

Amboy Post Office wants help to Stamp Out Hunger®

AMBOY—The Amboy Post Office wants your help to Stamp Out Hunger®.

The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will conduct its 27th annual national food drive on Saturday, May 11.

The Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive, the country's largest single-day food drive, provides residents with an easy way to donate food to those in need.

Customers simply leave their donation of non-perishable food items next to their mailbox before the delivery of the mail on Saturday, May 11. Letter carriers will collect these donations on that day as they deliver mail along their postal routes, and distribute them to local food banks, pantries, shelters and churches. Visit stampouthungerfooddrive.us to learn more.

The Letter Carriers' food drive is held annually on the second Saturday in May in 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. It remains as important as ever, with many people facing economic struggles. Hunger affects tens of millions of people around the country, including millions of children, senior citizens and veterans.

Letter carriers see these struggles in the communities they serve, and believe that it is important to do what they can to help.

"This is a labor of love for letter carriers, and we are proud to see how it has grown in impact over the years," NALC President Fredric Rolando said. "It's an honor to be able to help people in need all across the country—and to do so in a way that brings

out the best in so many Americans."

The timing is important, with food banks, pantries and shelters running low on donations from the winter holidays and with summer approaching, when most school meal programs are suspended.

Last year, letter carriers collected 71.6 million pounds of food donations along their postal routes. That brought the total since NALC's food drive began in 1993 to more than 1.67 billion pounds.

On May 11, as they deliver mail, the nation's 202,000 letter carriers will collect the donations that residents have left near their mailboxes. People are encouraged to leave a sturdy bag containing non-perishable foods, such as canned soup, canned vegetables, canned meats and fish, pasta, rice or cereal next to their mailbox before the regular mail delivery on Saturday.

The food donations stay in each community, going to help local residents. Several national partners are assisting NALC in the food drive: the U.S. Postal Service, the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW), the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, United Way Worldwide, the AFL-CIO, Valpak and Valassis. They are also very pleased to have the participation of two new national partners this year: the Kellogg Co. and CVS.

People who have questions about the drive in their area should ask their letter carrier, contact their local post office or go to nalc.org/food, facebook.com/StampOutHunger or twitter.com/StampOutHunger.



AHS 2019 PROM KING AND QUEEN

Hayden Montavon and Breanna Fisher were named Amboy High School's 2019 Prom King and Queen on Saturday.

Photo submitted



NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Sublette Village Board closed out its fiscal year, said goodbye to two board members, and installed two board members during its meeting on April 30. Sublette Village Clerk Brenda Vaessen, pictured right, swore in Scott Hanson, pictured left, and Jeff Myers as two of the three Sublette Village Board trustees elected this year. John Stenzel, who also was elected as a village trustee, was unable to make the meeting. The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m., on Monday, May 13, in the Ellice Dinges Center.

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YEARS OF SERVICE

Richard Klaser, pictured left, and Jerry Leffelman, were thanked for their many years of service on the Village of Sublette Board of Trustees on April 30 when the village held a special meeting to close out the fiscal year and swear in the newly elected trustees.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

Protecting public health and property in Lee County to be discussed at meeting on May 22

DIXON — Projects to protect residents and property from storms and other natural hazards will be discussed at the Lee County All Hazards Mitigation Planning Committee meeting on May 22 at the Dixon Public Safety Building, 220 South Hennepin Avenue in Dixon. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. and is open to the public.

"Severe storms frequently damage buildings, crops, roads, and other critical infrastructure in this area. At least \$4.5 million in verified damages were caused by 48 severe weather and natural hazard events. There were likely more damages that were not documented. Consequently, we are seeking to identify preventative steps that can reduce the dollar damages as well as protecting public health before severe weather strikes," according to Kevin Lalley, Lee County Emergency Management Agency Director.

Projects identified by municipal represen-

tatives at this meeting will become part of the Lee County All Hazards Mitigation Plan Update. While the public has provided input on portions of the Plan, the entire Plan will be presented for public review and comment before it is submitted to the state and federal government for approval.

"A public forum will be conducted later this summer for interested persons to review the Plan Update and ask questions of Committee Members. A two-week public comment period will be established to accommodate interested persons who are unable to attend the forum. We want to make sure that anybody who is interested has an opportunity to review and comment on the draft Plan Update," added Lalley.

Interested persons can submit questions and comments to the committee members or directly to the Lee County Emergency Management Agency.

Health department warns of flooding, safe water supply

LEE COUNTY — With the recent rains and the forecast for additional rain, the water levels in rivers, streams and groundwater levels are high, we ask Lee County citizens to focus attention on protecting private water wells.

With run off and additional precipitation possible, flooding in low lying areas and along the river may occur. Attention should be given to your wells to ensure a safe water supply. In the event of flooding, should your well become submerged or your well pit floods, please contact the Lee County Health Department. In either event, this department does not rec-

ommend drinking your well water until your well water is tested. This department will begin testing of water wells (if flooding occurs) once the flood water has receded and there is no longer an opportunity for further flooding.

This department would also recommend to homeowners served by private septic systems to conserve water at times when the ground water is high. This will aid in your septic system functioning properly and help prolong the life of your septic.

If you should have any questions regarding flooding of your well or general water quality questions please feel free to contact the Lee

County Health Department at 815-284-3371 and ask for the Environmental Health Division. In the event no one is available at the time of your call please leave your name and number and a representative will return your call.



MVP

Vaessen named co-MVP of NUIC Girls Track Meet.

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Amboy Lions Club members are honored for years of services.

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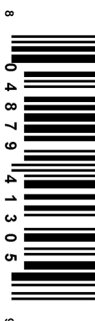
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LOCAL NEWS

Ag in the Classroom golf outing planned for June 27 in Spring Valley

LEE COUNTY Bureau and Lee County Farm Bureaus will be hosting their 10th Annual Golf Outing for supporters of Ag in the Classroom. The outing will be held on Thursday, June 27 at Spring Creek Golf Course in Spring Valley.

