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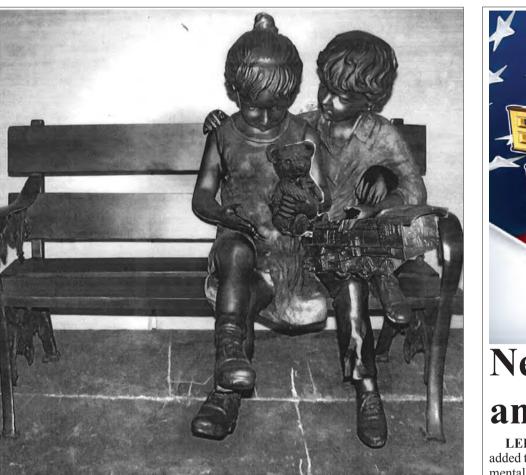
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Amboy Depot to receive Orphan Train bronze bench statue

AMBOY—Bryn Callahan, a member of the Charles Carroll Society, Children of the American Revolution was recently elected State President of the organization to serve a one-year term at the 81st annual conference in Crystal Lake. Callahan, a 16-year member, will be installed in April on the grounds of Mt. Vernon in Arlington, Va.

Callahan will lead the Illinois members in funding a bronze bench statue with plaque at the Amboy Railroad Depot Museum in Amboy. The statue will depict two children from the Orphan Train waiting for possible sponsors to take them home to a new life.

Callahan picked this project to bring attention to the more than 10,000 riders of the Orphan Train

that were placed in homes in Illinois from 1854-1929.

His 3x great-grandfather, Richard Groharing, was one of these children who found a new life in Illinois after being left in a New York City orphanage with his two brothers.

His brother, William, also was placed in the Thomson-Fulton area and a third brother, Ed, was placed in the Amboy area.

There were many children who were placed in Carroll, Whiteside and Lee Counties.

Other members from Charles Carroll Society to be elected state officers were Matt Callahan, State Organizing Secretary, Harris Ciacco, State Registrar and Bailey Jane Callahan, State Librarian.

The Charles Carroll Soci-



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ety is sponsored by the Carroll JoDaviess Chapter and the Mary-Little Deere-Fort Armstrong Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and is open to any child under the age of 22 descended from a person who gave aid to or served in the American Revolution.



New faces added to Amboy and Sublette boards

LEE COUNTY – New faces will be added to Amboy and Sublette local governmental boards.

The unofficial Lee County results from the April 2 election, show that newcomer Frank Stenzel defeated incumbent Daryl Stuckemeyer for Ward 3 of the Amboy City Council. Stenzel received 71 votes to Stuckemeyer's 30 votes.

For Amboy's Ward 2, newcomer Brandon Klein ran unopposed and received 35 votes.

In the Sublette Village Trustee race, former village trustee and board president John Stenzel received the most votes with 49, newcomer Jeff M. Myers came in second with 44 votes, and incumbent Scott Hanson received 40 votes securing him the final position on the board. Former board member Robert Bulfer received 36 votes and current board member Richard Klaser received 13 votes.

In the race for Amboy School Board, incumbents Jason Leffelman, Nichole Stenzel and Nicole Jones received the most votes for the three positions. Leffelman received 280 votes, Stenzel received 288 votes, Jones received 226, and newcomer Rory White received 160 votes.

Lee County to crack down on Scott's Law violators

LEE COUNTY — The Illinois Sheriffs' Association would like to announce the 2019 Officer Safety and Scott's Law Safety Initiative.

Scott's Law Chapter 625 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS) 5/11-907(c), mandates that upon approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle, when the authorized emergency vehicle is giving a signal by displaying alternately flashing red and blue lights or amber or yellow warning

lights, a person who drives an approaching vehicle :

• proceed with due caution, yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the authorized emergency vehicle, if possible with due regard to safety and traffic conditions, if on a highway having at least 4 lanes with not less than 2 lanes proceeding in the same direction as the approach vehicle.

• proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle, maintain a safe speed for road conditions, if changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe.

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2018 Lee County final multiplier announced

LEE COUNTY — Lee County has been issued a final property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to David Harris, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the "multiplier," is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law.

This equalization is particularly important because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties

would result.

Under a law passed in 1975, property in Illinois should be assessed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland assessed at one-third of its agriculture economic value. Farmland is not subject to the state equalization factor.

Assessments in Lee County are at 33.31 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2015, 2016, and 2017.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2018 taxes, payable in 2019. Last year's equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The final assessment equaliza-

tion factor was issued after a public hearing on the tentative factor. The tentative factor issued in December 2018 was 1.0000.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of the market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1). And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease.

Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments increase.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual's portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.

Lady Clippers improve record with three wins last week.

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ТΕ Clippers track teams compete at Gooden Invite in Mendota PAGE A11 **Obituaries**

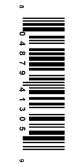
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Last year's street was in honor of Bob and Mary Welty. Amboy News file photo

Names the Street 2019

AMBOY — It's time to again to Name The Street, an ACO project now in its 22nd year, benefiting the Pankhurst Memorial Library.

If you would like to honor a loved one living or deceased please submit your bid to the Amboy City Hall by April 26. Bids must be a minimum of \$200.

The sign will remain in place for one year and will then be given to the family of the honoree.

BY TONJA GREENFIELD General Manager SUBLETTE — A new church is coming

to Sublette, calling the old Sublette Union Church home.

Grace Fellowship Church, based out of the Lee County Farm Bureau Building in Amboy, will be making the old Sublette Union Church its new home.

Pastor Brian McWethy introduced himself and three members of the church to the Sublette Village Board on Monday night. All members of the village board were present except Sublette Village Trustee Scott Hanson.

McWethy told the board that the church will be taking ownership of the former Union Church. He told the board it was important for the church to be a part of the community, and they would like to partner with the village any way they can. He said there are about 80 members of the church currently.

McWethy said that there is a lot of work to do on the former church building. He told the board that there is a group from Paducah, Ky., that will be coming up to do some volunteer work. Those volunteers are staying in Dixon while in the area.

He told the board he is looking at the possibility of hosting different mission teams that would come and work at the church for

one to two weeks. He also asked the board if the church could get permission to have campers parked at the church while those mission teams did the volunteer work.

McWethy said the church is hosting a glow in the dark Easter egg hunt at 6:30 p.m., April 19.

McWethy said that he is also the chaplain of the Amboy and Sublette Fire Departments.

Sublette Toy Show

Don Dinges told the board that despite the rumors, the Sublette Toy Show will be held in 2020. He said International Harvester will host their convention during the show next March, and be the featured tractor.

In other board news:

• The board will hold special meeting at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, April 30 to close the fiscal year and install the newly elected board members. The meeting will be held in the Ellice Dinges Center.

• The board will be accepting bids on a 2000 Chevy 3500 with snow plow and bids for demolishing the old maintenance building. The minimum bid for the Chevy 3500 is \$1,200.

Both sealed bids will be opened at the May 13 board meeting.

The Sublette Village Board will hold their next monthly meeting at 7 p.m., on Monday, May 13, in the Ellice Dinges Center.

