



MULTI-SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Amboy High School hosted the NUIC Conference Music Festival on Friday. Several schools came together on Friday to learn and practice songs for both chorus and band, that were then performed on Friday night.

Photos courtesy of Brenda Merriman



Pritzker signs measure guaranteeing five days paid leave for Illinoisans

BY NIKA SCHOONOVER
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SPRINGFIELD—Gov. JB Pritzker signed Senate Bill 208 into law, ensuring at least 40 hours of paid leave for Illinois workers.

Effective Jan. 1, 2024, workers will begin to earn paid leave on their first day at a rate of one hour of leave for every 40 hours worked, up to 40 hours of paid leave for the year. Employees can begin using their paid leave either 90 days after their employment begins or 90 days after the act’s effective date. “Today we will become the third state in the nation to require paid time off and the first among the largest states,” Pritzker said in a Monday news conference. “I’m exceptionally proud that labor and business came together to recognize the value of this requirement to employees and employers alike.” The measure passed in both chambers

earlier this year during the 102nd General Assembly’s lame duck session. Prior to the act’s effective date, Illinois workers have not been guaranteed paid time off for sick leave, child care, medical appointments or any other reason. “About 4 million workers...in Illinois do not have access to even a single sick day,” said state Sen. Kimberly Lightford, D-Westchester, who carried the bill in the Senate. The measure has been under negotiation since 2019 and has “changed hands” a number of times since its inception, Lightford said. Lightford, who is the Senate’s majority leader, acknowledged former state Sen. Toi Hutchinson, who served from 2009 until 2019 and was an original carrier of the bill.

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Weather doesn't stop visitors to the annual show

Saturday’s cold and windy weather moved visitors indoors at the annual Sublette Antique Tractor and Farm Toy Show, to view the many displays. Sunday brought better weather and with it the crowds attending the Sublette Fire Department’s breakfast and the outdoor and indoor exhibits.

Courtesy photos



Sublette village message board moving or staying?

By BRANDON LaCHANCE
Amboy News Reporter
SUBLETTE—The Sublette Village Board returned to session Monday, March 13 to work through the meeting agenda. The hot button discussions this month were centered

around street projects and renovations, and whether or not the village message board should be moved or remain at its current location. The village message board was on the agenda because it either needs to be agreed that the board will stay where it is and the electricity payments

will be made to the property owner. However, if the Sublette Village Board doesn’t want to pay the electric fees to the owner, the board will need to be moved. The sought after destination is by the grain elevator. However, this is an easi-

er-said-than-done process as IDOT would have to be contacted for a permit, electricity would need to be available, gaining insurance coverage, and contractors would need to physically move it from the current location to the new one. Also, there is a strip of

lights on the sign that are out and need replaced. Reasons to leave the village message board where it is and why to move it were both addressed before the item was tabled. There was a motion to start the blueprinting process for the 109 W. Main Project,

which consists of laying concrete for a parking lot, new side walks, and to add a bike rack. After the official blueprint is made in terms of size of the parking lot and how wide the sidewalks will be, then the bidding process can begin to find contractors to complete the project.

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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.

Sgt. Donald Walter Bush



family was well acquainted with grief and loss after the accidental drowning of their oldest son, Charles at age 15 some years earlier. With the local newspaper as their daily source of information, they would endure months of dread and uncertainty about Donald’s fate. Born in 1914, Donald



W. Bush grew up in Dixon, graduated high school there, and completed two years of college. He was employed as a bookkeeper at the Johnson Motor Company garage when he learned of the shocking surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. One day later, on December 8th, 1941, Donald joined the Army Reserves, and by April of the following year he enlisted in the Army Air Force. After completing his training, Donald attained the rank of Sergeant, assigned to the 381st Bomber Squadron, 310th Bomb Group, shipping

out for Tunisia in North Africa in 1942. Before the U.S. Army could successfully invade the European Continent or prevail in the South Pacific, production of war materials, armaments, and troop strength would need to be scaled up over the next year or more. Until those preparations were completed, President Roosevelt made the decision to send U.S. forces to North Africa to prevent Nazi Germany from seizing the middle east and the Mediterranean Sea.

Based in Tunisia as a B-25 crew member and radio operator, Sgt. Donald W. Bush had completed ten sorties as his squadron targeted key harbors and shipping vessels to help defeat the Axis forces in North Africa. At 1400 on the afternoon of Feb. 23rd, 1943, a B-25 carrying Sgt. Bush and four other crew took off from Tunisia to bomb thirteen enemy barges carrying trucks, boxes, barrels and other enemy war materials.

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LOCAL NEWS



DEPOT DAYS DONATION - CENTRAL SCHOOL LIBRARY

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for \$500 to Emily Goff of the Central School Library. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating more than \$40,000 to local organizations this year.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



DEPOT DAYS DONATION - LEE COUNTY SHERIFF

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for \$1,000 to Lee County Deputy Patrick Bodmer for the Lee County Sheriff's Shopping With A Sheriff program. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating more than \$40,000 to local organizations this year.

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VOTE

SUBLETTE

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Other items discussed at the meeting included the Sublette Cruise Night being planned for the same night as the Earlville Cruise Night, which could affect attendance, the wrestling program is done using the Ellice Dinges Center for practice and will be storing the mats in a classroom, and

the EDC hallways and cafeteria area will need buffed and cleaned.

Also, three Village of Sublette CDs mature by the next meeting. Two of the CDs are worth \$50,000 and one is worth \$15,000. They will be set to a 12-month rate of 3.25 percent at Pioneer State Bank.

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With this move, our office will be open Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Our phone number will remain the same - 815-857-2311. This move will allow us to provide better customer service to our subscribers and advertisers.

The Amboy News will continue to publish each week and our subscribers should not see any disruption in delivery.

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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

Our Annual Drive-Thru Fish Fry is this Friday, March 24, from 4-7 p.m. Tickets cost \$12 and include Fish, Coleslaw, Bread, Potato Salad and a Cookie and it is pick-up only. You can purchase tickets ahead of time from Eileen Piper or Pam Thomas. You can still purchase them from our board members. You may purchase them the day of the event. Thank you for supporting Teen Turf.

St. Patrick's Day Dance

We will have a full thank you in next week's paper.

Draw Down

Save the date-May 6 for the Drive-Thru Dinner and our Auction will be on Air Auctioneer again starting noon on Wednesday, April 26 through May 4 ending at 8 p.m. 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. More info to come.

Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: Christine and Daryl John for the monetary donation and furniture; Eileen and Irene Ramsdell for the bread, meat, cheese, and St. Patrick's Day cupcakes; Jim and Jean Travi for the monetary donation; Tom and Anna Meinhart for the chips; Shannon, Josh, Gavin, Henry, and Amelia for the snacks; Pete Rood for helping with the tire on the wagon and Mike Hambley, owner of Ashton Auto for taking care of our wagon tire free of charge.

Needs

Granola Bars

Final Note

Remind us to be grateful for every ounce of goodness, love, and kindness we observe. Jesus, be with us as we search to find our joy. In Your loving name, we pray. Amen.

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"This is an issue that has been lingering around the General Assembly for far too long," Lightford said. "I'm really glad it landed in my lap when it came over to the Senate."

When SB 208 was debated on the floor in January, one key point of opposition was that it would burden small businesses by raising costs.

"My major concern are the little guys. It's the mom-and-pops that have 5, 10, maybe 13 employees, that this has a significant impact on their budgets," Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer, R-Jacksonville, said on the House floor.

Pritzker pushed back against this sentiment at the bill signing ceremony.

"Just like bigger businesses, small businesses want their workers to be more productive, to be able to deal with their stresses, emergencies at home, so they can be better and more productive at work," Pritzker said. "I want to encourage anybody who's concerned about that to look at, and remind the workers who work for them, how important it is that we have a law like that that protects workers in the state of Illinois."

The measure does not apply to employees subject to collectively bargained

contracts, because time off would be subject to negotiations between the union and the employer.

Ultimately, the measure received a few Republican votes in the House but passed the Senate with only Democratic support.

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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 Amboy CUSD School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 23, at Amboy Junior High School.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, March 27. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Monday, March 27, at Sauk Valley Community College Student Government, 173 IL Route 2. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Junior Craft Club on March 27, from 4:30 - 6 p.m.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Mommy and Me program on March 28, from 10-10:45 a.m.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 - 6 p.m. on Friday, March 31, at Church of the Brethren, 215 North Court, Dixon. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Lego Club from 10-11 a.m., on April 1.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold for adults its Diamond Painting Club program on April 3, from 4:30 - 6 p.m.

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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.

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After dropping 4,000 pounds of bombs, the plane took flak from all barges causing it to crash into the sea along with two other B-25s. One crew member was spotted climbing out on the plane's wing before it sank below the sea.

On Aug. 12, 1944, nearly one and a half years after being reported missing, Mrs. Donald Bush received a letter from the War Department confirming her husband's death on Feb. 23, 1943. Four months later, Mrs. Bush was

presented with the Oak Leaf Cluster in honor of her husband's preceding air medal and his heroism during combat in North Africa.

Thirteen months later, on Sept. 14, 1945, Sgt. Bush was listed among U.S. Soldiers who had been held as prisoners of war by German Forces. This report, from "sources considered official", indicated that Sgt. Bush may have executed, died in the sinking of a German ship, or shot while attempting escape. Since no remains were ever

recovered, and the specific details are not conclusive, we may never know the full story of Donald's heroism during battle.

On June 16, 1946, a year after the war had ended, a memorial service was held for Sgt. Donald Walter Bush at the First Methodist Church in Dixon. Along with over 2,800 fellow U.S. Soldiers, his name is etched in marble on the Tablets of the Missing at the North Africa American Cemetery, in Tunis, Tunisia. His sacrifice is forever in the

hearts of his family, community, and nation.