The Tournament will be a shot-gun start, 4- person scramble. Tee time is 9 a.m. and lunch (provided by COUNTRY Financial) will be served for all teams during the event.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Bureau and Lee County Ag in the Classroom programs.

Today's youth are two and three generations removed from the farm. That's why we feel it is so important to bring agriculture awareness to local students. Supporting the Ag in the Classroom program helps us provide free agriculture materials, presentations and resources to local teachers and classrooms

in Bureau and Lee Counties. So, whether you consider yourself "good on the green" or just want to have a fun day out, this is the tournament for you!

Polish up your clubs and support a good cause. Team fees are \$200 for Basic Registration, \$225 for Super Registration and \$250 for Premium Registration. Registration includes 18-holes of golf, ½ cart and lunch. If

you are not a golfer, but would like to support this event, several sponsorship packages are also available.

Registration is suggested by June 5. Registration after the deadline will be accepted if space is available. Tee time starts at 9 a.m. For more information, contact the Lee County Farm Bureau, (815) 857-3531 or leecfb@comcast.net.





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Retirees Sub Chapter 72 to meet May 15 at Union Hall in Dixon

DIXON — American Federation of State, County, Municipal, Employers, (AFSCME) Council 31, Retirees Sub Chapter 72 will meet Wednesday, May 15 at the Union Hall on Palmyra Street in Dixon.

Theresa Sheridan, Director of the Volunteer Care Center in Dixon, will be the speaker at noon.

Lunch will be held at 11:30 a. m. If you wish to eat, please bring a dish to pass and your own drink. Meat is furnished. Meeting will begin following the speaker.

The group meets to socialize and to keep informed so they can protect retiree benefits.



BAKE SALE & GARDEN CENTER

Thursday, May 9: 4 to 7 p.m.
Friday, May 10: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AMBOY-The Board of Trustees of Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

AMBOY-Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US RT 52, will host Community Bingo at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 9. Bingo will be followed by a light lunch. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only, May 9, 10, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24. 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.

MENDOTA-The Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center will hold a Blood Drive from 12 to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 10, in Conference C at OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center, 1401 E. 12th St. Call Community Health Services Dept., at 815-539-1411, to schedule an appointment to donate.

STERLING-The T.I.M.E. Grief Support Group will meet from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 13, at Rock River Hospice & Home, 2706 Avenue E. Feel free to bring your lunch with you. Call 815-625-3858 for more information about the group.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 13, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 13, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Township Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, at the Sublette Township Building.

EAST GROVE TWP-The East Grove Township Board Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, at the East Grove Township Hall.

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, May 15, 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, June 5. 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, May 15, 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, May 15, by appointment only. Call the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 to schedule an appointment.

AMBOY-The Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. at Central School, 30 E. Provost, on Thursday, May 16.



Abril Vazquez-Tapia

AHS announces its May Student of the Month

AMBOY — Abril Vazquez-Tapia has been named the Amboy High School Student of the Month for May. She is the daughter of Guillermo and Rosa Vazquez-Tapia.

GPA: 3.35 /4.0

Memberships and Involvement: "I've been involved in band, chorus, theatre, Spanish Honors Society, Scholastic Bowl, Student Council, AYSO soccer, and volunteered at Teen Turf over the past five summers."

Awards and Honors: Some honors include being Drum Major for two years, band vice president (junior year), band president (senior year), Spanish Honors Society secretary (senior year), and was Miss Amboy 2017.

Some awards include the Kathy Mekeel Sparkle Award, Best "Chorus" Member in Shrek, and January Student of the Month and Student of the Year for the Health Occupations Class at Whiteside Area Career Center.

Best Memories of AHS: "Some of my best memories include directing the AHS Marching Clippers during football season, being involved in the theatre productions and making new friends."

Future Plans: Attend Sauk Valley Community College and then transfer to Illinois State University to pursue my nursing and music degree.

Amboy Police

Speeding

On May 4, at 11:37 p.m., Kate E. Kaminky, 34, of Earlville, was issued a citation for speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

Cassie M. Burkholder, 26, of Winter Garden, Fla., was issued a citation for speeding 47 mph in 30 mph speed zone. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

Unlawful consumption of alcohol

On May 5, at 10:11 p.m., Mackinsey S. Zittleman, 18, of Amboy, was issued an ordinance violation for unlawful consumption of alcohol.

Speeding

On May 5, at 1:14 a.m., Michael J. Johnson, 24, of Freeport, was issued a citation for speeding 43 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. He was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

Speeding

On May 3, at 5:34 p.m., Jorge L. Mendez, 34, of Aurora, was issued a citation for speeding 48 mph in a 30 mph speed zone, and no valid registration. He was issued traffic citations and released after posting bond.

Unlawful consumption of alcohol

On May 5, at 10:11 p.m., Tealor A. Meeks, 19, of Amboy, was issued an ordinance violation for unlawful consumption of alcohol.

Speeding

On May 5, at 11:21 p.m.,

Improper use of electronic

communication device

On May 6, at 8:26 a.m., Isabella M. Spiritoso, 19, of Walton, Ky., was issued a traffic citation for improper

use of electronic communication device. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

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Senior Dining Menu

May 13 - 17

8 oz. of low-fat milk served with each meal

Monday - Chicken strips, BBQ packet, seasoned potato wedges, peas, dinner roll, pineapple tidbits
Tuesday - Tropical chicken salad, cucumber slices, croissant, mandarin oranges, pineapple juice
Wednesday - A) Liver & onions, mashed potatoes/gravy, glazed carrots, dinner roll, peach cobbler B) Meatloaf
Thursday - Sloppy joe, wheat bun, tator tots, green beans, apricots
Friday - Lemon tilapia, wild rice, peas, dinner roll, fruit cocktail

Meals served
Mon.-Fri. at 11:30 am

Reservations needed
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CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU

May 13 - 17

Fat-free chocolate, strawberry or unflavored white milk are served at Breakfast and Lunch.
 Choice of five 100% real fruit juice cups are served at Breakfast.
 Warm breakfast choice on Wednesdays.

