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Emma Dinges talked to members of the Regional Office of Education (ROE) at Tetten's Grain in Nachusa on Feb. 3, about agriculture being taught in schools.

# **Speaking with the ROE**

#### **Dinges, Pratt share** importance of FFA. agriculture education

BY BRANDON LACHANCE Amboy News Reporter

**AMBOY** — Emma Dinges and Ethan Pratt didn't have to report to class at Amboy High School until the afternoon on Friday,

Instead, the students checked in with the Regional Office of Education (ROE) at Tetten's Grain in Nachusa from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. to talk about one of their passions, agriculture.

"It was an opportunity for FFA (Future

Farmers of America) members to talk to members of the Regional Office of Education and staff members from schools that don't have agriculture programs to teach them about the opportunities that ag education has for students in the classroom and outside of the classroom," said Dinges, who is a junior at AHS and Pratt's cousin. "It was to show them that agriculture is important in schools, but to also show schools without ag education how much they can benefit from having an ag program for their students. It was to also help endorse the ag pathways that the ROE has to show what the pathways can do for schools."

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# 'Painting is the most relaxing thing I can do'

#### **Don Dinges has** been painting **since 1947**

BRANDON $\boldsymbol{B} \boldsymbol{Y}$ **LACHANCE** 

Amboy News Reporter **SUBLETTE** — Sublette native, Don Dinges, has worn many hats for his community.

Dinges worked at Farmer's State Bank, now Pioneer State Bank, for 57 years.

He's been a board member for Sauk Valley Community College and the Mendota Community Hospital. He's still active in the Sublette Business Association and is still the Economic Development Coordinator for the Village of Sublette, which he has been for the last 20 years.

Oh, and he paints.

"Sublette had a new fire truck and they built a new fire station. The town offered our Boy Scouts troop the old, little fire station for a shop and a meeting room," Dinges said. "Our scout master decided that we needed a sign in front of the building. He told me to paint it. I made a stencil and a sign that said, "Sublette Boy Scouts."

"The guy across the street saw me and wanted to know



Don Dinges, 87, Sublette native, has been painting signs since 1947. Painting helped him get through Boy Scouts, high school, St. Ambrose University, career changes, society evolution, and a stroke.

Brandon LaChance/Amboy News

if I'd paint him two signs for the restrooms for his tavern. He wanted one that said, 'Ladies' and one that said,

'Gents.' I painted those. That's where it started, and it kept moving from there."

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# State Senator for 37th District visits new territory

BY BRANDON LaCHANCE

Staff writer

**MENDOTA** – During his first term as the Illinois State Senator for the 37th District, he got used to his designated territory.

When he was elected for a second term in November, his geography changed quite considerably as 60 percent of the current district map is different than the previous.

"The state constitution requires that a new legislative map is drawn every 10 years. Unfortunately, in Illinois, we don't have a fair map process," said Stoller, a Republican who lives in Metamora. "The process now is that the majority party, in this case the Democrats, draw the map. They draw the map to a political advantage. They jerrymander the maps into the weird shapes that we see. It makes it a little confusing.

"The new 37th District goes further north than it did previously. It includes LaSalle County, communities such as Mendota, Earlville, and Troy Grove. All of Lee County is on the 37th District map.'

Stoller, who stopped by the Mendota Reporter on Jan. 31 for a meet and greet with his chief of staff, Dixie Zietlow, has been a business owner for 25 years as he owns an office furniture dealership with 40 employees.

The senator has an accounting degree, a CPA, and an MBA from the University of

With a business education and background, politics weren't really on his map.

"I really had no plans to get into politics. I was involved in the community. I've been involved for over 20 years in Rotary, more than 20 years on the Salvation Army Advisory

Board in the Peoria area, and I'm also involved in the chamber of commerce.

"I told myself I needed to ask two people. I asked God and I asked my wife. Opportunities came my way to show me politics was where I was supposed to be, and my wife supported me."

Although it might not have seemed like a perfect fit at first, the accounting and business background are becoming useful in his career

"The biggest thing the state can do and should be doing is controlling its spending. Every dollar that we spend is a dollar that has been taxed," Stoller said. "We don't get any revenue outside of taxes and some fees. If we can control our spending, like other states have done including Iowa who recently lowered its tax rate and went to a lower flat tax than Illinois, that's the best thing we can do to help people who are struggling with high taxes and inflation."

He added, Wisconsin is in the process of doing the same thing as Iowa.

Stoller is currently working on 13 bills. One of them affects him directly.

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# Lee County Sheriff's office called to two-vehicle accident

**LEE COUNTY** — On Feb. 12, 2023, at 10:27 p.m., the Lee County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Walton Road and Amboy Road. Lee County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the call.

When deputies arrived they located one of the driver's, Margaret M. Morrison, 22, of Amboy, in her vehicle. She was transported from the scene by helicopter to a Rockford area hospital. The driver of the other vehicle, Joseph M. Fenwick, 60, of Amboy, was transported to KSB and released. Fenwick was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and transported to the Lee

Amboy Fire Department, Sublette Fire Department, Dixon City Fire Department and OSF Life Flight assisted at the scene.

All charges are merely an allegation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until

# Paw Paw man arrested on

**PAW PAW**—The Lee County Sheriff's Office received information that an individual residing on Howlett Road in rural Paw Paw, was wanted on a nationwide warrant out of the State of Montana. Thomas W. Jessberger, 48, formerly of Missoula, Mont., was wanted on a Violation of Conditional Release - Absconder warrant from the Montana Department of Corrections. The original charges stem from an arrest for 15 counts of Cruelty to Animals.

On the morning of Feb. 10, Lee County Sheriff Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the area of Howlett Road and Woodlawn Road. The driver, Jessberger, was taken into

nationwide warrant custody without incident. Jessberger was transported to the Lee County Jail where

> he is being held awaiting extradition. Jessberger was also charged with Driving While License Suspended and issued

> a court date. Citizens are reminded to call the Lee County Sheriff's Office at (815) 284-6631 or Crime Stoppers at 1-888-Caught-U. Callers can remain anonymous and receive rewards of up to \$1,000 if their information

leads to an arrest. All charges are merely an allegation and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

# 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

#### **S2C Bruce Dean Bradley** n his Dec. 9 fireside

chat following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, President Franklin Roosevelt told the American

"We are now in this war. We are all in it—all the way. Every single man, woman and child is a partner in the most tremendous undertak-



ing of our American history. We must share together the bad news and the good news, the defeats and the victories—the changing fortunes of war".

Born Jan. 29, 1922 in Cook County, Bruce Dean Bradley had already sacrificed his life before hundreds of thousands of young Amer-



icans would offer theirs in the collective effort of free people everywhere to defeat tyranny and keep the flame of freedom alive.

