



1000 POINTS

On Feb. 4, Amboy Lady Clipper Abi Payne needed 14 points in the game to reach the 1,000-point mark in her career. Payne had 11 points at halftime. It didn't take long in the third quarter before she made a three-pointer to give her 1,000. During the next timeout, the announcement was made and Payne was presented with a poster. After the game, she was presented a basketball that included the writing: Abi Payne, 1000+ points, Feb. 4, 2020, Amboy Lady Clippers. Payne ended the contest with 18 points, seven assists and five steals.

Photo by Kirsten Donna



RAISING MONEY FOR TEEN TURF

Teen Turf's Annual Soup/Chili Supper on Feb. 1 was another successful event. There was chili and several soups (Potato, Split Pea, Chicken Noodle, Taco, and Turkey & Wild Rice) to enjoy. Homemade cornbread, desserts, and drinks completed the evening. The cost of the meal was by donation.

Photos courtesy of Kimberly Watley



DONATION TO EDUCATION

Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 8277 recently donated \$1,000 to Ogle County Education Cooperative in Byron to help them in support of their many educational programs. Pictured are Grand Knight Frank Lachat, Sr., and the Director of Ogle County Education Cooperative Matt Zilm. The Amboy Knights of Columbus raised the money for this donation from their annual Intellectual Disability Drive program.

Photo submitted



CELEBRATING RETIREMENT

A retirement open house was held for Sublette Fire Chief Doug Erbes on Feb. 9th at LaFiesta. Erbes celebrated more than 31 years on the fire department serving Sublette, with 14 1/2 of those years as chief. Erbes, right, is pictured with Sublette's new Fire Chief Kevin Schultz.

Photo submitted

Machine Shed Masters to take the course on Sunday

SUBLETTE — Around Sublette, machine sheds are not only used to store farm machinery.

On Feb. 16, nine machine sheds will be part of a golf course for the 5th Annual Machine Shed Masters.

Golfers will register at the Ellice Dinges Center on West Street, in Sublette, after 12:30 p.m. They will then proceed from machine shed to machine shed to complete their round of golf. Golfing runs from 1- 4:30 p.m. and then dinner will be served at the Dinges Center. Teams of four may register at a cost of \$100 per team. Profits from the tournament go to the FFA Alumni.

Everyone is invited to



start the golf season early at the Machine Shed Masters.

This has become a popular event in the community.

Sublette switches to new online billing software

BY TONJA GREENFIELD

General Manager

SUBLETTE — The Village of Sublette approved a motion to change to a new billing software for its water bills.

The board met during its regular monthly meeting on Monday night in the Ellice Dinges Center. All board members were present.

In January, Acting Village Mayor John Stenzel introduced the board to UBMax, an online utility management software, for water bills. He said with this software residents could look up their bills, review their history and pay their bills online.

At Monday night's meeting, Stenzel reviewed the costs of the software with the board. He said the total cost for the first year would be \$1,425, which would include a \$865 one-time fee and a \$50 conversion to the new software fee. After the first year, Stenzel said the cost to the village would be \$510 annually. He said the current software the village is using costs them \$758. Stenzel said his goal is to have it up and running by the next fiscal year. He added that if the conversion from the old software wouldn't take a long time, saying if they started using the software on a Friday, everything would be transferred over to the new software by Monday. He said that customers opting for having bills emailed would save the village postage and envelopes expenses.

Sublette Village Board member Julie Kessel made a motion to approve the switch to the UBMax software with Sublette Village Board member Scott Hanson seconding the motion. The motion was approved 6-0.

In other board news:

- Based on the consensus from the board at Monday's meeting, Stenzel will have the village attorney draft a resolution to be voted on in March, stating that the village will not allow the sale of cannabis in the village.

- Don Dinges reported that work on the upcoming Sublette Toy Show is going well. The dates of the show this year are March 14 and 15. He said they are working on the details of the dinner during the toy show. Tickets are \$20 each. For the toy show, Dinges said they are not doing a silent auction this year, so instead he has been approaching businesses about being corporate sponsors.

- Dinges also reported that the Sublette Business Association is looking to host an event in June welcoming back the campers. He said it's about the 60th year of the first campground in the area. He said the first campground was Pleasure Acres, which is now Mendota Hills Campground.

- The board approved the purchase of a chlorine bulk tank and containment tank for \$330 from Hawkins. The board also approved the purchase of a pallet fork safety platform for the tractor in the amount of \$200 from Jayson Stamberger.



SENIOR NIGHT

Senior Lady Clippers were honored at the last home game of the regular season.

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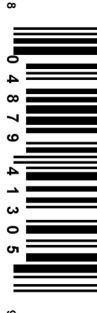
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LOCAL NEWS

State to release first \$50 million of broadband expansion funding

BY JERRY NOWICKI
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SPRINGFIELD – The state is accepting applications for the first \$50 million in disbursements of a \$420 million grant program aimed at increasing internet access across the state.

Gov. JB Pritzker announced the release of funding Wednesday at Ridgely Elementary School in Springfield, noting that the rights to “health care and education and economic opportunity” are all “tied to digital connectivity” in the 21st century.

“I want to be clear though,” he said, “this isn’t about a person’s ability to go online and just look at their Facebook page. This is about a small business owner having the tools that she needs to reach new customers. This is about an elderly couple’s ability to get access to medical experts anywhere in the nation, even if they live in a rural community. This is about giving children like the ones that are here today the ability to research their

homework assignments online.”
The program, known as Connect Illinois, is part of the \$45 billion capital infrastructure plan that the General Assembly passed last year.

Applications for the first \$50 million can be submitted through Friday, April 3. Applicants can receive up to \$5 million per project as part of the first round of funding, but they must provide at least 50 percent of the project’s funding.

Matt Schmit, head of the office of broadband within the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, said he expects applicants to include internet service providers, rural broadband cooperatives and possibly communities looking to invest in broadband.

“We’ll have an inclusive process when it comes to applicants,” he said. “The point is that you’ve got to have a strong track record of demonstrating that you can do this kind of work. And so we’re going to be very diligent in making sure that any applicant that the state

partners with is up to this work, and that we’re making sound investments for the long haul.”

He said he also expects to see community and provider partnerships in some circumstances.

“And we want to hear ideas, we want to hear from you,” Schmit said. “Because this is not a state-driven approach. This is a partnership between our providers, our communities and folks who are interested in getting a better connectivity future for our communities around the state.”

Schmit said the \$420 million accounts for “the nation’s largest competitive matching grant program” for broadband expansion. He said \$20 million of that funding will go to maintenance of the Illinois Century Network, which is the high-speed state system that serves educational, research, governmental and health care organizations across the state.

“A year ago, our administration made a daring promise to prioritize not just with our words, but with action to bridge the digital divide that hinders so many rural and urban

communities,” Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton said at the news conference.

She chairs the governor’s Rural Affairs Council, and said she has met with rural and agricultural leaders who relayed that a “primary need” was expanding broadband.

“About 10 percent of the population is underserved when it comes to broadband access, and those communities are overwhelmingly people of color or those living in remote parts of our state,” she said.

Pritzker likened the need for broadband in rural communities to a period when rural communities lagged behind on electricity. He also noted several neighborhoods in Chicago lack reliable internet access.

“Almost a century ago, rural communities were shut out of the modern economy because they didn’t have electricity,” he said. “And so government took action to incentivize and accelerate rural electrification. Within two decades, over 90 percent of our nation’s farms had electricity. The rural broadband challenge of today is no different.”

Sauk Valley Community College names Vice President

DIXON —The Sauk Valley Community College Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Dr. Jon Mandrell to the position of Vice President of Academics and Student Services. The decision was made at a recent board meeting. Dr. Mandrell will replace Dr. Steve Nunez, who accepted a presidential position at Pennsylvania Highlands Community College.

A native of Polo, Illinois, Dr. Mandrell previously served SVCC from 2009 to 2018, in various roles from Professor of Criminal Justice to Dean of Instructional Services and later Vice President of Academics and Student Services. Dr. Mandrell is active in the Sauk community, having previously served on the Dixon YMCA Board of Directors, Twin Cities Sunrise Rotary, and he is currently active with the Polo Lions Club. He held the role of President at Tennessee College of Applied Technology, Murfreesboro from 2018-2019, where he lent his leadership toward the Tennessee Promise earned tuition program. In May of 2019, Dr. Mandrell accepted the role of Chief of Police in Polo, Illinois.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the College community, we welcome Dr. Jon Mandrell back to SVCC and look forward to his arrival on February 24, 2020.

OSF Saint Elizabeth in Ottawa achieves acute stroke ready hospital designation

OTTAWA — OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center in Ottawa, Illinois, has received designation as an Acute Stroke Ready Hospital (ASRH) from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

“This designation is a testament to the ongoing dedication that our Mission Partners have to providing our communities with high-quality care,” stated Ken Beutke, president of OSF Saint Elizabeth. “Our caregivers work as a team while adhering to strict clinical practices to ensure our patients receive rapid care when it matters most.”

The Primary Stroke Center Laws passed in 2009 and updated in 2015, allows the IDPH to identify hospitals capable of providing emergent stroke care and directs EMS providers to transport possible acute stroke patients to these hospitals.