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Kish College keeps tuition rates flat

MALTA - The Kishwaukee College Board of Trustees voted unanimously to maintain the College's current tuition rate of \$147 per credit hour for the 2023-2024 academic year. This is the third year in a row of no tuition increase.

"Kishwaukee College prides itself on keeping tuition as affordable as possible for its students," said Bob Johnson, Chair of the Kishwaukee College Board of Trustees. "We are proud to be increasing the programs and services offered to support the changing needs of students and our communities with no tuition increase again next year."

Several factors have allowed the College to maintain the same tuition rate, including increased enrollment, increased property tax revenue from local economic development, and fiscal responsibility.

"Kish continues to focus on the needs of our students by providing equitable, student-centered education. We are fortunate to have the resources to support our students and fulfill our purpose of helping them create the life they want," said Dr. Laurie Borowicz, President of Kishwaukee College.

AMBOY POLICE

Possession of liquor by minor

On March 3, at 10:28 p.m., Catherine F. Saddler, 19, of Amboy, was arrested for possession of liquor by minor and consumption of liquor by minor. She was taken to the Lee County Jail.

Unlawful possession of cannabis

On March 10, at 11 p.m., Presley A. Green, 23, of Orangeville, was issued a city ordinance violation for unlawful possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia, and a state traffic citation driving without headlights when required. He was issued

a \$750 city ordinance fine.

Unlawful possession of cannabis

On March 10, at 11 p.m., Magnus Thomm, 25, of Monroe, Wis., was issued a city ordinance violation of unlawful possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. He was issued a \$750 city ordinance fine.

Disorderly conduct

On March 9, at 12:50 p.m., a 14-year-old male juvenile, of Amboy, issued a city ordinance violation for disorderly conduct. He was released to his parents.

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VOTE BY MAIL~ signed applications will be accepted through Thursday, March 30, 2023, and is available for properly registered Lee County voters. Applications are available on the website or by contacting the Election Department of her office.

EARLY VOTING~ must be conducted in person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. and Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Closed legal holidays. The votes cast during this time will not be counted until Election Day. Once a ballot has been cast it cannot be rescinded.

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LOCAL NEWS

Partners For Conservation program sign-up period ends April 22

LEE COUNTY — The Partners For Conservation (PFC) Program is available to assist with specific resource concerns, by implementing conservation projects, which conserve soil, provide habitat, protect water quality and reduce flooding. It provide incentives to owners of abandoned wells to properly decommission and seal the wells so the potential for groundwater pollution is reduced or eliminated. And addresses water quality issues related to sediment, nutrients and other non-point source pollutants.

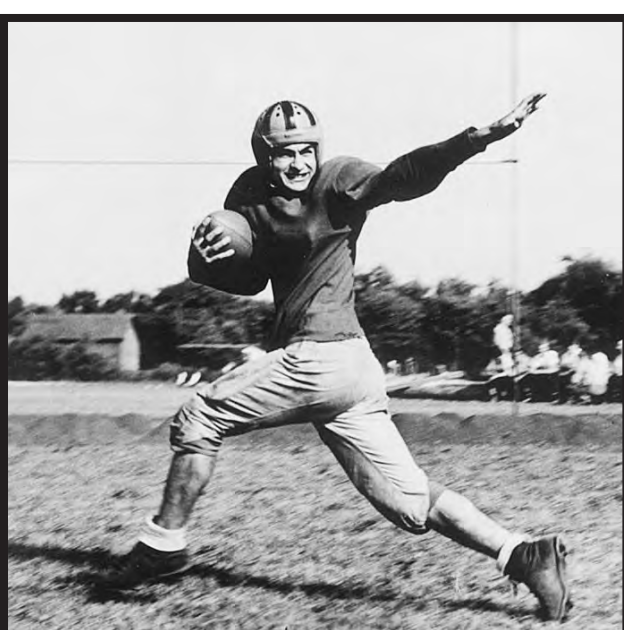
Eligible practices include but are not limited to Grassed waterways, Filter Strips, Pollinator Habitat, No-till/Strip Till, cover crops (first time adopters) and critical area seeding. Cost-share rates for eligible practices are 75 percent.

Funds are limited and you must have paperwork in the office to be considered for the ranking process. Sign up period ends April 22, 2023.

For more information about the program or to sign-up, please contact the Lee County SWCD at 815-857-3621, ext 3, or stop in the office at 319 S. Mason, Amboy.

Amboy News Obituary Policy

The Amboy News will print DEATH NOTICES (approximately 50 words including name, age, date of death, time/date of services) free of charge. OBITUARIES will be printed at a cost of \$40 to be billed to the arranging funeral home or prepaid with cash, check or credit card. Please submit obituaries or death notices to tgreenfield@amboynews.com.



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Pritzker: Tax cuts on the table if state revenues continue to exceed expectations

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SPRINGFIELD — With two months to go before the legislature adjourns and current-year revenues continuing to smash expectations, Gov. JB Pritzker said he and legislative leaders are considering tax cuts.

His comments came one week after the legislature's nonpartisan Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, or COGFA, increased its revenue estimates by about \$1 billion for the current and upcoming budget years combined.

"I would like to see — as we feel comfortable with these new revenues coming in and their stability; and I think we're seeing a few years in a row now of the stability of that revenue — that we should be talking about whether there are tax cuts that we can implement," he said at an unrelated news conference at a Springfield community college.

The governor did not say whether tax cuts would be permanent or which taxes he and lawmakers are considering cutting.

And tax cuts were one of several potential uses of excess revenues the governor said he would like to consider. Others include contributions to the state's "rainy day" fund and added payments beyond required amounts to the state's pension system.

The conversation about what to do with excess revenues that show year-over-year stability is one Pritzker said has involved both Democrats and Republicans.

House Minority Leader Tony McCombie, R-Savanna, told Capitol News Illinois in a statement that the House GOP stands ready to work with the governor.

"To hear the governor

mention any tax cuts is an exciting prospect for families across our state. At the first meeting I had with Gov. Pritzker, we discussed the cumbersome franchise tax on small businesses and high estate taxes that unfairly target family farms," she said. "The governor recognizing conversations with Democrats and Republicans gives me hope that we will reinstitute the bipartisan budget working group with our budgeteers and appropriation teams leading the way."

McCombie also noted the House Republicans oppose a graduated income tax, which Pritzker has said he has no interest in reviving as a legislative proposal this year.

Senate Minority Leader John Curran, R-Downers Grove, referred to business-related tax incentives that Pritzker and lawmakers approved on bipartisan lines in 2019 but which Democrats froze in future budget years.

"Initial discussions on tax relief have been receptive," Curran said in a statement. "We will continue to call for implementing the business incentives that the governor agreed to in the Blue Collar Jobs Act, along with additional tax relief for Illinois families and small businesses."

He said the Senate GOP is hopeful Pritzker will "include Republicans at the table of substantive budget meetings," and they are "willing to negotiate in good faith."

In their budget approved last summer for the current fiscal year, lawmakers included an array of mostly temporary tax relief. That included direct checks of \$50

or more to most Illinoisans depending on income and number of children, a permanent expansion of the state's earned income tax credit to 20 percent of the federal credit, a six-month pause on a 2-cent gas tax increase that ended Jan. 1, a one-year suspension of the state's 1 percent grocery tax that ends June 30, and a property tax rebate up to \$300 for some Illinoisans.

The governor's office estimated those measures amounted to about \$1.8 billion in tax relief overall. The state approved legislation bringing its rainy day fund balance to an estimated \$1.9 billion by the end of the fiscal year and contributing \$500 million beyond statutory requirements to its pension fund over the past two years.

The revenue update announced by COGFA last week represents just the latest in a remarkable stretch for state government revenues that have boomed nationwide over the course of the past two years. In Illinois, the growth has been driven by wage growth, corporate profits, inflation, changes to the corporate and online sales tax structures, revenues from marijuana sales and other factors.

"You can see in every single month so far this fiscal year we've actually had a gain where we've generated more revenue in this fiscal year compared to the same time a year ago," Eric Noggle, senior revenue analyst for COGFA, said at the commission's March meeting last week.

COGFA's new estimate of \$51.9 billion in revenues

for the current fiscal year that ends June 30 is \$545 million beyond the amount assumed by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget in Pritzker's budget proposal. And its \$50.4 billion estimate for the fiscal year that begins July 1 is \$465 million beyond GOMB's initial estimate.

All told, COGFA now expects the state to end the fiscal year with revenues surpassing their initial estimates by more than \$5 billion. While that's partially because base sales and income tax receipts continue to produce at record levels, it's also because the state's estimates approved last summer were conservative, Pritzker said.

The current fiscal year still has three and a half months left, so COGFA noted in its recent report that the revenue estimate could be bumped even higher if final income tax receipts are stronger than expected as taxpayers file their returns for the year.

But it could also move downward, the commission noted, if those revenues come in lower than expected due to weakening market conditions. They noted other factors could change the state's revenue outlook, including the possibility of another COVID-19 resurgence, a worsening of the war in Ukraine, or a potential recession.

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Sunflower Award presented to Darrow

OTTAWA — OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center is pleased to announce that the Sunflower Award was recently presented to Delaney Darrow, ultrasound technologist in the Diagnostic Imaging Department. Delaney has been with OSF HealthCare for one year and resides in Troy Grove.

"The Sunflower Award recognizes care team members outside of nursing for the extraordinary care they provide to those we serve, and Delaney is certainly deserving," said Heather Bomstad, vice president/chief nursing officer for OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center.

Darrow received two Sunflower nominations. Her nominations included, "She impacted my patient experience in a powerful way, and it was wonderful to see the new generation of healthcare being so amazing

and patient-focused. OSF Saint Elizabeth is blessed to have her on staff as she will positively impact many patients who pass through the department, said the patient." A fellow Mission Partner shared, "When Delaney found out there were several young children in the emergency department because their brother was being evaluated, she offered to bring the siblings to the Radiology Department to help distract them."

