

# Www.AmboyNews.com \$1.000 Historic Sublette home 'traces its roots'

BY BONNIE MORRIS

SUBLETTE - Old homes have many stories to tell. Anyone who has lived in a home that is over 100 years old has surely wondered what hidden tales their historic dwelling would share if it could talk. But in many cases, those stories have been partially or completely lost over time.

Such was the case for Bob and Betty Jones of Sublette. As a young couple, they were living in Franklin Grove when Bob was given the opportunity to manage the Shrock/ Tuloma/Standard Oil fertilizer plant in Sublette. Having grown up in Sublette, Bob was excited to return to his home town, but Betty had reservations about the move.

In Franklin Grove, they had lived in a newer, ranch style home right in town. Betty explained that she had a fear of living in the country and was concerned that her fear would be realized if they made the move to Sublette.

But Bob assured her that would not happen, promising that they would live in town.

"But there was only one house available at the time - a big Victorian with very little paint and a partial bell steeple, which made it look like a 'ghost house,'" Betty recalled.

The couple met with the realtor, Gerald Leffelman and the home's owners, Carol and Harold Bonnell, Jr. who gave them a very friendly welcome. As they entered the home for the first time. Betty remembered seeing a dining room with painted wainscoting, a kitchen with cabinets that went floor to ceiling with one big door, and what she called a hog trough sink (now called a farmer's sink).

As they went into the living quarters of the home, its appearance was more impressive. They saw ornately trimmed golden oak and cherry woodwork that had never been painted,

a beautiful golden oak and marble fireplace, and pocket doors between the rooms.

Betty still remembers Bob saying at the time, "I think we can work hard and make it into a beautiful home to raise our kids and make some beautiful memories."

Betty admitted there were a few tears shed, but the couple bought the home and moved in on Oct. 19, 1967. At the time, they were told that the home had originally been the Methodist Episcopal Church, the first Methodist church to be built in Sublette. Constructed in 1870, the church was completed in 1871. This was an interesting bit of history for the couple but questions remained. Given its current layout, they wondered how church services could have been held in that space.

As the years went by, Bob and Betty made some changes to the house, both inside and out. Most importantly, they were able to build many fond memories in the home.

Times with family and friends, the births of our five children and one angel in heaven, a tree fire, boys climbing to the top of the roof (unbeknownst to us until later in life), Barbies, and soldiers who protect the upstairs," Betty noted.

By 2019, it was again time to paint the exterior of the house but finding a painter proved somewhat difficult.

"In today's world, not many painters can be found who will take on the challenge of this unique Victorian house," Betty explained.

By chance, a nurse at Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota told the couple about a painter, Gary Mason of Rochelle, who did a great job painting a friend's home. They contacted Mason and when he came to give them a bid, Betty said he seemed as excited



The former Methodist Episcopal Church as it looks today.

Photo submitted

about painting the home as they were.

"We learned that Victorians are his favorite type of house to paint," Betty recalled. "Gary has a real talent for bringing out the details of a home and as he says, 'It is only paint.' But it is more than that; it is his heart and talent. He has a real feel for the home and cares how it looks, and he passes that passion on to his crew.'

But when Mason learned that the home was originally the Methodist Episcopal Church, he became just as interested and passionate about the history of the home as he was about choosing paint colors. As a historian and member of the Lee County Historical Society, Mason went searching for more information on the 148-year-old structure.

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Above, participants of the inagural Sublette Super Bowl Shuffle warmed up in the Ellice Dinges Center after the shuffle. Pictured, top right, participants walk laps at Sublette Centennial Park.

Photos submitted



# **Shuffle in Sublette**

SUBLETTE — Friends from all over came to Sublette Saturday afternoon for Sublette's 1st Super Bowl Shuffle. They all gathered at the starting line and with a camera shutter start, they took off for a mile walk/run around the Sublette Centennial park.

Two laps is all it took, and after the walkers/runners were finished they warmed up inside the Ellice Dinges School gym with hot dogs, hot chocolate, and popcorn.

If anybody was feeling brave enough to fight the wind, there was a roaring fire melting the snow on the t-ball diamond. Children and adults enjoyed a fun snowball fight

after warming up with the hot chocolate bar. The event was sponsored by HD Seeds and Sublette 365. All parties agreed that they would like to make this

# Social Security launches new campaign to fight scammers

**SPRINGFIELD** — The Social Security Administration launched a new Public Service Announcement (PSA) campaign to continue warning people about the ongoing nationwide telephone impersonation scheme. The PSAs feature a message from Social Security Commissioner Andrew Saul. Social Security and its Office of the Inspector General (OIG) continue to receive reports about fraudulent phone calls from people falsely claiming to be Social Security employees. The scammers mislead victims into making cash or gift card payments for help with purported identity theft, or to avoid arrest for bogus Social Security number problems.

"I want every American to know that if a suspicious caller states there is a problem with their Social Security number or account, they should hang up and never give the caller money or

personal information. People should then go online to oig.ssa.gov to report the scam call to Social Security,"

said Saul. People should also be on the lookout for a new version of this scam. Fraudsters are now emailing fake documents in attempts to get people to comply with their demands.

Victims have received emails with attached letters and reports that appear to be from Social Security or the OIG. The letters may use official letterhead and government jargon to convince victims they are legitimate; they may also contain misspellings and grammar mistakes.

The new PSA addressing the telephone impersonation scheme is available online at www.youtube. com/socialsecurity.

Social Security employees do occasionally contact people - generally

those who have ongoing business with the agency--by telephone for business purposes. However, Social Security employees will never threaten a person, or promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money. In those cases, the call is fraudulent, and

people should just hang up. Generally, the agency mainly calls people who have recently applied for a Social Security benefit, someone who is already receiving payments and requires an update to their record, or a person who has requested a phone call from the agency. If a person is not in one of these situations, they normally would not receive a call from the agency.

Social Security will not:

• Tell you that your Social Security number has been suspended.

· Contact you to demand an im-

mediate payment. · Ask you for credit or debit card

an annual tradition.

- numbers over the phone. • Require a specific means of debt repayment, like a prepaid debit card,
- a retail gift card, or cash. Demand that you pay a Social Security debt without the ability to
- appeal the amount you owe. Promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for

information or money. If there is a problem with a person's Social Security number or record, in most cases Social Security will mail

a letter. If a person needs to submit payments to Social Security, the agency will send a letter with instructions and payment options. People should never provide information or payment over the phone or Internet unless they are certain of who is receiving it.

# **AMBOY** \*MINUTE

Due to vacation, the Amboy News will be closed on Wednesday, Feb. 5 and Thursday, Feb. 6. We will reopen on Friday, Feb. 7 at 11 a.m.

#### **Obituaries**

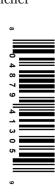
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#### **DONATION TO KREIDER**

Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 8277 recently donated \$1,000 to Kreider Services to help in supporting their programs. Pictured left, are Grand Knight Frank Lachat, Sr., left, and Secretary/Treasurer of Kreider Services Jeff Stauter. Amboy Knights of Columbus raised the money from donations during the annual Intellectual Disability Drive program.