Sublette welcomes new church

LOCAL NEWS **Amboy Junior High announces** its third quarter honor roll

AMBOY — Amboy Junior High School announces its third quarter honor roll. **Eighth Grade Highest Honors** James Curl, Courtney Lachat, Courtney

Ortgiesen, and Alexzandra Vaessen **Seventh Grade Highest Honors**

Elizabeth Clarida, Emma Dinges, Elly Jones, Alexis Ketchum, Vido Perino, Austin Shugars, and Madison Thomas

Sixth Grade Highest Honors

Alexis Cheever, Ava Cline, Dominic Fonderoli, Brysen Full, Chloe Heath, Mathias Jomant, Adrian Mimini, Emersyn Noble, Vitaliana Perino, Addison Pertell, Hunter Rasmussen, Caleb Shugars, Haleigh Stenzel, Sydney Thomas, Tyrah Vaessen, Karagen Welch, and Alainie Wittenauer

Fifth Grade Highest Honors

Samantha Hummel and Ellie McLaughlin **Eighth Grade High Honors**

Olivia Costner, Charlie Dickinson, Sierra Huffman, Isela Jomant, Landon Koppien, Ana Lopez-Belmontes, Garrett Pertell, Kelton Schwamberger, and Kaylin Woodyatt

Seventh Grade High Honors

Brennan Blaine, Caleb Donna, Blerta Fekolli, Hanna Jones, Kye Koch, Maeve Larson, Landon Montavon, Kaylee Scanland, Addison Shaw, Skyler Ware, Landon Whelchel, and Kimber Zitelman

Sixth Grade High Honors

Jarrett Althaus, Lilliana Anderson, Cordia Asencio, Carson Barlow, Brody Christoffersen, Kabe Daniels, Atticus Goff,

Caden Hummel, Quinton Leffelman, Dillon Merriman, Gloria Parker, Devyn Pasley, Natalie Pratt, and Emily Sachs

Fifth Grade High Honors

Grace Althaus, Jenna Blaine, Zhyler Hansen, Patrick Jones, Kiera Karlson, Olivia Ketchum, Samantha Nauman, Stephanie Nave, Peyton Payne, Brayden Phalen, Alyvia Whelchel, Jadyn Whelchel, Brittlyn Whitman, and Tristan Zellhofer

Eighth Grade Honors

Ryan Dickinson, Bradley Dinwiddie, Jose Herrera, Jaydyn Jackson, Kaden Kelly, Sidney Lewis, Tucker Lindenmeyer, Brian Moore, Marie Shaw, and Phillip Stewart

Seventh Grade Honors

Gabrielle Fuller, Sarah McCulloh-Ossey, Alexa Morris, Madison O'Malley, and Aaliyah Pointer

Sixth Grade Honors

Fabian Arteaga, Kole Beckham, Wyatt Eisenberg, Elijah Garcia, Lexi Huene, Carlo Romero, Trevyn Skibbe, Jacob Ware, and Jessica Worman

Fifth Grade Honors

Devvn Cheever, Jack Cline, Myla Davis, Kaitlyn Dempsey, Landon Donna, Matthew Farrar, Dakotta Groth, Estarry Jeveret, Victor Jeveret, Tucker McCoy, Rylan McNinch, Chase Montavon, Ezra Parker, Ava Rhodenbaugh, Aubrey Schaeffer, Bradley Schmidt, Mackenzie Sus, Eriannah Wade, and Elijiah Zimmerly

SVCC presents Five Guys show

DIXON — The Sauk Valley Community College Theatre, under the direction of Tori Duffin, presents an original comedy sketch, Five Guys (on Stage Doing Comedy). The show will run April 26 through April 28 in the SVCC Mathis Theatre.

Forget the burgers and fries, these Five Guys are serving up a night full of laughs. This original comedy sketch was written and created by the five members of the cast: Eric Kull, Sam Twining, Riley Vondra, Kendrick Fisher, and Jackson Reinhardt. This unique show is sure to be a crowd pleaser.

Friday, April 26 and Saturday April 27 the show will begin at 7 p.m., Sunday, April 28 the show will begin at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door.

This production may not be appropriate for young audiences due to language and mature content.

Please contact Director Tori Duffin, vduffin@sps5.org, for more information.

Karl's Krusaders to present Harlem Wizards in Mendota

MENDOTA - Karl's Krusaders is proud to present the Harlem Wizards on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Mendota High School.

The world-famous Harlem Wizards is a basketball team that provides a world-class, laugh-a-minute, high-flying, and interactive family-oriented show on the basketball court. The Wizards' opponents for the game will be local teachers and recognizable people from the community.

The event will feature a variety of fun interactive extras to complement the Wizards' dazzling demonstration of hoops artistry: Pregame "Wiz Kids" warm-up, contests, comedy, awesome slam dunks, audience participation, merchandise giveaways, and more.

The game will conclude with the Wizards'

signature dance extravaganza that will have the crowd on their feet.

On game day, the Harlem Wizards will have school assemblies at Blackstone, Lincoln, and Northbrook schools.

These motivational assemblies will focus on the message of teamwork, perseverance, sportsmanship, health and fitness for all of our area youth.

Tickets are on sale now at www.harlemwizards.com and at Sports-N-Stuff in Mendota.

Karl's Krusaders is a foundation created in memory of Karl Soliman of Mendota, 12, who died suddenly playing basketball in December 2018. Its mission is to promote active lifestyles, encourage healthy well-being, and educate to prevent sudden cardiac death.

Educational Briefs

Amboy Student Named to Knox College Dean's List for 2019 Winter Term

GALESBURG- Logan Thake of Amboy, has been named to the Knox College Dean's List of distinguished students for the 2019 Winter Term.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have earned at least 2.5 credits in the term, with a grade point average of 3.6 or better (on a 4.0 scale).

Thake is majoring in Educational Studies - Elementary at Knox College and graduated from Amboy High School.

Some students may have majors listed as undecided because students typically do not declare a major until late in the second year.

Founded in 1837, Knox College is a national liberal arts college in Galesburg. Knox enrolls students from nearly every state and more than 50 countries and is one of the 40 Colleges That Change Lives. Knox's "Old Main" is a National Historic Landmark and the only building remaining from the 1858 Lincoln-Douglas debates.

Summer and fall registration opens **April 8 and April 9 at Kish**

MALTA-Kishwaukee College is preparing for the Summer and Fall 2019 semesters with registration opening online at 6 a.m., on April 8 and in-person at 8 a.m., on April 9.

Classes start May 28 for Summer session and Aug. 19 for Fall session.

Kish is proud to offer a total of 101 courses this summer, 53 of which are online. Online courses are a convenient way to take classes while maintaining a regular work schedule or while traveling.

Summer courses can help students get closer to transfer, graduate in less time, or explore a new field. New students must complete a Student Information Form before registering.

For more information about enrollment, visit www.kish.edu/getstarted or contact Student Services at 815-825-9375 or at onestop@kish.edu.

Email news items to tgreenfield@ amboynews.com



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Sixteen (16) law enforcement officers have been hit while conducting traffic stops on the side of the road in 2019.

Illinois has had four traffic related officer fatalities already in 2019. Enough is enough.

From April 12-19, sheriffs

across the State of Illinois will be participating in a traffic awareness campaign specifically aimed at Scott's Law and distracted driving

Lee County Sheriff John Simonton said the Lee County Sheriff's Office will be participating in this statewide

campaign, with an emphasis olations.

