

# Amboy Lions members recognized for service



Amboy Lions President Roger Wittenauer, left, presents Cecil Harrison, with a 50-years of Service Pin.

Photo submitted

AMBOY — On Feb. 10, the Amboy Lions Club awarded a 50 year service pin to Lion Cecil Harrison.

In late 1969, club member, Jack Molton, introduced and sponsored Cecil into the Amboy Lions Club. He has been an active member since and has also achieved perfect attendance during that time. Fifty years of service to the club has only been accomplished one other time by Amboy Lion Ken Robbins, now active for 52 years. In 1974 Cecil served as Club President and then spent the following 30 years serving as attendance and membership coordinator.

Cecil has sponsored many local members, including his son, Curtis Harrison, his son-in-law, Brad Goy, Jim Travi, and numerous others over the years. Cecil took an active roll in many of the club’s projects and activities throughout the community.

For many years he was responsible for selecting the Depot Day Parade Marshals. In another club project, Cecil and Junior Bonnell took an active roll in building the current tennis courts located at Amboy High School. He was a key member in organizing the annual Lion Membership Cookout that eventually incorporated the Lions Club Scholarship winners and their families. In the mid-1970’s he was recognized as Amboy Lion of the Year by the Club and was also



Amboy Lions Club members pose for a picture at a recent meeting. The Lions Club is currently taking orders for the Annual Rose Day Event on Saturday, April 4. This is one of the club’s main fund raising events of the year. Please contact a Lion member if interested in ordering one dozen roses for an April 4 delivery.

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named a Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient for his strong community service.

In talking with Cecil, he reminisced about the early years of the club. Meetings were held at the Farm Bureau building and later moved to the old Lutheran Church.

Today the meetings are held at the Amboy Community Center on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Additional service pins were also awarded that night to the following members: 10 year membership- Edie Pfeiffer; 15 year membership- Brad Goy, Ed Lilja, Buddy Morrissey,

and Craig Walter; 20 year membership- Larry Eisenberg, Joel Hochstatter and 25 year membership- Carl Grossman.

In other news, the Lions are currently taking orders for the Annual Rose Day Event on Saturday, April 4. This is one of the club’s main fund raising events of the year. Please contact a Lion member if interested in ordering one dozen roses for an April 4 delivery.

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# Amboy schools adopt e-Learning days as alternative to ‘snow days’

BY BONNIE MORRIS  
Editor

AMBOY – Illinois schools now have a new option for making up lost time when snow days start to pile up. Reporting at the Feb. 19 Amboy Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Joshua Nichols said schools can now have a plan for e-Learning Days, which can be used in lieu of emergency or “snow” days. This will allow the day to be counted as a day of student attendance.

This new program was piloted by several school districts around the state as a direct result of last year when many schools, including Amboy, had to close due to

weather far more often than usual. “We missed eight days but some schools missed 16-17,” Nichols noted. “That pushed school well into the summer or having to miss spring break. This will be another option.”

An e-Learning Day can be used one of two ways, either on the actual day school is closed or scheduled for another day in the future. “Maybe take a day during spring break and say that’s an e-Learning day to make up for the day that was missed. Staff would have time to prepare and send stuff home,” Nichols explained. “On the e-Learning Day, teachers would be available via e-mail from 9 a.m. to 2

p.m. for questions, and all materials would be online.”

The electronic delivery would apply to students in middle and high school, while elementary students would have work that was paper-based because they do not take their devices home. “If a student does not have internet at home, they would have two days after returning to school to make up that work,” Nichols noted. “We will still have five emergency days built in at the end of the year, but this would give us an option if we chose to take it.”

Nichols also pointed out that the state requires the e-Learning Day to be a meaningful instruction day, which

is one reason he favors the idea of scheduling the day later in the semester. “Last year in another district, one assignment was to go out and make a snow angel and send in a picture of it,” he said. “For some reason, the state had issues with that so there has to be a meaningful component. We would know ahead of time and be able to plan.”

Schools will be able to use their five emergency days first, if they choose, or opt to use an e-Learning Day. “We would make that decision at the time - it gives us flexibility,” Nichols said.

Now that the plan has been approved by the school

board, it will remain in effect for three years.

## PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS

Amboy High School Principal Janet Crownhart congratulated February Student of the Month Rachel Ackert.

Curriculum and School Improvement

• On Feb. 2, all district staff attended a SIP day presentation on mindfulness by Karla Buser. Then teachers met as K-12 departments to work on vertical alignment.

• On Jan. 24, the Continuous School Improvement Team heard a presentation given at Sauk by the Regional Office of Education explaining the next steps in Amboy’s school improvement project.

On Feb. 10, the team met at AHS to work on those steps.

• The Leadership Team met on Jan. 29 to discuss the change to a 7-period day next year. They met again on Feb. 12 to discuss a Career Fair to be held at AHS on March 2. Crownhart said about 40 people from the surrounding community will speak about various careers in the area.

• On Feb. 10 during resource, students watched a short video on how to communicate difficult emotions and then discussed ways to use that information in their everyday lives.

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# Amboy looks to switch to 8-Man Football

BY BONNIE MORRIS  
Editor

AMBOY – Should Amboy High School switch to 8-man football? That was the topic of an informative presentation held during the Feb. 19 Amboy School Board meeting.

What is 8-man football?

AHS Athletic Director George Schwamberger said 8-man is not really much different than 11-man football. “With 8-man, you take off two tackles and one receiver/running back and the field is a little narrower,” he explained.

Schwamberger also invited Polo High School Athletic Director Ted Alston to attend the meeting to present his school’s recent experience switching to 8-man football and to answer questions. Alston agreed that the differences are minor. “There

are about five rules that are different, everything else is identical,” he said. “The average person wouldn’t even notice anything.”

Why switch?

Schwamberger said the reason for considering 8-man football is the shrinking number of players coming out for the team. Ideally, he would want teams of 25 freshman/sophomore players and 25 varsity players to be competitive. “Both could have a full schedule and that would be great,” he explained. “This year, we had a total of 30 to start [both teams combined], and we ended with about 27. Total.”

When freshmen come in, Schwamberger said they want to know if there will be a frosh/soph schedule, which is understandable. “Having a freshman scrimmage and

play in varsity games, that doesn’t work,” he told the board. “I coached football a long time, loved the way it’s always been but now because of numbers, last year we couldn’t do a frosh/soph schedule. It’s not fair to the freshmen and sophomores. They have to come in and practice with varsity all week and even have to play in varsity games. Physically, freshmen and sophomores are not ready to play varsity ball. That’s what we had to do this year because of numbers.”

Looking ahead a couple years, Schwamberger estimated the number of potential players who might come out for football is anywhere between 35 and 29. “If you have to play sophomores and freshman in varsity games, you’re not going to be successful,” he emphasized. “So,

we’ve been discussing 8-man football on and off for a year or two.”

What Polo did

Alston, whose first coaching/teaching job was in Amboy working with Schwamberger, went on to be a head football coach for 16 years, at Polo for 11, before becoming athletic director. “Football is extremely important to me and it was extremely important growing up,” he noted.

Alston admitted that when Polo made the decision to switch to 8-man, it was very difficult and challenging. After the 2017 football season, they were in the same situation Amboy is facing. Their numbers were down so they were looking at the possibility of either changing to 8-man or doing a coop. When Alston started coaching in 1999, he recalled having 65 students

come out for football. By 2017, Polo was having 20-some players in their whole program. “The big thing was, we put freshmen on the varsity squad and I did not feel comfortable doing that,” he said. “I was dead set against it, and our coach and principal were very nervous. We knew we had to do something.”

The first step in the process was to survey their football players and ask their opinion of a coop versus 8-man. “Overwhelmingly, they wanted to play 8-man rather than coop,” he said. “They just wanted to keep their own identity as Polo.”

In doing research, Alston said they learned that 8-man football had been played in Iowa for a long time and has now become huge there.

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# Lee County officials to demonstrate latest aerial imagery technology at informational meeting March 12

LEE COUNTY – Lee County officials are tasked with staying on top of property changes that occur, such as new construction, modifications, and demolitions. Limited county resources coupled with hard-to-access properties can make this a time-consuming, nearly impossible task.

To maximize limited staff resources, Lee County recently contracted with a nation-wide aerial imagery company to provide high quality color

aerial imagery along with change detection software. Change detection software compares historical aerial imagery with current imagery, accurately and efficiently identifying property changes that have occurred.

This technology has highlighted a number of properties that are not in compliance with the county zoning ordinances – which could impact the ability to sell or insure property. You are invited to attend this infor-

mational meeting to see a demonstration of the technology, learn how to bring non-compliant properties into compliance, and to hear about “best practices” to ensure your property will be in compliance with zoning and building ordinances.

The public is invited to attend an informational meeting at 6 p.m., on Thursday, March 12, at the Lee County Farm Bureau, 37 S. East Ave., Amboy, to see a demonstra-

tion of the technology, learn how to bring non-compliant properties into compliance, and to hear about “best practices” to ensure your property will be in compliance with zoning and building ordinances.

The program is free, however advanced registration is required. Please contact the Lee County Farm Bureau, 815-857-3531 or leecfb@comcast.net by March 6 if you plan to attend.



# LOCAL NEWS

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Plans are also underway for the annual Cliff Walter Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 11. Another upcoming event

in the planning stage will be the 2nd Amboy Lions Community Health Fair to be held on Oct. 10 at the Amboy Community Center. If you

are interested in offering input or want to be part of the committee, contact Jim Travi. You do not need to be a Lions Club member to help

with organizing the health fair event.

