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Andrea LeFevre, who was born and raised in Sublette, a 2010 Amboy High School graduate, and now lives in Ashton, wrote a children's story, "A Day on the Farm with Mama - Harvest Edition" to tell a mother's side of the harvest season.

Sublette native reading her children's book at the Pankhurst Memorial Library

BY BRANDON LaCHANCE
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – Andrea LeFevre (Lauer) had made a career change.

The change brought her home to be with the two children she and her husband Andrew have, Bryar (3), and Boone (1 ½), on a full-time basis.

Her sons showed her quickly what they wanted to be one of her main duties.

"My children are the reason I wrote this book. I had just become a stay at home mom, and of course, they made me read them a lot of books," said LeFevre, who was born and raised in Sublette, graduated from Amboy High School in 2010, and currently lives with her family in Ashton. "As a farm mom, all I had was farm books to read to them. This one book, which is Bryar's favorite, he picked over and over again. I feel like I read it a billion times in the first month of being a stay-at-home mom. It kind of ticked me off the more that I read it. It didn't portray farming in the true sense.

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The black downstage curtains serve as a backdrop for plays, musicals, dance recitals and school assemblies.

Photo submitted

AHS gets facelift with new curtains

AMBOY — The Amboy High School Auditorium Stage got a facelift with new curtains installed by Main Stage on Jan. 27. The new curtains are the result of the "Hurtin' for Curtains" fundraising campaign launched during the 2022 spring musical. Donations collected during the Dash for Cash event combined with an anonymous contribution allowed the school to purchase new backstage and front of stage curtains.

With rural healthcare changing across the country, how are local hospitals adapting?

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Staff writer

LEE/LASALLE COUNTY – Let's face it, health care has changed across the country in the last few years.

COVID-19 is the main culprit.

Throw in staff shortages, cost increases, and new laws or concepts such as Rural Hospital Emergency Designation, and everything is different than what we once knew the healthcare system to be.

Fortunately, for the OSF Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota and the Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital (KSB) in Dixon, the changes haven't left a permanent financial struggle or thoughts of closing.

"We're doing really good in Mendota as a critical access hospital. We've been able to maintain and optimize what we provide," said Dawn Trompeter, president of OSF Mendota and OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center in Ottawa. "I'm very familiar with Rural Hospital Emergency Designation and what that entails. No, we will not be doing that at Saint Paul.

"We are very stable financially. Saint Paul is part of our integrated delivery system across OSF. It's very valuable, as we look at how we provide the continuum of care across all of our services, to have our critical access hospitals, such as Mendota, in place as is.

"We're not looking at Rural Hospital Emergency Designation at all."

Rural Emergency Hospital Designation, which went into effect on Jan. 1, was created by federal officials.

Facilities who are under the designation must provide 24/7 emergency medical services and observation care and have the option to provide additional outpatient medical services. However, inpatient services are not available at a Rural Hospital Emergency Designation.

"Rural Hospital Emergency Designation is not even on the radar because of the fact that our inpatient volume is what we need in order to sustain our business," said Kevin Marx, who is the director of business development and the hospital spokesman at KSB. "It would really have to change dramatically before we would want to consider discontinuation of the emergency business or the inpatient business.

"To some degree, rural hospitals are not unlike hospitals across the country, particularly community hospitals that were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which essentially reduced our volume of patients early on. One of the key factors, in terms of now, is how quickly has the patient base recovered.

"I think that most hospitals share the experience that we're having. We're probably back around 95 percent of our patient base. We're not fully back to the same patient numbers as before the pandemic. In rural settings, it's more of a significant issue perhaps than urban hospitals because you have similar costs in terms of facilities, equipment, staff, and you need to have a critical mass of patients in order to spread that cost over."

During a recent Telemedicine Program webinar, chief executive officer of the National Rural Health Association, Alan Morgan, gave numbers and comments about the state of rural health.

Morgan stated, since 2005, 180 rural hospitals have closed across the U.S. The Center for Healthcare Quality and Payment Reform estimated more than 600 rural hospitals (30 percent of all rural hospitals in the country) are at risk of permanently closing its doors.

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Schultz named 2023 Outstanding Business Woman of the Year

SUBLETTE — Deb Schultz, of Sublette, was awarded the 2023 Outstanding Business Woman of the Year at the IL Agri-Women annual meeting last week.

Deb Schultz

Schultz was nominated by her peers in recognition of her loyalty, devoted service and outstanding contributions to agriculture and the IL Agri-Women organization. IL Agri-Women is a state wide organization comprised of women from all walks of life involving agriculture.

Schultz graduated from Amboy high school in 1982. Following that, she started her more than 30 year career in banking, having a 10 year hiatus to stay home with her kids while babysitting several neighbor kids, working from the teller line up to her current position as VP for North Central Bank in Hennepin and Ladd.

Schultz is a 2012 graduate of the IL Ag Leadership program, IAW VP of Education 2017-2019, IAW president from 2019-2022 and is the current past president for IAW.

A Look Back At Amboy Area Heroes Who Served During World War II

Editor's note: The Amboy News will be publishing a series of articles on veterans who served during World War II. These heroes are part of Amboy's history and it is our honor to publish these articles so you can learn about their service to our country. This article was researched by Jack Mead and Tom Dempsey, and written by Dempsey.

P.F.C. Charles Warren Engle

Charles Engle was the fourth child born to William and Lilly Engle on Sept. 21, 1921. President Wilson's term was coming to an end, "Prohibition" was the law of the land, and women could vote for the first time in history. The Engle family operated a dairy farm on Route # 3, outside Dixon, Illinois, raising five children in all. As the roaring 20s gave way to the hard times of the 1930's, the family faced additional hardship when William died, leaving Lilly as head of the household, and sole parent of five children.

In late 1941, at age 20, Charles registered for the draft as he continued to find any type of work that would help support his family. After entering the U.S. Army, he attained the rank of Private First Class, assigned to Company C, 6th Armored Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, which would play a key role in the liberation of North Africa and Italy.

On Sept. 9, 1943, the 1st Division landed in Italy with some elements landing at Salerno and Paestum while others, including P.F.C. Engle, took part in the fighting along the Rapido River between Naples and Rome. Nazi forces had established a defensive position north of Naples known as the "Winter Line" set among mountains which would give them observation points and the strategic advantage of high ground. The most prominent of these was Mount Porchia, located near Mignano.

