

Full Thank you for the Draw Down and Auction will be in next week's paper.

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Final Note

Needs

Heavenly and merciful Father, grant us today, the energy to complete all that lies ahead. Refresh our spirits, Oh loving King. Allow that spring of living waters to burst and flow out of us so that we can be the light in this dark, cruel world. Help our thoughts, deeds, and actions to reflect You, each and every day. Motivate us, Lord, as we draw close to You. Push us, shape us and mold us, as You continue to bless and reveal Your great plans for our lives. In the precious, everlasting Name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

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On Aug. 18, in the vicinity of Alencon, Private First Class Antone Giese was wounded in action and transported to a military hospital in England. In early September, Mrs. Louisa Giese received unit, had died of his wounds on Aug. 30. P.F.C. Giese was first buried in an American Cemetery in England. Nearly four years later, in 1948, his remains were finally returned home to Dixon for burial at Oakwood Cemetery. On

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- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Lego Club from 10-11 a.m., on Saturday, May 6.

POLO- Tri County Gun Club of Polo will be having an open house May 6 and 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. This event is open to the public at no charge. All ranges will be open with a range officer or instructor in charge. You will be able to try 10 different shooting sports. A NRA Women On Target class, offered by Tri-County Woman of Caliber, will have 20 seats available each day. Tri County Gun Club is located between Polo and Milledgeville on South Brookville Rd., just north of Hazelhurst. More information is available online at www.tcgc.net.

FRANKLIN GROVE-Bluebell Photography Workshop with Photography by Marge Dixon will be offered at the Franklin Creek Conservation Grist Mill, at 893 Twist Road, Franklin Grove, from 9 a.m. unitl early afternoon, on May 6. Cost is \$25 which includes a sack lunch (guaranteed if registered before May 3). Limited number of participants. Fee due at time of registration. Payments can be made by sending check and filled out form to the above address or online payment at https://donorbox.org/ events/434477. Call Heather at 815-456-2718 or Marge at 815-440-4035 for questions or more information. In case of inclement weather,

workshop will be canceled and cost refunded.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will host its new book club on Monday May 8, from 5 - 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 8. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 8, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St., Sublette.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Mommy and Me program on Tuesday, May 9, from 10-10:45 a.m.

AMBOY- Lee County 4-H offers horse clinics in May. Classes will be held on May 9, 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 Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

MAY TWP-The May Township meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, at the township maintenance building.

LEE CENTER TWP-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its School Age program on Saturday, May 13, from 10 – 11 a.m.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold

for adults its Diamond Painting Club program on Monday May 15, from 4 - 6 p.m.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will meet Monday, May 15, at 6 p.m., at the Old NAPA Building, 399 N Metcalf, Amboy.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 15, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.



Lexi Willey

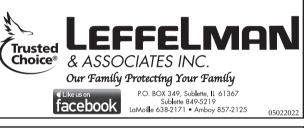


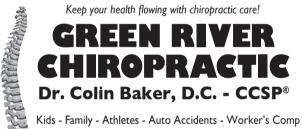
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graveside. For his valor and sacrifice,

P.F.C. Antone A. Giese is forever in the

hearts of all Americans.

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Purple Heart



On Oct. 29, 1944, Sgt. Clare Weybright's plane crashed while flying in the vicinity of Chengdu, China, killing all crew members. The 24th Combat Squadron would go on to complete the work of mapping bombing routes targeting Japanese supply lines and bases in China.

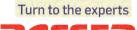
On Jan. 21, 1945, a memorial service was held for Sgt. Clare Weybright followed by burial at the Franklin Grove Cemetery.

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- World War II Victory Medal
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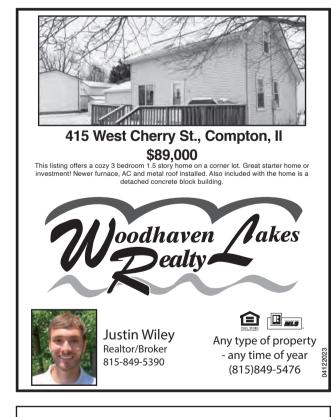


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if the mover uses a rented truck or offers an estimate over the

down payment or full payment in advance, that may indicate

a fraudulent business. If an individual's possessions are being

held hostage for additional payment not agreed upon when

the contract was signed, contact BBB or local law enforce-

movers do give quotes over the phone, it's still a good idea to

get written documentation of all the services you are receiving.

If an estimate seems too good to be true, it likely is. Get three

written estimates from different movers based on visits to your

home. Be sure the estimates are based on weight, not cubic

feet, and opt for full-value replacement liability insurance.

If at any point the services change, ensure that these changes

are documented and understood by both parties.

· Get everything in writing. Though most professional

· Be wary of unusual requests. If a mover asks for a large

phone before conducting an on-site inspection.

LOCAL NEWS **BBB** and ICC warn consumers scammers on the move in May

ROCKFORD - The Better Business Bureau and the Illinois Commerce Commission are teaming up to alert consumers to use caution to avoid moving scams as May 1 officially marks prime time for movers and is designated as National Moving Month.

For countless Americans, the month of May signifies a significant transition in their lives. Whether graduating from high school, coming home from college, of starting a new job, or relocating this is the busiest month of the year for leases expiring.