The Amboy Lions Club Scholarship applications are available at Amboy High School. Any interested AHS Senior should see the guid-

ance counselor to pick up an application. All applications must be turned into Counselor Rob Wissinger by Friday, April 3 at 3:30 p.m. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.

If you are interested in learning more about the club or becoming an Amboy Lion, contact membership coordinator Lion Jim Travi or visit us on Facebook or check the web site.



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## Lee County Sheriff issues appeal to citizens in fight against crime

**LEE COUNTY** — Responding to the increasing number of people wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Lee County Sheriff John Simonton today announced that county citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association.

Membership appeals go out in the mail shortly. Individuals choosing to join the voluntary program can do so for as little as \$20, while businesses memberships begin at \$50. The funding provides critically important technical resources, training, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues.

Contributions are tax-deductible, and unlike other organizations in our state, the Membership Program does not solicit membership by telephone.

"With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the membership drive has taken on greater importance than ever before," said Sheriff Simonton. "The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live,

work and play."

The Program is committed to its "No Telemarketing" policy and only sends invitations to citizens to become members by mail. Individuals that do not receive a membership appeal and would like more information can visit online at [www.ilsheriff.org](http://www.ilsheriff.org) or may call or write to: Illinois Sheriffs' Association; 401 E Washington Suite 1000; Springfield, Illinois 62701 Phone: 217-753-2372. Residents can also become members of the program by contacting the Sheriff's office.

The membership program was formed to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to help local law enforcement officers protect the lives and property of citizens.

"As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance," said Sheriff Simonton. "I encourage everyone receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member."

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## St. Mary of the Assumption Church West Brooklyn

## Stations of the Cross and Fish Boil

**Friday, March 6**

Confessions: 4:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross: 5:00 p.m.

Holy Mass: 5:30 p.m.

**4:30-7:30 p.m.**

## Fish Boil in the Hall

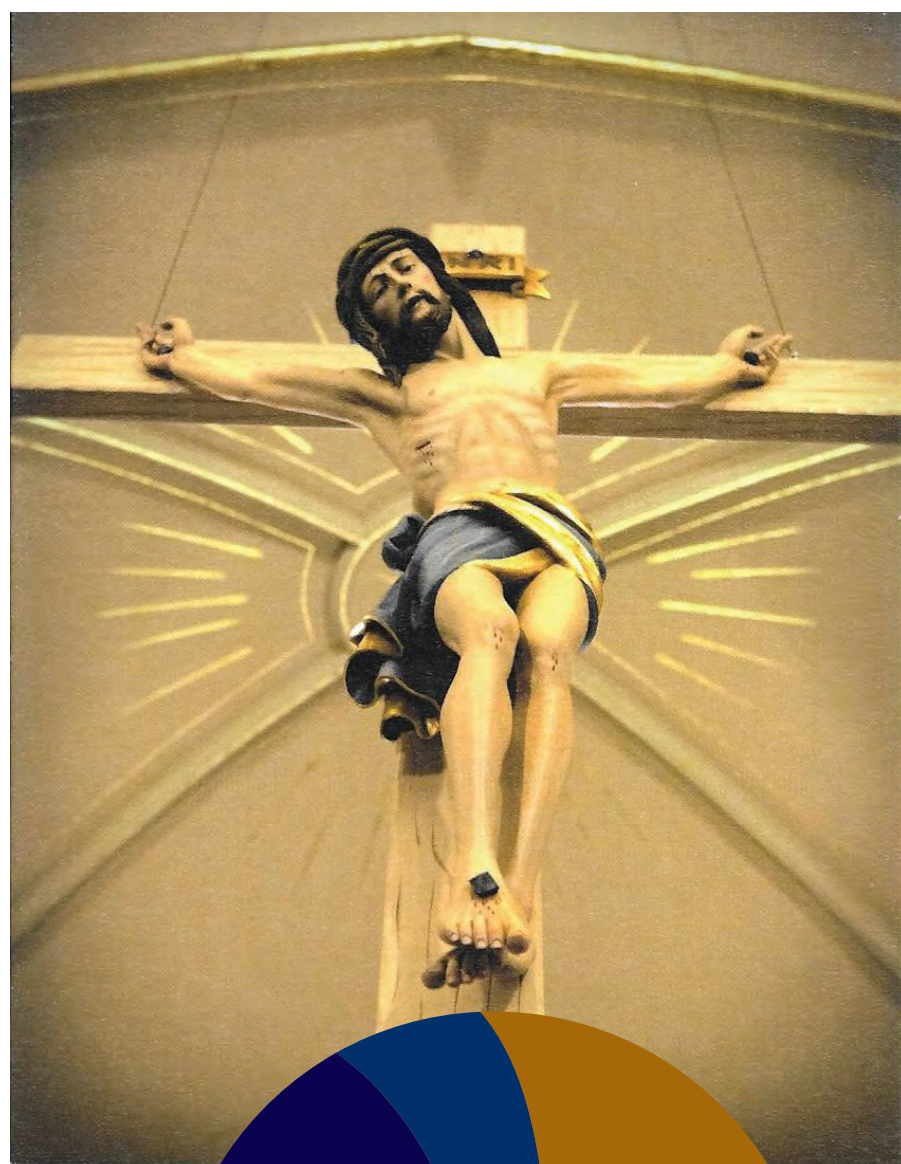
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## LOCAL NEWS

## TEEN TURF

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Our annual Fish Fry will be held March 20, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. It will be held at the Teen Turf building. We will be serving Fish, French Fries, Salad Bar and Coleslaw, Desserts and Beverages. Adults are \$9 and Children 10 years or younger are \$5. This benefits our after school program as well as our summer program.

## WISH LIST &amp; THANK YOU'S

We are looking for a basketball. You can drop a box off at Teen Turf. We would like to thank Donna Wellman for her treats and her monetary donation for the Valentine's Dance. We would like to also thank Terry and Nancy Leffleman for their monetary donation for a future fun day. Another big thank you goes to Carolyn Leake who also provided us with a monetary donation, which has yet to be determined how spent. Thank you to Ella Grimm who gave us a food donation.

## BOARD MEMBERS

Deb Albee, Kim Watley, Cindy Phelps, Mark Grossman, Scott and Janine Huffman, Pam Thomas, Kaylee Jones, Shelli Bump, Barb Harrison and Trese McNinch

## CHAIR AEROBICS

A great group gets together at 10 a.m., every Tuesday and Thursday morning. The goal is to keep moving and healthy. There is no charge but a donation box is set out and the money goes toward the utility bills. The philosophy is pay or pray. If you can't afford to put some money in the box just say a prayer. Prayers are what have kept Teen Turf going all these years.

## TAX FREE DONATIONS

There is an account set up at First Federal Savings and Loan, First National Bank of Amboy, and Pioneer State Bank (former Farmers State Bank of Sublette) if you would like to donate to our programs. All donations are tax deductible as we are a 501(c)3. Teen Turf has been in existence for over 20 years. Since we do not receive any state or federal money we survive on the generosity of the community. United Way has been a huge supporter for 15 years. If you are able to help us out please send your donations to Teen Turf P. O. Box 321 Amboy, Illinois 61310.

## RECYCLED CANS

Yes, we are still recycling cans. Just put your bags behind the fence on the red trailer. The white wire rack is for plastic and paper recycle items. Be sure that all the RECYCLE materials are tied and secured in bags or boxes. It helps our environment and our van upkeep. If you have cans that need to be picked up just call 815-857-4800.

Please do not drop off TV's - We cannot recycle them

## LOST &amp; FOUND

Please call 815-857-4800 if you are missing any of the many coats, hats, and gloves that have been left at Teen Turf.

## SVCC to offer brewery trip April 4

**DIXON** — Enjoy a relaxing trip to Hairy Cow Brewing Company and New Glarus Brewing Company on Saturday, April 4. Hairy Cow Brewing Company is located in Byron on the banks of the beautiful Rock River and has world class craft beer, signature mixed drinks, and gourmet brick oven pizza.

The New Glarus Brewing Company is located in the quaint town of New Glarus, Wis. New Glarus has a strong Swiss heritage and many unique businesses including a fine array of restaurants, many with authentic Swiss cuisine.

Bus will arrive at Hairy Cow Brewing at 11 a.m. to enjoy lunch and drinks on your own. Participants will then head to New Glarus Brewing Company for an optional public tour and tasting. The tasting is included in the cost of the trip. The tasting includes three samples of World Class Beer and a commemorative New Glarus tasting glass. Participants will be dropped off in town to explore, shop, and eat on their own.

Tickets are \$49 per person. Trip includes transportation, driver tip, New Glarus Brewing Company tasting, and bus snacks. Food and drinks will be on your own.

Trip is limited to 29 participants, ages 21 and up.

Bus departs SVCC North Parking lot promptly at 10:15 a.m. arriving at Hairy Cow Brewery at 11 a.m. Bus departs Hairy Cow Brewery at 12:45 p.m. to go to New Glarus Brewing Company. Bus departs New Glarus Brewing Company at 3:30 p.m. for the town of New Glarus. The bus will depart New Glarus at 6:30 p.m. and will arrive back at SVCC at approximately 8 p.m.

For more information, call Brenda Helms at 815-835-6212, or visit svcc.edu/trips.

## Annual Chinese auction planned April 14

**DIXON** — Dixon Lioness Lions Club's Annual Chinese Auction and Beef Stroganoff Dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 14, at the Loveland Community House, 513 W. Second Street, Dixon. Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., with the Auction beginning at 7 p.m. Meal Tickets are \$7 each and auction tickets are 5 for \$1 or 30 for \$45.

If you have any question please contact Ginny Stadel at 815-288-3072.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**DIXON**—The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics by appointment only, Feb. 26 and 27. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment or to find out about other services offered, like Flu and other Adult Vaccines, free radon test kits, the application process for medical cannabis, Glucose and Cholesterol screenings, tick kits, or mammogram and Pap test programs.