OSF HealthCare encourages patients, family members, and fellow staff to recognize caregivers who have provided exceptional care and service by nominating them for an award to honor their dedication.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Saturday 4 pm • Sunday 7 am & 10:30 am
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St. Mary Church
Fr. John Gow
912 Walton Rd., Walton
815-857-2670
Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm

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Fr. John Gow
213 S Second St., Harmon
815-857-2670
Mass: Sunday, 8:30 am

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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
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www.LeeCenter-UCC.org
Phone 815-732-7032
Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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Pastor Kyle Kelly
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Amboy, IL
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Wed. prayer meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
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Rev. Randy Fronck
Mass - Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m.
Sunday - 8:45 a.m.

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Mass - Friday - 8 a.m.
Sunday - 7 a.m.

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Sunday School - 9:40-10:15 a.m.

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Sunday Mass - 10:30 a.m.
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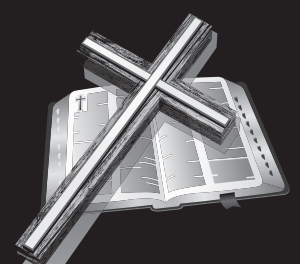
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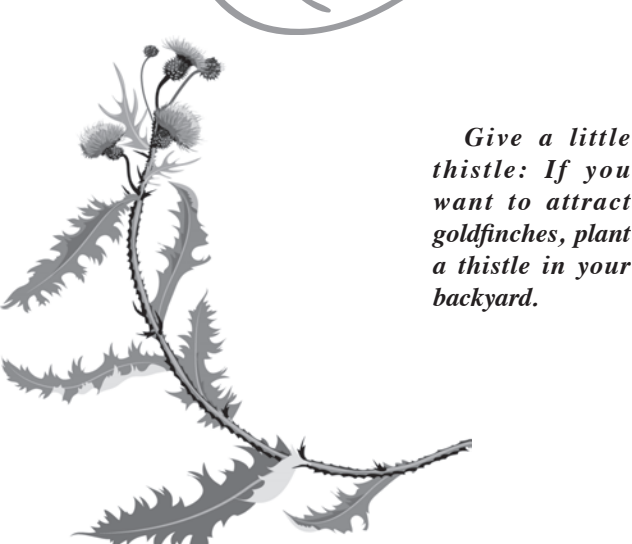
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SOCIAL NEWS

Local
nature and
history

By Jim "Mazie" Long



Give a little thistle: If you want to attract goldfinches, plant a thistle in your backyard.

Thistling For Gold

Without thistle plants, there would be no goldfinches

Every body knows the thistle. In the Old and New Worlds, the thistle is most certainly the best-known wildflower. The thistle's flowers are handsome enough, large and purple or white, but it is the plant



Jim "Mazie" Long

They are distinguished from the other thistles by the snow-white undersurface of their leaves. They do not have prickly wings running down the stems. They are mainly confined to prairie remnants along the railroads and fence lines.

itself that turns us away. We may touch the prickles once, but we are never tempted to touch them again.

Without our thistles, we would probably not have many goldfinches. The wild canary's favorite food and nesting material are provided by the thistles. To have the company of goldfinches on the prairie or pasture is reason enough to let the thistles grow.

I cannot mention the thistles without mentioning the "Painted Lady", a beautiful butterfly that is found everywhere on earth where thistles grow. In some summers, the grasslands are swarming with them.

We have 6 species of thistles

In Lee County, we have six species of wild thistle. Seemingly the most obnoxious species is the Canada Thistle (*Cirsium Arvense*). This is our only species that has underground stems that promote the production of large and small patches. Years ago, I fought this plant yearly with spray and hoe, but it was a waste of effort, for the thistles always won the battle. But now, they are not the scourge that I thought they were.

The common thistle is the European plant (*Cirsium Vulgare*), the Bull-thistle. This species was once found in every pasture and roadside. Its distinguishing marks are the winged ridges that clothe the stems and they are abundantly prickly. It is not as common now as in the horse-and-buggy days.

We have two species (*Cirsium Discolor*) and (*Cirsium Altissimum*) that are much alike. I think they are better treated as a single species.

The Swamp Thistle (*Cirsium Muticum*) is found in many of our wet meadows and roadsides that once were meadows. Their flower heads are not large and have no prickles. One can touch the bowl of the flower heads and feel the sticky patches that are found on this and the following species: On the gravel hills of northern Lee County, we can find an unusual thistle (*Cirsium Hillii*). I have not found it in the Green River sandhills. This is a large flowered plant with stout stems that grows only a foot or two tall. Like many cactus plants, they are short and stout. The flower heads are much larger than the other thistles. If you are careful, you can feel the sticky, glutinous areas on the bowl of the flower clusters.

Editor's Note: James Brady Long was born in Amboy on June 12, 1926. Known by many as "Mazie", he grew up in Amboy, served in the army during World War II, then studied forestry at the Michigan College of Mining and Technology. His studies in botany and forest protection continued as he ventured into farming here. A beloved story-teller, his farm became a place of learning and adventure for relatives and friends. In his later years, he contributed a series of local nature articles to The Amboy News. Upon his death in 2000, his many hand-written drafts were gathered and initially curated by Brenda Boyle. The present, renewed series draws from those drafts, both unpublished and previously published.

Resources:

Pondering Prickly Plants
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THE PASTOR'S PEN

CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR FOCUS UPON GOD

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

During this season of lent as we remember all that Christ endured for us, it is good for us to do some self-analysis of our hearts also. I remember sitting with a man in a hospital who had recently lost his eyesight in an accident. The outlook did not appear very hopeful. He had already had some surgeries before this particular hospital visit and aside from a miracle it did not appear that he would ever gain his sight back. But there was something my friend said that day which truly astounded me and that I'll never forget. He said, "I may not have any choice in the cards that I've been dealt... but I do have a choice in how I play them."

He said this with a firm and encouraging resolve. This lesson... the lesson he taught me that day, is one I remind myself of periodically. We do not always have control over the situation and cir-

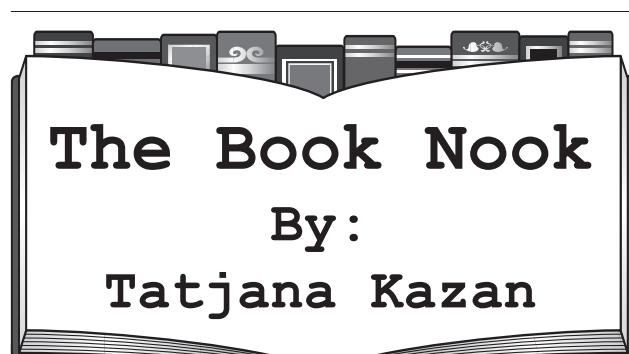
cumstances we find ourselves in. But one thing we do have control over is our response to those circumstances and our attitude in handling our response.

I totally believe that our Almighty God can still do miracles today. But whether He restores sight to this man, or doesn't we know that God is good. And God is love (1 John 4:8b). Though we do not always understand the answers to our prayers, we can be at rest and peace knowing that God loves us with unconditional love. And our lack of understanding why things are the way they are in life is a sign that we do not know the whole picture of God's plan. The Bible says, "For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known." 1 Corinthians 13:12.

Even though we do not understand or have control over certain things in our lives today, does not mean that we have to endure the fear, stress, or anxiety

that usually accompanies the unknown things in our lives. Instead, we should continue to keep our focus upon God. For Scripture also says, "You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You." Isaiah 26:3.

So in our times of waiting and trusting and focusing on our loving, Almighty God, it is important to remember what His "part" is in our prayers and what our "part" is. His part is the hearing and answering and our part is the asking, and believing, and trusting and waiting... all the while holding Him as the focus of our mind and heart. Trusting in His unfailing love... as well as His almighty power and His all-knowing understanding. It is my hope and prayer that these words encourage you and bring you hope and peace and resolve in a positive way as we travel this Lenten journey together. May God give you peace, hope, and strength. Until next time, God Bless you.



The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

AN INTERSTELLAR BROMANCE

In Andy Weir's terrific sci-fi novel "Project Hail Mary" (2021), a man awakens from a coma without a shred of memory and two terrifying robot arms hanging from the ceiling. Once his eyes adjust, he sees two desiccated corpses in beds next to his. He realizes he is in a spaceship and that he is the sole surviving crew member. In due course, that is, over the next 496 pages, he remembers the how and why of his interstellar mission. His induced coma lasted four years and in that time his spaceship, the Hail Mary, travelled to Tau Ceti, a single star in the constellation Cetus 12 light years from earth.

His name is Ryland Grace, an astrobiologist who left the profession to become a junior high school science teacher. Much like Mark Watney, the hero of "The Martian," Weir's first novel, Grace has a down-to-earth sense of humor, but unlike Watney, he is more of an antihero—he had to be forced

to join the crew of the Hail Mary since it was a one-way trip on which he will die when his food and oxygen run out. Like Watney, he is a great problem solver. And there are many problems on the Hail Mary.

Grace's mission is nothing less than saving humankind. Our Sun is being colonized by a strange "space algae," dubbed Astrophage (Greek for "star eater") by Grace, causing it to dim enough to plunge Earth into a new ice age. Recruited by the novel's other hero, Eva Stratt, the autocratic Project head tasked to stop Astrophage at all cost, Grace soon discovers Astrophage's mechanism for absorbing sunlight. Other scientists discover that Astrophage employs mass-energy conversion via neutrinos, and can be mass-bred for use as rocket fuel. Stratt decides the only way to save Earth is to send a mission, using Astrophage fuel, to Tau Ceti, the only nearby star that does not have Astrophage, to find a way out.

