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St. Patrick continues "Save Our Steeple" fundraising

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY—The St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Amboy is currently running a Countdown to Easter Raffle for its "Save Our Steeple" fund-

The parish held a cookie walk during Christmas and had the Bike and Hike-a-Thon in the fall to help raise funds for the steeple badly in need of repair.

With Easter quickly approaching, St. Patrick's thought of a longer, but shorter, idea.

"The fundraising committee thought it would be nice to do a calendar raffle because they're usually successful," said Carol Prunty, the bookkeeper at St. Patrick's. "Then we decided we would just make it a smaller version instead

"It has been really interesting of how fundraising ideas are being thought of from different people in our parish. They pitch in an idea, we discuss it, and then we go with it. They've had a lot of good ideas."

The tickets are available for \$25 each at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at 32 N Jones St. in Amboy or members of the parish have then for purchase.

The countdown raffle will award ticket winners from Feb. 22 until April 16.

Drawings on Monday-Friday will award \$25, Sundays and Easter Octave days (April 10 and April 16) will be \$100, St. Patrick's Day will pay \$200 and the Easter Sunday drawing will award \$5,000.



Motivation spread at AHS

Former NFL player Harvie **Herrington** speaks to students

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Amboy News Reporter **AMBOY** — The task of motivating a football team wasn't a planned event for Harvie Herrington.

As a defensive ends coach at Macomb High School, that was his job, coach the defensive ends how to make tackles, strip the ball, and create havoc for quarterbacks and running backs.

But one game changed his role on the team and his position in life.

With other coaches not knowing what to say in a halftime locker room, Herrington spoke words of motivation that fired the players up and helped turn the game from a certain loss to a win in the record books.

Since that day 20 years ago, Herrington has taking steps to help people change their lives like those kids changed the game.

Herrington brought his advice, his stories, his message to Amboy High School on Monday, Jan. 23 during half-day breakout sessions.

"I have no desire to become a big, guru motivational speaker. My only desire is to pour into the kid's lives and to stay in the education market as long as I'm relevant," said Herrington, who played college football, played for the Indianapolis Colts and the Chicago Bears (2001), Arena Football where he was on a team with Kurt Warner, and NFL Europe. "Companies reach out to me because they love my energy, but I want to be a writer. I've written a book and have two more in my computer that I haven't moved forward on. I fear because of health issues, I will have to give my message in writing.



Harvie Herrington, a former NFL player with the Indianapolis Colts and the Chicago Bears, spoke with students Monday, Jan. 23 at Amboy High School about the power of their dreams and realizing the life they're living in, whether good or bad, and how to make changes for their future.

Brandon LaChance/Amboy News

"I love going to all schools, but I love going to small schools because America thinks these small towns got it made. That it's

simple. That it's easy living. They still call places like this farming communities; and they're not.

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DONATION FOR PARK

The new year saw the Amboy Lions Club get a huge boost towards their goal of building an all-inclusive park in Amboy. The Last Alarm's Queen of Hearts drawing donation of \$33,376 more than doubled the amount the club had raised during 2022. Pictured receiving the donation are Larry Eisenberg-Tail Twister, Patty Ohlendorf-First Vice President, Mary Mays-Secretary, Barb Harrison-owner of The Last Alarm, Dave Kemp-President, Jim Travi-Membership Chair, Edy Pfeiffer-Treasurer and Mark Grossman-Second Vice President. The donation makes it possible for the club to move forward with the next step in planning the park. The next club meeting is F eb. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Community Center. Anyone interested in joining the club is encouraged to attend.

A Look Back At Amboy Area Heroes

Back to school

How does the Christmas break effect students?

BYBRANDON**LACHANCE** Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY - It's the beginning of February and everything should be back to a normal routine after the Christmas break Amboy schools experienced Dec. 21-Jan. 5.

But what about the initial return?

All humans are used to schedules, formats, the normal, and the comfortable

usual.

From August to December, students, teachers, and administrators go to school every day at the same time, have a class schedule to report to Monday-Friday, and leave through the same doors to hop on the same numbered school bus or to start their car from the same parking spot.

Then the annual Christmas break comes and puts a wrench into the normal.

"It's never set for everybody. Student wise, we have some that are ready to be back, and they want to finish the school year, especially the seniors," said Amboy High School Principal Janet Crownhart. "Most of them are pretty excited to get in there and get done with the year. They know they have to finish school, so they're ready to go.

"It seems like a lot of our freshmen and sophomores are playing the – I don't want to be here – game. The first two of three days of school after returning from the break, we really didn't have any problems. Kids were kind of doing what they had to do to get by.

"At the end of the first week, we noticed a lot of disciplinary problems, especially for our underclassmen. It could be different class schedule where they're

with new people and they're testing the teachers out and

seeing who is going to let them get away with what. "We see both sides. We have kids that don't want to

be here that don't see a reason

for school. We have kids that

want to learn some things and really push forward." Crownhart added female students were able to move forward after returning from break better than male stu-

dents this year. The AHS staff pays attention and make a conscience effort to get everyone on the

same wavelength. Christmas break is viewed as an entire break through Community Unit School District 270 as students leave first semester on finals day. There is no homework or assignments to complete over the break.

It's time for what it's called, a break.

"It comes down to the kids either want to be in school or they don't want to be in school," Crownhart said. "I don't think it necessarily relates a whole lot to what their learning or what the teachers are doing. It's just whether

they want to be here or not.

"So many of our kids are hands on, tech kids, and are ones that would rather be working on the farm or at an automotive shop. We're reminding them that when they get to junior and senior year, they can spend time in internships or spend time at the vocational center in Sterling. They don't need to be at school all day learning math and science, they can go out and learn their trade. Unfortunately, freshmen and sophomores don't have that opportunity and those are the ones tending to struggle right now."

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Robert L. Bresson

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Pvt. Henry S. Vaughan

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.

orn in 1909, Prithirties when called for duty in southern Europe. Assigned to Company L of the 363rd

Who Served During World War II Infantry Regiment, 91st Infantry Division, he participated in one of the most important battles against German forces in occupied Italy. In order to deter allied forces from pushing the German Army northward and out of Italy entirely, Hitler ordered the construction of the Gothic Line, a wall of military defenses stretching from the Mediterranean to the Adriatic coasts. Using over 15,000 slave laborers, the Germans implanted some 2,000 fortified machine gun nests, casements, bunkers, observation posts, and artillery along this line. Private Henry Vaughan and his 363rd Infantry would participate in this battle, code-named

start in August, 1944 until the line was completely broken in April, 1945, over a million soldiers on both sides would engage in this struggle, and many would perish.