“This designation is a tribute to the collaborative teamwork between EMS services and the hospital’s emergency, diagnostic imaging, and laboratory departments,” stated Amanda Los, RN, director of emergency services for OSF Saint Elizabeth. “We put a lot of effort into streamlining processes for early identification and rapid diagnosis of stroke to ensure our patients receive high-quality and timely care.”

“To maintain the ASRH designation, the hospital must meet specific criteria, and OSF Saint Elizabeth has worked hard to achieve this,” said Nicholas Reinhart, DO, emergency medicine. “EMS can notify us of an incoming stroke patient, which results in the fastest treatment possible upon arrival, or quick transfer to OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford; our closest Comprehensive Stroke Center. This designation

ensures our community has access to the highest levels of stroke care in the state.”

To receive the designation, hospitals must measure their outcomes and times to treatment and are subject to random inspections by the state.

In the event of a stroke, think FAST. FAST is an easy way to remember the sudden signs of a stroke.

Face - Ask the person to smile or show teeth. Is the person’s smile uneven or one side drooping?

Arm - Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

Speech - Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like “The sky is blue.” Is the speech slurred? Is the sentence repeated correctly?

Time - If one of these symptoms is present, don’t drive; call 9-1-1 and check the time for when the first symptoms appeared.

OSF Saint Paul to offer Heartsaver AED CPR course on March 5

MENDOTA — OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center is offering a

Heartsaver AED Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Course on Thursday, March 5, beginning at 5 p.m. There is a \$35 fee per person for the course, which must be pre-

paid to reserve a spot in the class. Class size is limited, a minimum number of students are needed to hold the class.

The class will be held in the hospital’s Conference Room

C; participants should enter through the Medical Office Building doors. You can register online at www.osfsaintpaul.org or contact Michelle Jones, RN at 815-539-1654.



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available for rural
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LEE COUNTY — Applications are now available for nurse practitioner scholarships through the Illinois Farm Bureau® Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program. There will be 10 scholarships, worth \$4,000 each, granted this year.

The scholarship program, now in its 28th year, helps encourage and develop the pool of rural health practitioners to help meet primary health care needs in rural Illinois. Students who receive scholarships agree to practice for two years in an approved rural area in Illinois.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be Illinois residents and be a Registered Nurse accepted or enrolled in an accredited Nurse Practitioner Program. Funding is provided by the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program.

Applications are available at county Farm Bureaus® throughout the state, on the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program website at RIMSAP.com, or by writing Donna Gallivan, Program Manager, Illinois Farm Bureau, PO Box 2901, Bloomington, IL 61702-2901. Applications are due May 1.

For additional information, contact Donna Gallivan at 309-557-2350, or via e-mail at dgallivan@iflb.org.

TEEN TURF

VALENTINES DAY DANCE

On Friday, Feb. 14 from 6 - 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.

SOUP/CHILI SUPPER RECAP & THANK YOU'S
We had another successful supper in the books. We would like to thank those that donated, Amboy Foods & Liquor and First National Bank of Amboy. Thank you to all those that let us post our flyers up in their businesses. Also thank you to those that made soup and yummy baked goods. Thank you to Eileen and the Teen Turf board members, who put it together. Thank you to AJHS Junior Beta members and students who helped serve. A special thank you to first time excellent servers: Matthew, Liam, and Lila.

TAX FREE DONATIONS

There is an account set up at First Federal Savings and Loan, First National Bank, and Pioneer State Bank 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

BOARD MEMBERS

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



BY EMILY GOFF
Head Librarian

Thank you to everyone who purchased or renewed their library card using the January special! Library cards

are now back to the regular yearly household fee of \$50 for Non-Residents (outside of the city limits). Stay tuned for exciting upcoming library programs for adults! Follow our Facebook page for the most recent library news.

Library hours are 11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays.

Pankhurst Memorial Library

3 South Jefferson Avenue
Amboy IL 61310
815-857-3925

Amboy Police

Speeding

On Feb. 3, at 8:49 p.m., Mary P. Serrano, 52, of Amboy, was issued a traffic citation for speeding 51 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

Runaway

On Jan 28, at 7:15 p.m., a 16-year-old female juvenile was arrested for being a runaway.

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Tuesday - Baked ziti w/meat sauce, Italian blend veggies, garlic bread, hot applesauce

Wednesday - A) Meatloaf, mashed potatoes/gravy, glazed carrots, dinner roll, peach cobbler B) Liver & onions

Thursday - Beef stew, buttermilk biscuit, mandarin oranges

Friday - Lemon tilapia, wild rice, peas, dinner roll, fruit cocktail

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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 US RT 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.

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 cannabis, Glucose and Cholesterol screenings, tick kits, or mammogram and Pap test programs.

PRINCETON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, at Allegion-LCN, 1224 N. Main St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

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 accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Road, on Wednesday, Feb. 19, by appointment only. Call the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 to schedule an appointment.

SUBLETTE-The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 19, by appointment only. Call the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 to schedule an appointment.

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 Thursday, Feb. 20, 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.

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.

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.

ROCK FALLS-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

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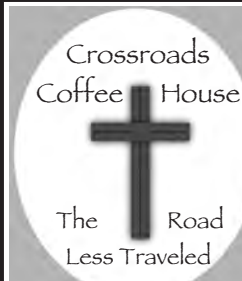


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VOTE BY MAIL~ signed applications will be accepted through Thursday, March 12, 2020 and is available for properly registered Lee County voters. Applications are available on the website or by contacting the Election Department of her office.

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

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

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

Website: www.leecountyil.com Email: election@countyoflee.org
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Cathy Myers
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Mary Ann Cardot April 4, 1941 - Feb. 6, 2020

MAYTOWN — Mary Ann Cardot, 78, of Maytown, died Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020 at Stonecroft Village in Mendota.

She was born April 4, 1941, in Mendota, the daughter of Gilbert and Bernice (Happ) Klein. She was an accounting clerk at Borg Warner for over 25 years prior to her retirement.

Mary Ann was also May Township Assessor for several years. She was a member of St Patrick Catholic Church in Maytown and was active in the church's Altar and Rosary Society and Little Dresses for Africa sewing group.

Mary Ann was a doting grandmother and enjoyed playing card, crafts, sewing and crocheted many beautiful items for people.

Mary Ann married Richard "Dick" Cardot on July 13, 1963 at Holy Cross Catholic

Church in Mendota.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Troy Klein.

Mary Ann is survived by her husband Dick; children, Rick (Deb) Cardot, of LaMoille, Denise Cardot, of Morton and Kris (Tom) Goodwin, of Dixon; grandchildren, Stephen (Ashlea) Cardot, of Ohio and Emily Cardot, of Carol Stream; brothers, Eugene (Henrietta) Klein, of Mendota, Bernie (Diane) Klein, of Mendota, Dennis (Carol) Klein, of Sublette and Terry Klein, of Sublette; and one sister, Toni (Mike) Fassig, of Sublette.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m., on Friday, Feb. 14, 2020, at St Patrick Catholic Church in Maytown. Burial will follow in St Patrick Cemetery Maytown. Visitation will be held from 4-8 p.m., on Thursday,



Feb. 13, at St Patrick Catholic Church in Maytown with the Rosary at 3:45 p.m., and on Friday from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the church.

A memorial has been established to St Patrick Catholic Church in Maytown.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

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

John William Lusz Sept. 28, 1946 - Feb. 1, 2020

PANAMA — John William Lusz passed away Feb. 1, 2020, in his home in Panama, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his loving wife, Peggy, his three beloved dogs, and group of friends including his pastor.

An official service was then held for John.

John was born Sept. 28, 1946 to Ralph J. and Kathryn (Dimmig) Lusz in Dixon. He went to Amboy High School and graduated with the class of 1964.

He spent the greater part of his life in the town of Petersburg, and later on a small farm outside Tallula, where he raised beef cattle and a donkey named Annie.

He gave all his animals names and loved them like children.

John also participated in the lives of 17 children through foster parenting and hosting foreign exchange students. He loved children and when asked how many he had, his response was "I have 20 of them."

He is survived by his wife, Peggy; his sister, Barbara; two sons, Parish and Ben; a daughter, Ann; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Larry Dean and Bruce; and one niece, Dawn.

Peggy said John was the kindest and gentlest person she had ever met. She had



lost her best friend.

A private family celebration of John's life is planned for a later date and a memorial has been established.

Condolences may be sent to Barbara Stewart PO Box 453, Rochelle, IL 61068.

Beverly Beams

TISKILWA — A Celebration of Beverly Ruth (Underhile) Beams Soul in Heaven, her life and to wish her "Happy Trails" will be held 11 a.m., Feb. 22, 2020,

in the Tiskilwa Community Church, Main Street, Tiskilwa.

Lunch and Fellowship will follow at Noon. Much memorabilia of

Beverly's life will be on display.

Her family has requested attendees dress in red, dress in western attire and wear their cowboy hats.

Farm legacy seminars planned

BLOOMINGTON — Seventy percent of U.S. farmland will likely change hands during the next two decades. With estimates as high as half of American farmers operating without an estate plan, Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) and COUNTRY Financial are set to provide valuable Farm Legacy Seminars to aid them as plans are made for the next generation.