And then Grace meets an alien, an intelligent alien, like himself. When the Hail Mary reaches Tau Ceti, it is approached by an alien starship, which Grace names "Blip-A." The other ship indicates that its home system in 40 Eridani (a triple star system in the constellation of Eridanus) is also plagued by an Astrophage infection. Blip-A docks with Hail Mary, and its occupant meets Grace. Grace develops a system to communicate with the alien, whom he names "Rocky" due to its stone-like exoskeleton. Rocky, a highly intelligent engineer, is also the only survivor of his crew. The friendship between Eridian and Earthling is in many ways the best part of the novel. Grace, moody and resentful until Rocky's appearance, relishes the adventures and discoveries they embark upon to save their worlds. Weir called it a genuine Bromance.

Annual Phidian Art Show seeks entries

DIXON — For the second year, the Phidian Art Club presents its annual Phidian Art Show at The Next Picture Show Community Art Center (TNPS), located at 113 W. First St., in Dixon. The 74th Phidian Art Show opens with the awards reception from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, March 31, at TNPS. The exhibit of original artwork is on display on the gallery walls from March 31-April 22.

The show is open to the public during regular gallery hours, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The public can choose a "People's Choice Award" by voting for their favorite entry from April 1-14, after which it will be announced.

This annual event was started in 1947 by the Phidian Art Club, a group formed in 1890 to promote art, literature, and music. The show puts local artists' work in the spotlight. Awards include American and regional scenes, nature, best floral, landscape, oil, watercolor, and pen and ink entries.

"Both artists and patrons eagerly anticipate the Phidian Art Show," remarks Deb Cleary, this year's committee chair. "Artists can pick up an entry form at The Next Picture Show art gallery or download the form located on the 'Art Applications' page on The Next Picture Show's website."

All awards are monetary prizes. The Phidians award over \$3,500 in prizes donated by local businesses and individuals.

Stress relief classes for dementia caregivers

STERLING — Sign up now to attend a free 9-week Dementia Caregiver Stress-Busting Program offered by the CGH Health Foundation, in partnership with Lifescape. Classes run from April 5 to May 31 on Wednesdays. Choose from either the 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. class - both identical - and offered with your schedule in mind. The one and a half hour class will be held at 2600 N. Locust St., Sterling, in the Foundation Community Room.

The Stress-Busting Program (SBP) for Family Caregivers™ is an evidence-based program that provides support to family caregivers of persons with dementia or a chronic illness. Contact Joan Hermes for more information or to register, visit www.cghmc.com/stressbusting, call 815-625-0400, ext. 5672, or email joan.hermes@cghmc.com.

Many are memorial awards in remembrance of special people. Through their generous support, the art show continues to be the year's highlight for the ever-growing artistic and cultural scene in the Sauk Valley area.

Artist Registration

Artwork will be received at The Next Picture Show, Saturday-Monday, March 27-29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The entry fee is \$15 for one artwork and \$25 for two artworks with a two-artwork limit. Artwork is displayed at The Next Picture Show through April 22. Entry forms are available in-person at The Next Picture Show at 113 W. First St., Dixon, or by download on the gallery's website.

Artist and Art Requirements

Artists must live within 35 driving miles of Dixon and be 17 years or older. Only two-dimensional paintings or drawings in any medium will be accepted. Artwork must be original, not produced under the direction of an instructor, no more than five years old, and never have been entered in a previous Phidian Art Show. All work must be ready for hanging by wire, no larger than 48" in width, or exceeding 25 lbs.

Photography, crafts, sculptures, digital art, or three-dimensional art are not accepted for this show.

For more information about this year's Phidian Art Show, please contact Deb Cleary at 815-441-3623 or at debra-cleary815@gmail.com.

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Opinion

The great debate - who is the Greatest of All Time (GOAT)

The debate of all debates isn't who is the best president, which war was the greatest or dumbest for the United States of America to enter, or which is better Coke or Pepsi.

Since 2003 when LeBron James came into the NBA, the most argued debate has been who is the greatest of all time (GOAT), Michael Jordan or James?

Obviously, it took some time for James to put up the numbers or win a few championships before the debate became real, but the clear talent and physical ability was there for James to be one of the best ever.

And he is.
Just not the best.

I'll put my biases aside since I've always lived in northern Illinois or southern Wisconsin, I was born in 1985 and began watching the NBA and remembering it during the Chicago Bulls' first three-peat.

In 1996 when they won the first championship of the second three-peat, I was 11 and had two Jordan jerseys and a Bulls Starter jacket. I didn't get my first pair of Jordan shoes until I was 12 after my stepfather told me I had to get a job if I wanted expensive shoes. I had them seven months

Column

By Brandon LaChance



later after I picked up two newspaper routes and was extra nice to the sweet older ladies during Christmas bonus season.

Biases aside, let's get to the numbers. Congratulations to LeBron James for becoming the NBA All-Time regular season scoring leader as he has 38,450 as of Monday, March 6.

He passed Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's 38,387 career regular season points on Feb. 8 when he scored 38 points against the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Great record to have and it shows his talent and durability to take.

Key word is durability.
It took him 20 years.

When Jordan retired after a 14-year career, he was third on the list with 32,292 points with 1,072 games and 41,010 minutes played.

LeBron has played in 1,413 games and has logged 53,833 minutes to acquire his 38,450 points.

If Jordan played an extra 341 games (the number of games LeBron has played more than MJ) averaging his NBA record, 30.12 points per game during the regular season, that would give Jordan an extra 10,271 points, which would put him at 42,563 points.

Where LeBron was able to go to the NBA straight out of high school, Jordan and Kareem were not allowed.

Kareem scored 2,325 points at UCLA. If those carried over to the big league, he would be at 40,712 points. Jordan scored 1,788 at North Carolina.

This would put LeBron at third without me going into a debate about Karl Malone, currently third on the list or many others.

If we are talking playoffs and championships, we already know Michael Jordan has six rings and was the finals MVP for all six.

He didn't have to jump around to different teams or make "The Decision" to leave the Cleveland Cavaliers to go play with his friends on the Miami Heat.

Jordan was drafted by the Bulls and stayed with the Bulls until his second retirement and then played with the team he had ownership in, which makes sense.

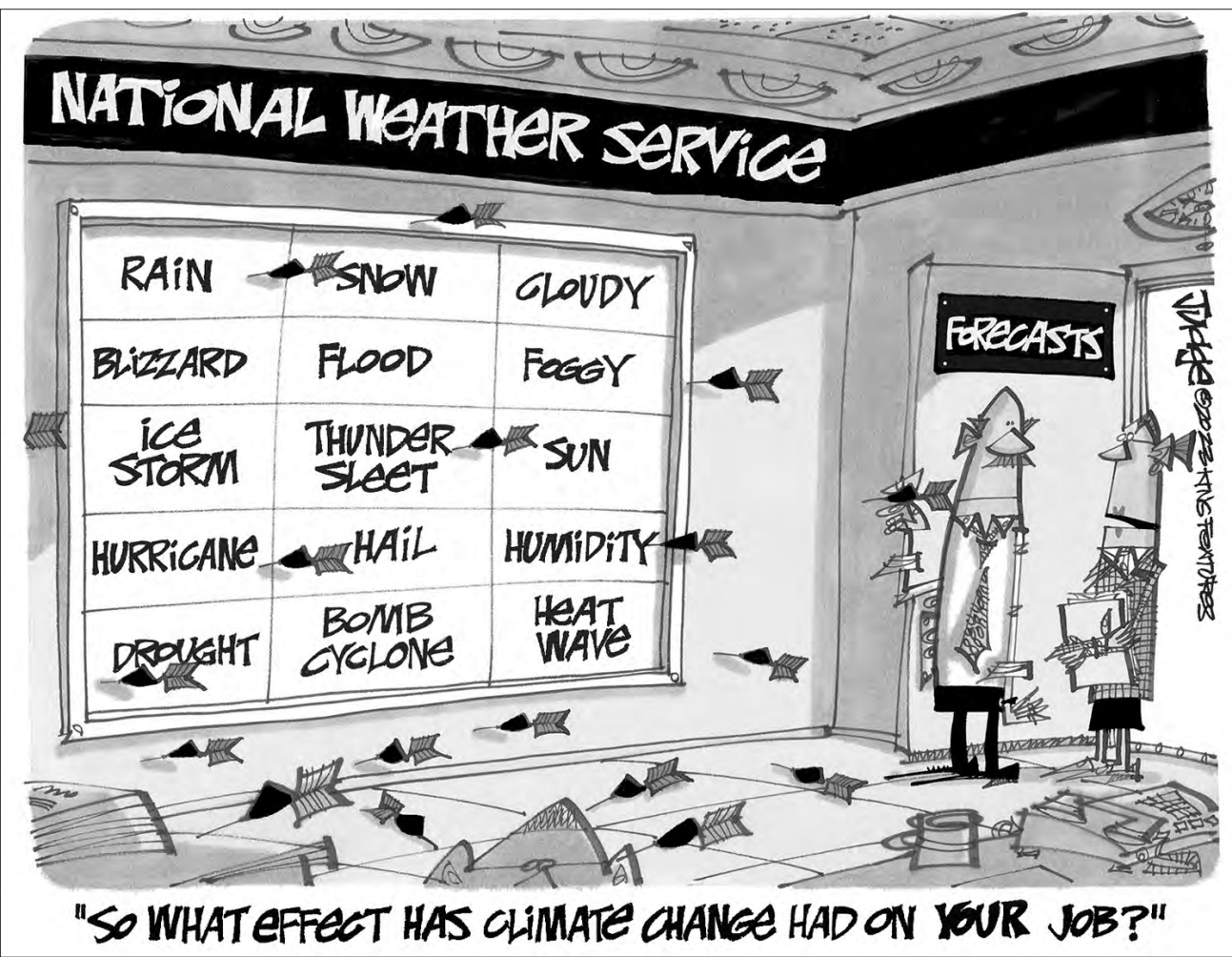
LeBron chased rings and has still fallen short six times. The man has been to the finals 10 times with super teams he has created and has only won four championships. And one of them was during the COVID-19 bubble.