Private Vaughan and his infantry arrived in Italy on June 19, 1944, having trained for several months in North Africa. On July 4, his division attacked the Gothic Line in support of the British Eighth Army. First they fought for the high ground along the Arno River at Chianni, then helped to capture Livorno, and eventually Pisa. On Sept. 13, the 91st Division including the 363rd Infantry fought through fierce enemy resistance to the Santerno River before taking up a

defensive position along



the Gothic Line until the Germans were driven out of Italy the following spring. On Sept. 18, Private Henry S. Vaughan was killed in action along with 436 soldiers in the 363rd Infantry Regiment near Ponzalla, Italy.

listing Private Vaughan and

the soldiers who sacrificed

American Campaign Medal Just off highway 503 leading north out of Ponzalla, there is a monument

Army Presidential Unit

World War II Victory

Citations:

Medal

Purple Heart

Army Good Conduct Medal



vate Vaughan had reached his mid "Operation Olive." From its

LOCAL NEWS



DEPOT DAYS DONATION - AMBOY FIRE D

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for \$3,500 to Liam Shaw of the Amboy Fire Department for the annual Fourth of July fireworks. 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 FAIR ASSOCIAT

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for $\$1,\!500$ to Katie Pratt of the Lee County Fair Association. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating more than \$40,000 to local organizations this year. Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrest Wisconsin man for obstructing justice LEE COUNTY — On Jan. 21, at approx-

imately 11:30 p.m., Lee County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a single vehicle traffic accident near the intersection of Illinois Route 2 and Lost Nation Road.

After an investigation into the incident,

deputies suspected impairment and arrested 61-year-old Norman Heiden of Minong, Wis. Heiden was charged with Obstructing Justice (a Class 4 Felony), Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (a Class A Misdemeanor), and Improper Lane Usage. He was taken to

the Lee County Jail, processed, and released with a court date.

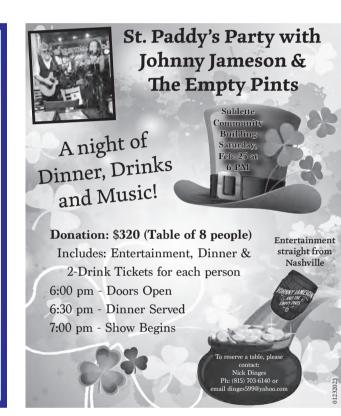
Citizens are reminded to call the Lee County Sheriff's Office at 815-284-6631 or Crime Stoppers at 1-888-Caught-U. Callers can remain anonymous and receive rewards

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TEEN TURF

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

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

United Way Dance Thank You

All we can say is, Wow. We had close to 80 kids and we got to do so much last night. We played "find the gummy bears" and had a balloon drop which we thank Donna Wellman for the money donation that some kids won. Some kids also won cotton candy, chocolate, United Way T-shirts, drinks, and stuffed animals. Then we celebrated Amylia Bump's birthday. Her mom, Shelli made cupcakes for everyone to enjoy. Also, a special thanks to Caylee Hummel and the Hummel family for decorating and the decorations. Also thank you to Nicole Susie and Debby Kelly for the decorations too. Thank you to Amber Horner and Shelli for getting pics. Thank you Police officer Lisa for stopping by.

Now to all those that chaperoned and helped Teen Turf make this event possible and successful: Larry Piper, Mark Grossman, Shelli and Evelyn Bump, Sandy Morrissey, Brad Dinwiddie, Barb Harrison, Mari Velasquez, Candy Robinson, Will Thomas, Luke Dempsey, Mike Stram, Nicole Susie, Debby Kelly, Madison Thomas, Sid Thomas, Danielle Ledbetter, Amber Horner, Michael Cagle, and Jordan Tidmore. As always thank you Mrs. Piper for having the vision 28 years ago.

Thank You's

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

Char and Larry Beaumont for the soda for the dance; Fekolli family for LEGOS and other items; Josh and Shannon Nichols family for the snacks; Santa Claus for the snacks; Martha Henley for the cookies; Kimberly Watley for setting up the Network for Good on Facebook and those that donated to it; Larry Piper for all that he does especially for painting the Connect4 pieces; Jim and Maureen Ackert for the clothing; and Marylou Olson for the food.

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

Final Word

and activities.

track and field.

holiday break.

starts?

Kelton Schwamberger is

He is the president of the

a senior at AHS who is in-

volved in many clubs, sports,

Class 2023, the FFA Chapter,

Section 2, National Honors

Society, Student Council,

and Fields Club, while also

running cross country and

Although he has a lot

going on and doesn't want

to lose his grove and fall

out of rhythm, he invites the

can sleep in during Christmas

break. It can be a nice break,

but it's a nice time to collect

myself to see where I'm at

with this, this, and this," said

Schwamberger, who will be

attending Carol University

in Waukesha, Wis. to study

animal behavior. "What do

I need to have ready for next

year? Is there anything I need

to have ready before school

really throws me off. It's nice

because there aren't as many

deadlines or other things to

do. During break, I can work

on something for a little bit,

but then I can also set it down

and not have to worry about

"I don't think the break

'Immediately, I go to, I

Help us to acknowledge wrongs, give us clear minds and hearts to decipher the truth behind injustice. May we look at every circumstance through your lens Lord, a lens of truth, love, grace, and mercy. In your name Jesus, amen.

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doing a lot of other things

while I'm working on that

break, he did sleep in, spent

time with his family, worked

a few days, got some assign-

ments done, took time to

relax, applied for scholarships

locally and through Carol

University, possibly found

a roommate at college, and

talked to others who are

going to be also going to be

Amboy Junior High prin-

cipal, Andrew Full sees

circumstantial cases with

his fifth-eighth graders, ages

didn't even have a break be-

cause the students came back

and refound their routines like

enced other types of years.

of habit, so when you get into

flows and routines it is good,

but before a big holiday we

will see an uptick in nega-

tive behaviors because they

know that routine is going to

be gone for a little bit," Full

said. "When we come back

But Full has also experi-

"All people are creatures

they had never left.

This year, he felt they

a freshman.

10-14.

college football.

During his senior-year

project or assignment."

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.

HARMON- The First United Methodist Church of Harmon will hold a spaghetti supper on Thursday, Feb. 2, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. They will serve spaghetti, salad, dessert and drinks. A free will offering will be accepted. All donations will go to our chair lift fund. The church is handicapped accessible. Carry outs are available. Everyone is welcome.

STERLING- The CGH Auxiliary is hosting a oneday shoe sale on Monday, Feb. 6 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Shoe Roads Productions sale will be located in the CGH Ryberg Auditorium, 100 E. LeFevre Road, Sterling. Shoes featured in the sale are Brooks, Birkenstock, Hoka and many more brand names. For more information on shoe sale, please contact Deb Keaschall, 815-625-0400, ext. 5727.

AMBOY- The next Amboy Civic Organization's monthly meeting will be at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at Maria's Pizza and Family Restaurant

FRANKLIN GROVE-Wouldn't it be terrific for

from longer breaks, we tend

to have that first day where

we reteach all the expecta-

tion to ease them back into

the routine. Usually, the first

day back from a big break

is non-academic. It's more

working on the social, emo-

tional component of getting

still love school, older ones

tired of school – don't want

years have been rougher. This

year was like we didn't have

a break, jumped right into the

an email stating they should

take the time to reflect, re-

charge their batteries, and get

ready for the next semester.

ready to come back. I like the

routine as well," Full said.