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on enforcing Scott's Law and Distracted Driving vi-The ISA urges all motor-

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The Amboy News' 2019 **Business Progress Edition** is coming in April. This is a perfect opportunity for you to share your business's accomplishments in 2018 and look ahead to great things in 2019. To reserve your spot in this special section, call The Amboy News at (815) 857-2311.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

SUBLETTE- Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 202 S. Locust, will host a Lenten Retreat on the Five Paths of Repentance by St. John Chrysostom on Wednesday, April 10, in the church with Eucharistic Exposition at 7 p.m., with confessions to follow for Be Reconciled Day.

FRANKLIN GROVE-The First Presbyterian Church, 106 S. Walnut St., will hold a Garage and Bake Sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 11, 12 and 13, in the church basement. Open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thur. and Fri. and 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Sat.

AMBOY-Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US RT 52, will host Community Bingo at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 11. Bingo will be followed by a light lunch. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

MAYTOWN- St. Patrick Church, 1336 Maytown Rd., will host a Lenten Retreat on the Five Paths of Repentance by St. John Chrysostom on Friday, April 12. The retreat talk will be in the hall following Mass at 8:30 a.m. with Lenten-Breakfast. The retreat will also be offered in the hall following Mass at 6 p.m. with a Lenten dinner of soup and bread supper, provided by the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Patrick, Maytown.

MAYTOWN- St. Patrick Church, 1336 Maytown Rd., will have Confessions at 4:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 5 p.m. and Holy Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 12. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

ASHTON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1:30 to 6 p.m. on Monday, April 15, at Ashton-Franklin Center High School, 611 Western. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion Post #453 will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April, 15, at the Old Napa Building, Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 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, April 16, at Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital, 403 E. First St. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

DIXON-The 15th Annual Expressions Art Exhibit and Sale, to benefit Sinnissippi Foundation, will begin April 16 at The Next Picture Show, 113 W First St., during regular gallery hours. A reception and silent auction will be held Friday, April 26, from 5 to 8 p.m. Call Andy Jackson at 815-284-6611 for information.

DIXON-The Dixon Lioness Lions Club Annual Chinese Auction and Beef Stroganoff Dinner will be held on Tuesday, April 16, at the Loveland Community House, 513 W. Second St. Call Ginny Stadel at 815-288-3072 for ticket information.

ROCK FALLS-The American Red Cross, in coordination with Mayor William B. Wescott of Rock Falls and Bethany Bland, President/CEO of Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, will hold two monthly Blood Drives on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Rock Falls Community Building, 601 W. 10th St. The third Wednesday of the month drive, April 17, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The first Wednesday of the month drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1. Call 800-733-2767 or visit 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, April 17, 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, April 17, by appointment only. Call the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 to schedule an appointment.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 2 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, at Dixon Sinnissippi Center, 325 IL RT 2. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

WEST BROOKLYN-A Mass of the Lord's Supper will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 2520 Johnson St.

Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

MAYTOWN-St. Patrick Church, 1336 Maytown Rd., will hold a Good Friday Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross, at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 19. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

AMBOY-The Green River Saddle Club Gun Raffle & Turkey & Skeet Shoot will be held Saturday, April 20, at the Saddle Club, 1580 Morman Rd. Registration at 10 a.m. and Shoots at 11 a.m.



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FCC to host pollinator workshop and dinner

FRANKLINGROVE— Franklin Creek Conservation Association is holding the first Evening at the Mill this coming Saturday, April 13, at the Franklin Creek Grist Mill. All are invited to attend this pollinator filled day.

The day will start with a workshop at 4 p.m. by Dan Fitzpatrick about Bumblebees. Honevbees, and how to raise butterflies as well as how to attract more pollinators to your home. Fitzpatrick will be going over a variety of pollinators, insect life cycles, and have some hands-on demonstrations. There will be opportunities for participants to make orchard bee nests and honeybee swarm traps, taste honey and pollen, and make lip balm. This workshop will be held at 1480 Old Mill Road—the future home of the

Center and Youth Education Program.

Thanks to a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation, this workship is offiered to the community free of charge.

After the pollinator workshop FCCA will be grilling out at the Mill for the official start to the evening at the Mill. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. and will feature a liquid nitrogen presentation where attendees will see how to use it to make ice cream along with demonstrations showing how extreme cold affects bubbles and balloons, as well as the liquification of gases. Fitzpatrick will be making a honey and pollen flavored ice cream for dessert using liquid nitrogen and cat tail pollen. Dinner will be

grilled pork chops, sausage, and portabella mushrooms along with fried potatoes and a green salad. Tickets may be purchased online or reserve your spot by April 9 by calling the mill at 815-456-2718 or sending us an email.

To conclude the evening, guests will be following along with Gretchen Fitzpatrick, award winning artist and art teacher of 19 years, as we paint a bee themed painting on a 16x12 canvas. If participants would like to attend both the dinner and the painting workshop tickets are \$45 per person, to attend just the painting workshop tickets are \$35 per person. If you would like to join us for dinner only tickets are \$15/person.

Please RSVP by April 9. Franklin Creek Conservation Association is a non-profit that exists for the care of the natural areas of Franklin Creek for current and future generations by

striving to preserve, restore,

and maintain those areas.







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FOLLOWING GROSS WEIGHTS: **Beginning March 13, 2019**

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JR HIGH MENU April 15-19

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.		
Monday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from br	eakfast cart
	- Chicken taco on tortilla, cheese, salsa, sala	d, onion,
	refried beans, rice, berry cup, cookie	
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from br	eakfast cart
	- Clipper Bowl-popcorn chicken, mashed po	otatoes,
	gravy, corn, cheese, roll/butter, fresh cut veg	ggies,
	peaches, cup cake	
Wednesday	- Egg & cheese muffinwich or pick two from	m breakfast
	cart	
	- Beef steak patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, r	oll, carrots,
	peas, applesauce, craisins, blueberry cobble	r
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from br	eakfast cart
	- Chicken tenders, rice, roll, broccoli, cheese	e, fresh cut
	veggies/ranch, pears, raisins, hot rice & cinr	namon sugar
Friday	- No School – Good Friday	
	- No meals served	04102019

OBITUARIES OBITUARIES Edgar Wagner Feb. 7, 1932 - April 4, 2019

DIXON—Edgar"Grandpa Blue" Wagner, 87, of Dixon, passed away Thursday, April 4, 2019, at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford.

He was a lifelong farmer prior to his retirement.

Edgar was born Feb. 7, 1932, in Mendota, the son of Theodore and Rosa (Stoesslein) Wagner. He married Ruby Jean Cox on March 17, 1957 at First United Methodist Church in Dixon.

Edgar was a former president and co-founder of Living History Antique Equipment Association and a local Historian. He also loved restoring antique equipment. Edgar served on Ashton's School Board and St. John Lutheran Church Board. He was currently a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Dixon. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ruby J. Wagner, of Dixon; two sons, Michael (Maribeth) Wagner, of Rockford, Douglas (Mary) Wagner, of Amboy; four grandchildren, Mikayla Wagner, Trista (Jarod) Delhotal, Brin (Morgan) Anderson, Colton Wagner; four great-grandchildren, Isabella Delhotal, Naomi Delhotal, Quinn Anderson, Liam Anderson; one niece, Sharon Wagner; and one nephew, Randy Wagner.