From Jan. 4-9 of 1944, the 6th Armored Infantry Regiment attacked and seized Mount Porchia, suffering heavy casualties in fierce mountain fighting. The 6th Armored Regiment went into battle as the infantry component, but they were accompanied by division artillery, an engineer battalion, and much needed medical personnel. Infantry soldiers were carried in at night on M3 halftracks, which were vulnerable to anti-tank weapons but had the advantage of avoiding the perilous on-foot slog up the mountainous terrain. On Jan. 6, P.F.C. Charles W. Engle was killed in action during this effort. Over four days of fierce fighting and heavy losses, the allies were able to seize Mount Porchia and penetrate the German defenses. From there, the 1st Division would move on to the Anzio beachhead and beyond in a slow bitter struggle until German forces in Italy finally capitulated in May, 1944.

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LOCAL NEWS

DEPOT DAYS DONATION - ST. PATRICK'S FOOD PANTRY

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for $1,500 to Barb Harrison of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church Food Pantry. 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 - AHS and AJHS LIBRARY

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Ginger Daniels, right, presents a check for $500 to Emily Goff, of the Amboy High School and Amboy Junior High School Libraries. The Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee will be donating more than $40,000 to local organizations this year.
Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

Garrett Pertell

Pertell named AHS Student of the Month

AMBOY — Garrett Pertell, son of Janelle and Rick Pertell, has been named the Amboy High School Student of the Month for February.

GPA: 3.6

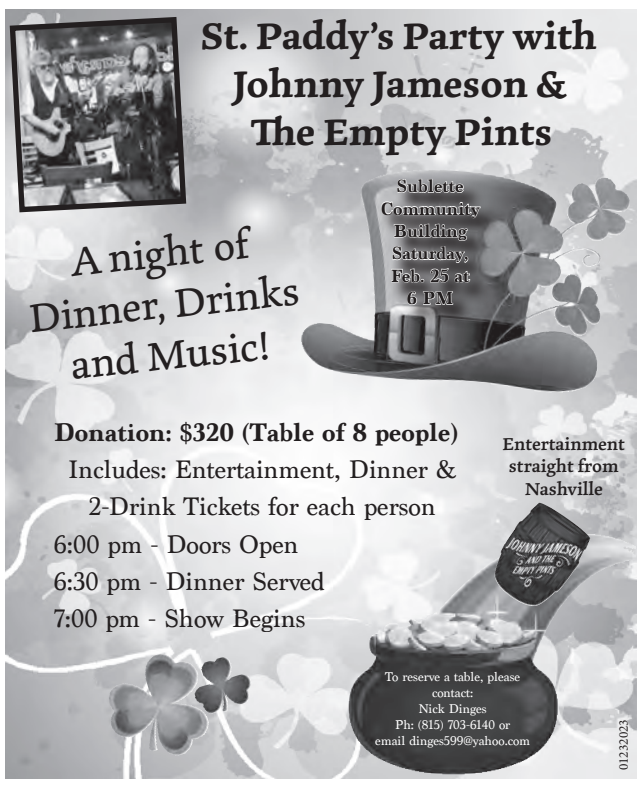
Memberships and Involvement: "I am a 4 year member of the cross country, basketball, and baseball teams. I am also a 2 year member of the National Honor Society."

Awards and Honors: "I have been on the high honor roll many times throughout high school. I have also received varsity letters for cross country, basketball, and baseball."

Best Memories of AHS: "My best memories have come from all of the sport teams I have been a part of and gone to watch. Being surrounded by my friends and everyone has just made those moments some of the best."

Future Plans: "I plan on attending Olivet Nazarene in the fall to study cybersecurity."

Email news items to tgreenfield@amboynews.com



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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 with us.

Valentine's Day Dance

We are having a dance on Friday, Feb. 17 from 7 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:

Jim and Denise Davis for the monetary donation; Sandy Schamberger for the ham and cheese; Irene and Eileen Ramsdell for the Christmas gift bags; Anonymous donation for the fruit; Mark and Veronica Grossman for the various items; and big thank you to our volunteers-Donna, Candy, Bonnie, Karen, Chris, Kathy K., Shannon, Megan, and Sid.

Needs

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

Final Word

Jesus, You have been kind to us by providing a way for us to go to Heaven and giving us a family who loves us. Will You please help us be kind to people around us? Help us be kind even to those who are mean to us and pick on us. We want to show other people the kindness You showed us. We want them to see You through us. Amen.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

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 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. Pick your poison and get to know the more infamous plants and their toxins. Registration is required and can be completed at go.illinois.edu/whitesidesaturdays.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, Feb. 14. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 14, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St., Sublette.

EAST GROVE TWP- The East Grove Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the East Grove Township Hall.

AMBOY- The Amboy CUSD School Board will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 16, at Amboy Junior High School.

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St. Margaret's Health in Peru (formerly Illinois Valley Community Hospital) terminated its emergency room physician coverage and all health services.

According to a press release, the service was terminated because the current provider of physicians terminated their contract effective at 7 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28 and St. Margaret's could not find, nor financially support, a new ER provider.

It was also mentioned there wasn't enough staff to operate St. Margaret's in Spring Valley and Peru.

"Closings are extremely unfortunate, and they vary by location. Illinois Valley and Spring Valley are a different scenario when you have two hospitals five miles apart," Marx said. "It doesn't scare us at KSB, but it catches your attention, in terms of, making sure that you're making those adjustments that are necessary in order to meet the new way that patients are looking for care. We're a good 25 miles, or more than that, to the next hospital from us with the exception of Sterling, but they have their own population base.

"We're looking at it to see what we need to do to adjust or to try and compensate for the post-pandemic changes, but still fullfil our mission of providing health services to Lee County and southern Ogle County. To that end, the best solution is to make sure that we're being responsive to our local community's needs and encouraging the folks who've relied on us in the past to continue to choose us going forward."

Saint Paul hasn't had any alarms of closing or significant changes.

Trompeter added Mendota has partnered with St. Margaret's before and is helping where it can.

"We have seen some increase in clients with the closing, but even prior to the closing, we've always worked together with St. Margaret's Health, and previously when it was IVCH," Trompeter said. "During Covid, if there was a shortage of beds or if they didn't have staffing, we worked with them and were able to help them. The other things that we may see, that we've already prepared for, is an increase of emergency department or prompt care visits with St. Margaret's closing. We're already ready to accommodate that.

"We are very transparent. We have metrics that we share with our leaders and mission partners on a monthly basis, if not more in weekly huddles. We always update the Community Council with where we are at and what we're doing.

"No, I haven't seen anyone worried about us closing. No one is worried in our community, from us, or from any of our mission partners or Community Council members. We have to be transparent with that because we wouldn't want anyone shocked. We have to work together and collaborate with everyone involved."

In response to St. Margaret's closing its Peru location, State Representative Brad Fritts (R-Dixon) released this statement about the closing and the state of rural health care.

"The news of St. Margaret's Hospital closing took me and many others by surprise. It is my understanding that the state has been a more than fair partner in the process to keep this rural facility open. Therefore, this sudden closure is very disappointing.