Is LeBron one of the greatest athletes we've seen? Yes.
Is he a great ambassador for the NBA? Yes.

Is he an icon and on the Mount Rushmore of the NBA? Yes.
Is he the recipient of a longevity award? Yes.

Is he the GOAT? No.

If Jordan would have played 20 years, this wouldn't even be a discussion, let alone a debate.



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago March 16, 1923

After an open winter, this area experienced a blizzard that brought over a foot of snow, with electric, telephone and telegraph service being knocked out for several hours.

Dr. Dieterich will be at the Keefer Hotel next month for one day only. According to his method of treatment, he does not operate for chronic appendicitis, gall stones, ulcers, tonsils or adenoids. There will be no charge for a consultation; however, married women must be accompanied by their husbands.

The life expectancy of the women in Illinois is 57.57 years and 55.01 years for men. Illinois ranks 16th for longevity of its residents.

75 Years Ago March 18, 1948

Fifteen sections of land, formerly in Amboy Township High School district, which lies in the southeastern and eastern part of Sublette Township, were ordered to be annexed to the Mendota Township High School District.

Area stores were advertising Spring and Easter sales, including Amboy Flower & Gift, The Rose Mary Shop, Eichler Brothers, Fagan's, and Delmar Cleaners.

50 Years Ago March 15, 1973

Amboy High School musicians attended the IHSA Solo and Ensemble Contest at DeKalb High School and returned with 11 first-place medals, 10 second, two thirds, and one fourth.

The Clippers were eliminated from the sectional tournament by top-rated Ottawa Marquette.

Local contractor Lee Catchum was awarded the contract for the new city storage and maintenance building to be constructed at the south edge of Amboy on Route 52.

Hageman Heating & Cooling advertised a free gas-fired patio grill with the purchase of an International central air conditioning unit.

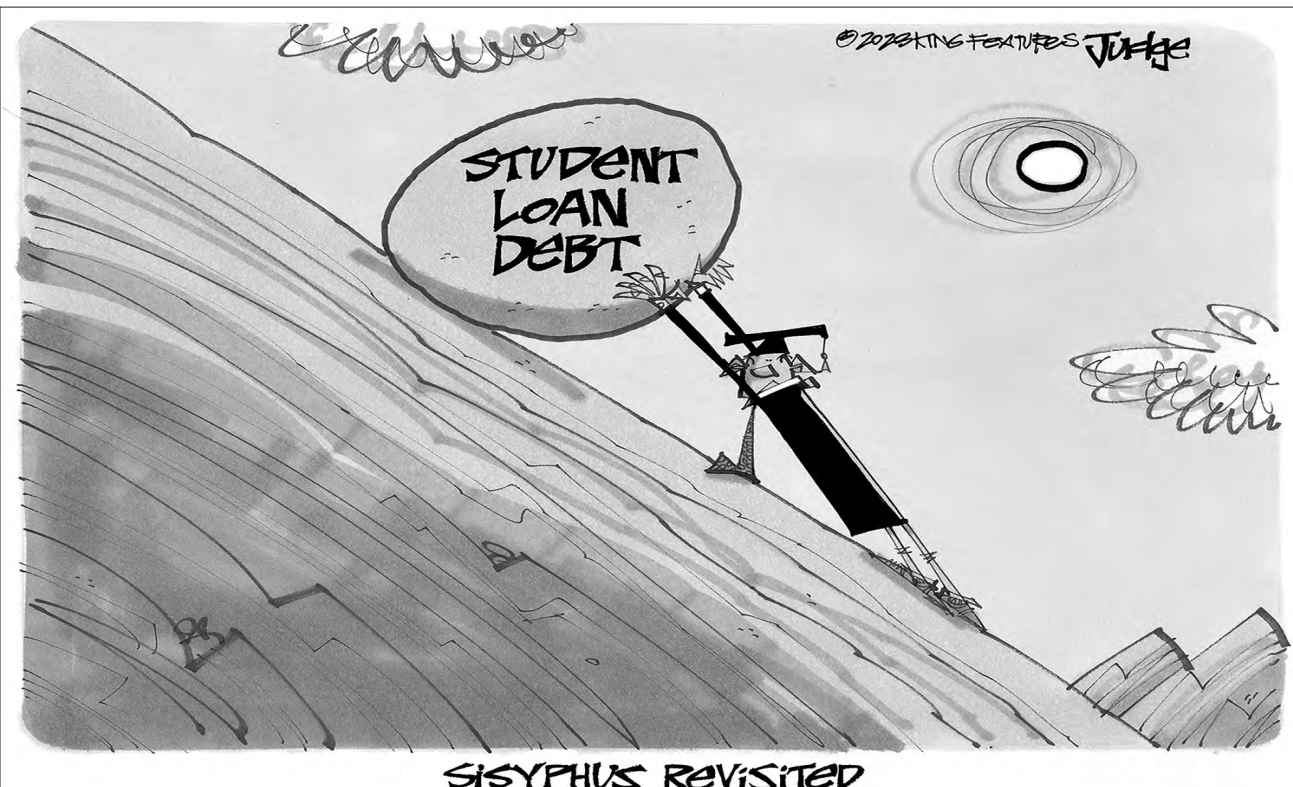
25 Years Ago March 19, 1998

At its regular monthly meeting Mon-

day, the Amboy City Council entered into lengthy discussion concerning proposed changes to the city's Animal Control Ordinance. At issue were concerns over the breeding and selling of animals within the city. Previously, the ordinance had covered the breeding of animals but had not addressed the issue of selling animals.

Amboy High School seniors staged a walk out last Friday morning after District 272's board of education voted the previous Thursday to reject the senior class request, and Principal Holland's recommendation for a June 7th graduation date. Three board members that voted against the date, were called and requested to address the student body regarding their reasons for changing the date to May 31. The board members declined. Principal Holland and Superintendent Salem met with the students.

Fulton High School senior wrestler Matt Kuebel won the IHSA Class A Championship in the 215-pound weight class. Kuebel's parents, Tony and Kathy Kuebel, both attended Amboy High School and his grandparents, Charles and Florence Kuebel and Ron and Louise Hargitt, live in Sublette and Amboy.



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LOCAL NEWS

Spring is here – be prepared for severe weather and emergencies

LEE COUNTY — Today is the first day of spring, a season that can produce severe weather, such as thunderstorms, tornadoes and flooding.

You can find safety information for many types of emergencies at redcross.org or by downloading the free Red Cross Emergency App. Information is available on what to do before, during and after the storm or other emergency.

Take steps now to be ready if a weather emergency threatens your community. Planning is the key.

• GET A KIT

Three-day supply of non-perishable food and water—one gallon per person, per day for drinking and hygiene purposes
 Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
 Flashlight and extra batteries
 First aid kit, medications and medical items
 Copies of important documents (proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)

Extra cash

• MAKE A PLAN

Talk with household members about what you would do during emergencies

Plan what to do in case you are separated, and choose two places to meet - one right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency such as a fire, and another outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home or are asked to evacuate

Choose a contact person from out of the area and make sure all household members have this person's phone number and email address—it may be easier to call long distance or text if local phone lines are overloaded or out of service

Tell everyone in the household where emergency information and supplies are kept

Practice evacuating your home twice a year – drive your planned evacuation route and plot alternate routes on a map in case main roads are impassable

If you must evacuate, make arrangements for your pets—keep a phone list of “pet-friend-

ly” motels/hotels and animal shelters that are along your evacuation routes

• BE INFORMED

Know the risks where you live, work, learn and play

Arm yourself with information about what to do in case an emergency occurs – emergencies like fires and blackouts can happen anywhere, so everyone should be prepared for them

Find out how you would receive information from local officials in the event of an emergency

Learn first aid, CPR and how to use an AED so you have the skills to respond in an emergency before help arrives, especially during a disaster when emergency responders may be delayed

Home Fire Response

Red Cross volunteers responded to 3 home fires in Rockford and Savannah in the past week and provided assistance to 19 individuals, through supplying them with basic items to meet immediate needs after

a fire, and additional support in the form of health and mental health services and one-on-one support.

If you or someone you know needs assistance after a home fire or local disaster, please call our dispatch line: (877) 597-0747.

Teach children what a smoke alarm sounds like and talk about fire safety and what to do in an emergency.

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Scammers “spring” into action with warmer weather

ROCKFORD — The official first day of Spring is upon us which slowly brings with it warmer days, sunshine, and an opportunity for a new season for scammers.

Door-to-door scams come out of hibernation along with phony utility and security representatives. This is also the season for home improvement tricks and the inevitable storm chasers. The Better Business Bureau says scammers are getting prepped with seasonal ploys to steal your money, identity, and confidence in the marketplace.

“Con artists rarely have a problem coming up with ways to rip someone off,” says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau. “Spring gives scammers a range of new opportunities.

With warmer weather, people are thrilled to be able to start more outdoor home improvement and repair projects, but you need to be careful to reduce your risk of scams.”

Home Improvement Scams ranks #4 on BBB's list of scams posing the most significant consumer risk. Plus, victims lost more money - \$1,500 in 2022 - compared to \$955.00 in 2021, according to the latest BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report.

While the youngest demographics of 18-45 are by far the age groups most scammed, the report also indicates that home improvement scams was the number one riskiest for consumers 65 years and older.

“Whether the scammer makes contact via text or email; on the phone; online; or even

in person, the losses can be devastating,” says Horton.

Drywall, paint jobs, plumbing, roofing, electric, HVAC service, and other home improvement projects all have scam potential. Shoddy storm damage repair is another lucrative con. Usually, warmer weather can usher in intense storms with high winds and heavy rains.