Photo submitted

# Lee-Ogle-Whiteside **Spelling Bee set for** Feb. 20 in Dixon

**DIXON** — The Lee-Ogle-Whiteside Regional Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, Feb. 20, at 10 a.m. at Dixon High School. Sponsors are Sauk Valley Media, The First National Bank in Amboy, and Lee-Ogle-Whiteside Regional Office of Education. Thirty-eight Lee-Ogle-Whiteside elementary and middle

school students in grades fifth through eighth will compete for the regional championship. The winner receives an all-expense paid trip to National Harbor, Maryland to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee at the end of May.

Prizes include Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Webster's Third New International Dictionary, Amazon.com gift cards, 2019 United States Mint Proof Set, Encyclopedia Britannica online subscription, medals, and pins.

# LOCAL NEWS

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In his research, Mason was able to uncover some additional information and historical records that helped answer some of Bob and Betty's questions about their

Through that research, they learned that at the time of construction the interior had 20-foot ceilings and a large open space for placement of the pews. After the church was sold, it was reconstructed and made into a two-story residence with 10-foot ceilings.

"This gave us some answers we never had," Betty

When Mason was hired to paint their home, Betty said his vision was to give it a welcoming, warm and inviting feeling and she felt it was a job well done. But by taking the initiative to do some research, Mason also gave the couple an unexpected bonus

"Now our home has so much more meaning and we have an understanding of certain designs in our home - for that we will always be grateful," Betty said. "Our home has provided warmth, love and many memories over the years, and we are blessed to be part of the history."

#### More questions

Although Mason was able to answer some questions about the former Methodist Episcopal Church in Sublette, other questions remain unanswered.

The Methodist organization had been in Sublette Township for about 25 years meeting in various locations before they were finally able to build a church. So why did the church disband less than 10 years after the new building was dedicated?

Although the records Ma-

**United First Church of Amboy is** 

Sunday, Feb. 2, 2020.

son researched at the LCHS gave various details about the church and how it developed over the years, he found no answer to that question. In fact, the historical writings stated that, "The records of this group of Methodists are few and scattering and do not agree on date and places." A paraphrased version of

the historical records Mason found follows.

#### Written history

The first Methodist organization within the limits of Sublette Township was held at the house of Levi Camp at Knox Grove in about 1846. Early members included Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. John Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. Vertrees, Joseph, Mariam and Sarah Vertrees, Mrs. Levi Ellsworth, Mrs. Dr. Heath, Mrs. John Clink, Joseph Knox and his family. Mr. and Mrs. John Barnes,

Albert Linn and his wife, Skinner Pratt and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Wood. They were all living near Knox Grove and nearly all of them were the first members of the congregation. For quite a number of years, the church was supplied by circuit preachers with meetings held in private homes and at Knox Grove school. In those days, roads and

transportation were very bad so there were many classes held throughout the area. The classes were not held too regularly but they were a place where families could go to study the gospel. The classes also served another purpose. Many chil-

dren learned to read and write at such classes because there were no public schools. There were many different classes in the circuit - Knox Grove, LaMoille, Arlington, Mendota, Bellnafs, North Prairie East, North Prairie West, Winder, Elliotts and Ivanhoe. In August 1855, Knox Grove had 37 members. These groups worked to-

gether sharing expenses and preachers. The first church was built in LaMoille in 1852-53. The Mendota group was too small in the 1854-55 conference to erect a building and the community was too small to finance another church at that time. Both the Presbyterians and Baptists were trying to build churches at the time and a seminary building was to be built as

The last piece of history found concerning Knox Grove was from October 1855; the first record of the church being moved to Sublette was not until September 1857. At first, meetings were held at Sublette's new town hall, which was built in 1856. Rev. W.H. Smith was one of the first pastors at the hall. When the new school was built in Sublette in 1861, meetings were held at the school. In April 1863, the pastor

of the Baptist Church died so they had a church but no pastor; meanwhile, the Methodists had a pastor but no church. The two congregations agreed to begin meeting together at the Baptist Church with the Methodist minister, Rev. Lowe, preaching. Over time, the Methodist

church grew in numbers and in 1870, two lots were bought on the north side of Main Street (306 Main St.) in Sublette from Henry and Marianna Chapman for \$300. Construction of the church was started that summer and was completed in April 1871 at a cost of \$7,000.

The original structure had a center tower and bell. A wing on the west side had three rooms to use as classrooms and for socials. The main church was 26 feet from floor to ceiling and was furnished with circular pews that could seat up to 192. It was heated by a furnace in

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the basement. There was an ornamental gallery with two folding doors opening into the lecture room to accommodate part of the congregation if needed. The altar piece was made of black walnut, and the other interior woodwork was oak. The church had stained glass windows, a 75-foot spire and was lighted with kerosene lamps on the side walls. It was furnished with ingrain carpets, upholstered chairs, an Esty Organ and a clock on the wall.

The contractor was William Van Vliet of Mendota who was said to "show excellent taste in his workmanship, his gentlemanly manner and upright dealing.

On Sunday morning, April 16, 1871, the church bell announced the opening of the new church. Rev. N.H. Axtell of Mendota offered a prayer at the morning services and Rev. J.M. Read of Chicago read the scripture. Dedication services were held in the afternoon and the Sunday evening sermon was preached by Rev. Axtell.

### Unsolved mystery

No records have been found to know how large the membership was at the time the church was built or what happened to the congregation over the next decade. However, less than 10 years after the church was dedicated, the property was turned over to the Board of Extension of the Methodist Church of the State of Pennsylvania and the church disbanded. The building sat vacant for a few years before being sold to George Malach in the 1890s. The church's spire and bell were removed and the interior was remodeled to turn the church into a residence.

Unless additional information is unearthed some day, chances are the reasons behind the Methodists' decision to disband will always remain a secret.

#### Ownership

A list of the former and current owners provided by Betty Jones: •Tracey Reeve sold the

parcel of land to Henry C. Chapman (1856) for \$100. Henry C. Chapman and

Marianna Chapman sold to trustees of Methodist Episcopal Church (1870) for \$300.

•Trustees of Methodist Episcopal Church, Charles R. Millson, George Lewis, and L. Scharimonlorman, sold to J. George Malach (1893)

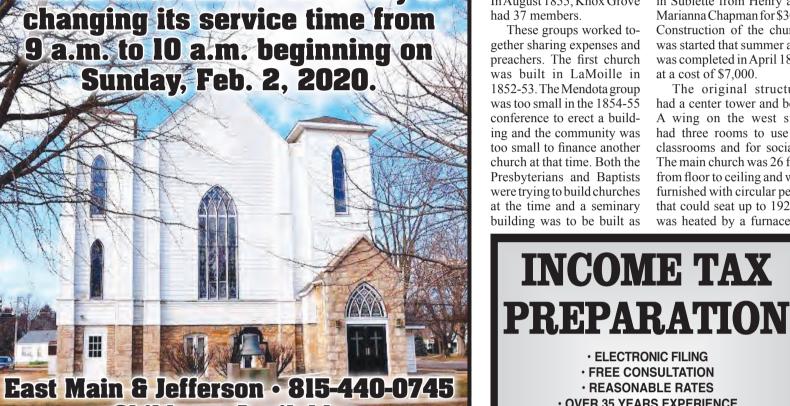
• J. George and Catherine Malach sold to Lizzetta Lauer (1899) for \$300.

