

Tornados, high winds hit area

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY – At 7:10 p.m., on Friday, March 31, a tornado touched down at Woodhaven Lakes on Highway 52 between Sublette and Amboy.

When it first surfaced, the tornado was an EF-2 with peak winds of 115 miles per hour. Its path reached 7.2 miles and was 150 yards in diameter.

The tornado produced substantial and concentrated tree and power line damage along many roadways including Highway 52. Trees were snapped at the base of their trunks, silos were blown over or blown in, and a few houses and barns were demolished. Travel trailers and park models in Woodhaven Lakes also suffered damage.

An EF-1 tornado rating was given to a funnel cloud spotted in West Brooklyn.

Before the tornado ended at 7:17 p.m., downtown West Brooklyn underwent damage to First State Bank, and a few other buildings. The roof was torn off of the bank, and the branch will be closed for the foreseeable future as they repair the roof.

Mendota experienced winds of 80 miles per hour and damage on the south side of town but did not withstand a tornado.

Friday evening, 12 tornados were confirmed in northern Illinois and Indiana including Amboy, West Brooklyn, Machesney Park, Davis Junction, Poplar Grove, Wellington, Stockland, Lombard, and Addison in Illinois, as well as, Oxford, Fowler, and Remington Indiana.

Pictured right, travel trailers and park models in Woodhaven Lakes also suffered damage from the EF-2 tornado.



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Courtesy photos



Pictured is the building next to the West Brooklyn post office.

Courtesy photo



The roof was torn off of the First State Bank branch in West Brooklyn, and the branch will be closed for the foreseeable future as they repair the roof.

Courtesy photo



Amboy Lions to hold annual Cliff Walter Memorial Easter Egg Hunt

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY – The Cliff Walter Memorial bench will have a visitor during Easter weekend as the Easter Bunny will make a special appearance to see the kids in the community take the run around Amboy City Park to look for Easter eggs.

The Easter Bunny will be ready for photos from 1:30-1:50 p.m. and the Lions Club Cliff Walter Memorial Easter Egg Hunt will began at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 8.

The Lions Club Easter event has been held for approximately 40 years. This year there is a noticeable change.

“This year we are doing it a little different because we’re not going to use real eggs. We have always dyed real eggs and hid them in the park. Now we’re going to plastic eggs,” said Jim Travi, the Lions Club member and public relations director. “Part of the reason was the cost of the eggs because a couple of

weeks ago eggs were over \$6 for a dozen.

“Most Easter egg hunts in the area have already went to plastic eggs, so we’re catching up to them. The kids always liked the real ones but times are changing,” Travi said.

Each egg will have candy inside. For each of the different age groups there are three prize eggs, which will include a cash prize.

“The horn will sound at 2 p.m. and the kids will take off,” Travi said. “To get the eggs and the candy, put the candy in the eggs, and hide the eggs at the park, we’re talking about a couple hours. It takes over an hour to just hide the eggs.

“The kids find every egg in about five minutes. Once the horn blows they’re like a vacuum.”

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Amboy News file photo

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.

2Lt. Marshall Watts Bunnell

Marshall Bunnell was born April 16, 1923 to Elwin and Lydia Osborn Bunnell, residing at 605 N.



Ottawa in Dixon. Elwin was a successful partner in an established law firm in Dixon, and in 1934 ran for election as a Lee County Judge. Marshall and his three siblings enjoyed the blessings of growing up in a small midwestern town, including their swimming lessons in the Rock River from another Dixon boy, Ronald Reagan,



who would go on to become the 40th President of the United States. If life was idyllic for this family it would soon take a tragic turn. In 1941, four months after Marshall's graduation from Dixon High School, his parents were killed in an auto accident while traveling in Tennessee. Later that same year, the United States would enter World War II, changing the course

of life for the Bunnell family and all Americans.

In June of 1942, while enrolled as a college student, Marshall registered for the military draft. By December of that year, he had enlisted in the U.S. Army in Chicago, joining the Army Air Force as a Private. After completion of his training for the air service, Marshall achieved the rank of Second Lieutenant, and was

assigned to the 318th Fighter Group, 333rd Fighter Squadron, 7th Air Force. On April 16, 1944, Marshall married Lorraine Diesness in Jackson, Arkansas. A year later, while on duty in the Pacific, Marshall would learn of the birth of his son, also named Marshall.

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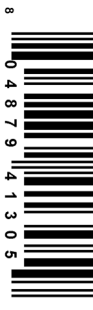


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LOCAL NEWS

Bids being accepted for naming the street

AMBOY — A tradition started in 1997 to honor a loved ones memory by naming a street for one year after that person is being done again this year.

The A.C.O. is taking sealed bids to name the street north of the business district until April 20, 2023. The sign will be hung on May 1 and remain there for one year. The sign will then be given to the successful bidder.

Currently the street is named after Bill and Lillie Kant. Previous honorees were Makenzie Way, Cliff and Pat Weller, Allen Zip Sensenig, Bob and Mary Welty, Avery Lovgren, Jake Metzen, Gary Hart, Howard and Ruth Shaw, Douglas Blaine, Louis Grasser, Doug Antoine, Dave Yentzer, James "Mort" Hinkle, James Mead, Bob Smith, Lisa Nauman, Dave Payne, Dale Etheridge, Elmer "Rocky" Sensenig, Arnie Stahr, Bob Machen and Jeff "Bodine" Bonnell.

The money raised will be given to the Pankhurst Memorial Library. The minimum bid is \$200 and will be accepted at the Amboy City Hall.

Teen Turf awarded Bushel of Books

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter
MENDOTA — Teen Turf received a gift.

A gift in the shape of books as the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation delivered its Books by the Bushel donation to Teen Turf.

"These books are very important. That's what we're all about, kids bettering themselves and doing the best that they can in school," said Eileen Piper, director of Teen Turf. "The kids love it. It keeps them encouraged to read. The Farm Bureau does so much for the 4-H

programs and to have them reach out to us is amazing."

"The Farm Bureau picked out the books and it's pretty

cool. My sister (Mary Kathryn Stenzel) is a master gardener. A few of the books they can use for that program. It's

cool that we can share books with other programs and other organizations.

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Students at Teen Turf, Amboy, accept the Books by the Bushel donation from the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation.

Photo submitted

Easter Sunday Brunch!
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Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for \$500 to Rich Frye and Joe Richardson of the Lee County Volunteers Corp. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating more than \$40,000 to local organizations this year.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



EASTER SERVICE SCHEDULE

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The Catholic Parishes of St. Patrick, Amboy, St. Flannen, Harmon and St. Mary, Walton invite you to celebrate Holy Week and Easter with us.

Holy Thursday, April 6th
 † St. Patrick, Amboy – Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.
 † St. Patrick, Amboy Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00-Midnight (Without Exposition)

Good Friday, April 7th
 † St. Patrick, Amboy - Veneration of the Cross, 3:00 p.m.
 † St. Patrick, Amboy – Confessions 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
 † St. Patrick, Amboy - Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 8th
 † St. Patrick, Amboy – Easter Vigil Mass, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9th
 † St. Flannen, Harmon – Easter Mass, 7:30 a.m.
 † St. Patrick, Amboy – Easter Mass, 8:00 a.m.
 † St. Mary, Walton – Easter Mass, 9:00 a.m.
 † St. Patrick, Amboy – Easter Mass, 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday, April 9
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LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

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.