The two organizations will host three farm legacy information meetings in February of 2020. The seminars will provide current and prospective IFB members and COUNTRY Financial clients with tools, protection and ongoing support essential to legacy planning, in order to allow them to keep their farm in the family amid today's financial challenges. "Illinois farm families face a series of issues, including rising costs in agriculture and surviving financial stress year to year, that may pull their focus away from planning for the future of the farm," said IFB President Richard Guebert Jr.

Each meeting will include a keynote presentation by Dr. Ron Hanson, Harlan agribusiness professor emeritus at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and professional speaker on farm legacy planning.

"It is never too early for farm family members to begin a legacy planning process for their farm," said Dr. Hanson. "Most often, farm families make the mistake of waiting un-

til it is too late or after something unexpected happens. That is never the best time to make good objective decisions. It's important to develop and implement a business succession plan now to continue a family farming legacy for future generations."

"Legal documents and adequate protection are a solid start to the conversation," stated Buhrmann. "Equally important, though is having the entire family take part in the conversation. Having a plan will ensure that what you want to have happen will happen. At COUNTRY, our team of planning professionals have been helping farming families keep the farm in the family for over 50 years. What you've built with your hands, your head, and your heart is too important to leave to chance."

Meetings are set to take place in northern, central and southern Illinois. The 2-hour seminars will each begin at 5 p.m. with dinner. Dates and locations are as follows:

- Feb. 25 — Hickory Grove Banquet and Conference Center, Rochelle
- Feb. 26 — I-Hotel and Conference Center, Champaign
- Feb. 27 — Kokopelli Golf Club, Marion

Registration for the events is now open to current and prospective IFB members and COUNTRY Financial clients. To register, visit www.ilfb.org/farmplanning

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Finally, the board approved the purchase of two 12-foot stainless steel sheets cut and bent for the maintenance building benches at a cost of \$150 from American Machine.

• The board is looking at moving its July meeting from July 13th, due to Grace Fellowship Church using the Ellice Dinges Center for its vacation bible school. No new date for the July meeting was set.

• Stenzel gave an update from IDOT that it will be three years before Route 52 is resurfaced. He said he was drafting a letter to IDOT to inform them that three years out is too long.

• Upcoming events:

Sunday, March 1 at 3 p.m., the free showing of the moving SILO at 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.

Sunday, March 8, at 3 p.m., the free showing of the documentary All The Queens Horses at the Ellice Dinges Center. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. How could one woman steal \$53 million without anyone noticing? As city comptroller of Dixon, Rita Crundwell stole \$53 million of public funds across 20 years—making her the perpetrator of the largest case of municipal fraud in American history. She used the funds to build one of the nation's leading quarter horse breeding empires, all while forcing staff cuts, police budget slashing, and neglect of public infrastructure. All The Queens Horses investigates her crime, her lavish lifestyle and the small town she left in her wake.

March 14 and 15 is the 38th Annual Sublette Farm Toy and Antique Tractor Show featuring International.

Saturday, April 18 is the village's annual Clean-Up Day. More details to come.

The next village board meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, March 9, in the Ellice Dinges Center.



GRANNY ROSE - ABNER

Abner is approximately 17 months old and has been neutered and fully vaccinated. This rescued stray has an outgoing personality with people and can be quite charming. It is unknown if he would share a home with any other animals. He loves checking out the toys in the kitty playroom. Abner loves attention from people, but doesn't always like to cuddle for an extended time. Abner would fit best with adults and older children. Come meet this handsome guy. To see Abner, visit Granny Rose Animal Shelter, 613 River Lane, Dixon. Call 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit www.grannyrose.org.

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Tuesday & Thursday 7 am
Saturday 4 pm • Sunday 9 am
Confessions: Saturday, 3-3:45 pm
Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday, 8am-5 pm

St. Mary Church
Rev. Timothy Draper
912 Walton Rd., Walton
815-857-2670
Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm

First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center
Pastor Jack M. Briggs
1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center
www.LeeCenter-UCC.org
Phone 815-732-7032
Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.

St. Flannen Church
Rev. Timothy Draper
213 S Second St., Harmon
815-857-2670
Mass: Sunday, 7:30 am

United First Church of Amboy
Pastor Mark Glenn
East Main & Jefferson
815-440-0745
Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Grace Fellowship Church
Amboy-Sublette
Pastor Brian McWethy
500 W. Main Street, Sublette
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
www.graceisforyou.com

East Grove Union Church
Pastor Richard Wulf, 815-440-5321
449 Reuter Road, Amboy
Phone 815-376-6661
1/2 Mile East of Route 26 on Union Rd.
Sun., 9:00 a.m. Morning Service
Youth Church, ages 3-Grade 4
10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Ages 3 - Adult
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Morning Service - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Wed. prayer meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
King's Kids program from 6:30-8 p.m. Friday
Reformers Unanimous addictions program from 7-9 p.m.

St. James Evangelical Congregational Church
Robert Dunbar, Pastor
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815-288-2447
Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
Ladies Bible Study, Wed. 9 a.m.

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Rev. Randy Fronек
West Brooklyn
Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m.
Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Church
Rev. Randy Fronек - Maytown
Mass - Fri. 8 a.m., Sun, 8 a.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
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Sunday School - 9:40-10:15 a.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
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Phone 815-849-5412
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Sunday Mass - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.
Thursday - 8:30 a.m.

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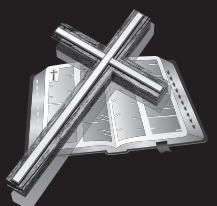
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SOCIAL NEWS



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Be ever faithful to the worship of God

BY FATHER TIMOTHY DRAPER

Over the final weekend of January, Americans witnessed two momentous events. On Friday, Jan. 24, President Donald Trump became the first US President ever to attend the March for Life in Washington D.C. (the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world).

Amidst recurring applause, the President said: "All of us here understand an eternal truth: Every child is a precious and sacred gift from God. Together, we must protect, cherish, and defend the dignity and the sanctity of every human life. When we see the image of a baby in the womb, we glimpse the majesty of God's creation. When we hold a newborn in our arms, we know the endless love that each child brings to a family. When we watch a child grow, we see the splendor that

radiates from each human soul. One life changes the world".

On Sunday, Jan. 26, Americans, and basketball fans in particular, were reminded of this truth—one life changes the world—when the stunning news of NBA star Kobe Bryant's tragic death hit the headlines. Upon reading this news, I immediately offered a prayer for the repose of his soul as well as for those who perished with him in that deadly helicopter crash.

In a LifeSiteNews.com article, Dorothy Cummings McLean wrote: "The star was a practicing Catholic who had allegedly attended Sunday Mass just hours before the crash."

McLean reports: "Fr. David Barnes of Boston, Massachusetts spread the word that the retired star had been at Mass the morning of his death. 'As sad as Kobe's death is,' the Boston Univer-

sity chaplain tweeted, 'a friend texted me today to tell me that a friend of hers attends the same Catholic church as Kobe and saw him this morning at Mass. There can be nothing more consoling to those who mourn than to know that a loved one worshipped God just before his death because worshipping God is what heaven is.'"

As we mourn the deaths of all our loved ones who have passed away in this new year, the deaths of the millions of unborn children who have perished in our country through the sin of abortion, and the deaths of all who were killed in that tragic helicopter crash, let us remember the sacredness of our own lives as well as our own mortality and, like the Holy Family in this last Sunday's Gospel (Lk 2:22-40), be ever faithful to the worship of God and the observance of his laws.

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

John Grisham's Beach Book

When John Grisham was asked in an interview why, after having sold 300 million books, he decided to depart from his legal thrillers, he said that since his books have been criticized as beach books, he'd show them and write a beach book, literally. The beach is on "Camino Island" in Florida (modeled on Amelia Island) where a young writer with a seven-year writer's block is on the trail of five priceless manuscripts.

"Camino Island" begins as a terrific caper where a gang of thieves stages a heist of five, handwritten manuscripts of F. Scott Fitzgerald's five novels housed in a vault at Princeton University's Firestone Library. (Princeton does own the manuscripts, but, Grisham said, everything else is fiction.) The FBI's Rare Asset Recovery Unit nabs two of the robbers almost immediately, but the manuscripts disappear into the murky underworld of the black market trade in stolen rare books and manuscripts.

Enter Mercer Mann, who is approached by an intelligence firm for the insurance company, which is on the hook for 25 million dollars, to infiltrate the writers' community on Camino Island. Her target is the charismatic owner of the highly successful book store, Bay Books. His name is Bruce Cable, who wears a different-colored seersucker suit for every day of the week, a bow tie, and no socks. He bought the bookstore at 23 and has turned it into a powerhouse, and he is known to dabble in stolen rare books.

Mercer, who spent her childhood summers with her beloved grandmother Tessa on Camino Island, is welcomed with open arms by the island's gossip writers' community. Grisham has fun with this literary mafia,

presided over by Myra Beckwith and Leigh Trane, who made their money cranking out raunchy romances, and who seem to be rather poor caricatures of Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas. They stage an intervention to teach Mercer how to get over her writer's block: Write a page a day, use quotation marks for dialogue; don't write a prologue; don't write the first scene until you know the last scene; don't introduce twenty characters in the first chapter. Though Mercer is a one-note character who never tires of complaining about her writer's block, she is sufficiently attractive for Bruce to wine and dine her. As if by miracle, she easily penetrates to the secret vault underneath the bookstore, whereupon the operatives from the intelligence firm eagerly set the trap.