BBB provides the public, free-of-charge, the opportunity to check on business ratings and reviews before you hire. When you need work done, visit BBB.org to research prospective companies and find trustworthy businesses.

BBB Tips:

- Be wary of red flag high-pressure sales

tactics, up-front fees, and handshake deals.

- Anyone pressuring you to pay or sign a contract without allowing you to do your due diligence on BBB.org and other sources is someone you most likely would not want to do business with

- Get a written contract with the price, materials, and timeline detailed. Illinois law requires a written contract for all projects costing \$1,000 or more.

- You can get multiple estimates in writing.

- Never allow any strangers into your house unless you have vetted the company. Always alert neighbors, family, or friends if you have scheduled work to be done inside your home.

State Rep. Fritts asks for local business highlight nominations

DIXON- State Representative Bradley J. Fritts (R-Dixon) is asking his constituents in District 74 to nominate local businesses for monthly business spotlights.

“Small and local businesses are the cornerstone of our economy, particularly in District 74,” Rep. Fritts said. “Many of our businesses

go above and beyond to serve our community and that type of dedication and hard work deserves to be recognized.”

Starting in April, Rep. Fritts will visit a local business once a month to spend time learning about their operations and speaking with employees.

Rep. Fritts continued, “It’s important for me to understand the issues that small businesses are facing. It’s no secret that running a small business is challenging, especially given the rising cost of living. It’s my responsibility to listen to our local business owners, and learn how I can help while working in Springfield.”

To submit nominations for the local business highlights, go to repfritts.com and select Small Business Nominations under the resources tab.

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Dated March 1, 2023.
No. 0301
(March 22, 2023)

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on March 6 A.D. 2023 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Lee County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as The Drunken Poet located at 8127 E Route 38, Ashton, IL 61006. Dated this 6th day of March A.D. 2023.

Nancy Peterson, County Clerk
By Penny Skibinski, Deputy
Legal No. 0304 (3/15, 3/22, 3/29 2023)

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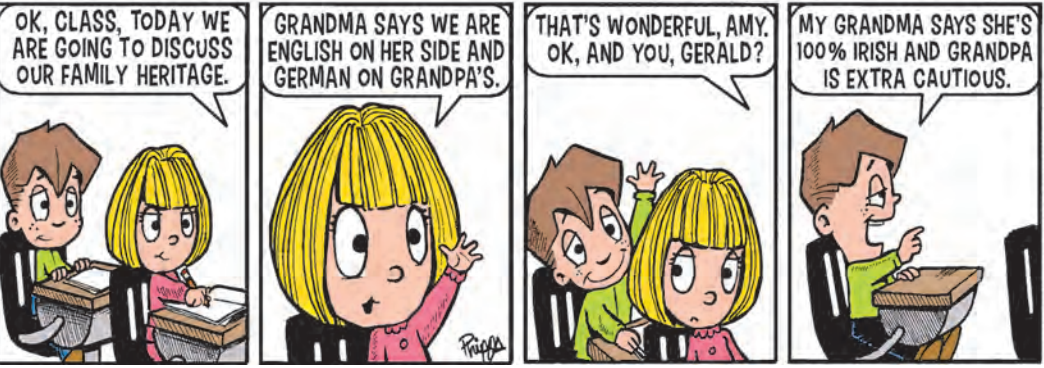


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Amber Waves



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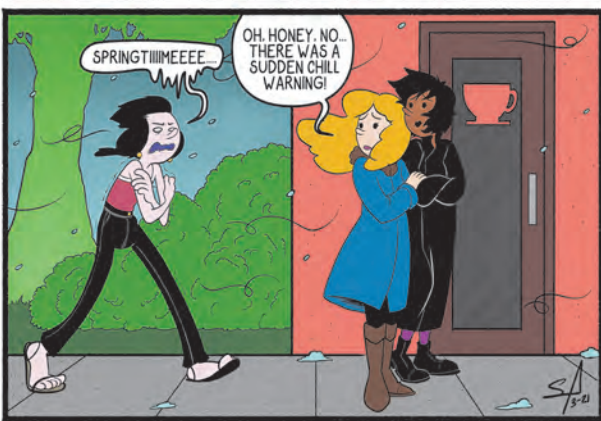
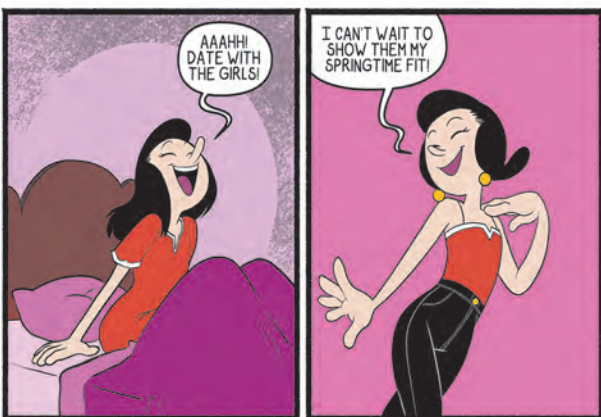
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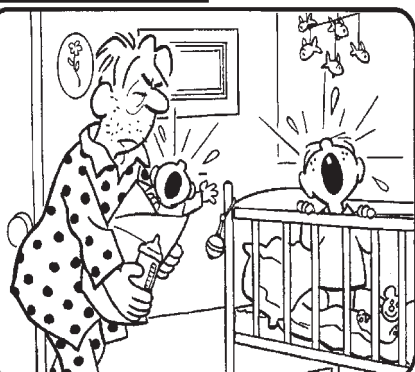
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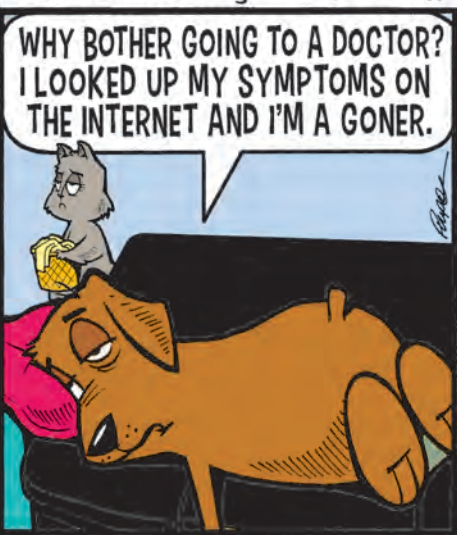
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: C equals B

RZRS GWPMIW CPGW CRYTGT PJ
CMFQRS YFR UPZRFRQ LS QRSTR
JMF, GWYG PSR LT GWR
WYLFLRF UYFFLRF.

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SCRAMBLERS

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!

Allure TEENCI
Lose GOFERT
Forsake BATERY
Annoy SEATE

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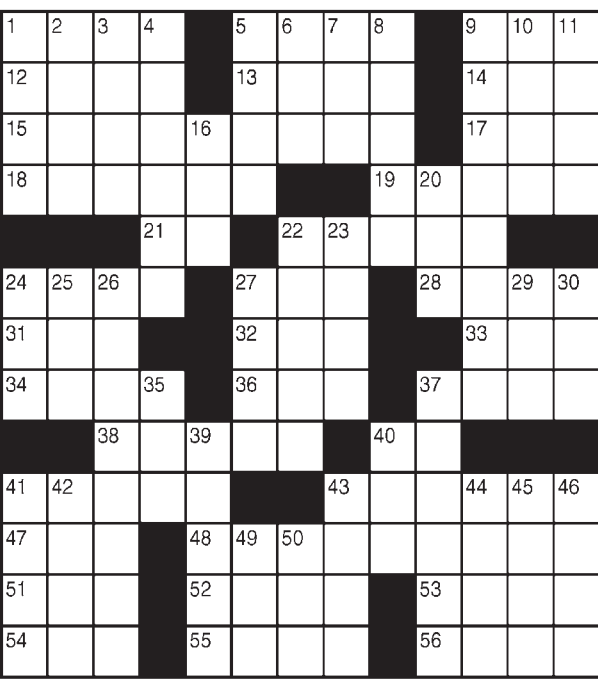
My wife is very proud of her _____ hunting."

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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Blunder
- 5 Sir's partner
- 9 Witty one
- 12 Massage target
- 13 Lamb alias
- 14 "Evil Woman" gp.
- 15 Dairy aisle purchase
- 17 Zodiac feline
- 18 Indiana city
- 19 TV's DeGeneres
- 21 Rejection
- 22 — buddy
- 24 Bears' hands
- 27 Candy-heart word
- 28 Ashen
- 31 "— Believer"
- 32 Epoch
- 33 Actress Ruby
- 34 Attire
- 36 The whole enchilada
- 37 Barking mammal
- 38 Dark and gloomy
- 40 "I see"
- 41 "Shrek" princess
- 43 Scents
- 47 Adj. modifier
- 48 Canning jar feature
- 51 King, in Cannes



- 52 Tale teller
- 53 "Woe —!"
- 54 World Cup cheer
- 55 China (Pref.)
- 56 Legendary loch
- 8 "This — no sense!"
- 9 Built to last
- 10 Downwind
- 11 Thug
- 16 Punk-rock subgenre
- 20 Prune
- 22 Strapping
- 23 Track shape
- 24 Pot-bellied pet
- 25 Docs' bloc
- 26 "Dunkirk" or "Platoon," e.g.
- 27 Faucet problem
- 29 Meadow
- 30 Snaky fish
- 35 Chignon
- 37 Sure winner
- 39 "Lady Love" singer Lou
- 40 Branch
- 41 Gambling game
- 42 Pedestal
- 43 Slick, in car lingo
- 44 Inspiration
- 45 \$ dispensers
- 46 Females
- 49 Sundial
- 50 Author Brown

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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 COINS to SPIES in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

spying

saline

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- AD SLOGANS: What company advertises its clothing with the ad slogan, "Quality never goes out of style"?
- SCIENCE: What is the tallest grass in the world?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the camp in "Friday the 13th"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the term when two water streams join to form a larger stream?
- INVENTIONS: What is Tim Berners-Lee credited with inventing?
- ANATOMY: Where are the quadriceps located?
- LITERATURE: Which poet wrote a six-volume biography of President Lincoln?
- TELEVISION: Timothy Lovejoy is a minister on which animated TV series?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: Yaks are native to which region?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Before he was elected president, which of the founding fathers attended the coronation of Napoleon at Notre Dame Cathedral?