According to the BBB Scam Tracker, customers report hundreds of thousands of dollars in losses to moving scams every year. Common problems consumers allege in complaints and Scam Tracker reports include receiving a quote and paying a deposit, but the movers never show up. Other reports to the BBB include items showing up late or damaged or even being hijacked by a shoddy company and held until a higher price is paid.

The moving company provides a quote based on the expected weight, and after loading the truck, they inform the consumer that the load is over the expected weight and an additional fee will have to be paid. Most of the time, the extra cost is significantly more expensive per pound, sometimes as much as double the original estimate.



When moving within the state, always check with a great partner of the BBB, the Illinois Commerce Commission.

When moving between states, check licensing with the U.S. Department of Transportation. All interstate moving companies require an identification number issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), which can be verified at ProtectYourMove.org.

Over 40% of all business inquiries on BBB.ORG for moving companies occur between May and August. With the amount of moving activity during summer, the potential of being a victim of a moving scam also increases

BBB recommends that consumers follow these guidelines: • Watch out for warning signs. When reviewing a company's website, if there is no address or information about a mover's registration or insurance, it is a sign that it may not possess the appropriate policies to protect a consumer's belongings. Additionally, it may not be a legitimate business

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"He understood for a contractor mobilization is a big thing. For them to come look at things or start working on a project, it costs. You try to get as much work out of a contractor as you can when they mobilize.

Stenzel added Myer knew about permits and insurance needed for Sublette projects

big deal and a cool opportu-

nity that Amboy provides.

Amboy is one of the few

schools that actually has a

dual enrollment full-time

don't have the academy.

"I'm a full-time student

at Sauk and don't go to any

and how to go about acquiring representation.

NCICG approved for paperwork The Sublette Board approved North Central Illinois Council of Governments (NCICG) to complete the paperwork for a \$25,000 grant.

The village will initially give NCICG \$500 (which is

returnable if the grant doesn't go through) and \$2,000 to complete the paperwork.

ment for help.

"We are paying \$2,500 to receive \$25,000," Stenzel said. "The grant is going to be used on infrastructure improvement for the project we've been working on around the fire station. We're going to replace storm sewer

and some of the water main. "The grant will help, but

we don't know what the full cost is going to be. Fixing this issue is huge and we need to get it done because you have to get it done before you can redo the road."

COSTNER continued from page A1 "It's a really, really, really

classes at Amboy. If you're going to get your associates, it's a lot of work. I took classes during my junior year as a dual credit student. I did summer classes for two summers. I am a full-time student now and I took a short college class during the winter."

3.86 GPA in high school and has hopes to get it a little high-

honor roll during each of her

program, the Sauk Academy (through Sauk Valley Community College)," Costner said. "I've been talking to a Costner currently has a few of my Mendota friends and they have summer options for dual credit, but they er before classes are over.

She has also been on either the honor roll or the high

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high school semesters over the last four years.

"She has spent a lot of her time at Sauk," Amboy High School Principal Janet Crownhart said. "She's a great kid that has worked hard in all of her classes from the first step she took in Amboy High School. She worked hard in the music department with both band and chorus.

"She came in and did everything she needed to do to set herself up for nothing but success in her academic career."

Crownhart added, Sauk Valley Community College Vice President of Academics and Student Services, John Mandrell, said a high school senior receiving an associate degree at the same time as a diploma happens once every 10 years.

Costner is transferring to Western Illinois University

in the fall to study accounting

Illinois State University was in the mix, but she felt more comfortable at the WIU campus and was impressed with the accounting professors, just like she was with Professor Geoffrey Lemay at Sauk Valley.

While Costner was impressed with her professor and how he interested her in accounting enough to make it her current career goal, her parents were impressed with her.

"She's inspiring to us with all she has accomplished. She sets her mind to something and she just goes for it," said Alicia Costner. "I'm always the slow down, hold on, are you Ok person and Nathan is the go, go, go type of person. We balance out a little bit that way.

"We are in awe of her accomplishments and her determination. It's awesome."

Olivia may have a lot of qualities she shares with her mom, but when it comes to getting something done, she's similar to her father.

"We both like to go fullsteam ahead and jump in with both feet" Nathan Costner "You got to just go for Go for the gold. I think via's future is going to omething remarkable."

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United First Church of Amboy Pastor Mark Glenn East Main & Jefferson 815-440-0745 Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Christ of Lee Center Pastor Jack M. Briggs 1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center www.LeeCenter-UCC.org Phone 815-732-7032 Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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Grace Fellowship Church Amboy-Sublette Pastor Kyle Kelly 500 W. Main Street, Sublette Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. www.graceisforyou.com

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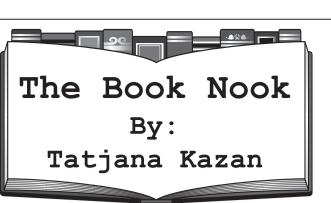
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A CANTERBURY TALE

rom our perspective, the world before the scientific revolution, before the French and American Revolutions, the industrial revolution, and so on, seems strange indeed. Historical fiction from that period can be very good, such as Hilary Mantel's Tudor trilogy, or very bad. S. J. Parris's "Sacrilege" is definitely well done. Her hero is Giordano Bruno, the great Italian philosopher and mathematician, who in 1583 arrived in England, and, for a time, enjoyed the favor of Queen Elizabeth and the friendship of Sir Philip Sidney. Bruno was burned at the stake in 1600 by the Roman Inquisition for his consistent espousal of unorthodox beliefs. "Sacrilege" is the third book of Parris's Elizabethan mystery series.