Clearly, Grisham knows the book trade inside-out. Like his main character, he collects rare books and owns first editions of three F. Scott Fitzgerald novels. He said "Camino Island" is strictly an entertainment, which he had a great deal of fun writing. A beach book on all counts.

Our Pankhurst Library Book Club will be discussing "Camino Island" on Monday, Feb. 24, at 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Everyone is most welcome.

From The Heart Calendar winners

January 2020 From The Heart Calendar Winners

Jan. 1 - Rosemary VanKirk, Rochelle, \$1,000
Jan. 2 - Carol McCarthy, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 3 - Glen Hughes, Dixon, \$25
Jan. 4 - Corrin Shore, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 5 - Betty Dearth, Rochelle, \$50
Jan. 6 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25
Jan. 7 - Gwen Coil, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 8 - Rochelle Area

Community Foundation, \$25

Jan. 9 - Nolan Shore, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 10 - Jackee Ohlinger, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 11 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 12 - Todd Capes, Rochelle, \$50
Jan. 13 - Matt Wolf (at CHS-Rochelle), \$25
Jan. 14 - Merlin Hagemann, Oregon, \$25
Jan. 15 - Doug Burnette, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 16 - Paige Humphrey, Machesney Park, \$2
Jan. 17 - Laura Owen,

Peoria, Arizona, \$25

Jan. 18 - Grace Malyszek, Chana, \$25
Jan. 19 - Tim Remsen, Maple Park, \$50
Jan. 20 - Tina Hoffmann, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 21 - Michael Folkerts, Colorado Springs, Colo., \$25
Jan. 22 - George Gould (at CHS-Rochelle), \$25
Jan. 23 - Jan Heal, Creston, \$25
Jan. 24 - From the Heart auction, \$25
Jan. 25 - Jodie Hart, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 26 - Kyle Aldridge,

Rochelle, \$50

Jan. 27 - Jeff Hayenga, Kings, \$25
Jan. 28 - Lisa Chidley, Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 29 - Denver Alexander, Plainfield, \$25
Jan. 30 - Andrew LeFevre (Johnson Tractor), Rochelle, \$25
Jan. 31 - Tonja Greenfield, Rochelle, \$25
Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month

United Way hosts Fantasy Football For Good

LEE COUNTY — United Way of Lee County hosted its inaugural Fantasy Football For Good fundraiser supporting United Way and its partner agencies.

Three leagues of 10 teams each were formed with participants signing up to play season long fantasy football in hopes of winning for their favorite United Way agency. Two community leagues were formed along with a league exclusively for the Dixon Rotary Club.

Each league's winners will present a donation for 50 percent of the proceeds directly to their chosen charity and 50 percent going to the United Way of Lee County

annual campaign. Thirty teams participated in the season long fundraiser, with 15 different partner agencies represented.

League Winners:

• Corey Olson, playing for United Way of Lee County
• Jan Blackburn, playing for the Dixon Family YMCA
• Peter Shaw, playing for the Dixon Family YMCA
Overall Point Winner:
• Corey Olson of the Dixon Rotary League

The real winners are the community agencies supported through the fundraiser. Each league winner will be presenting their chosen agency with a \$400 donation.

Andy McFarlane, CEO

of the Dixon Family YMCA stated, "We are pleased to not only be a participant in the FFFG league in its inaugural season but also proud to have been the receipt of funds from both Peter Shaw and Jan Blackburn as the two league winners that selected the Y as their charity of choice. We plan to utilize the funds for our Kids Helping Kids Winter Break Food programs helping families in need with a source of food over school breaks."

Peter Shaw, Board member of United Way of Lee County and Fantasy Football For Good Chair said, "Fantasy Football for Good had a great inaugural season and

has amazing growth potential heading into 2020. Fantasy Football for Good not only supports many great local nonprofit agencies, it also builds camaraderie amongst the players. Fantasy football is fun, and this is a great way to learn the game, or play the game you love and do some good.

If you would like to bring this teambuilding fundraiser into your business, organization, club, or church, or would like to sponsor prizes and participation, or just want to have a team next year, please reach out to United Way of Lee County or email fantasyfootballforgood@gmail.com.

Kish College holding Visit Day for prospective students and families on Feb. 17

MALTA — Kishwaukee College is hosting Visit Day on President's Day, Monday, Feb. 17, for prospective students and their families. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. in the Kish Conference Center with a continental breakfast and the formal program will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at noon.

"It's important to find a college that's right for you and the best way to make that decision is by visiting campus," said Graciela Horta, Kish's student outreach coordinator. "Come to Kish's Visit Day, tour our campus, talk with current students and attend a session or two. I think you'll be surprised by how much Kish offers."

Visit Day is a conference-style event, allowing participants to select from two to three different sessions for each timeslot. This flexible schedule will allow for a customized day with sessions that will most benefit individual participants.

Session topics include: Paying for College, College 101, Career Technologies Programs, TRiO Student Support Services, WIOA Youth Program, Student Activities, Athletics,

Foundation Scholarships, Honors Program and Supporting Your Student for parents/guardians.

Participants are encouraged to park in lot A and enter through door 16 or 17. Register for Visit Day at www.kish.edu/visitday.



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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

Lincoln is the stitch holding Illinois' identity together

It doesn't seem like a decade has passed since my then 4-year-old daughter, Grace, announced that her luck had run out - and something needed to be done.

"Daddy, I rubbed Mr. Lincoln's nose for good luck two weeks ago but now my luck is all gone. We need to go to Mr. Lincoln's tomb right away," she told me with more than a bit of desperation in her voice.

With Lincoln's birthday approaching, I got to thinking about that long-ago trip to Springfield's shrine to Illinois' martyred saint.

Going to the tomb and rubbing the nose of the Abraham Lincoln statue for luck is one of the more unusual of Illinois' customs.

Sightseers in the state capital notice that the nose of Lincoln is shiny from visitors' touches. In fact, it's touched so often that a metalsmith periodically is dispatched to fix the nose when a hole is rubbed through.

The statue was created by Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



who also shaped Mt. Rushmore.

When you are born in Illinois on Lincoln's Birthday, February 12, as I was, you quickly become immersed in Lincoln lore.

When I was a kid, I read every Lincoln biography in the school library, had a picture of Honest Abe that I'd cut out of the Farm Journal thumb tacked to my bedroom bulletin board and could rattle off Lincoln trivia the way other boys can recite baseball statistics.

When I was 8, I wanted to go to Gettysburg - not Disney World.

Other states have nicknamed themselves after their crops, heritage or natural attributes.

Illinois, on the other hand, is the only one that has chosen a person as a symbol of state identity - thanks to state Sen. Fred Hart of Streator, who in 1955 sponsored legislation designating the state as the "Land of Lincoln."

Illinois is a wonderful place to live but it lacks a strong sense of identity. Lincoln seems to be the stitch in the fabric

that holds the state together. School children are taught at an early age to revere Lincoln. My second-grade teacher told my class how he walked five miles to return 6 cents to a friend, and that is how he came to be known as "Honest Abe."

Being a cynical journalist, I'm more than a bit skeptical of such tales. But there is no denying that myths are part of what unites a state.

When my daughter Grace asked to be taken to Lincoln's Tomb on a chilly Sunday a decade ago, I wasn't exactly thrilled. That tomb just plain creeps me out.

Maybe it's not an idol. But it's certainly a graven image many in the Prairie State revere.

Folks travel to the tomb to lay Lincoln pennies on the headstone of the original burial place of the Great Emancipator.

Despite my misgivings, my daughter continued to pester me to take her to see Mr. Lincoln's tomb.