"I strongly urge the administration at St. Margaret's to re-evaluate their decision to close this facility, leaving many out of a job and many more without care. The impacts of this closure, especially of the obstetric facilities, will negatively impact women and growing families from numerous communities in the area.

"Nowhere, and especially not in Illinois, should women have to drive over an hour to ensure they can safely give birth in a hospital."

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"I'm not trying to be mean or take away from the fact that guys do farm, the book just didn't portray it in today's world. The book went like this: farm dad took farm kids out to feed the cows, slop the pigs, and gather the eggs. The kids go to school while the dad plows the field. When the kids come home from school, they get to do fun stuff like ride the ponies or drive the UTV around.

"On the very last page, it finally talked about the mom. It was like, 'Thank you mom for frying us chicken.' It just got at me. I wanted to write a book that showed that women do more on the farm. We are kind of the glue that holds the family and the farm together."

LeFevre is going to meet and greet, present and read "A Day on the Farm with Mama – Harvest Edition" at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Pankhurst Memorial Library in Amboy.

LeFevre wrote the book, while her former co-worker at Woodhaven Lakes in Sublette, Elayne Holloway, drew the illustrations for the children's book. It was published on Black Friday Weekend during the 2022 harvest season.

The first-time author has read her story at the Winifred Knox Memorial Library in Franklin Grove. Now, LeFevre wants to read to children at the Amboy library because that's the library she grew up in.

"I didn't know I was going to be doing any of this. My interest sparked and I just went with it. So far, everyone has supported me very well," LeFevre said. "I'm going to just keep rolling with it and see where it takes me."

Emily Goff, the Amboy library's director, is happy to have LeFevre.

In fact, the library hopes it's a success so LeFevre and other local authors can make something like Feb. 18's event more frequent rather than a first-time or one-time occurrence.

"She contacted us, and she said she was a local author and that she wanted to have a meet and greet with us," Goff said. "This will be the first time we've had a local author come to our library and read their book. It's very cool. We're very excited to have her. We usually do school-aged craft events, but this is something different and we're excited.

"We would most definitely have other local authors come to the library. We've had other local authors send us their book, but this is the first time that someone is coming for a meet and greet. I think Andrea LeFevre will be a good draw because she is from here, wrote a children's book, and is going to read to children."

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Four years later, after what must have been agonizing grief, the Engle family received the body of their beloved son and brother on Oct. 11, 1948. Following a memorial service at the Staples Funeral Home in Dixon, Private Engle's remains were laid to rest with full military honors at Oakwood Cemetery. Charles Warren Engle is forever remembered and honored for his bravery in defense of liberty.

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OBITUARIES

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Diane M. "Punk" Powers

Aug. 17, 1959 - Feb. 4, 2023

AMBOY — Diane M. "Punk" Powers, 63, of Amboy, died on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at Dixon Healthcare and Rehab.

She was born on Aug. 17, 1959 in Amboy, the daughter of James and Elaine (Stephenitch) Powers. Punk worked at Fantasy Flavors in Amboy for over 25 years and also owned and operated Mort's Tap in Amboy for over 20 years.

She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy.

Punk is preceded in death by her parents, brother, Martin Powers, and sister, Linda Powers Riley.

She is survived by her siblings, Judith (Sam) Jones, of Amboy, Dean (Mandy) Powers, of Amboy, Ann (Derek) Barlow, of Amboy; many nieces and nephews, Kaylee Jo (Alex) Jones, Cameron Riley, Evan Riley, Ashton (Jordan) Riley, Tyson Powers, Mallory Powers, Brandon (Kelsey) Barlow, Carley (Zach) Hagemann, Brittany Barlow, Carson Barlow; and eight great-nieces and nephews, Ava, Lincoln, Brantley, Myles, Averie, Hudson, Beau, and Remi. Punk is also survived by her uncle, Otto (Lois) Stephenitch and aunt, Elaine (Joe) Powers.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Visitation will be from 4 – 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, with a saying of the Rosary at 7 p.m., at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Burial of cremated remains will be held at a later date at St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy. Memorial donations can be made to the food pantry at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy or to any charitable cause of the donor's choice.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Robin D. Pedersen

July 6, 1967 - Feb. 3, 2023

DIXON — Robin D. Pedersen, 55, of Dixon, died on Friday, Feb. 3, 2023 at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

She was born on July 6, 1967 in Aurora, the daughter of William "Bill" and Peggy (Richardson) Pedersen.

Robin worked as a CNA at the Amboy and Franklin Grove Nursing Homes.

She is preceded in death by her father, Bill, and grandson, Jonah.

Robin is survived by her children, Melissa (Wayne) Shelton, of Shelbyville, Tenn., Megaen (Mike) Toth, of Amboy, Josh (Melissa) Larson, of Dixon, and T.C. (Allison) Olsen, of Spring Hill, Tenn.; 17 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her mother, Peggy, of Dixon; and siblings, Mick (Julia) Miller, of Earlville, Homer (Dawn) Pedersen, of Morris, David Pedersen, of Dixon, and Jackie (Bob) Stewart, of Maytown.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. A reception will follow at the Amboy Community Building. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Dr. Francis "Frank" L. Friel

Jan. 17, 1934 - Jan. 31, 2022

ROCKFORD – Dr. Francis "Frank" L. Friel, 89, of Rockford, died peacefully on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, at home with family by his side.

The youngest of eight children, he was born Jan. 17, 1934, in Amboy, to Edwin and Mary "Molly" (Morrissey) Friel. He was a beloved chiropractor for 47 years, caring for patients at the former Friel Chiropractic Clinic, 2606 Broadway, in Rockford.

Frank was raised on a farm and completed his first eight years of education in a one-room country grade school, riding on his horse "Dick" four miles to and from school each day. In 1951, he graduated from Amboy High School with many friends that he kept in touch with all throughout his life.

In 1953, he was drafted into the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Following "boot camp," Frank was sent to JAG (Judge Advocate General) school for a six-month study of Military Law and Court Reporting. He then deployed to Seoul, Korea, where he served as Secretary to the Commander of the 3rd Transportation Railway Command for the duration of his service.

Upon discharge, Frank returned home and enrolled at National Chiropractic College in Chicago, graduating in 1959. He interned for two years at Stitzel Chiropractic in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, before returning to Rockford to build his own successful practice which continued over the next 45 years.

Frank is survived by his devoted wife of 40 years Rita, (Knuth White); children from first marriage to Barbara (Rufh) [divorced 1972], Cathy (John) Friel-Dombeck, Beth (Tom) Schaefer, Tricia Friel, and Tim (Kim) Friel; step-children Larry White and Julia White Heglund; 11 grandchildren, Chris, Tim, Sam, Jared, Nick, Brienne, Samantha, Kay, Jill, Natalie and Jacob; 3 great-grandchildren, Felix, TJ and Camryn; and many special nieces, nephews; and dear friends, neighbors and former patients.