In London in the summer of 1584, there is fear of a plague, which invariably heightens people's suspicions of strangers. Giordano Bruno, who has been lecturing at Oxford University, suspects he is being followed. As an ardent proponent of the Copernican revolution, including his highly original idea that the universe is infinite and that other solar systems exist, and as a spy for Sir Francis Walsingham, Queen Elizabeth's principal secretary, Bruno's unease is not misplaced. Elizabeth has been Queen for twenty-six years, but the threats against her, both from inside and outside her realm, are still very real.

But Bruno's pursuer turns out to be an old flame, Sophia Underhill, disguised as a boy. Accused of murdering her husband, a prominent magistrate in Canterbury, she implores Bruno to help clear her name. Still in love with her, he readily accompanies her to Canterbury, where, if she is discovered, she will face execution. Upon their arrival in Canterbury, Bruno uncovers a spectacular plot by a group of prominent men, including a Canterbury Cathedral canon, to return England to the Catholic Faith.

Canterbury was one of the greatest centers of pilgrimage due to the martyrdom of Thomas Becket who, as Archbishop of Canterbury, defended the rights and privileges of the Church against King Henry II. Becket was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170, and for nearly four centuries, his shrine was famous throughout Europe, and many churches were dedicated to him. Until the Reformation, when Henry VIII despoiled his shrine, erased his name, and burned his bones. The Canterbury conspirators mean to resurrect this potent symbol of Catholic Christendom to undermine Elizabeth's government. The stakes having been raised from a simple murder to a coup against Queen Elizabeth, Bruno, in a matter of two days, must play a ruthless game to save not only Sophia, but also Elizabeth's throne.

EFH DO W BOR BORTAGO AGT ipper kiddiez This Week's Student of the Week is: **Parker Nauman** <u>Student's Favorites</u> Favorite Color - Pink and Blue Favorite Animal – Whale Favorite Food – Bagel With Cream Cheese avorite Book – 199 Things On

From The Heart Cash Calendar winners

April 2023 From The Heart Calendar Winners Apr. 1 – Adam Hall, Sycamore, \$25 Apr. 2 – Sue Snyder, Phoenix, Ariz., \$50 Apr. 3 – Kitchen Table, Rochelle, \$25 Apr. 4 - Linda Alderks, Chana, \$25 Apr. 5 - Liquor N Wine, Rochelle, \$25 Apr. 6 - Jennifer Diehl, Oregon, \$25 Apr. 7 - Crystal Carswell, Rochelle, \$25 Apr. 8 - Liquor N Wine, Rochelle, \$25 Apr. 9 - Pete Pavia, Rochelle, \$300 Apr. 10 - Brandon Schaneberg, Steward, \$25 Apr. 11 - Rochelle Christian Food Pantry, \$25 Apr. 12 - Justin Medine, Rochelle, \$25 Apr. 13 - Alfano's, Rochelle, \$25 Apr. 14 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25 Apr. 15 - Luci Powell, Rochelle, \$25 Apr. 16 - Karen Cech, Rochelle, \$50 Apr. 17 - Keith Pontnack, Rochelle, \$25 Apr. 18 - Mike Wetzel, Algonquin, \$25 Apr. 19 - Julia Faber, Compton, \$25 Apr. 20 - Zekelman Employee, \$25 Apr. 21 - Gabi Jabis, Panama City, Fla., \$25 Apr. 22 - Zekelman Employee, \$25 Apr. 23 - Araceli Flores, Rochelle, \$50 Apr. 24 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$25 Apr. 25 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25 Apr. 26 - Comfort Inn & Suites, Rochelle, \$25 Apr. 27 - Sallie Lord, Fishers, Ind., \$25 Apr. 28 - Deanna Hill, Rochelle, \$25 Apr. 29 - Chris Sawlsville, Rochelle, \$25

- Apr. 30 Sherri Salsbury, Oregon, \$50

Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month.

RECYCLE! KECY

The same same same same same same As most people around here know, a tornado or near tornado went through Amboy on March 31 and truly made a mess. In the process, Prairie Repose Cemetery was hit badly with trees and gravestones being tipped over and in some cases, destroyed. The old tile roof on The Chapel was also damaged. The city of Amboy, as well as Amboy Township, students from Amboy High School and those who have donated money, are helping us recover from the destruction. We are so grateful to all who are helping. Thank you. The Trustees of Prairie Repose Cemetery

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Area Career Center

STERLING — CGH Medical Center is helping future healthcare workers train within their field. Allied Health students have an opportunity to earn their phlebotomy certificate during their second semester at Whiteside Area Career Center (WACC). CGH partners with WACC by allowing students to work alongside the hospital staff to complete a portion of the clinical requirements.

