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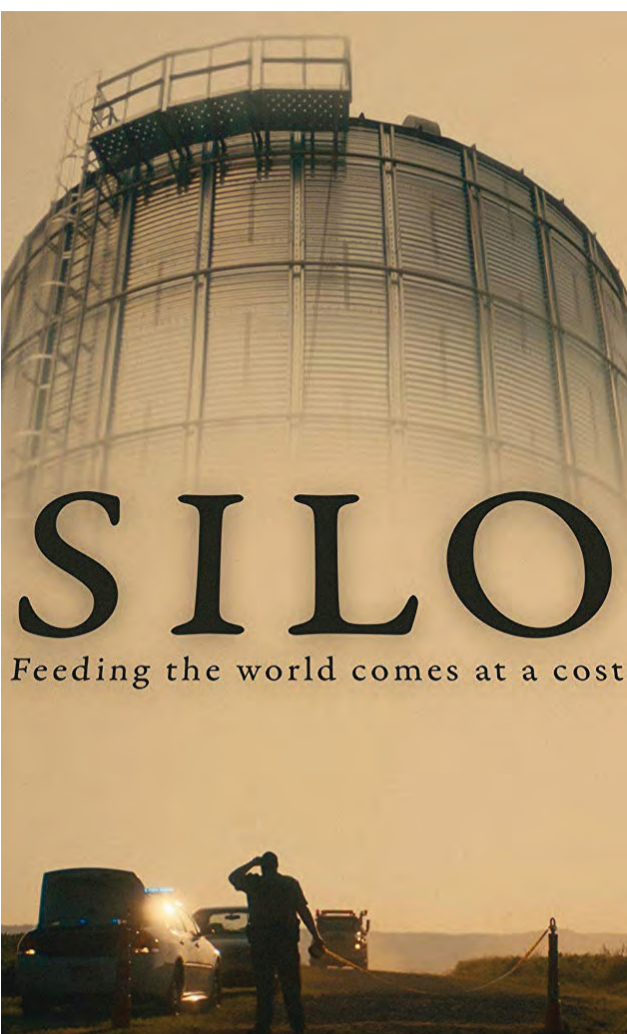
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SILO

Feeding the world comes at a cost

Silo to be shown at Sublette Community Building March 1

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 and Sublette Fire Department.



LADY CLIPPERS 2020 REGIONAL CHAMPS

The Amboy Lady Clippers won their second straight Class IA regional championship on Friday night defeating Fulton 41-30. The Lady Clippers will face Galena on Tuesday, Feb. 18, at the Pecatonica Sectional. The finals of the Pecatonica Sectional will be on Thursday, Feb. 20. For the complete story from Regional action, see page B2.

Photo by Kirsten Donna

Severe Weather Spotter Training course offered

DIXON — The Lee County Office of Emergency Management and Ogle County Emergency Management Agency will be hosting a weather spotter training presented by the National Weather Service on Feb. 20, at Sauk Valley Community College, 173 IL Rt. 2, Dixon in room 1K04.

The class begins at 6:30 p.m. and will last approximately one and one half hours. The training consists of a slide and video program, which teaches about severe storm structure, and how

to identify cloud features and other environmental clues to identify severe storms and tornadoes.

This training is open to anyone interested in the weather, including the public, fire, police and public works agencies. This is a great opportunity for local industry safety team representatives, who are tasked with the job of issuing severe weather instructions to facility employees to understand or refresh on signs of approaching severe weather. Spotting approaching severe weather and issuing

a timely warning will saves lives.

Whether you work in a factory, on a farm, out in the yard, or play on a sports field or golf course, this class could provide you with life saving information.

There is no charge for the class. For more information, contact the Ogle County Emergency Management Office at 815-562-1001, trichter@oglecounty.org, or Lee County Emergency Management Office at 815-284-3365 or by email at esda@countyoflee.org. Seating will be on a first come first served basis.

Illinois soybean farmers hurt by coronavirus hit to Chinese economy

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SPRINGFIELD — Soybean farmers in Illinois cannot catch a break.

After a promising trade deal with China last month gave farmers hope amid an intense trade war, the deadly Wuhan coronavirus currently overwhelming China is also damaging its economy.

The country's economic slump is now sowing fears that China might not be able to buy all of the \$32 billion of U.S. agricultural goods it promised for 2020, including soybeans from Illinois, America's top soybean-producing state.

"This kind of big shock

to their economy diminishes their demand for a lot of primary products" like soybeans, said Todd Hubbs, a professor of agricultural economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"There was a lot of skepticism on whether they can hit those targets," he said. "That was before coronavirus."

China has confirmed more than 17,000 cases of coronavirus as of Monday, including 361 deaths. The country has slowed imports and shut down much of its international trading infrastructure in order to focus on fighting the disease.

"You've got what looks like a pandemic, possibly, on top of an uncertain trade

deal," Hubbs said. "It's just a lot of uncertainty."

In 2017, the last full year before America's trade war with China, soybeans accounted for more than half of U.S. agricultural exports to China. In 2018, soybean exports fell 75 percent as China bought from other countries in retaliation for U.S. tariffs imposed on Chinese exports.

With the signing of the first phase of the U.S.-China trade agreement last month, however, farmers finally saw light at the end of the tunnel, despite tariffs remaining until phase two is negotiated.

Now, the coronavirus outbreak has China possibly looking to revise its buying promises, according to a Bloomberg News report.

"Chinese officials are hoping the U.S. will agree to some flexibility on pledges in their phase-one trade deal," the financial news agency reported Monday, citing unnamed sources.

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GIRL SCOUT WEEK

Local Girl Scouts attended the Amboy City Council meeting on Monday night. The girls stood in front of the council while Amboy Mayor John Schamberger read a proclamation calling March 8-14 Girl Scout Week. A group photo with all of the council and the Girl Scouts was taken after the proclamation and can be seen on A4.

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Illinois coronavirus patients cured, released from home isolation

BY JERRY NOWICKI

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SPRINGFIELD — Two Chicago-area residents who tested positive for novel coronavirus earlier this year have recovered and were released from home isolation this weekend, according to public health officials.

Federal, state and local health officials made the announcement in a news release Saturday, noting that the risk to the general public remains low and the two patients caused no further spread of the virus.