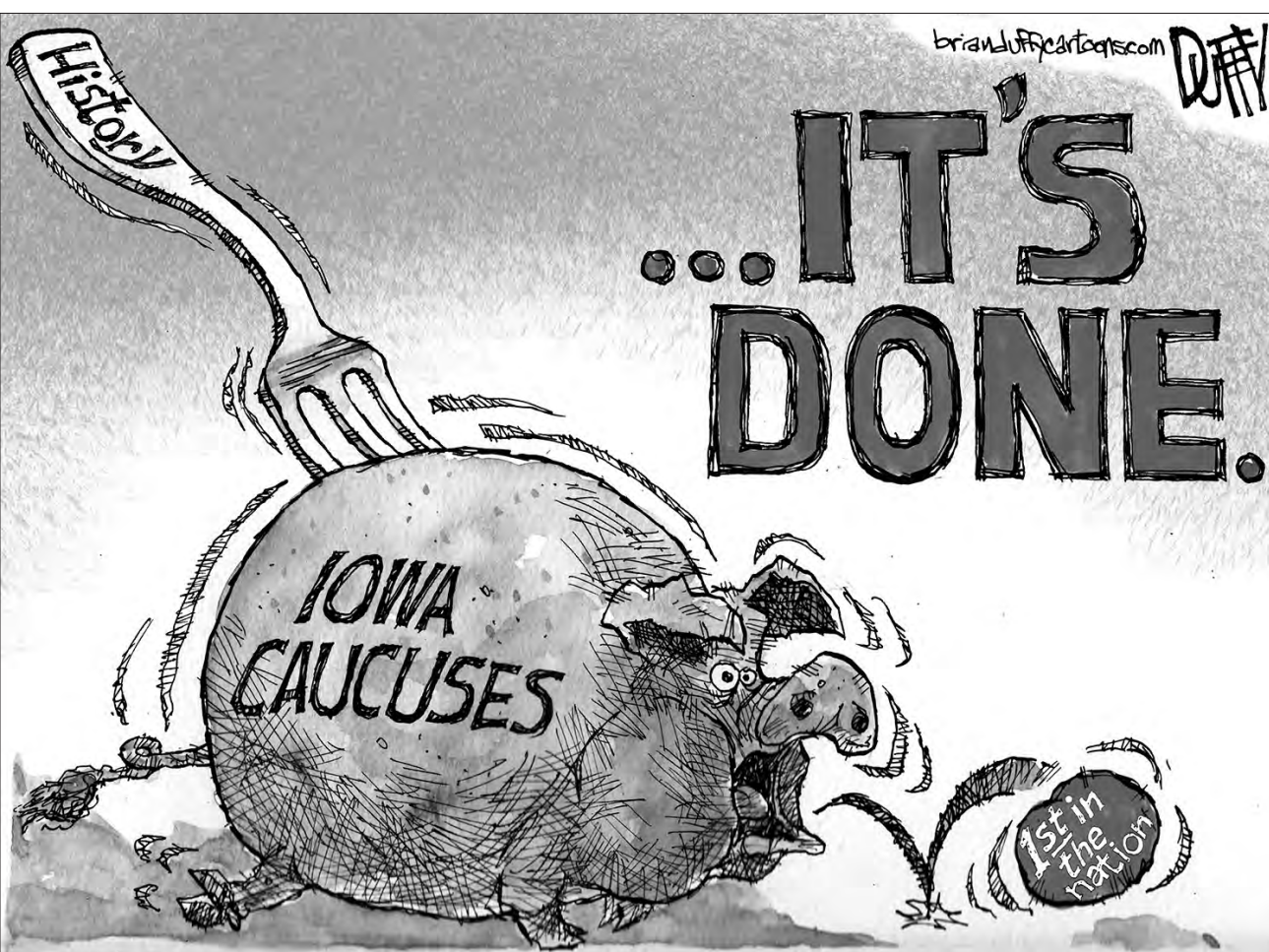
So, we drove to Oak Ridge Cemetery, which is just a few minutes from our house. Grace scampered to that statue and said, "Lift me up, Daddy. Lift me."

After she gave Lincoln's nose a vigorous rub, she hit me up for three pennies.

She left one at the tomb - and kept two for herself.

Maybe the nose rubbers weren't the most gullible to visit the cemetery that day.

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. 13, 1920

Mrs. H. Bachofen departed Monday morning for Chicago for a few days.

Mrs. Charles June and little son, Le-troy, who have been ill with the influenza and under the care of a trained nurse are improving.

Miss Sadie and Josephine McKeever spent Wednesday in Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitlock from near West Brooklyn were in Amboy Saturday. They will move next week to the Pete McKune farm south of Amboy.

75 Years Ago Feb. 8, 1945

Floyd Koesler expects to hold a closing out farm sale Feb. 21 and with this family will move to Aurora, where he will be employed as fireman on the C.B. & Q Railroad.

Sublette Lodge, No. 349, A.F. & A.M., celebrated its 85th anniversary

last Wednesday evening. Among those from Amboy who attended activities were Gail Travis, Robert Smith, R. G. Nowe, L.S. Griffith, Bruce Wilson, John J. Wagner, Cecil Emery, Ernest Spade, Glen Holt, Bert Lyon, Ray Hillison, W.W. Supinger, C.A. David, J.A. Tait, C.C. Reniff.

50 Years Ago Feb. 12, 1970

Gary D. Jones, Amboy High School sophomore, was the first place winner in the 13th District oratorical contest held in Sterling Friday, sponsored by the American Legion.

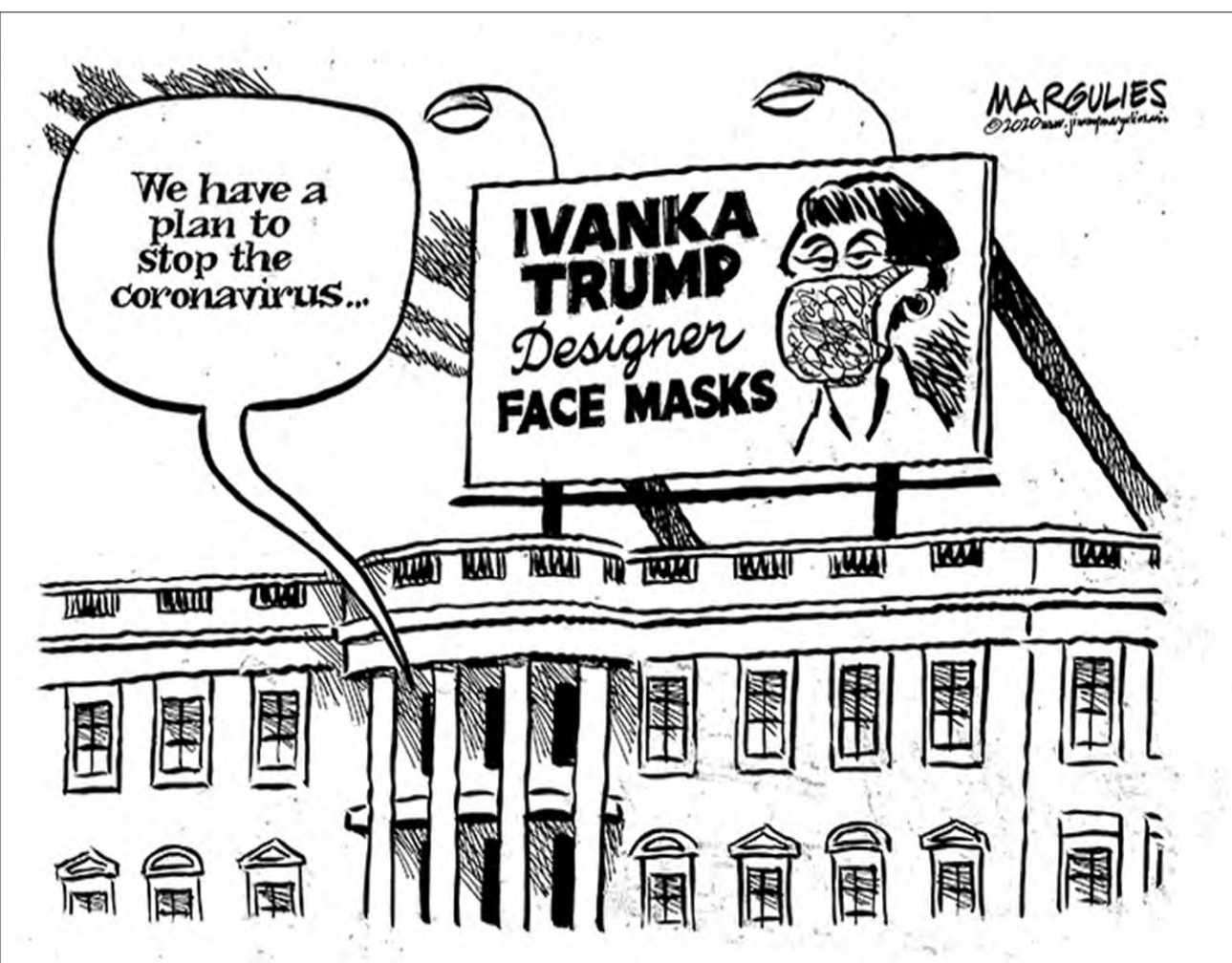
Joe Widolff, who resides on a farm two miles west of West Brooklyn, reported to The Amboy News Monday that his calves were attacked that morning by a pack of seven dogs. He said that he had just finished chores when a pack of dogs chased a rabbit into his barnyard, the rabbit ran under a pile of brush and the dogs transferred their attention to

his calves.

25 Years Ago Feb. 16, 1995

For the third consecutive year, the 100-acre Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp Resort in Amboy has been recognized with a top award within its franchise group. The Amboy camping resort most recently won the 1994 Franchise System's "Camp-Resort of the Year" Award, which recognizes overall excellence in management, operations and performance within the Jellystone franchise system.

The Clippers are seeded second at the IHSA Regional Tournament to be held at Amboy High School Feb. 20-22 and 24. The Mendota Trojans, ranked 11th in the recent Class A AP poll, are seeded first in the tourney. The LaMoille Lions are seeded third, followed by Ohio, Paw Paw and Earlville.



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LOCAL NEWS

Educational Briefs

Wilhelm Makes Dean's List at Edgewood College

MADISON, Wis. — Delaney Wilhelm of Amboy has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester at Edgewood College.

Fulltime undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students who earn a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or higher are eligible for the Dean's List after completing 24 credit hours of study at Edgewood College.