Bruce and his three siblings grew up in Paw Paw, the children of Daniel and Luella Marie Beemer Bradley. During his teen years in the late 1930's, Bruce moved to Elgin where he lived with his sister Laura and family after their mother became ill. He attended school there, completing two years at

Elgin High School before

joining the Navy in 1941. After achieving the rank of Seaman Second Class, Bruce was assigned to duty aboard the U.S.S. Arizona based with the Pacific Fleet in Hawaii.

Bradley could consider his

anchored at Pearl Harbor. At 8:10 a.m., the Arizona was struck with a 1,760 pound Dec. 7, 1941 started out bomb igniting the ship's fuels a quiet Sunday, a day of and munitions. The explosion rest for most Americans at was so violent, it reportedly home on the mainland. For lifted the ship out of the water many sailors stationed at causing catastrophic damage. Pearl Harbor, it was a time Her sides were blown out, and to finish early morning duthe turrets and much of the ties before going ashore in superstructure dropped sev-Honolulu for some free time eral feet down into the hull. and enjoyment. Before S2C

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plans for the day, Japanese

planes launched a surprise

attack on the American fleet



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Jerry L. Dempsey

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# LOCAL NEWS



Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for \$3,000 to Pam Payne, Karen Schulz, and Brooke Weidmann for Buddy Bags. Buddy Bags provide food to school children who do not have enough food to eat at home on weekends. 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 - AM** 

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for \$12,000 to Molly Haseman of the Amboy Depot Museum. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating more than \$40,000 to local organizations this year.

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This caused the ship to tip forward as she sank, giving the wreckage its current position in the harbor.

At age 19, S2C Bruce Dean Bradley was among the 1,177 crew members who perished on the Arizona. Today it is the final resting place for 1,102 sailors and marines, whose names are inscribed on the marble wall at the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial. Dec. 7, 1941 started as a tranquil Sunday morning, but by the end of the day, the lives of all Americans were changed

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forever. A boy who grew up in Paw Paw, would become a sailor and one of the first to make the supreme sacrifice for his country at the dawn of World War II. S2C Bradley was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously.

In 2016, 75 years after Pearl Harbor, the family of Bruce Dean Bradley petitioned President Obama to replace the Purple Heart medal, which had been lost during a family relocation. With great persistence, they finally succeeded, and that Purple

Heart remains forever a reminder of his heroism.

To the gallant men here entombed and their shipmates who gave their lives in action Dec. 7, 1941 on the U.S.S. Arizona."

-Memorial Wall at the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial

Citations: Purple Heart Combat Action Ribbon World War II Victory Medal American Campaign Medal Navy Presidential Unit Citation Navy Good Conduct Medal Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal

Navy Expeditionary Medal Please join us for the February Business After Hours hosted by the

**Amboy City Council.** We will have networking from 5-6 pm followed by a presentation from Ameresco on a upcoming biogas project in Amboy.

We would like to invite the public to be informed of this project and field any questions or concerns.

Please join us Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the **Amboy Community Building.** 

Mayor John Schamberger





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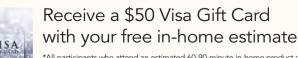
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# LOCAL NEWS

# **TEEN TURF**



Amboy's Donna Wellman was selected as volunteer of the week for the state of Illinois. Wellman, who is 88 years old, has been volunteering at Teen Turf for 15 years. She bakes homemade cookies for the children in the free afterschool home work program. She talks to all of the kids, who range in age from nine and up, when she hands them a cookie during meal time. She always has a smile for the kids and has quite a bond with them. She supports Teen Turf fundraising events and dances as well.

Photo submitted

#### Aerobics

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

#### Afterschool program 815-857-4800 to be put o

You must call 815-857-4800 to be put on. If you are not registered, please do not send your child without speaking with us

#### Valentine's Day Dance

We are having a dance on Friday, Feb. 17 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The cost to get into the dance is \$5. Concessions are available to purchase. There will be games, music, and fun. If you would like to be a chaperone, please call us at 815-857-4800 and your child will get in free.

#### Thank You's

We are always grateful for those that assist Teen Turf in it's endeavor of helping people:

Shirley Rees for various items; Theresa Piller for the Valentine's gift baskets; Cupid for the food; Martha Henley for the cookies; Lori and Dan Nauman for the various items; Katey Dickinson for the pumpkin cake; Sharon Yokum and family for the food; Trudy and Jay Huseman for the monetary donation; Mark and Veronica Grossman for the various items; Donna Wellman for the monetary donation towards the dance and various items; Kathy Kessel for the cookies and Thrivent Donation; Candy Robinson for helping a family; Tammy, Scott, and Brooklyn Strub for the toys; Hannah Blanton for the shoes; and Irene and Eileen Ramsdell for the Christmas bags.

#### Needs

Looking for Pokeman, Minecraft, Fortnite, Retro video games like Pac Man, Sonic, and Mario items for our summer program.

#### Final Word

Creator and Sustainer, we cast our burden on You. We trust Your promise to sustain us and never to permit us to give ground to the enemy. We cling to these promises and beg You to make them a reality in our lives. We can feel our knees buckling beneath us as we deal with the weight of our stress. We trust in You to be merciful and to sustain us. Amen.

#### **STOLLER**

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"The things we should be talking about that no one is talking about is our pension problem. We have the largest pension debt of any state," Stoller said. "We have the highest property taxes. I'm introducing a bill during this General Assembly that will not allow legislatures to take a pension. Right now, we're offered a pension. I declined the pension because I think that's one of the biggest problems in our state. It's hard to reform a broken system if you have a financial stake in it. My bill would disallow any future legislature from being offered or having a state pension.

"I have bills concerning small hospitals. I have a bill that will take away gambling winnings. If you're out gambling and winning money, but you owe state debts, it garnishes a portion of your winnings to pay off money that you owe the state. I think it makes a lot of sense if you're out gambling, but not paying your state debts."

Whether those bills will be passed or not is yet to be seen. Whether they are or not, Stoller intends to keep his pri-

"One of my goals, this session and every session, is to continue to be a voice for restrained government; to live within our means, to not place unnecessary burdens, restrictions, and mandates on people," Stoller said. "I want to be a voice for job growth and creating more opportunities.

"Unfortunately, more people are leaving our state than are coming to it. And that's all about opportunities. As a business owner myself, I want to make sure our incentives in this state are for job growth and not for export opportunities."







# **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 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 16, at Amboy Junior High School.

AMBOY- On Saturday,

Feb. 18 at 10 a.m., Pankhurst Memorial Library will be hosting local author Andrea LeFevre for a meet and greet/book reading of her children's book "A Day On the Farm with Mama-Harvest Edition."

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will meet Monday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m., at the Old NAPA Building, 399 N Metcalf, Amboy.