Fish Fry

Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and gave tips, made cookies, prepared food, and served it. Special thanks to these folks: Mike Girton, Larry Piper, Donna Wellman, Scott, Tammy and Brooklyn Strub, Dan and Laurie Nauman and Thrivent Financial, Sandy Draper, Jon Draper, Thomas family, Barb Harrison, Janine Huffman, Shelli Bump, Amboy City Workers, Dave Montez, Greg Girton, Bonny and Bob Faivre, Michael and Matthew Farrar, Patrick Jones, Anonymous Donor; Kathy Kessel, Dennis & Brooke Weidman, Mary Kathryn Stenzel, Mark and Veronica Grossman, Pete Rood, Parents of Afterschool children; Candy Robinson; Gabby Down, Eileen Piper; Anthony Linder, Cordia Asencio, Nate Piper, Jillian Rieskamp, Michael Cagle, Brad Dimwiddie, John Ruiz, Marty Bartelt, Lila and Liam Rieskamp, Addison Bump, Jax Richardson, and Kai Vaupel. Thank you to our community.

Draw Down

May 6 is the Drive-Thru Dinner from 4 to 6 p.m. and the live drawing at 7 p.m. on Facebook. Our online Auction will be on Air Auctioneer again starting noon on Thursday, April 27 through May 4 ending at 8 p.m. Cost is \$50 per ticket. If you would like to donate a basket or a gift certificate, please contact us at 815-857-4800, email teenturf@yahoo.com, or message us through Facebook. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please see Eileen Piper, Pam Thomas, or any of our board members-Barb Harrison, Mark Grossman, Shelli Bump, Janine and Scott Huffman, Trese McNinch, and Kimberly Watley.

Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: HEA Association for the monetary donation; Marvin Spears for changing the tire; Dan and Laura Dickinson for the monetary donation; Bill and Pam Weir for the monetary donation; Enel for the monetary donation; Bump family for the toys and thank you to Kiera and Ellie from Impact, who did an amazing job.

Special thanks to these people who donated money in memory of Dean Stephenitch: Larry Irvine Sales; Wilma Gascoigne; Susan Kerr; Donna Wellman; Nancy and Terry Leffelman; Gordon and Joy Meyer; Sandy Draper; Deb and Art Albee; Woodhaven Association and Hugh and Susan McCoy.

Needs

Granola Bars

Final Note

Father, our faithful Creator, help us to continually remember You are in control. When we are anxious about all the changes at work, remind us that we are in the palm of your hand. May your grace and gentleness flow over us, teaching us to be flexible and to peacefully adapt to change. When we must learn new skills or new procedures, remind us not to be anxious. When deadlines change or a project needs to be rearranged, help us not get upset, but instead adjust our work cheerfully. Help us embrace the peace that comes from an optimistic spirit. Amen.

EASTER

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The Easter egg hunt is named after Cliff Walter because he was the Lions Club chairperson who organized the hunt every year up until he passed away.

There is a memorial bench at Amboy City Park in Walter's honor.

This is where the Easter Bunny will be found on Saturday.

"The community looks forward to the hunt. The kids look forward to it. The members of the Lions Club look forward to it," Travi said. "We enjoy watching the little kids take off and find eggs so much. It's just a fun event that brings the community together."

"The Easter bunny is waiting for the kids to get to the park so they can meet him."

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The 318th Fighter Group spent two and a half years based at Hickam Field in Hawaii before moving to the front in June, 1944 where it supported U.S. invasions of Saipan, Tinian, and Guam. For the next 10 months, the group supported fighting on all three islands and also escorted American bombers attacking Japanese bases on other South Pacific islands. In April of 1945, the 318th group moved to the Ryukyu Islands, based at an airfield on le Shima, a tiny island recently seized from Japanese forces and located off the coast of Okinawa. From

April through June, American soldiers, sailors and marines were engaged in a 51 day battle for the island of Okinawa, one which would cost over 12,000 American lives.

From July 10-15, the U.S. Navy launched "Task Force 38" using 14 aircraft carriers to attack the Japanese homeland in a series of strikes on airfields, shipping vessels, and military bases. The 318th Fighters were used in support of this operation. Though we do not know the exact mission of 2Lt. Bunnell, we know that he was officially reported missing in action at Kagoshima, Japan on July

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 is offering a rabbit workshop April 8, from 10 a.m. – noon, at the Lee County 4-H Center, for youth ages 8-18. Youth will be learning proper rabbit showmanship, education on rabbit breeds, and how to show rabbits. Register online at: go.illinois.edu/LeeRabbit

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold for adults its Diamond Painting Club program on April 10, 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, April 10. 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, April

10, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St., Sublette.

AMBOY- A pork chop dinner, benefitting Clipper Kiddies Christian Preschool, will be held on Tuesday, April 11, from 5 – 7 p.m., at the Amboy Community Building. Tickets are \$12 for the carryout only dinner. A cash only bake sale, hosted by the Clipper Kiddies, will also be held.

EAST GROVE TWP- The East Grove Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 10, at the East Grove Township Hall.

MAY TWP-The May Township Annual meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 11, at the township maintenance building.

SUBLETTE TWP- The Sublette Township annual meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, April 11, at the Sublette Township Building.

AMBOY-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its School Age program on

Sixth grade students impress at recent school board meeting

BY GEORGE HOWE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — Right before spring break the Amboy School board met in regular session on March 23. There were several action items that passed the board's approval including; accepting the bid from Sterling Commercial Roofing, Inc. for work on the maintenance building. Fowler was awarded the general contractor work for the demolition of the old junior high building. The current contract with Helm Electric was revised. CDW will provide 131 Dell Chrome books, along with a warranty program through ITSavvy LLC.

All three schools participated in a severe weather drill during the month of March. The PTC "drive thru" Pancake Breakfast was a successful fundraiser serving 1,453 meals the morning of March 5. The Principal's Breakfast hosted 161 students who sold 10 or more tickets for the event. Central School Joyce Schamberger thanked Superintendent Josh Nichols for his help in the kitchen. The spring concert will be held April 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

Junior High Principal Andrew Full reported that some of the month's highlights included; cyber security training for teachers. The fifth and sixth girls basketball team were crowned conference champions on March 7. On March 9, sixth grader Parker Zimmerly competed at the Regional Spelling Bee held in Dixon, and finished in fourth place. Track and Field practice has begun.

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April 15, from 10 – 11 a.m.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will host a new book club on April 17, from 5 – 6 p.m. This is the first meeting of this new book club.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will meet Monday, April 17, 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, April 17, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Tales for Tots program on April 22, from 10-11 a.m.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Junior Craft Club on April 24, from 4:30 - 6 p.m.

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LOCAL NEWS

Amboy Fire Department holds drawdown

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY – Although a EF-2 tornado caused damage and power outage within the Amboy boundaries the night before, the Amboy Fire Department was able to offset chaos by hosting their annual Amboy Firemen Drawdown on Saturday, April 1.
“It was well attended. We still had some calls related to the storm on Friday. We ended up sheltering a family of seven people through the event because they lost power and their house became too cold,” Amboy Fire Department Chief Jeff Bryant Sr. said. “We fed them, housed them, and they enjoyed themselves until they received power in their home around 11 p.m. on Saturday.”
The first annual drawdown was in 2019, which was in person, before COVID-19 forced the department to go virtual with the second drawdown.
Saturday’s drawdown, the third event, had sold 160 tickets. Bryant Sr. said at one point all of the 120 seats set out were filled.
Bryant Sr. and the AFD had hoped to raise \$1,500. The drawdown brought in more than \$5,000. All winners of the cash prize raffles were in attendance.
“We raised some good funds to help with

costs of equipment and training. The funds will go toward replacing nozzles on engines. There are all kinds of technology out there that we have to train and equip for with electric vehicles.
“The fire fighting on battery-operated vehicles is a little different than gas-operated vehicles because their high voltage wires run along the frame where we cut vehicles. We’re looking at car fire blankets and things that deactivate the power to the car.
“The fire blankets are \$3,000 each and the device to depower the vehicles is about \$1,000,” Bryant said.
Besides the raffles, the drawdown included a hog roast meal of pulled pork, baked beans, corn, applesauce, and cookies.
There was also a last-minute band substitution.
“We had a band called Snap Shot booked, but I was contacted Thursday morning and made aware two of their band members were not able to play,” Bryant Sr. said. “Trying to get a band for the next day was somewhat challenging, but we lucked out and were able to bring in a band called Wise Guys. Two of the band members have local ties to Amboy.
“They were quite enjoyable. People stuck around and listened to them.”