 Lizzetta Lauer and Anton H. Lauer sold to Catharine Malach (1902) for \$3,400.

· Catherine Malach passed and to settle estate, property was sold at public auction to Naomi and Ed Jones (1961) for \$1,600.

· Ed and Naomi Jones sold to Harold E. Bonnell, Jr. and Carol Bonnell (1963). Carol and Harold Bon-

nell, Jr. sold to Robert and Betty Jones, present owners





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# LOCAL NEWS

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On Friday, Feb. 14 from 6 to 9 p.m., we will have a dance for Junior High and High School students. The cost is \$5 entrance fee. Everyone will receive a coupon for the door prizes that will be awarded throughout the night. There will be pizza, nachos, candy, popcorn, pop, and water for sale. Come and get together with your friends. **INSPIRING 815** 

Teen Turf was chosen to receive this amazing award. Evan Leake from WREX, Channel 13 in Rockford honored us with a plaque and interviewed Eileen Piper and a number of kids. If you missed the segment, you can view it on our Facebook Page (Teen Turf) or WREX Facebook page.

#### 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 materials are tied and secured in bags or boxes. High Fives to everyone that donates cans. It helps our environment and our van upkeep.

TAX FREE DONATIONS There is an account set up at First Federal Savings and

Loan, First National Bank, and Pioneer State Bank in Sublette if you would like to donate to our building program. We are in need of some changes to expand our computer area and to put in a smaller more heat efficient window. All donations are tax deductible as we are a 501(c)3. Teen

Turf has been in existence for 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 WISH LIST

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# SUBLETTE NEWS

#### SILO SHOWN IN SUBLETTE

The movie Silo will be shown at 3 p.m., on Sunday, March 1, in the Sublette Community Building, 103 S. John St., Sublette. This 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 event is brought to you by Sublette Farmers Elevator, CoBank, Sublette 365, Pioneer State Bank & Sublette Fire Department.

#### SUBLETTE BUSINESS ASSOC. ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Sublette Business Association was held Jan. 29 at Rt. 52 Roadhouse. There was good attendance at the meeting. The group discussed upcoming events in the village. Also, election of officers was held and all officers were re-elected.

The next quarterly meeting will be held in April in the Event Center at the Village Mini Mall.

### AFSCME Council to host meeting Feb. 12

DIXON—AFSCME Council 31 Sub Chapter 72 will meet on Feb. 12, 2020 at the Union Hall, 622 Palmyra Road, Dixon. Come for lunch at 11:15 a.m. if you wish. Bring a dish to

pass. Meat and dinnerware and drinks provided. Program will begin at noon. Guest speaker is Maria Britton Sipe, Council 31 Retirees Co-Ordinator from Springfield. She will present information on Reigning in Prescription Drug Costs. She will give us information on the importance of passing the Fair Tax to prevent a threat to our pensions.

Brief meeting will follow with discussion about the upcoming officer election in April.

An update on the CGH Union will be given.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**DIXON-**The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics by appointment only. 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 canabis, Glucose and Cholesterol screenings, tick kits, or mammogram and Pap test programs.

HARMON-The United Methodist Church, 202 N. Grove, will hold a Spaghetti Supper from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6. The public is invited to attend. A free will donation will be collected.

DIXON-Kids & K-9s will begin on Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center, 613 River Rd. Obedience, rally, agility and conformation training for youth 8-18. Each Saturday from 9:30 for advanced class and 11 a.m. for beginners. Register online at go.illinois. edu/kidsk9.

AMBOY-A Euchre Tournament, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held starting at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 9, at St. Joseph's Hall, 32 N. Jones. No partner needed. Everyone changes partners at the end of each round. Proceeds to Teen Turf. Call Will at 815-849-5112 with any questions.

STERLING-T\*I\*M\*E\* (Together in Memories) Grief Support Group will meet from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, at Rock River Hospice & Home, 2706 Avenue E. Feel free to bring your lunch with you. Call 815-625-3858 for more information.

**DIXON**-The Lee 4-H Archery SPIN Club will meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at Sauk Valley Archers, 598 Palmyra Rd. Call the Lee County Extension Office with questions, 815-857-3525. Register online at go.illinois.edu/LeeArchery.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the Sublette Township Building.

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EAST GROVE TWP-The East Grove Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at the East Grove Township Hall.

MAY TWP-The May Township meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Township Maintenance Building.

AMBOY-The Board of Trustees of Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

STERLING-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Sterling Bethel Reformed Church, 230 E. 23rd St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit www. RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 USRT 52, will host Community Bingo at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13. Bingo will be followed by a light lunch. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

LEE CENTER TWP-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd.

STERLING-The Whiteside County Master Gardeners will host the Blooming Petals Floral Arranging Class from 10 a.m. until noon on Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Whiteside Extension Office, 12923 Lawrence Rd. Middle school students through adults are welcome. Call Mary Nelson at 815-632-3611 or register online at go.illinois.edu/Whiteside-Blooming.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 pm on Monday, Feb. 17, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**DIXON**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at KSB Hospital, 403 E. First St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit www. RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 7 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Do It Best Corporation, 816 W. Progress Dr. Call 800-733-2767 or visit www. RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with ac-

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condense, revise or reject any submissions.

# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

# **Election and enrollment window** narrows with farm service agency

AMBOY — The window for enrolling in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs is getting smaller as the deadline for signing up for 2019 ends Monday, March 16, 2020.

The USDA through the Farm Service Agency (FSA) is offering 3 uniquely different farm programs: 1) Price Loss Coverage Program, 2) Ag Risk Coverage Program County, and 3) the Ag Risk Coverage Program -Individual.

The ARC Program is an income support program that provides payments when actual crop revenue declines below a specified guarantee level. The PLC Program provides payments when the effective price for a covered commodity falls below its effective reference price.

"Election and enrollment for the 2019 crop is currently underway and ends March 15, 2020 and that is just

**Rick Ketchum** 

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I cried when you passed away,

I still cry today.

Although I loved you dearly,

around the corner," stated Jerald Quinton, County Executive Director of the Lee County FSA Office, "The 2019 election carries into the 2020 program year. So, it's a binding 2-year commitment. After the 2020 crop year, a farmer can opt to change their election each year for 2021, 2022 and 2023 for each covered commodity on the farm to anticipate market

If the 2019 operators do not complete the election process, the current 2018 election will continue for 2019 and 2020, but the farm is not eligible for 2019 payments if earned. Farmers still need to get the contracts signed or be in default for both years. Sign up for the 2020 crop year contracts officially ends June 30, 2020.