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skills, and financial skills.

2 vice president for the last two years.

to be teaching high school students."

**AG** 

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 20, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-Please join the city for the February Business After Hours hosted by the Amboy City Council. They will have networking from 5-6 p.m., followed by a presentation from Ameresco on a upcoming biogas project in Amboy. The city would like to invite the public to be informed of this project and field any questions or concerns. The event will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd at the Amboy Community Building.

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

LEE COUNTY- Dig in with confidence this spring

with Growing Great Vegetables, a five-week webinar series covering how to grow a vegetable garden from seed to harvest. Log on at 6 p.m., for a weekly online workshop covering a new topic, engage with Illinois Extension horticulture experts, and receive emails with factsheets and even more research-based tips. Register before Feb. 26 for the series at go.illinois. edu/GrowingGreatVegetables. Cost to attend the series

is \$10. This series will be held on Feb. 28, March 7, 14, and 28.

**POLO-** The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Famr Toy Show will be held at Polo High School, on Saturday, March 4, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Polo Lions Club. There will be approximately 75-100 dealers. Adult admission is \$3 and children under 12 are free.

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# U. OF I. EXTENSION NEWS

Dinges joined the FFA and the Amboy Chapter as a

The junior is also the president of the Sublette Indians 4-H

"I think it's extremely important. I believe the FFA and

freshman. She has been the Amboy Chapter and the Section

program, which she has been a member of for the last 10 years.

agriculture education as a whole is super important to help

build life skills for the future," Dinges said. "There are so

many parts of the FFA that you can take into your career

and professional life such as interview skills, responsibility

for life beyond high school. I think it's extremely important

"There is so much that you can take that will prepare you

Northwestern Illinois Welcomes New Illinois
Extension County Director
Supported by a background in community health, new

County Director Karla Belzer will guide University of Illinois Extension staff in Carroll, Lee and Whiteside counties as they continue to build relationships and stronger, healthier communities. Belzer served as interim director for several months before transitioning to the role permanently in November.

"Karla has demonstrated strong supervision, collaboration, and partnership-building skills, all of which are critical to the success of Extension's mission," says Regional Assistant Director Janice McCoy. "I look forward to watching the growth in programs and partnerships under her leadership.

Belzer previously served as an Extension Family Life Educator in Northwestern Illinois since 2015. Her programs included mindfulness education, brain health, trauma and adverse childhood experiences, and many life wellness areas. Before working with Extension, she was in the health and human services field for nearly 20 years in both direct care and administrative roles.

"In my work as an educator, I had the honor of connecting with community members and partnering with many great local organizations to meet community needs and provide programs that made a positive impact," Belzer says. "I look forward to building new partnerships, and my hope is the Extension will continue to be a trusted expert for information, a reliable community partner, and a valued contributor to the health and well-being of all community members."

Belzer has a bachelor's degree in Recreation Administration from Eastern Illinois University and a master's degree in Therapeutic Recreation from Indiana University. She is a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist and is a member of the National Extension Association of Family of Consumer Sciences, Illinois Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, and Epsilon Sigma Phi.

Outside work, Belzer is an active community member volunteering her time as a Cub Scout Den leader and with the United Way. In her spare time, Belzer enjoys walking her dogs, hiking with her family, gardening, traveling, and spending time outdoors.

Belzer is based in the Whiteside County Extension office in Sterling and can be reached at kbelzer@illinois.edu or 815-632-3611.

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# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

# **OBITUARIES**

### Jerry L. Dempsey Jan. 26, 1960 - Feb. 12, 2023

**DIXON** — Jerry L. Dempsey, 63, of Dixon, died on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023 at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

He was born on Jan. 26, 1960, in Dixon the son of Robert and Floris (Stomberg) Dempsey. Jerry married Lisa Schafer on Aug. 9, 1986 at St. Paul Lutheran Church

He worked at Raynor Garage Doors for 13 years and then owned and operated Dempsey and Sons Construction from 1998 until his retirement. He was an usher at St. Patrick Catholic Church. He loved coaching his son's Jr. High Basketball team, playing softball, basketball, flag football, and body building in his early years. He was an avid Cubs, Bears, Bulls, Blackhawks, and Illini fan, never missing a game. He is preceded in death by

his parents. Jerry is survived by his

wife, Lisa; children, Cooper (Jessica) Dempsey, of Polo, Logan (Shelbi) Dempsey, of Dixon; two grandchildren, Harper and Miles; two brothers, Bob (Colleen) Dempsey, of Dixon, and Brian (Nancie) Dempsey, of Dixon; and sister, Sue (Dennis) Becker, of Amboy.

Visitation will be held from 5 - 7 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 17, 2023, at Jones Fu-



morial has been established to Alpha One Antitrypsin Foundation. Online condolences can

be left at www.thejonesfh.

# **LCIDA** names Tom Demmer as **Executive Director**

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Industrial Development Association (LCIDA) today announced the hiring of Tom Demmer as the organization's new executive director. Demmer replaces Kevin Marx who is retiring after leading the organization since 2018.

Tom Demmer comes to LCIDA after having served for the past ten years as State Representative for the 90th district, which includes parts of Lee, Ogle, DeKalb, and La-Salle Counties. Demmer was deputy minority leader in the House of Representatives, and was chief budget negotiator for the House Republican caucus. Demmer was the Republican nominee for Illinois State Treasurer in the 2022 election. Tom Demmer also previously worked at

KSB Hospital, most recently as Director of Innovation & Strategy, and contributed to the organization's strategic planning, marketing, and communications.

"As an organization we are thrilled to have someone of Tom's caliber and credibility on our team and in this role. We have been active and progressive as an organization advancing the economic climate in Lee County and we feel Tom will be able to build off that," said Chad Weigle, co-chairman of the LCIDA "I'm excited to work with county and city

officials to support our local economy. We have a number of positive developments and projects already underway, and I look forward to joining the team of local leaders to keep that momentum going," said Demmer. "I've been blessed to call Lee County home my whole life and to serve the community in different ways. This opportunity is an exciting new chapter.' The Lee County Industrial Development

Association is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to promote, develop, and facilitate industrial, commercial, and business enterprises in Lee County.

LCIDA can be found online at www. lcida.us

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Dinges, 87, painted the Boy Scouts sign in 1947.

The restroom signs were his second job, which led to many, many, many more jobs.

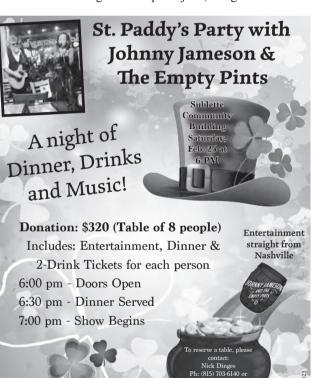
Dinges Signs is still in operation this very day.