About Edgewood College

Located in Madison, Wis., Edgewood College is a liberal arts Catholic college in the Dominican tradition. We serve approximately 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students. The College offers more than 40 academic and professional programs, including master's degrees in business, education, nursing, and other fields, and doctoral degrees in educational leadership and nursing practice. For more information about Edgewood College, please visit www.edgewood.edu.

Hosto Named to Cornell College Dean's List

MOUNT VERNON, Iowa — Cornell College named 254 students to its Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester, including Erin Hosto, of LaMoille. Hosto was on the Honors list for a semester grade point average between 3.6000 - 3.7999.

Twice each year - at the end of January and the end of May - the Dean of the College recognizes those students who have earned superior grades during the previous semester and enrolls them on the Dean's List based upon their semester grade point average.

Kirkwood Community College announces Dean's List honors

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa - Kirkwood Community College has released its Dean's List for the fall 2019 semester. These students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college.

Kirkwood students from the area earning this distinction are listed below.

Dixon

Julietta Xheka

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 Finance.

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

Marquette University is a Catholic, Jesuit university that draws its more than 11,500 students from all 50 states and

more than 75 different countries. In addition to its nationally recognized academic programs, Marquette is known for its service learning programs and internships as students are challenged to use what they learn to make a difference in the world. Find out more about Marquette at marquette.edu.

Michigan Technological University releases Fall Dean's List

HOUGHTON, Mich. - Michigan Technological University, in Houghton, Michigan, has released the Dean's List for the 2019 fall semester. More than 1,880 students were named to the Dean's List this past fall.

To be included, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

A pound sign indicates a student who earned University Honors, finishing in the top 2 percent of their College. Asterisks indicate those earning straight-A averages of 4.0.

Among the honorees are the following from the local area:

Amboy

Paul S. Meyer, Amboy High School, Finance

Michigan Technological University is a public research university, home to more than 7,000 students from 60 countries. Founded in 1885, the University offers more than 120 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in science and technology, engineering, forestry, business and economics, health professions, humanities, mathematics, and social sciences.

Oklahoma State University announces fall 2019 graduates and honor rolls, including Illinois students

STILLWATER, Okla. — Two Amboy High School graduates have been named to the Oklahoma State University honor roll. A total of 6,966 students were named to the 2019 fall semester honor rolls at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, including 2,923 students named to the President's Honor Roll for earning an "A" grade in all their courses.

Named to the Dean's List were:

Amanda Thompson, of Amboy, President's Honor Roll

Ferne Thompson, of Amboy, President's Honor Roll

Full-time undergraduate students who completed 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 4.00 were placed on the President's Honor Roll, and students with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher with no grade below a "C" were placed on the Dean's Honor Roll.

UW-Platteville announces Fall 2019 Chancellor's List

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. -The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announced its Chancellor's List, honoring those with perfect 4.0 grade-point averages for the fall 2019 semester.

UW-Platteville, founded in 1866, has been named the best in Wisconsin for annual return on investment for the fourth consecutive year by Payscale and the best in the state (and seventh nationally) for employment by Zippia, the Career Expert.

For more information on the university, located in Southwest Wisconsin, visit uwplatt.edu.

Students from this area who earned the 4.0 grade-point average include:

Compton

Marie Barnickel, Mendota Township High School, Agricultural Business

UW-Platteville announces 2019 fall graduation

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. - The University of Wisconsin-Platteville celebrated its 203rd commencement ceremonies Dec. 14, 2019 in Williams Fieldhouse, and the ceremonies featured local students.

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Students from this area who earned their UW-Platteville bachelor's or UW-Platteville Baraboo Sauk County or UW-Platteville Richland associate degrees include:

Amboy

Julia Daszkiewicz, Chemistry/Forensic Investigation

Dixon

Eban Pribble, Industrial Technology Management

Franklin Grove

Dylan Pitzer, Soil & Crop Science

Victoria Welch named to the Rockford University fall 2019 Dean's List

ROCKFORD — Victoria Welch, a resident of Amboy, has been named to the fall 2019 Dean's List at Rockford University.

Students attending Rockford University who earn at least a 3.5 GPA with no grades below "C" and having completed all requirements for the semester are named to the Dean's List.

Rockford University is a private four-year, co-educational institution founded in 1847 offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in traditional liberal arts and professional fields.

Wheaton College (IL) Student Audrey Rod Named to Fall 2019 Dean's List

WHEATON — Wheaton College student Audrey Rod of Amboy, Illinois, was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester.

To earn Dean's List honors at Wheaton, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

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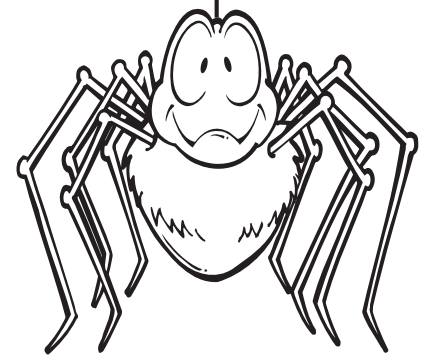
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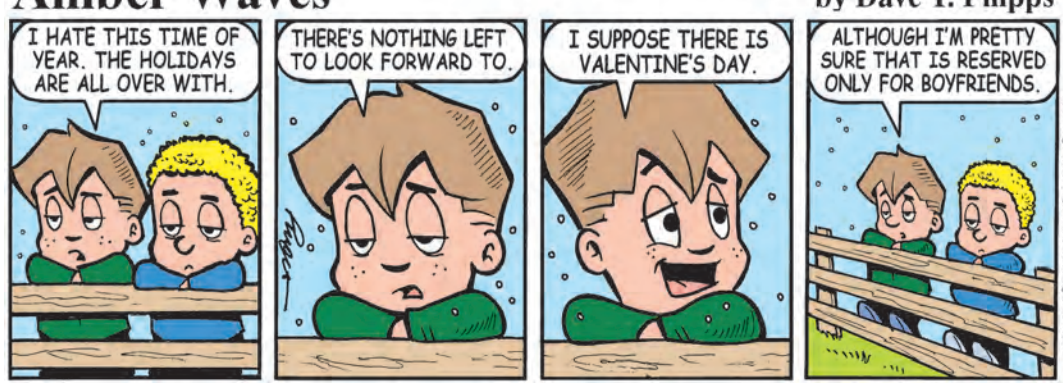
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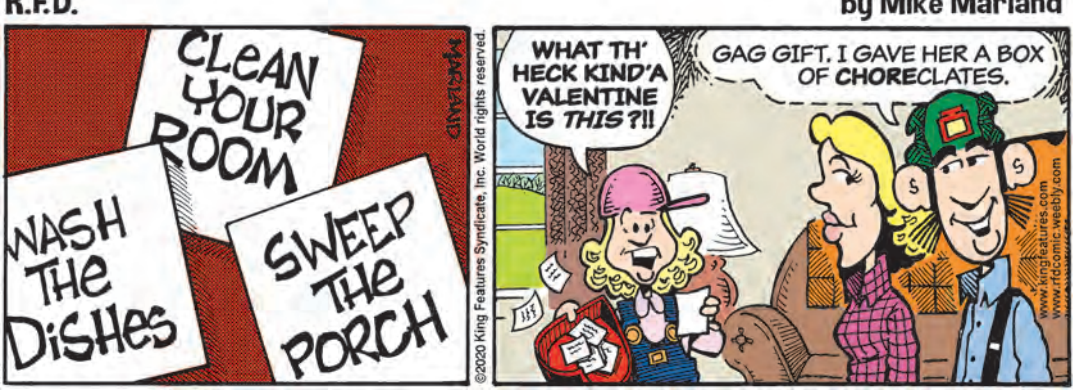
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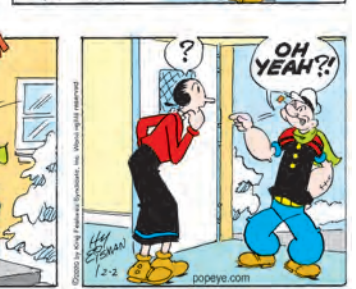
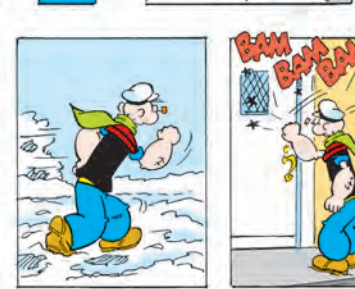
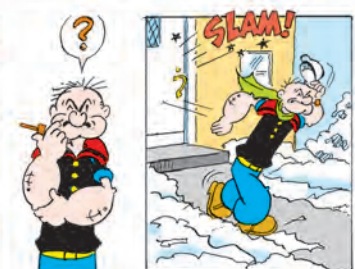
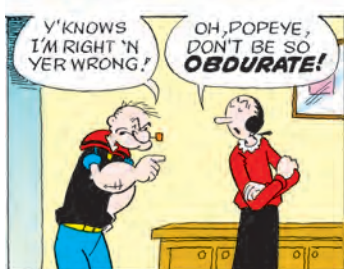
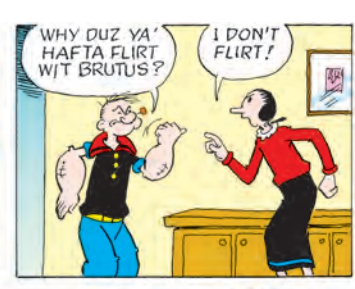
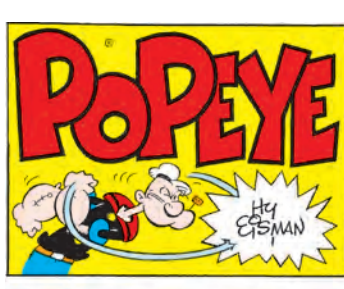
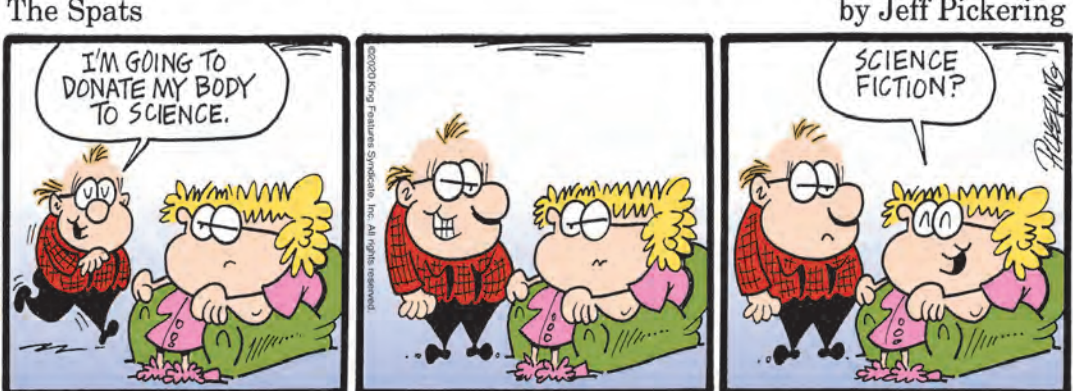
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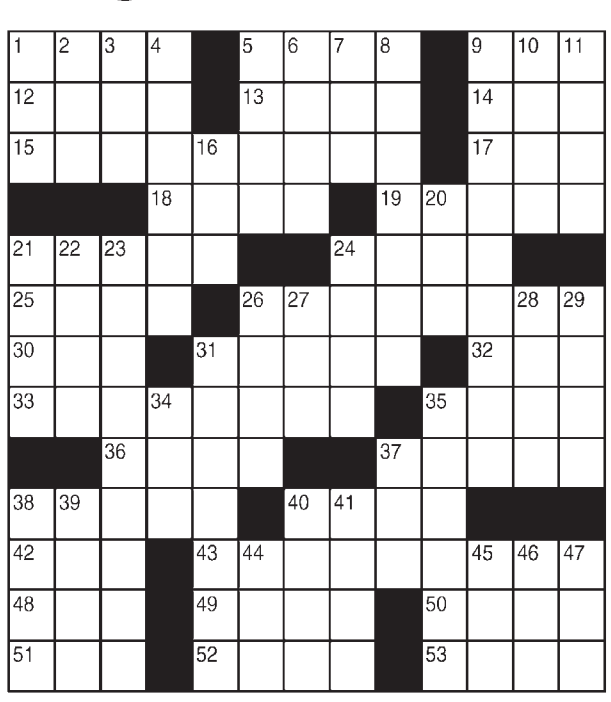