"Based on what is currently known about the virus, and after close consultation with (the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Illinois Department of Public Health), we believe both patients can now safely return to their regular activities, including work, without restrictions," Dr. Allison Arwady, Chicago Department of Public Health commissioner, said in a news release.

Arwady added the patients have had "multiple rounds of negative testing for the virus and are clinically well."

"They do not need to wear masks, and neither does anyone interacting with them. They have been

cleared," she said.

The two patients are husband and wife, and the woman, in her 60s, had recently returned from Wuhan, China, where the spread of the virus began. Health officials said at an earlier news conference that the spread of the virus to her husband was "not totally unexpected" due to the couple's close proximity.

The couple was hospitalized at AMITA St. Alexius Medical Center in suburban Hoffman Estates in January and released to home isolation Feb. 7. Public health officials did not release other identifying information due to privacy concerns.

According to the news release, public health officials worked to monitor individuals who were in contact with either of the two patients who tested positive. A CDC team was also deployed to the state, which became one of the first that can test for the virus without shipping specimens out of state.

According to a situation report from the World Health Organization dated Feb. 16, there have been 51,857 cases confirmed globally, but just 683 of those came from outside of China. The virus has resulted in 1,666 deaths, with three of them outside of China.

In the U.S., there have been 15 positive cases

while 60 tests are pending, according to the CDC.

In Illinois, there have been just two positive tests, both in the patients that are now cured, and 48 negative tests. Two more tests were awaiting results Monday, according to IDPH.

Symptoms for the virus include mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough and difficulty breathing.

IDPH officials said the test it can administer is intended for people who meet certain criteria, which include having traveled to China and other exposure history, as well as exhibiting the stated symptoms.

Authorities believe symptoms appear between two and 14 days after exposure, and there is not a significant risk of a person transmitting the virus before they develop symptoms.

Public health officials urge the same protections one takes against the common flu — covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands with warm water and soap, and staying home when sick.

The Illinois Department of Public Health maintains a novel coronavirus hotline at 1-800-889-3931 and can be reached via email at SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV.

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AMBOY MINUTE

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LOCAL NEWS

Stoller seeks 37th State Senate seat

GERMANTOWN — Win Stoller (R-Germantown Hills) announced his candidacy for State Senate in the 37th District, which is being vacated with the retirement of Senator Chuck Weaver. Stoller is unopposed for the Republican nomination.

In six weeks last fall, Stoller and his wife, Amy, and many volunteers collected 2,400 signatures on his petitions to run for State Senate. “Because I believe my education, business experience and principles are exactly what is needed to help put Illinois on the right track, I have decided to step up to seek to serve in the Illinois State Senate,” said Stoller.

“The more I looked at the state’s finances, the more I realized they don’t make sense,” continued Stoller. It distressed me too much and I decided I needed to get off the sidelines to serve our state.”

Stoller specifically noted Illinois is ranked dead last among states in our country for financial health, with the highest overall tax burden and the highest debt.

Stoller said this is one big reason why so many people are moving out of Illinois. “While our focus should be ramping up exports of equipment made by Caterpillar and other manufacturing employees, along with our corn, beans, beef and pork, bad state policy has instead led to a surge in exports of our people and that’s just wrong,” Stoller concluded.

Stoller noted his education includes earning a degree

in accounting and then an MBA from the University of Illinois. He then earned his CPA and served in auditing for Price Waterhouse before he later became the CEO of Widmer Interiors in Peoria which has 40 employees and three locations.

Stoller said his education and real world business experience will greatly help him as he seeks to make an impact on the annual state budgets, overall state finances and bring long overdue reforms to state operations.

Stoller also noted that last May the state raised 19 taxes while enacting zero budget cuts or spending reforms. Now Governor Pritzker and legislative Democrats are seeking even higher taxes with their proposed Graduated Income Tax in a referendum that will also be on the November ballot.

Stoller noted that each time then Governor Pat Quinn, Speaker Madigan and then Senate President Cullerton raised taxes, they all promised each time that it was “once and for all” to fix the state’s finances. This includes the temporary income tax hike in 2011, then two years later making that temporary income tax hike permanent, then another income tax hike they passed which was vetoed by then Governor Rauner—whose veto was overridden.

Now they are promising that passage of the Graduated Income Tax would fix state finances “once and for all.” Stoller replied, “We cannot believe them anymore.”



Stoller also noted the huge gambling expansion and new tax revenue estimated from legal sales of marijuana along with all income tax hikes over the past decade will never be enough because Democrats in power in Illinois are addicted to spending even more than the state takes in, no matter how much taxes are raised.

Stoller pointed out that last May, the legislature increased spending one billion dollars higher than even big spending Governor Pritzker requested.

Stoller noted that Michael Madigan has been House Speaker since Stoller was 11 years old. He said not a single indicator of state performance has improved in that long time at the helm, while most indicators have headed toward the bottom in relation to other states.

Stoller also emphasized that total one party control in Illinois has led to a costly culture of corruption.

Stoller noted that in this term four Democratic state senators have been under

investigation or federal indictment, while one state senator’s wearing a wire led to the resignation and indictment of a fellow Democrat state representative. Stoller said he was stunned when then Senate President John Cullerton said of the federal indictment of his cousin, State Senator Tom Cullerton—“Tom is still a valued member of our Democratic Caucus.”

Stoller also noted the brazen 2012 email recently uncovered by WBEZ from Mike McClain who was one of Speaker Madigan’s closest friends and his favorite lobbyist to a top aid of then Governor Pat Quinn, is stunning in terms of how out in the open corruption is in our state.

Stoller said term limits especially on legislative leaders but for members as well, in addition to redistricting reform would be big steps in the right direction, but they are no substitute for reinvigorating the tried and true twoparty system in Illinois as a check and balance on each other to keep each other honest. Said Stoller: “the people of Illinois can no longer afford total one party rule.”

Stoller is strongly supported in this race by retiring incumbent Senator Chuck Weaver.

Stoller and his wife, Amy, have two grown children and have been married for 27 years. They are active members of Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria.