"A guy bought a real old Chevrolet truck at Vaessen Brothers Chevrolet. He didn't want to pay much to have it lettered," Dinges said. "Paul Vaessen was the dealer at the time. He said, 'Well, why don't you let the kid paint it?' I painted the truck. I worked all day to get the name and the address. At that time, you had to put the empty weight on the truck. I got \$2 for the job. From there I lettered a lot of old farm trucks.

"I was a sophomore in high school when Walter Erbes got a real nice Chevrolet truck. He bought it on Dec. 31. He wanted the truck by Jan. 2. This old-time painter couldn't do it because he didn't have time. He also told him to have the kid do it. He chalked out the layout on the door for me and I painted it. "Walter Erbes was pretty generous to have some kid work

on his truck. It was a really nice truck."

As he was taking his own paint jobs, Dinges studied the



work of John Faber, a sign painter in Mendota. Dinges met Faber and the veteran painter gave the novice some brushes and some old paint.

The support and advice from a mentor figure pushed Dinges even further into the sign painting world.

In high school, Dinges painted banners for bands coming to Mendota's Kakusha Park. As a sophomore in college, he painted 40 semi-trucks and trailers for a company, which paid him enough money to pay for a year of Dinges' schooling at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa.

The painter did work for Conkey Partners in Mendota, lettered trucks for the Chevrolet dealer in Sublette and Mendota, the Ford dealer in Mendota, the Ford, Chevrolet and International dealer in Amboy, and GMC in Ottawa

In the 1970s and 1980s. Dinges taught calligraphy for 20 years at IVCC and Sauk.

All of his signs, stories and memories happened because he couldn't find an advertising job out of college.

"I went to school to major in art. I thought I'd go into advertising, but I couldn't get a job anywhere. I came back to Sublette and decided to open the sign shop," Dinges said. "At the time, there was a law in Illinois that every truck in Illinois, no matter who owned it, had to have the name, address, and empty weight painted on the truck.

Senior Dining Menu

February 20 - February 24

8 oz. of low-fat milk served with each meal

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Tuesday - Sweet and sour chicken, fluffy rice, stir fry veggies, wgr

Wednesday - Meatball sub on wgr roll, peas and carrots, seasoned

Thursday - A). Turkey burger wgr wheat bun, sweet potato fries,

Friday - Tilapia and garlic butter, wild rice, peas, wgr dinner roll,

**Amboy Community Center** 

Reservations needed

10:00 am day before

broccoli, apple crisp B). Tuna salad/chicken rice

wgr dinner roll, mandarin oranges

potato wedges, diced peaches

Meals served

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dinner roll, apricots

fruit cocktail

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"Painting is the most relaxing thing I can do. I never really cared for golfing. Instead of picking up a golf club, I'd rather come home and pick up a paint brush," Dinges said. "It's relaxing. That's why I still do it; I just enjoy it. I paint, zone

"I had a stroke a number of years ago. It was a pretty bad stroke. I was in the nursing home for therapy. One of the therapists asked about me painting signs. She said that she thought painting may be good therapy.

out, and don't worry about anything else.

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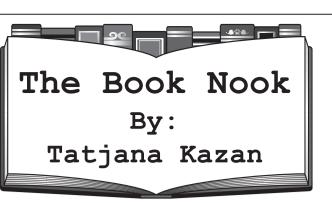
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# SOCIAL NEW



#### The Hidden Life of Trees

century ago, the Austrian poet Rainer Maria Rilke wrote: "The landscape is something alien for us, and we are terribly alone among the trees that blossom and the streams that pass. Alone with someone who has died we are nowhere near as exposed as we are alone with trees. For however mysterious death is, life is all the more so, a life that is not our life, a life that takes no part in ours, that celebrates its festivals without seeing us, and which we look upon with a certain discomfort, like guests who have turned up by accident and speak a different language."

In "The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate" (2016), Peter Wohlleben teaches us the language of trees from his "Discoveries from a Secret World." The mystery may be as strange as it was for Rilke, but scientific research has disclosed many amazing discoveries. Wohlleben, a forester in the Eifel Mountains of Germany, argues that "When you know that trees experience pain and have memories and that tree parents live together with their children, then you can no longer just chop them down and disrupt their lives with large machines."

Wohlleben asks why are trees such social beings, and answers, "...together, many trees create an ecosystem that moderates extremes of heat and cold, stores a great deal of water, and generates a great deal of humidity. And in this protected environment, trees can live to be very old. To get to this point, the community must remain intact no matter what."

Wohlleben discusses a wide range of topics, such as trees use scent to communicate with each other. Or the astonishing discovery of the exchange of nutrients through root systems, aided mightily by fungi. "This equalization is taking place underground through the roots. There's obviously a lively exchange going on down there. Whoever has an abundance of sugar hands some over; whoever is running short gets help. Once again, fungi are involved. Their enormous networks act as gigantic redistribution mechanisms."

On the principle that a tree can only be as strong as the forest that surrounds it, huddling together is very important so that trunks are spaced no more than three feet apart. The answer to why the forest is green is another terrific topic. Or, why do trees grow into water pipes? A huge study showed that it wasn't moisture that attracted the roots but the loose soil that had not been fully compacted after construction. The roots found room to breathe and grow and only incidentally penetrated the pipe seals and ran riot inside them. Wohlleben concludes that forests must not be primarily lumber factories. Rather, "This is what this ecosystem achieves: the fullness of life with tens of thousands of species interwoven and

## **Tri-County Opportunities** Council announces 2023 **Scholarships**

ROCK FALLS — At least twelve (12) scholarships will be awarded by Tri-County Opportunities Council to income-eligible students residing in the agency's service area. The scholarships are worth up to \$1,250 and have been made available by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCEO) through its Community

Services Block Grant funds.

To be eligible for the scholarship competition: • The applicant must be a member of an income-eligible

• The applicants must attend an Illinois-accredited

post-secondary educational institution of higher learning during the fall of 2023.

• Applicants must be a resident of Bureau, Carroll, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Ogle, Putnam, Stark, or Whiteside County

• Students must be considered full-time (minimum of 12 semester hours) to qualify for the full \$1,250 scholarship. Part-time students will be considered in the competition. However, scholarship awards will be pro-rated if they are selected as a winner.

The application deadline is March 24, 2023.

Further information and application forms may be obtained by contacting the office at 800-323-5434, extension 710, or on the website at www.tcochelps.org.

# Illinois Farm Bureau to offer nursing scholarship program

LEE COUNTY — Applications are now available for nurse practitioner scholarships through the Illinois Farm Bureau® Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program. There will be 15 scholarships, worth \$4,000 each, granted this year.