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Coaches Brad Dunlap, and Katie Krogman reported that 75 students have come out for the team. On Friday, March 24, the entire school went to the Sterling Theater for the third quarter Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Celebration.
High School Principal Janet Crownhart shared that back on March 3, Mr. Heavner took a group of girls to Galesburg for the Women

Changing the Face of Agriculture conference, focusing on career paths in Ag and networking opportunities that are available to young women. The FFA alumni held their trivia night on March 4, raising over \$7,000. The Air Force, SVCC, and Educators of Beauty representatives made themselves available to students during lunch time to answer any questions about a possible career.

Superintendent Nichols made the board members aware that the asbestos at the old junior high has been removed and completed. The next step will be to have all of the utilities permanently shut off.
A group of sixth graders presented some flag and sign options for the front of the junior high building that currently don’t have anything.” This group of kids went out and did all of the research and came to the meeting with proposals and were well prepared,” said Nichols.

Lee County Sheriff’s Office urges motorists to “Drop It and Drive”

LEE COUNTY – In honor of Distracted Driving Awareness Month, the Lee County Sheriff’s Office is partnering with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois State Police and more than 200 local law enforcement agencies to step up enforcement efforts across the state.
Motorists can expect to see increased patrols and traffic safety enforcement zones throughout April.
“Distracted driving is one of the leading causes of motor vehicle crashes on our roads

today,” said Chief Deputy Derek Ranken. “During Distracted Driving Awareness Month, law enforcement will boost enforcement efforts, stopping anyone who is texting and driving. Remember, if you have a phone in one hand, you can expect a ticket in the other.”
In Illinois, using your phone in anything other than handsfree mode is not only dangerous, it’s illegal. Drop it and drive.
The Illinois distracted driving campaign is funded with federal traffic safety funds administered by IDOT.

CGH Auxiliary Masquerade™ Jewelry and Accessories \$5 Fundraising Sale, April 17 and 18

STERLING – The CGH Auxiliary will host their annual Masquerade™ Jewelry and Accessories \$5 Fundraising Sale on Monday, April 17 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Tuesday, April 18 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale is located in a new location this year, in the CGH Main Clinic Lobby, 101 E. Miller Road, Sterling.
This is the most popular Auxiliary vendor

sale for both staff and the community. The sale will feature a huge variety of jewelry and accessories, including the latest items in fashion. There is something for all ages and a great idea for gifts. All proceeds to benefit CGH Auxiliary projects.
For more information, please contact the CGH Auxiliary, 815-625-0400, ext. 5727, or visit www.cghmc.com/auxiliary

OSF HealthCare welcomes new obstetrics and gynecology providers

OTTAWA – OSF HealthCare is pleased to announce that Jennifer Maschmann, MD, and Nora Toraason, MD, have joined our obstetrics and gynecology team to better serve the communities in the I-80 area.
In addition, we have also reached an agreement with the Aishling Obstetrics & Gynecology Group. This independent and well-established physician group includes Brett Cassidy, MD, James Hawkins, DO, and Bryan Sweeney, DO. They will provide services through OSF Medical Group starting in May.

The addition of these new providers to the OSF Medical Group—Obstetrics & Gynecology at 1614 East Norris Drive, Ottawa, will ensure increased access to women’s services. These physicians will provide comprehensive obstetrical care, annual wellness exams and treat all medical and surgical issues in women’s health care, as well as delivering babies at OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center.
Beginning April 10, new or existing patient appointments with Drs. Maschmann and Toraason can be made by calling 815-431-0435.

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They are going to use two books from the Bushel of Books to help them with a program they have coming up,” Piper said.
The LCFB has been generous with monetary donations to Teen Turf, but this is the first time it has donated books to the youth organization.

Piper and Teen Turf appreciate the Books by the Bushel donation and the assistance they receive from the LCFB.
“We are very appreciative of the work they do at the Farm Bureau,” Piper said.
“We have a great partnership, friendship where our No. 1 goal is to help better

our community. It starts with the children and giving them all of the information, material, and support to be good people and do good things.”
Others receiving the grant donation were St. Anne’s Catholic School, Madison Elementary, Mrs. Pitzer’s third grade classroom in Dixon, and Enrichment Co-Op in Lee.
In a press release, the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation stated the mission of the foundation is to fund and encourage agriculture related educational opportunities to the youth of Lee County through programs like Books by the Bushel, Ag in the Classroom, and college scholarships.



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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

RED LONDON

Alma Katsu's latest spy thriller, "Red London," takes place a few months after Putin disappears off the face of the earth and another KGB man, Viktor Kosygin, emerges overnight as Russia's latest strongman. Kosygin presents himself as a reasonable leader, ready to deal with the West. (We are not told what happened in Ukraine.) Katsu opens her story with an attack on a posh mansion owned by Mikhail Rotenberg, one of the richest Russian oligarchs residing in London. The invaders are beaten back, but the message is clear. Kosygin wants Rotenberg's money, all of it.

CIA field agent Lindsey Duncan arrives in London to meet the CIA's newest Russian asset, Dmitri Tarasenko, a monstrous war criminal. Lindsey was the heroine of Katsu's superb "Red Widow" thriller. Unlike the somewhat naïve and all too human young woman in "Red Widow," Lindsey here is highly competent, cold, and one-dimensional. The Tarasenko subplot is not developed and pretty much fades out. Lindsey's old flame from her Beirut days, MI6 agent Davis Ranford urgently asks her to cozy up to Mikhail Rotenberg's beautiful, aristocratic English wife Emily. MI6 has no clue what is going on at the Rotenberg mansion or what the attack signifies. Ever the dutiful agent, Lindsey obliges. MI6 provides her with a legend – Lynn Prescott, a rich, lonely American on the Grand Tour.

Friendless and estranged from her family, Emily, who is the mother of two-year-old twins and who must obey her Lord and Master completely, is thrilled when Lindsey speaks to her at a luncheon where Emily is the keynote speaker. She has a friend after five years of confinement punctuated by charity events and play dates at the homes of the Russian wives of Mikhail's fellow oligarchs. Within a few days, Emily invites Lindsey to stay at the Rotenberg mansion. Mikhail, a rather sadistic character, surprisingly does not object. Lindsey enjoys herself, even as it becomes increasingly clear that Mikhail is under imminent threat from Kosygin, whom Emily calls the omnipotent beast master. But in the meantime, the novel stalls when Emily, devoid of talent or purpose other than her children, takes center stage.

In an interview, Katsu said she wanted to write a spy thriller for women, and to that end, decided the book was to be character, rather than plot, driven. I'm not sure why she would think women don't read thrillers or that violence must only be hinted at. In any case, I think that was a misguided choice because a thriller with a bare-bones plot and chapter after chapter devoted to the oft-repeated thoughts of a highly ordinary young woman does not make for a decent thriller. There is a good deal of suspense at the end, but in my opinion it was too little too late.