If participating in the Price Loss Coverage (PLC), you need to choose to A) Continue to use previously establish 2018 yield (already factored at 90%), or B) Update the PLC yield (2013-2017) factored at 81%. You will be certifying the farm's yield as "Bushels per Acre". New yield will be effective for 2020 program year but must be updated by September 30, 2020.

Farmers are strongly encouraged to call and make an appointment with the Lee County FSA Office to start the election and enrollment process early. Changes can always be made before the respective election and enrollment deadlines. But the farmers need to call, now and make an appointment.

By calling ahead and or making an appointment, the county office can have your paperwork ready upon your visit. The goal is to have this enrollment completed before the March 15th deadline arrives.

For more information, please contact the Lee County FSA Office in Amboy at 815-857-3621, extension #2, or visit their website at www. fsa.usda.gov.



### **OBITUARIES**

### Darlene I. Fischer Aug. 5, 1923 - Jan. 27, 2020

LAMOILLE — Darlene I. Fischer, 96 of LaMoille passed away Jan. 27, 2020 at Heritage Health, Mendota.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at First Lutheran Church, Ohio with Rev. Gene Vincent officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Rockford. Visitation will be Thursday from 5-7 p.m. at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota and one hour prior to services.

Darlene was born Aug. 5, 1923 in Clarion Township to Clarence and Lydia (Bittner)

Darlene graduated from LaMoille High School 1941 and LaSalle School of Beauty Culture 1943. She worked as a beautician in Rockford for seven years and later for Reitsch Brothers Lumber & Fuel Co in Rockford.

She married Fred G. Full Oct. 7, 1950 and became a homemaker and mother. He preceded her in death on Oct. 24, 1966. She married George Fischer on June 29, 1974 and moved back to Lee County. He preceded her in death on Aug. 24, 1992. She remained on the farm until moving to Heritage Manor in December 2018. Darlene's greatest joy were her children

and grandchildren and having family get togethers at the farm on Baseline Road in Lee County. She spent many happy years there. She was a true farmer at heart and enjoyed country living. We would like to extend

special thanks to Marty and Scott Bickett and their families for all their assistance in helping mom to stay on the farm in her later years. We also want to extend a heartfelt thanks to all the staff at Heritage Health, Mendota for their excellent and compassionate care in her final days especially Tanya, Missy, Alisha, Elizabeth, Madison and Jennifer also to Andrea her hospice nurse with OSF Healthcare.

She is survived by a daughter, Linda Sartino (fiancée Ron Shrack), of Plainfield; son, Fred R. (Christina) Full, of Dixon; three grandsons, Nick (Michelle) Full, Trent Full and Travis Full; two step granddaughters, Sasha (Preston) Lumzy and Kaitlin Welker; five great-grandchildren, Victoria and Alexander Full, Maddox Skinner and Kinsley and Malakai Lumzy; nephew, Geoffrey Faber of Reno, Nevada; and niece, Mary



Cosgrove of Denver, Colo. She was preceded in death by her parents, her two husbands Fred Full and George Fischer, one daughter Bonnie Full in 1985, her siblings Howard Faber, Elroy Faber and Eileen Cosgrove and nephew Thomas Cosgrove.

Donations and contributions may be sent to First Lutheran Church and to OSF Hospice of St. Elizabeth's, Ottawa in Darlene's name.

Pallbearers will be Marty Bickett, Scott Bickett, Jacob Bickett and Evan Bickett.

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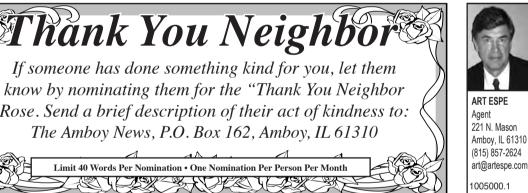
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#### Do you know what your charter is?

BY PASTOR MARK GLENN

o one wants to be the bearer of bad news. But sometimes it has to be done. Doctors have to break the news of bad test results. Police officers have to face families waiting to hear about missing loved ones. Employers have to dole out "pink slips" to long-time employees. And then there are the daily news reports—financial, international, political, local—all adhering to the mantra that "if it bleeds, it leads." Being the bearer of LOTS of bad news, over and over again, results in that spokesperson being branded with a "bad news" stigmata, marking one's very presence an ominous omen.

The prophet Jeremiah lived through some of the most tumultuous times the Middle East has ever seen. Given the most recent two thousand years of that region's history, that is saying something. Jeremiah's messages, the words from one designated as a "prophet of the Lord," proclaimed such destruction and despair that it was unrelentingly dismal. Jeremiah was the prophetic poster boy for bad news. We even named a bad-news warning after him: "jeremiad."

And yet Jeremiah was not called by God to be the conductor of a symphony of failure and despair. God appoints Jeremiah in a divinely anointed voice to speak to God's people. Jeremiah is not a doom and gloom nay-sayer. He is charged with bringing the present demands and the future promises of God into alignment. God gives Jeremiah a positive mission and ministry, a mission that the prophet may follow to successful completion. Jeremiah preached about repentance, redemption and return, and even though the "redemption and return" components of his divinely scripted message did not materialize during his lifetime, his call was fulfilled, In fact, his prophetic message succeeded in alerting and energizing God's people both in his own time and in our time as well, indeed for all time.

When we are born our lives are recorded on some chart—whether in a hospital or on a midwife's records. As newborns, our first entry into our humanity is to be "charted." But that is only our physical entry into life. Our spiritual entry into life is not a chart but a charter, a divine mission, a divine design that God has for each and every one of us. Just as God reached out and touched Jeremiah's tongue, God reaches out and touches each and every one of us, bestowing upon us a personally prescribed mission and message, if we will say "yes" to that divinely guided life.

There is a God-given charter for every God-given chart. Do you know what your charter is? Have you said "yes" not just to life—that's the chart—but to your life mission, your charter? That charter may not bring you success and fame and fortune. That charter may bring you weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, or if you're old enough, gnashing of gums. That charter may get you thrown off ladders and down pits.

But that charter will bring you the greater adventures and excitements and joys that are beyond your imagination. And that charter will leave behind a legacy which will impact future generations in ways that you will never see or appreciate, this side of eternity.