Monday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Chicken nuggets, roll/butter, green beans, fresh cut veggies/ranch, pears - Early Dismissal - 1:20 p.m.
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Cheese quesadilla, black beans, salad, fresh cut veggies/ranch, orange slices
Wednesday	- Pancakes & syrup or pick two from breakfast cart - Orange chicken, rice, roll/butter, fresh cut veggies/ranch, fruit cup
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Fried chicken legs, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll/butter, fresh cut veggies/ranch, apple half
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Stuffed crust pizza, corn, salad, fresh cut veggies/ranch, fruit cup, dried fruit mix

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JR HIGH MENU

May 13 - 17

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 breakfast cart - Chicken nuggets, roll/butter, green beans, fresh cut veggies/ranch, pears - Early Dismissal - 1:25 p.m.
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Girls Track

Sidney Corcoran

Boys Track

Sean Fitzpatrick

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

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Sheila K. Clayton

Dec. 9, 1955 - May 5, 2019

AMBOY — Sheila K. Clayton, 63, of Amboy, died Sunday, May 5, 2019, at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford.

She was born Dec. 9, 1955, in Amboy, the daughter of Kenneth and Lois (Balko) Koehler.

Sheila was a Manager at Amboy Bottling and then worked at the United States Post Office in Ashton and Dixon for 20 years prior to her retirement.

Sheila married Donald Clayton on Oct. 18, 1975, at

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Karen Koehler.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Erin (Greg) Welker of Byron.

"Mema" will be dearly missed by her grandchildren, Rory and Ryan Welker; one sister, Judy Gabelmann of Amboy; one brother, Steve (Sandi) Brown, of Evansville, Ind.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m., on Friday, May 10, 2019, in St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy, with the Rev. Timothy Draper, officiating.

All are welcome at the Memorial luncheon which will follow the service at St. Patrick Catholic Church Hall.

A memorial has been established to St Jude Children's Hospital.

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



30 YEARS OF SERVICE

Steve Brownlee, pictured right, and Ken Novak, not pictured, were recognized by District 1D Governor, Lion Barb Stewart, pictured, left, for their 30 years of service.

Photo submitted

Busy April for Amboy Lions

AMBOY — The Amboy Lions continued their busy pace again in April. On April 8, District 1D Governor, Lion Barb Stewart, inducted the newest members of the Amboy Lions: Lion Perry Braida, Lion Jim Child, Lion Mark Grossman, and Lion Jeff Hanson. The newest Lions were sponsored by Lions Jim Travi, Cecil Harrison, and Roger Wittenauer. She also awarded service chevrons to Lions: Bruce Miller-35 years; Ken Novak and Steve Brownlee-30 years; Buddy Morrissey-15 years; and Tom Mead-10 years. She then proceeded to award the Club with the LCI Centennial Service Challenge Award Patch for Diabetes and the LCI 4 Diamond Award Patch for the Club's banner. At the end of the ceremony she presented the International President's Certificate of Appreciation and the International President Pinto Lion Edy Pfeiffer. Edy's awards are among the highest honors any Lion can receive. Congratulations Lion Edy Pfeiffer.

April 13, Rose Day, dawned early as Lion members assembled at 7 a.m. at the Amboy Community Center to carry in, sort and separate 740 dozen roses for delivery that day. A big thank you goes out to the Amboy

community for making Rose Day a huge success. This is one of the club's main fund raisers and the money is used to support projects throughout the year.

With a surprise blizzard on April 14, the Club along with the Amboy Leo Club served breakfast for the Mabley Center residents in Dixon. Lions Roger Wittenauer, Dave Kemp, Patty Ohlendorf and Jim Travi along with Leo Club members cooked and served a pancake and sausage breakfast for the residents.

The club members came together on the evening of April 19 to relive the fun times of their youth by dyeing 90 dozen eggs donated by the Amboy Food and Liquor Store. Some of the adults and Leo Club members assembled the candy bags to be distributed the next day at the Easter Egg Hunt in the city park.

The day of the Egg Hunt, a sunny, spring afternoon, over 150 children, parents, relatives and friends arrived at the Amboy City Park for the annual Cliff Walter Easter Egg Hunt. Easter Bunny, Lion Mike Danekas again did a great job posing for photos with the children and adults. The prize winners were pictured in the April 24 edition of the Amboy News.

A great time was enjoyed by all.

The Amboy Lions Club Scholarship Committee is currently reading and going through 18 excellent scholarship applications. The scholarship recipients will be announced at the AHS Honors Night on May 23. This spring the Lions have contributed to LCIF Diabetes Awareness, the LCIF Disaster Relief Fund, to the Amboy American Legion for the purchase of flags for Veteran Memorial Park and helped sponsor Amboy Youth Baseball teams.

The Amboy Lions Club officers for 2019-2020 are as follows:

President: Roger Wittenauer

Treasurer: Edy Pfeiffer

Secretary: Mary Mays (Dennis Marsili)

1st VP: Dave Kemp

2nd VP: Patty Ohlendorf

Membership Coordinator: Jim Travi (John Pierce)

LCIF Coordinator: Mark Grossman

Marketing/Communication: Jake Leffelman

An officer training session will be held in June. Anyone interested in becoming a Lion please contact an officer, a member or visit us on Facebook.

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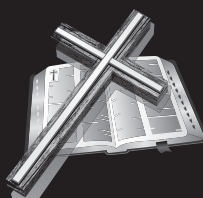
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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook

By :

Tatjana Kazan

The Russian Assassin

The best spy thrillers are also very good fiction. They share elaborate plots full of suspense, surprises and betrayals, false identities and reversals, lies and more lies. To my mind, the master of the genre is John le Carré. From his 1963 thriller, "The Spy Who Came in From the Cold" to the present, le Carré has entertained us with an unmatched rogues' gallery of spies, both good and evil, masters and bumbles. Jack Arbor's "The Russian Assassin" falls far short of many of the qualities that make a spy novel thrilling. "The Russian Assassin" is the former KGB agent Max Asimov who has fashioned a new life for himself in Paris as a bar proprietor and assassin-for-hire. His picture-perfect arrangement is unsettled when his mother summons him to Kiev. Max's father is a top KGB man (unlike Russia, Belarus retained the name KGB) who trained his son in spycraft from his earliest years. As Max and his sister and nephew approach the family compound in Kiev, it is rocked by a massive explosion. Their parents are killed, and Max sets out on a murderous quest to find the killers and to keep his sister and nephew out of harm's way.