TEEN TURF

A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR HOMEWORK VOLUNTEERS

We have been blessed with having some high school helpers that volunteer with us during homework club. We would like to thank these individuals: Maggie Lowery, Brooklyn Whelchel, Landon Koppien, Sierra Huffman, and Gabby Ketchum. We also want to thank our special ladies, who help with everything that is needed: Fran Kessel, Donna Wellman, Elaine Powers, Megan Cheatham, Mari Vasquez, and Kelsey Kant. If you would like to volunteer, please call Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195.

TAX FREE DONATIONS

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WISH LIST AND THANK YOU’S

We are looking for a basketball. You can drop a box off at Teen Turf. A special thank you to Elaine Powers and Sandy Schamberger for providing us with fresh fruit. Another special thank you to Eileen and Irene Ramsdell for bringing us meat, cheese, bread, napkins, and cute Valentine’s Day Cupcakes. We are grateful for these blessings.

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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.

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 857-4800.

Please do not drop off TV’s – we cannot recycle them.

CGH Medical Center implements travel screenings

STERLING – Although there is currently no increased risk of coronavirus in our area, CGH Medical Center has implemented travel screenings for all of our patients per recommendation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). These screenings include questions regarding international travel, specifically to China, as well as current symptoms.

“There are currently no cases of coronavirus in our immediate area,” said Gina Superczynski MS, RN, CIC, CGH Infection Prevention and Control RN. “However, we want to ensure our patients that we are screening appropriately and taking all necessary steps to protect our community.”

The 2019 novel coronavirus is a new virus that causes respiratory illness in people and can spread from person-to-person.

The virus was first identified in China. Limited person-to-person spread among close contacts has been detected with this virus in the United States. Symptoms include fever, cough and shortness of breath, which can occur two to 14 days after exposure.

“If you have travelled outside the country recently and have a fever, cough or shortness of breath, please call your healthcare provider prior to your scheduled appointment,” said Superczynski. “You may be asked to wear a face mask if you have symptoms of a respiratory infection as a precaution. Furthermore, the travel screenings may add additional on-hold time when calling into your healthcare provider or while waiting to be seen. We thank you for your patience and understanding.”

Of more concern right now is the risk of seasonal influenza in our area. According to the most current estimates from the CDC, there have been at least 12,000 deaths, 22 million illnesses and 210,000 hospitalizations from flu during the 2019-20 flu season.

Due to the continued increase of influenza in our community, CGH Medical Center’s temporary visitor restrictions remain in place for the health and safety of our patients. These restrictions include: a limit of two adult visitors per patient at any time; no visitors under the age of 18; all visitors must be symptom-free, including no fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose or sore throat; cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze; and make sure you clean your hands when entering and leaving a patient room.

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LOCAL NEWS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Rachel Ackert

Ackert named AHS February Student of the Month

AMBOY — Rachel Ackert, daughter of Jeff and Mary Ackert, has been named the Amboy High School Student of the Month for February.

GPA: 3.8

Memberships and Involvement: I am involved in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Student Council, and Leo's Club

Best Memories: The best memories I have at AHS are the powderpuff football games during homecoming week. I can still remember the feeling when our team won first place.

Future Plans: My current post-high school plans are to attend Sauk Valley Community College to enroll in the EMT program. After pursuing this career for several years I then plan to become a police officer.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics by appointment only, Feb. 19, 20, 24, 25, 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 tests, or mammogram and Pap test programs.

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 Crochet and Knitting Club will meet from 12 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Pankhurst Memorial Library, 3 E. Jefferson. This free club is open to all skill levels. Call 815-994-1536 for more information.

DIXON-The Lee-Ogle County Weather Spotting Class, with a NOAA meteorologist, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 20, at Sauk Valley Community College, 173 IL RT 2, in room 1K04. There is no registration or cost for this event but space is limited.

AMBOY-The Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Central School Gym, 30 E. Provost.

STERLING-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, at Sterling Steel Company, LLC, 101 Avenue K. Call 800-733-2767 or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

ROCKFORD-The 40th Annual Rockford Home Show will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, and 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 23, at the Indoor Sports Center/Expo, 8800 E. Riverside Blvd.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library Book Club will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 24, at the Library, 3 S. Jefferson. Call the library at 815-857-3925

for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 24, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

STERLING - The Babysitting Basics 4-H SPIN Club, ages 11-18, will meet on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. starting Feb. 24 at Ryberg Auditorium at CGH Medical Center. Register by calling 815-632-3611 or online at go.illinois.edu/4H-Babysitting.

AMBOY-“Colorful Conifers”, part of the Four Seasons Horticulture Webiner Winter Series, will be presented by the U of I Extension Office, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Tuesday, Feb. 25, at 1:30 p.m. Call 815-857-3525.

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 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.

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 to make an appointment to donate.

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 on Tuesday, March 3, at 6 p.m. at Maria's. Guests are welcome.

PAW PAW-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 to make

an appointment to donate.

ROCKFALLS-The Sterling-Rock Falls Amateur Radio Society will host its 60th annual Hamfest 2020 on Sunday, March 8, at 601 W. 10th St., Rock Falls. This is a large indoor flea market, with radio, electronic and hobby items. Free parking is available on both sides of the building. Doors open to the public at 7:30 a.m., on March 8. Advanced tickets

are \$7. Ticket are \$8 at the door the day of the event. For advance tickets, write to Joe Baldwin, 10304 Hoover Road, Rock Falls, IL 61071, or phone 815-626-4766, email w9mep@hotmail.com. Make sure all checks are payable to Sterling-Rock Falls Amateur Radio Society (SRFARS). Advanced ticket orders must be received by Feb. 19, 2020. Tickets sold after this date will be charged at door price.



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BY EMILY GOFF

Head Librarian
New books for the month of February will be here, and ready for check out soon.

New books in the Adult Library:

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“When You See Me,” by Lisa Gardner
“The Other Mrs.,” by Mary Kubica
“Sisters By Choice,” by Susan Mallery
“Blindside,” by James Patterson
“Golden In Death,” by

OSF offers stroke support group

OTTAWA — OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center is offering a Stroke Support Group with the first session on Friday, March 6, from 9 – 10 a.m.