Litter campaign by IDOT urges public Think Before You Throw

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation is once again asking the public to be on the alert for crews picking up litter and to Think Before You Throw. As part of an ongoing awareness campaign, IDOT is mobilizing litter pickup operations this spring and encouraging you to be part of the solution in keeping roadsides and communities free of unnecessary trash and debris.

"As one of the largest landowners in the state, the Illinois Department of Transportation takes great pride in making sure we are keeping our state as clean and free of clutter as possible, but we need your help," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. "Excess garbage on highways can be easily avoided. Dispose of garbage properly. Make sure loads are properly secured and covered to keep debris and other trash from winding up on the roads. Litter has consequences: Think before you throw."

The Think Before You Throw! initiative aims to reduce roadside litter by raising awareness of its impacts to help keep a positive impression of the Prairie State for those who reside here and the nearly 100 million tourists who visit annually.

Illinois is home to 150,000 miles of road. You can do your part to keep them clean by using bags and receptacles in your vehicle to collect and dispose of trash. Also consider reusable bags for shopping and refillable bottles for beverages to cut down on waste.

Ensure trashcans have lids that attach snugly to stop garbage from being spread. Properly secure and cover loads as well with a tarp, rope, straps, and netting.

Last year, IDOT spent approximately \$26.5 million picking up litter and removing large debris. That's the



equivalent of buying 143 maintenance trucks that also plow snow in winter or purchasing all of the salt IDOT spread during the past snow-and-ice season, with \$1 million left to spare. It also could pay to resurface 13 miles of interstate.

With the arrival of spring, IDOT forces are engaged in litter removal operations across the state, which will continue until next winter. If you encounter maintenance vehicles and workers, please slow down, move over and give them space – it's the law.

Other litter facts:

Roadside litter causes distractions that can lead to dangerous crashes. It also requires maintenance operations that put workers in potentially hazardous situations.

Litter kills plants and animals. And it is unsightly. No one likes litter in their community.

Littering is illegal and subject to a fine of up to \$1,500 in Illinois. In addition to other penalties, violators may be required to maintain litter control over a portion of highway for 30 days. (415 ILCS 105/5)

Loads must be tarped and secured, with permits required for certain cargo. Violators can face penalties that include a fine up to



Alec Wetzell, Young Leader representative, presents the FFA Jackets to this year's awardees: Barrett Becker, Nolan Rueff, Kyle Goldman, Justin Henert, Zac Rockwood, Logan O'Brien, Jack Delhotal. Not pictured: Alexis Schwartz.

Photo submitted

Young Leaders award FFA grants

ASHTON — The Lee County Farm Bureau Young Leader Committee is excited to announce their first FFA official dress grant award winners. The eight

members of the Ashton-Franklin Center CUSD #275 FFA Chapter who were the recipients of this year's grant were each awarded a new FFA jacket and a necktie

or scarf during their recent FFA meeting by Young Leader, Alec Wetzell.

FROM THE HEART CASH CALENDAR

March 2023 From The Heart Calendar Winners

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Mar. 2 - First State Bank Employee, Rochelle, \$25

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Mar. 4 - Tim Cech, Rochelle, \$25

Mar. 5 - HOPE of Ogle County, \$50

Mar. 6 - Matthew Browder, Waterman, \$25

Mar. 7 - Jim & Lori Nalley, Ashton, \$25

Mar. 8 - Miguel Lopez, Rochelle, \$25

Mar. 9 - Hailey Thompson, Rochelle, \$25

Mar. 10 - Veronica Wicks,

Rochelle, \$25

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Mar. 21 - Charlie Boons-tra, Dixon, \$25

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Mar. 26 - Tara Richardson, Waterman, \$50

Mar. 27 - HOPE of Ogle

County, \$25

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Mar. 29 - Kaylee May, Rochelle, \$50

Mar. 30 - Billy Gregg Evans, Rochelle, \$25

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Opinion

Learning the hard way, the importance of gut health

There is always a new health fad. Usually a diet we should all follow that cuts out sugar, carbohydrates, sodium, and food enjoyment.

However, through it all, there is one thing we should all be worried about or at least conscience about, gut health.

It's the most important by far because if it isn't a priority, you could be in pain and not even realize why or negatively affect your overall health because the organs in your stomach control just about everything the heart doesn't.

Diverticulitis, Inguinal Hernia, Intestinal Pseudo-obstruction, Irritable Bowel Syndrome, Lactose Intolerance, Microscopic Colitis, Ostomy Surgery of the Bowel, Pancreatitis, Peptic Ulcers, Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (acid reflux), Celiac Disease and Gluten Intolerance, Crohn's Disease, and Ulcerative Colitis may look like alphabet soup to some.

But to others, those digestive conditions make their face cringe because they know the hurt and other issues associated. Most of them are not hereditary.

They are man or woman made.

The American diet is not a diet, it's amazing tasting food that tears up the body in indescribable ways unless you know the causes, symptoms and reasons behind all of the previous alphabet soup conditions.

In our society, we are trained to eat quickly (fast food) and poorly when it comes to baked goods, sweats, grease, saturated fat overload, and gluten infested food because our brains and our taste buds like the word delicious more than

Column

By Brandon LaChance



healthy. Let's face it, 85 percent of people in the country want to eat a cookie before an apple or a pasta with red meat and red sauce before a grilled chicken salad.

The problem is, when delicious is the go-to for what we eat, gut unhealthiness is taking place.

Colons are becoming infected because low fiber diets are not pushing food through our digestive system quick enough.

Gastrointestinal tracts are thrown off track or the track is twisted or turned.

In other words, poop or no poop situations that are more agonizing than breaking bones or tearing tendons.

As a man who has a reconstructive face because all but two bones were broken, an ankle with two plates, a rod, and eight screws, has partially torn a Meniscus (knee), and someone who has Diverticulitis, I speak or write from experience.

Without a doubt, hands down, I would choose to relive the Kanye West "Through the Wire" face or the Joe Theismann-like broken leg before I select the Michael Myers machete slicing stomach cramps mixed with the feel of dislocated discs in the lower back and out of service sign figuratively put on the digestive removal system that Diverticulitis includes.

And you can't blame a bad driver who caused a car accident.

Or another athlete who hit you wrong.

Or faulty equipment or working surfaces.

The only one to blame is you because of your diet.

It doesn't have to be Keto, Mediterranean, Alkaline, or

Flexitarian.

It literally just has to be a diet that doesn't include pure junk that is eventually going to cause a problem long term or short term.

We don't even realize it's happening.

Who knew that every time I was eating ice cream, drinking an alcoholic beverage, smashing a red meat entree, or having a side of meat with the main dish of grease in a burger that pockets were being formed and infected in my colon?

No one.

Until Michael Myers' machete was in my intestines and a \$6,000 test told the doctors so.

This isn't written to make you afraid to eat food or to not enjoy dishes which bring smiles and happiness.

But maybe devour and digest them proportionally.