"I love spending time with

my kids and wife at home,

however, by the end of the

break I'm ready to get back

to school and get going. I

think it's the same way with

kids that they're teaching as

their kids. They're missing

The teachers view the

the teachers as well.

"As an administrator, I was

For his teachers, Full sends

"Usually, the younger ones

This year was smooth, got

back into the routine.

to be there.

flow," Full said.

He also watched a lot of into the flow quickly. Other

all ages to learn more about gardening? The Lee County Master Gardeners have started a gardening series called "Big and Small Gardening." This series will be held at the Winfred Knox Library in Franklin Grove the first Tuesday of each month with alternating months offering a youth program at 4 p.m. or an Adult program at 6 p.m. Tea Party will be held Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. One may register for these programs by calling the library at 815-456-2823. For full series details: go.illinois. edu/LeeBigandSmall.

AMBOY-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

MAY TWP-The May Township meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the township maintenance building.

AMBOY- Youth ages 8-18 can explore and learn more about hiking, plant ID, and natural areas at a new special interest club offered by University of Illinois Extension. The club will meet on the second Thursday of the month, starting Feb. 9 through Aug. 10 at 4 p.m. The first meeting will be at the Lee County Extension Office in Amboy, the following meetings will be at Franklin Creek State Natural Area. Free for 4-H Members and a \$20 4-H membership fee for non-members. Register online at go.illinois.edu/ LeeNature by Feb. 2. For

those kids. They want to get

back and see them. I think

teachers can struggle to get

back into the routine, but

once they do, it's like nothing

dent Joshua Nichols sees

all sides and levels of the

of the ready to be back in

tired and a bit subdued after

getting out or a routine for the

break," Nichols said. "With

that said, a number of kids

are very excited to get back

and see their friends and

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questions and more information about clubs in your area, please contact Katie McBride at kmcbr2@illinois.edu.

LEE CENTER TWP-

The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

LEE COUNTY- The Illinois Extension Whiteside Master Gardeners offer Saturday with a Master Gardener Series. Explore gardening on the second Saturday of each month starting Feb. 11, at the Whiteside Extension office, 12923 Lawrence Rd., Sterling, from 10 a.m. to noon. Gain knowledge on hydrangeas, milkweed, seed collecting, and much more. "I Drank WHAT!!!" will be the topic for February. Registration is required and can be completed at go.illinois.edu/ whitesidesaturdays.

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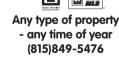
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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

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Robert L. Bresson Nov. 25, 1929 - Jan. 26, 2023

COMPTON — Robert L. Bresson, 93, of Compton, passed away Jan. 26, 2023, in Franklin Grove Living and Rehabilitation Center.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m., on Jan. 31, in St. Mary's Catholic Church West Brooklyn. Rev. Randy Fronek will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Mary's cemetery. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until service time in the church.

Bob was born Nov. 25, 1929, in Compton to George and Bertha (Walter) Bresson. He graduated from Lee Center High School in 1947. Bob married the love of his life Charlotte Pierce on Feb. 20, 1954, in Rochelle.

Bob was so much more than a farmer. For many years he was a Grain Equipment Dealer for Behlen and Mayrath, often their top salesperson. Bob had a passion for flying and was an expert pilot, flight instructor, and Cessna plane dealer. In 2007 he received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot award, awarded to a pilot for having 50 years with no accidents or incidents. Bob was active in his county and community. He served on the H.F. Gehant Bank Board, the Quiet Birdmen, Mendota Elks Lodge #1212, Mendota Moose Lodge, Lee County Sheriff's Merit Board and St. Mary's Catholic Church. Bob loved to go to his boys basketball games, and he loved to dance with Charlotte.

Bob will be forever missed by his wife Charlotte, of Compton; sons, Mark (Judy) Bresson, of Compton and Jeff (Mary) Bresson, of Compton; grandson, Jake (Mariana) Bresson; great-grandson, Nicolas; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Craig Bresson on Nov. 26, 2006, and brother, Ray Bresson.



Pallbearers will be John Burkhart, Bill Siemer, Ray Mann, Dean Ackland, Jake Bresson, Lewis Durin and Mike Bernardin.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Neighbor's In Christ Ecumenical N.I.C.E. of Lee 346 S. County Line Rd., Lee, Illinois 60530. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.



Pictured are, from left to right, Debbie Ward, Marilyn Weeks, LaVerne Klein and Marilyn Blaine. Kathy McLaughlin was the photographer. Absent from the photo were Karen Henkel, Nancy Mattheiu, Fran Piper, Janet Full, Denise Bickett, Mary Kuebel and Carol Vaessen.

Sewing group makes dresses and shorts for needy children

MAYTOWN — The sewing group from St. Patrick's Church, Maytown, recently gathered with Debbie Ward, a representative from Samaritans Purse, "Operation Christmas Child," who had requested donations of dresses and shorts for her churches Christmas boxes. These boxes from Christ Community Church are sent all over the world to children in need. Maytown's sewing group donated 71 dresses and 55 pairs of shorts at this time.

The sewing group meets weekly in St.

Patrick Parish hall from April through November for sewing and fellowship.

The sewing group, "Little Dresses for Africa," began sewing in 2011. So far, the group has made, with the help of others, almost 6,000 dresses and hundreds of shorts. Fabric and sewing material have been donated and appreciated. For additional information, please call Marilyn Weeks at 815-638-2202 or Marilyn Blaine at 815-712-5641.

BBB Alert: Reduce your risk of Identity Theft "It's not a matter of if but when your identity will be stolen" ROCKFORD-To sound done anything wrong. Some • Changes to your cre

the alarm bell on the problem of Identity Theft, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Institute for Marketplace Trust is collaborating with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for Identity Theft Awareness Week, which runs from Jan. 30 through Feb. 3.

"Because Identity Theft is devastating for consumers as well as businesses, BBB is calling attention to the potential money loss and disruption," says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the BBB. "Scammers have stepped up with new tricks, but so have we. Being proactive on all fronts can reduce one's risk."

What is Identity Theft? When cyber criminals fraudulently acquire and use someone's personal identifiable information (PII) for financial or personal gain. Scammers have all kinds of techniques to collect the necessary information, often without you knowing or having

done anything wrong. Some standard methods include email hacking, impersonation scams, phishing attempts, company data breaches, and accessing computers through unsecured Wi-Fi.

What do scammers do with your information once they have it? Scammers can effectively become you, using your identity to open accounts, apply for loans and credit cards in your name, file taxes, or obtain medical coverage. They may be able to withdraw money from your bank account. They can also sell your personal information, like your credit card account, medical history, and social security number, to others on the internet.

Detecting identity theft can be difficult. Statements for bills and new accounts are most likely sent to other addresses. You may not notice any suspicious activity until the scammer has already caused damage to your assets, credit, and reputation.

How to spot identity theft:

• Changes to your credit report including unauthorized inquiries and accounts. In the U.S., you have the right to check your credit report with each of the three major credit bureaus once per year at Annual Credit Report.com. This is the only free credit reporting service authorized by the Federal Trade Commission.

• Debt collectors call you about debts that are not yours.