Max's nemesis is the truly evil Nathan Abrams, head of a powerful, shadowy company whose clientele is the very rich in need of discreet elimination of enemies. The duel between the two men devolves into a series of bloody encounters in which Max prevails and from which he miraculously recovers in a matter of an hour or less. Nathan is the only one of the major characters who is neither tall nor broad-shouldered. All the other characters, including the women, share uncommon height and broad shoulders.

The prose of this thriller is serviceable, lacking both invention and humor, but it does abound in clichés. There is no local flavor, Kiev, Zurich, and Prague are interchangeable, mere stages for unrelenting mayhem. In short, "The Russian Assassin" lacks the indispensable ingredient of any spy thriller worth its salt: it lacks style.

Phidian Art Club announces winners

DIXON — The 2019 Phidian Art Club's Literary Competition recognized area writers at an award ceremony and community reception on April 28 at the Dixon Public Library. The competition includes poetry, fiction, and non-fiction.

The poetry judge for this year's competition was Dr. Donna Bauerly, Professor Emerita, Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, who taught literature and writing there for 36 years. Dr. David Hellmich, President of Sauk Valley Community College since 2015 and former English professor, judged the fiction entries. Dr. Jim Nowlan, president of Stark County Communications, and teacher of American politics nationally and internationally judged the non-fiction entries.

"Falling Through the Ice" by Ann Wiene Edmonds won first place in poetry. "Please Stay" by Ciara Gale earned second place, and "Insomnia" by Whitney Hey received third place. "Awkward" by Robert Kerr was awarded honorable mention.

"The Winner" by Tatjana Kazan and "Unsightly Affection" by Gunnar Page were each awarded first place for fiction. Ciara Gale received third place for "Qayar and the Riddling Ravine." Two pieces were chosen for honorable mention: "Pirate Prezli Plays Pretend" by Kali Nave and "The Road" by Ann Wiene Edmonds.

Christina Berry was awarded first place in non-fiction for "Cymbals of Unity" while Whitney Hey received second place for her entry entitled "Motherhood." Third place was awarded to Ann Wiene for "International Relations" and Amy Shoemaker received honorable mention for "Raindrop Button."

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

How does your garden grow?

BY PASTOR JACK M. BRIGGS

At least by the calendar, Spring officially arrived on March 20, late April snow notwithstanding. All around, nature has finally awakened from its long winter snooze, silence giving way to birdsong at daybreak. For many, Spring involves planting, whether crops in the field or a garden in the yard. Since early January, gardeners I know have spent a lot of time perusing seed catalogues, figuring and planning for the growing season.

I have two thumbs, but neither is green, so I'm personally not allowed much in the garden, except maybe twice a season: once to till it in the Spring and again to turn it under in the late Fall. I tried to help once upon a time and managed to run over a squash vine with the mower, effectively punching my one-way ticket out of the garden. I eventually returned to my favorite gardener's good graces and was allowed back in - under careful supervision, mind you - to pick some beans, trap a few pesky ground squirrels, and as a special privilege, do some weeding.

You can't have a garden without dealing with the weeds, and you have to be vigilant. Some neighbors of mine got their garden off to a good start, then turned their back for a few weeks while attending to their daughter's wedding plans. It wasn't long before you couldn't tell where the good stuff ended and the weeds began. And that's how weeds operate:

they creep in and insinuate themselves amongst the vegetables, crowding them out and competing for nutrients.

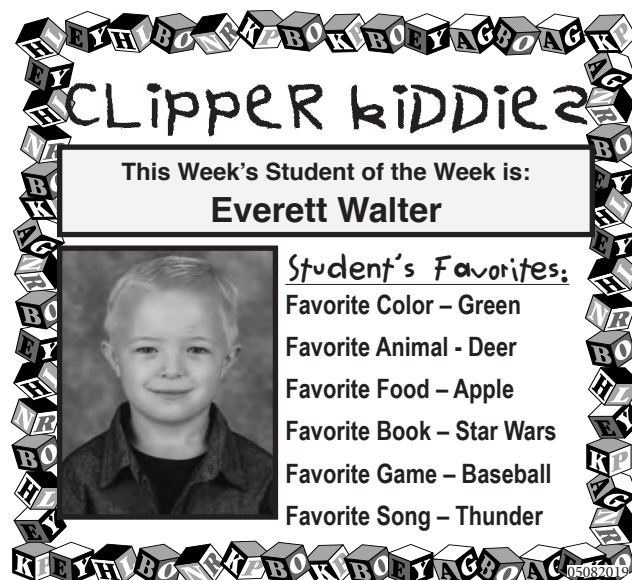
If you think of your spiritual life as a garden, you have to practice the same discipline of weed control. If you want to reap fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22) you have to cultivate them and eliminate those things that compete for nutrients, that crowd out the Sonlight. In other words, for the fruits of the Spirit to thrive, we must identify and uproot the weeds of the soul - things like hatred and intolerance, harshness, and impulsiveness.

Sometimes weeds can be sneaky. On a lawn, for example, they seem to blend right in with the turf, especially when seen from a distance. But upon closer examination, it's clear what doesn't belong. Maybe we would all benefit by taking a closer look at our own lives and how we live them, identifying the weeds of the soul that need uprooting. As any gardener will tell you, it is an ongoing process that lasts all season long.

Finally, we give thanks for the sunshine and the rain (not too much, thank you!), and we ask for blessings upon all who tend livestock or crops in the field, for the fruit of their efforts puts food on our tables. May they be safe in their labors and may the harvest be plentiful.

Thanks be to God, day by day.