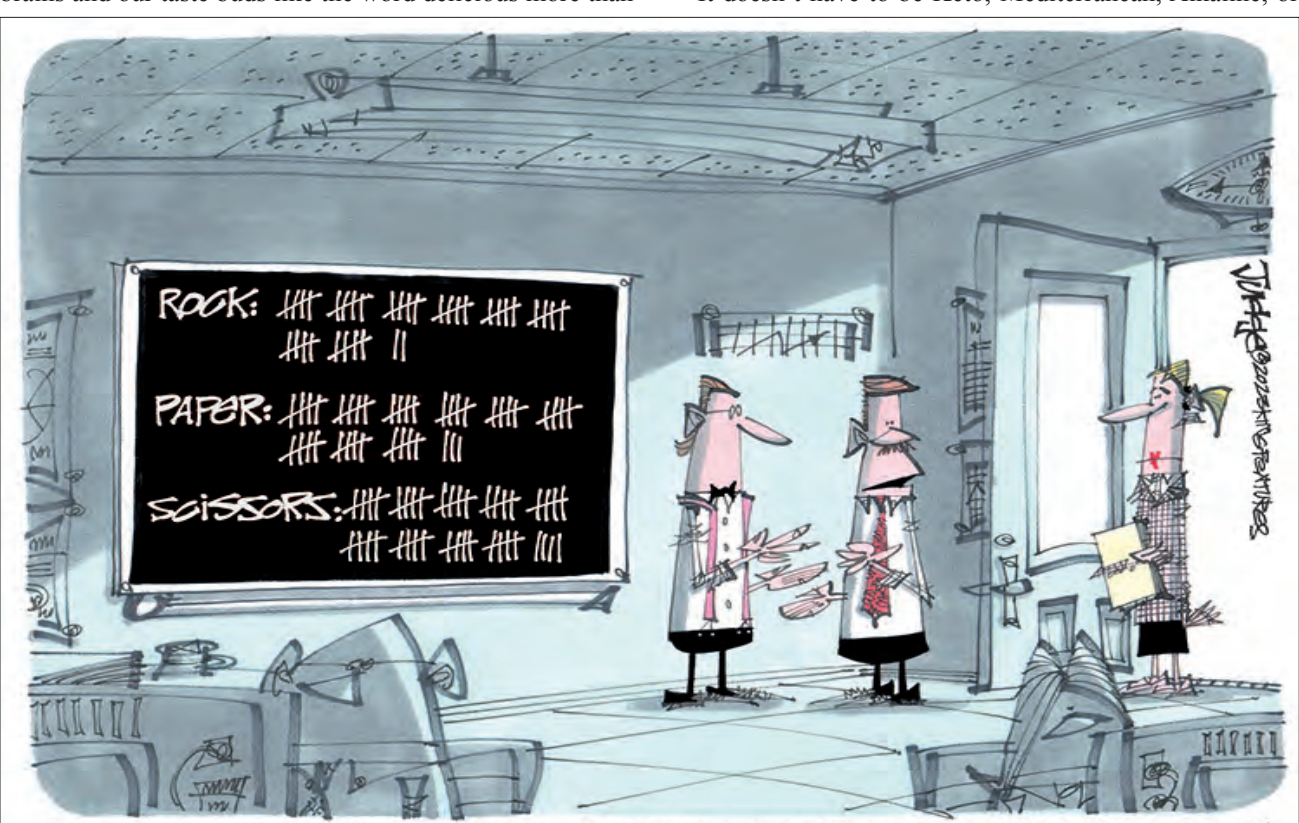
At least be aware of what could be happening in your stomach just because you choose to eat on the delicious scale instead of the healthy one.

Or because you don't take the time or the effort to make a healthy meal delicious.

I didn't for a long time as I drove all across Illinois and the country for work piling up fast food bags in my back seat and building hour towers of power with aluminum cans through high school, college and well into my 30s.

Now, I pay the price.

At the same time, now I realize the importance of gut health and realize a healthier me is a better me. Hopefully, you can do the same.



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago April 6, 1923

The dates for the Firemen's Bazaar were set for April 18-21. The four nights will include various types of entertainment including dancing with good music every night. The purpose of the bazaar is to add funds for the fire fighting equipment.

Stop in at H.F. Epperson, Home Furnisher, and ask for a demonstration of the Sellers Kitchen Cabinets, featuring an automatic lowering flour bin, automatic base shelf extender, automatic extending table drawer section, porcelain work table, ant-proof casters and other features.

75 Years Ago April 1, 1948

H.A. Bachofen was elected president of the Amboy Milk Products Company. Oliver Gehant was vice president, R.W. Ruckman was secretary and K.S. MacKinnon was treasurer. Other directors were D.L. Berry, E.M. Sullivan and L.S. Griffith.

Mendota Monument Company ad-

vertised as an authorized Rock of Ages dealer. They are still regular advertisers of the Amboy News.

A new business in Amboy was the Tomlinson Funeral Home, a successor to the Vaughan Funeral Service which was established in 1854.

50 Years Ago April 5, 1973

Ken Kraft, wrestling coach at Northwestern, was the featured speaker at the Amboy High School athletic banquet.

Rehearsals continued for the AHS production of "Oklahoma!", this year's musical. Jeff McLindsay was the student director with Terry Lynch, Mary Elliott, tom McLaughlin, Heidi Palmer, Sue Lowe and Darrell John as just a few of the cast members.

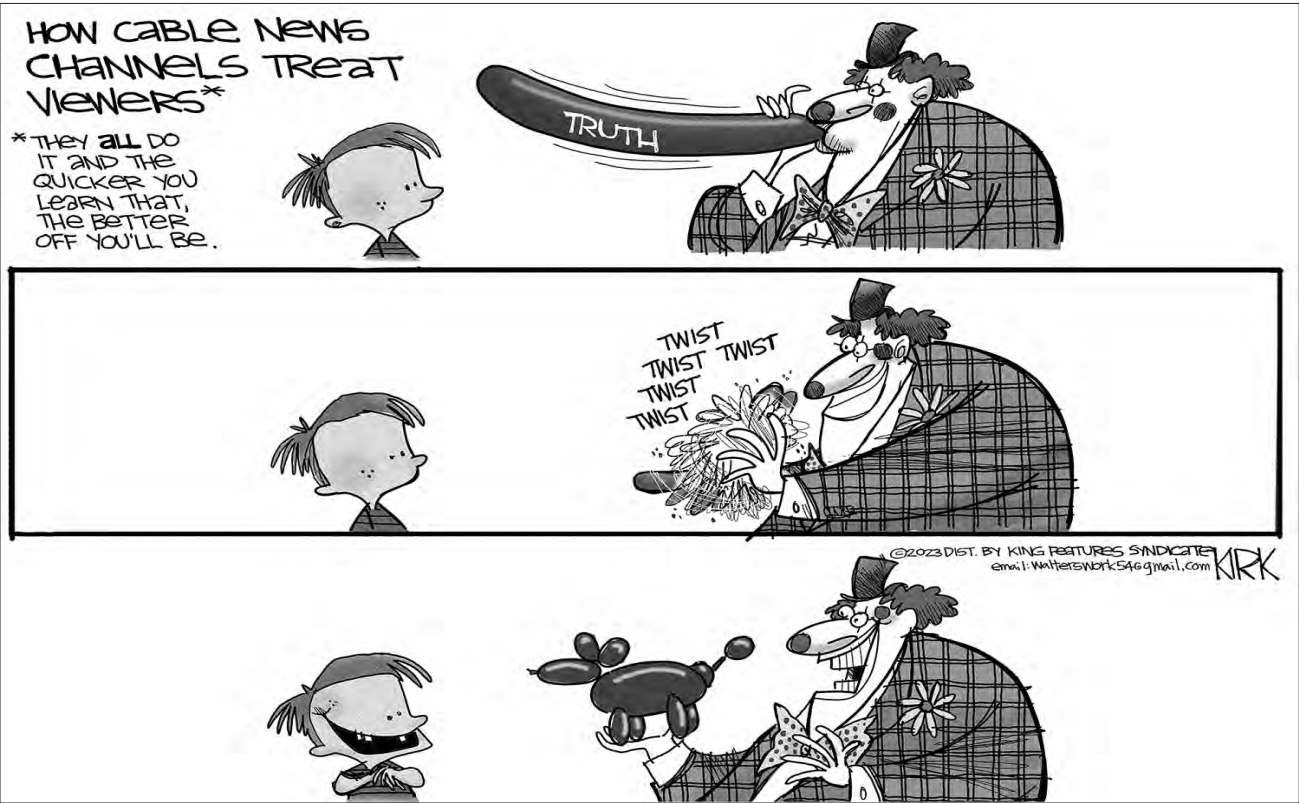
Dewey Davison, owner of the Amboy Laundromat on South Mason Avenue, completed construction of a car wash behind the present laundromat building.