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- Answers
- Levi's
 - Bamboo
 - Camp Crystal Lake
 - Confluence
 - World Wide Web
 - Thighs
 - Carl Sandburg
 - "The Simpsons"
 - Tibet, China
 - James Monroe and his wife Elizabeth

BARGAIN

Today's Word

1. Entice 2. Forget; 3. Betray; 4. Tease

SCRAMBLERS

SPYING, SPRING, SPRINT, SPLINT, SPLINE, SALINE

Answer

WORD LADDER

Answer

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

Even though both beasts of burden are covered in dense fur, that one is the hairier carrier.

CryptoQuip

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

LOCAL NEWS/SPORTS

Applications available for veterinary student loans through IFB

BLOOMINGTON—Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) is accepting applications for its Illinois Veterinary Education and Training (IVET) loan program. Loans are available to second-year veterinary students attending any accredited college of veterinary medicine in the U.S. and who are focusing on Illinois food animal medicine.

The Illinois Veterinary Education Training (IVET) Program helps offset the high cost of veterinary education. The program loans up to \$40,000 to as many as three veterinary students each year.

Loans are made over a period of two to three years. IVET awards recipients a \$1,500 stipend during their fourth year in school to help pay expenses associated with clinical rotations. Loans are repaid over five years, during which graduates must commit to working in a food animal practice that services Illinois livestock producers.

“Illinois Farm Bureau encourages veterinary students to pursue a career in caring for food animals,” said Tasha Bunting, IFB associate director of commodity and livestock programs. “To

succeed, farmers need the services of a food-animal veterinarian to help them care for their beef cattle, swine, sheep, and poultry. It’s an incredibly rewarding career field that has seen an increase in demand in recent years.”

Applications are due May 15, 2023, and can be found online at www.ilfb.org/IVET. The selection committee will interview eligible applicants in spring 2023. Successful applicants will be notified by mail. Loan disbursements begin in August.

IFB established IVET in 2005. Since then, the organi-

zation has awarded more than \$550,000 to 27 veterinary students who focus on caring for food animals in Illinois. For more information about the program, contact Tasha Bunting at 309-557-2993 or

tbunting@ilfb.org.

The Illinois Farm Bureau is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation, a national organization of farmers and ranchers. Founded in 1916, IFB is a non-prof-

it, membership organization directed by farmers who join through their county Farm Bureau. IFB has a total membership of more than 372,326 and a voting membership of 77,462.

Tractor blessing planned for March 25

ASHTON—The Ashton United Methodist Church, located at 906 Richardson Ave., invites all area farmers, gardeners etc., to join them for a tractor blessing at 11 a.m., on Saturday, March 25.

Planting season will soon be upon us and we are ever thankful for those who farm the land so that we may eat and be healthy.

Farmers or anyone that works the field, as

well as their families, are invited to drive their tractors of all sizes to the church, the blessing will be held in the parking lot, followed by a luncheon. If you can’t bring the tractor, a photo of the farm can be brought in. Gardeners are encouraged to bring their gloves.

To help plan the luncheon, if you plan to attend, please call the Ashton United Methodist Church at 815-453-2328.

Old Dominion returns to the Illinois State Fair as Agriculture Day headliner

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois State Fair is excited to announce Old Dominion will headline the Illinois Lottery stage on Friday, Aug. 11. The 5X CMA and 5X ACM Award winning band is coming off a record-breaking fifth consecutive win for “Vocal Group of the Year” at the 2022 CMA Awards, where they were also nominated for “Album of the Year.”

Since breaking onto the music scene in 2014, the band has notched eight number one singles including: Break Up with Him, Hotel Key and One Man Band. In 2021, Old Dominion received two GRAMMY nominations for their song “Some People Do,” including “Best Country Song” and “Best Country Duo/Group Performance.” The band

wrapped up 2021 by releasing their fourth studio album, Time, Tequila & Therapy, featuring the smash summer-time single I Was On a Boat That Day. The song was named one of the “100 Best Songs of 2021” by Billboard and was certified Platinum.

Their most recent project, Memory Lane Sampler, features lead single and title track “Memory Lane” which is currently Top 25 and rising at country radio. It was also the #1 most added song at country radio for the first two consecutive add weeks of 2023. This hasn’t been accomplished at the start of a new calendar year since Taylor Swift did it in 2010.

“Old Dominion on the Illinois Lottery Grandstand Stage is a great way to

wrap up Agriculture Day at the Illinois State Fair,” said Illinois State Fair Manager Rebecca Clark. “The band, which last performed here in 2019, will give fans a taste of their old favorites, along with new hits like Memory Lane. We are excited to welcome them back for 2023.”

The Illinois State Fair appearance comes amidst their sold-out No Bad Vibes Tour.

The multi Platinum-selling band is performing to capacity crowds at arenas across the U.S. and Canada throughout the summer, with additional dates to be announced.

Ticket sales for Illinois State Fair announced shows will go on sale at a date that is yet to be determined.

Amboy Spring Sports Schedules

Varsity Baseball

March 23 - Oregon - 4:30
March 25 - Orangeville - 11:00
March 28 - Newark - 4:30
March 30 - Hinckley-Big Rock - 4:30
April 1 - at Freeport Aquin - 11:00
April 4 - at Ashton-Franklin Center - 4:30
April 6 - Ashton-Franklin Center - 4:30
April 8 - at River Ridge - 11:00
April 11 - Forreton - 4:30
April 13 - at Forreton - 4:30
April 15 - at Lena-Winslow - 11:00
April 18 - at Polo - 4:30
April 20 - Polo - 4:30
April 22 - at Ottawa Marquette (DH) - 11:00
April 25 - Eastland - 4:30
April 27 - at Eastland - 4:30
April 29 - at Pearl City - noon
May 2 - Milledgeville - 4:30
May 4 - at Milledgeville - 4:30
May 8 - Newman - 4:30
May 11 - at Somonauk - 4:30

Varsity Softball

March 25 - Orangeville - 11:00
March 28 - Newark - 4:30
April 1 - at Durand (DH) - 10:00
April 4 - at Ashton-Franklin Center - 4:30
April 6 - Ashton-Franklin Center - 4:30
April 8 - Indian Creek - 11:00
April 11 - Forreton - 4:30
April 13 - at Forreton - 4:30
April 15 - at Lena-Winslow - 11:00
April 18 - at Polo - 4:30
April 20 - Polo - 4:30
April 22 - at Ottawa Marquette (DH) - 11:00
April 24 - at Eastland - 4:30
April 25 - Eastland - 4:30
April 29 - at Peru St. Bede (DH) - 10:00
May 2 - Milledgeville - 4:30
May 4 - at Milledgeville - 4:30
May 8 - Newman - 4:30
May 11 - at Somonauk - 4:30

March is Severe Weather Preparedness Month

SPRINGFIELD—Illinois averages 53 tornadoes per year, which means you should grab your dog Toto and be prepared for tornadoes and severe weather. March is Severe Weather Preparedness Month and a good time to plan ahead, especially with the severe weather here in Illinois.

“From heavy snowfall to dangerous winds, everyone in Illinois should be prepared for adverse conditions,” said Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau. “Last week, Illinois saw multiple

tornadoes throughout the state, followed by unseasonably-warm temperatures, and now we’re getting ready for snow and potential flooding.”

Illinois ranks fourth in the United States for the most tornadoes per square mile.

Communities across the state are also susceptible to flooding as it is the most common natural hazard in the U.S. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), just 1 inch of water can cause \$25,000 of damage in your home.

Severe weather preparedness includes gathering in-

formation and supplies to prepare for a loss of electricity or if you must, evacuate from your neighborhood. That’s why IEMA offers a Family Communications Plan to help people map locations to meet and track important contact information.

IEMA also recommends that you:

Keep all important records and documents in a secure waterproof container

Make an inventory of possessions using lists and photos/videos

Insure your property and possessions

Know how to shut off electricity, gas, and water

Compile an emergency kit and “go bag” to help your family for at least three days during extended power outages or evacuations

In case power is out, make sure flashlights with fresh batteries are ready

Generators should only be run outside, never indoors or in enclosed spaces

A good resource for planning can be downloaded for free at: www2.illinois.gov/ready/plan/Pages/Family-Plan.aspx

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March 28 - at Newark - 4:30
April 1 - at Freeport Aquin - 1:00
April 4 - Ashton-Franklin Center - 4:30
April 6 - at Ashton-Franklin Center - 4:30
April 8 - at River Ridge - 1:00
April 11 - at Forreton - 4:30
April 13 - Forreton - 4:30
April 15 - at Lena-Winslow - 1:00
April 18 - at Polo - TBA
April 20 - Polo - TBA
April 22 - Ottawa Marquette (DH) - 11:00
April 25 - Eastland - TBA
April 27 - at Eastland - TBA
May 1 - Pecatonica - 4:30
May 8 - at Newman - 4:30

Freshman-Sophomore Softball

March 25 - Orangeville - 1:00
April 5 - at Lena-Winslow - 4:30
April 8 - Indian Creek - 1:00
April 11 - Forreton - TBA
April 13 - at Forreton - TBA
April 15 - at Lena-Winslow - 1:00
April 18 - at Polo - TBA
April 20 - Polo - TBA
April 22 - at Ottawa Marquette - 1:00
April 29 - at Peru St. Bede - noon
May 2 - Milledgeville - TBA
May 4 - at Milledgeville - TBA
May 5 - Lena-Winslow - 4:30

SPORTS

Baseball enthusiasm at a high

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY – The Clippers are ready to swing bats, field ground balls, and throw some strikes as they want to improve on last year's record of 7-11.