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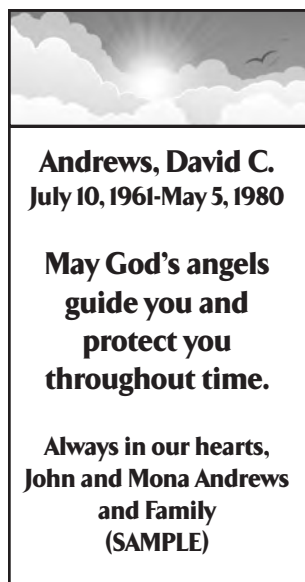
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10. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
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Opinion

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A suitcase of memories

Guest Column
By Scott Reeder



Last week, I found a time capsule of sorts stashed away in the loft of a barn. I climbed up into the loft on what had been my wife's parents' acreage. It was a salvage mission. I was looking for things to keep before we sold the land. I loaded an old wheelbarrow, a spade and a couple of old gasoline cans into the back of my pickup. And then I came across an old suitcase covered with dust and bird droppings stashed away in a corner amid rusting sickles, saws and farm implements. It looked like a piece of luggage from the 1940s with a brass lock and leather trim. My wife calls it the "Indiana Jones suitcase." I popped the lock open and found myself staring at a Chicago Daily News headline: "BURY KENNEDY TODAY; OSWALD SHOT, KILLED." That's right. Kennedy's dead, Oswald, too, and so is the Daily News. I reached into the case and found it was filled with newspapers from that fateful week. Someone back in 1963 knew history was unfolding and wanted it to be saved for perpetuity. Journalism is the first draft of history; or so the cliché goes that professors drive into the idealistic minds of would-be reporters and editors. As I looked into the suitcase, history felt tangible. I took the newspapers home and showed them to my 10-year-old daughter, Anna. She had just finished a report on John F. Kennedy and the yellowing broadsheets made what

she learned in school come alive. My wife's family was hardly unusual in saving back these fragments of history. My grandmother, Eva Reeder, had a similar stash of newspapers and magazines from that same week. Knowing that I was heading into journalism, she gave them to me several decades ago. And I have my own cache from 9-11. When I was a kid, I had the Galesburg Register-Mail headline "Nixon Decides to Quit" thumbtacked to my bedroom bulletin board. Even at age 10, I could sense this was history. I've learned in my years as a reporter and an editor that newspaper readers are far less tolerant of graphic images than television viewers. The best reason I can come up with for this is that newspapers have more permanence. On television, it's a fleeting image. But when it's in the newspaper folks can keep coming back to it again and again. A couple of years ago, I was visiting a woman whose daughter's murder I covered decades before. She took me to a chest where she kept old report cards, school pictures, toys and, yes, newspapers. She would unfold each newspaper with the care a rabbi might give a sacred scroll. On each page I'd see my name or that of my fellow journalists: Rod, Linda, Ed, Jennifer. It's doubtful it ever occurred to any of us 20-something reporters pounding stories out on deadline that our work would be stashed away for decades by a mother trying to hang on to

every memory of a long-dead daughter. Of course, death and memories go hand-in-hand. After my father died, my sister and I waded through boxes of memories and newspaper clippings: Our parents' 1954 wedding announcement, a 1964 business story on the construction of my Dad's new veterinary clinic, a feature on my teenage sister heading to Germany, an obituary for my brother. It seems just about every family has a cache of yellowed newspaper clippings like this. As much as I hated writing obituaries as a summer intern in the 1980s, I imagine those are the only articles of mine that are tucked away in family Bibles. As newspapers make the transition from print to online, I'm left wondering what future caches will look like. I suppose folks could print things off the internet and save them. But it seems hard to imagine they will conjure up the same nostalgia as lead on newsprint. Looking at that suitcase full of memories, I'm left wondering what the future has in store for an industry I love and what future moments of history will be saved for perpetuity. *Scott Reeder is a veteran statehouse journalist and a freelance reporter. He can be reached by email at ScottReeder1965@gmail.com.*

On This Day in History

100 years ago May 9, 1919

It was a happy genial throng that gathered in the parlor of the Methodist Church last Monday evening to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Miller. Mrs. W. L. Berryman is entertaining her father, Mr. McFadden of Apple River this week. The Ladies' Aid of the M.E. Church will be entertained by Mrs. Frank Keller Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bert Hewitt on West Division Street. Mr. and Mrs. George Brewer are getting settled in their home on Second Street in Lee Center.

75 years ago May 4, 1944

Miss Stella Fey has purchased the Ralph Daum residence property on South Appleton Avenue in Amboy and will take possession on June 1.

Mrs. Lulu Walker, who recently finished her third year as teacher at Crombie Lane School, has never had a flat tire in the 10 years that she has been driving to the various schools that she has taught. Vital need for more war workers at the Green River Ordinance Plant was expressed today by William Steinwedell, general manager. A special appeal is made to school teachers and graduates who will be soon in summer recess.

50 years ago May 8, 1969

AHS Band Director Richard Nagel presented the John Phillip Sousa Award for "Outstanding Senior Bandsman" to Miss Pam Smith Monday evening at the annual band supper. Miss Diane Whitney and Steve Florschuetz, queen and king of the Amboy High School Junior-Senior Prom are pictured with their royal court Saturday night. Sublette Village Treasurer Don Dingens presents plaque to outgoing Village

President Walter Erbes as new village administration takes over.

25 years ago May 12, 1994

Brandon Schelsinger and Jessica Harrison won first place and \$100 in their respective divisions of the 12th Annual Lee County Current Affairs Contest. Evan Reck, seventh grader, scored 174 points to tie for seventh in his division. Holli Schlesinger, fifth grader, earned fourth place in her division with a score of 145. Sublette Village Clerk Brenda Vaessen swears in the village's new treasurer, her mother Theresa Wilson. Mrs. Wilson served as clerk/treasurer prior to her daughter's election and is taking over the treasurer's post from Dennis Klein, who resigned May 1. Brian A. Oester of rural Amboy and Matt Warner of rural Ashton recently were selected as scholarship recipients by Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation Board of Directors.