25 Years Ago April 2, 1998

Amboy had 41 wrestlers participating in the Ashton Tournament on Saturday, March 28. They were competing against wrestlers from Sterling, Mt. Morris, Ashton, Franklin Grove, Dixon, Oregon, Stillman Valley, Rochelle, Belvidere, Newman Jr. High, Leaf River, Princeton, Plainfield and Byron. Out of the 41 Amboy wrestlers, 34 of them won a trophy.

Raynor employee Beth Rameirez was the top fundraiser at the recent Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Bowl-a-thon. Beth's team beat out 26 other teams to win the \$200 grand prize. The Bowl-a-thon netted \$9,200 to help recruit, train and monitor community volunteers who represent abused and/or neglected children in court by investigating and reporting to the judge in a child's case.

Led by eighth graders Ashley Mekeel and Adrianna Wells and sixth grader Talon Becker, the Amboy Junior High Music Department scored a total of 35 Superior (first) ratings and seven Excellent (second) ratings at the annual Illinois Elementary School Association Solo and Ensemble Contest held in Galva this past Saturday.



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LOCAL NEWS

IFB President: Farmers invest in sustainable agriculture throughout the year

BY RICHARD GUEBERT JR.
Illinois Farm Bureau President

Each spring people around the world celebrate our planet, recognizing the need to find innovative solutions to protect our soil and water for generations to come.

Farmers, often called the “original conservationists,” continue the fight for cleaner, more sustainable agricultural practices throughout the year. We care deeply for our land and collaborate with our agricultural research partners to implement the best solutions to preserve our natural resources.

We invest time, money, and energy in protecting our land. We are investing in our future.

Our farmers utilize a variety of sustainable practices. One strategy that has gained momentum in recent years is the use of cover crops, or plants such as wheat, rye, and radishes which are planted after primary cash crops like corn and soybeans are harvested. These special crops work hard to enrich the soil, maintain moisture, and prevent erosion among other benefits.

In February, University of Illinois researchers released a new study showing that Midwestern farmers are seeding more cover

crops than ever. The study showed that cover crop adoption reached 7.2% in 2021, up from 1.8% a decade earlier. Researchers stated that the rapid increase in cover crop adoption between 2017 and 2021 coincided with increased state and federal incentive programs.

The U of I study, “Recent rapid increase of cover crop adoption across the U.S. Midwest detected by fusing multi-source satellite data,” was published in Geophysical Research Letters.

Farmers also work hard to voluntarily implement the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy (NLRs) to reduce nutrient loss to the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico. Last year, Illinois Farm Bureau’s (IFB) environmental team joined forces with farmers and agricultural researchers to film a new documentary highlighting sustainability efforts in Illinois.

The hour-long film “Sustaining Our Future: A Farm Family Story,” celebrates farmers’ dedication to the environment while sharing with a broader consumer audience the trials, and in some cases, the financial risks farmers take to conserve our natural resources.

Viewers are invited to join the Ganschow family of Bureau County to learn how three

generations of farmers have approached sustainability to create a brighter future for generations to come. People can now watch the documentary for free on IFB’s YouTube channel.

This April, Illinois farmers and the agricultural research community are collaborating to showcase current and past conservation practices, including ongoing cover crop projects. These Spring Nutrient Stewardship Field days are an opportunity for those inside and outside of agriculture to learn more about farmers’ role in protecting the environment.

Now in its eighth year, IFB’s Nutrient Stewardship Grant Program supports research conservation projects across the state. Our organization has committed more than \$2.8 million to nutrient stewardship initiatives since 2015. For the fiscal year 2023, IFB distributed \$175,000 in grants for local projects, including \$25,000 to support pollinator conservation across the state.

It is fitting that this year Illinois farmers will host two field day opportunities ahead of Earth Day. In Washington County, farmers will evaluate nutrient loss reduction practices in addition to evaluating cover crop projects. Young farmers in Knox County will also invite

researchers and farmers to learn more about their goal to implement one cover crop plot in each township within the county.

Farmers are at the forefront of climate-smart farming, putting scientific solutions, technology, and innovation to work to protect our land, air, and water. Every year is a learning curve, however.

We are constantly building upon previous research to develop better, more sustainable practices and strategies to protect our land. It is important to also keep in mind this is a long-haul effort. Each year, our farmers find new ways to approach conservation and sustainability, moving the needle ever closer to a brighter, greener future.

I am proud of the work Illinois farmers are doing and will continue to do to preserve our natural resources. While the world celebrates our planet on April 22, I challenge everyone to learn more about how their local farmers are committing themselves to finding innovative solutions to protect our land.

This op-ed was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.

Western Illinois program celebrated AmeriCorps Week

ROCK FALLS – Western Illinois Foster Grandparents, sponsored by Tri-County Opportunities Council, celebrated the valuable contributions of AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers who pledged to “get things done” for our nation as part of the annual AmeriCorps Week.

The weeklong celebration also honored the contributions and support of thousands of local organizations that make AmeriCorps programs possible.

In Bureau, Carroll, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside Counties approximately 56 AmeriCorps Seniors members serve each year.

These volunteers serve in a variety of classrooms throughout our service area helping pre-K – 8th grade students. Volunteers mentor students in a one on one relationship, helping them to learn and grow in an academic and social environment.

“We are proud to be part of AmeriCorps and grateful for the AmeriCorps members

and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers who unite to get things done and make change for Illinois,” said Brandi Newell, Program Director for Western Illinois Foster Grandparents. “AmeriCorps members have made a significant impact on Illinois’ ability to meet our communities’ unique needs. Especially with the extenuating circumstances of the pandemic our amazing volunteers have rallied helping educators ensure the continued support of students.”

AmeriCorps engages more than 200,000 Americans each year in sustained, results-driven service through AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors programs. These dedicated citizens from all walks of life help communities rebuild after disasters, ensure students get back on track after the COVID-19 pandemic caused disruptions, combat hunger and homelessness, fight the opioid epidemic, help seniors live independently, support veterans and military families, and much more.

In 2022, President Biden called upon Americans to unite through national service and volunteerism to counter the corrosive effects of hate-fueled violence on our democracy and public safety and put forward a shared vision for a more united America. Through service, Americans are stepping up to build unity, engage with their communities and foster a sense of constructive action, civic participation, and belonging.

More than 1.25 million Americans have served their country through AmeriCorps and millions more have served in AmeriCorps Seniors since 1994, leaving a lasting impact on generations of Americans.

To join the celebration, follow @AmeriCorps on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

To join the conversation, share pictures and stories on Twitter, using #AmeriCorpsWeek. Learn more about AmeriCorps opportunities at AmeriCorps.gov/join.

AmeriCorps, the federal agency for na-

tional service and volunteerism, provides opportunities for Americans to serve their country domestically, address the nation’s most pressing challenges, improve lives and communities, and strengthen civic engagement.