May it be a divinely appointed and anointed charter on your chart. May your charter be as divinely designed as

# Educational Briefs

#### Aurora University announces fall 2019 Dean's List

than 1,300 undergraduate students who earned Dean's List honors for the fall 2019 semester. The Dean's List recognizes students who have earned a 3.6 GPA or higher. Students recognized with high honors (\*) have earned a perfect 4.0. Students included on the Dean's List completed a minimum of 12 semester hours for a letter grade in the term. Dixon

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Mekayla Anderson, senior, Bachelor of Soc Work Sarah Beauchem, junior, Pre-Social Work

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Andrew Headley\*, senior, Finance, BS, Criminal Justice

#### Delaney Wilhelm Earns Semester Honors at Edgewood College

MADISON, Wis. — Delaney Wilhelm of Amboy has earned Semester Honors for the Fall 2019 semester at Edgewood College. Fulltime students who achieve a 3.5 grade point average for the semester are eligible for this honor. About Edgewood College

Located in Madison, Wis., Edgewood College is a liberal arts Catholic college in the Dominican tradition. For more information about Edgewood College, please visit www. edgewood.edu.

#### Local students named to Marquette University's fall 2019 Dean's List

MILWAUKEE Wis. — The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.

Dixon

Mitchell Etheridge is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in

Alexis Murray is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Advertising. Justin Sherman is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Operations and Supply Chain Management.

# The Book Nook By: Tatjana Kazan

#### A gothic novel without the gothic

lthough Minka Kent's "When I Was You" is billed

as a thriller, it is too tepid to generate thrills worth their salt. It does have elements of the Gothic novel – a damsel in distress, a scheming villain, a Queen Anne Victorian house, madness, nightmares, a psychiatric institution, revelations and reconciliations. What it doesn't have is atmosphere, a sense of danger, and most crucially, suspense. The premise of the novel – a stranger has not only stolen

the protagonist's identity, but also resembles her physically down to the smallest detail – has rich possibilities, as novels like Sarah Waters' superb Victorian crime novel "Fingersmith" have so elegantly demonstrated. The heroine in this instance is Brienne Dougray, a beautiful heiress who owns a successful insurance agency. But Brienne has not left her house in six months after she was brutally attacked and left for dead.

Brienne does venture out to her front porch swing to "watch the world around me come alive on a Tuesday morning, the chill of late spring in the air." As she watches her neighbors go about their day, she reflects on the attack that radically changed her life: "Such entitlement, such infuriating audacity. Like the person who attacked me and left me for dead, running off with my wallet, purse, and watch before disappearing into the night. I still can't fathom how someone can sneak up behind a person in the dead of night, crack their skull against the side of a brick building, jab a knife through their flesh, steal their valuables, and run back to their life, never giving it a second thought.'

Brienne advertises for a roommate. A young doctor in scrubs appears at her door a few hours after the ad appears in the paper. His name is Niall Emberlin and he fits every cliché of the handsome, deeply compassionate doctor. Brienne gratefully accepts him on the spot, which seems a bit farfetched considering that after such a severe attack "the year leading up to the attack is fuzzy at best, thanks in part to my traumatic brain injury," a hypervigilance is surely not uncommon.

A letter with a key and addressed to Brienne Dougray arrives, welcoming her to her new apartment. Brienne is sufficiently disturbed to look up this identity thief, and is shocked to discover her mirror image: "Clamping my hand over my mouth, I lean in to examine the tiny square that holds a picture of a woman who looks very much like me - but isn't." Brienne is soon on the trail of her double, but another contrived plot twist short-circuits her. During her struggle to regain her life, Brienne recalls her grandmother's somewhat unhelpful saying: "In the end, it'll all be okay. And if it isn't okay, it isn't the end.

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# The 1%: Illinois' pension millionaires

Tllinois is home to a small, powerful and **Guest Column** spread across the Judges' Retirement System protected class of wealth. protected class of wealth. Their profits are immense. They bear

little to no risk. And the state's social safety net has been gutted to pay for their privileges, which are closely guarded by politicians.

Sound familiar?

These are Illinois' pension millionaires. Among the state's 12.7 million residents, they constitute the 1%. More than 129,000 Illinois public retirees

will collect estimated payouts of more than \$1 million each over the course of their retirements, according to new analysis from the Illinois Policy Institute. No public-sector worker should be personally shamed for

getting a great deal. Those who choose a life of public service deserve honor and praise. At the same time, it's crucial that Illinoisans understand these retirement benefits and call for reform. They have

resulted in cuts to core services and constant calls for tax hikes across the state for more than two decades. They're also pushing the pension funds toward insolvency. Extreme payouts and early retirements are the norm across

Illinois' five state-run retirement systems:

More than 22,000 retirees in the State Universities Retirement System (43%) will receive an expected lifetime payout of more than \$1 million, with 42% retiring before their 60th birthday. More than 31,000 retirees in the State Employees' Retire-

ment System (51%) will receive an expected lifetime payout of more than \$1 million, with half retiring before age 60. Nearly 75,000 retirees in the Teachers' Retirement System

(68%) will receive an expected lifetime payout of more than \$1 million, with more than half retiring before age 60.

The remaining pension millionaires at the state level are

By Austin Berg



Retirement System (more than 200, or 67%). Meanwhile, the average 401(k) balance na-

tionwide for people aged 60 to 69 is \$195,500, according to CNBC.

These numbers can be difficult to believe. So they're often spun. There are four common "buts" used to justify the status quo:

1) But these benefits attract top talent

In fact, these benefits have made important fields like teaching much less attractive in Illinois. That's because in order to pay for the extreme benefits promised in the past, new teachers are enrolled in an unfair "Tier 2" retirement plan that is so lousy it will likely result in a lawsuit

when the first Tier 2 worker vests on Jan. 1, 2021.

2) But these workers don't get Social Security In fact, almost all state employees in SERS are eligible

for Social Security benefits on top of their pensions, which average \$1.7 million for career workers. For other public retirees in Illinois, trading million-dol-

lar payouts for a Social Security check would be a serious downgrade. The average Social Security benefit for 2019 is \$17,532 per year. And the earliest anyone can qualify for Social Security is age 62, with the full retirement age pegged at 67 for anyone born after 1960.

3) But workers paid into the system

The average state worker or teacher in Illinois retires before age 60, takes home a lifetime pension benefit of more than \$1 million and contributes less than 10% of that amount to the system – the rest is covered by taxpayers.

4) But politicians underfunded the system

Illinois pensions were underfunded because they were overpromised. Like a teenage barback trying to front a monthly payment on a Lamborghini, state politicians have kicked the can, borrowed and lied to keep up appearances. Illinois state and local governments now spend the most in the nation – about double the national average – on pensions as a share of their budgets. Consider that the state spends about one-third less today, adjusted for inflation, than it did in the year 2000 on core services including child protection, state police and college money for poor students. During that time, pension spending increased 501%.

Paying more is not an option.

Backing reforms for a fair pension system should be the No. 1 priority for Illinois state lawmakers. And other states A pension constitutional amendment in Illinois that

matches states such as Hawaii and Michigan would allow for changes to retirement ages, capping maximum pensionable salaries, and doing away with guaranteed permanent benefit increases in favor of a true cost-of-living adjustment pegged to inflation. All of this can be done without cutting a dime from the checks of current retirees. These changes to "future" benefits have been enacted in Arizona, where they had support from union leaders who realized pensions were in peril. If Illinoisans work together, commonsense pension reform

can ensure state government works for everyone.