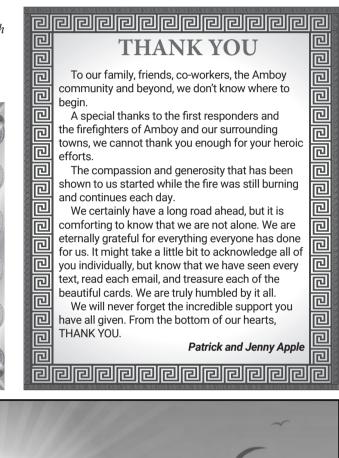
In addition to the ongoing program of students doing their rotations at CGH, the Laboratory department recently donated two Phlebotomy carts to the Whiteside Area Career Center. This donation saved the school around \$3,000.

"We are very grateful to CGH for this donation," said Ken Burns, Student Services Coordinator at Whiteside Area Career Center. "Sharing your time, attention, expertise, and resources with our students is very much appreciated!"

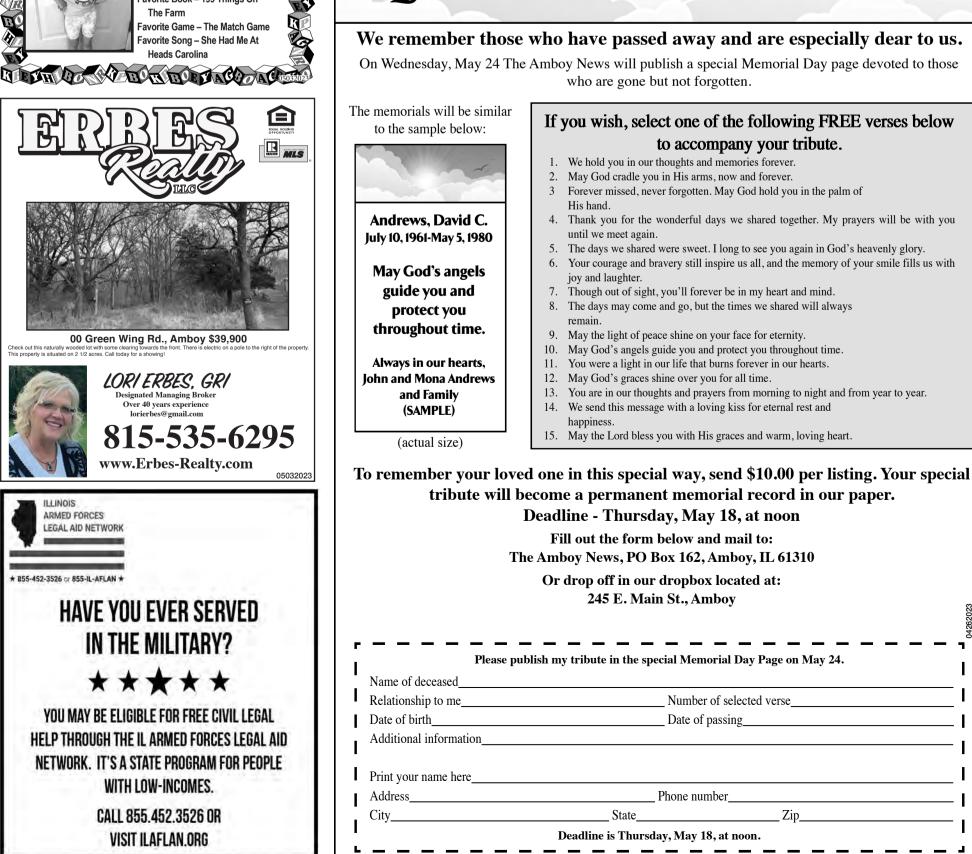
CGH Medical Center has been a consistent and long-time supporter of non-profit organizations and schools in their service area, which spans over five counties.

In addition to Phlebotomy, the CGH Laboratory department offers several positions including Medical Laboratory Scientist, Medical Laboratory Technician, Histotechnician, and more. For more information on CGH Medical Center, visit cghmc.com.

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Fondest Memories





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On paper doesn't always translate

The headline is kind of ironic isn't it. I mean, I'm typing on simulated paper and you're reading this on literal paper.

Hopefully my message translates, but when it comes to sports, "On Paper," usually doesn't.

The term "On Paper" means when you look at a roster or statistics of a team or a player and form an immediate opinion of whether the player or team is awful, bad, OK, or great. Those are my four levels at least.

We see a zero next to how many touchdowns they have heading into Week 10 of the NFL or NCAA season and we automatically think, "He's no good."

Then in Week 10's game, that no good receiver, tight end, or running back finds the endzone twice and makes you look like a dummy.

And of course, it works both ways because if you called the player was going to have a big game and he did, you look like a genius.

It happens every day, both sides, with every sport in every town, city, county, region, providence, state, territory on planet Earth.

And still, we will look at the paper, the information provided

Column

By Brandon

to us, and make our assumptions. Some take it to Draft Kings. Some to bookies.

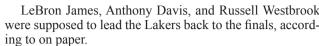
Some to a bracket with friends clinching their teeth when they donate jellybeans (what I call money, term stolen from Dan Patrick about 15 years ago, so it's mine now). Some to water cooler conversations.

I received a couple lousy texts about Chicago White Sox pitchers based on their stats from the beginning of the season. Their numbers heading into this season showed the pitching rotation was solid and Chicago was going to be a great this year.