He was preceded in death by twin sisters, Mary Jane (Delmar) Long and Helen (Kenneth) Hornbeck; and five brothers, Joseph (Josephine), Luke, Charles, Edward (Joyce) and William, who died as an infant.

Frank belonged to Holy Family Catholic Church; was a proud member of the American Chiropractic Association, Northern Illinois Chiropractic Association,

National College Alumni Association; former longtime member of Rockford Lion's Club and Mauh-Nah-Tee- See Country Club; an avid golfer, life-long gin rummy player and Chicago sports fan.

The family would like to give special thanks to the wonderful, "sent from heaven" home caregiver, Lambaa, who was with Frank and his family for the last two months.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, there will be a 9:30 a.m. visitation followed by 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 32 N. Jones Street, in Amboy. Burial will be in St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy.

Please share memories and condolences online at www.fitzgeraldfh.com.

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Rev. Randy Fronek
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Sunday – 8:45 a.m.

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Rev. Randy Fronek
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Sunday - 7 a.m.

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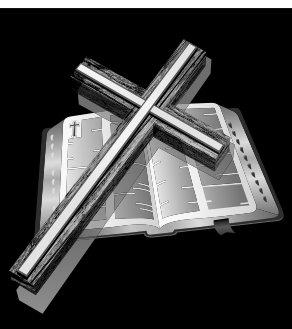
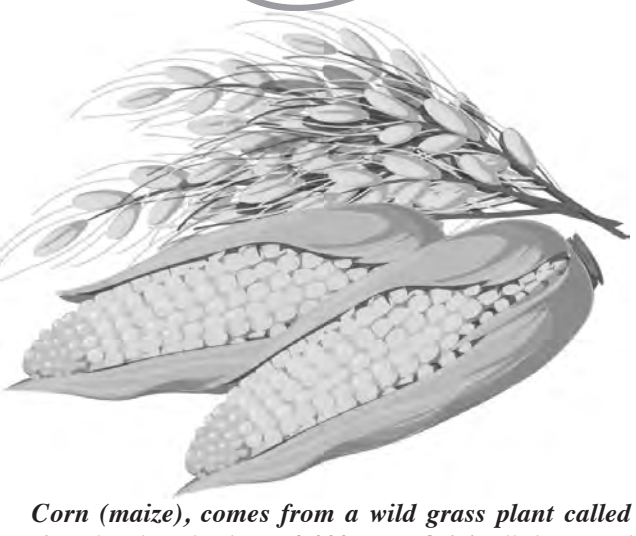


SOCIAL NEWS

Local nature and history

By Jim "Mazie" Long



Corn (maize), comes from a wild grass plant called teosinte that dates back over 9,000 years. Originally harvested in southern Mexico, each plant grew a single ear that was one-inch long.

It's Mazie - not Maize

A nephew once asked Jim Long how his nickname was spelled. He was quick to clarify.

Jim "Mazie" Long

Over one thousand different kinds of vascular plants have been found in Lee County. There are 97 different grasses growing naturally and uncultivated. Some, such as bottle-brush grass and wood reed, grow only in the woods. The greatest variety of grasses can be found growing on sandy soil. It would not be unusual to find 30 different grasses growing on a sandy prairie.

None of our wild grasses can compare with our cultivated corn (Zea mays). The South American Indians first discovered corn growing naturally in the wild. They recognized its potential and began to plant it in their gardens. After many centuries of cultivation, they developed many varieties: field corn, popcorn, sweet corn, and others. The North American natives obtained corn and planted it in their gardens. They knew they could depend on corn to produce a crop no matter what the weather.

Besides man, most of our domestic animals love to eat corn. Corn feeds most of the livestock that we depend on for food. Without corn, we would have to depend on wheat to feed our livestock. An acre of wheat can't come close to the bushels of food that an acre of corn can produce.

When Columbus came to America, his greatest find was cultivated corn. When the Spaniards landed in Central and South America, their only search was for gold and silver. They should have paid more attention to the gardens they found there. Who knows what garden plants were unseen and lost during the destruction of the native tribes. We are fortunate that another of the natives' cultivated plants, the potato, has also survived.

P.S. -- take that, Iowa

Having 90% of its land devoted to agriculture, Iowa is the largest producer of corn in the United States. But that's only a bit higher in volume than second-place Illinois. And according to Farmdoc, last year Illinois had a significantly higher yield per acre than Iowa, producing 215 bushels per acre versus Iowa's 202, an all-time high for our state. -- Editor

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

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The Book Nook

By: Tatjana Kazan

THE NIGHT WATCHMAN

Louise Erdrich based her 2020 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "The Night Watchman," on her grandfather, who was a night watchman and a tribal leader of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa in North Dakota. He strenuously fought a process called termination. In the book's preface, Erdrich explains that on Aug. 1, 1953, Congress announced House Concurrent Resolution 108 which, under the guise of emancipation, would abrogate all nation-to-nation treaties which were valid "for as long as the grasses shall grow, and the rivers run." Termination meant the destruction of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa.

Thomas Wazhashk, named for the lowly, hardworking muskrat, is the night watchman at the Turtle Mountain Jewel Bearing Plant, where women of the Turtle Mountain clan work by day, using gemstones as drill bits for Defense Department ordnance and for Bulova watches. Thomas is also a Chippewa Council member trying to understand the consequences of the termination bill on its way to the floor of Congress.

He stares at the bill's "innocuous dry language," which conceals its malicious objective "to unmake, to unrecognize. To erase as Indians him, Biboon, Rose, his children, his people, all of us invisible and as if we never were here, from the beginning, here." He decides to fight back with all his might. It will take him and a small delegation all the way to Washington.

Patrice Paranteau hates her nickname Pixie. "She's the kind of woman who did things perfectly when enraged." She follows her Chippewa mother's teachings, but became a Catholic and class valedictorian.

At nineteen, she has big dreams, but for now works at the Plant for a pittance. As the sole provider for her family, she must not risk her job. Still, she has a mission to find her older sister Vera who moved to Minneapolis and then disappeared.

Vera is part of a government relocation program designed to remove native people from the reservations by giving them incentives to move to the city. Erdrich's imagination is in full flight when she paints Patrice's encounters in Minneapolis. In equal measure hair-raising, funny, and gruesome, Patrice luckily escapes not with Vera, but Vera's baby.

The Turtle Mountain Chippewa are mostly dirt-poor subsistence farmers, but there is also lots of magic. Thomas's contemplation of a quilt shows Erdrich at her finest: "It had been made from a trade wool blanket and to a blanket it had returned. Here were the boys' padded plaid wool jackets, ripped and worn. These jackets had surged through fields, down icy hills, wrestled with dogs.…Here was Rose's coat from the early days of their marriage, blue-gray and thin now, but still bearing the fateful shape of her as she walked away from him, then stopped, turned and smiled…daring him to love her."