Illinois 'license to landscape' bill is a pure protection racket

Guest Column
By Austin Berg

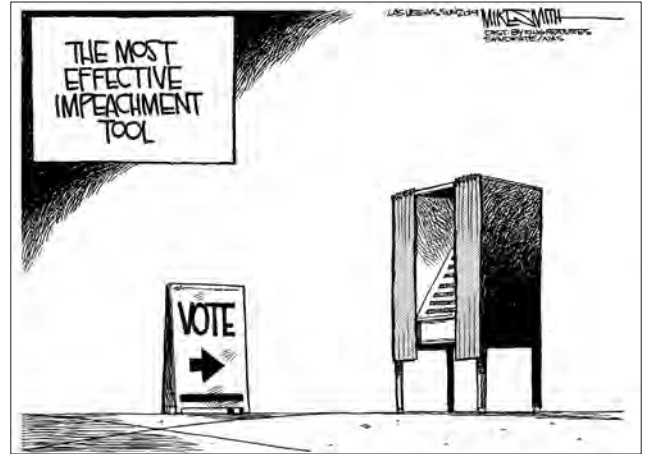


Illinois gardeners, growers and landscapers are ready for spring. With the "last frost" date approaching for most of the state, planning, building, tilling and planting will soon be in full swing. But hold on ... You got a license for that? A bill passed out of the Illinois Senate would create a new hedge maze for anyone with a green thumb. It's an unfortunate example of just how confusing and unnecessary new licensing regimes can be. And unsurprisingly, it's being pushed by a special interest group looking to grow its own bottom line. Senate Bill 1899 says that anyone working in the field of landscape architecture must obtain a special license from the state. That means passing an exam, and you'll need to jump through some high hoops just to take it. You can either 1) complete a course of study and graduate from an accredited landscape architecture school and gather two years of experience under the supervision of a licensed landscape architect; or 2) get a bachelor's degree in surveying, urban planning, architecture or engineering and work for six years under a licensed landscape architect. It's an expensive, yearslong slog. But what counts as landscape architecture? And how has the field been functioning without state licensure for so long? The bill is maddeningly broad, making it unclear what Illinoisans actually need a license to do. The following

is real language from the bill, offering a sample of what landscape architecture projects include, but are not limited to. Keep in mind that this is a bill with a stated purpose of improving public safety: "Developing landscape architecture design concepts" "Establishing form and aesthetic elements of a site" "Determining vegetative systems for soil conservation" "Planting and ground cover" The bill says it should not be construed to prohibit landscape contractors from doing their work without this license. Who counts as a landscape contractor under the bill is unclear. "I would have to tell aspiring entrepreneurs that they might be committing a crime if they advise people on how to plant a garden," said Beth Kregor, director of the Institute for Justice Clinic on Entrepreneurship at the University of Chicago Law School. The clinic specializes in helping lower-income small business owners navigate rules and regulations. "Many entrepreneurs would give up on earning an

honest living in landscaping," Kregor said. "We would never know how many budding businesses were choked out." There's no denying what talented landscape architects can do. A pioneer of the field, Jens Jensen, was a key player in designing some of Chicago's most important public spaces, including Columbus Park, Humboldt Park and Garfield Park. But what made Jensen great wasn't any piece of paper from a state licensing board. It was his artistry, integrity and hard work. This bill isn't about protecting consumers. It's about protecting incumbents. Hundreds of people representing the American Society of Landscape Architects filed witness slips in favor of the bill. They get paid a premium by limiting competition. If the college student with a truck down the street is doing unlicensed landscape architecture work, an anointed architect can call up the state. This kind of misguided overreach is nothing new in Illinois. A cosmetologist must complete 350 days of ed-

ucational training to get a state license. An EMT can be licensed after just 37. In order to practice as a sign language interpreter, Illinoisans must pay a \$900 fee, complete more than four years of education and pass two exams. Meanwhile, 29 states don't license this profession at all. When looking to reduce risk in any profession, lawmakers must start with the least restrictive measures - private certifying organizations and voluntary bonding or insurance, for example. Only when nongovernmental means have utterly failed should the state get involved. Even then, lawmakers should start with less invasive methods, like laws against deceptive trade practices. Licensing should be the last resort. Instead, in the case of the landscape architects, it appears to be a grab for a different kind of green. *Austin Berg is a writer for the Illinois Policy Institute. He wrote this column for the Illinois News Network. Austin can be reached at aberg@illinoispolicy.org.*



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LOCAL NEWS

IAA Foundation awards \$106,900 in scholarships to students

BLOOMINGTON—Illinois and other Midwestern students will have help paying for college tuition during the 2019-2020 school year, courtesy of scholarships awarded today by the IAA Foundation.

The IAA Foundation, the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau, awarded \$106,900 to 69 students pursuing degrees in agriculture-related fields, based on their academic ability, leadership involvement, professional career goals and overall commitment to success.

"It is a privilege to invest in these bright young minds who represent a strong future for agriculture," said Jennifer Smith, Development Manager, IAA Foundation.

Chase Clausen of Genoa, was named the Illinois Farm Bureau Legacy of Leadership scholarship recipient and received a \$7,500 scholarship. IAA Foundation Top Scholars Isaac Brockman of Verona, Tyler Jenkins of



Zachary Becker of Amboy, was among the students awarded and was named the recipient of the Vincent O Greene Memorial Scholarship in the amount \$1,000.

Photo submitted

Streator and Nicholas Close of Reynolds each received a \$5,000 award.

Other scholarships presented range in value from \$1,000 to \$3,500. A full listing of recipients can be found at www.iaafoundation.org.

Annually, the Illinois Farm Bureau and county Farm Bureaus award more than \$875,000 in scholarship support.

"We work to expand our scholarship program each year to support more students as they pursue careers in agriculture," Smith said. "Through generous farm gifts and contributions from farm families, Illinois Farm Bureau members, and others who support our industry, we've been able to do just that."

For more information on the IAA Foundation scholarship program, how to establish a scholarship, or to donate to the general scholarship fund, visit the IAA Foundation's website at www.iaafoundation.org or call 309-557-2232.