Each year, the agency places more than 200,000 AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers in intensive service roles; and empowers millions more to serve as long-term, short-term or one-time volunteers. Learn more at AmeriCorps.gov.

AmeriCorps offers opportunities for individuals of all backgrounds to be a part of the national service community, grow personally and professionally, and receive benefits for their service.

The AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program seeks to recruit volunteers age 55 and over who have a love of children and who meet income guidelines.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



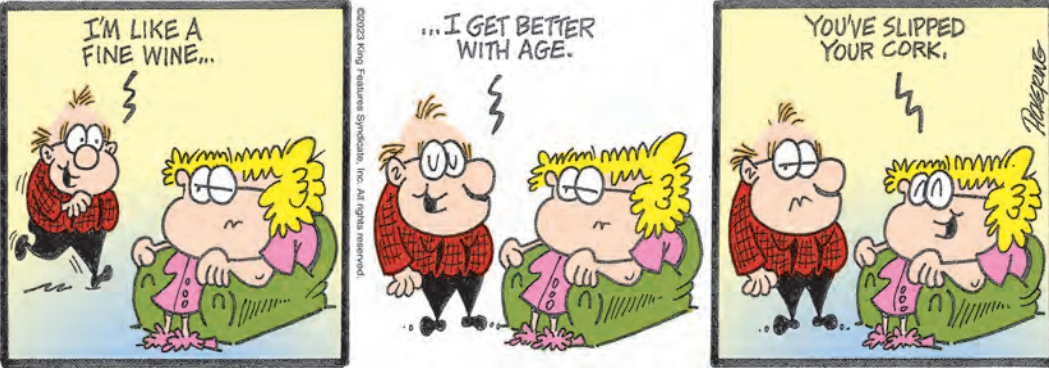
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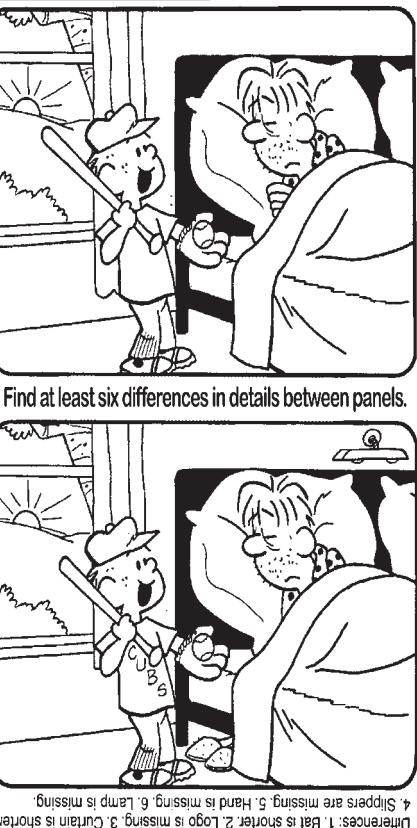


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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: X equals L

UE QCXW U ZQBXJ YDHDYKD NOD
LMJ DEEDZNK NOMN MRUCR UK
OMHUCR QC FW LQJW.
U'F EDDXUCR KQ WQBNQXDKK.

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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

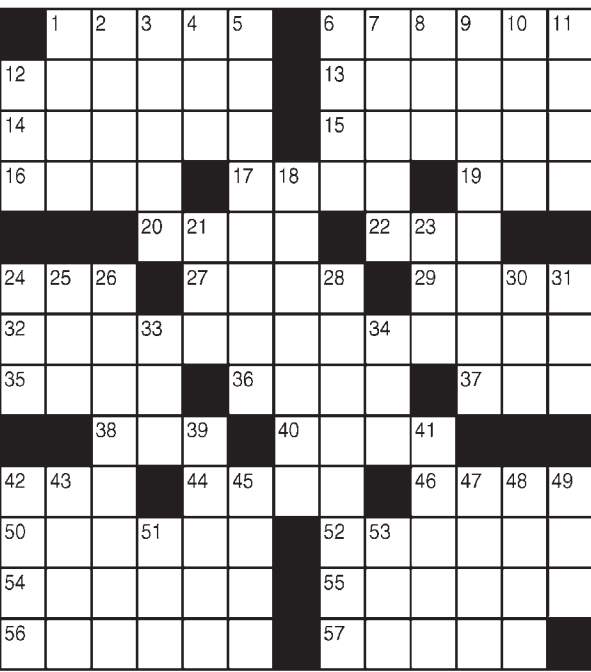
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TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- Shred
- Tyke
- Alaskan capital
- Actress Lansbury
- Soak up
- Packed in a box, as oranges
- Boxer Spinks
- Like dried mud
- Mac alternatives
- Round Table titles
- First lady?
- Expected
- Facts and figures
- Congers
- Elvis Presley hit song
- Spiked club
- Mandolin's kin
- UFO crew
- Billboards
- Minor quibbles
- Nile biter
- &&&&
- Deal (with)
- Weak
- Missouri-born president
- "— serious?"
- Small song-birds



- Take offense at
- "Leda and the Swan" poet
- Links org.
- Personal bug-aboo
- Power co. supply
- Tiny amounts
- Tokyo-based carrier
- Amaze
- Altar promise
- Victory sign
- Poorly lit
- Actress Hagen
- Fugitives
- Creative flair
- Allow
- Soon-to-be grads
- Homer's neighbor
- Profit
- Beauty parlor
- Diving gear
- Miles away
- Withered
- Neither fem. nor masc.
- Skip
- Frying needs
- Em halves
- "See ya!"
- Caviar

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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 DARES to TAXES in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

DARES

TAXES

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- AD SLOGANS: Which company was advertised with the slogan, "Think Outside the Bun"?
- TELEVISION: Which TV show spawned the spinoff sitcom "Mama's Family"?
- U.S. CITIES: In which city would you find the USS Arizona Memorial?
- ANATOMY: What are the bones that make up the spine known as?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the lowest point in the United States?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional material in a 40th anniversary gift?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the tow truck in the animated movie "Cars"?
- CURRENCY: Which former president is depicted on the U.S. \$50 bill?
- LANGUAGE: What does the texting acronym SMH mean?
- LITERATURE: Where do Winnie-the-Pooh and his friends live?

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- Taco Bell
- The Carol Burnett Show
- Honolulu, Hawaii (Pearl Harbor)
- Vertebrae
- Death Valley, California
- Ruby
- Mater
- Ulysses Grant
- Shaking my head
- Hundred Acre Wood

DEFEAT

Today's Word

- Entold
- Batten
- Demand
- Appeal

SCRAMBLERS

FAVES, FAXES, TAXES
DARES, CARES, CAVES

Answer

WORD LADDER

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Cryptoquip
answer
If only I could reverse the bad effects that aging is having on my body.
I'm feeling so youthful.

LOCAL NEWS

Kish College to offer five short-term training programs in Summer 2023

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Continuing Education department is offering five short-term training programs during the Summer 2023 semester. Kish short-term programs provide students with the skills and training needed to meet local workforce demands. The programs range from 11-20 weeks and allow students to immediately start a career or build upon their skills with additional training.

Summer 2023 classes will be offered in online, in-person and hybrid formats. Participants will need access to a computer and the internet to participate in programs with an online component. Some programs include an externship/clinical.

The short-term training programs offered in Summer 2023 are:

Dental Assistant: May 7-Aug. 4 (Online Lecture/In-Person Practice)

Dental assistants are skilled health care professionals who work closely with dentists and dental hygienists to provide quality preventive and corrective dental care and administrative support in dental offices. In-person practice will be conducted from 6-9 pm on Tuesdays in a local dental office.