The games are played and it doesn't look that way at all except for Dylan Cease, who's 2.73 ERA is 10th in the American League and he's tied for 10th in the entire MLB with 34 strikeouts.

But Lucas Giolito's 4.50 ERA, Lance Lynn giving up 29 hits (tied for 10th most in the AL), and Michael Kopech's 6.97 ERA and eight allowed home runs, which is second most in the AL, have set every piece a paper with good pitching symbolism aflame and everyone who said it is very quiet.

How about the Chicago Bulls, the Los Angeles Clippers, or the Los Angeles Lakers in the NBA?



The gold and purple made the playoffs by winning a play-in game. Why is a team with more than one hall of fame player and one, James, who just became the NBA's all-time leading scorer, have to play a play-in game and could be bounced in any round because they're not the favorite?

The paper fooled us.

In the preseason, the Clippers were supposed to be the best team in the Western Conference and one of the best teams in the NBA.

The Clips finished the regular season 44-38 behind Kawhi Leonard, Paul George, and the deepest roster in the NBA, so they say. They're a five seed and are in dire straits against the Phoenix Suns in the first round.

The Bulls have three players who could be all-stars any season they want in Zach LaVine, DeMar DeRozan, and Nikola Vucevic. On paper, they were a top five team in the Eastern Conference.

Instead, DeRozan is the only all-star, LaVine comes in and out as a good player, and Vuc can't decide if he wants to be a 6-foot-10 center or a 3-point shot chucking guard. One last time.

On paper, is just that, on paper.

It's not official until the games are played. That's why they're played.

And why I don't gamble.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago May 4, 1923

Elmer Roberts, who lives about three miles southwest of Amboy, is in the city jail in Dixon being unable to furnish bond in the sum of \$2,500, on two charges of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit bodily injury and with the unlawful manufacturer, possession and sale of intoxicating liquor.

Clarence Frey caught a string of 12 red horse and catfish in Green River. Two of the fish weighted three pounds each.

Arrangements have been completed for a London, Berlin, Moscow passenger air service and the first plane will leave London April 30. The fare from London to Berlin is \$30, which is only 4 cents a mile.

75 Years Ago April 29, 1948

A 50-gallon barrel of gasoline outside the garage at the Sylvester Haefner home exploded on Friday. Firemen Wilbur Haws, Jack Eckburg and William Trickett were burned about their hands, arms, and necks by the flames.

50 Years Ago May 3, 1973

William Lyons bowled a 735 during Men's League bowling at Carr's Recreation. This was the highest series ever bowled on these alleys. His series score was 276, 211, 248.

Two holes-in-one have been recorded at Shady Oaks Golf Course so far this season. The first was made by Mark Powers, son of Mr and Mrs. Joe Powers, who is a member of the Amboy High School golf team. The other was made by Ole Dickinson. Both were made on Hole No. 3.



A volunteer inmate work crew from the Lee County Corrections Facility worked on removing trees, branches, roots, and other debris from the new Amboy Sports Park last Friday. The inmates, all of whom are non-violent offenders serving short sentences, are involved in a program through the Lee

County Sheriff's Department. After 36 years, 10 of them as Chief,

Rocky Sensenig will retire on May 1. After a couple of attempts to join a full department, in the summer of 1961 he and Jim Powers were put on standby. Then, in February 1962, he was voted and accepted by the Board. This was the realization of a dream so he could be "Involved with fires and help people." After four years he made Lieutenant, five years later he became Captain. He was Assistant Chief from 1980 until 1988 when he was appointed Chief.

Illinois State Police Director Terrance W. Gainer announced that his agency would follow a zero-tolerance policy for seat belt violations. "Troopers won't give any more written or oral warnings if you violate the seat belt law," Gainer said. "If you're pulled over for a traffic offense and you're not buckled up, you'll get a citation."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

it was because he did more for the middle class, working

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SOMETHING TO SAY?

The Amboy News encourages responsible letters to the editor on subjects of interest to our readers. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity or to avoid obscenity or libel, but ideas will not be altered.

The limit is 300 words. Letters exceeding this will either be edited to fit or not published. The deadline for letters is noon on Friday.

Letter writers may only have two letters published per month,



Where is the Democratic Party, where did it go? Oh, it didn't go anywhere, they so called Democrats let a handful of Socialists take over the party while they were spending years trying to impeach President Donald J. Trump with all their lives. They have lied so much they have forgotten how to tell the truth. You wonder where these Socialist came from. They must have been in the woodwork and when Barack Obama came to power they crawled out in the open. Remember when Obama got to the White House it seemed that he couldn't say enough bad things about America and her people. He blamed everything that was wrong in the world on us. He also shoved his political correctness on us. Obama was the first president to let Americans die without even trying to help them. Remember Benghazi.

Why were the Socialists so hard against Trump? Maybe

folks and the country than the so-called Democrats and Reno Republicans had done in 50 years.

Seems like everything that Biden does is wrong. He shut down our oil production which is making Russia wealthy while we pay near \$4.00 a gallon. If he had any brains, he could have put Russia in the poor house. He has two things in mind – green energy and putting the US under world order with China in charge.

If anyone thinking that would be good for the US of A needs their head examined. The first thing we need is to have Donald Trump back in the White House to get our country back where she belongs and get rid of these jokers that are destroying her.