• Check your accounts regularly and be suspicious if you stop receiving certain bills. Look for unexplained withdrawals, charges, and accounts. If bills do not arrive on time, follow up with the company or financial institution. You can also set up automatic alerts on your accounts, so you are notified every time a transaction is made.

What to do if you suspect identity theft:

It is essential to act quickly. Visit identitytheft.gov for information on how to stop and recover from identity theft.

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"They're communities that have farms around them.

"Schools like this need motivation because there are kids that are living the life of quiet desperation in small communities."

Herrington, who lives in Eldridge, Iowa

with his family and runs the Harvie Herrington motivational speaking company and a health company, has been speaking to youth around the country for the last eight years. The beginning of the companies came at

the end of a job he didn't like, managing a

"My message has changed in the last year. It has been the power of a dream, which is still the main focus to get kids to believe that they are someone and can become someone," Herrington said. "It's also to get kids to believe that they're special. What it's turned into is, I have to get kids to see what they're living in. Even if it's good because you can hang onto the good and understand what it does for you

"It's about breaking the circle. The talk today was about everything that I went through in my life, if I didn't know what it was, catch it, understand it, and process it, I was going to pass that on to my children. That was going

to wreck my marriage with my wife because I was raised in an environment – physically, emotionally, mentally – that was pulling my strings.

"People believe that everyone has a choice

between right and wrong. You do, but there are things that you've grown up in that effect each choice that you make. I want them to understand their dream and the power of it, but right now, they have to understand what they live in."

Herrington believes once a child or young

adult figures out what they're living in, they will be able to make the correct moves for them for their future.

But before you can make changes or

decide you want to keep aspects of life the same, you have to know exactly what your life is currently.

Also during the AHS breakout sessions on

Also during the AHS breakout sessions on Jan. 23, juniors and seniors learned how to write resumes while seniors spent time with scholarship applications.

Freshmen and sophomores had 16-minute lessons on Black History Month, inner explorer, library resources, digital citizenship, and Khan Academy.

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St. Patrick Church
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Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 pm
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Friday, 8am-5 pm

St. Mary Church Fr. John Gow 912 Walton Rd., Walton 815-857-2670 Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm

St. Flannen Church Fr. John Gow 213 S Second St., Harmon 815-857-2670 Mass: Sunday, 9 am

United First Church of Amboy Pastor Mark Glenn East Main & Jefferson 815-440-0745

Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m. First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center Pastor Jack M. Briggs 1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center www.LeeCenter-UCC.org Phone 815-732-7032

Phone 815-732-7032 Family Worship - 10:30 a.m. Grace Fellowship Church Amboy-Sublette

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

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St. Mary's Church – West Brooklyn Rev. Randy Fronek Mass - Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m.

Sunday – 8:45 a.m.

St. Patrick Church - Maytown
Rev. Randy Fronek

Mass – Friday - 8 a.m. Sunday - 7 a.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church

Immanuel Lutheran Churcl Pastor Barb Otten 960 U.S. Route 52 Phone 857-2225

Sun. Worship - 9:00 a.m. Fellowship - 10:00 a.m. Sunday School - 9:40-10:15 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Rev. Randy Fronek Locust Street, Sublette Phone 815-849-5412

Saturday Mass - 4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass -10:30 a.m. Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. Thursday - 8:30 a.m.

Refuge Church Pastor John Kalebaugh Mendota Hills Campground • 642 Rt. 52 Amboy, IL 61310 • 815-849-5930 10 a.m. Sunday, potluck follows

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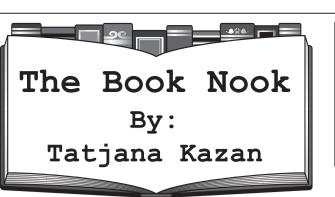
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SOCIAL NEW



NEVER ORDER FISH ON MONDAY

our body is not a temple, it's an amusement park. Enjoy the ride." That was Anthony Bourdain's irresistible creed in his classic from 2000, "Kitchen Confidential: Adventures in the Culinary Underbelly." It's his raunchy, freewheeling memoir of the inner workings of a restaurant kitchen, and as such it is must reading for those who love to eat out.

Bourdain found his calling early on when at age nine, his parents took him and his brother on a family vacation to France. Aboard the Queen Mary, the odd taste of cold potato soup, vichyssoise, was the first food he had ever noticed. In France, he was bored to tears. His folks had endured weeks of carping until they stopped taking the boys with them to dinner. Sitting in the sweltering car, he decided to outdo his foodie parents. "Brains, stinky, running cheeses that smelled like dead man's feet, bring it on!"During a subsequent summer vacation, his life changed for good when he triumphantly slurped down a raw oyster: "Food had power. It could inspire, astonish, shock, excite, delight and impress.'

In 1974, age 18, upon blithely flunking out of college, Bourdain "was a spoiled, miserable, narcissistic, self-destructive, and thoughtless young lout." He joined his friends in Provincetown on Cape Cod where he spent his time smoking pot, drinking, and scheming. Out of money, he got a job washing dishes in a restaurant. "It was my introduction to the life, and at first I did not go happily." Bourdain's rise from dishwasher to chef and co-owner of Les Halles, a French brasserie on New York's Park Avenue South was not exactly meteoric. Most of the restaurants went bust, but we are treated to a rogue's gallery of charlatans, grifters, mobsters, and suburban dentists turned hapless restaurateurs.

Bourdain's running advice is priceless. For the aspiring novice, never take time off. "If Granny died, bury her on your day off." "Vegetarians are the enemy of everything good and decent in the human spirit." Never order fish on Monday, especially as seafood salad. It's at least four days old. Never order mussels unless you know the chef personally. Never order a steak well done. More often than not, it's an old piece of meat that will be charred to near extinction. Stay away from Sunday brunch. The food is mostly leftovers and since it's the chef's day off, the staff will be highly unmotivated.

The book has sold over a million copies; it has never gone out of print. Bourdain became famous and then world-famous with his TV show "Parts Unknown." In 2018 he killed himself. He was 61 years old. Years before fame and fortune, he joked, "I am just an old-time cookie with a chip on my shoulder and a heart full of envy."

Soup and dessert fundraiser planned at Ashton church

ASHTON — The Hub Cluster of United Methodist churches, which includes Ashton, Chana, Creston, Esmond, Franklin Grove, Lighthouse, Malta, Reynolds, Rochelle and Steward, will host a Soup and Dessert Fundraiser at the Ashton United Methodist Church on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, from 4:30 - 7 p.m.

The meal includes chili or chicken noodle soup, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for those ages six to 10 and those five and under eat free. Carry out is available

There will also be a silent auction on Special Desserts. There are a variety of pies, cakes, cookies, candy and more that will be offered.

Proceeds from the fundraiser are used to support local non-profit organizations such as food pantries, programs for those who are homeless and local residents who may need a hand up in tough times.

The Ashton United Church is located at 904 Richardson Ave. The church is handicap accessible.