Pharmacy Technician: May 7-Aug. 19 (Online)

Pharmacy technicians assist pharmacists with dispensing prescription medication while performing various other duties in a pharmacy setting. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding is available to those who qualify.

Phlebotomy Technician: June 12-Sept. 1 (In-Person)

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Registration for the Summer 2023 session opens online Monday, April 3. For more information on short-term training at Kish, visit kish.edu/shortterm.

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OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center receives Performance Leadership Award

MENDOTA — As part of the National Rural Health Day celebration, OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center has been recognized with a 2022 Performance Leadership Award for excellence in Patient Perspective. Compiled by The Chartis Center for Rural Health, the Performance Leadership Awards honor top quartile performance, that is, in the 75th percentile or above among rural hospitals in Quality, Outcomes and Patient Perspective.

"We are extremely honored to receive this leadership award on behalf of our entire team," said Dawn Trompeter, president of OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center. "We know how important excellent care is to patients from our rural communities, and this recognition is the result of the dedication, compassion and love displayed every day by our Mission Partners at OSF Saint Paul."

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SPORTS

Youth wrestler Spinelli takes big step forward

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – At first Aden Spinelli had a sad expression on his face.

However, the disappointment of not winning a 64-pound weight class Illinois Kids Wrestling Foundation state championship on March 12, turned into pride of being second in the entire state, he smiled with appreciation.

“At first I was down because I knew I could have won the championship and could have beat that kid. It settled in and then it was, ‘Wow, I’m second in the state in my weight bracket,’” said Spinelli, who is a 13-year-old, seventh-grade student at Amboy Junior High. “I still can’t believe it. It’s crazy how last year I placed seventh and this year I made the jump to second and wrestled in a state championship match.

“Throughout the offseason and the season, I worked out. I would go to school, come home and do my homework, and then workout. I practiced four days a week. I practice hard every time I’m in the gym. I like taking my shots low and taking my opponents down. I think my defense is good also.”

Spinelli is a member of Nate’s Wrestling Organization (NOW), a wrestling club in Sheridan owned and operated by Nate Martinez.

The young grappler began his mat journey when he was five with the Amboy Wrestling Club and has been with the NOW since 2020 when it opened.

Last year, Spinelli was happy with finishing seventh at 60 pounds, but he is thrilled with winning a regional championship, a sectional championship and finishing second in the state at 64 pounds one year later.

So is Martinez.

“He’s always at the gym for practice on time and ready to work. He tries to put in more work than the other kids in the room,” said John Spinelli, who won two wrestling club state tournaments with the East Aurora Tomcats and two high school state championships while attending West Aurora High School.

“He wanted to win state. We worked as hard as we could, but it just didn’t happen this year. But he’ll be back for another year.

“Hopefully he can step on the top of the podium as the state champ. It’s the goal to get better every year and he is. He asks questions. He’s not the kid that is hiding in the back. I like bringing him to the front to show technique to make sure he knows he has it and he can teach it to others.

“He’s one of the guys in the front that teaches the moves.”

Martinez, a member of the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association Hall of Fame, is assisted by Ruben Villarreal (also in the HOF), and Phil Sinetos.

Spinelli thanked his coaches and his training partners, Landon Near (who took fourth at IKWF state at 74 pounds) and Wesley Janick.

The wrestler as well as the coach, Martinez, agree that the relationship between them is important for success.

“I enjoy what I do. I’ve been doing it for a long time, 20 years. Working with little kids and teaching them how to wrestle is my passion,” Martinez said. “I’m showing them what I used to do when I was growing up.

“It’s my connection with these kids. I know how to connect with them and build relationships. They understand how I’m trying to teach them and what we’re doing. Aden is one of them. He is a good student.”

Aden wasn’t the only Spinelli impressed with the grappler’s rise from seventh to second in one year as his parents John and Lindsay shared Aden’s smile once the mats were rolled up after the state championship match.

“Aden and his twin brother, Gavin, and they were always wrestling around so I asked them if they wanted to wrestle,” said John Spinelli, who was also proud of his son Roman (9) for finishing fifth at the Bantam State Tournament. “They said they wanted to. Gavin did it for two seasons and stopped, but Aden kept going with it.”

Competing in a state championship match was a goal.



Aden Spinelli (right), a 13-year-old, seventh-grade student at Amboy Junior High, placed second in the 64-pound weight class bracket at the Illinois Kids Wrestling Foundation State Tournament on March 12. Spinelli is a member of Nate Martinez’s NWO (Nate’s Wrestling Organization) based out of Sheridan. Last year Spinelli finished seventh at 60 pounds.

Photo submitted

Now there are more to work toward as Aden Spinelli wants to win a championship as an eighth grader and eventually take the national podium as a college wrestler.

“I think I like wrestling so much because

of the drive and the competition. It makes you want to keep going and to want to win,” Aden Spinelli said. “I’m very competitive. I don’t have to win, but I’m going to try my very best to win.”

Clippers propel past Newark, H-BR

AMBOY – An incredible late-inning rally propelled the Amboy varsity baseball team to a thrilling 15-14 triumph over Newark in non-conference action on March 28 at Parker Field.

Newark grabbed a quick 7-0 lead in the top of the first inning. The Norsemen upped the margin to 13-4 heading to the bottom of the sixth when the Clippers sent 16 batters to the plate and scored 11 runs to take a 15-13 lead. Newark scored once in the top of the seventh, but Quinn Leffelman recorded the final two outs to preserve the comeback victory.

Brody Christoffersen was the starting pitcher for Amboy and had a no decision, while Landon Montavon came on in relief to pick up the win.

Tucker Lindenmeyer, Jackson Rogers, Landon Wheelchel and Montavon each had a multi-hit game for the Clippers.

The Clippers walloped Hinckley-Big Rock, 15-0, in a non-conference contest on March 29 at Parker Field. The game was halted in the fourth inning by the 10-run rule.

Amboy pushed across a run in the bottom of the first and then scored 11 times in the second as 15 batters came to the dish in the frame.

Rogers was dealing on the hill for the Clippers as he allowed just one hit and struck out five to get the win.

Hitting safely for Amboy were Leffelman, Montavon, Rogers and Lindenmeyer. Walks by Hinckley-Big Rock pitchers and errors by its defense contributed to Amboy’s lopsided victory.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Baseball

Quinn Leffelman

Softball

Jersey Thomas

Girls Track

Jillian Anderson



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Monday, April 10

No School
AHS Girls Track @ Bureau
Valley-4:30 pm

Tuesday, April 11

AHS Boys Track @ Fulton-4 pm
AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball @
Forreston-4:30 pm
AHS Softball (H)
Forreston-V-4:30 pm/JV-After
Varsity
AHS Varsity Baseball (H)
Forreston-4:30 pm

Wednesday, April 12

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

Thursday, April 13

AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball (H)
Forreston-4:30 pm

AHS Girls & Boys Track (H) -4
pm

AHS Softball @ Forreston-V-4:30
pm/JV-After Varsity
AHS Varsity Baseball @
Forreston-4:30 pm
AJHS Scholastic Bowl (H)
Dimmick-4:15 pm
AJHS Track @ Sterling High
School-6 pm
Central School Drawing Club-Art
Room-3:20-4 pm

Saturday, April 15

AHS Baseball @ Lena Winslow-
Varsity-11 am/Fresh-Soph-1 pm
AHS Girls & Boys Track @ Hall-
9:30 am
AHS Softball @ Lena
Winslow-V-11 am/F/S-1 pm

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