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- 19 Cuts into cubes
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- 31 Eliot's Marnier
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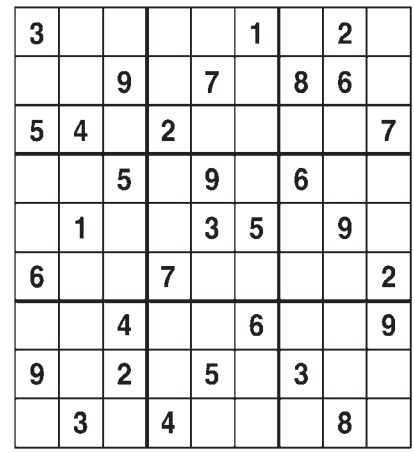


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- 21 Moby-Dick's pursuer
- 22 "The Persistence of Memory" painter
- 23 Severe
- 24 Linen source
- 26 Basketball team
- 27 Brewery product
- 28 Right on the map?
- 29 Deli loaves
- 31 Took a nap
- 34 Japanese sash
- 35 Food
- 37 Classic muscle car
- 38 Settled down
- 39 embellished
- 40 Drescher or Lebowitz
- 41 Zits
- 44 Poison —
- 45 Charged bit
- 46 Portion of N.A.
- 47 "Family Guy" daughter

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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

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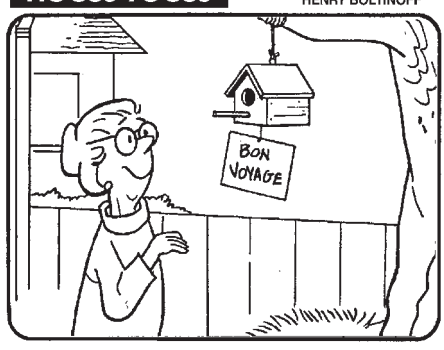
by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY: Which is the least-populated continent?
- 2. GEOLOGY: What metal is produced by refining the ore bauxite?
- 3. EXPLORERS: Where was explorer Marco Polo born?
- 4. ART: Which popular American artist referred to himself as "Painter of Light"?
- 5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the pH value of pure water?
- 6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of leopards called?
- 7. LITERATURE: What was the birth name of author Toni Morrison (a pseudonym)?
- 8. MOVIES: In which James Bond movie is the character of Jaws introduced?
- 9. HISTORY: Which country was home to the Contras guerilla force in the 1980s?
- 10. LANGUAGE: What is a true?!

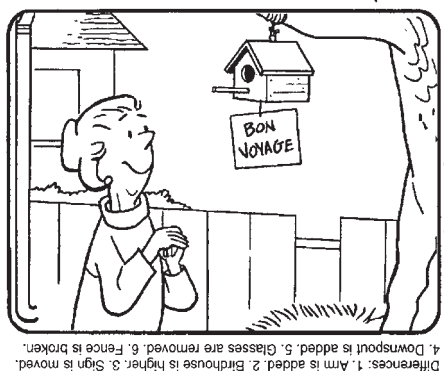
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arm is added. 2. Birdhouse is higher. 3. Sign is moved. 4. Downspout is added. 5. Glasses are removed. 6. Fence is broken.

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: W equals D

VOG SCQMVEP IJT WRBRWGW RMVC
VIC AJEVT, TC R TQAACGTG VOGP
XRNOV EGMJXG RV SKGJBG KJMW.

LEFTOVERS

- Today's Word
- 1. Ingrown; 2. Savage; 3. Flatter; 4. Grovel

SCRAMBLERS

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

- Inward: **WORNING**
- Brutal: **VAEGAS**
- Charm: **ELFTART**
- Beg: **VOLGER**

TODAY'S WORD



Solution time: 21 mins.

King Crossword

- Answers
- 1. Antarctica
- 2. Aluminum
- 3. Venice, Italy
- 4. Thomas Kinkade
- 5. Leap
- 6. A leap
- 7. "Chloe Ardelia Wofford Me"
- 8. "The Spy Who Loved Me"
- 9. Nicaragua
- 10. A fight between three people

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

The country was divided into two parts, so I suppose they might rename it Cleave Land.



five times a week — buy it!

LOCAL NEWS

Tri-County Opportunities Council 2020 Scholarships

ROCK FALLS — At least twelve (12) scholarships will be awarded by Tri-County Opportunities Council to income eligible students residing in the agency's service area. The scholarships are worth up to \$1,250 and have been made available by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCEO) through its Community Services Block Grant funds. All low-income students, racial or ethnic minorities and previous scholarship winners are encouraged to apply.

To be eligible for the scholarship competition:

- The applicant must be a member of an income-eligible household.
- The applicants must be attending an Illinois accredited post-secondary educational institution of higher learning during the fall of 2020.
- Applicants must be a resident of Bureau, Carroll, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Ogle, Putnam, Stark or Whiteside County in Illinois.
- Students must be considered full-time (minimum of 12 semester hours) to qualify for the full \$1,250 scholarship. Part-time students will be considered in the competition, however, scholarship awards will be pro-rated if they are selected as a winner.

Application deadline is March 20, 2020.

Further information and application forms may be obtained by contacting the office at 800/323-5434 ext. 15 or on the website at www.tcochelps.org.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS EXTENSION NEWS

All About Birds Series Starting
Being in nature, pausing in it, sitting in it and discovering its wonders, brings a sense of calm and renewal. Discovering our bird friends is one way to accomplish all of this. Join Carroll County Master Gardener/Master Naturalist Nancy Gmitro for a three part series on birding. Topics to be covered include: Identification by sight and sound, types of feed and the birds they attract, and make your own bird feeder or house. To register for this program in Thomson on Feb. 20, 27, and March 19 at 10:30 a.m. contact the Thomson library at 815-259-2480. To register for this program in Mt. Carroll on March 19, April 16 and May 21 at 5:30 p.m. contact the Mt. Carroll Library at 815-244-1751.