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February 6 - February 11

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Wednesday - Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, brussels sprouts, wgr wheat bread-1, apricots

Thursday - Sweet and sour meatballs, fluffy rice, blended veggies,

wgr dinner roll, diced pears Friday - A). Tuna noodle casserole, broccoli/carrots, pineapple

tidbits, wgr dinner roll B). Chicken salad/tomato

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF WHO JESUS IS

BY PASTOR RICK WULF,

The East Grove Union Church of Rural Amboy ello, Friends,

As we enter into this new month, I trust that as you are reading this article that you can receive the encouragement that you may be looking for. Sadly, there are so many matters of concern that cause many people to be greatly concerned and many times they are hard to understand and to deal with. It is my faith in God that has gotten me through these almost 68 years of life, coming on the 10th. As I have written in past articles, many things in life do confound me. Those trying times always bring me back to God, to call upon Him and to rely upon Him to bring me through those times because I have come to realize that I can't get through them on my own.

Well, one down and 11 to go. I know, I know, don't rush it. I'm not, it just seems to be doing it on its own. As we have now entered February, that notorious "short" month, we see a lot of activity packed onto the calendar. Starting first with that rodent that reportedly can predict when spring will come. For me personally, I have had enough of winter, but I guess it's not up to me. We have to take what we are given. I'm not rich enough to go south. Next, come presidential birthdays and Presidents' Day that honor those men of our past that have served our country. In between those political observances is that special day in our society that focuses on love. Valentine's Day, as its theme is love, sadly pales in what is the scriptural meaning of love. The Bible as you may be aware, is filled with the presence of God's love. John 3:16, probably one of the best known "love" messages tells us, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

God in His basic nature is love. John in his writings goes on

to tell us a lot about love, 34 times in 1 John 3 and 4. He says in 3:1, "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God. Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.'

In 1 John 4:19 he writes, "We love Him because He first loved us." That is such an amazing message, especially today in a world that is searching for true love. For us as Christians, the Body of Christ, God's love is the circulatory system that keeps us living by faith. While it may be hard for us to fully comprehend, God's love is essential for us. As a child of the 60s I remember hearing the song written by Burt Bacharach and Hal David and recorded by Jackie DeShannon, "What the World Needs Now." Now I have heard the names, Burt Bacharach and Hal David, but not knowing them personally, I am not sure to which love they were referring. I would hope it was God's love, just not sure.

The last observance for February, that those of the liturgical churches follow is Ash Wednesday which is the beginning of Lent, that 40 day period that leads up to Resurrection Sunday. For those of you who observe Lent, it is important for you as God's children to think more seriously about Jesus and the faith that you exercise by trusting in Him. It is our Christian faith that gives meaning and purpose to our lives. Because He lives, we live.

If you are not sure about your relationship with Jesus, I would strongly encourage you to find a Bible, read the New Testament and find out for yourself who He is. Then, find a church to attend that preaches the Bible, the Word of God, and grow in that faith. You are always welcome to come on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. to the East Grove Union Church, 449 Reuter Rd. at Union Rd. in Rural Amboy. Have a Blessed February.

May God continue to bless and sustain you.

Kishwaukee College announces Fall 2022 Part-Time Student Honors List

MALTA — Kishwaukee College is pleased to announce its Part-Time Student Honors List for Fall 2022. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have completed a minimum of 6 (but less than 12) semester hours of college-level courses at Kish with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

The following students have been named to the Kishwaukee College Fall 2022 Part-Time Student Honors List:

Lee — Emily Frazier, Emma Hilleson, Lenna Hulthen, Lauren Jordal, Teija Snow, Audrey Witte

Paw Paw — Dawson Brooks, Reagan Gibson, Natalie

Steward — Rivers Estock, Austin Greifenkamp, Morgan Smardo

Local students named to fall 2022 Dean's List

DEKALB - Northern Illinois University announces its fall 2022 Dean's List students. To earn this distinction, students must meet a minimum semester grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology or a minimum of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in the colleges of Business, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts.

Students from your area who achieved this honor include:

Amboy

Sabdy Herrera, Psychology - B.A., Amboy High School Tyler Stewart, Mechatronics Engineering, Amboy High

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High School Lilliana Campbell, Psychology - B.S., Newman Central

Catholic HS Jozi Dever, Communicative Disorders, Dixon High School

Kalidance Humphrey, Art Studio, Dixon High School Ethan LeSage, Software Development, Dixon High School

Jessica Lopez, Famly Rel, Prev & Wellness, Sterling High School Victoria Marchetti, Health Sciences-General, Oregon

High School Brian Podkulski, Psychology - B.S., Faith Christian School

Franklin Grove Madison Runkle, Art and Design Education, Ashton

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Joanna Farnsworth, Marketing - B.S., Indian Creek High Jilliann Headley, Nutrition, Dietetics, & Wellne, Indian

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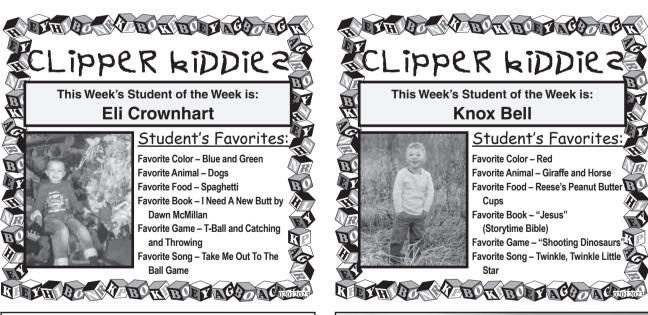
Anthony Castaldo, Biological Sciences - B.S., Paw Paw High School Anthony Castaldo, Chemistry-Biochemistry, Paw Paw

Steward

Kelsey Kinne, International Politics - B.A., Rochelle Township High School

West Brooklyn

Natalie Bodmer, Accountancy, Mendota Township High



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Erin McIntyre, CPA Barb Meloy, Accountant



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Vhen in doubt it's best to be kind

purchased a new bicycle for my 12-year-Guest Column old daughter this month and received a tongue lashing from a salesperson in

The Springfield salesperson asked if she was interested in a "cross through" bike. I had no idea what he was talking about. I was familiar with mountain bikes, road bikes and hybrids.

But I'd never heard the term "cross through."

I told him I didn't know what a "crossthrough" bike was. So, he rolled one onto the sales floor. The top bar dipped down toward

I replied, "Oh, you mean a 'girls bike."" Apparently, I'd trod into a linguistic mine-

"We don't ascribe genders to inanimate objects," the salesperson said to me in a rather derisive tone. He added, "Sometimes elderly

men prefer 'cross through' bikes so they won't have to lift their legs so high.'

I explained to him that when I was in college, I was a pretty serious biker but I had never heard the term "cross through bike." At this point he eyed my gray hair and said, "It looks to me like it's been a long time since you were in college."

In case you think this was some young whippersnapper, the salesperson appeared to be in his 60s. I was contemplating leaving this family-owned business and buying my daughter a bike at the big-box sporting goods store across town.

But as the salesperson and I conversed, my daughter was busy ogling the bicycle in question. She said she loved it and it was the perfect color. I swallowed hard and made the purchase.

I made a decision to extend this man some grace, even if he wasn't willing to do the same for me.