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago
Feb. 9, 1923

P.M. James sustained a fall on the ice and has since been suffering an attack of the grip. He is reported better but probably will not return to his office duties immediately.

Shabbona has built a new $90,000 school building to replace the one that burned down last year.

75 Years Ago
Feb. 5, 1948

Former Sublette physician Dr. B.H.S. Angear died in Sullivan IL. Dr. Angear's hospital in Sublette became widely known because of the use of twilight sleep in obstetrics.

The Lee County Livestock Marketing Association opened its buying center in Amboy. Cecil Pearson will manage the Center. Walter Boehle of Steward sold the first consignment, 50 head of butcher hogs.

50 Years Ago
Feb. 1, 1973

Former Mayor Clem Schuette died of an apparent heart attack at his home. He was 58 years old. Schuette was mayor of Amboy for a total of 16 years.

The St. Anne's School Building was sold to an Aurora contractor with plans to convert the building into apartments. The school had closed its doors to classes at the end of the 1969-70 school year because of a decline in enrollment and the unavailability of nuns to teach at the school.

Rich Montavon was an agent with Country Companies Insurance Company,

25 Years Ago
Feb. 5, 1998

We've all seen its horrifying images. It rears its ugly head and leaves in its wake destruction, death, and suffering. It spares few and takes the lives of our young and old. It is far reaching and at times in our history is has seemed to have conquered the world. It is simply – war. In the face of unrest in the Balkans, Army 1st Lt. Jeffrey M. O'Sadnick, son of Jerry and Lynnette O'Sadnick of West Brooklyn, serves as part of a United Nations team aimed at preserving the peace and stability of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedona.

Illinois State Treasurer, Judy Baar Topinka came to Amboy last Monday as spokesperson for Money 2000, a University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service program designed to improve the financial well-being of Illinois citizens.

Busch and Busch Light Beer 24 packs are $10.99 and newly released movie rentals are $2.50 at Amboy Bottling Inc.

A.C.O., AHS hosts successful blood drive

AMBOY — It might have been freezing cold outside, but it was certainly warm inside the Amboy Community Building last Tuesday, Jan. 31.

The annual Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Amboy Civic Organization and Amboy High School was full of warmth, thanks to the hospitality, cookies and sandwiches from the ACO members, the welcoming spirit of the Amboy High School National Honor Society members, and the generosity of the blood donors.

Several donors reached milestones this year. David Stenzel has now donated a total of 12 gallons of blood. Penny Farringer has donated three gallons, Gary Sanders has donated three gallons and Emily Rose has donated two gallons.

Totally the drive donated 58 units of blood. This is a wonderful gift to give.

There are so many people to thank for making this happen.

… Jessica Arellano and the Amboy High School student council, especially Courtney Ortgiesen, Brysen Full, Brooklyn Strub, and Cooper Whitney for helping with registration

…ACO members Marge Guenzler,Kathy McLaughlin, Jane Lovgren, Peggy Scudder,, Judy Brinkmeier, Maureen Oester and Christine Noble for the hospitality they showed at the Canteen. Peggy Scdder, Donna Wellman, Colleen Robison, Maureen Oester, and Sheila Garcia for making cookies. Jane Lovgren, Sandy Schamberger, Chris Noble and Maureen Oester for making sandwiches.

… The First National Bank in Amboy and the Shell Gas Station for advertising on their marquees

…The Amboy News for publishing articles advertising the blood drive

…The City of Amboy and the Amboy Community Building staff, Julia DeArmitt, for the use of their beautiful building

…Jeremy Wittenauer and the maintenance department for setting up and taking down chairs and tables and for shoveling the snow.

… The churches of Amboy for putting a plea out to their congregations

… The Red Cross for all their help

… But most of all the very generous blood donors of our community who braved the cold to come out to donate blood.

Woodlawn's student-teacher art exhibit opens Feb. 24

STERLING — Woodlawn Arts Academy's 2023 Student-Teacher Art Exhibit opens Friday, Feb. 24. The exhibit features artwork of all types by area students in grades kindergarten through 12th and their teachers. The public is invited to attend the opening reception for the exhibit from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24. During the opening reception, meet the artists, view their artwork, vote for your favorites and enjoy refreshments. Voting will continue on Facebook for two weeks from the date of the opening reception. Woodlawn Arts Academy is a partner agency of United Way of Whiteside and Lee counties, and financial assistance is available to those who qualify. Programs are partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

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All health forms and proof of residency need to be turned in before the first day of school. Completed paperwork can be dropped off at the school.
Packets can be emailed out to you by request, contact Mrs. Schamberger at jschamberger@amboy.net or call the school at 815-857-3619.
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LOCAL NEWS

Kishwaukee College invites prospective students to Visit Day on Feb. 20

MALTA — Kishwaukee College will host Visit Day on Monday, Feb. 20, at the College for prospective students and their families.

"It's important to find the college or career path that's right for you, and we want you to have all the information you need to make that decision," said Graciela Horta, Coordinator of Student Outreach at Kish. "By attending our Visit Day, you will find Kish has great academic programs, support services, career development, flexible class offerings and more — all at an affordable cost."

Visit Day will have two sessions for students to choose from. The morning session will be from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., and focus on students looking to pursue a transfer degree.

The afternoon session will be from 1- 4 p.m. and focus on students pursuing career technology or allied health programs. Both sessions will offer campus tours and an information fair.

The sessions will also cover getting started at Kish, financial aid and scholarships, student involvement, and athletics.

For more information on Visit Day or to register, visit kish.edu/visitday.

Clippers lose in double-overtime

AMBOY – Rockford Christian Life edged Amboy, 58-57, in double-overtime in a nonconference varsity boys' basketball contest on Feb. 4 at the ASH gym.

The Clippers held leads of 26-21 at halftime and 35-31 after three quarters, but Christian Life outscored Amboy, 14-9, in the final stanza to force overtime. The game remained tied after the first extra session and then Christian Life was one point better than the Clippers in the second overtime.

Eddie Jones paced the Clippers with 23 points, followed by Troy Anderson with 14 and Kyler McNinch with nine.