The Amboy baseball team's coach Chris Tidmore sees the excitement and the determination from his team to not only improve the record but shock some opponents.

"We're actually pretty lucky. Last year we had two freshmen that were starting by the end of the year and now they're sophomores, Landon Whelchel and Quinn Leffelman," said Tidmore, who has been the coach for the last five seasons and has been with the program for eight. "They'll be a pretty

big part of our lineup. We have a pretty good cast of seniors. We have six returning players. It's going to be a lineup that has a lot of returners and a couple of new guys to add in.

"I think one of the biggest things is team comradery. Every once in a while, we had team division last year. I think this team is going to be much better as a unit. I think we have a lot of depth at each position. I see us having the potential to make a pretty good run at the Northwest Upstate Illini title this year."

The Clippers have 13 players on the varsity squad and 11 on the freshmen/sophomore team.

The varsity squad breakdown is six seniors, five juniors and two sophomores.

On the mound, Amboy will have Jackson Rodg-

ers, Tucker Lindenmeyer, Landon Montavon, Brody Christoffersen, and Quinn ready to throw strikes.

At the plate, the leadoff hitter could be Lindenmeyer, Christoffersen, or Whelchel, while Leffelman, Rodgers, and Montavon will be the power hitters in the middle of the lineup.

"The second our season ended last year we already had a lot of guys who were looking forward to this year," Tidmore said. "Especially after our long postseason run in football was over, we had some guys excited about basketball, but baseball was definitely ready to go.

"I think we will be disappointed with less than 14-15 wins this season."

Off the field, Tidmore and his club plan to reach



out to the fans to help bring the community out to the ballpark.

Clippers drop season-opener against Morrison

AMBOY - The Amboy Clippers dropped their baseball season-opener to Morrison, 5-2, on March 15 at Parker Field.

Morrison got on the board first, plating a pair of runs in the top of third.

Amboy got one run back in the fourth when Brody Christoffersen reached on an error and eventually came around

to score. The Clippers tied the game in the sixth when Christoffersen was safe on an error, stole second and scored on ground ball off the bat of Landon Montavon that was misplayed by Morrison. Jackson Rogers followed with a double to put runners at second and third, but they were left stranded.

In the top of the seventh, Morrison

sent nine batters to the plate and three of them scored to provide the final margin.

The Clippers managed only two hits - Rogers' double and a single by Charlie Dickinson.

Rogers started on the hill for Amboy and Christoffersen took the loss in relief.

Lady Clippers lose season-opener to Morrison

AMBOY - Morrison edged Amboy, 5-4, in the varsity softball season-opener on March 15 at the AHS field.

Morrison took a 1-0 lead in the first, but the Lady Clippers responded with three runs in the bottom of the frame.

The Fillies put a three-spot on the

board in the top of the third to take a brief one-run lead before Amboy tied the game in the bottom of the fourth. Each team went scoreless in the fifth, and then Morrison pushed across the eventual game-winner in the sixth.

Ellie McLaughlin had a big day at

the plate for Amboy with three singles and two runs batted in. Tyrah Vaessen delivered a pair of singles for the Lady Clippers, while Hayleigh Stenzel and Alyvia Whelchel added a single apiece.

Whelchel was in the circle for Amboy and took the loss.

AHS Girls' Track

March 24 - Dillon F-S Invite @ Westwood - 4:30
March 29 - Rosenberry Invite @ Westwood - 4:30
April 4 - at Forreston - 4:00
April 8 - at Mendota Invite - 10:00
April 10 - at Bureau Valley Invite - 4:30
April 13 - Home meet-teams TBA - 4:00
April 15 - at Spring Valley Hall Invite - 10:00
April 18 - at Fulton Invite - TBA
April 21 - at Oregon Invite - 4:15
April 24 - at Bureau Valley - 4:30
April 27 - at Pecatonica Invite - 4:00

AHS Boys' Track

March 24 - Dillon F-S Invite @ Westwood - 4:30
March 28 - Rosenberry Invite @ Westwood - 4:30
April 4 - at Mendota - 4:00
April 8 - at Mendota Invite - 10:00
April 11 - at Fulton Invite - TBA
April 13 - Home meet-teams TBA - 4:00
April 15 - at Spring Valley Hall Invite - 9:30
April 17 - at Forreston - 4:00
April 21 - at Rock Falls Invite - 4:00
April 24 - at Bureau Valley - 4:30
April 28 - at Oregon Invite - 4:00
May 2 - at Pecatonica Invite - 4:00

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Baseball

Brody Christoffersen

Softball

Alyvia Whelchel

Girls Track

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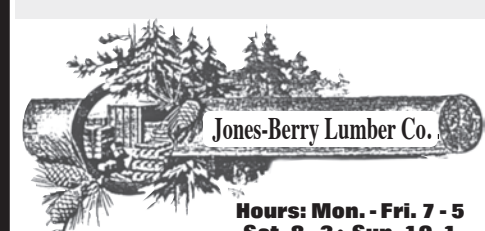
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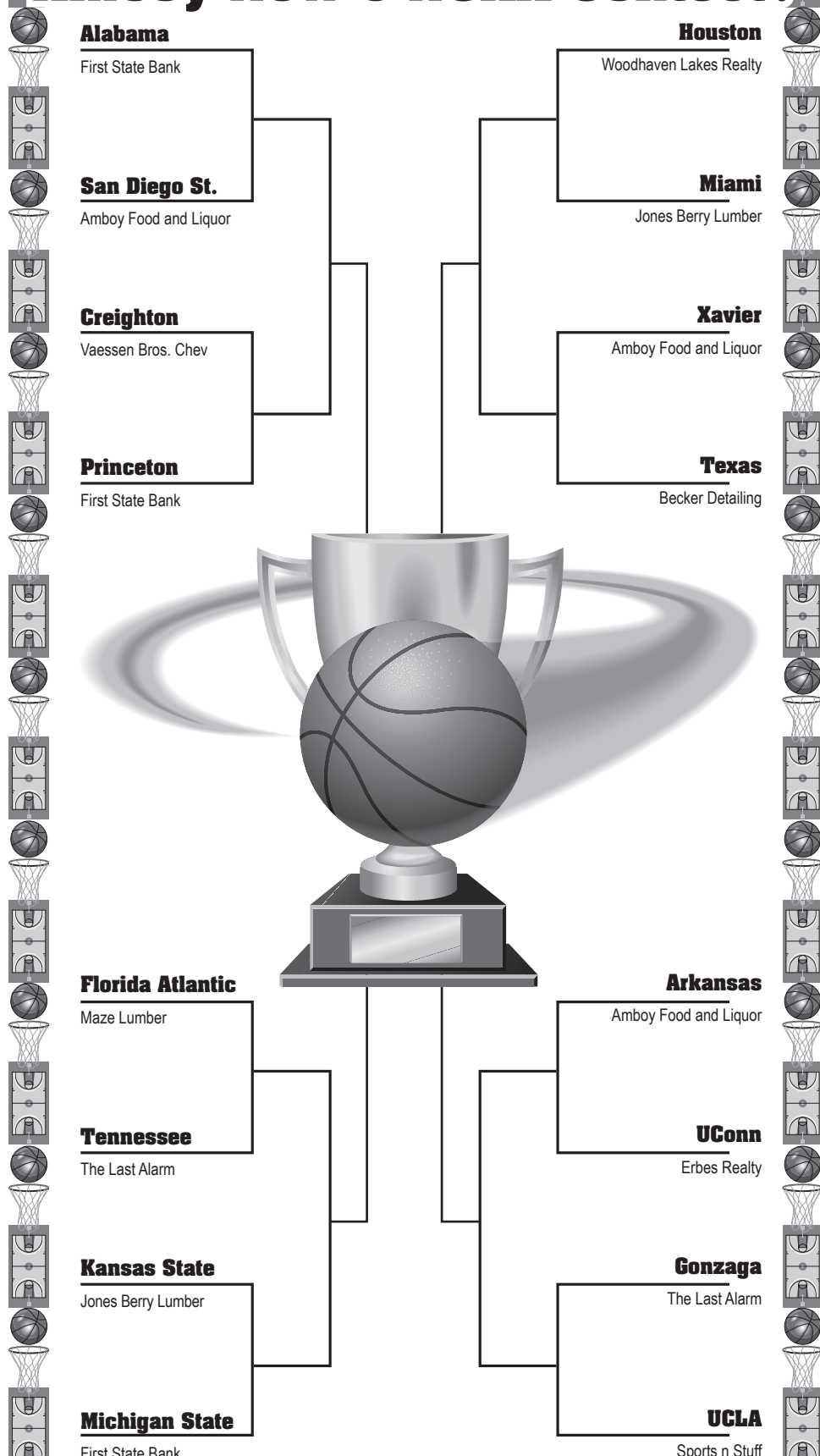
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Tuesday, March 28
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pm
AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball
@ Newark-4:30 pm
AHS Softball & Varsity
Baseball (H) Newark-4:30
pm

Wednesday, March 29
AHS Girls Track @
Westwood, Sterling-4:30
pm

Thursday, March 30
AHS Varsity Baseball (H)
Hinckley Big Rock-4:30
pm

Saturday, April 1
AHS Baseball @ Freeport
Aquino-Varsity-11 am/
Fresh-Soph-1 pm
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