The Stroke Support Group provides support for persons who have had a stroke, their families, and friends. This informal meeting allows attendees to share experiences, solve problems they may encounter, and answer questions of those who are or have been in similar circumstances.

The Stroke Support Group will meet the first Friday of every month from 9 – 10 a.m. in Meeting Room 4 of OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center. With questions, please call Mary Yuhas, speech-language pathologist, at 815-431-5316.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Donald S. Donoho III Feb. 20, 1962 - Feb. 10, 2020

AMBOY — Donald S. Donoho III, 57, of Amboy, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2020 at his home.

He was born Feb. 20, 1962 in Amboy the son of Donald and M. Darlene (McCardle) Donoho, Jr. He was an electrician at Bay Valley Foods in Dixon for 10 years and was a freelance mechanic.

He was a dog lover and farmer.

He married Shirley Moller Etheridge on May 31, 2010 at his family farm in Amboy.

Don is survived by his wife, Shirley; sister, M. Denise Donoho, of Amboy; chil-

dren, Lisa (Nathan) Chandler, of Tampa, Fla., Alicen (Jesse Morency) Etheridge, of Lombard, Shaina Jones, of DeKalb, Leigha Jones, of DeKalb, and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother David in infancy.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Visitation was held from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., on Saturday, at the funeral home. Cremation followed with burial of remains at a later date at Woodside Cemetery in Lee



Center.
Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com.

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A clause in the trade agreement says the two countries can consult revising the deal "in the event that a natural disaster or other unforeseeable event" threatens either country from complying.

"I do expect them to buy more than they have been under the trade war, which would be supportive of Illinois soybean growers," Hubbs said. But he says it might not be until this fall that China begins "the real ramp-up in buying of soybeans" expected from the trade agreement.

Soybean exports to China

are also recovering from an outbreak of African swine fever last year. Soybeans are a major food source for Chinese hogs, and the disease killed as many as half the country's hog population.

Further threatening American soybean prices is Brazil, the world's second-largest soybean producer and China's emergency trading partner during the trade war. Brazil expects a record year of soybean production for its 2019-2020 growing season, which the USDA says could allow the South American nation to overtake the U.S.

as the world's top producer.

"A reduced demand is going to lower how much they're going to buy from us, on top of the Brazilian crop, so that pushes the price down," Hubbs said.

Prices of soybean futures - contracts between buyers and sellers trading on international financial markets - stabilized Monday after declining for nine straight days. Soybean futures have actually declined about 7 percent on the Chicago Board of Trade since the trade agreement was signed on Jan. 15.

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GIRL SCOUT WEEK

Local Girl Scouts attended the Amboy City Council meeting on Monday night where Amboy Mayor John Schamberger read a proclamation calling March 8-14 Girl Scout Week.

Photo courtesy of Jordan Tidmore

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Chicago residents can reach CDPH by calling 311, and the Cook County Department of Public Health can be reached at 708-633-4000.

Coronavirus is a large family of viruses, with some causing illness in people, and others circulating among animals, according to IDPH.

The virus is named for the crown-like spikes on its surface. Human coronaviruses are "common throughout the world" and usually cause

mild to moderate illness in people, according to IDPH.

The concern over the recent outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus comes

from the fact that it is a new, unrecognized strain. Previous novel coronavirus strains - such as the ones that caused MERS, or

Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, and SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome - evolved from animal strains and have been associated with more severe respiratory illness, according to IDPH.

There is currently no vaccine to prevent the 2019 novel coronavirus.

However, the news release noted there are no additional precautions recommended for the general public to take in the U.S. because the virus has not been spreading widely here.

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<p>St. Flannen Church Rev. Timothy Draper 213 S Second St., Harmon 815-857-2670 Mass: Sunday, 7:30 am</p>	<p>St. Patrick Church Rev. Randy Fronek - Maytown Mass - Fri. 8 a.m., Sun, 8 a.m.</p>	<p>Harmon United Methodist Church Pastor Leanne Keate 202 N. Grove, Harmon Phone 359-7302 Worship - 8:30 a.m.</p>	

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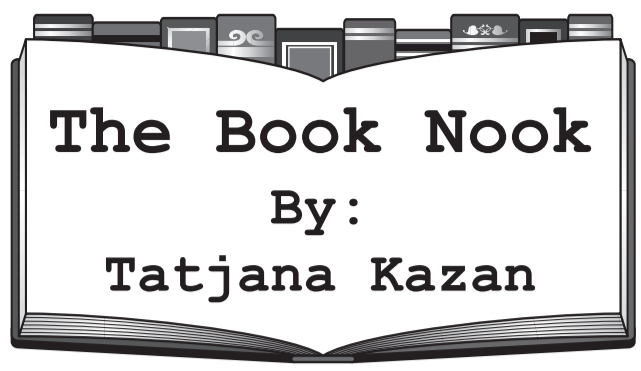
THE PASTOR'S PEN

Remember the Rock From Which You Were Cut

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH
 This was a devotional my wife (Glenda) wrote that I wanted to share with our readers...
 Isaiah 51:1
 "Listen to Me, all who hope for deliverance - all who seek the Lord! Consider the quarry from which you were mined, the rock from which you were cut."
 Yesterday, I went to my Uncle's funeral.
 My father will be gone 10 years this year. Oh, how I miss him.
 There was something so comforting to sit with my cousins and be there to support my Aunt. My father came from a family of 11 kids - (My aunt whose husband passed away is the last of those kids) so you can imagine the gift of so many cousins from the different siblings.

There is such a sadness in remembering all the different ones who have passed away - yet there is also a comfort in being able to gather with the family that remains.
 It reminded me of this verse - "Remember the Quarry from which you were mined - and the Rock from which you were cut."
 Our family, like many others, is scattered all over the place - but it is so precious to gather together even for a few hours...
 As a child of God - He is the Rock from which you are cut.
 It is a beautiful gift to be able to gather with other believers who are cut from that same Rock.
 As with my cousins - no 2 of us are alike - we are all different - but we are all a part of the same quarry.