**STERLING**—The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Sterling High School, 1608 4th Ave. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate.

**STERLING**—The U of I Extension Educator Karla Belzer will lead the Wits Fitness Workshop from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27, at Sterling Public Library. Call 815-632-3611 for more information. Register online at [go.illinois.edu/witsfitness](http://go.illinois.edu/witsfitness).

**DIXON**—The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Illinois Department of Transportation, 819 Depot. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate.

**SUBLETTE**—Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 202 S. Locust, will have Lenten Observances on Friday, Feb. 28: 4:30 p.m. Confessions, 5 p.m. Stations of the Cross and 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

**AMBOY**—The Central School Pancake Breakfast will be held from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, at the school, 30 E. Provost.

**AMBOY**—The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 2, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**AMBOY**—The Amboy Civic Organization will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, at Maria's. Guests are welcome.

**PAWPAW**—The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, at the Paw Paw Elementary School, 511 Chapman. Call 800-733-2767 or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate.

**DIXON**—The U of I Extension will host Illinois Cattle Feeders Day from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Friday, March 6, at Sauk Valley Community College, 173 IL RT 2. Call Mary Nelson at 815-632-3611 or register online at [go.illinois.edu/CattleFeeders](http://go.illinois.edu/CattleFeeders).

**WEST BROOKLYN**—St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 2520 Johnson St., will have Lenten Observances on Friday, March 6: 4:30 p.m. Confessions, 5 p.m. Stations of the Cross and 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information. A Fish Boil will also be held in the Hall from 4:30 to 7 p.m. The public is invited. See ad on A2 of this paper.

**DIXON**—The U of I Extension will host Childcare University for childcare providers from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, at Sauk Valley Community College, 173 IL RT 2. Register online at [go.illinois.edu/ChildCareU](http://go.illinois.edu/ChildCareU).

**POLO**—The 35th Annual Polo Farm Toy Show will be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, at Polo High School, 100 Union Ave. For dealer information, call Irene Short 815-946-3730.

**ROCK FALLS**—The Sterling-Rock Falls Amateur Radio Society will host the 60th Annual Hamfest 2020 at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 8, at the Rock Falls Community Building, 601 W. 10th St. Visit our website at [www.w9mep.com](http://www.w9mep.com) for information and registration.

**STERLING**—T\*I\*M\*E\* (Together in Memories) Grief

## Amboy Police

## Lee County warrants

On Feb. 18, at 4:03 p.m., Sarah R. Zorcica, 41, of Amboy, was arrested on two Lee County warrants for failure to appear aggravated assault and failure to appear DUI/operating uninsured motor vehicle. She was taken to the Lee County Jail.



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Support Group will meet from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9, at Rock River Hospice & Home, 2706 Avenue E. Feel free to bring your lunch with you. Call 815-625-3858 for more information about the group.

**AMBOY**—The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 9, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**SUBLETTE**—The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 9, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

**SUBLETTE**—The Sublette Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, at the Sublette Township Building.



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# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

## OBITUARIES

### George J. Lape

**Nov. 22, 1951 - Feb. 20, 2020**

**DIXON** — George J. Lape, 68, of Dixon, died Thursday Feb. 20, 2020 at OSF St Anthony Medical Center in Rockford. He was born Nov. 22, 1951 in Bufalo, N.Y., the son of Robert B. and Olive F. (Karlson) Lape Sr.

George was a LaSalle County Sheriff's Deputy and then worked at Rochelle Foods prior to his retirement. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps serving from 1971 to 1974.

He married Linda Bryant July 9, 1970 in Marion, Ky. She preceded him in death Dec. 15, 2004.

George is survived by his daughters, Jennifer (Kevin)

Anderson, of Amboy, Heather (Jake) Hilton, of Durand; grandchildren, Jeffery and Justin Walls, and Brody and Aurora Hilton; two sisters, Tina (Paul) Fitzgerald, of Mendota, Nellie (Harold) Collier, of Lisle; three brothers, Bob Lape of Tecumseh, Mich., Rich Lape, of Aurora, and Karl Lape, of Lisle. He is also survived by his Life Partner Marilyn McElroy, of Dixon.

A celebration of life will be held from 1 – 5 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020 at the old NAPA building, 399 N Metcalf in Amboy.

Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.



Condolences may be sent online at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com).

## UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION

### Snappy Crafters 4-H Art Club in Amboy and Savanna

Do you like to challenge your creativity? During this 4-H Club, youth ages eight to 13 will have the chance to explore and expand their creativity. Each week, youth will be given a different art challenge to complete while using items from our robust inventory of art materials. Members will complete the club with six unique pieces of artwork to display at home or at the county 4-H Fair.

The Amboy club meets from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, March 12, 19, April 2, 9, 16 and 23 at the Lee County Extension Office in Amboy. Pre-registration is required and can be done at [go.illinois.edu/LeeArtChallenge](http://go.illinois.edu/LeeArtChallenge).

The Savanna club meets from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Mondays, March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 9 at the Savanna Public Library. Pre-registration is required and can be done at [go.illinois.edu/CarrollArtChallenge](http://go.illinois.edu/CarrollArtChallenge).

The cost of the club is \$10 for current 4-H'ers and \$30 for new 4-H'ers. We can't wait to see you! One may contact Kathy Book in Lee County at 815-857-3525 or Molly Sedig in Carroll County at 814-244-9444 for more information.

### 4-H'ers to compete in Public Speaking Contest

Carroll, Lee, and Whiteside County 4-H'ers will gather together on Saturday, April 4 to give public speeches at Bethel Reformed Church in Sterling. 4-H'ers have several different types of speeches to choose from, including, Formal Speech, Illustrated Speech, Original Works, or Oral Interpretation. 4-H'ers may work individually or as a 2-person team.

All 4-H'ers in Carroll, Lee, and Whiteside Counties can sign up to participate in the contest. They will need to preregister with their office. The public is welcome to attend and watch the competition at Bethel Reformed Church in Sterling on April 4 at 10 a.m. 4-H'ers chosen to advance to state will compete at the State Fair in August.

For more information on University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development programs, contact the Lee County Extension Office at 815-857-3525 or [kbook@illinois.edu](mailto:kbook@illinois.edu)

### Cooking and Booking Club available to local youth

Where can you try new foods, make lasagna, and toss water balloons? At Cooking and Booking of course. 4-H, KSB, Dixon YMCA, and Oliver's Corner Market invite youth to this year's Cooking and Booking

Club. Youth ages eight through 12, as of Sept. 1, 2019, will learn all about good nutrition, food safety, basic cooking skills, new foods, exercise, and sports.

The club meets on the second Thursday of each month from March 12 through Aug. 13 at 4:30 p.m. in the KSB Hospital Private Dining Room. Pre-registration is required and can be done at [go.illinois.edu/CookinBookin](http://go.illinois.edu/CookinBookin). The cost of the club is \$50. We can't wait to see you! One may contact Kathy Book at 815-857-3525 for more information.

### Lee County 4-H Project Pool: A Fun Morning for Everyone

University of Illinois Extension, Lee County is holding 4-H Project Pool for kids ages five to 18 on Saturday, March 14 at the Lee County Fair Grounds. The morning will start at 9 a.m. and end at noon. It is a short and educational and fun filled opportunity for kids in 4-H and out of 4-H. We are excited to have many different classes available including; arts, food decorating, food science, container gardening, dogs, soil science, mindfulness, cattle and more. Each participant will be able to choose three projects to learn about. Children between the ages of five and seven years old will get to do special projects just for them.

All youth are welcome to attend! Registration is \$15 per child. Pre-register at [go.illinois.edu/projectpool](http://go.illinois.edu/projectpool)

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### Rabbit Workshop for 4-H Youth

4-H youth with rabbits are encouraged to attend our 4-H Rabbit Workshop on April 18 and June 6. Those interested are able to sign up for one or both workshop days and are asked to bring their animal to the workshop for hands-on learning. Both workshop days will take place at the University of Illinois Extension office in Amboy.

On April 18, from 10-11:30 a.m., 4-H'ers will learn about different breeds of rabbits, grooming tips for those breeds, and will practice showmanship techniques.

On June 6, from 10-11:30 a.m., 4-H'ers will receive help selecting the correct fair entries for their rabbits, get help with ear tattooing, and will have time to practice judging the animals.

Pre-registration for the workshops is appreciated. Register online at [go.illinois.edu/LeeRabbit](http://go.illinois.edu/LeeRabbit)

One may contact Kathy Book at 815-857-3525 for more information.

## SUBLETTE NEWS

### 'SILO' TO BE SHOWN MARCH 1

The movie 'Silo' will be shown at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 1 at the Sublette Community Building, 103 S. John St. The event is free and open to the public. Free popcorn and refreshments will be provided.

Inspired by true events, 'Silo' follows a harrowing day in an American farm town. Disaster strikes when teenager Cody Rose is entrapped in a 50-foot tall grain bin. When the corn turns to quicksand, family, neighbors and first responders must put aside their differences to rescue Cody from drowning in the crop that has sustained their community for generations.

This Sublette event is sponsored Sublette Farmers

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### TOY SHOW DINNER TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets for the annual Sublette Toy Show Casual Dinner are available at Pioneer State Bank. The dinner will take place at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Hall.

Tickets are \$20 each, which includes dinner and entertainment.

### BOOK SIGNING AT TOY SHOW

Paul Wallem, author of the book, "The Breakup-What Really Happened," will be signing books at the Sublette Farm Toy Show. The book delves into the causes of the

dissolution of the International Harvester Company.