Edgar was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Albert Wagner. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m., until time of funeral service at 11 a.m., on Saturday, April 13, 2019, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Dixon, with Pastor Joseph O'Donnell, officiating.

Burial will follow luncheon at 2 p.m., at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon.



Memorials may be directed to, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Dixon, Liberty Court Assisted Living and Memory Care in Dixon or Living History Antique Equipment Association.

Arrangements completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon.

Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling. com.

Gvozdjak nominated for award

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College nominated John Gvozdjak for the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) Business and Industry Partnership Award, for his work in establishing and growing a partnership at SVCC. The award recognizes an Illinois business that has built a successful workforce training alliance with a local community college.

John has led a group of manufacturers in establishing the Multicraft Extended Internship Program, designed to allow students to concentrate their classes at Sauk Valley Community College in industrial maintenance on Tuesdays and Thursdays while working at local manufacturers as paid interns Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. This innovative training partnership creates a synergistic learning ex-

Chinese Auction with Beef Stroganoff dinner

DIXON — Dixon Lioness Lions Club will host its annual Chinese Auction and Beef Stroganoff Dinner on Tuesday, April 16th at the Loveland Community House, 513 W Second Street, Dixon. Dinner service is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with the auction beginning at 7 p.m. Meal tickets are \$7 each and auction tickets are 5 for \$1 or 30 for \$5. If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Stadel at 815-288-3072.

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perience for students who will apply what they have learned in the classroom into their internship and also take experiences from work back to the classroom. It also establishes a connection between the student and employer that can translate to a full-time position upon graduating.

Additionally, John led the re-establishment of a Machining / CNC certificate program at SVCC. He partnered with private donors to raise the funds to update CNC mills and lathes at the Whiteside Area Career Center (WACC) and was integral in offering input as to how the certificate would be structured. Employers are in need of machinists and Tool and Die makers as many in their workforce are on the verge of retiring.

Bill stripping townships of zoning control over wind farms heads to governor

BY PETER HANCOCK Capitol News Illinois

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SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Senate has passed and sent to Gov. J.B. Pritzker a bill aimed at resolving a conflict in eastern Illinois over which unit of local government has authority to control zoning for wind farms.

House Bill 2298 provides that only a county may enact zoning regulations for wind farms in the rural parts of a county, outside the zoning jurisdiction of incorporated cities, even in counties that don't have countywide zoning regulations.

The bill is aimed at Douglas County, where a Houston-based company, EDP Renewables North America LLC, plans build a 200-megawatt wind farm, known as the Harvest Ridge Wind Farm.

Douglas County is one of the few counties in Illinois that does not have a general countywide zoning system, but does have specific regulations for wind farms.

In response to EDP's plans, however, two of the townships within Douglas County - Newman and Murdock - enacted their own, stricter zoning regulations that EDP has argued would effectively preclude their development.

"The townships enacted their zoning ordinances as an attempt to prevent the construction of the Harvest Ridge Wind Farm," a spokesperson for EDP said in an email statement.

EDP filed suit against both of the townships, arguing that the county's rules should supersede those of the townships, while the townships have argued they have the right to enact their own codes.

House Bill 2988 would put that dispute to rest by providing that only county governments can enact zoning regulations for wind farms in unincorporated parts of a county. It would take effect immediately upon being signed into law.

Local officials lobbied against the bill, arguing that it would strip them of local control, but that argument largely fell on deaf ears.

The bill passed the House on March 27 by a vote of 95-to-12. It passed the Senate on Wednesday, April 3, by a vote of 43-to-7, sending it to Gov. Pritzker.

"We are thrilled that the Illinois Legislature has taken steps to clear up any confusion about which units of local government can enact wind energy zoning restrictions," EDP executive vice president Ryan Brown stated in a news release.

In a separate email, the company said the wind farm, "has been and continues to be developed in accordance with existing Douglas County regulations.'

OSF HealthCare receives national recognition for performance leadership

MENDOTA — OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center has been recognized by The Chartis Center of Rural Health and the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) for overall excellence in Outcomes reflecting top quartile performance among all rural hospitals in the nation.

"This award is a testament to the relentless efforts of each and every one of our Mission Partners to provide the best care possible for our patients. Serving our patients with the greatest care and love is our Mission," said Dawn Trompeter, President of OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center. She added, "We are blessed to be able to care for our family, friends, neighbors and the surrounding communities and strive to make a positive impact in each person we encounter."

The Performance Leadership Awards are

determined each year using iVantage Health Analytics' Hospital Strength INDEX®, the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Leveraging data from public data sources, the INDEX aggregates data from 50 rural-relevant metrics across eight pillars to derive a single overall percentile rating for all Critical Access Hospitals and Rural & Community Hospitals.

Other rural facilities within the OSF HealthCare ministry receiving recognition for top performance in Outcomes include OSF HealthCare Saint Luke Medical Center in Kewanee and OSF HealthCare Holy Family Medical Center in Monmouth. OSF Holy Family was also honored in the Patient Perspective category with OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center in Ottawa achieving the Overall Excellence in Quality.



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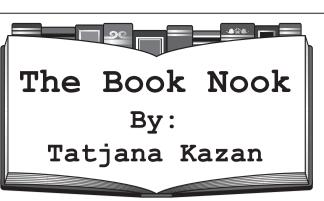
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In praise of public libraries

Susan Orlean's "The Library Book" a heartfelt tribute to our public libraries. Orlean had decided not to write any more books, but when her mother, who had instilled in her a lifelong love of libraries, died, Orlean set out to write this book. Her theme is simple: "The publicness of the public library is an increasingly rare commodity. It becomes harder all the time to think of places that welcome everyone and don't charge any money for that warm embrace."

Orlean's focus is the catastrophic 1986 fire at the Los Angeles Central Library. Even though 400,00 books burned and a further 700,000 were damaged, hardly anyone beyond Los Angeles took notice because on the same day an even greater fire threatened the world – the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl. At the LA Central Library, the eerily grayish, translucent fire reached 2,500 degrees, melting a long row of typewriters. After more than seven hours it had burned through most of its fuel. The firemen had used three million gallons of water to put it out.

Orlean documents the heroic effort of the firemen, the librarians, and the 2,000 volunteers to save what could be saved. Arson was the apparent cause, and Orlean follows the trail of the suspect who was arrested but never charged. In 1993 the Central Library reopened and flourished. At present, it lends more than 900,00 books a year. John Szabo, the innovative library director, introduced an online high school program for adults who will receive a diploma, not a GED, upon graduating. Fifty other libraries began their own online adult high school classes.

One of the pleasures of "The Library Book" is Orlean's history of the birth and growth of libraries in America. Andrew Carnegie is the hero; between 1886 and 1919, he funded 1,679 libraries. Of course, there is the other side, the book burners. Book burning, introduced by the Inquisition, was used by Cortes when he destroyed Mayan codices: "Taking away books is taking away a culture, as if it never existed." The Germans burned library after library in their conquest of Europe and destroyed 98 million books in the process. It was their "way to wipe out the collective memory of a people."

In the US, over 300 million people a year use the public libraries and bookmobiles (which originated in 1905), and many millions more throughout the world, where all sorts of means of conveyance are used to get books to remote backwaters – donkeys and camels in Kenya and book boats in Scandinavia and Canada. It took Orlean over four years to write this marvelous love letter to the public library. She rightly says that "writing a book is a defiance, a belief in the persistence of memory."