Not just the 1%.

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Something to say?

# On This Day in History

#### 100 Years Ago Feb. 6, 1920

Misses Pearl and Vella Dishong spent Monday in Dixon.

Miss Helen Meeks who teaches in West Brooklyn came home Tuesday evening, her school having been closed on account of the flu epidemic in the Miss Gertrude Leake has been assist-

ing in the Lee County Farm Bureau's office. Her school near Ashton been been closed on account of the flu epidemic.

#### 75 Years Ago Feb. 1, 1945

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American Revo-

lution, the future

United States was a small,

colonial backwater on the

world stage. There were an

estimated 2-3 million people

living here. Yet it somehow

produced an array of tal-

ented, creative thinkers and

politicians — Washington,

Jefferson, Adams, Madison,

Hamilton, Franklin, and

others — who forged this

It's not just that they

began the effort of crafting

a new nation. They also

designed it: the multiple

sources of power, the delin-

eation into federal, state, and

local levels, and the idea that

there ought to be a balance

among legislative, executive,

and judicial equals. We've

never really matched the

convergence of political cre-

ativity and insight produced

ty of what-ifs and caveats.

The leaders of that time failed

to confront and find a way

past the stain of slavery. Their blind spot when it came to the

treatment of Indians was just

as troubling. And one of the

great what-ifs of American

history is what this country

would have looked like had

women been able to hold

and exercise political pow-

er: What if Abigail Adams,

Phyllis Wheatley, Mercy Otis

Warren, and Elizabeth Will-

To be sure, there are plen-

by that era.

republic we still inhabit.

Miss Flavel Spangler, who has been insurance secretary for a number of years for the Lee County Farm Bureau is leaving the office and will be employed by the City National Bank at Dixon. Miss Spangler's place will be filled by Mrs. Isabelle Plume, whose husband is a Captain in the Engineers serving

#### 50 Years Ago Feb. 5, 1970

Gene Koehler, James Organ and Joe Murphy were elected directors of the Amboy Chamber of Commerce last week Thursday evening at the annual dinner meeting held in the Lee County Farm Bureau auditorium. Ann's Café catered the dinner.

H.F. Gehant Banking Company of West Brooklyn recently held their annual stockholders meeting, announced favorable earnings for the year and paid a cash dividend of \$20,000 to the stockholders. Deposits increased almost a half million dollars in the past year.

#### 25 Years Ago Feb. 9, 1995

The convenience of credit cards that are accepted worldwide, coupled with the confidence of dealing with a hometown bank are the dual objectives of The First National Bank in Amboy's decision to begin offering MasterCard and Visa credit cards.

Amboy Zoning Board approved a home occupation permit for a bait shop at a hearing last week. That recommendation will be acted upon by the city council at its Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Leadership matters t the time of the **Guest Column**

#### By Lee Hamilton



ing Powel—the Philadelphia salon hostess who brought together and often advised the men whose names we all know — had been more than wise counsel?

Nonetheless, when I think of the history of political leadership in this country, I'm struck by how the founders still stand out after almost two-and-a-half centuries. So I've been going back to read up on them, and as I do, another thing strikes me: the qualities of leadership I think I discern in their biographies have never really gone out of style. At least, I see reflections of them in my experience of memorable political leaders in our time.

For one thing, above all else great leaders of democracies seek to build a consensus. They're inclusive. They don't try to shut people out of the process. They're good listeners, and

not especially interested in coming into a room and trying to dominate it or impress everybody. They ask a lot of questions. They're quick to grasp the consequences of problems that have been left unaddressed, and to try to think through the impact of what they're proposing.

For the most part, they're articulate: describing problems understandably and approachably is a key part of leadership, as is persuading others that you're right. They usually think in terms of practical options: what's the problem, what are the facts, what options do we have for dealing with the problem?

Most of them, though by no means all, know how to deal with people. And many of our greatest leaders have had a kind of energy that most of us can only admire — the sort of drive, perseverance, and wide-ranging breadth of effort that people like John Adams displayed. Politics is not a game for low-energy

Especially because leaders are responsible for the performance of the groups they lead. They set the agenda, they identify the problems and issues to be tackled, the priorities for action, and the style: Will it be an inclusive or exclusive effort? Will it be a pure exercise in wielding power or focused on building broad support by identifying

the problems and the resources to deal with them, and by forging common ground?

It's both a paradox and a gift of our system that we have a form of government that encourages ordinary people to solve the problems of their communities, states, and the nation as a whole, and yet effective leadership is vital. It mattered at our founding, and it's mattered at every step of the way. Representative democracy is not a spectator sport: we all have to be involved. Yet to get anything done, to harness the collective energy and wisdom of ordinary Americans, we need leaders who possess at least some of the qualities and conscious public-spiritedness of our founders.

I don't know if we'll ever produce another generation of leaders like our founding generation. What I do know, however, is that every time we enter a voting booth, we have the opportunity to try.

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HOW ABOUT

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I SPILLED SALT... SO I THREW SOME OVER MY SHOULDER TO AVOID BAD LUCK!

by Dave T. Phipps

SPILLS

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**Amber Waves** 

ANOTHER WINTER DOING

NOTHING BUT STANDING

IN MY SAME OLD POSE.

Out on a Limb

WANNA GET

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R.F.D.

BOY, THAT OL' NORTH WIND

SURE IS A LOT STRONGER

THIS WINTER!

The Spats

I JUST BOUGHT THIS NEW DRESS FOR A RIDICULOUS FIGURE.

YUP, BUT HEY,

# LOCAL NEV

Posting Date February 3, 2020

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# King Crossword



16 Flex 17 Do sums

by Dave T. Phipps

by Gary Kopervas

KORBRIAS

by Mike Marland

by Jeff Pickering

HMM...GOOD ... I'LL TRY

LAFF-A-DAY

"Sorry, lady, we can't help you find a husband

unless you lose one first."

MISSING PERSONS

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HOPE YOU GOT FOR A GOOD PRICE TOO.

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# Weekly **SUDOKU**

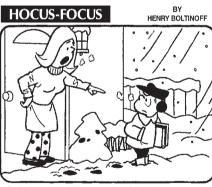
by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

#### **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆

♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ Challenging ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY! © 2020 King Features Synd., Inc





Differences: 1. Apron is longer. 2. Earmuffs are removed. 3. Fence is shorter. 4. Door window is lower. 5. Footprint is inisaing. 6. Bow is 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: Q equals F

VPYHEW RBCCXWX, VB WPEW-NB KBVHIGYHUGU IUKHYX GB WXG GB

GNX QBBG BQ GNX RCIUU?

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### **DELENSE**

Today's Word 3. Gentle; 4. Torrent 1. Dense; 2. Trifle;

uoitulos SCRAMBLERS

# Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez 1. LITERATURE: Which novel intro-

duced the character of Lisbeth Salander? 2. MOVIES: What was the name of Bill Murray's character in the 1984 "Ghost-

busters" film? 3. HISTORY: Roughly how many people migrated from drought-stricken Dust Bowl

states in the United States in the 1930s? 4. ENTERTAINMENT: What was the title of the first arcade video game?

5. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Which American humorist once observed, "In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours"?

6. MUSIC: Which 1980s movie featured

the theme song "Don't You (Forget About Me)" by Simple Minds? 7. TELEVISION: What was the name

of Michael Knight's car on the series "Knight Rider"? 8. GEOGRAPHY: Which country lies

between India and China?

9. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called "heliophobia"?

10. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the pound sign on a keyboard?

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10. Octothorpe 9. Fear of the sun 8. Nepal (pugs

7. KITT (Knight Industries Two Thou-6. "The Breakfast Club"

5. Mark Twain 4. Pong a. About 2.5 million  $\xi$ .

2. Dr. Peter Venkman I. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" Trivia Test Answers

SENORITA BIGTOE SHE V D D E B O O K S

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

— **King** Crossword —

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**Answer** 

#### Weekly SUDOKU

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CryptoQuip

Just Like Cats & Dogs

I KNOW THEY SAY "YOU'RE ONLY AS

OLD AS YOU FEEL." IF THAT'S TRUE, I

JUST SKIPPED OUT 15 BIRTHDAYS.

"It's going to be tough getting through his

**SCRAMBLERS** ole the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then

Soft

rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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GIVEN by the Board of Education of Stew-

#220, Lee and DeKalb

Counties, Illinois, that

a public hearing will be

held at 6:00 p.m. on

Wednesday, February

19, 2020, in the Stew-

ard School District #220

Library, located at 602

Main Street, Steward,

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pose of this hearing will

be to seek input from

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ents, and other commu-

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Taylor, Superintendent

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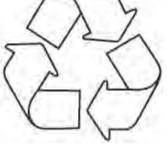
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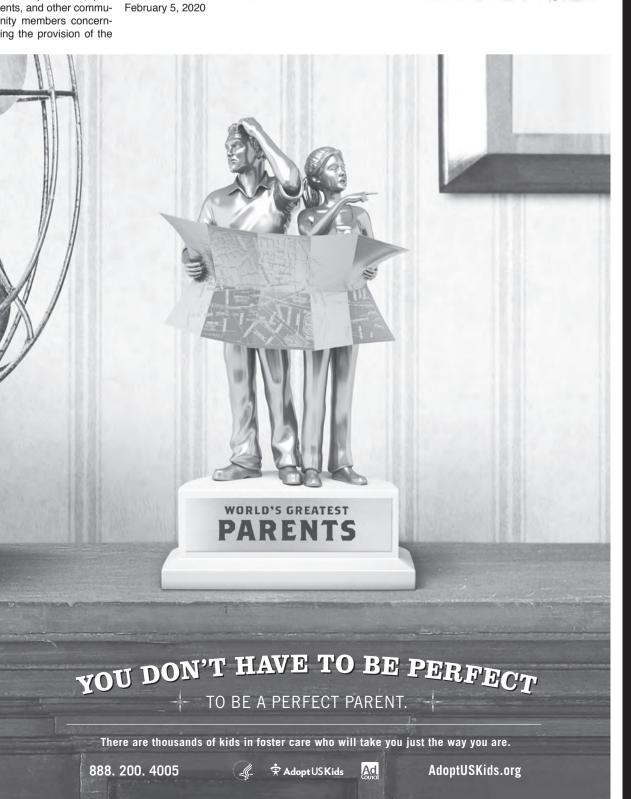
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# SPORTS

# Lady Clippers add three more wins to overall season

**AMBOY**—The state's Class 1A top-ranked Amboy Lady Clippers added three more wins to their season total to run their record to 26-1.

The squad started out the week by traveling to Freeport Aquin and defeated the sixth-ranked team in Class 1A, 67-60, on Jan. 27.

Olivia Dinges led Amboy with 18 points and she added seven rebounds. Dinges had four three-pointers in the game and she made six of nine shots. Gabby Jones was next with 16 points and nine boards. She was seven for eight in two-point shots and made both of her free throws.

Mallory Powers had 13 points,

10 rebounds, five assists and three steals for an all-around performance. Abi Payne chipped in with 12 points, nine assists and three steals, while Kyleigh Donna provided four points, seven caroms and three assists, and Ashley Althaus contributed four points and four rebounds.

Amboy hosted Milledgeville on Jan. 29 and came away with a 58-27 victory

The Lady Clippers had balanced scoring with five players scoring at least nine points. Payne connected on six of seven shots for 15 points and she also dished out seven

assists and had five steals. Powers had another solid effort with 12 points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals. Donna made five of eight field goal attempts for 10

She led the team with eight rebounds and added three steals and three blocked shots. Jones chipped in with 10 tallies on five of six shooting and she handled five caroms and had three assists. Brianna Blaine continued her great shooting with nine points on four of six shooting.

Also contributing to the win were Dinges (four points, six rebounds, three assists), Eden

Lindenmeyer (four points), Althaus (two points, four steals), and Haidyn Zimmerly (two points, three rebounds).

The Lady Clippers traveled to Newark on Feb. 1 to take on a team with a 21-7 record. What looked like a possible challenging game became an eventual blowout as Amboy prevailed, 67-32. Amboy went from an 11-5

first-quarter lead to a 33-11 halftime bulge. The Lady Clippers torched the net for 26 third-quarter tallies to win in a rout.

Powers canned nine of her 12 field goal tries and finished with 22 points. She added five rebounds and eight assists. Payne drained four three-pointers on her way to 18 points, while she handed out 10 assists and had four steals.

Dinges dropped in 10 points and grabbed seven boards, followed by Jones with seven points and eight rebounds. Also, Donna had four points and seven rebounds, Althaus, Lindenmeyer and Tori Daniels tallied two points apiece, and Althaus picked up three rebounds, three assists and played great defense.

Amboy will close out the regular season with Senior Night on Thursday, Feb. 6 against Orion.

# IDNR NEWS BITS

#### **Illinois DNR Newsbits** - February 2020

Spring Turkey Applications: Permit applications for the third lottery for 2020 Illinois Spring Wild Turkey Season are due by Feb. 10. Hunters wishing to apply should visit the IDNR website for more information: https://www.dnr.illinois. gov/hunting/Pages/Turkey-Hunting.aspx

Fall Archery Turkey Harvest: Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary statewide total of 740 wild turkeys during the 2019-2020 Fall Archery Turkey Season. The total compares with the statewide turkey harvest of 738 in 2018-2019. For the 2019-20 season, 22,728 permits were sold (excluding landowner permits) compared to 23,298 for the 2018-2019 season. The season dates were Oct. 1, 2019 – Jan. 19, 2020 and all 102 counties were open for hunting. The top counties for fall archery wild turkey harvest were Jefferson (25), Knox (23), Cass (20), Jackson (18), and Randolph (18).