How did one of the biggest selling brands in history go under? Wallem spent 13 years as an IHC executive and another 17 years owning two International Harvester dealerships. He spent two years interviewing dealers, farmers, restorers and collectors as well as former IH executives involved in the merger of IH with Case Company.

Anyone interested in International Harvester or even interested in farming in general will want to read this book. Wallem will be signing books in the Sublette Elevator truck building on Saturday, March 14 during the toy show.

The forward for the book was written by Orion Samuelson.

## Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!

## Thank You Neighbor

This weekly feature recognizes small acts of kindness done for others. This week's nominee can pick up a rose from The Main Flower Shop. Send your nomination in a signed note to

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<b>First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center</b> <b>Pastor Jack M. Briggs</b> <b>1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center</b> <b><a href="http://www.LeeCenter-UCC.org">www.LeeCenter-UCC.org</a></b> <b>Phone 815-732-7032</b> Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.	<b>East Grove Union Church</b> <b>Pastor Richard Wulf, 815-440-5321</b> <b>449 Reuter Road, Amboy</b> <b>Phone 815-376-6661</b> 1/2 Mile East of Route 26 on Union Rd. Sun., 9:00 a.m. Morning Service Youth Church, ages 3-Grade 4 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Ages 3 - Adult 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Wed., 6:00 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study First Sunday night of each month, 6:00p.m. First Sunday Family Film Night Fourth Saturday of each month, 6:00p.m. "Fun & Fellowship Game Night for the Whole Family!" Come as you are and join us on the journey!	<b>St. Mary's Church</b> <b>Rev. Randy Fronek</b> <b>West Brooklyn</b> Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m. Saturday - 5:30 p.m.	<b>Refuge Church</b> <b>Pastor John Kalebaugh</b> <b>Mendota Hills Campground • 642 Rt. 52</b> <b>Amboy, IL 61310 • 815-849-5930</b> 10 a.m. Sunday, potluck follows
<b>St. Flannen Church</b> <b>Rev. Timothy Draper</b> <b>213 S Second St., Harmon</b> <b>815-857-2670</b> Mass: Sunday, 7:30 am		<b>St. Patrick Church</b> <b>Rev. Randy Fronek - Maytown</b> Mass - Fri. 8 a.m., Sun, 8 a.m.	<b>Harmon United Methodist Church</b> <b>Pastor Leanne Keate</b> <b>202 N. Grove, Harmon</b> <b>Phone 359-7302</b> Worship - 8:30 a.m.

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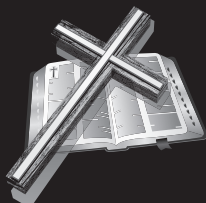
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# The Book Nook

By:  
Tatjana Kazan

## The Golden Age of Detective Fiction

I spent many an hour reading Dorothy L. Sayers and Ngaio Marsh mysteries when I was young. In recent years, there has been a major revival of the Golden Age of Detective Fiction and most of the novels are back in print, including, to my delight, Sayers's first mystery, "Whose Body?"

When Dorothy L. Sayers graduated from Oxford University with honors in 1915 (not until 1920 did Oxford allow women to officially matriculate), she could either teach or get married. Neither appealed to her. She worked as a copywriter, but that was "a kind of nightmare" of financial instability. When she came down with mumps, she passed the time reading pulp detective novels, and decided to try her hand at writing her own novel.

"Whose Body?" was published in 1923. It introduced Lord Peter Wimsey, a stylish, scholarly aristocrat who developed over the course of fourteen novels into a psychologically complex character. The Lord Peter Wimsey mysteries became wildly popular in a time when mysteries were the mass entertainment of the day. The 1920's and 30's became known as the Golden Age of Detective Fiction, and Sayers, Agatha Christie, Ngaio Marsh, and Margery Allingham were its Crime Queens.

Unlike a thriller, the focus of detective fiction is solving a jigsaw puzzle. "Make no mistake about it," Sayers wrote, "the detective-story is part of the literature of escape, and not of expression." For us, one of the pleasures is delving into a vanished world, where manners, language, and scenes have an authenticity that cannot be replicated in glossy Masterpiece productions. As when Lord Peter's manservant Bunter begins a letter with "I write" and Lord Peter thinks "Mr. Bunter had been carefully educated and knew that nothing is more vulgar than a careful avoidance of beginning a letter with the first person singular."


Sayers' description of the characters is breezy and witty - "Mr. Alfred Thipps was a small, nervous man, whose flaxen hair was beginning to abandon the unequal struggle with destiny." The plot of "Whose Body?" revolves around the body of an older man with nothing on but a pair of pince-nez found inexplicably in Mr. Thipps's bathtub. The maid Gladys found the body: "I was shocked myself," said Mr. Thipps, "and it wouldn't be proper in a young woman not to be shocked under the circumstances." At the same time, a rich Jewish financier, Sir Reuben Levy, has disappeared. Are the two incidents connected? It is up to Lord Peter and his friend Peter Parker from Scotland Yard to solve. Parker is given to reading theology: "I don't think you ought to read so much theology," said Lord Peter. "It has a brutalizing influence." The execution and resolution of the crime is highly intricate and a worthy contribution to the Golden Age.

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## Phidian Art Club seeks entries for annual contest

**DIXON** — The Phidian Art Club of Dixon, has announced a call for artists to register for their annual Phidian Art Show. The 73rd Phidian Art Show opens on Tuesday, March 31, at the Loveland Community House's lower gallery, located at 513 W. Second Street, in Dixon. Local artists will vie for over \$3,500 in cash awards.

"The Phidian Art Show is eagerly anticipated by both artists and patrons," remarks Gloria Nusbaum, this year's committee chair. "Artists can pick up an entry form at The Next Picture Show art gallery or fill their form out during the

registration periods at the Loveland." Artists must live within 35 miles of Dixon and be 17 years of age or older. Only two-dimensional paintings or drawings, in any medium, will be accepted.

Artwork must be original, not produced under the direction of an instructor, no more than five years old, and never have been entered in a previous Phidian Show. Photography, crafts, sculptures, computer-generated art, or three-dimensional work is not eligible for this show. All work must be ready for hanging by wire, no larger than 48"

in width, or exceeding 25 pounds. Artwork will be received in the lower gallery of the Loveland Community House Thursday and Friday, March 26-27, from 2-6 p.m., and Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Artwork will remain on display in the Loveland Building through April 30.

The entry fee is \$15 for one artwork and \$25 for two artworks. There is a two-artwork limit.

For more information, guidelines and entry forms, please contact Gloria Nusbaum at 815-631-3560, or email her at [gloria.nusbaum@gmail.com](mailto:gloria.nusbaum@gmail.com).

## Educational Briefs

### St. Ambrose University Students on Fall Dean's List

**DAVENPORT, Iowa** — The following full-time students, who achieved a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale, have been named to the St. Ambrose University Dean's List for the fall term.

Founded in 1882 by the Diocese of Davenport, St. Ambrose is a private, coeducational, comprehensive university. Local students named to the Dean's List include:

**Amboy**  
Megan Grady, Kylie Highbarger, Hallie Nauman, Vivian O'Laughlin, Delaney Powers, Jaynee Prestegaard, Madeline Prestegaard

**Dixon**  
Kaitlyn Accardi, Andrew Ackman, Kaitlyn Binkley, Madeline Blackburn, Madalin Blumhoff, Victor Francque, Hallie Nelson, Kaylin Sarver, Paige Setchell

### Bickett named Student of the Month

**STERLING** — Bailey Bickett, of Amboy, recently named December Student of the Month for outstanding effort and performance at Whiteside Area Career Center in Sterling. She is the daughter of Marty and Denise Bickett.



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Cathy Myers, Lee County Clerk and Recorder would like to announce that beginning THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020, VOTE BY MAIL AND EARLY VOTING will be conducted in the Election Department of her office, first floor of the Old Lee County Courthouse, 112 E. Second St., Dixon.

**VOTE BY MAIL**~ signed applications will be accepted through Thursday, March 12, 2020 and is available for properly registered Lee County voters. Applications are available on the website or by contacting the Election Department of her office.

**EARLY VOTING**~ must be conducted in person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. and Saturday, March 14, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

PLEASE NOTE: Lee County Courthouse will be closed February 12, 2020 and February 17, 2020.

The votes cast during this time will not be counted until Election Day. Once a ballot has been cast it cannot be rescinded.