The scholarship program, now in its 31st year, helps encourage and develop the pool of rural health practitioners to help meet primary health care needs in rural Illinois. Students who receive scholarships agree to practice for two years in

an approved rural area in Illinois. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be Illinois residents and be a Registered Nurse accepted or enrolled in an accredited Nurse Practitioner Program. Funding is

provided by the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program (RIMSAP). Applications are available at county Farm Bureaus® throughout the state, on the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program website at RIMSAP.com, or by writing Donna Gallivan, Program Manager, Illinois Farm Bureau, 1701 Towanda Avenue, Bloomington, IL 61701. Applications

For additional information, contact Donna Gallivan at 309-557-2350, or via e-mail at dgallivan@ilfb.org.

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#### DEATH TRANSPORTS US TO A NEW HOME

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH, The Refuge Church

y wife and I were recently on a vacation enjoying a sandy Caribbean beach with 80-degree temperatures. Thanks to our church family who in many ways made this possible. Both Glenda and I truly enjoy going to "summer" while it is still winter in Illinois. And as pristine as the place was that we stayed in for two weeks, we also know that when the time was over, we were ready to come home, as many people do who go on an extended vacation.

There was actually a part of me that began missing home... even before we left. I wonder how many others can relate with this before an extended trip. And not because our house is extravagant, by any means. It's just what I consider an average, normal house by the usual standards. But its "Home." I think of "Home" as a place where we feel comfortable just being ourselves. A place where we feel welcome and loved. There is a familiarity with home, as the song says, "Where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came." And, as Dorothy said, "There's no place like home." As I pondered this the other day, a Bible verse came to

mind. This is what the Apostle John was inspired by God to write pertaining to Jesus on the last night of His life before the Last Supper. "Now before the Feast of Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end." "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God." John 13:1 & 3. In the numerous times I have previously read this, I have

thought of Jesus very formally going to Heaven and returning to His Father, which is true. But now I see it in just a little different light. Jesus was also returning... Home. This is something I guess I have also known for as long as I can remember, but I feel I understand it in a little different light now. I enjoy speculating about going to heaven, and how wonderous it will be. Truly beyond our imagination and description. But I can very much relate with the feeling of finally being home. And Jesus, as much as He may have loved being on Earth and the people of it... was finally going... home. There was no doubt in Him about it. No mystery of, "What lies beyond?" No, not at all. He was going home.

And the Apostle John also records something else Jesus said on that last night. Words that are very precious for you and me. Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many rooms, "... I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:1-2. How precious and beautiful this is. Jesus, knowing of the

fear and uncertainty of death that grips humanity, brought comfort to His followers. He removed the mystery and replaced it with assurance for believers in Christ. Death is simply the means which transports us to a new Home... in our Father's house. A new home, not because we deserve it or earned it in any way... because we don't and didn't. But Jesus did it for us. And it is ours – through His sacrifice for our sins. His love, mercy, and grace.

And though we should not be in a hurry to get there, I hope all of you reading this are also comforted with these words. Until next time, God Bless you.

#### **IN HISTORY** ON THIS

#### **100 Years Ago Feb. 16. 1923** The Baptist Church, an

Amboy landmark which had stood since 1856, was destroyed by fire on Thursday. The annual policyholders'

meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Bradford Township was held at the Degner schoolhouse. Three directors were elected: George W. Schaefer, B.F. Lane and Ed Pomeroy.

#### **75 Years Ago Feb. 12, 1948**

parish, signed a contract with the Kilgen Organ Company of St. Louis, for the construction and installation of a new pipe organ in St. Patrick Church.

one-day February Fur Sale at the Rose Mary Shop in Amboy.

of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester

# Fr. Troy, on behalf of his

Rhomberg's Furs held a

Nadine Haefner, daughter

# **Blood** drive held at Sublette church

SUBLETTE — A blood drive was held on Feb. 7, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. A total of 36 units were collected. Of those units, 6 units were the power red collected.

The volunteers helping at the blood drive included, Tammy Henkel, Karen Henkel, Denise Bickett, Ruth Ann Vaessen, Mary Ellen Schroeder, and Carol

Pie was donated by the

The next blood drive will be on April 4, from 1 -6 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual

Haefner and a senior at Amboy Township High School, was painfully bruised about the head, back and arms on Monday evening when the car she was driving ran into a CB&Q freight train at the Jones Ave. crossing. Fortunately, the train was not moving.

#### **50 Years Ago Feb. 11. 1973**

Farm Credit Services of Northwest Illinois had sold its Dixon office buildings and moved its' offices to the Farm Bureau Building in Amboy.

Curtis Harrison was one of four producers to receive the Top Superior Award given at the Illinois Pork Conference and Trade Show in Peoria.

Floyd and Mary Dehlin announced that the Ben Franklin Store will now Variety Store.

#### **25 Years Ago Feb. 12, 1998** Each of Amboy High

School's wrestlers knew the



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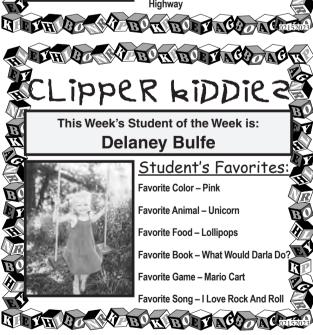
they took their turn on the mat at the IHSA State Tournament meet at Sterling Newman Catholic this past Saturday. The Clippers took fourth place overall with 69 points behind third place Polo, who had 138. Randy Ullrich, a sophomore, topped the three advancers for the Clippers by gaining a second-place finish. Freshman Joe Alletto took third place at 130 pounds and Nick Inden took third at 145 pounds. The Amboy High School

"moment was now" when

Speech Team had four members advance out of regionals at Moline High School on Saturday. Senior Tim Christoffersen advanced to sectionals in two events by placing fourth in original comedy and fourth in humorous duet acting with partner junior Tom Dale. Seniors Katie Brinkmeier and Kim Dale advanced to sectionals in dramatic duet by placing fifth. Freshman Holli Schlesinger placed seventh in special occasion speaking and junior Joe Vinnich was ninth in impromptu speaking.

Students in Mrs. Lucca's kindergarten class blasted off into space recently with rockets and spaceships they built as part of a class project.









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# LOCAL NEWS



# Schielein honored with LCFB Distinguished Service Award

AMBOY – The Lee County Farm Bureau (LCFB) is honored to recognize Jim Schielein, Dixon, with the Lee County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award in recognition for his longtime service to the organization.

Schielein started his Farm Bureau career as a Young Leader. He later served on the LCFB Board of Directors, including service as the Lee County Farm Bureau president, as well as on the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) Board of Directors for ten years representing Bureau, Lee and LaSalle counties as the District 4 director.