When I look around at them, I see similarities - and it makes me smile. It does my heart good. They don't really have to say or do anything - just be themselves - and it blesses me.
 I think it is the same with my brothers and sisters in the Lord. I am glad we are each so unique - yet so very connected to our source.
 We add to each other's lives just by "being."
 I want you to know I appreciate each of you in my life.
 Thank you for what you add to it - and how I see Jesus in you! You enhance and encourage my life - just by being you.
 I pray that you shine on every life you come into contact with and I look forward to when we get to be together again.
 God's richest blessings be upon you.



The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

Inside Out

The English author Rachel Cusk describes the form of her Outline Trilogy as "novels turned inside out, and the result is essentially an impression of lots of people talking." The plot is minimal - a writer by the name of Faye, who says very little but imaginatively conveys her impressions and descriptions of people and locations, travels to Athens to give a two-day workshop on writing in "Outline," the first novel; in the second novel, "Transit," Faye renovates her London townhouse, and in the third novel, "Kudos," she attends a literary festival in an unnamed Mediterranean city.

declares "What is history but memory without pain." He wants "books that people could actually enjoy without feeling in the least demeaned by being seen reading them." Another interviewer who specializes in interviewing famous women, confides that in her experience, "women get together to pathologize their femininity." And "often people who love children the most, respect them the least." A fellow writer tells her that "more than anything, people hate to be called stupid."

This may sound a tad ho-hum, but all three novels are absolutely riveting because the talk Faye transcribes is not the chitchat of everyday exchange. Rather, the storytellers are insightful, bitter, eloquent, preening, philosophical, envious, and defeated. In "Kudos" Faye, who is both enthralled and dismayed by the book circuit, "endures interviewers who talk over her, publicists who misunderstand her, and novelists who condescend to her." But Faye is merciless in her recording of their accounts. "Kudos," as one critic noted, "bristles with pitiless description that invites the question of whether cruelty and honesty are the same thing."

The final scene seems to recall something mythic, of women in nature and men who befoul it. At dusk, Faye walks along the beach where she comes upon a group of naked men around a driftwood fire. They look at her like "animals surprised in a grove." She finds an empty stretch of sand, disrobes, and walks into the water, whose undulations bear her up. "A huge, burly man with a black beard and a rounded stomach and thighs like hams, slowly walks to the water's edge, his eyes fixed on mine." He begins to urinate into the water. "The water bore me up, heaving, as if I lay on the breast of some sighing creature, while the man emptied himself into its depths. I looked into his cruel, merry eyes and I waited for him to stop."

"Kudos," which means honor, glory, status, is more often than not a testament to human failure. An old woman who is on the Festival Board tells Faye that festivals are the grounds where no one enters the building. "Childhood," in her opinion, "kills the roots and that is the poison that seeps into the soil." Faye's German publisher

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Education Briefs

Benedictine College Announces Honor Rolls

ATCHISON, Kan. - Benedictine College has recognized those students who have distinguished themselves academically during the last semester. Samuel Hahn of Ashton, was recently named to the Dean's List for the fall semester, which ended Dec. 10, 2019.
 Any full time student carrying a minimum of 12 hours and a perfect 4.0 grade point average through the spring term is named to the President's list. Full time students with 12 hours and a grade point average of 3.5 are named to the Dean's List. Of the 1,935 full time undergraduate students on campus for 2019-2020 academic year, 125 made the President's List and 730 made the Dean's List.
 Founded in 1858, Benedictine College is a Catholic, Benedictine, residential, liberal arts college located on the bluffs above the Missouri River in Atchison, Kansas. The school is proud to have been named one of America's Best Colleges by U.S. News & World Report as well as one of the top Catholic colleges in the nation by First Things magazine and the Newman Guide. It prides itself on outstanding academics, extraordinary faith life, strong athletic programs, and an exceptional sense of community and belonging. It has a mission to educate men and women within a community of faith and scholarship.

University.
 Just under 1,500 students were honored on the Lewis University Dean's List for the 2019 Fall Semester.
 To be eligible for this honor, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester with a grade point average of at least 3.5 and with no "D" or "F" grades.
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Quincy University Releases Fall 2019 Dean's List

QUINCY — Quincy University released its Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. Honorees must earn a semester grade point average of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) to be included in the biannual Dean's List. In total, 352 students received the honor during the Fall 2019 semester.
 Bailee Highbarger, of Amboy, was named to the Dean's List.
 Founded in 1860 by Franciscan friars, Quincy University (www.quincy.edu) is celebrating 160 years as a Catholic, co-educational, liberal arts, residential university. Quincy University offers undergraduate, graduate, and adult education programs that integrate liberal arts, active learning, practical experience, and Franciscan values. Faculty and advisors work with each student to design a customized success plan to help them graduate on time, find their passion and prepare them for life. Quincy University's intercollegiate sports are members of the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Valley Conference for men and women. For more information, please contact the Quincy University Office of Community Relations by calling (217) 228-5275. Quincy University. Success by Design.

UW-Platteville announces Dean's List

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. - The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Dean's List, honoring those full-time students who earned high honors in their respective colleges in the fall 2019 semester.
 The College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require grade-point averages of 3.75 and above for Dean's List honors, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50.
 UW-Platteville, founded in 1866 and located in Southwest Wisconsin, is home to approximately 7,000 undergraduate and graduate students. For more information on the university visit www.uwplatt.edu.

- Students from this area on the Dean's List include:
- Amboy**
 Julia Daszkiewicz, Chemistry
 Mitchell McLaughlin, Agricultural Business
 Ryan Rod, Mechanical Engineering
 - Ashton**
 Lexi Meurer, Agricultural Education
 - Compton**
 Marie Barnickel, Agricultural Business
 - Dixon**
 Anton Halla, Mechanical Engineering
 Eric Rasmussen, Broad Field Science
 Haley Verdick, Chemistry
 - Paw Paw**
 Julia Penman, Elementary Education

Local student named to Des Moines Area Community College Dean's List

DES MOINES — Des Moines Area Community College President Rob Denson recently released the names of students eligible for the Fall Semester Dean's List. To be eligible, a student must have completed a minimum of six credits and earned a 3.5 to 3.99 grade point average for that semester.
 Those recognized from your area include Owen Drew, Liberal Arts, of Amboy.