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# Opinion

## Society needs to focus on the underlying reason for violence

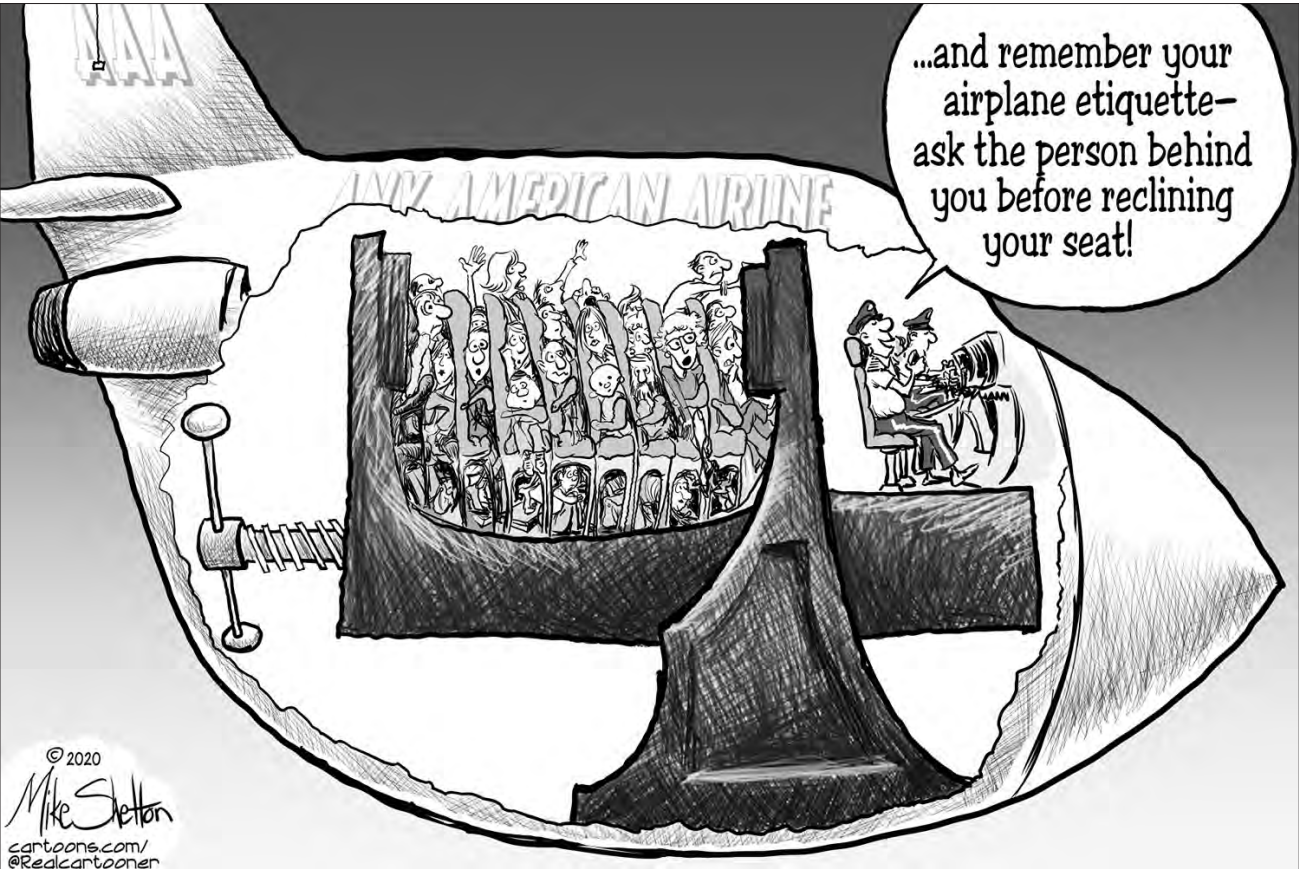
Last week, I stopped by a friend’s house, ate some pizza, talked about old times and he showed me his latest acquisitions to his gun collection. My buddy is a good guy, obeys the law and teaches gun safety. But folks like him – and every other lawful gun owner – are feeling the heat from the state of Illinois. Lawmakers are contemplating fingerprinting every legal gunowner in the state. Nothing divides Illinoisans more than issues involving gun-owner rights. Believe me, I’ve covered these political tussles in Springfield for more than 20 years. And frankly it’s an issue that I find tiresome to write about. Why? Because the debate always generates more heat than light. Eventually one side says the blood of children is on the other’s hands. And then the other claims their opponents want to tear up the Constitution. And it goes downhill from there. The one thing that folks on both sides of the gun debate can agree on is that criminals and seriously mentally ill people shouldn’t be packing heat. The different views on guns in Illinois are more often cultural and geographic than partisan. I grew up on a farm near Galesburg and hunted with my father and brother. It was a good time to talk and enjoy the outdoors and occasionally bring something home for supper. I was also taught to have a reverent respect for the lethality of guns and how to handle firearms in a courteous manner. But

**Guest Column**  
By Scott Reeder



I have friends who grew up in Chicago whose experiences with firearms were far different than mine. When I hear gunfire through my bedroom window, I wonder if rabbit or squirrel season has begun. They’d wonder if the Latin Kings or Black Disciples are at it again. As the parent of three young daughters, I can’t imagine what it’s like to live in a place where gun violence is a way of life. According to the Congressional Research Service, there are more than 300 million guns in the United States. Other estimates put the number of guns at more than 400 million. If that is the case, this nation has more guns than people. No matter what laws are passed, that is a number that is unlikely to get smaller anytime soon. In fact, every time a gun control measure is proposed, gun sales go up. Just so you know where I fit in this spectrum, I’m a passive gun owner. I find myself sitting in a deer blind once a year waiting to land that ever elusive buck. I’ve yet to harvest one. (My wife would say it probably has something to do with me having my nose in a book the whole time I’m supposed to be watching for deer.) Regardless, I’m one of the people who would be required by Senate Bill 1966, to be fingerprinted when applying for or renewing a Firearms Owners Identification. In fact, all gun owners are the targets of the legislation.

Illinois already has some of the most restrictive gun laws. Despite this, Chicago remains a quagmire of gun violence. In regards to the proposed law, I’m ambivalent. I spent more than \$100 bucks three years ago to be fingerprinted for a conceal carry license. So, my prints are already on file. But many people would find the prospect of spending a significant sum of money just to continue to legally keep a gun they have long owned to be burdensome. I suspect a unintended consequence of the legislation would be that many gun owners would decline to renew their FOID cards but still keep their guns. This would turn many otherwise law-abiding citizens into potential felons. For a law to be effective, it needs widespread compliance. For example, I don’t drink, but I can see the foolishness that was once prohibition. Gun ownership isn’t just a pervasive custom like alcohol consumption; the U.S. Supreme Court has affirmed that it is a constitutional right. That doesn’t mean restrictions can’t be put in place, but it does call for extra care on the part of legislators. Guns are just a tool that can bring security or despair. As a society, we need to focus on the underlying reasons for violence: mental illness, the lack of mentoring, particularly of boys and young men, and the need for swift, certain consequences for those who choose to do harm to others. *Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and freelance reporter. He can be reached by email at ScottReeder1965@gmail.com.*



## On This Day in History

### 100 Years Ago Feb. 27, 1920

There were sixty children and three ladies present at the “story hour” at Lincoln School last Saturday. It’s getting very popular to have “Chicken Dinners” at Berry’s Café on Sunday, Price 50 cents. The box social held at the Ford school last Friday night of which Mae Tiffany is teacher was a great success. There was a nice program, large crowd and boxes sold well, netting Miss Tiffany \$68.25. **75 Years Ago  
Feb. 22, 1945** Miss Vera May Knight youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Knight of Amboy became the bride of Paul W. Reibel, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Reibel of Savanna, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Amboy, at 11 o’clock Wednesday morning, Feb. 14. Mrs. Byron Treadwell left Monday for Topeka, Kan., for a few days visit

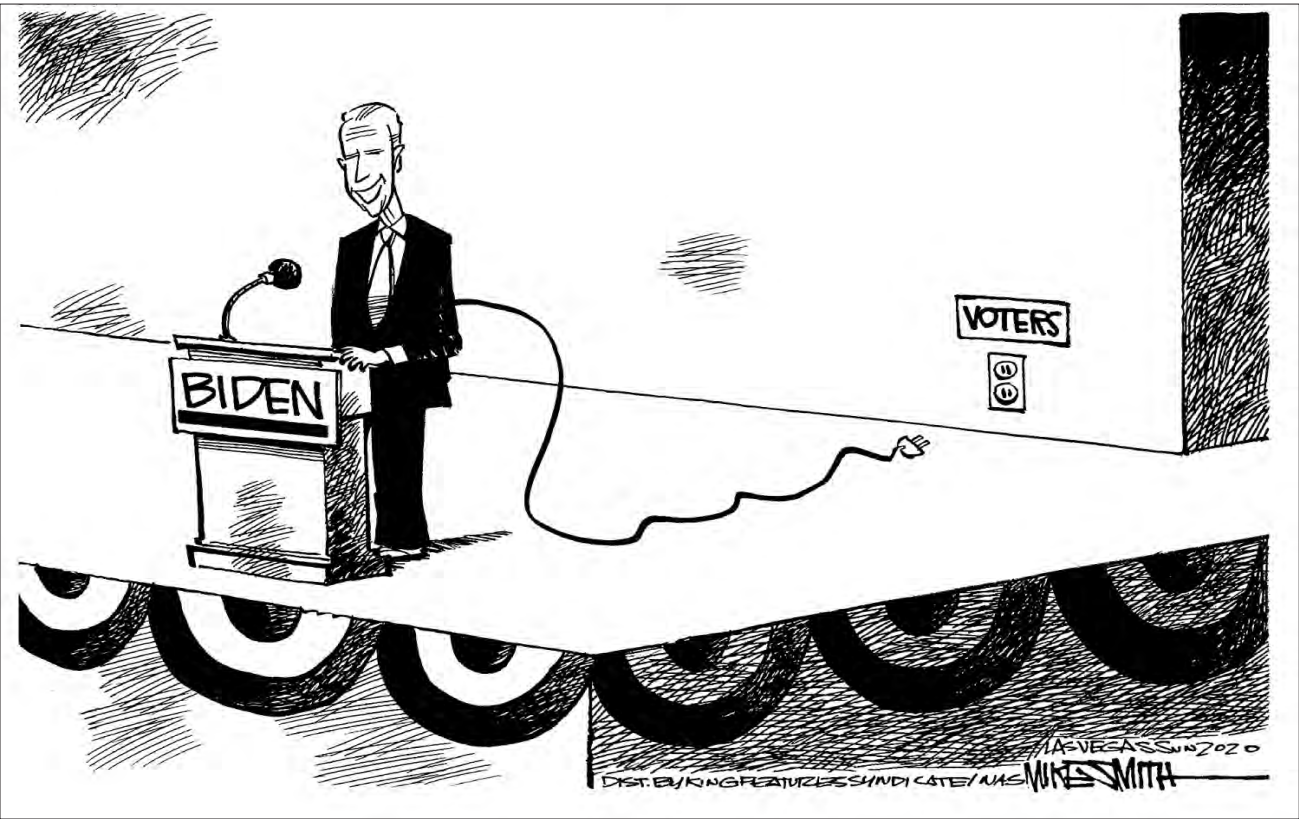
with her son, Cpl. Donald Frost. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hageman and family have moved from Sublette to the Longman cottage on West Main Street which they have purchased.