Bob Anderson Amboy



and the letters will be published on non-consecutive weeks. Letters are printed on a space-available basis.

All letters must bear the handwritten signature of the writer and include address and phone number or e-mail address for verification purposes. Neither the street address nor phone number will be printed. Letters should be typed or legibly handwritten, and no anonymous letters will be published.

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LOCAL NEWS

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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/Whiteside-GrowingHort for Sterling and go.illinois.edu/LeeGrowing-Hort 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 Pro**grams

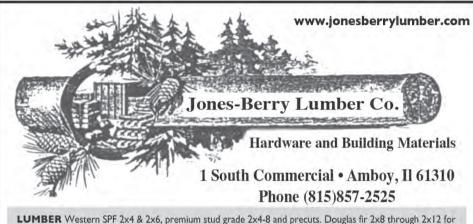
Fill your gardens with growing things and your heart with a giving attitude. Saturday, May 20, the Lee County Master Gardeners will host their annual Plant Sale from 8-11 a.m. at the Lee County 4-H Center near Amboy.

All proceeds benefit Extension programs offered by Lee County. Master Gardeners contribute plants right from their gardens. Plants to be sold include annuals,

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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 services 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.

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://greenlightfamilyservices. org/heartgalleryofil/.

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.

Complete a training on foster care and the needs of children who are in foster care. Complete a criminal background check of

all household members.

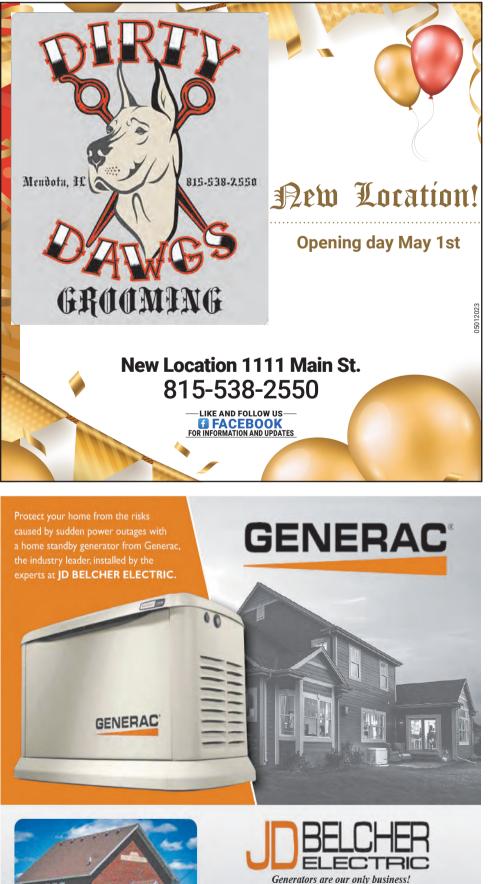
Be financially stable.

Complete a health screening.

Foster parents must be at least 21 years old and can be married, in a civil union, single, divorced or separated. They can work full- or part-time, go to school or be a stay-at-home parent; and rent or own their own home.

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. Click on Loving Homes, then click on Become a Foster or Adoptive Parent.





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SPORT

Clippers defeat Eastland, Pearl City

AMBOY — Amboy held off a late rally and downed Eastland, 8-5, in a NUIC varsity baseball game on April 25 at Parker Field.

The Clippers trailed 2-0 heading to the bottom of the second when they batted around and plated four runs. Garrett Pertell had a single for Amboy's only hit in the inning. Walks, a hit batter and an Eastland error aided the Clippers' cause.

Amboy added to its lead in the third when Jackson Rogers and Landon Montavon singled ahead of an RBI fielder's choice by Pertell.

Ryan Dickinson had an RBI in the fifth inning, while Montavon and Dillon Merriman had run-scoring singles in the sixth.

Eastland scored a single run in the sixth and tallied two more times in the seventh before Amboy retired the side to preserve the victory.

Brody Christoffersen toed the rubber for the Clippers and earned the win.

A huge first inning propelled the Clippers over Eastland,

11-5, on April 27 at Lanark.

Amboy sent 12 batters to the plate in the first inning and seven of them scored. The Clippers had six hits in the frame, including a double by Merriman. Amboy added three runs in the fourth and one in the fifth.

Quinn Leffelman and Dickinson had three hits apiece, while Tucker Lindenmeyer, Rogers and Merriman each had two safeties.

Lindenmeyer was the winning pitcher.

Amboy and Pearl City went to extra innings and the Clippers prevailed, 11-8, in eight innings on April 29 at Pearl City.

Amboy was down 8-2 after three innings, but it rallied with two runs in the fourth, one in the fifth and three in the sixth to tie the game.

The Clippers kept Pearl City off the board for four straight innings, and then their bats went to work in the top of the eighth with three runs to claim the victory.

Rogers and Lindenmeyer had three hits apiece for Amboy.

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Clippers compete at two meets

AMBOY — The Amboy-LaMoille boys' track team went up against five other schools in the Bureau Valley Invitational on April 24. The Clippers took third place in the team standings with 112 points. The home Storm claimed top honors with 139 points.