Lewis University Students Honored on 2019 Fall Dean's List

ROMEDEVILLE - Julia T. Ardis of Dixon, was named to Lewis University's Dean's List for the 2019 Fall Semester. Ardis is studying Air Traffic Control Management at Lewis

Morrissey retires

MISSOURI — Clarence "Butch" Morrissey retired Jan. 31, 2020 from Northrup Grumman.
 Butch is the son of Clarence "Bud" and Joyce Morrissey of rural Amboy and a 1977 graduate of Amboy High School. After serving 20 years in the Air Force, Butch retired as a Master Sergeant in 2000.
 Butch worked another 17 years at Northrup Grumman, retiring as a Senior Principal Aircraft Analyst on the B2 Stealth Bomber.
 Butch lives in Missouri with his wife, Keri, and son, Sean.



Butch's retirement plans include traveling, riding his Cushman II Scooter, restoring shotguns and rifles and coaching the University of Central Missouri Trap and Skeet team.

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Opinion

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances ~ The First Amendment

The question folks across the state of Illinois are asking

What's writing about Daddy?" "Well, some lawmaker wants to make it against the law to pump your own gas."

My 9-year-old, Caitlin, cocked her head to the left and asked, "Why?" And that's the question folks across Illinois are asking.

I left several messages with state Rep. Camille Lilly's office, but never heard back.

So that leaves reporters, other lawmakers – and voters – guessing why she would prohibit anyone but service station employees filling up a gas tank.

"My best guess is that she thinks of this as a jobs bill," said state Sen. Neil Anderson, R-Moline. "But I can tell you this, in a border area like the Quad-Cities it would be absolutely devastating. Gas is already more expensive in Illinois and if every station in the state had to hire people to

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



pump—at \$15 per hour—it would really bring up the price of gas in the state. In this area, people would just drive to Iowa to fill up."

Back in 1976, Illinois lawmakers passed legislation allowing motorists to pump their own fuel. Today, only New Jersey and Oregon have laws on the books requiring gas jockeys.

My memories of the time before self-service gasoline are vague. But I do remember the quiet arguments between my parents.

"Don, please stay in the car and let the man do his job," my mother would implore. But my father, never the most patient person in the world would tire of waiting for someone else to do a job that he could do just as well himself. He'd begin pumping on his own and inevitably an attendant would come running saying, "Sir, sir don't do that!"

I guess Dad was strumming the chord of economic independence with his act of civil disobedience. But

if you asked my Mom, she'd say he was just embarrassing us all by not obeying the law.

Sometimes, it's easy to fall victim to the Good 'ol Days Syndrome. We like to think of it as a golden age when even the lowest skilled worker could find a job pumping gas.

But it's almost always a bad idea to introduce legislation to reduce business efficiency so more people can work.

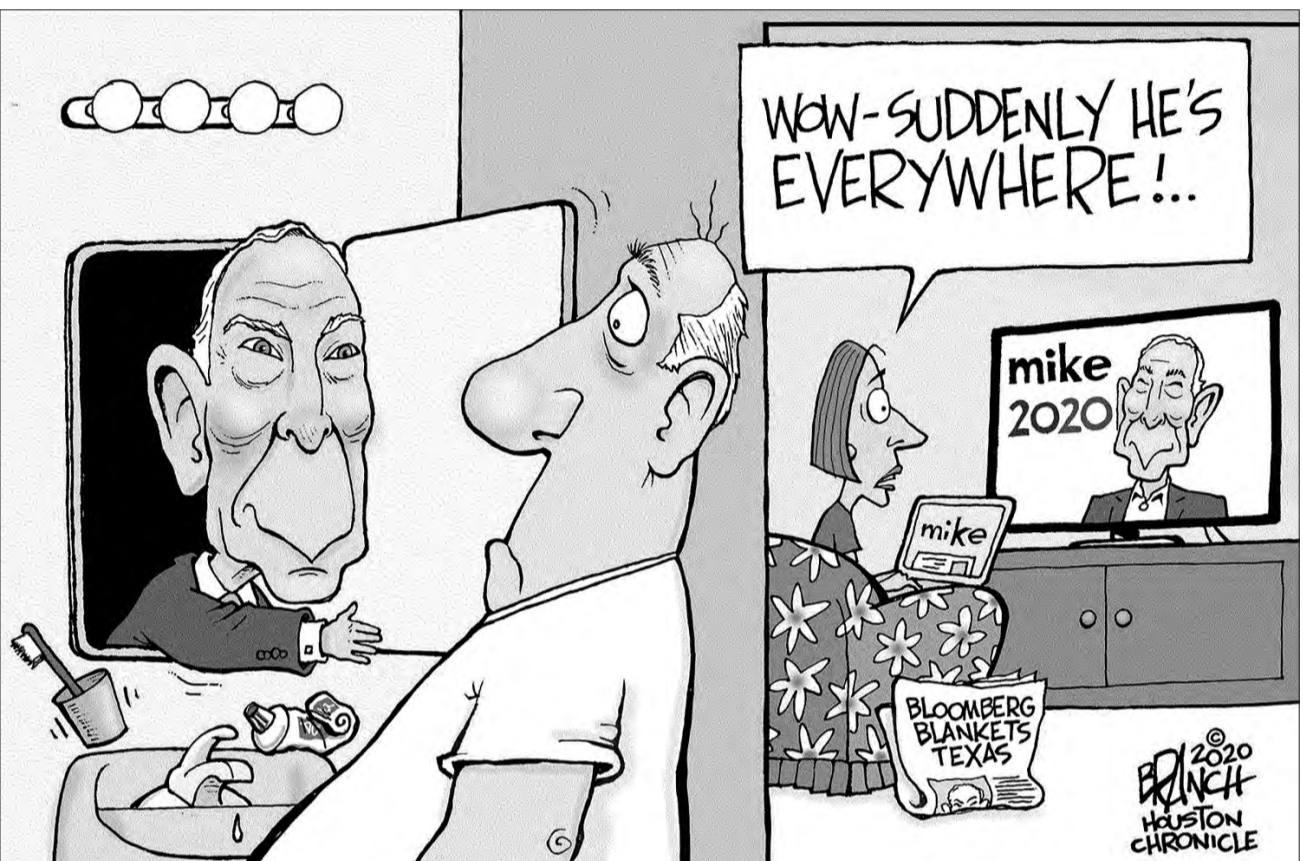
Milton Friedman, the great Nobel Prize winning economist, used to tell the story of traveling overseas and seeing a canal being dug by people with shovels. He expressed dismay that there were no tractors or other earth-moving equipment. His host responded that it was a "jobs program." Friedman replied, "If that's the case, take away their shovels and give them spoons to dig with."