### 50 Years Ago Feb. 26, 1970

The Rev. Fr. John E. Reuland, pastor of St. Patrick’s Church in Amboy for the past 29 months, has been appointed pastor of St. Mary’s Church, Sycamore. The Rev. Fr. Robert P. Donovan, pastor of St. Mary’s Church, Tampico, has been appointed pastor of St Patrick’s Church, Amboy. Mrs. Delbert (Susan) Kessel of Rural Route 2, Amboy, was the winner of the \$25 cash prize given away Saturday afternoon at Eichler’s Semi-Annual Clearance Sale, which is still in progress. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Berkeley of Amboy were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Anna Becker and the Floyd Pry family.

### 25 Years Ago March 2, 1995

Playing one of the finest games in Amboy history before a standing room only crowd, the Clippers upset state-ranked Mendota 58-56 to win their first Regional crown in 11 years. The Clippers ignored Mendota’s ninth place ranking in the state and the experts who confidently predicted a repeat championship for the Trojans (21-6). More classrooms are needed at Central and the junior high to handle the projected enrollment of the next five years, according to a report made by Amboy Board of Education Monday. Losing 118 pounds would be a significant accomplishment for most people, but the “icing on the cake” for a rural Amboy woman is her appearance on a nationally syndicated talk show. “I felt like a queen for a day,” said Rosemary Durnil of her experience on the Jenny Jones show.



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# LOCAL NEWS

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An attendance incentive snack was given to 107 students.

- On Jan. 31, the Math Team met to start discussing new curriculum for 9-12th grades and on Feb. 4, the English Language Arts Team did the same.

### School Activities

- Eight freshmen and sophomore students attended Morrison Institute of Technology on Feb. 4 to learn what they offer and students also enjoyed playing with the robots there.

- On Feb. 6, Herff Jones was at AHS to talk about class rings. Students who are purchasing a class ring through them were able to do so on Feb. 21.

### Building Activities

- Jan. 27, Camfel Productions presented "Go Viral" to all students in grades 9-12. This three-screen video production showed students how quickly social media can be used for good or evil.

- Crownhart said the wrestling season has ended, and she was pleased to report that Scholastic Bowl is having a good season.

Principal Andrew Full, Amboy Junior High

### Curriculum and School Improvement

- The AJHS School Improvement Team met on Feb. 4 to discuss next year's schedule.

- On Feb. 5, the 5th/6th grade teams held their grade level meetings and on Feb. 12, the 7th/8th grade teams met for theirs.

### PBIS

- On Feb. 3, the monthly PBIS SIP Assem-

bly was held and the following awards were presented: Clipper P.R.I.D.E., Students of the Month, Faculty/Staff Recognition, and 2nd Quarter Honor Roll. A friendly competition was held between grade levels and teachers.

- Clipper P.R.I.D.E. Recipients include Lainey Davis, Lily Drew, Ethan Shephard, Myla Davis, Matthew Farrar, Lexi Moan, Ava Rhodenbaugh, Eriannah Wade, Hunter Rasmussen, Alexa McKendry, Brandon Garcia-Meirndorf, Lane Goff, Alyxandria Shepard, Hope Lauzon, Karagen Welch, Emma Dinges, Kennedy Johns, Madison Thomas, Jon Stacy, Alena Shaw, Cody Sus, and Natalie Pratt.

### Students of the Month

- 5th grade- Morgan Kreiser and Gage Mumm

- 6th grade- Molly Hassler and Wyatt Hoffman

- 7th grade- Tyrah Vaessen and Addison Pertell

- 8th grade- Sarah McCulloh-Ossey and Blerta Fekolli

P.E.- Liz Hurley and Tristan Salazar  
Faculty/Staff Recognition winners were Stacey Dinges and Belinda Lewis.

### School Activities

- Scholastic Bowl, coached by Ms. Vicks and Mr. Fassler, has started with 10 participants.

- Landon Whelchel won the all-school Spelling Bee held on Feb. 3. Emma Dinges was the runner-up. Landon represented AJHS at

the ROE 47 Spelling Bee in Dixon on Feb. 20.

- Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Full were duct taped to the wall during the SIP Assembly to help raise money for United Way. Natalie Pratt and Teen Turf organized the event.

Principal Joyce Schamberger, Central Elementary

### School Improvement

- The School Improvement Team planned to meet on Feb. 24 to continue working through the Indicators for Improvement.

- Curriculum meetings were held in the afternoon of the February SIP day. All subject areas were able to meet and plan.

### PBIS

- During the monthly SIP assembly, awards were handed out for Students of the Week. Students were reminded of the school's 21,000-point goal and also each month they reach their own goal, they earn tickets to Central's carnival in May.

- Book-It Reading goals for February will be celebrated on Feb. 28 by playing a Mickey Mouse activity and having a snack.

### School Activities

- Fourth grade won best attendance for January with 95.8 percent. They earned a snack sponsored by the P.T.C.

- On Feb. 21, FFA officers visited Central School and read books aloud to students.

- On Feb. 10, Central held Block Fest in the gym, which had five stations with different sizes and different types of blocks students could build with. Schamberger said about

27 students attended with their parents and had a lot of fun playing. The PE classes and preschool students also enjoyed playing with all the blocks during the week.

- On Feb. 12, Central held a Dental Clinic.

- Valentine's Day Parties were held on Feb. 14.

- The first of two preschool screenings was held on Feb. 6. The next one will be on April 16.

- The Central School PTC Breakfast is scheduled for March 1. Ticket sales are going on now.

### OTHER BUSINESS

- The first reading of the 2020-2021 school calendar was heard. Nichols said the calendar is very similar to this year's and is closely aligned with Whiteside.

- The board approved a building project bid from Anderson Lock Company to supply the doors, frames and hardware.

### PERSONNEL

Following closed session, the board accepted the resignation of Stacey Dinges as ELA curriculum coach and Language Arts teacher at Amboy Junior High School, effective at the conclusion of the 2019-20 school year.

They approved the employment of Billie Doering as part-time cook at Amboy High School, effective Jan. 27.

The next regular board meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 19 at Central School. All meetings are open to the public.

## FOOTBALL continued from page A1

It is also growing in Wisconsin and Michigan, and other states such as Nebraska and Colorado have had it for a long time. So, Polo decided to meet with the Illinois 8-Man Association (I8FA), which was started by a group of schools, many in Central Illinois, who also had a lack of numbers. In addition, Alston said they read newspaper articles from all over the country and watched videos to see if this was something they could possibly do. "When we decided it was a viable alternative, we showed the kids videos and it looked like football to them," he said.

The decision was made to change to 8-man for the 2019 varsity season, and to play all junior varsity games as 8-man in 2018. Alston said the kids had the easiest time adapting to the change. "They didn't care at all," he emphasized. "It was new and interesting and they were still tackling, still running, all those things. The field just had to change a little bit."

Another important component was the effort made by Polo's coaches. Alston said in 2018, the coaches attended conferences and clinics, mostly in Iowa. "If your coaches aren't willing to do some homework and learn the game, it won't work," he noted. "You have to have coaches with an open mind and who are willing to do this."

To help with the transition, Polo also invited a football coach from Iowa to come

and present to the coaches and administrators. After a four-hour presentation, Polo felt reassured. "We all felt this would be pretty easy because he told us you don't really change anything. That was probably the smartest thing we did," Alston said. "He really made us feel at ease about the transition. We were all 11-man football people and not feeling 100 percent great about this - it could be a disaster - so that helped tremendously."

### Unhappy fans

Some in the community were not so agreeable to the change, however, and Alston said some people are still against it. "Selling it to the community was probably the biggest issue," he admitted. "They will say 'this is stupid, you ruined football' and my response is, we're not doing this for you. We're doing this for these kids. And they're excited, so we're excited."

Once the fans started watching the games, Alston said most realized it really wasn't such a big deal. "It was a challenge to sell but we were just as open as we could be. We said if you want football, we have to do this."

In Polo's first season playing 8-man football, they ended their season with a 12-0 record and were the I8FA State Champs. Even more important to Alston has been the interest in football generated among students. "Our numbers got higher. We had about six kids go

out that wouldn't have but they wanted to try this," he noted. "For some reason, they were excited about it, it's something new and we noticed a different attitude among the kids. The last year of 11-man we ended the season with 23 on the roster and we started this season with over 30 and ended with 27."

Although there were some sleepless nights in the beginning, Alston feels it was a positive experience overall. "Football is an important sport for our community and your community," he said. "We really took a chance but we were doing this for the kids and they overwhelmingly supported it and wanted to do it and the numbers went up. For us, it's a no brainer."

### What's next?

There are currently 23 committed 8-man teams for the 2020 football season and as rural school enrollments keep declining, both Alston and Schamberger believe the conference is likely to continue growing. Eventually, Alston predicted that the IHSA would start taking over the I8FA. "We're OK with that," he said. "It was nice to not send a check to the IHSA but we want the IHSA as part of this."

Schamberger said he has talked to all of Amboy's high school players and none of them have said it's not football. "Everybody is excited almost to the point of wanting to

do it next year, but I have to tell the seniors no," he said.