He has participated in several IFB pro-

grams including Agriculture Leaders of Tomorrow, Leaders to Washington, Grass Roots Issue Teams and more.

He is a long-time member, volunteer, and agriculture advocate.

The Distinguished Service Award was established to honor and recognize an individual or couple who has shown exemplary leadership and service to Farm Bureau, agriculture, and farmers in Lee County and beyond. Without the time, dedication, passion and vision from many hard-working volunteers, like Schielein, the Lee County Farm Bureau would not exist today.

#### AMBOY **POLICE**

#### **Disorderly Conduct**

On Feb. 9, at 2:30 p.m., a 16-year-old male juvenile was issued an ordinance citation at Amboy High School for disorderly conduct. He was issued a \$100 ordinance citation.

Illegal Transportation of Alcohol

On Feb. 9, at 9:32 p.m., Phillip L. Gulley, 40, of Amboy, was issued a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol. He was released after posting bond.

# Scammers close in as tax season opens

**ROCKFORD** – The Better Business Bureau is alerting the public to the schemes that con artists will use over the next several weeks to take your money, personal identity information, and peace of mind.

It will be taxing as people prepare to file with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). And, as the tax season picks up, scammers will capitalize on the pressure taxpayers are under. This year's filing deadline is Tuesday, Tax Identity Theft occurs when a scammer

uses your Social Security number to file a tax return in your name and collect your refund. Scammers steal your tax information in several ways. It could be a phony tax preparation service, a data breach, a hack, or a phishing scam, where you are tricked into clicking on a link in a text message which downloads malware to your device.

Email Phishing Scams appear to be from the IRS and include a link to a bogus website intended to mirror the official IRS website. These fraudulent emails direct you to update your IRS e-file immediately, or there is a problem with your taxes and sometimes mention USA.gov or a variation of the real IRS site. Scammers want you to call the fake number in the email or click on a link so they can download malware on your device; or access your personal financial information.

IRS Impersonation Scams most often start with a phone call and take two basic forms.

In the first version, the IRS "agent" says you owe back taxes and pressures you into paying by prepaid debit card or wire transfer. The scammer threatens you with arrest and fines if you don't comply. In the other version, scammers claim they are issuing tax refunds and ask you for personal information so they can send you your refund. The scammer might even give a fake badge

number and name. Your Caller ID may look like the call is coming from Washington, D.C. Con artists sometimes follow up scam calls with an email, which uses the IRS logo, colors, and official-sounding language. Scammers usually try to push you into

action before you have time to think and often insist that payment be made immediately by wire transfer, prepaid debit card, or other nontraditional payment methods, which are mainly untraceable and nonreversible. "Ghost" shady tax preparers set up shop

around tax time, usually in a vacant store-

front. They will often promise tax filers fast or large refunds. These "ghost" tax preparers are uncertified individuals who bypass checks and balances in the tax preparer certification system. Even more disturbing, the big refunds they promote are not calculated in legal ways.

Ghost tax preparers actually do prepare the tax return, but when it's submitted to the IRS, these scammers ask the taxpayer to sign their own return, making it look like it was self-filed. This doesn't seem like a big deal until something goes wrong and the preparer is nowhere to be found.

#### **BBB Tax Time Tips:**

- The best way to avoid tax ID theft is to file your taxes as early as possible before a scammer has the chance to steal your information and file a fake tax return.
- · Check out websites carefully and make sure you access the actual IRS website when filing your taxes electronically or inquiring for additional information.
- When in doubt, contact the IRS directly to verify any contact, not a number in an email or text. • The IRS will never threaten you or de-
- mand immediate payment, require a specific form of payment, or ask for credit card or debit card numbers over the phone. · Be wary of a tax preparer offering fast
- refunds or large returns. What you owe is solely based on your past year's tax information and the current tax laws. • Only allow funds to be deposited into your

personal accounts. Some ghost tax preparers

- will have funds deposited into their own accounts "to be later distributed." • Review your tax return before it's submitted to ensure it was signed properly by
- your tax preparer. • Be wary of spectacular promises. Avoid tax preparers who offer "refund anticipation loans" as you'll probably lose a large per-
- centage of your return to commission fees. Contact the IRS immediately if you get: a written notice from the IRS about a duplicate tax return, a notice stating that you received wages from a company that you never worked for, or any notice that "additional taxes are owed, the refund will be offset, or a collection
- Protect your Social Security number (SSN). Do not give out your SSN unless you are 100% sure you are dealing with someone you trust.

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# LOCAL NEV

# **Amboy High School announces its** fall 2022 honor roll

AMBOY — Amboy High School announces it's Fall 2022 Honor Roll.

**Highest Honors** Freshman

Kiera Karlson, Ellie Mc-Laughlin **Sophomore** 

Addison Pertell, Grace Royer, Kenley Wilson, Alain-

ie Wittenauer Junior

Brennan Blaine, Emma Dinges, Gabriel Jones, Rylyn Karrow, Austin Shugars, Kimber Zitelman

Senior

Olivia Costner, James Curl, Courtney Lachat, Brian Moore, Courtney Ortgiesen, Alexzandra Vaessen

**High Honors** Freshman

Molly Hassler, Samantha Hummel, Micah Miller, Stephanie Nave, Peyton Payne

Sophomore

Jarrett Althaus, Brody Christoffersen, Ava Cline, Devyn Pasley, Hunter Rasmussen, Caleb Shugars, Brooklyn Strub, Karagen

Junior

Elizabeth Clarida, Zachary Dunne, Blerta Fekolli, Elly Jones, Hanna Jones, Alexis Ketchum, Cole Larson, Alexa Morris, Madison O'Malley, Nicholas Ochoa, Aaliyah Pointer, Skyler Ware, Landon Whelchel

Senior

Reed Barnes, Olivia Cordero, Ryan Dickinson, Sidney Lewis, Olivia Montantes, Valentin Vazquez, Wesley Wilson, Hayden Wittenauer, Aislinn Zitelman Honors

Freshman

Jack Cline, Myla Davis, Mylee Hochstatter, Samantha Nauman, Braden Phalen Rapp, Bradley Schmidt, Brittlyn Whitman Sophomore

Vanessa Alleven, Fabian Arteaga, Cordia Asencio, Joel Billhorn, Emma Chandler, Brysen Full, Atticus Goff, Jaden Haley, Brianna Henkel, Tyler Huggins, William Jones, Joshua McKendry, Dillon Merriman, Adrian Mimini, Gloria Parker, Natalie Pratt, Emily Sachs, Kaysi Schaeffer, Alena Shaw, Haleigh Stenzel, Caleb Yanos

Junior

Keaten Altizer, Lucas Blanton, Maeve Larson, Landon Montavon, Trey Payne, Addison Shaw, Zyler Smith, Eliseo Vazquez-Tapia Senior

Kora Garren, Landon Koppien, Ana Lopez-Belmontes, Valeria Salgado, Kelton Schwamberger, Phillip Stewart

# **Educational Briefs**

# **UW-Platteville announces**

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. - The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Dean's List, honoring those full-time students who earned high honors in the fall 2022 semester.