The Clippers captured five first-place finishes, with Ian Sundberg and Ed Fry each getting two blue-ribbon performances. Sundberg had winning throws of 40-5 in the shot put and 125-0 in the discus, while Fry grabbed the top spot in the high jump (5-4) and triple jump (36-9).

Also taking first was the 4x100-meter relay team of Caleb Yanos, Joel Billhorn, Nick Noble and Zane Murphy in a time of 47.65.

April 24 – Bureau

Valley Invite Bureau Valley 139, Riverdale 137, Amboy-LaMoille 112, Mendota 79, St. Bede 42, Marquette 30

A-L 1st place: 4x100m relay (Caleb Yanos, Joel Murphy), 47.65; Ian Sund-

Follow us on (f) at Prime Solutions INC Billhorn, Nick Noble, Zane with 99 points. You can win tance of 132-3. you want...

berg, shot put, 40-5; Sundberg, discus, 125-0; Ed Fry, high jump, 5-4; Fry, triple jump, 36-9

A-L 2nd place: Murphy, 200m dash, 23.91; 4x200m relay (Yanos, Noble,, Kelton Schwamberger, Murphy), 1:39.87; Kydreel Green, shot put, 38-5; Billhorn, high jump, 5-2

A-L 3rd place: Kyler McNinch, 1600m run, 4:52.62; McNinch, 3200m run, 10:20.56

A-L 4th place: Murphy, 100m dash, 12.01; Yanos, 200m dash, 24.451 4x800m relay (McNinch, Atticus Horner, Schwamberger, Michael Shoemaker), 10:41.52

A-L 5th place: Conner Deering, 3200m run, 11:57.22; Zach Dunne, discus, 103-2

A-L 6th place: Yanos, 100m dash, 12.19; Billhorn, 400m dash, 56.21

Twenty-one schools competed in the Oregon Hawk Classic on April 28. The Clippers finished in 16th place with 14 points. Winnebago grabbed first-place honors

The Clippers' best finish went to Sundberg with third place in the discus at a dis-

April 28 – Oregon Classic

Winnebago 99, Woodstock North 73, Rockford Christian 72, Lena-Winslow 63, Milledgeville 57, Erie 53, Forreston 53, North Boone 38.5, Dakota 23, Newman 21.5, Hinckley-BigRock 21, Byron 18, Rochelle 18, Morrison 16, Stockton 16, Amboy-LaMoille 14, Oregon 14, Rockford Lutheran 14, Rockford Jefferson 10, South

Beloit 5, Indian Creek 3 A-L 3rd place; Sundberg, discus, 132-3 A-L 5th place: Sundberg, shot put, 44-0 A-L 6th place: Billhorn, 400m dash, 54.72 A-L 8th place: Deering, 3200m run, 11:40.68 A-L 10th place: Fry, high jump, 5-5



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Lady Clippers to compete at Erie **Sectional**

ERIE – The Ambov-LaMoille girls' track team has been assigned to the Erie Class 1A Sectional to be held Wednesday, May 10. Field events start at 4 p.m. and running events begin at 5:30 p.m.

Other schools in the sectional are Earlville, Erie [Coop], Fulton (H.S.), Granville (Putnam County), Manlius (Bureau Valley), Milledgeville [Coop], Morrison, Ottawa (Marquette), Peru (St. Bede), Port Byron (Riverdale), Rock Island (Alleman), Savanna (West Carroll), Shabbona (Indian Creek), Sherrard, Spring Valley (Hall), Sterling (Newman Central Catholic) and Taylor Ridge (Rockridge).

First- and second-place winners and those who meet or exceed the qualifying standard in each event, including relay teams, will advance to the State final meet.

The IHSA State Meet is scheduled for Thursday, May 18 through Saturday, May 20 at O'Brien Stadium on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

SPORTS Lady Clippers place second at Bureau Valley Invite, DuPec Invite

AMBOY — The Amboy-LaMoille girls' track team had a solid second-place performance in the Bureau Valley Invitational on April 24 at Manlius. The Lady Clippers scored 131.5 points compared to 154.5 for the host Storm.

Bella Yanos had a pair of first-place finishes for A-L in the sprints. She broke the tape at 13.65 seconds in the 100-meter dash and claimed the 200-meter dash in 28.05.

Also placing first on the day was Jillian Anderson in the high jump (5-0).

> April 24 – Bureau Valley Invite

Bureau Valley 154.5, Amboy-LaMoille 131.5, St. Bede 129, Mendota 30, Marquette 29

100m dash, 13.65; Yanos, 200m dash, 28.05; Jillian Anderson, high jump, 5-0

400m dash, 1:09.11; Sa-

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mantha Nauman, 800m run, 2:49.61; Elly Jones, 100m hurdles, 17.57; Jones, 300m hurdles, 51.52; Yanos, long jump, 15-5; Jones, triple jump, 32-8

A-L 3rd place: Anderson, 100m dash, 14.15; Anderson, 200m dash, 29.38; Lexi Ketchum, 800m run, 2:53.14; Kimber Zitelman, discus, 76-2

A-L 4th place: Steph-anie Nave, 200m dash, 29.89; Grace Althaus, 400m dash, 1:11.05; Mazey Sterling, 1600m run, 8:41.95; Ketchum, high jump, 4-4; Jones, high jump, 4-4

A-L 5th place: 4x100m relay (Alexis Cheever, Taylor

Wamhoff, Angela Bejarano, Skyler Ware), 1:02.39; Althaus, long jump, 14-0; Nave, triple jump, 27-9

A-L 6th place: Ketchum, 200m dash, 30.75; Zitelman, shot put, 25-5

Seven first-place finishes powered the Lady Clippers to second place in the standings of the DuPec Invitational on April 27.