If Amboy changes to 8-man, it will not be until the 2021 varsity season. The first step would be to let the NUIC Conference know what Amboy's intentions are by the April meeting and then let the I8FA know by January 2021.

"If we stay 11-man, we're stuck in the conference for three more years with that low number of players," Schamberger said. "We have good athletes, what we lack is big guys. On 11-man you need five big guys, on 8-man you only need three. When you don't have five, the good athletes end up getting hit a lot."

Amboy is fortunate, Schamberger noted, "When Polo first did it, they went to Iowa. We are lucky because we can go right to Polo. They have a whole year's worth of film and coaches we can talk to."

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

EUREKA SAVINGS BANK, a corporation organized and doing business existing under and by virtue of the Illinois Savings Bank Act, Plaintiff, vs. FLORA M. HOUSER, RONNIE L. HOUSER, and Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants.

No. 2020 CH 03

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

NOTICE is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS of the Complaint for Foreclosure filed in the above entitled case on January 28, 2020 and that they are named Defendants in the above entitled case, and that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said Court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendant is March 20, 2020, and that the following information applies to said foreclosure proceeding:

1. The name of the Plaintiff and the case number are identified above.
2. The Court in which said action is brought is identified above.
3. The name of the title holder of record is: Flora M. Houser.
4. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

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PIN: 19-22-16-201-006

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6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

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Name of mortgagee: EUREKA SAVINGS BANK

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Date of recording: May 11, 2010

County where recorded: LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Recording document identification: 2010002689

DENISE McCAF-FREY-EHRMANN, Clerk of the Circuit Court

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No. 0203

Feb. 19, 26, March 4, 2020

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No. 0205  
Feb. 26, 2020

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Approve the Town Budget

Approve the Road District Budget

Discuss and declare possible surplus and possible transfer of funds.

Consider and approve donations to local charities

Janice M. Bonnell  
Lee Center Township Clerk

No. 0206  
Feb. 26, 2020

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LEE CENTER ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

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Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 26, 2020 at 2202 Shaw Road, Amboy, Illinois 61310. And that final action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at the Lee Center Township Building located at 2202 Shaw Road, Amboy, Illinois 61310 Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Dated this 13th day of February 2020

Lee Center Township Clerk Janice Bonnell

No. 0207  
Feb. 26, 2020

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LEE CENTER TOWNSHIP BUDGET

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- **2018 JD 630FD 30' flex draper**, flip-over reel, single-point hookup, stubble lights, SN 1H0630FDCJ0800299
- **2015 JD 608C 8 row 30" corn head**, hyd. deck plates, (8) stalk stompers, RowSense sensors, height sensors, knife rolls, SN 1H00608CPFX775584
- **Unverferth AWS-30 30' head cart**, all-wheel steer, lights, 11L-15 tires, SN A58210155
- **EZ-Trail 680 21' head cart**, lights, SN 680E040415211425

## FARM EQUIPMENT

- **2015 JD 1775NT CCS 16 row 30" planter**, center fill, MaxEmerge 5 row units, hyd. drive, vacuum, pneumatic downforce, RowCommand electric clutches, floating row cleaners, drag chains, (1) spiked tooth closing wheel per row, markers, 1.6 bu. boxes, insecticide boxes, insecticide, 2 pt. hitch, SN 1A01775YCEM760240
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- **Brent 882 grain cart**, 20" corner auger, roll tarp, (2) cameras, 1000 PTO, 30.5L-32 tires, SN B25610310
- **(2) Brent 557 gravity wagons**, roll tarp, lights, brakes, 445 truck tires, fenders, SN B31470103/B31470104
- **JD 400 30' rotary hoe**, hyd. fold
- **Mayrath 10"x62' swing-away auger**, 540 PTO, hyd. swing, SN 934102
- **Westfield MK100-36 10"x36' swing-away truck auger**, SN 188355
- **Woods BB8400 7' 3-pt. rotary mower**, 540 PTO, front & rear chains, SN 1217778
- **ADS 2-box seed tender**, bumper hitch, tandem axle, Honda GX160 eng.
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- **Carry-On 6'x12' flatbed trailer**, folding ramp, wood floor, VIN 4YNM1301210HM007640
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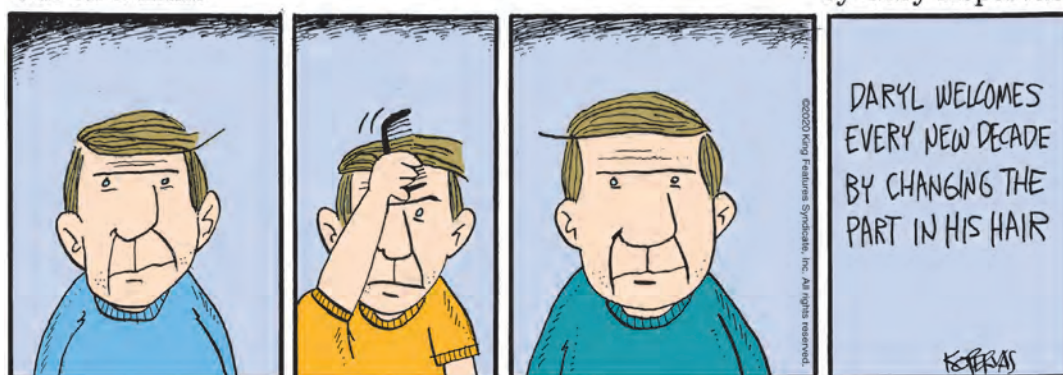
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by Dave T. Phipps



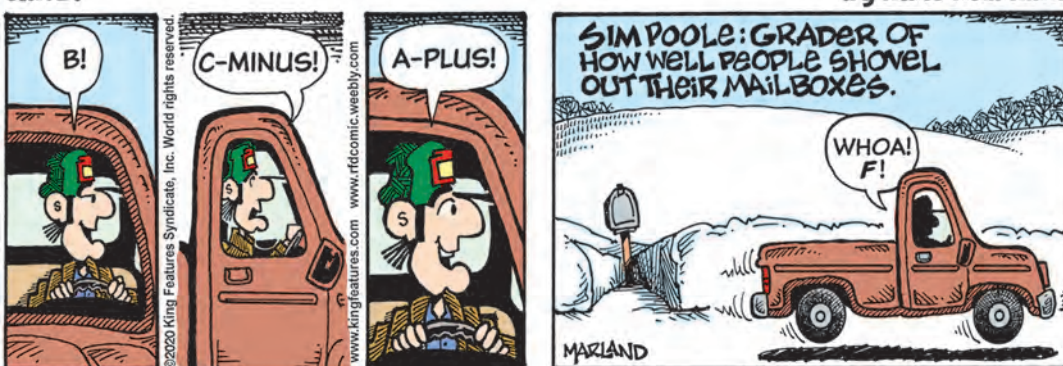
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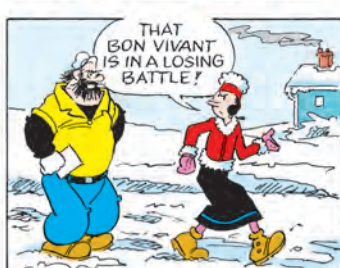
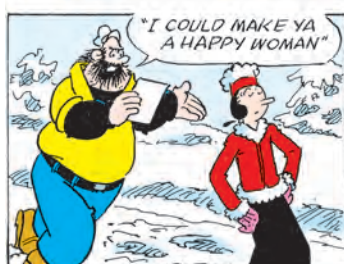
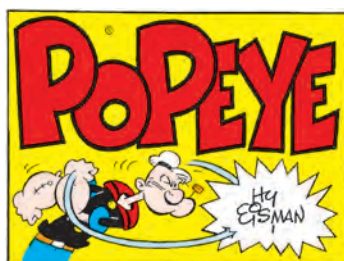
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TODAY'S WORD

## King Crossword

Posting Date February 24, 2020

### ACROSS

- 1 Tummy muscles, for short
- 4 Slapstick arsenal
- 8 Scallopini meat
- 12 Press for payment
- 13 Ireland
- 14 Not working
- 15 Classic Anne Murray song
- 17 Location
- 18 Charlotte's creation
- 19 Capitol VIP
- 21 Pamper
- 24 Gun the engine
- 25 Melody
- 26 Sprite
- 28 Thin smoky streaks
- 32 Messy sort
- 34 Cut the grass
- 36 Fit of peevishness
- 37 High-strung
- 39 Michael Jackson album
- 41 — budget
- 42 Affirmative action?
- 44 About to fall asleep
- 46 Old-style hairpiece
- 50 Curved line
- 51 Neighbor of Cambodia

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59				60					61	

- 5 Square root of IX
- 6 Blunders
- 7 Passover feast
- 8 Compared to
- 9 Tend texts
- 10 Choir member
- 11 Ogle
- 16 Marry
- 20 Fresh
- 21 Money
- 22 Unctuous
- 23 Shade provider
- 27 Watch chain
- 29 Mountain peak covers, often
- 30 Bowlers' target
- 31 Remain
- 33 Blessing
- 35 Bankroll
- 38 Ply oars
- 40 Talks Dixie-style
- 43 Mirror-ball venue
- 45 Sphere
- 46 Basis for a whodunit
- 47 Relaxation
- 48 Portrayal
- 49 Chew like a chipmunk
- 53 Tramcar contents
- 54 Shelter
- 55 Remiss

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		1	3				6
	7			2		3	
9				5	8	4	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

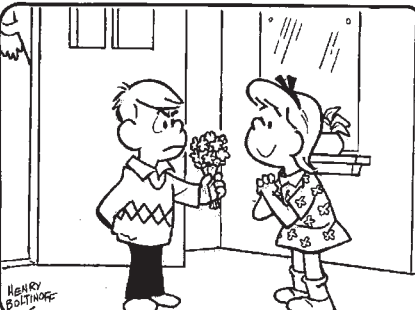
### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

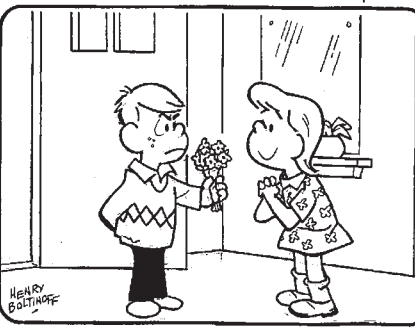
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bow is missing. 2. Plant is different. 3. Tree is missing. 4. Girl's shoe has changed. 5. Tree is missing. 6. Flowers are added.