2020 Licenses Available Beginning March 1: 2020 Illinois Hunting, Fishing and Sportsman Combination licenses will go on sale beginning March 1 at 8 a.m. -and those 2020 licenses will be valid through March 31, 2021. Illinois 2019 licenses are valid through March 31, 2020. Licenses purchased prior to March 1, 2020 are 2019 licenses that will be valid only through March

Pere Marquette Bald Eagle Days: Enjoy watching bald eagles on the Illinois and Mississippi rivers near Pere Marquette State Park by participating in one of the park's popular Bald Eagle Days tours. The informative programs are conducted on select winter dates. The programs are free, but registration is required by calling 618-786-3323. For more information, visit https://bit.

ly/2tYNYjH. Music Featured in Illinois State Museum Program:

of Lloyd Loar and the Growth and Development of the Mandolin Orchestra Tradition in America" is the topic of the monthly Paul Mickey Learning Series program at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield Wednesday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. Presented by James Stanlaw, professor of Anthropology at Illinois State University, the program highlights the mandolin orchestra and its rise and fall — and rise again — in popularity, along with the roots of musical virtuoso and acoustic engineer Lloyd Loar. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 217-558-6696.

Lincoln Celebration at Davis Mansion: The David Davis Mansion State Historic Site will celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday Saturday, Feb. 8 with a meet and greet with President Lincoln, portrayed by Randy Duncan. The free event starts at 9 a.m. with the final tour beginning at 3:30 p.m. Children and families will get to meet Mr. Lincoln, take pictures with him and enjoy birthday cake at the home of one of Lincoln's closest friends and political allies, Judge David Davis. The Davis Mansion is located at 1000 Monroe Drive in Bloomington.

Underground Railroad Program at Giant City: The Underground Railroad was a vast but secret network of travel routes and safe havens to help African Americans escape slavery. Did you know that there are several natural landmarks in the Shawnee National Forest that remain as markers of the Underground Railroad? Head out to the Giant City State Park Visitors Center Sunday, Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. as Mary McCorvie, Heritage Program Manager for the Shawnee National Forest, discusses the role that southern Illinois and African American communities played in the Underground Railroad network. No registration is needed for this free program; call 618-457-4836 for more information.

Music at the Museum: The Nathan Taylor Band will perform at the monthly Music at the Museum concert at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. More information is available online at https:// bit.ly/2GDvNTg.

Camping Reservations: It is time to make 2020 reservations for campsites and shelters for many Illinois state parks and other IDNR sites. Reservations can be made online through the Reserve America website at www. reserveamerica.com.

Hunter and Boating Safety Education Courses: Register now for Hunter Safety Education and Boating Safety Education courses from the IDNR. Spring classes are being scheduled. Check the IDNR website for class dates and locations: https://bit. ly/2S6FQWb.

# Lady Clippers to host regional action

**AMBOY** – The Amboy Lady Clippers get to stay home and host the Amboy Class 1A Girls' Regional Basketball Tournament to be held Feb. 10, 12, 14.

The tournament opens with two games on Monday, Feb. 10. Ashton-Franklin Center will take on Kirkland (Hiawatha) at 6 p.m. followed by Forreston against Rockford (Christian Life) at 7:30 p.m.

The winner of the AFC-Hiawatha game will move on to face top-seeded Amboy at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12. The other semifinal-round game will pit the Forreston-Christian Life winner against Fulton at 7:30 p.m.

The winners of the Wednesday games will play for the regional championship at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14.

The Amboy Regional winner advances to the

Amboy Community Unit

Pecatonica Sectional to face the survivor of the Hanover (River Ridge) Regional on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. The other teams in the sectional will come from the Lena-Winslow and Lanark (Eastland) regionals. They will face each other at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17.

The sectional championship game will be contested at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20.

**Amboy Class 1A** 

Regional Monday, Feb. 10 1-(8) Ashton (A.-Frank-

lin Center) vs. (10) Kirkland (Hiawatha) - 6 p.m.

2-(5) Forreston vs. (12)Rockford (Christian Life) [Coop] - 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 12 3–(1) Amboy vs. Winner

Game 1 - 6 p.m. 4 - (4) Fulton (H.S.) vs. Winner Game 2 - 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14

5 - Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4 - 7 p.m.



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# School District #272

Wed., Feb. 5 Thurs., Feb. 6

Fri., Feb. 7

Sat., Feb. 8 February 10 - 14 Mon., Feb. 10

Tues., Feb. 11

Wed., Feb. 12 Thurs., Feb. 13 AHS Boys Basketball (H) Polo - 6:00 p.m. Preschool Screenings - Central School -Appointment Only AJHS Scholastic Bowl @ Dixon Reagan -

4:00 p.m. AHS Girls Basketball (H) Orion - 6:00 p.m.

AHS Boys Basketball @ Eastland - 6:00 p.m. AHS Wrestling Regional @ TBA

AHS Girls Basketball Regionals (H) - TBA

AJHS Girls Basketball (H) Chadwick - 4:00 AHS Varsity Boys Basketball @ Leland -

6:00 p.m. Central School NIU Block Fest Family Night - Gym - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

AJHS 7th & 8th Scholastic Bowl @ Dimmick - 4:00 p.m.

Central School Dental Clinic AJHS Scholastic Bowl @ St. Mary's,

Sterling - 4:00 p.m.

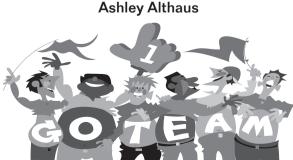
# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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### Girls Basketball

Kyleigh Donna



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Choice of five 100% real fruit juice cups are served at Breakfast. Warm breakfast choice on Wednesdays.

Monday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart

- Cheeseburger on a bun, pickle, lettuce, tomato, onion,

chips, cowboy beans, peaches

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart

- Fried chicken leg, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, peas, fresh cut veggies, roll,

apricots Wednesday - Pancake pup or pick two from breakfast cart

fresh cut veggies, broccoli,

- Nachos grande, salad, salsa, onion, tomato, beans, rice, fresh cut veggies, applesauce cup

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Loaded fries w/cheese sauce & beef, bread/butter,

strawberry cup

Tuesday

Thursday

Friday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Smokie link, soft pretzel, cheese sauce, broccoli, juice

Friday 02052020

**February 10 – 14** 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.

**JR HIGH MENU** 

Monday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart

- Cheeseburger on a bun, pickle, lettuce, tomato, onion,

chips, cowboy beans, peaches Tuesday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart

- Fried chicken leg, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, peas, fresh cut veggies, roll,

Wednesday - Pancake pup or pick two from breakfast cart

- Nachos grande, salad, salsa, onion, tomato, beans,

rice, fresh cut veggies, applesauce cup Thursday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart

- Loaded fries w/cheese sauce & beef, bread/butter,

fresh cut veggies, broccoli, strawberry cup - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart

- Smokie link, soft pretzel, cheese sauce, broccoli, juice 02052020

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