Promoting efficiency is almost always the best policy.

Josh Sharp, executive vice president of the Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association, was flummoxed by the legislation.

"I haven't spoken to Rep. Lilly about this bill. I have spoken to (legislative) staff. It's unclear what she hopes to accomplish. This past year, the state gasoline tax has doubled, the minimum wage has been increased and cigarette tax has been increased. All of these things have adversely affected our members. Some are just holding on, if (Lilly's) bill were to pass, it would put some of our members out of business," he said.

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. 20, 1920

For the first time in 40 years, and it won't happen again for 28 years, there will be five Sundays in this month.

The 159 acre farm belonging to Monroe Shaw, two and one-half miles west of Shaws Station was sold to Ben Clayton for \$98 per acre. The opinion seems to be general that Mr. Clayton made a mighty good buy.

The paving and improving of Mason Street from Main Street north to the city limits is now assured. The specifications call for a reinforced concrete roadway with storm sewer combined.

Miss Cornelia Badger and brother Robert will soon move to the west downstairs flat in Dr. Pool's new building.

75 Years Ago Feb 15, 1945

Miss Carolyn Metzner entertained a group of friends at a Valentine party Friday evening. The guests were Donald Wittenauer, Doug Smith, Dick Eckburg, Donald Ollmann, Marlene Jones, Joyce Wagner, Ronnie Ellis, Sarah Hall, De-

lores Halsey, Beverly Underhile, Donna Long and Eugene Carroll.

Mrs. William Powers suffered a painful injury to her right ankle in a fall on the ice Monday morning.

Betty Clayton spent the weekend with her grandmother, Mrs. Almeda Robbins, at Mionok.

50 Years Ago Feb. 19, 1970

Lee Center Terriers defeated the Lee County Blackhaws, taking first place in the twin county conference at Rollo. Lee Center lost only one game during the year, to Lee, but showed Lee that they were stronger than ever.

Larry Leffelman is the chairman of the Heart Fund for Sublette Township. One of the volunteers will be calling at your home between now and Heart Sunday, Feb. 22, and Chairman Leffelman urges, "give generously." The volunteers are Steve Stewart, Ricky Full, Larry Henkel, Marilyn Walter, Loreen Leffelman, Carol Vaessen, Bernie Kuebel and Sharon Pry.

Mrs. Stanley Gibson won the prize for high score Tuesday evening when Mrs.

James Stamp entertained members of her Contract Club. Mrs. George Kaleel won low score prize and Mrs. Charles Dickinson the cut prize. Preceding the games, Mrs. Stamp served a dessert course.

25 Years Ago Feb. 23, 1995

With Sterling Newman in town, you knew there would be excitement and the crowd was not disappointed. Amboy defeated the Comets 69-67. The victory gives Amboy 20 victories for the season with only 5 losses. The last time Amboy won 20 was 1980-81.

Members of the Sweetheart Court at AHS were Cindy Greskiwcz, Toni Pyse, Kim Gould, Donna Spinelli, King Mike Dale, Queen Derri Seloover, Reetta Laakkonen, Sarah Henkel, Steve Bender, Josh Jones, Matt Schumacher, Marty Crouse, Doug Dinges, and Josh Piper. Freshman attendants are Lori Welker and Dean Dinges. Sophomore attendants are Tina McCoy and Jason Cook. Junior attendants are Kari Politsch and Tommy Powers.



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Kids and K-9's 4-H Club offered at Granny Rose

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The 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. The cost of the club is \$10 for current 4-H'ers and \$30 for new 4-H'ers. We can't wait

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The day starts at 8:30 with check in/registration. The program will run from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Registration is \$10. Register online at: go.illinois.edu/cattlefeeders. Registration deadline is Feb. 28. For more information contact Mary Nelson at 815-632-4611.

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No. 2020 CH 03
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SPORTS

Lady Clippers crowned 2020 Regional Champs

AMBOY – The Amboy Lady Clippers won their second straight Class 1A regional championship with a pair of victories on their home floor.

Amboy opened up the regional with a 62-30 triumph over Ashton-Franklin Center on Feb. 12.

AFC held the ball early in the first quarter. Amboy went man-to-man on defense and slowly pulled out to an 11-4 lead. The Lady Clippers continued to build on the margin and took a 29-10 halftime advantage.

Abi Payne led all scorers with 26 points on 11 of 15 shooting. Payne also paced the team with seven assists. Kyleigh Donna also shot well and had 12 points, five rebounds and two blocked shots. Brianna Blaine made four of six shots for eight points, and she also grabbed four rebounds, while Mal-lory Powers contributed six points, nine boards and three assists.

Also contributing to the win were Gabby Jones (three points, five rebounds, four assists, five steals), Olivia Dinges (three points, four rebounds, three assists), Ashley Althaus (two points) and

Tori Daniels (two points.)

Amboy went up against a tall Fulton squad in the championship game and eventually outlasted the Lady Steamers, 41-30, on Feb. 14.

Fulton came in with a front line standing 6-0, 5-11, 5-11, and its guards possessed good quickness. That, along with a quality triangle and two defense, proved to be a big challenge for the Lady Clippers.

Amboy trailed 8-4 after the opening period and was down 14-13 at the half. Amboy picked up its offense in the second half, forging in front 23-22 after three quarters, and then outscoring Fulton, 18-8, in the fourth to claim its fourth regional crown in six years.

Amboy was led by Payne with 11 points. Powers had eight points, five rebounds and four assists, while Dinges provided eight points, six boards and five assists. Dinges connected on a pair of three-pointers in the fourth quarter to stretch Amboy's lead and had three of her assists in the crucial moments.

Other performances that helped the Lady Clippers'



The Amboy Lady Clippers won their second straight Class 1A regional championship on Friday night. They will face Galena at the Pecatonica Sectional on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Photo by Kirsten Donna

cause included Donna with six points, four rebounds and two steals, Jones with six points and 11 rebounds, and Blaine with a deuce.