Applications for the 2020-2021 school year scholarships, as well as specific details and eligibility requirements, will be available on the IAA Foundation's website beginning Dec. 1.

Mailbox Improvement Week arrives in time for spring cleaning

AMBOY — The U.S. Postal Service is asking all Amboy homeowners to inspect and repair their mailboxes during Mailbox Improvement Week, May 12-18, says Postmaster Jeanna Ohda.

"Repairing suburban and rural mailboxes improves the appearance of our community and makes delivering and receiving mail safer for our carriers and customers," says Ohda.

The Postal Service makes this annual request because of the wear and tear that occurs to mailboxes every year.

"This is especially important after the effects of last winter," adds Ohda.

Some of the typical activities homeowners may need to do include:

- Replacing loose hinges on a mailbox door.
- Repainting a mailbox that may have

rust or has started to peel.

- Remounting a loosened mailbox post.
- Replacing or adding house numbers.

"If a homeowner plans to install a new mailbox or replace a worn one, he or she must use only Postal Service-approved traditional, contemporary or locking full/limited service mailboxes," said Ohda.

"Customers must be careful when purchasing curbside mail receptacles because the use of unapproved boxes is prohibited. Customers may use a custom-built mailbox, but they must consult with my office to ensure it conforms to guidelines applying to flag, size, strength and quality of construction."

For more information on the use of names or numbers on mailboxes, or answers to any other questions, contact your local Post Office directly.

TEEN TURF

DRAW DOWN

Our 20th annual Draw Down will be this Saturday, May 11. Serving will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. with the Draw Down to follow.

High Fives to everyone that bought a ticket to help support our youth programs.

The dinner will be Kevin Malach's delicious chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, Kim Watley's baked beans, Toni Fassig's cole slaw, buns from Folsom's Bakery, coffee,

lemonade, water and of course our ever famous dessert's.

If you would like a cold brew that is also available. There will be many great Silent Auctions thanks to the Dean and Sue Stephenitch Family.

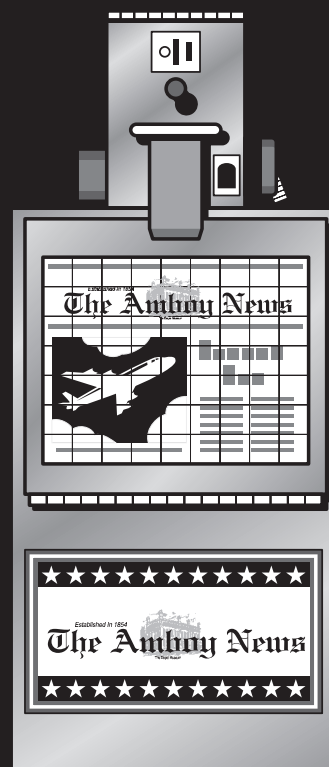
There will be 50/50 drawings throughout the evening.

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Amboy Community Unit School District #272

Thurs., May 9	AHS Boys Track Conference Meet @ Dakota - 4:00 p.m. AHS Girls Track Sectional @ Erie - 4:00 p.m. AHS Varsity Baseball (H) Freeport Aquin - 4:30 p.m.
Fri., May 10	AHS Varsity & Fresh/Soph Softball (H) Polo - 4:30 p.m.
Sat., May 11	AHS Varsity Baseball @ Reed Custer High School, Braidwood - 11:00 a.m.
May 13 - 17	AHS Softball Regionals (H) - TBA AHS Baseball Regionals @ - TBA EARLY DISMISSAL - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY
Mon. May 13	AJHS - 1:15; Central - 1:20; AHS - 1:25 AHS Fresh/Soph Girls & Boys Track Conference Meet @ Pecatonica - 4:00 p.m.

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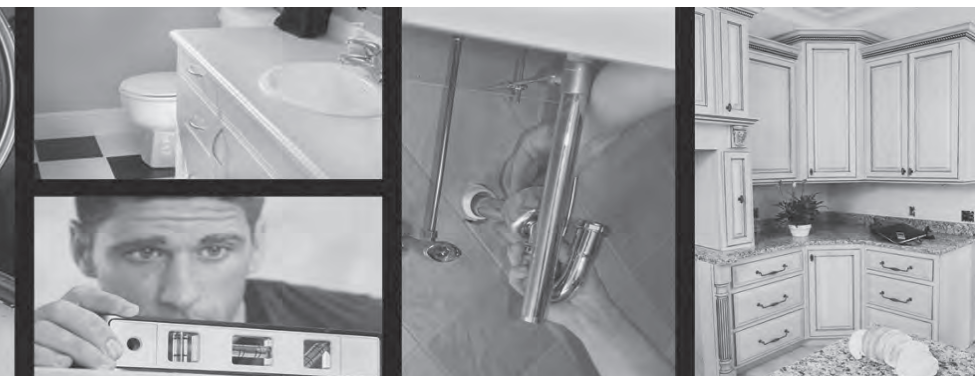
for our issue on May 29 due to Memorial Day.

The advertising deadline will be Thursday, May 23 at 4 p.m. The editorial deadline will be Friday, May 24 at 10 a.m.

The office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in honor of Memorial Day. Open again on Tuesday, May 28 at 8 a.m.

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HEADING TO STATE MEET

Amboy Junior High School Track athletes qualified at Sectionals to compete at State this coming weekend. Pictured, left to right, Maeve Larson, Elly Jones, Tyrah Vaessen, Lexi Ketchum, Austin Shugars, Kye Koch, and Ryan Dickinson. Students are competing in: Austin Shugars - Shot Put; Kye Koch - 100M Dash; Ryan Dickinson - 800M Run; Maeve Larson, Elly Jones, Tyrah Vaessen and Lexi Ketchum - 4x100M relay; and Elly Jones - Hurdles, 400M Dash and Long Jump.

Photo submitted

Clippers head to Forreston for baseball Regional action

FORRESTON – The Amboy Clippers will participate in the Forreston Class 1A Boys' Regional Baseball Tournament to be held May 13, 15, 18. Games will be played at Warnken Park.