Why? Well, I didn't want to disappoint my daughter. And even though I was being treated rudely, I didn't necessarily disagree with what the man was saying.

Just because I have always heard such bicycles referred to as "girls' bikes" doesn't mean that is the best terminology. In my decades in journalism, I've always

tried to use inclusive terms such as "police officer," "firefighter" and "pastor" rather than "policeman," "fireman," and "clergyman." A transgender teenager works at a store I frequent. I always address him by his new name and by his

preferred gender. It's a matter of kindness. He always gives me a big smile. And no, that doesn't mean I endorse a particular agenda.

I just believe when in doubt it's best to be kind. In the same vein, the salesperson at the bike shop might

have received a better response if he applied some kindness to his own message. He could have said something like, "When I was growing up, we called them 'girls bikes' too. But now we call them 'cross throughs' because some older men also prefer them."

That would have been a polite way to have said it without being ageist or ascribing bad motives to someone using an outdated term. When my parents were growing up, the word "negro" was

the term that educated, polite people used. When the 1970s rolled around, my siblings and I had to keep reminding my dad that "Black" was the preferred terminology.

We reminded him of this gently. Repeatedly. After all, he was not being mean-spirited in clinging a little too long to the word he had been taught was proper.

As the lexicon changes, extending grace to others is helpful. And rudeness rarely wins allies to your cause.

There is a difference between being oblivious and being

For example, when I was a young reporter, I had a supervisor who used a term for a bundle of sticks to refer to gay people. He chortled when editing obituaries for gay men who died of AIDS.

I wish some of the people who are convinced that newsrooms are full of woke left wingers could have met this jerk.

No one should have to put up with anyone like that. Hate was behind his words. He knew better.

But oftentimes when someone misspeaks or uses an outdated term, it's done out of ignorance. It's best to inform rather than condemn.

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

By Scott Reeder

The countdown to kickoff has begun! Football fans everywhere are coming together to watch one of the most highly anticipated games of the year. And of course, this beloved American tradition isn't complete without a winning lineup of game day snacks and a few cold beers with friends and family. Anheuser-Busch and G&M Distributors are honored to be a part of these moments and are committed to helping ensure that communities celebrate safely.

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So, whether you're an avid football fan or just there for the snacks and commercials, we can all work together to put an end to drunk driving - once and for all. No matter who you're cheering for in the big game, thank you for helping us end the night with a win. Cheers!

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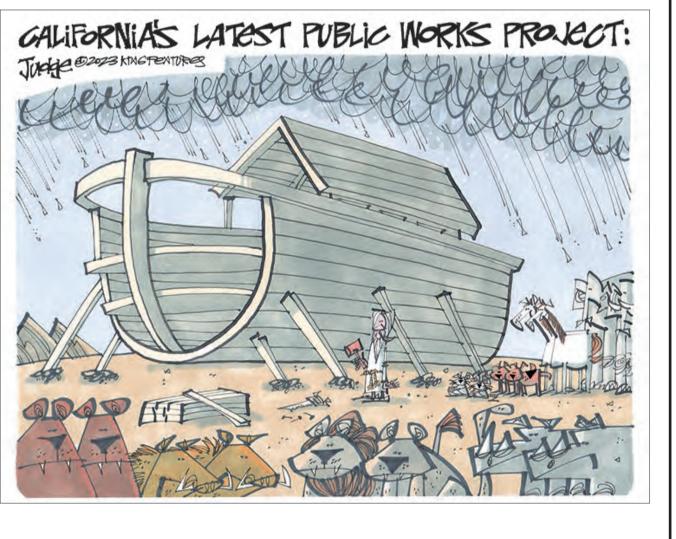
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ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago Feb. 2, 1923

Amboy Commercial Club elected the following officers: President A.A. Carmichael, Vice President R.W. Ruckman, Secretary W.F. Entorf and Treasurer W.P. Barnes. Other members of the board were W.A. Green, Thomas Brew, and W.L. Berryman.

75 Years Ago Feb. 5. 1948

Amboy Milk Products Company is now equipped to accept Grade A milk tere and at their Standard Diary in Dixon. An extensive remodeling program has been in progress at the Dixon plant for the installation of new equipment for the handling of Grade A milk.

Eichler Bros. advertised a Winter Clearance Sale. Prices were cut drastically to clear the shelves to make room for changes being made in the store.

Farmers are invited to the Lee Center Community High School to see a newly released color film sponsored by F. L. Jahn, the local Minneapolis Moline dealer.

50 Years Ago Feb. 1, 1973

Orion Samuelson, WGN farm service director, will be the guest speaker at the Lee County SWCD annual meeting to be held at Sauk Valley Community College.

Lee FS held their Appreciation Days Sale at the Lee County 4-H Center with a free pancake and sausage meal, door prizes and manufacturer reps and product specialists on hand to answer questions and give demonstrations.

All of the first grade students at the Maytown School were absent last week with the chickenpox.

25 Years Ago Jan. 29, 1998

Lee County Sheriff Tim Bivins recently announced eight promotions to members of the Lee County Sheriff's department. According to Bivins, this is the largest number of promotions given at one time in the history of the department. Lt. Gary Hart, Lt. Keane Hudson, Chief Dep. Joe Brady, Cpl. Andrew Tarr, Cpl. Doug Carlson, Sgt. Michael Donoh, Sgt. Joe McGraw, and Sgt. Todd Artwell were all promoted.

How many people have a street named after them? How many people would like to have a street named after =them, or a loved one or a friend? The idea, sponsored by the Amboy Civic Organization, in the conjunction with the City of Amboy, has led to the one-block thoroughfare directly behind the business district having an honorary name for the first time in the town's history. It is hoped that this project will bring awareness to the community abou the financial needs of Pankhurst Memorial Library. For one year, the roadway will be desingnated as "Mort" Hinkle Boulevard.

LOCAL NEWS

Educational Briefs

Monmouth College Dean's List Fall

MONMOUTH — To be eligible for the Dean's List, tudents needed to take at least 3.0 academic credits while naintaining a grade-point average of at least 3.5.

Olivia Dinges of Amboy

Timothy McNally of Paw Paw

Founded in 1853 and affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Monmouth College provides a transformative educational experience within a caring community of learners. A residential liberal arts college that is the birthplace of the women's fraternity movement, Monmouth College empowers students to realize their full potential, live meaningful lives, pursue successful careers, and shape their communities and the world through service and leadership.

Sarff graduates from Bradley University

PEORIA — LaMoille native Caleb Sarff graduated with a BSIE in Industrial Engineering Supply Chain Analytics from Bradley University in the Fall 2022 Semester. Sarff was among over 300 students who earned degrees.

Bradley University is a top-ranked, private university in Peoria, Illinois, offering nearly 6,000 undergraduate and graduate students opportunities, choices, and resources to build their futures. Innovation, action, and collaboration drive Bradley students to generate ideas and create solutions that remake the world around them. Our comprehensive array of undergraduate and graduate academic programs includes business, communications, education, engineering, fine arts, health sciences, liberal arts and sciences, and technology.