From The Heart Cash Calendar winners

January 2023 From The Heart Calendar Winners

Jan. 1 - Beth Mock, Rochelle, $1,000
Jan. 2 - Michele M. Horvath, Rochelle, $25
Jan. 3 - Autumn Hernandez, Rochelle, $25
Jan. 4 - Zekelman Employee, $25
Jan. 5 - Darlene Reynolds, Rochelle, $25
Jan. 6 - Patricia Burkholder, Loves Park, $25
Jan. 7 - Lori Kersten, Dixon, $25
Jan. 8 - Oliva White, Rochelle, $50
Jan. 9 - Holly Kubale, Rochelle, $25
Jan. 10 - ALM Fine Cabinetry, Rochelle, $25
Jan. 11 - Anita Bowers, Byron, $25
Jan. 12 - Melissa Villalobos, Rochelle, $25
Jan. 13 - Cheri Divine, Frisco, CO, $25
Jan. 14 - Zekelman Employee, Rochelle, $25
Jan. 15 - Kyle Kissack, Rochelle, $50
Jan. 16 - Doris Kay McIlvoy, Rochelle, $25
Jan. 17 - Calvin M. Jacobs, Rochelle, $25
Jan. 18 - Autumn Hernandez, Rochelle, $25
Jan. 19 - The Kitchen Table, Rochelle, $25
Jan. 20 - Sean Tracy, Byron, $25
Jan. 21 - Tracy Pointer, Rochelle, $25
Jan. 22 - Daniel W. Keller, Oregon, $50
Jan. 23 - Ryan E. Baylor, Rochelle, $25
Jan. 24 - Kathryn Tyner, Rochelle, $25
Jan. 25 - RACF, $25
Jan. 26 - Jacqueline Nass, Naperville, $25
Jan. 27 - Andrea Svela, Rochelle, $25
Jan. 28 - Anne Aubry, Whitefish Bay, Wis., $25
Jan. 29 - From the Heart auction, $50
Jan. 30 – Alexander Herrera, Dixon, $25
Jan. 31 – Rochelle Chamber of Commerce, Rochelle, $25

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

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Boys Basketball

Troy Anderson

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Courtney Ortgiesen

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This Week's Student of the Week is:
Magnolia Dunphy

Student's Favorites:
Favorite Color – Purple
Favorite Animal – Cats
Favorite Food – Pepperoni Pizza
Favorite Book – Daniel Tiger books
Favorite Game – "Don't Wake Daddy"
Favorite Song – Heads Carolina, Tails California by JoDee Messina

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CLIPPER KIDDIES

This Week's Student of the Week is:
Brody Bryant

Student's Favorites:
Favorite Color – Green
Favorite Animal – Lucy and Sabita, his dog and cat
Favorite Food – Pizza
Favorite Book – Dinosaur book
Favorite Game – Mario Kart
Favorite Song – Paw Patrol Theme Song

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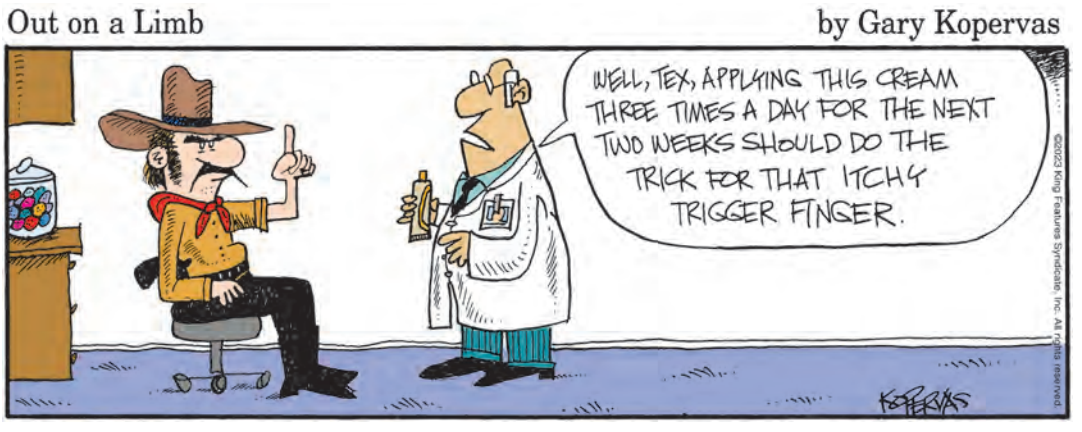
by Gary Kopervas



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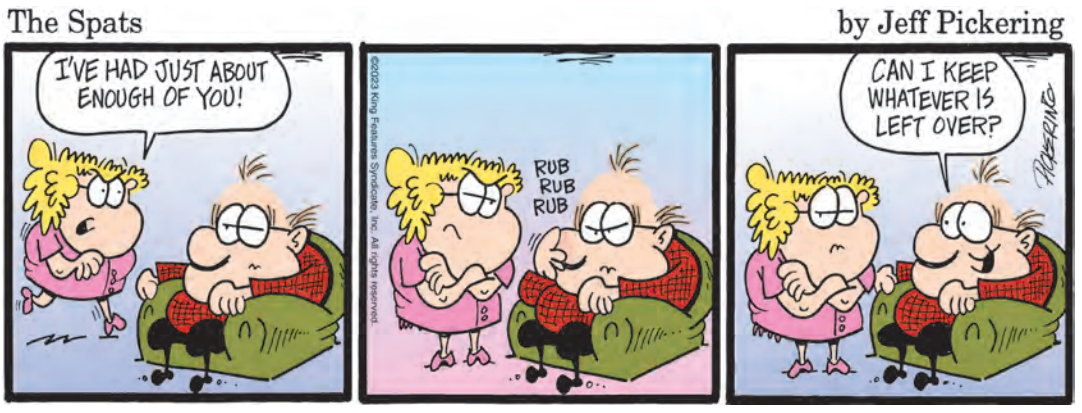

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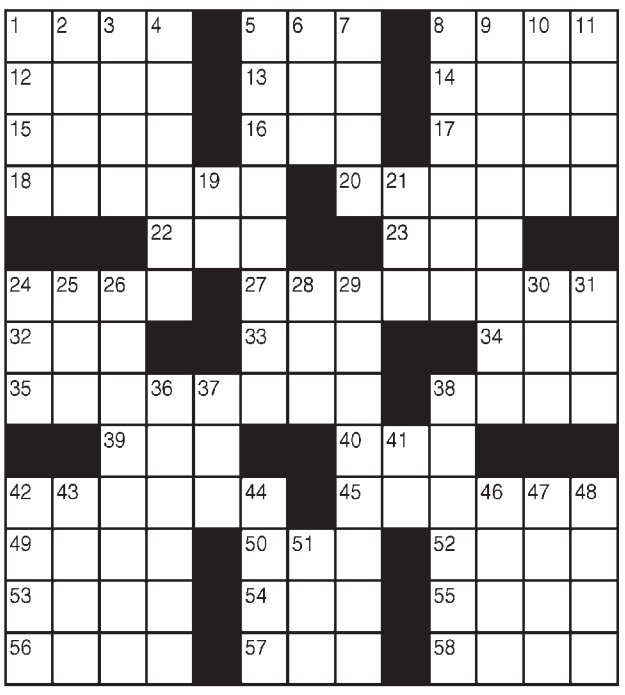