Hospice celebrates local volunteers

LEE COUNTY — April 7 to 13 is National Volunteer Week, and organizations across the country are celebrating the gifts of time and talent that individuals selflessly give to help others. Nowhere is this commitment more valuable and heartfelt than in hospice – and hospice is thriving in this community thanks to its volunteers.

Even when a person is dying, there can be a lot of living to do and nospice makes it possible by bringing care, compassion, and hope to patients and families facing life-limiting illness. Right here in the community, trained volunteers support people during the journey at life's end and make the mission of Rock River Hospice and Home possible. During National Volunteer Week, Rock River Hospice and Home honors and celebrates those caring individuals that do so much for so many – particularly those hospice volunteers that accompany people during life's final journey. Whether a volunteer is serving at the bedside, in the office, educating others, or raising awareness and funds, they are the heart of hospice. Rock River Hospice & Home is looking for these "Friends of Hospice" volunteers. Every person is different, and each has unique talents that can complement and support the work of RRHH. Become a "Friend of Hospice" by contacting Stacey Nielsen, Volunteer Coordinator, at 815-625-3858 or staceynielsen@hospicerockriver.org.



Called by God to do good works in our journey of life

By Pastor John Kalebaugh erhaps we have all heard it said, "Enjoy the journey."

I personally have said it numerous times – even from the pulpit. Sometimes I add, "... on your way to the destination." I believe God wants us to enjoy the precious gift of life which He has given us and try – though it can be challenging at times, to model this "life perspective."

Luke 9:51 tells us, "Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem." I think that these are some of the most somber words in the Bible, because Jesus knew what awaited Him at the end of His journey. It would be a place of suffering. A place of betrayal. A place of denial. A place of torture. And ultimately – a place of death. Excruciatingly painful death. And mere human words cannot even begin to describe all that Jesus would suffer out of His love and obedience to the Father and His love for us. Jerusalem represented a satisfying completion of the work Jesus was given to do by His Father.

In John 17:4 Jesus prayed, "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do." Yet this should not eclipse the fact that the more important thing to us should not be our "Journey" ... it should be our "Destination." Our Lord Christ did and taught many amazing and powerful and beautiful things in His life journey. He taught and demonstrated for us how we were meant to live. Yet He never shied away from the fact that His purpose was to die upon a cross in Jerusalem and thus redeem a fallen humanity.

How about you? I truly believe that we have all been called by God to do good works in our journey of life. (Ephesians 2:10). We should strive to model our Lord in doing our service unto God and our fellow man to the best of our abilities – even when it is difficult. Hopefully we can enjoy our journey. But always keeping in mind that it was for our destination that Christ came and died. One of the last things our Lord said from the cross was, "It is finished" (John 19:30). When this work was completed – then He returned from where He came – and sat at the right hand of our Heavenly Father. This was why He came. And this was why He died... and was resurrected. Glory to God.

He desires us to spend eternity with Him. Have you made your peace with God? My prayer is that you have. But if you have not then I encourage you to seek God and find your peace with Him through His Son Jesus Christ. There is no better time than today. May you have a joyous Easter.

From The Heart Calendar winners

From The Heart March 2019 Cash Calendar Winners.

- March 1 Terri Warning, Rochelle, \$25
- March 2 Maplehurst Farms, Rochelle, \$25
- March 3 Ruben Garza, Rock Falls, \$50
- March 4 Shawn Knight, Polo, \$25

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March 6 – Rosemary Prewett, Stillman Valley, \$25

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Truth remains an elusive idea in this temporal world

o you swear to tell the truth, the whole Guest Column ruth and nothing but the truth? Over the past three decades, I've sat in many courtrooms and watched witnesses stand before a judge and raise their right hand and say, "I do."

And over the decades, I've become increasingly cynical about this ritual.

The fact of the matter is our legal system doesn't want the "whole truth." It wants some of the facts some of the time.

A case in point is a trial I'm covering this week in Waterloo, Iowa.

On Sept. 17, 1990, the body of 9-year-old Jennifer Ann Lewis was found burning on the edge of a school playground in Davenport, Iowa. She had been raped and strangled. Someone drenched her 70-pound body with gasoline and ignited it.

I was one of the first people to find the body that terrible night. Flames were still licking the corpse when I arrived on the scene, notebook in hand.

I was looking for facts. I've stuck with the case and I am still seeking the facts.

But facts in themselves don't equate to truth.

Despite what lawyers and judges may tell juries, truth is something they cannot find by examining what is presented in a courtroom. Truth remains an elusive ideal in this temporal world. In our legal system – or any system created by man – it will remain elusive.

By Scott Reeder



Truth really is a spiritual question, rather than a mere legal one.

For example, within days, police officers investigating the murder of the Rock Island girl focused their inquiry on Stanley Carter Liggins.

Why? Well, he was out on bond for sexually abusing a different 9-year-old girl and according to testimony he knew both of Jennifer's parents because he was selling them cocaine.

Both of those facts might seem to contribute to a better understanding of a larger truth.

But the courts didn't see it that way. It is information jurors will never hear.

During his first trial, jurors were told Liggins was a drug dealer, but the Iowa Supreme Court threw that conviction out in part because it said the jury should never have been told.

A little bit of "truth" was whittled away by judicial fiat. How can we call it "truth" when it isn't based on all of the facts? We shouldn't

Liggins was tried a second time and convicted.

The theory has always been that our adversarial process leads to the truth, but commonsense tells you it doesn't. At best, it provides selective facts in which to render a judgement.

In the Liggins case, decades passed and again an appeals court granted him a new trial on the grounds that relevant police

reports were not turned over to the defense and prosecutors did not disclose a key witness was a paid police informant. The defendant believed that jurors had been denied facts

contributing to that ever elusive "truth." Judges agreed. They

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago April 11, 1919

Mrs. M. Cauffield, first house north of the Grant school is prepared to do all kinds of dressmaking. Prices reasonable.

Teachers who had pupils in Lee Center last week for the central examinations were Misses Alma Ulrich, Maude Selby, Neretta Callahan and May Tiffany and Mr. Henry Hicks. Total number of pupils, nine, seven of whom received a passing mark.

Editor R. J. Dean of the Ashton Gazette and his foreman W. F. Klingebiel were in Amboy Wednesday solicitating advertising for the new telephone directory of the Farmers' Telephone Co., which will be issued soon.

75 Years Ago April 6, 1944

After some time in building a new chancel and redecorating the sanctuary of the Amboy Methodist Church, the dedication will be held on Easter Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

Amboy Township residents far exceeded their Red Cross War Fund Drive total and collected \$1740.03 it was reported by Chairman T.D. Sutton, principal of Amboy Township high school. The township quota was \$1019.

Mrs. Ida Parker spent the week-end in Dixon with her daughter Marcella and her son Pfc. Arthur Jones and family.

50 Years Ago April 10, 1969

With perfect spring weather, about 300 children participated in the annual Amboy Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt held last Sunday afternoon at Green River City Park, Winners are as follows: Group One – ages two and three years - Bernadine Lauts, David Swanlund, Roxanne Dewey, Jeff Talamantes.