**Dean's List** 

College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require grade-point averages of 3.75 and above for Dean's List honors, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50.

Local students on the Dean's List include: **Amboy** 

Mitchell McLaughlin, Agricultural Business, UW-Platteville

Kathryn Noble, Elementary Education, UW-Platteville

Dixon

Nolan Halla, Broad Field Science, UW-Platteville

Riley Kavanaugh, Elementary Education, UW-Platteville

Haley Verdick, Elementary Education, UW-Platteville

#### **UW-Platteville announces** fall 2022 graduates

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. - The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to more than 500 students for the fall of 2022. Local students include:

Dixon

Anton Halla, Mechanical Engineering, UW-Platteville

Haley Verdick, Elementary Education, UW-Platteville

#### **Illinois Wesleyan University's Fall 2022 Dean's List**

**BLOOMINGTON** — Mallory Powers, of Amboy, was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2022-23 academic year at Illinois Wesleyan University. Powers is a sophomore majoring in Health Promo & Fit Mgmt.

Powers was among 757 students from 28 states and 28 countries named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a GPA of 3.50 or better during the semester, based on 4.0 for straight As.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CONNIE R. BONNELL, Deceased. No. 2023 PR02

**CLAIM NOTICE** Notice is given to creditors of the death of Connie R. Bonnell of 229 W. Park, Amboy, Illinois 61310. Letters of Office were issued to Daniel W. Bonnell, 229 W. Park, Amboy, Illinois 61310, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Emily R. Vivian, Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC, 114 E. Everett Street, Suite 300, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

The estate will be administered without supervision, unless under section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or de1ivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at 309 S.

Galena Avenue, Dixon, Illinois 61021, or with the representative, or both, on or before the date which is six (6) months after the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, or, if mailing or delivering of a notice from the representative is required by section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. By Daniel W. Bonnell, Independent Executor Emily R. Vivian ARDC: 6290977

Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger & Considine, LLC 114 E. Everett Street, Suite 300 Dixon, IL 61021 (815) 288-4949 vivian@egbclaw.com No. 0201

(Feb. 15, 22 and March 1, 2023) **CIRCUIT COURT OF** 

THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY, **ILLINOIS ESTATE OF** 

WEEDIE L. ELMORE, DECEASED NO. 2023-PR-00004

**CLAIM NOTICE** 

Notice is given of the death of Weedie L. Elmore. Letters of office were issued to Bridget-Kathleen A. Elmore of 37 Mark Court, Ambov. Illinois 61310 as Independent Administrator whose attorneys are Angel, Isaacson & Tracy, 111 Park Avenue East, Princeton, Illinois 61356

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# Weekly **SUDOKU**

#### by Linda Thistle

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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:** ♦◆

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**WORD LADDERS** 

Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

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2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country that the Equator and the Tropic of Capricorn pass through?

3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "tempus fugit" mean?

4. MATH: What is another name for

the division sign? 5. MUSIC: How long did it take singer Bob Dylan to write the big hit "Blowin'

in the Wind"? 6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many times on average does a ruby-throated hummingbird flap its wings in one sec-

7. MOVIES: Which movie features the line, "Keep the change, ya filthy ani-

8. LITERATURE: Which novel features four children named Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy?

9. TELEVISION: What is Joey's

famous line in the sitcom "Friends"? 10. ANATOMY: What is a common

name for the pinna in human anatomy?

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10. Outer ear. "?"niob uoy woH" .9

8. "The Lion, The Witch and the Ward-7. "Home Alone."

6. About 50 times.

5. 10 minutes, according to Dylan.

4. Obelus.

3. Time flies.

2. Brazil.

1. Madrid, Spain. Answers

#### **BICHEB**

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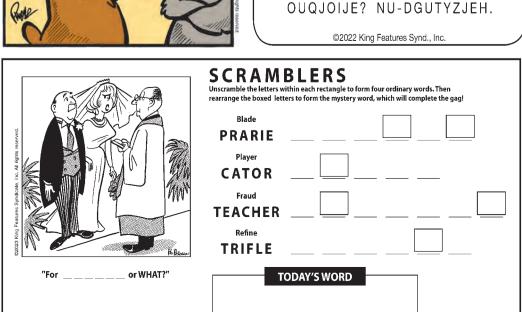
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Weekly SUDOKU

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I NEVER HIT SEND ....

by Dave T. Phipps

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I GET WHY YOU FRAMED THIS FAMILY PHOTO

IT HAS EVERYONE SMILING...EXCEPT FOR YOUR

MOTHER. OF COURSE IT WAS OUR WEDDING.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

### Can you go from COINS to SPIES in 6 words? Differences: 1. Snow fort is missing. 2. Sign is missing. 3. Cap differs. 4. Snowball stack is smaller. 5. Picture is missing.

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

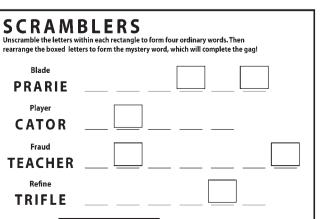
**CryptoQuip** This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout

**HOCUS-FOCUS** 

the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error. Clue: D equals F

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> Solution time: 26 mins. Answers

- **King** Crossword —

# **SPORTS**



Amboy's Landon Blanton will head to the state wrestling tournament this week to compete in the 113-pound weight class. Blanton placed second at the Oregon Sectional meet this past weekend.

# Amboy's Blanton to compete at State Wrestling Tournament

**OREGON**-Amboy High School wrestler Landon Blanton kept his season alive after competing in the Oregon Class 1A Sectional Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 10-11.

The freshman won two of three matches and took second-place honors in the 113-pound weight class to earn a trip to the state tournament. The top four individuals in each weight division qualify for the state

Blanton started off the sectional with a 6-0 victory over Shayden McNew of Genoa-Kingston. In the second round, Blanton scored a hard-fought 4-2 triumph over Reymundo Romo of Harvard to advance to the championship bout. In that match, Andrew Alvarado of Woodstock Marian posted a 14-3 decision over Blanton.

Blanton will take a 42-9 record into the state tournament, which will be held Thursday, Feb. 16, Friday, Feb. 17 and Saturday, Feb. 18 at State Farm Center on the campus of the University of Illinois in Champaign.