Amboy (30-1) played Galena in the semifinals of the Pecatonica Sectional on Tuesday night. The sectional championship game is set for

7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20.

The winner of the Pecatonica Sectional will advance to the Streamwood Supersectional to face the champion

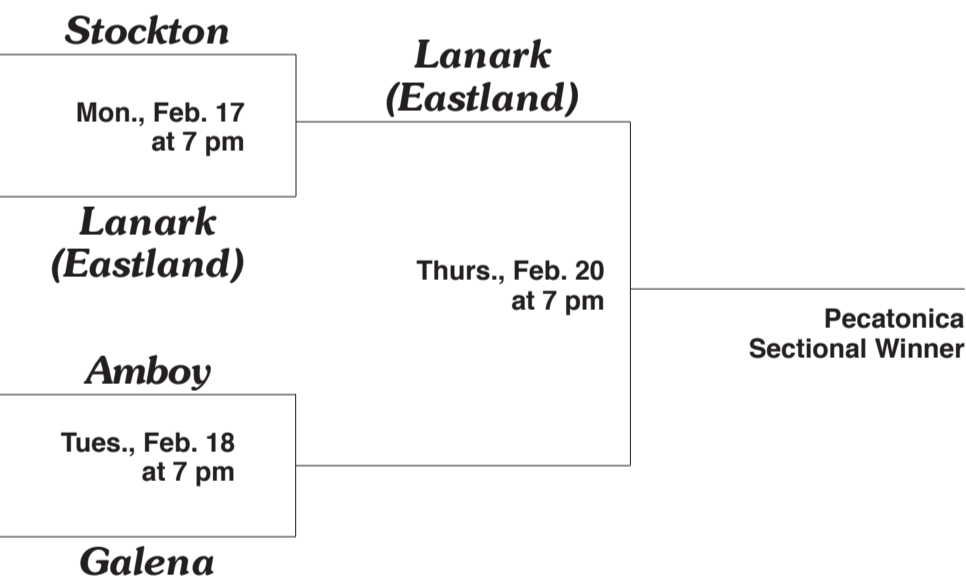
from the Chicago (Collins Academy) Sectional at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24 for a right to move on to the Class 1A State Tournament.



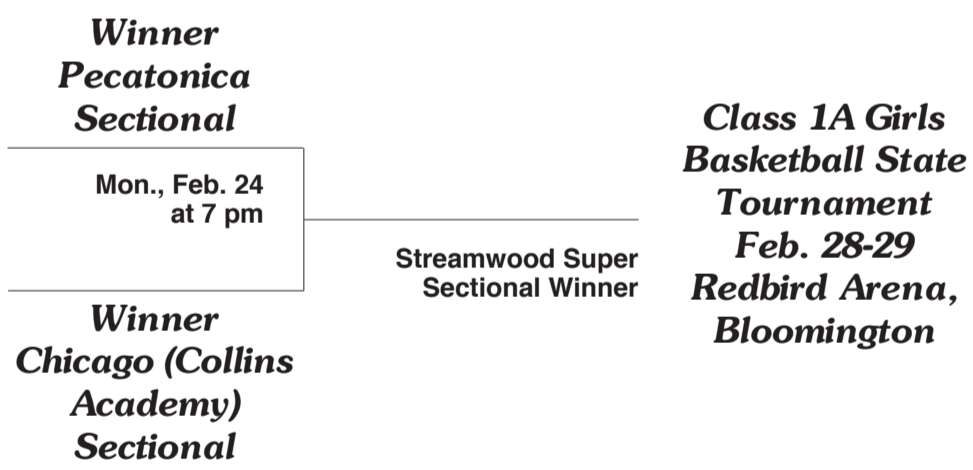
Above, Amboy's Abi Payne shoots a free throw as the clocks winds down in Amboy's Regional win against Fulton. Pictured left, the Lady Clippers celebrate their Regional win.

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CLASS 1A GIRLS BASKETBALL PECATONICA SECTIONAL BRACKET



CLASS 1A GIRLS BASKETBALL STREAMWOOD SUPER SECTIONAL BRACKET



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Monday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Ribwich on a bun, baked beans, fresh cut veggies/ranch, salad, applesauce, cookie
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Clipper Bowl-popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, gravy, cheese, roll, pears, fresh cut veggies/ranch
Wednesday	- Breakfast pizza or pick two from breakfast cart - Cheese omelet or yogurt cups, tator tots, juice cup, raisins, frosted cinnamon roll
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Italian pasta bake, breadstick, peas, broccoli, mixed fruit, brownie
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Cheese pizza, green beans, fresh cut veggies, applesauce cup, jello cup

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CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU

February 24 – 28

Fat-free chocolate, strawberry or unflavored white milk are served at Breakfast and Lunch. 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 - Ribwich on a bun, baked beans, fresh cut veggies/ranch, salad, applesauce, cookie
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SPORTS/LOCAL NEWS



SCHOOL SPIRIT

Amboy High School students show their support for the Lady Clippers Regional win on Friday night.

Photo by Kirsten Donna

Clippers to begin Regional action in Polo

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.

Phidan Art Club seeks artist for annual show

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

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Amboy Community Unit School District #272	
Wed., Feb. 19	School Board Meeting - Central School Gym - 7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 20	AJHS Scholastic Bowl (H) - 4:00 p.m. AJHS Girls Basketball (H) Dixon Catholic - 4:00 p.m. AHS Freshman Boys Basketball @ Newman Tournament - TBA
Fri., Feb. 21	AJHS Girls Basketball @ Serena Tournament - TBA AHS Boys Basketball @ Milledgeville - 6:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 22	AJHS Girls Basketball @ Serena Tournament - TBA AHS Freshman Boys Basketball @ Newman Tournament - TBA
Sun., Feb. 23	AEF Bowl-A-Thon
February 24-28	AHS Boys Basketball Regional @ TBA
Tues., Feb. 25	AJHS 7th & 8th Scholastic Bowl (H) Dimmick - 4:00 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 27	AJHS Scholastic Bowl @ St. Mary's, Dixon - 4:00 p.m.



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