Group Two - ages four and five -Randy Dale, John Harrison, Julie Grim, Colleen Wilhelm

Group Three - ages six and seven - Elizabeth Holman, Susan Kessel, Donnie Donoho, Angie Kessel

Group Four – ages eight, nine and 10 - Mike Shapiro, Bill Lawson, Karen Morris, David Harrison

25 Years Ago April 14, 1994

Amboy City Council purchased an adjacent building that will eventually become the site of a new city hall at Tuesday's meeting. Alderman voted to pay \$25,000 to Dave Shaw for the Country Peddler Antique Shop next to city hall. In about a year, that building and city hall will be razed by city crews and a new building erected.

Amboy Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed two new board members and elected two officers at last Wednesday's meeting. Terry Lynch was elected president, succeeding Ken Jones, who held the president's post for two years. Don Butler took Lynch's seat as vice president.

ruled that jurors needed to hear more.

Prosecutors in his third trial sought to inform jurors of Liggins' past as a pedophile. A judge ruled they couldn't. And Jurors were unable to reach a verdict.

If anything, these wranglings underscore the imperfections of our system and how it isn't so much about truth as it is about determining a verdict.

On Monday, a fourth jury began deliberating on the case. The judge urged jurors to use their commonsense. Lawyers extolled jurors as the finders of "truth."

But what exactly is truth?

Webster's defines it as: "a transcendent fundamental or spiritual reality.'

As I write these words, I don't know what jurors will decide. They remain behind closed doors deliberating and seeking "truth." All we can ask of them is to do their best reaching a fair verdict based on the evidence presented. They are finders of fact, not truth.

I'm certain of one thing this Lenten season. Truth is not something found in any courtroom.

I find Truth in the One who said: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

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SPORT

Lady Clippers fall short of first place at Forreston meet

FORRESTON – The Amboy-LaMoille girls' track team came up just short of taking first place in a six-team meet at Forreston on April 2.

Dakota scored 120 points to edge out the Lady Clippers by two points. West Carroll (90), Rockford Christian (81), Forreston-Polo (75) and Earlville (11).

A-L grabbed first-place honors in eight events.

Individual firsts went to Kylee Brown in

the long jump (14-11.5), Kaitlyn Ortgiesen in the 800-meter run (2:57.24), Ashley Althaus in the 400-meter dash (1:04.5), Emma Lundquist in the 300-meter low hurdles (51.65) and Margaret Vaessen in the 1600-meter run (5:58.24).

Three Lady Clipper relay teams raced to first place – the 4x800 in 11:46, the 4x400in 4:31.02 and the 4x200 in 4:31.02.

April 2 Dakota 120, Amboy-LaMoille 118, West

Carroll 90, Rockford Christian 81, Forreston-Polo 75, Earlville 11

A-L 1st place: Kylee Brown, long jump, 14-11.5; 4x800m relay (Dulce Barajano, Madayn Shuck, Kaitlyn Ortgiesen, Margaret Vaessen), 11:46; Ortgiesen, 800m run, 2:57.24; 4x200m relay (Sidney Corcoran, Brown, Emma Lundquist, Brooklyn Whelchel), 1:55.06; Ashley Althaus, 400m dash, 1;04.5; Lundquist, 300m low hurdles, 51.65; Vaessen, 1600m run, 5:58.24;

4x400m relay (Corcoran, Lauren Althaus, Whelchel, A. Althaus), 4:31.02

A-L 3rd place: Desi Baden, discus, 75-3; Kelynn Boyle, 3200m run, 14:37; Corcoran, 100m dash, 14.15; Barajano, 800m run, 3:05.4

A-L 4th place: Brown, high jump, 4-8

A-L 5th place: Brown, 100m high hurdles, 21.19; Baden, 200m dash, 33.25

A-L 6th place: Ki-Yanna Moore, shot put, 23-11; Moore, discus, 69-11



AMBOY – Six first-place finishes helped the Amboy-LaMoille boys' track team to a second-place finish in the standings of a quadrangular meet on April 2 at the AHS track. Kewanee claimed the top spot in the

standings with 89 points, while the Clippers tallied 70. Sterling Newman was third with 55 points and Mendota had 29.

Austin Norman was a double-winner

for the Clippers, taking the 110-meter high hurdles in 18.25 and claiming the 300-meter low hurdles in 46.12. Other individual firsts for A-L were Casen Cherry in the triple jump (38-11), Brady Becker in the discus (129-2) and Thomas Stamberger in the 800-meter run (2:10.9). The 1600-meter relay team broke the tape in 3:59.45.

April 2 at Amboy

Kewanee 89, Amboy-LaMoille 70, Sterling Newman 55, Mendota 29

A-L 1st place: Brady Becker, discus, 129-2; Casen Cherry, triple jump, 38-11; Austin Norman, 110m hurdles, 18.25; Thomas Stamberger, 800mrun, 2:10.9; Norman, 300m hurdles, 46.12; 1600m relay, 3:59.45

A-L 2nd place: Becker, shot put, 42-4.5; Calvin Deering, 3200m run, 11:58.87; Brock Loftus, 800m run, 2:25.6

A-L 3rd place: Seth Browning, discus, 109-10.5; Yocum, high jump, 4-8; 400m relay, 49.25; 800m relay, 1:42.42; Stamberger, 1600m run, 4:58.65; Sean Fitzpatrick, 200m dash, 25.44