Milledgeville won the meet with 170.5 points, while Amboy-LaMoille was a close second with 164.5 points. There were seven teams in the meet.

Yanos and Jones each had a pair of first-place efforts.

Amboy Community Unit

School District #272

Monday, May 8

AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball @ Newman-4:30 pm

Wednesday, May 10

Thursday, May 11

Saturday, May 13

AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball (H)

AHS Art Club-Room 210-3:30-4:30 pm

AHS Prom-Grand March-Gym-4:00 pm

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Yanos won the 100-meter dash in 13.71 and took the 200 in 28.42. Jones picked up wins in the 100-meter hurdles (17.55) and the triple jump (33-1). Other individual firsts went to Samantha Nauman in the 800-meter run (2:52.33) and Anderson in the high jump (4-6).

Also, the 4x200 relay team broke the tape in a time of 1:55.26. Runners were Anderson, Lexi Ketchum. Stephanie Nave and Yanos.

April 27 – DuPec Invite Milledgeville 170.5, Amboy-LaMoille 164.5, North Boone 93, Stockton 74. Pecatonica 34, Alden-Hebron 29, Indian Creek 27

A-L 1st place: Yanos, 100m dash, 13.71; Yanos, 200m dash, 28.42; Nauman, 800m run, 2:52.33; Jones, 100m hurdles, 17.55; Anderson, high jump, 4-6; Jones, triple jump, 33-1; 4x200m relay (Anderson, Ketchum, Nave, Yanos), 1:55.26

A-L 2nd place: Althaus, 400m dash, 1:10.17; Nauman, 300m hurdles, 57.11; Jones, long jump, 15-1

A-L 3rd place: 4x400m relay (Althaus, Bejarano, Cheever, Nauman), 5:08.14; Ketchum, high jump, 4-4; Yanos, long jump, 14-5

A-L 4th place: Anderson, 200m dash, 29.72; Nave, 200m dash, 29.72; Anna Carlson, 1600m run, 7:29.59; Nauman, 300m hurdles, 20.22; Zitelman, discus, 84-0; Nave, triple jump, 28-1

A-L 5th place: Sterling, 1600m run, 8:08.18; Emma Chandler, 300m hurdles. 1:06.73

A-L 6th place: Ware, 400m dash, 1:14.74; Chandler, 100m hurdles, 22.46; 4x100m relay (Cheever, Wamhoff, Bejarano, Ware), 1:02.98; Zitelman, shot put, 25-5

A-L 7th place: Jenna Pinter, shot put, 23-5; Althaus, long jump, 13-5 A-L 8th place: Carlson,

800m run, 3:14.51

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A-L1st place: Bella Yanos, A-L 2nd place: Anderson,

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Fritts honors Distinctive Gardens as first local business highlight

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tive Gardens in Dixon. Rep. Fritts spent time touring the business and presented the owners with a certificate of appreciation for their contributions to the community.

"I chose Distinctive Gardens because they are a great business that has been an active part of our community for years" stated Rep. Fritts. "From providing the wreaths and trees for local fundraisers to their weekly Sippin Trip videos on Facebook Live, they are always finding new ways to engage with the people in our area."

Distinctive Gardens was founded in Dixon in 1998 by Bud and Lisa LeFever, who are from a multi-generational family of horticulturists. The business is active all across the District 74 community and even provides flowers for the city baskets in Sterling.

"Oftentimes we talk about providing incentives such as

tax breaks to new businesses in our state, but overlook businesses that have been a staple in our community for decades," said Rep. Fritts. "This series of monthly business highlights gives me a chance to speak directly with business owners to better understand what I can do down in Springfield to ensure they are also able to thrive in Illinois."

Distinctive Gardens is located at 2020 Lowell Park Rd., in Dixon.

To nominate a local business in District 74 for a future highlight, visit repfritts.com and select Local Business Highlight Submission Form under Resources.

Kishwaukee College 2023 Spring Plant Sale to offer online, in-person shopping

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Horticulture Program will host its annual Spring Plant Sale as a hybrid event with online and in-person shopping. Plants can be preordered online from Saturday, May 6, through Tuesday, May 9. Online order pickup and in-person shopping will be from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday, May 11, and Friday, May 12, at the Kishwaukee College greenhouse facilities.

All plants are grown by horticulture students and faculty on Kish's campus. Annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, hanging baskets, potting soil and more are for sale. Horticulture staff and students will be available during the event to assist patrons and answer gardening and planting questions.

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on May 11-12. Payment can be made via cash, check (payable to Kishwaukee College) or credit card.

Proceeds from the plant sale support Kish's Horticulture Program. To place an online order, visit kishplants. com. The online sale will start at 8 a.m., Saturday, May 6. For more information, visit kish.edu/hortevents.

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