# Lady Clippers split final two regular season games

**AMBOY** — The Amboy Lady Clippers split their final two regular-season games and will take a 24-4 record into the regional tournament that will be played this week

The Lady Clippers faced off against Ashton-Franklin Center on Feb. 7 and pulled away for a 48-25 victory on Feb. 7 at Ashton. Amboy led 13-7 after the opening stanza and then outscored AFC, 12-1, in the second period to own a 25-8 halftime advantage.

Maeve Larson had a super night for Amboy with a career high 24 points and she grabbed 13 rebounds for a huge double-double. She also had a pair of steals.

Addison Pertell was next with 12 points, six boards and four assists, followed by Elly Jones with seven points, five rebounds, five assists and four steals. Also contributing to the win were Courtney Ortgiesen (five points, 10 rebounds), Tyrah Vaessen (three rebounds, three assists), Emily Sachs (four rebounds) and Kiera Karlson (three rebounds).

Amboy concluded the regular season with a 45-35 setback to Eastland on Feb. 9 at Lanark. Eastland is undefeated in the NUIC South Division.

The Lady Clippers were down 12-10 after the first quarter, but managed to tie things up at intermission, 21-21. Eastland held a

34-30 margin after three periods and then

pulled away in the fourth.

With Eastland's two big post players living in the lane, Amboy's fouls mounted up. The Cougars shot 21 free throws compared to seven for the Lady Clippers.

Larson led the scoring attack with 11 points, followed by Pertell with eight points, four rebounds and three steals. Vaessen and Karlson each scored five points, while Vaessen added five rebounds, two assists, two steals and three blocks, and Karlson picked off two rebounds. Ortgiesen tallied four points, collected 10 rebounds and had a pair of blocked shots, and Jones chipped in with two points, three assists and four steals.

Amboy ended the conference season with a 7-3 record and tied with Polo for second place.

# Lady Clippers begin Regional action on Valentine's Day

**AMBOY** – The Amboy Lady Clippers are the number one seed and will stay at home to host the Amboy Class 1A Girls' Regional Basketball Tournament to be held Feb. 11, 14, 17.

Action began on Saturday, Feb. 11 when Shabbona (Indian Creek) traveled to Ashton-Franklin Center and Kirkland (Hiawatha) played

Winners of the two playin games will advance to

the semifinals at Amboy on Tuesday, Feb. 14. AFC will battle the Lady Clippers at 6 p.m., while Forreston will take on Polo at 7:30 p.m.

The two semifinal-round winners will meet for the regional championship at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17. Amboy's regional champ

will advance to the Polo

Sectional where it will face the champion of the Pearl City Regional at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21. The other sectional game will be at 6 p.m. Feb. 21 and will pit the winners of

the Galena and Pecatonica regionals. The sectional championship game is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23.

#### **Amboy Class 1A Girls' Regional Saturday. Feb. 11**

1 – (8) Ashton-Franklin Center 56 - (11) Shabbona (Indian Creek) 18

2 - (6) Forreston 40 - (12)Kirkland (Hiawatha) 6

#### Tuesday, Feb. 14 3 – (8) Ashton-Franklin

Center vs. (1) Amboy - 6 p.m. 4 - (6) Forreston vs. (4)Polo - 7:30 p.m.

#### Friday, Feb. 17

5 – Winner 3 vs. Winner 4 - 7 p.m. (championship)

# Clippers lose final two regular season games

AMBOY - Amboy couldn't keep up with Ashton-Franklin Center and fell by a 70-34 count to the Raiders on Feb. 8 at the AHS gym.

AFC doubled up the score on the Clippers after the first quarter, 14-7, and then really took off in the second period as it outscored Amboy, 21-4, to take a 35-11 halftime lead.

The Clippers got nine points apiece from Troy Anderson and Kyler McNinch, while Eddie Jones dropped in six markers.

Amboy dropped their final regular-season home game to Milledgeville, 55-34, on Feb. 10 at the AHS gym.

The two teams played a nearly even

first frame, with Amboy trailing 11-9, but the Missiles heated up with four three-pointers in the second quarter to seize a 32-19 halftime advantage. The count was 46-26 after three periods.

Anderson and Jones collected eight points apiece, while McNinch supplied

### Clippers to compete in AFC Regional **ASHTON**-The Amboy Clippers have been assigned to the

Ashton-Franklin Center Class 1 A Boys' Regional Basketball Tournament to be played Feb. 18, 22, 24.

The Clippers will begin action at Dakota on Saturday, Feb. 18. Start time is at 3 p.m.

The winner of that game will advance to play the winner lin Center) of the LaMoille-Earlville contest on Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Ashton. The regional champion will be decided at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24.

The other teams in the regional are Leland, Pecatonica, Indian Creek and Ashton-Franklin Center.

The winner of the AFC Regional will advance to the Lanark (Eastland) Sectional to take on the winner of the Fulton Regional on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. The other sectional teams will come from the Stockton and South Beloit regionals.

# **Boys' Regional**

#### **Basketball Tournament Saturday. Feb. 18**

1 - (15) Leland at (1) Pecatonica

2-(11) Shabbona (Indian Creek) at (8) Ashton (A.-Frank-

(13) Amboy [Coop] at (4) Dakota – 3 p.m. 4 - (12) LaMoille at (5) Earlville - 1 p.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 22** 5 – Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2 – 6 p.m. 6 – Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 – 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, Feb. 24

7 -Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6 - 7 p.m.

# Illinois Conservation Foundation accepting applications

SPRINGFIELD - Applications are being accepted by the Illinois Conservation Foundation for the 2023 Conservatoin Achievement Scholarship program.

The foundation annually awards scholarships to outstanding high school seniors in Illinois who demonstrate effective, voluntary, long-term dedication to the preservation, protection or enhancement of the state's natural resources.

Four scholarships of \$2,000 each are available for the current school year. One of the scholarships is reserved for a qualified applicant who is a dependent of a current employee of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

"The ICF Conservation Achievement Scholarship

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program rewards high school students interested in conservation stewardship with an eye toward encouraging them to focus their studies on enhancing and protecting our natural resources," said Colleen Callahan, chair of the Illinois Conservation Foundation Board of Directors and director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

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by March 3, 2023. Detailed instructions and the 2023 application form can be accessed through the ICF website at www.ilconservation.org.

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# **Boys Basketball**

**Troy Anderson** 

Girls Basketball

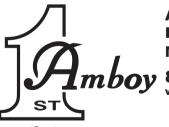
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Wednesday, Feb. 22

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

AJHS Scholastic Bowl (H) Sterling Challand-4 pm Central School Young Author's Club-3:20-4 pm

Thursday, Feb. 23

AJHS 5th/6th Girls Basketball @ Rock Falls-6th-4/5th-5 AJHS 7th Grade Girls Basketball (H) Kings-5 pm

Friday, Feb. 24

AHS Powder Buff/MORP-Gym/Clipper Cove-5/7 pm



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