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ART: Where is the Prado Museum located?
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 second?
7. MOVIES: Which movie features the line, "Keep the change, ya filthy animal"?
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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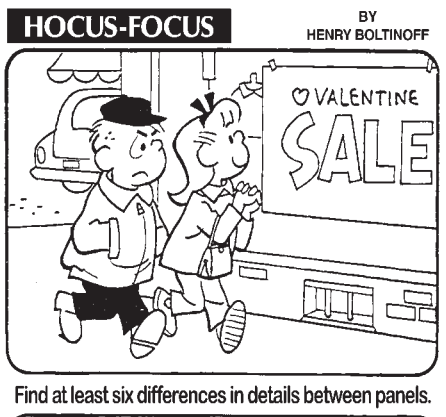

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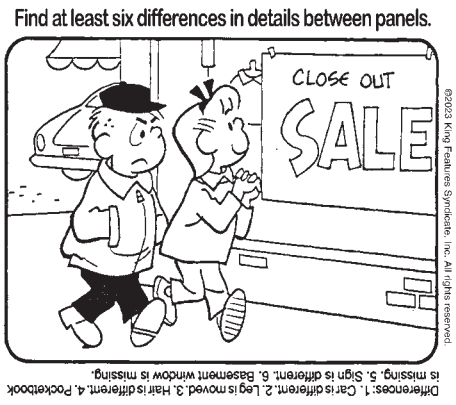

WORD LADDERS

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

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **F** equals **K**

ZV Z FLRX ENHR BDMRO VNOFE AQG KRRL GZEYQIBARG, Z XNMOG YDNKQKOW BDW "IAR KDMIZEA QDR BNHZLU!"

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

Bad
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Good
BINGEN ___ ___ ___ ___ [ ] ___

Object
SPOTTER ___ ___ [ ] ___ [ ] ___ ___

Staff
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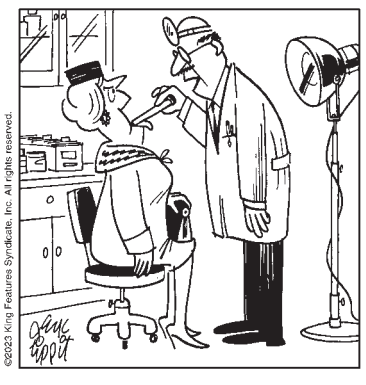

"I believe you may have sprained your _ _ _ _ _ _ !"

TODAY'S WORD

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

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King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

C	H	A	D		W	A	S		S	H	U	T		
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Weekly SUDOKU — Answer

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

SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Rotten 2. Benign; 3. Protest; 4. Faculty

Today's Word

TONGUE

WORD LADDER — Answer

READY, HEADY, HEADS, LEADS, LEAKS, BEAKS

Trivia test — Answers

1. Madrid, Spain.
2. Brazil.
3. Time flies.
4. Obelus.
5. 10 minutes, according to Dylan.
6. About 50 times.
7. "Home Alone."
8. "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe."
9. "How you doin'?"
10. Outer ear.

CryptoQuip — answer

If I knew some cruel folks had been dispatched, I would probably cry "The brutish are coming!"

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

ESTATE OF Justin B. Corcoran, Deceased
Case No. 2023-PR-1
CLAIM NOTICE
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
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No. 0103
(Jan. 25, Feb. 1 and Feb. 8, 2023)

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF
)
)
WEEDIE L. ELMORE, DECEASED
NO. 2023-PR-00004
)
)

CLAIM NOTICE

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Dated this 8th day of February, 2023.
Angel, Isaacson & Tracy
Attorneys for Estate
111 Park Avenue East
Princeton, IL 61356
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No. 0202
(Feb. 8, 15 and 22, 2023)

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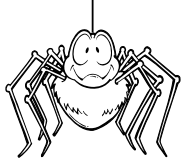

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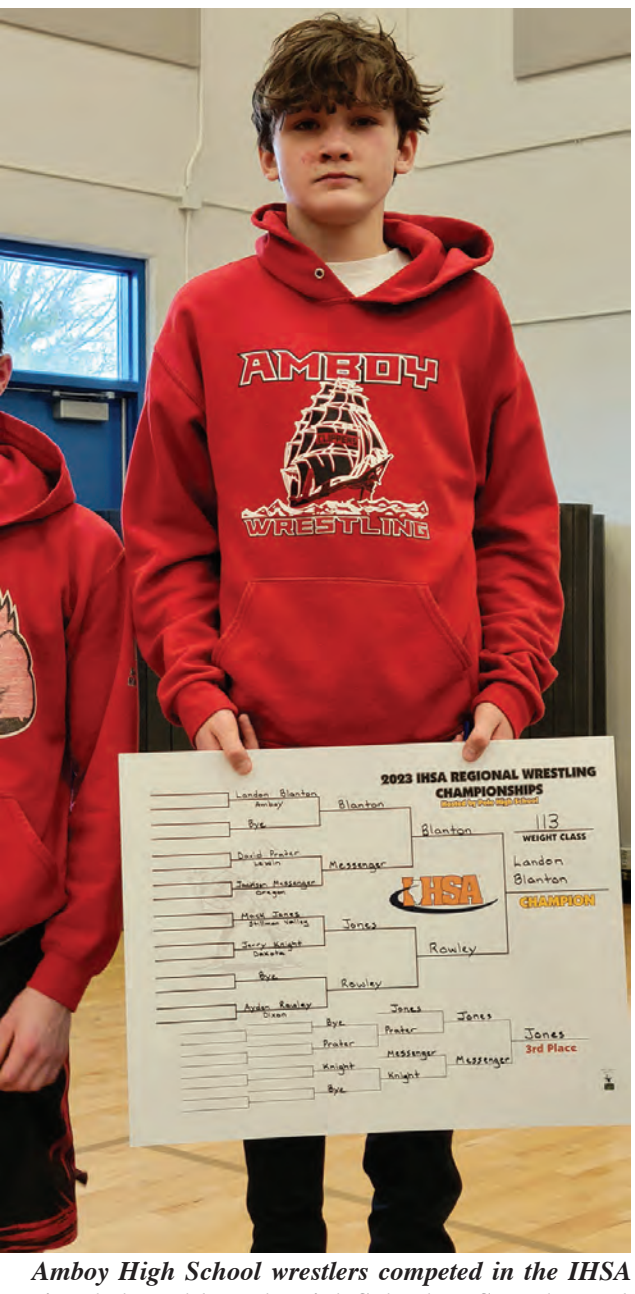

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Blanton advances to Oregon Sectional

POLO – One Amboy wrestler will move on to the next level of competition after the Clippers participated in the Polo Class 1A Regional Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 4.