Kishwaukee College announces Fall 2022 Dean's List

MALTA—The Office of Student Services at Kishwaukee College has announced the students named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List. To be eligible for Dean's List honors, a student must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours (at the 100/200 level) during an academic term at Kishwaukee College with a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

The following Kishwaukee College students have been named to the official Fall 2022 Dean's List:

Amboy — Calvin Seier

Ashton — Ireland Bradfield, Carrie Powers

Compton — Gage Faber

Paw Paw — David Negrete

Local students named to the fall 2022 Dean's List at Aurora University

AURORA – Aurora University has named the following students to the Dean's List for the fall 2022 semester. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher.

Founded in 1893, Aurora University is a four-year, private, nonprofit, accredited higher education institution located on a 39-acre campus in Aurora, the second largest city in Illinois. The university serves more than 4,100 undergraduate and approximately 2,000 graduate students across more than 50 majors and programs. AU leadership, faculty, and staff are committed to the success of our students, offering strong academic support programs and learning opportunities that prepare students for success beyond graduation. Learn more at aurora.edu.

Ashton

Ximena Esquivel

Ashley Gonzales, Social Work Janda Hicks, Social Work Connor Tetrick, Cybersecurity

University of Dubuque Fall Semester 2022 Academic Dean's List

DUBUQUE, Iowa - The University of Dubuque congratulates the following students on being appointed to the Fall Semester 2022 Academic Dean's List. Full-time students in good academic standing (registered

for and having earned 12 or more letter grade credits for the term) who earn a term grade point average of 3.5 or above and who do not have any grades of Incomplete for the term are named to the Dean's List. Once grades have been submitted for any Incompletes, the Office of Academic Affairs will review eligibility again for possible placement on the Dean's List for the given term.

Ashley Wierman

Dean's List is awarded for the fall and spring semesters only and may be awarded retroactively

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The University of Dubuque (UD) is a private, coed university founded in 1852 that offers undergraduate, graduate, and theological seminary degrees as well as other educational opportunities with the intention of educating and forming the whole person.

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Feb. 25 Bootlegger's Bash supports Woodlawn Arts **Academy**

STERLING - Woodlawn Arts Academy, in cooperation with title sponsor Savant Wealth Management, presents a Roaring Twenties Bootlegger's Bash Fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 25. Proceeds from the event benefit Woodlawn Arts Academy. Fundraiser tickets, \$50 each, are available in person at Woodlawn Arts Academy during regular office hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5

The fundraiser will take place from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Feb. 25 in "The Speakeasy," in the J. Mark Beaty Performance Center inside Woodlawn Arts Academy. Participants will enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres; a cash bar; a 50/50 drawing; and basket, drink and dessert raffles. 1920s attire is encouraged, and a password to "The Speakeasy" will be given upon ticket purchase. The Bootlegger's Bash ticket also includes a VIP ticket to Sterling High School's musical theater production. Immediately following the fundraising event, participants

will meet at The Commons at Sterling High School where a group photo will be taken on the set of "It's Nice Work ... If You Can Get It." At 7:30 p.m., enjoy VIP seating, including water and popcorn, for the Sterling High School musical at Centennial Auditorium. 'We are very excited to partner with Savant Wealth

Management and Centennial Auditorium to offer this fun night out in support of Woodlawn Arts Academy," said Christy Zepezauer, Woodlawn's executive director. "Part of our mission is to provide quality artistic opportunities to the Sauk Valley community, and we think everyone will have a 'roaring' good time at this event." Each year, in an effort to help people of all ages develop,

promote and share their talents, Woodlawn provides hundreds of classes, lessons and events in visual arts, dance, music, theater and education, reaching thousands of people throughout the Sauk Valley. The academy is a 501(c)3 non-profit educational organization, and a third of its operational budget depends on donations.

In the event of cancellation, all ticket sales will be considered a donation to Woodlawn Arts Academy.

In addition to The Great Gatsby title sponsor Savant Wealth, other sponsors include The Bee's Knees sponsor Eckburg Insurance Group, and The Speakeasy sponsors Candlelight Inn, McFalls Berge & Associates and Selmi's Flower Shop. For information on sponsorships, contact Zepezauer at 815-626-4278 or czepezauer@woodlawnartsacademy.com.

Woodlawn Arts Academy is an agency of United Way of Whiteside and Lee counties, and financial assistance is available to those who qualify. Details on the Academy's programming and financial assistance applications are available in the Academy office or on the website at www. woodlawnartsacademy.com.



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Notice is given of the death of Justin B. Corcoran of West Brooklyn, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 13, 2023 to John J. Corcoran of 436 LaMoille Road, Sublette, IL 61367 as Independent Executor whose attorney is Guilfoyle & Stevenson, LLP, 1316 Meriden Street, Mendota, IL 61342

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Lee County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Lee County Courthouse, 309 S. Galena Avenue, Dixon, IL 61021, or with the representative or both on or before July 31, 2023 and any claim not filed within that period is barred.

Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

No. 0103 (Jan. 25, Feb. 1 and Feb. 8, 2023)

IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT OF THE** FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF

CONNIE R. BONNELL Deceased. No. 2023 PR02

THE ESTATE OF

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By Daniel W. Bonnell,

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YKNOW, POPEYE,
RESCUING SEA HAG FROM
MY BROTHER AND EX-BOYFRIE
WASN'T HOW I EXPECTED
TODAY TO GO.

by Dave T. Phipps

NNA MAKE ME PROBLEMS

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TO THE MAX.

THEN PIZZA AND MALTS

AND IF THERE'S TIME

THEN WE DO CHORES?

YOU DIDN'T COME

HERE TO WORK OUT ... YOU

CAME TO OUT WORK

Amber Waves

HEY DAD, I HAVE

A MUCH BETTER IDEA.

Out on a Limb

POPULAR

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PLEASE

EXPLAIN

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PROVE HE'S BETTER THAN POPEYE HAS ENDED IN FAILURE AS

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

"WHAT DOESN'T KILL YOU MAKES YOU

STRONGER" SHOULD BE THE CAMPAIGN

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I STARTED OUT WITH "NOTHING"

SERIOUSLY, OYL. I DON'T NEED HAVE ENOUGH YOURS, TOO.

LOCAL NEV

January 30, 2023 Posting Date King Crossword





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27 Jim Bouton

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28 It ain't worth a nickel 30 Prattle 33 "Life - caba-

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prefix

25 July's stone

by Dave T. Phipps

NEVER MIND IT. SOUNDED

BETTER IN MY HEAD.

by Gary Kopervas

WHO DIDN'T WIPE DOWN

THEY WERE DONE ?!!

by Mike Marland

by Jeff Pickering

LOOKS LIKE YOU STILL HAVE MOST OF IT LEFT.

CMON, HAM, WE KIN TALK WITH YOU?! YOU TOOK MY TALKS BOUT IT ON YOU CAUSED ALL OF GIRL, MY BEST THE RIDE HOME. MY PROBLEMS! FRIEND, AND-

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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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1. GEOGRAPHY: Where is Mount Fuji located?