A-L 4th place: Browning, shot put, 38-2.5; Wyatt Lundquist, discus, 83-2.5

A-L 5th place: Fitzpatrick, shot put, 34-0

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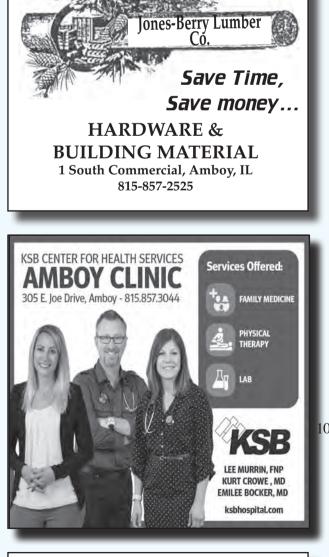
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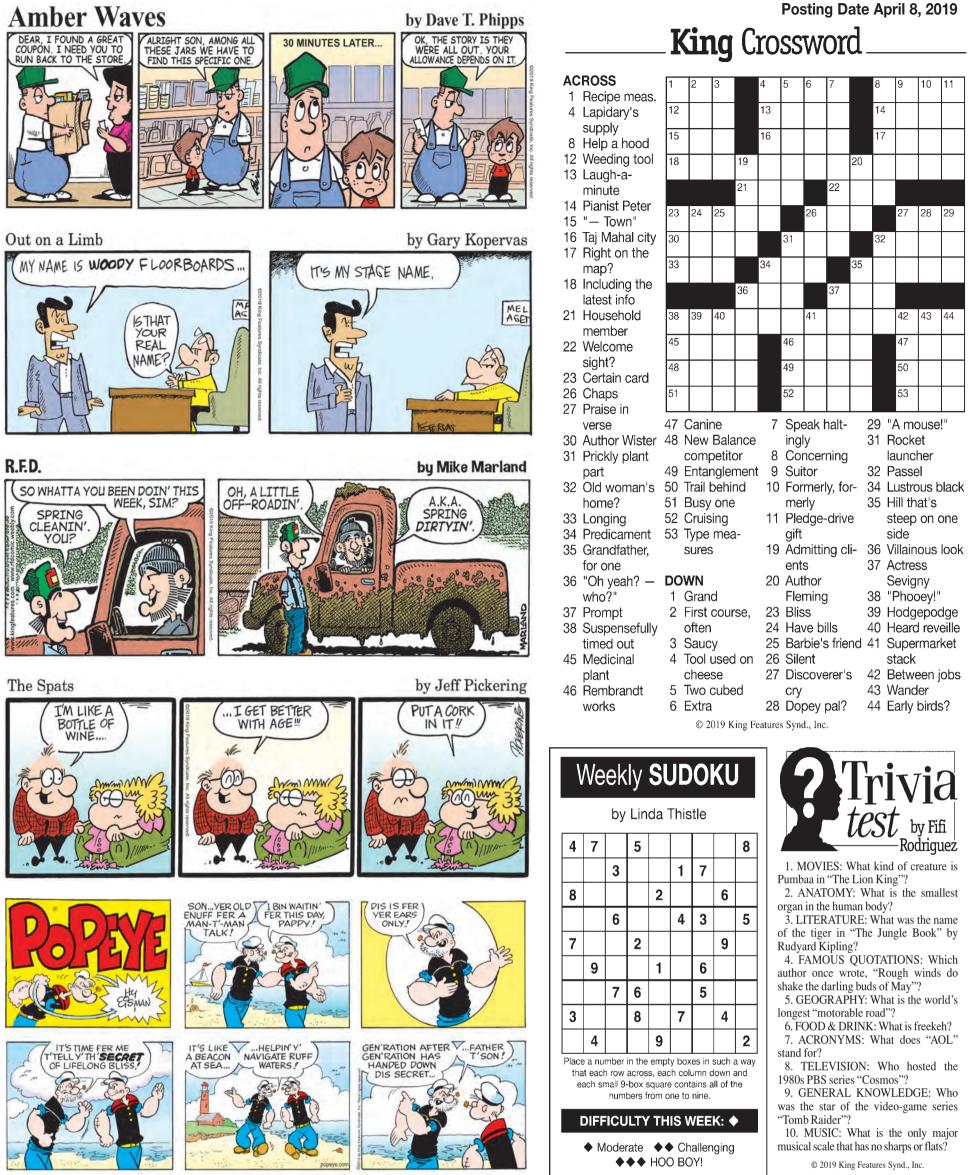


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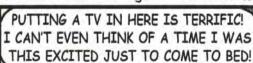
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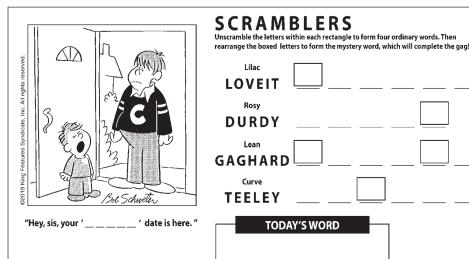




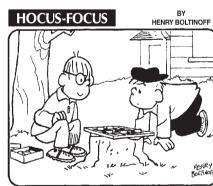
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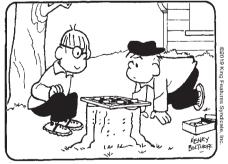
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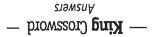
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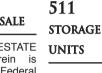


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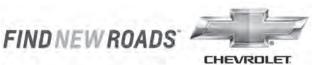
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Hunter Zimmerly gets congratulated by the team for a first inning solo home run. Zimmerly was also brilliant on the mound in leading Amboy to a 3-0 triumph over Polo in a varsity conference baseball contest on April 2 at City Park. Photo courtesy of Jordan Tidmore

Zimmerly leads Clippers to victory over Polo on April 2

AMBOY—Hunter Zimmerly was brilliant on the mound in leading Amboy to a 3-0 triumph over Polo in a varsity conference baseball contest on April 2 at City Park.

Zimmerly fired a two-hitter and mowed down 15 Polo batters via strikeout in the route-going performance. He did not issue a walk.

Zimmerly also helped his own cause at the plate with two hits, including a first inning solo home run. He also had a single. Hayden Montavon and Mitchell McLaughlin also singled twice for the Clippers.

The Clippers dropped a close 5-4 decision at Somonauk on April 6.

Amboy scored a pair of runs in the first and second innings to grab a 4-0 lead, but Somonauk scored four runs in the fifth to tie the game and pushed across the game-winner in the sixth.

Clayton Kemp rapped out two singles and a double for the Clippers, while Preston Henkel had a single and a double.

McLaughlin got the start on the hill for Amboy and was relieved by Logan Whelchel, who took the loss.

Lady Clippers move to 7-1 overall after three wins last week

AMBOY—Amboy and Polo went to extra innings and the Lady Clippers prevailed, 10-4, in varsity softball action on April 2 at Polo.

Polo held a 4-1 lead until the sixth when Amboy struck for three runs to tie the game. The contest went to extra innings and the Lady Clippers exploded for six runs in the top of the ninth to earn the victory.

Savannah Ikens had a huge day at the plate with a three-run home run and a solo homer. She drove in four runs. Gabby Jones socked two doubles and drove in a pair, while Bailee Highbarger and Dani Hochstatter both singled twice. Highbarger had an RBI.

Highbarger was the winning pitcher. She allowed six hits, walked three and struck out 12.

The Lady Clippers claimed a double-header victory at Indian Creek on April 6.

In game one, Amboy blanked the Timberwolves, 4-0.

Highbarger fired a no-hitter and struck out 10 in picking up the win. She allowed just one walk.

Alison O'Rourke hammered a solo home

run, while Highbarger, Hochstatter and Ikens had two singles apiece.

Amboy scored all of its runs in the first inning.

Game two went to Amboy by a 7-2 count. A three-run first propelled the Lady Clippers.

Kyleigh Donna collected two singles and a double for Amboy, while O'Rourke recorded three singles and Hochstatter added a pair of singles.

Highbarger also got the pitching win in the nightcap, allowing six hits, one walk and striking out nine.

Amboy is 7-1 overall and 4-0 in conference play.

Bailee Highbarger fired a no-hitter and struck out 10 in picking up the win during the Lady Clippers win over Indian Creek. She allowed just one walk.

Photo courtesy of Kirsten Donna



Clippers F/S baseball teams wins 8-3 over Polo April 2

AMBOY — The Amboy Clippers' freshman-sophomore baseball team captured an 8-3 win over Polo on April 2. Ian Eller held off Polo hitters with six strikeouts through three innings.

Andruw Jones and Caden Wittenauer each had two hits,

while Carter Seier delivered a triple.

Amboy's offense was electric as it pounded Milledgeville, 20-7, on April 3 at Milledgeville.

Eller collected a single and two doubles, Seier singled and

doubled, Trevor Vaessen picked up two singles and Brian Murphy had a two-bagger to pace the Clipper offense. Brady Jones was the winning pitcher for Amboy.



SPORTS



Amboy-LaMoille's Thomas Stamberger, right, tries to stave off Byron's William Carlson as they head down the home stretch of the 800-meter run during the Don Gooden Invitational on April 6 at Mendota. Stamberger managed to hang on for first place.