Freshman Landon Blanton was the lone Clipper to extend his season after he finished in first place in the 113-pound class. Blanton wrestled two matches and won both by decision. He started off with a 7-3 victory over Jackson Messenger of Oregon to reach the championship bout. In the finals, Blanton scored an 11-2 triumph over Ayden Rowell of Dixon.

Levi Near was the only other Amboy grappler to place in the top four. The 132-pounder wrestled four matches, winning two. He began the tournament by pinning Mark Detwiler of Lena-Winslow at the 1:26 mark. In the second round, Near was pinned by Phoenix Blakely of Dakota in 1:31. Near bounced back to pin Jayden Weidman of Dixon in 1:19 to reach the third-place bout. In that match-up, Ace Christiansen of Princeton edged Near by a 6-3 count to earn a trip to the sectional. The top three wrestlers in each weight class get to move on to the next round.

Four other Clippers participated in the regional. Chase Montavon dropped both of his matches at 120 pounds, Josh McKendry won one of three matches at 138 pounds, Lucas Blanton fell twice at 152 pounds, as did Kole Beckham at 220 pounds.

Landon Blanton will compete in the Oregon Class 1A Sectional to be held Friday, Feb. 10 and Saturday, Feb. 11. First-, second-, third- and fourth-place wrestlers in each weight class will advance to the state tournament.

Feb. 4 - Polo Regional

113 pounds-Landon Blanton – Blanton dec. Messenger (Oregon), 7-3; Blanton dec. Rowley (Dixon), 11-2

120 pounds-Chase Montavon – Kramer (Dixon) pinned Montavon, 0:34; Meiners (Polo) dec. Montavon, 21-9

132 pounds-Levi Near – Near pinned Detwiler (Lena-Winslow), 1:26; Blakely (Dakota) pinned Near, 1:31; Near pinned Weidman (Dixon), 1:19; Christiansen (Princeton) dec. Near, 6-3

138 pounds-Josh McKendry – McKendry dec. Cox (Durand), 13-4; Bowers (Dakota) pinned McKendry, 3:10; Bremmer (Polo) dec. McKendry, 11-7OT

152 pounds-Lucas Blanton – Behn (Byron) technical fall Blanton, 15-0; Arellano (Dakota) pinned Blanton, 5:43

220 pounds – Haas (Lena-Winslow) pinned Beckham, 0:37; Guffey (Durand) pinned Beckham, 3:11

Lady Clippers continue winning ways defeating three opponents

AMBOY — The Amboy Lady Clippers continued their winning ways with victories over three opponents last week to run their season record to 23-3.

Amboy journeyed to Newark on Jan. 31 and came away with a hard-fought 30-25 triumph. The game was knotted at 18-all at the half and then Amboy's defense stiffened in the second half to pull out the win.

Courtney Ortgiesen led Amboy's balanced attack with eight points, eight rebounds, two assists and two steals. Maeve Larson and Elly Jones were next with seven points apiece. Larson added six boards, five steals and two assists, while Jones chipped in with five steals, two assists and three caroms.

Tyrah Vaessen and Addison Pertell scored four points apiece, while Vaessen grabbed eight rebounds, dished out five assists and swiped a pair of steals.

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Amboy hosted Earlville on Feb. 1 and a fast start propelled it to a 54-28 win over the visitors. The Lady Clippers jumped out to an 18-7 first-quarter lead and held a 29-13 halftime margin.

Jones led all scorers with 14 points and she added seven rebounds, five assists and four steals for a great all-around game. Larson pumped in 13 points, hauled down seven rebounds and picked off three steals for another great game.

Pertell was right behind with 12 points, five assists and three steals, Emily Sachs provided six points and three caroms, and Ortgiesen had four points, six rebounds, four assists and three steals. Also, freshmen Kiera Karlson and Ellie McLaughlin each scored a basket and Karlson snagged three boards, while Gloria Parker added a free throw and Vaessen collected seven rebounds and three assists.

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The Lady Clippers returned to conference action when they hosted Milledgeville for Senior Night on Feb. 3. Amboy honored its only senior, Ortgiesen. The two juniors, five sophomores and seven freshmen all have looked up to their senior leader. Ortgiesen quietly showed the other 14 girls what she had learned from her older teammates – the right way to be a teammate, to be part of a team and to be a good fellow Lady Clipper.

In the game, Amboy jumped ahead of a hard-working Milledgeville team for a 15-0 lead after the opening stanza. The Lady Clippers continued their dominance on the way to a convincing 45-9 triumph.

Larson scored nine points in the first quarter and added two more over the remainder of the game for a team-high 11 points. Vaessen and Pertell both had 10 markers, and Vaessen lit up the stat sheet with nine rebounds, six steals and four assists. Pertell added two assists and two steals.

Also contributing to the win were Ortgiesen (10 rebounds, four assists, five steals), Jones (eight points, three steals), Karlson (four points) and McLaughlin (two points).

Lady Clippers to compete at Regionals

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 will begin on Saturday, Feb. 11 when Shabbona (Indian Creek) will travel to Ashton-Franklin Center and Kirkland (Hiawatha) will play at Forreston.

Winners of the two play-in games will advance to the semifinals at Amboy on Tuesday, Feb. 11. The Indian Creek-AFC winner will battle the Lady Clippers at 6 p.m., while the survivor of the Hiawatha-Forreston contest 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.

Amboy Class 1A Girls' Regional
Saturday, Feb. 11

1 – (11) Shabbona (Indian Creek) at (8) Ashton-Franklin Center – 1 p.m.

2 – (12) Kirkland (Hiawatha) at (6) Forreston - 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

3 – Winner 1 vs. **(1) Amboy** - 6 p.m.

4 – Winner 2 vs. (4) Polo - 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 17

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

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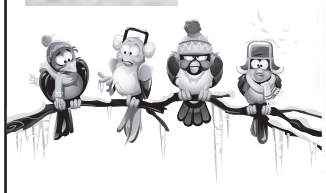

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Tuesday, Feb. 14
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AJHS 7th/8th Girls Basketball @ East Coloma-8th-5/7th-6

Wednesday, Feb. 15
AHS Art Club-Room 210-3:30-4:30 pm
AJHS Scholastic Bowl @ St. Mary's, Dixon-4 pm
Central School Young Author's Club-3:20-4 pm

Thursday, Feb. 16
AHS Boys Basketball @ Polo-6 pm
AJHS 5th/6th Girls Basketball @ Sauk Valley Catholic (Rock Falls)-6th-5/5th-6
AJHS 7th/8th Girls Basketball (H) Sauk Valley Catholic-8th-5/7th-6
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