Wee Naturalist Meet to Learn About Hibernation

Youth ages 4-7 will learn and explore where animals go in the winter. Join the Wee Naturalist at the Odell Public Library in Morrison on Feb. 22, from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. and learn all

about hibernation. Space is limited so register early by calling the library at 815-772-7323. Wee Naturalist is offered by University of Illinois Extension the 4th Saturday of the month through May.

University of Illinois Extension Hosts Cattle Feeders Workshop March 6 at SVCC

The University of Illinois Extension annual Cattle Feeders Day will be held March 6, at Sauk Valley Community College. This daylong seminar will cover nutrition, economics, a market outlook and current topics in the cattle feeding industry. Topics for the day include: Trade Negotiation Updates and Importance of Foreign Markets, Value of Rubber Matting in Slatted Barns, Management Considerations and Benchmarks for Indoor Cattle Feeding Operations, and Real Meat vs. the Alternatives, What is Meat? – What's the Beef?

The day starts at 8:30 a.m. 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.

Address for the meeting is Sauk Valley Community College, 173 Illinois Route 2, Dixon.

Cooking and Booking Club available to local youth

Where can you try new foods, make lasagna, and toss water balloons? At Cooking and Booking of course! 4-H, KSB, Dixon YMCA, and Oliver's Corner Market invite youth to this year's Cooking and Booking Club. Youth ages eight through 12, as of Sept 1, 2019, will learn all about good nutrition, food safety, basic cooking skills, new foods, exercise, and sports.

The club meets on the second Thursday of each month from March 12 through Aug. 13 at 4:30 p.m. in the KSB Hospital Private Dining Room. Pre-registration is required and can be done at go.illinois.edu/CookinBookin. The cost of the club is \$50. Contact Kathy Book at 815-857-3525 for more information.

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SPORTS

Lady Clippers end regular season, begin Regional action

AMBOY — The Amboy Lady Clippers wrapped up the regular season with two more wins to run their record to 28-1 entering post-season play this week.

AHS traveled to Forrester on Feb. 4 and came away with a 56-39 victory. Amboy led 14-7 after the opening stanza.

Besides the outcome of the game, there was another subplot to the game. Abi Payne needed 14 points in the game to get to the 1,000-point mark in her career. Payne had 11 points at halftime. It didn't take long in the third quarter before she made a three-pointer to give her 1,000.

During the next timeout, the announcement was made and Payne was presented with a poster. After the game, she was presented a basketball that included the writing: Abi Payne, 1000+ points, Feb. 4, 2020, Amboy Lady Clippers.

Payne ended the contest with 18 points, seven assists and five steals. Mallory Powers added 12 points, 12 rebounds, four assists and three steals. Also contributing to the victory were Ashley Althaus (10 points, nine rebounds, and tremendous defense), Kyleigh Donna (eight points, three rebounds), Gabby Jones (five points, 10 rebounds) and Eden Lindenmeyer (three points).

With the win, Amboy claimed the con-

ference title with a 10-0 record.

The last game of the regular season was also Senior Night on Feb. 6. The Lady Clippers honored Donna and Althaus. Donna finished the regular season averaging 7.3 points per game and 5.9 rebounds per outing. She also blocked 52 shots, excels in her outlet passes that starts Amboy's great fastbreak and shot 48 percent from the floor and 78 percent from the free throw line. Althaus averages 4.3 points, 4.9 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 2.3 steals per contest, and excels on defense and all-out hustle. A big thanks goes out to the two senior captains.

In the game, Amboy cruised past Orion, 54-28.

Powers led the attack with 18 points, 15 coming in the first half. She added five boards, six assists and eight steals. Payne chipped in with nine points, seven assists and five steals. Jones was next with eight points and five caroms, Olivia Dinges dropped in five points, and the two seniors had four points apiece. Donna led the squad with eight rebounds while contributing three assists, three steals and four blocks. Althaus added four rebounds and seven steals, while Brianna Blaine (four points) and Tori Daniels (two points) rounded out the scoring.



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Photo by Kirsten Donna

Clippers wrestlers see season end at Regionals

POLO — The Amboy Clippers saw their wrestling season come to a close at the Polo Class 1A Regional on Feb. 7-8.

The Clippers did not have

anyone place in the top three of their respective weight class, which is the standard needed in order to move on to the sectional round.

Avery Shaw had the high-

est finish for Amboy, taking fourth place in the 195-pound division.

Polo Regional — Feb. 7-8
Dakota 238.5, Le-na-Winslow 193.5, Stillman

Valley 117, Dixon 112, West Carroll 100.5, Byron 93, Fulton 80, Oregon 42.5, Polo 32, Amboy 25, Durand 22.5

106 pounds — Halverson (Ore) pinned Levi Near (Amb), 1:11; Sitter (Dix) pinned Near (Amb), 4:26

113 pounds — Nevills (WC) pinned Jake Doege (Amb), 1:38; Crumpacker (SV) pinned Doege (Amb), 1:05

126 pounds — Bauer (Byr) pinned Dylan Daniels (Amb), 1:33; White (SV) pinned Daniels (Amb), 0:53

138 pounds — Ilkow (SV) pinned Brad Gazza (Amb), 1:26; Altherr (Ore) dec. Gazza (Amb), 17-2

160 pounds — Braun (Dur) dec. Dashad Greene (Amb), 18-2; Greene (Amb) dec. Hayden (WC), 3-1; Varden (Dix) pinned Greene (Amb), 0:27

182 pounds — Riggle (Dak) pinned Austin Norman (Amb), 3:57; Johnson (Byr) dec. Norman (Amb), 3-2

195 pounds — Setterstrom (LW) dec. Avery Shaw (Amb), 12-6; Shaw (Amb)

pinned Alaniz (Ore), 3:11; Snyder (Dak) pinned Shaw (Amb), 2:58

220 — Pannell (Ful) pinned Matt Nelson (Amb), 0:29; Meade (Dak) pinned Nelson (Amb), 2:48

285 — Justin Wicaryus (Amb) pinned Gallardo (SV), 2:42; Portz (Ful) pinned Wicaryus (Amb), 3:42; Wicaryus (Amb) pinned Dalgard (Dur), 0:16; Wicaryus (Amb) pinned Flaherty (Ore), 1:17; Riggen (Dix) pinned Wicaryus (Amb), 2:17

Jones to be inducted into Illinois Football Coaches Hall of Fame

CHAMPAIGN — The Illinois High School Football Coaches Association, in conjunction with their annual spring clinic, will induct a group of high school football coaches into their Hall of Fame.

The list of active, retired, career and assistant coaches along with one posthumously inductee include some truly great individuals. They were selected for their contributions to the profession and impact on the schools and communities where they have coached.

Among those in the Class of 2020 is Gary Jones of Amboy, who retired from the Clippers' head coaching position after the 2019 season.

The coaches will be honored at a luncheon to be held at the Stadium View Hilton Garden Inn in Champaign on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at noon. The luncheon speaker will be Lovie Smith, head football coach at the University of Illinois.

Price per luncheon ticket is \$30 and may be obtained from Jeff Alderman, HOF Chair at the address below.

Future nominations can be made at the IHSFCA website www.ihsfca.com.

For 2020 HOF Induction Luncheon tickets and information contact, Jeff Alderman, 202 Forest Ridge Court, Glen Carbon, IL, coachaldy@gmail.com.



COMPETING AT DISNEY

Megan Grady and her dad, Jim, recently ran the Disney World Half Marathon. The half marathon is part of the Walt Disney World Marathon Weekend which is held in January.

Photo submitted

Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!

Amboy Community Unit School District #272

Wed., Feb. 12
Thurs., Feb. 13

Sat., Feb. 15

Sun., Feb. 16
Mon., Feb. 17
Tues., Feb. 18

Wed., Feb. 19

Central School Dental Clinic
AJHS Scholastic Bowl @ St. Mary's, Sterling - 4:00 p.m.
AJHS Girls Basketball (H-AHS) Tournament - TBA
AHS Boys Basketball @ DePue - 1:00 p.m.
FFA Alumni Machine Shed Masters
NO SCHOOL — PRESIDENTS' DAY
Parent Learning Session - Central School Cafeteria - 8:30-9:30 a.m.
AJHS Girls Basketball (H) Sauk Valley Catholic - 4:00 p.m.
AHS Scholastic Bowl (H) Eastland - 4:00 p.m.
AHS Boys Basketball (H) Forrester - 6:00 p.m.
School Board Meeting - Central School Gym - 7:00 p.m.



CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU February 17 – 21

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	- No School
	- Presidents Day Holiday
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
	- Steak patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, peas, roll/butter, pears, cupcake
Wednesday	- Biscuit & gravy or pick two from breakfast cart
	- Chicken nuggets, rice, peas, carrots, roll/butter, salad, fresh veggies/ranch, strawberries
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
	- Ham dinner w/mashed potatoes, roll, mixed veggies, pineapple, jello cup
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
	- Pizza dunkers (breadsticks & meaty sauce), broccoli, cheese, salad, fresh veggies,
	applesauce

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JR HIGH MENU February 17 – 21

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

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Boys Basketball

Brady Jones

Girls Basketball

Eden Lindenmeyer
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Wrestling

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