The tournament begins when LaMoille plays at Ashton-Franklin Center on Monday, May 13.

The winner of the Forreston Regional will advance to the Lena-Winslow Sectional to face the champion of the Pearl City Regional at 6:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 22. The other sectional game will pit winners of the Dakota

and Lanark Eastland regionals.

Forreston Class 1A Regional Monday, May 13

1 – (10) LaMoille [Coop] at (9) Ashton (A.-Franklin Center) – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15

2 – (2) Forreston vs. Winner Game 1 – 4:30 p.m.

3 – (4) Amboy vs. (7) Kirkland (Hiawatha) – 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 18

4 – Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3 – 1 p.m.

Amboy to host softball Regionals

AMBOY – The Amboy Lady Clippers will host the Amboy Class 1A Regional Softball Tournament at the high school field.

The tournament will begin when LaMoille travels to Hinckley-Big Rock for a play-in game on Monday, May 13. The Lady Clippers will see their first action against Indian Creek at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15.

Amboy's regional champion will advance to the Indian Creek Sectional to face the survivor of the Chicago Hope Academy Regional at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21. The other sectional contest will be played on Wednesday, May 22 between the Newark and

Peru St. Bede regional winners.

Amboy Class 1A Regional Monday, May 13

1 – (9) LaMoille [Coop] at (8) Hinckley (H.-Big Rock) – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14

2 – (1) Ottawa (Marquette) vs. Winner Game 1 – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15

3 – (4) Amboy vs. (6) Shabbona (Indian Creek) [Coop] – 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 17

4 – Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3 – 4:30 p.m.

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Amboy-LaMoille’s Margaret Vaessen, left, and Olivia Stirrup of Milledgeville-Eastland were co-MVPs of the NUIC Girls’ Track Meet held on May 2 at Forreston. Vaessen anchored the first-place 4x800 relay team and won the 800- and 1600-meter runs. Stirrup anchored Milledgeville-Eastland’s winning 4x200 relay and won the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

Photo contributed

Fishing expo planned

PERU – The 21st annual Kids’ Free Fishing Expo will be held on Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Baker Lake in Peru.

Some of the features at the event will be “how-to” clinics for boys and girls ages 6 and up starting every 15 minutes, free fishing games with prizes, casting games, live fish displays, free literature, door prizes, tips from local fishermen and more.

A limited number of fishing poles will be available for loan and bait will be provided. Free food and drinks will also be available.

For more information, contact Mark Dudek at (815) 220-3901, Tom Wall at (815) 223-3671 or go to the web at www.better-fishing-assoc.org.

Lady Clippers participate in NUIC meet

FORRESTON – The Amboy-LaMoille girls’ track team made a tune-up before the sectional by participating in the NUIC Meet on May 2 at Forreston. There were 10 teams in the event and the Lady Clippers finished third with 99 points. Galena-River Ridge-EastDubuque grabbed the top spot with 153 points and Milledgeville-Eastland took second with 124 points.

A-L finished first in six events, second in three events and third in two events, which earned all participants all-conference honors. Fourth- through sixth-place finishes were honorable mention all-conference.

The Lady Clippers broke the tape in three relays.

The 4x100 had a time of 52.13, with Sidney Corcoran, Ashley Althaus, Brooklyn Whelchel and Emma Lundquist doing the running. The same foursome comprised the 4x400 relay team that ran a winning time of 4:22.70. Kaitlyn Ortgiesen, Kelynn Boyle, Lauren Althaus and Margaret Vaessen formed the victorious 4x800 relay that was clocked in 10:37.82.

Amboy-LaMoille also had three individual firsts. Vaessen claimed the 800-meter run in 2:32.62 and the 1600-meter run in 6:00.19, while Lundquist took the 300-meter hurdles in 50.57.

May 2 – NUIC Meet
 Galena-River Ridge-East Dubuque 153, Milled-

geville-Eastland 124, Amboy-LaMoille 99, Dakota 57, Lena-Winslow-Pearl City 32, West Carroll 28, Pecatonica-Durand 22, Forreston-Polo 17, Stockton-Warren 4, Ashton-Franklin Center 1

A-L 1st place: 4x800m relay (Kaitlyn Ortgiesen, Kelynn Boyle, Lauren Althaus, Margaret Vaessen), 10:37.82; 4x100m relay (Sidney Corcoran, Ashley Althaus, Brooklyn Whelchel, Emma Lundquist), 52.13; 4x400m relay (Corcoran, Lundquist, Whelchel, A.

Althaus), 4:22.7; Vaessen, 800m run, 2:32.62; Vaessen, 1600m run, 6:00.19; Lundquist, 300m hurdles, 50.57

A-L 2nd place: 4x200m relay (Corcoran, Kylee Brown, Whelchel, Lundquist), 1:52.16; A. Althaus, 400m dash, 1:03.44; Ortgiesen, 1600m run, 6:15.57

A-L 3rd place: L. Althaus, 800m run, 2:40.47; Brown, long jump, 14-4.5

A-L 5th place: Corcoran, 100m dash, 14.1

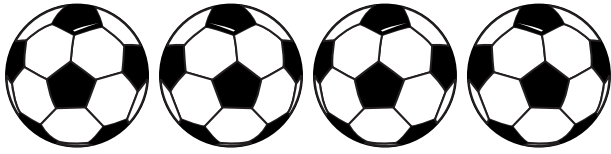
A-L 6th place: Brown, 200m dash, 29.51

Golf tourney scheduled

MENDOTA – The 2019 Mendota Sweet Corn Festival Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, June 1. The shotgun start will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Mendota Golf Club.

The cost is \$65 per person or \$260 for a foursome. The entry fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, tee gifts, entry into contests, one raffle ticket, cook-your-own steak dinner and prizes for winners.

The outing is sponsored by the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information or an entry form, call the Chamber office at (815) 539-6507. Entry forms are also available at the Mendota Golf Club. The registration deadline is Friday, May 17.



Registration for Amboy Fall Soccer is now open!!

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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.

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