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Clippers track teams turn in solid performances in Mendota

MENDOTA – The Amboy-LaMoille girls' and boys' track teams turned in solid performances in the Don Gooden Invitational on April 6 at Mendota.

The girls finished fifth in the team standings out of 15 schools, while the boys were seventh out of 14 schools. Each A-L team had one firstplace finish.

The Lady Clippers' firstplace finish belonged to the 4x200-meter relay team, which established a new meet record in the process with a time of 1:50.61. Runners were Sidney Corcoran, Brooklyn Whelchel, Emma Lundquist and Ashley Althaus.

The A-L girls also took second-place honors in three events. Margaret Vaessen was runner-up in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:30.20 and Lundquist took second in the 300-meter low hurdles with a clocking of 50.01.

The other second-place finish went to the 4x400-meter relay team with a time of 4:12.71. Althaus, Corcoran, Lundquist and Whelchel comprised the team. "This was a fantastic meet for us, with personal bests in almost every event," said A-L coach Bob Halberg. "The 4x400 was a duel between two of the top teams in the state and turned into the most exciting race of the day." El Paso-Gridley nipped the Lady Clippers by just over a second. "Our concentration in the relays is paying off. All four relays are currently ranked in the top 12 in the state," added Halberg. In the boys' competition, the Clippers' Thomas Stamberger posted his team's first-place finish by topping the field in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:03.79. Stamberger also had A-L's only second-place finish with a clocking of 4:55.49 in the 1600-meter run.

A-L5th place: Brown, long jump, 15-4.25

A-L 6th place: Corcoran, 100m dash, 13.94; Brown, 200m dash, 29.67; L. Althaus, 400m dash, 1:07.2

A-L 7th place: Kelynn Boyle, 3200m run, 14:06,16 (boys)

El Paso-Gridley 141, Princeton 110.5, Hall 68, Byron 63, Bureau Valley 49.5, Kewanee 49.5, Amboy-LaMoille 44, St. Bede 43, Harvard 40.5, Fieldcrest 35, Pecatonica-Durand 20, Kewanee Wethersfield 20, Mendota 14, Somonauk 4 A-L 1st place: Thomas Stamberger, 800m run, 2:03.79

A-L2nd place: Stamberger, 1600m run, 4:55.49

A-L 3rd place: Brock Loftus, 3200m run, 11:03.49 A-L4th place: Austin Nor-

man, 110m hurdles, 17.64; Brady Becker, discus, 120-0

A-L 6th place: 4x100m relay (Norman, Loftus, Casen Cherry, Stamberger), 3:46.58; Cherry, triple jump, 37-10; Becker, shot put, 40-0.5

A-L 8th place: Norman, 300m hurdles, 47.73

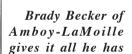
Amboy-LaMoille's Margaret Vaessen, left, attempts to chase down Ruby Slightom of El Paso-Gridley during the 800-meter run at the Don Gooden Invitational in Mendota on April 6. Vaessen finished second in the event. Amboy News photo



Amboy-LaMoille's Austin Norman clears the final hurdle during the 110-meter high hurdles at the Don Gooden Invitational in Mendota on April 6. Norman finished in fourth place.

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during one of his

attempts in the

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in the event.



Registration for Amboy Fall Soccer is now open!!

April 6 – Gooden Invite (girls)

Bureau Valley 144, El Paso-Gridley 144, Sandwich 88, Byron 68.5, Amboy-LaMoille 65.64, Annawan 42.14, St. Bede 42, Mendota 29.89, Harvard 19.89, Hall 17, Princeton 12.28, Pecatonica-Durand 8.64, Kewanee 6, Fieldcrest 6, Hinckley-Big Rock 5

A-L 1st place: 4x200m relay (Sidney Corcoran, Brooklyn Whelchel, Emma Lundquist, Ashley Althaus), 1:50.61

A-L 2nd place: Margaret Vaessen, 800m run, 2:30.2; Lundquist, 300m hurdles, 50.01; 4x400m relay (A. Althaus, Corcoran, Lundquist, Whelchel), 4:12.71

A-L 3rd place: A. Althaus, 400m dash, 1:02.74; 4x100m relay (Corcoran, Lundquist, Whelchel, Kylee Brown), 52.93

A-L4th place: 4x800m relay (Dulce Bajarano, Kaitlin Ortgiesen, Vaessen, Lauren Althaus), 10:56.94



Thurs., April 11

Fri., April 12

Sat., April 13

Mon., April 15

Tues., April 16

Wed., April 17

Thurs., April 18

Amboy Community Unit School District #272

AJHS Track @ Milledgeville High School – 4:00 p.m.
AHS Girls & Boys Track (H) AFC/Pearl City/Pecatonica - 4:
AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball @ Serena - 4:30 p.m.
AHS Girls Track @ Hall - 9:30 a.m.
AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball DH (H) St. Bede - 11:00 a.m.
AHS Fresh/Soph Softball DH @ St. Bede - 11:00 a.m.
AJHS Track @ Oregon High School – 4:15 p.m.
AHS Boys Track @ Forreston - 4:00 p.m.
AHS Varsity Softball @ Ottawa (June Gross Field) - 4:30 p.m
AHS Varsity Baseball @ Ottawa (Masinelli Field) - 4:30 p.m.
Preschool Screening & 0 to 3 Screening - Central School - 8:0
a.m 4:00 p.m.
AJHS 7th & 8th Scholastic Bowl (H) Sterling Challand - 4:00
p.m.
AHS Girls Track @ Fulton – 4:00 p.m.
AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball @ Durand - 4:30 p.m.
AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball (H) Durand-Pec - 4:30 p.m.
Amboy Invitational Art Show - AHS Gym - 6:00-7:30 p.m.
AJHS Spring Concert - AHS Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.
AHS Girls & Boys Track (H) HinckleyBR/AFC/Putnam/Polo
Forreston 4:00 p.m.
AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball (H) Durand-Pec - 4:30 p.m.
AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball @ Durand - 4:30 p.m.

ALL registrations AND payments are now online at www.amboysoccer.com.

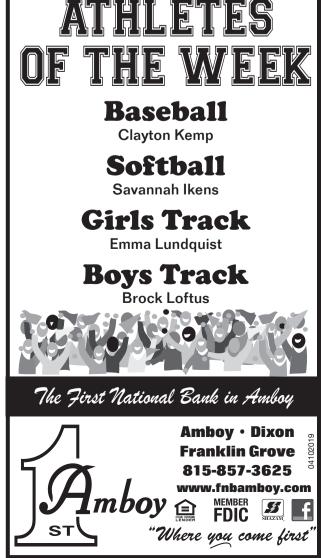
Complete an application for each child/volunteer you are registering. The soccer program is open to all boys and girls ages 4-19.

Early bird cost is \$50 per player and includes jersey, shorts, socks, and accident insurance. After June 1, this will increase to \$65 per player.

The AYSO National Committee has now implemented a mandatory \$25 per volunteer fee that covers a level 2 background check and free training for ALL courses. You will be asked on the application if you would like to pay the fee, however, the region will pay the fee if you decide not to.

For questions about the soccer program, please contact Tanya Ketchum at 815-441-0882. For questions about registration, please contact Kirstyn Carter at 815-564-7043.

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