## 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: O equals S

C VKIOO UDI TAYEF'O OILAPF-HIOU  
TYCUCPV CBGEIBIPU LAKEF HI LXEEIF  
UDI GIP KEUCBXUI.

## NANNY

Today's Word

- 1. Dynamic
- 2. Virtual
- 3. Linkage
- 4. Ignore

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. HISTORY: When was the United Nations organization formed?
- 2. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to reside in the White House?
- 3. ASTRONOMY: Which planet has the largest moon in our solar system?
- 4. TELEVISION: Which TV series featured a character named Walter White?
- 5. LITERATURE: Which character appears in three of William Shakespeare's plays?
- 6. MUSIC: What was the original name of the rock group Red Hot Chili Peppers?
- 7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of giraffes called?
- 8. SCIENCE: How many main body sections does an insect have?
- 9. MOVIES: Which famous 1960s movie features the theme song "Everybody's Talkin'?"
- 10. MYTHOLOGY: In Arthurian legend, what was Merlin's profession?

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## Trivia Test Answers

A	B	S	P	I	E	S	V	E	A	L
D	U	N	O	N	E	I	R	E	I	D
C	O	D	D	L	E	R	E	V	E	L
A	I	R	E	L	F	E	W	I	S	P
S	L	O	B	S	M	O	M	E	N	T
H	Y	P	E	R	B	A	D	N	O	A
S	M	O	N	O	N	O	N	O	N	O
P	E	R	I	G	A	R	C	H	I	N
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O	T	O	L	O	S	N	O	S	N	O
T	E	E	N	O	S	N	O	S	N	O

Solution time: 25 mins.

## Answers

### King Crossword

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

### Weekly SUDOKU

I guess the world's second-best writing implement could be called the pen ultimate.



# SPORTS

## Lady Clippers lose to Eastland in final seconds of Sectional title game

**PECATONICA** – It's always tough to beat a great team three times in a season. The Amboy Lady Clippers defeated last year's state runners-up in Class 1A, Lanark (Eastland), twice in the regular season.

But the one Amboy wanted the most was dashed in the waning seconds as fourth-ranked Eastland got a three-pointer in the final seconds to stun the second-ranked Lady Clippers, 59-58, in the championship game of the Pecatonica Class 1A Sectional before a packed house on Feb. 20. Eastland advanced to the supersectional with a 31-3 record.

The game went back and forth throughout and Amboy held a two-point lead with nine seconds to go in the contest, but Eastland all-state senior Lydia Coatney launched a 22-footer with five seconds to go that found the bottom of the net to end Amboy's incredible season. The Lady Clippers finished the campaign with a 31-2 record.

Mallory Powers led the Lady Clippers in scoring with 18 points, while she also had seven rebounds, six assists and three steals. Abi Payne provided 15 points, seven assists and three steals. Both of Amboy's guards were hounded by Eastland and had to deal with a lot of contact throughout the game. Olivia Dinges dropped in 11 points on four of six shooting and she hauled down eight boards.

Also for Amboy, Gabby Jones netted four points and grabbed four rebounds, while seniors Kyleigh Donna and Ashley Althaus chipped in with six and four points, respectively.

A big thank you goes out to seniors Donna and Althaus as they finished their high school careers.

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**Amboy Lady Clippers**

Front row, Eden Lindenmeyer, Olivia Miller, Ashley Althaus, Abi Payne, Gabby Jones, Brianna Blaine and Tori Daniels. Back row, Assistant Coach Shauna Dinges, Head Coach Mike McCracken, Hannah Blanton, Mallory Powers, Kyleigh Donna, Olivia Dinges, Haidyn Zimmerly, and F/S Coach Todd Hobbs. Not pictured is Assistant Coach Chris Payne.

Amboy opened the sectional that featured four teams with 25 to 30 wins apiece with a 47-33 triumph over Galena on Feb. 18.

It was a close game through three quarters before the Lady Clippers expanded their six-point margin and came away with the double-digit victory.

Jones led the attack with 14 points, while she also yanked down seven rebounds. Powers was next in

scoring with 11 points and she added four assists and four steals. Donna pumped in eight points and pulled off eight caroms, while Dinges had seven points, four rebounds and three assists, and Payne added seven tallies.

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Most people have heard of the book "Profiles in Courage" by John F. Kennedy. Amboy had its own version of that in this sectional. In the Galena game, Althaus was in

a bad collision that resulted in her face being smashed into the floor. The result was a cut chin and a chipped tooth. That didn't stop her from getting back into the game.

But that's not the end of the story. Althaus went to get her chin glued and found out that she had a broken jaw. The small good news was that

she wouldn't need surgery. So, Althaus decided that she would play in the championship game against Eastland.

The desire to play her regular hustling game was a tribute to her. Even though the Lady Clippers did not win the game, Althaus got through the game without hurting her jaw more.

The coaches would like to thank all the students for their great support.

Also, thanks to all the parents, relatives and all the other Amboy fans that helped make this season so special. A special thanks to Kirsten Donna for all she has done for girls' basketball the past four years.

## Clippers begin Polo Regionals

**POLO** – The Amboy Clippers will compete in the Polo Class 1A Boys' Regional Basketball Tournament to be held Feb. 24, 25, 26, 28.

The Clippers begin play on Tuesday, Feb. 25 when they take on Pecatonica. Tip time is at 6 p.m. An Amboy win would vault it into the semifinal-round where it would face off against the winner of the LaMoille vs. Ashton-Franklin Center game at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26.

The championship game is slated for Friday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.

The winner of the Polo Regional advances to the Hanover (River Ridge) Sectional where it will go up against the survivor of the Fulton Regional at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 3. The other sectional

participants will come from the Rockford (Christian Life) and Pearl City regionals.

**Polo Class 1A Regional**

Monday, Feb. 24

1 – (2) Dakota vs. (16) Leland – 6 p.m.

2 – (7) Polo vs. (10) Hinckley (H.-Big Rock) – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

3 – (3) Pecatonica vs. (12) Amboy – 6 p.m.

4 – (5) LaMoille [Coop] vs. (11) Ashton (A.-Franklin Center) – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

5 – Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2 – 6 p.m.

6 – Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 28

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



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### Boys Basketball

Brady Jones

### Girls Basketball

Lady Clippers Girls Basketball Team



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## CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU

March 2 – 6

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Warm breakfast choice on Wednesdays.

Monday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Early Dismissal-Pick & Pack Lunch-choice of sandwich, chip, fruit, juice box, milk & graham snack in a take home bag
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Clipper Bowl-popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, roll/butter, fresh cut veggies, raisins
Wednesday	- Pancakes & syrup or pick two from breakfast cart - Chicken soft taco, cheese, salad, salsa, tomato, onions, rice, jalapenos, beans, peaches
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Two bosco sticks, dipping sauce, broccoli, roll, fresh cut veggies, orange
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Breakfast for lunch-French toast sticks, syrup cup, tator tots, juice cup, cereal bar

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## JR HIGH MENU

March 2 – 6

Low-fat chocolate, strawberry or unflavored white milk served at each meal.  
Choice of breakfast items from cart with juice and fruit.  
Warm breakfast choice on Wednesdays.  
Lunch option each day of the featured item or salad bar or yogurt with whole grain crackers or peanut butter & jelly or Grab&Go smoothie.

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<div><div><div>Shurfine or Food Club Frozen Blend Vegetables</div><div>Assorted 16 oz</div></div><div><div><div>\$169</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$2.09 ea.</div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Shurfine Garlic Toast or Breadsticks</div><div>10-11.25 oz</div></div><div><div><div>\$169</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$2.09 ea.</div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Shurfine or Food Club Shredded Cheese</div><div>Assorted 8 oz</div></div><div><div><div>\$199</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$2.79 ea.</div></div><div></div></div>	
<div><div><div>Shurfine Chunk Lught Tuna</div><div>5 oz</div></div><div><div><div>69¢</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price 99¢ ea.</div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Shurfine Pasta</div><div>Assorted 12-16 oz</div></div><div><div><div>2/\$2</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$1.29 ea.</div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Sugardale Bacon</div><div>Assorted 16 oz</div></div><div><div><div>\$499</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$6.49 ea.</div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Kraft Macaroni and Cheese</div><div>5.5-7.3 oz</div></div><div><div><div>99¢</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$1.69 ea.</div></div><div></div></div>
<div><div><div>Hunt's Pasta Sauce</div><div>Assorted 24 oz</div></div><div><div><div>\$129</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$1.69 ea.</div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Kemp's Ice Cream</div><div>Assorted 128 oz</div></div><div><div><div>\$599</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$7.29 ea.</div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div><div>International Delight Iced Coffee</div><div>64 oz</div></div><div><div><div>\$299</div><div>ea.</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.</div></div><div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Pepsi Products</div><div>6 Pack Bottles</div></div><div><div><div>2/\$6</div></div><div>Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.</div></div><div></div></div>

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