2. MOVIES: What is the material used in Captain America's shield?

3. MUSIC: Who wrote the lyrics to the 1961 "West Side Story" movie?

4. SCIENCE: Which color has the longest wavelength?

5. HISTORY: When did the United States outlaw child labor?

6. TELEVISION: Who played the leading role in the legal series "Ally McBeal"?

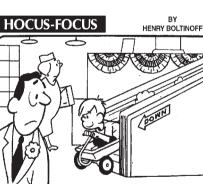
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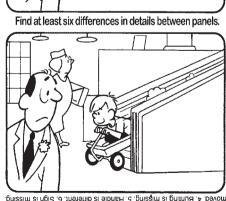
8. LITERATURE: What is the setting for the "Divergent" novel series?

9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: animal represents the 2023 Chinese zodiac year?

10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of butterflies called?

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noved. 4. Bunting is missing. 5. Handle is different. 6. Sign is missing Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Flower is smaller. 3. Package is

CHECK

Today's Word 3. Streak; 4. Teacher 1. Tribe 2. Crate;

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SCRAMBLERS

6. Calista Flockhart. 5. 1938. 4. Red. 3. Stephen Sondheim. 2. Vibranium. 1. Japan. Answers A A T

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

"I see dead PayPal." money transfer service: the demise of an online Movie prophecy concerning CryptoQuip

SCRAMBLERS Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. There Clan BRITE Smear Guide

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for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error. Clue: K equals P

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SPORTS



The Amboy Clippers wrestling team competed in the Oregon/KSB Fresh/Soph tournament held in Oregon, Jan. 28. Amboy finished 24th out of 30 teams with five wrestlers competing. Placing for Amboy was 120 pound freshman Chase Montavon receiving a second place medal.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Bontz



Oregon/KSB Fresh/Soph tournament held in Oregon, Jan. 28. Amboy finished 24th out of 30 teams with five wrestlers competing. Placing for Amboy was 113 pound freshman Landon Blanton receiving a first place medal. Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Bontz



The Amboy Clippers wrestling team competed in the Oregon/KSB Fresh/Soph tournament held in Oregon, Jan. 28. Amboy wrestler Kaylee Scanland wrestled in the 125 pound girls bracket finishing in fourth place.

Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Bontz

Clipper wrestlers compete in Freshman/Sophomore meet in Oregon to the event, finished in 24th place out 30 teams.

OREGON – The Amboy wrestling team competed in the Oregon/KSB Freshman-Sophomore Wrestling Tournament on Jan. 28. The Clippers, who sent five wrestlers

Freshman Landon Blanton took first-place honors in the 113-pound weight class, while classmate Chase Montavon finished second at 120 pounds. Sophomores competing for Amboy were Josh McKendry, third place at 132 pounds, and Kole Beckham, fourth place

Kaylee Scanland wrestled in the 125-pound girls' bracket and finished in fourth place.

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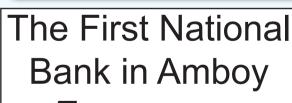
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SPORTS

Lady Clippers reach 20 wins after splitting games last week

AMBOY — The Amboy Lady Clippers reached the 20-win plateau after splitting a pair of games last week.

Amboy hosted Polo on Jan. 26 and the visitors held on for a 40-36 win. The Lady Clippers were down 9-6 after the first quarter and 22-14 at the half. Amboy still trailed 31-25 after three quarters before clawing back to tie the game at 36-all in the fourth. But Polo sank nine of 12 free throws in the final frame to preserve the victory.

Amboy outscored Polo 31-25 from the field, but could not compete with Polo's 15 of 19 from the line. The Lady Clippers only shot eight free throws and made

Addison Pertell dropped in 16 points to lead AHS. She also pulled down six rebounds. Maeve Larson was next with nine points and a team-high 11 boards. Elly Jones also scored nine points while adding four rebounds, four assists and three steals. Courtney Ortgiesen scored a basket and had six caroms and three steals, while Tyrah Vaessen contributed five rebounds, team-highs with six assists and six steals.

Amboy had a good shooting game and rolled over Mendota, 47-21, on Jan. 28 at Mendota. The Lady Clippers connected on eight of 10 shots in the first period and seven of 12 in the third quarter. Amboy led at the



Amboy's Elly Jones attempts to drive around the defensive pressure of Mendota's Naitzy Garcia on Jan. 28 at the Mendota gym. Kip Cheek/Amboy News

half, 28-7.

Pertell paced all scorers with 19 points on eight of 14 shooting. She added three steals and two assists. Jones also scored in double figures with 10 points and six assists, while Vaessen yanked down six rebounds and had team-highs in steals with six and assists with seven. Also contributing to the victory were Ortgiesen (five points,

four rebounds, three steals), Larson (four points, three rebounds, three steals), Emily Sachs (four points, two steals), Kiera Karlson (three points) and Kenley Wilson (two points).

Amboy's season record improved to 20-3.



Amboy's Courtney Ortgiesen leaps for a rebound over Reanna Brant of Mendota on Jan. 28 at the Mendota gym. Kip Cheek/Amboy News

Amboy's Addison Pertell sails in for a layup as Mendota's Grace Wasmer tries to defend on Jan. 28 at Mendota.

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THE WEEK

Clippers drop lead in loss to Oregon

AMBOY — Amboy could not maintain a fourth-quarter lead and dropped a 60-53 decision at Oregon on Jan. 23.

The Clippers led throughout the contest, including 16-13 after the first quarter and 39-26 at intermission. Oregon climbed back in the game with a 12-4 fourth quarter, and then the Hawks outscored Amboy, 22-10, in the fourth frame to post the comeback victory.

Eddie Jones had a big night offensively for the Clippers, pumping in 22 points as he knocked down four shots from three-point land. Troy Anderson connected on three three-pointers and finished with 12 tallies for Amboy.

The Clippers came up short to Polo, 38-34, on Jan. 25 at

After leading 10-8 at the end of one period, Ambov managed just two points in the second stanza and found itself down, 20-12, at halftime. The count was 30-26 in favor of the Marcos after three quarters.

Jones (17) and Anderson (13) did a bulk of the scoring for the Clippers.

Eastland pulled away in the second quarter for a 50-40 triumph over Amboy on Jan. 27 at the AHS gym.

Both teams played to a 12-12 first-quarter tie before East-

land pulled out to a 27-17 halftime margin. Amboy trailed 41-26 heading to the fourth frame.

Jones nailed three trifectas on his way to 16 points for the Clippers, while Anderson chipped in with 15 markers. Wes

Wilson supplied seven points for Amboy.

Clippers to compete at Regionals

POLO – The Amboy wrestling team has been assigned to the Polo Class 1A Regional to be held at Eastland High School on Saturday, Feb. 4. In addition to the Clippers, other teams in the regional include Byron, Dakota, Dixon, Durand, Lena-Winslow, Oregon, Polo, Princeton, Stillman Valley and Winnebago.

In order to advance to the sectional round, a wrestler must finish first, second or third in his weight class. Advancing individuals will participate in the Oregon Sectional to be held Friday, Feb. 10 and Saturday, Feb. 11.



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