

Poppies available in Amboy and Sublette for Memorial Day

AMBOY — Poppies aren't just pretty flowers. Poppies symbolize the sacrifice of our service members killed while protecting our nation.

The Amboy American Legion Auxiliary wear these poppies each year on Memorial weekend to honor our fallen heroes and to support our military veterans and their families.

We will be out in various locations in Amboy and Sublette on Friday, May 24



and Saturday, May 25. Please be generous and wear your poppy with pride.

All monies raised stay local to support the Honor Flight, improvements in Veterans Park and our veterans living in our communities.

Chief Judge Fish to retire July 8

LEE COUNTY — Judge Daniel Fish, who has served as a circuit judge in Lee County since July 2008, is retiring July 8.

Fish, who is the Chief Judge of the 15th Judicial Circuit, has heard a variety of cases during his tenure and currently hears most of the lawsuits and juvenile matters pending in Lee County.

"I have greatly enjoyed my time on the bench," said Fish, 64. "It truly has been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of the 15th Judicial Circuit. An effective and efficient judicial system is important to our community, and I am pleased that I was able to contribute to it."

Fish's seat will be filled by Judge Douglas Lee, who the Illinois Supreme Court appointed to the spot on April 29. Lee, who currently is an associate judge in Lee County, will begin his role as circuit judge on July 9.

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Pictured from left to right, Larry and Rose Leffelman and daughter, Christine Klein. Photo submitted

Rockford Mutual Insurance Company names Leffelman & Associates, Inc. 2018 Insurance Agency of the Year

SUBLETTE — It was over 50 years ago that Rockford Mutual started their fruitful relationship with Leffelman & Associates, Inc., located in the farming community of Sublette.

Leffelman & Associates came to be in 1969 when its founder Larry Leffelman purchased the Roemmich Agency. In 1972 Larry added the Burkhardt Agency, also of Sublette. In 1980 and 1990 two additional agencies from Amboy, The Duffy Agency and The Ortgiesen Agency, were added to the fold.

The Leffelman Agency was built on family from the very beginning. As usual, one generation gives way to the next. With Larry's retirement, his daughter Christine (Chris) Klein took the reins of the agency. Christine continues to fulfill her father's legacy by exemplifying the four hallmarks of their business:

customer satisfaction, integrity, professionalism and stability.

Rockford Mutual has been a proud partner with the Leffelman Agency since it began in 1969. Respectively, Leffelman and Rockford Mutual have helped each other grow to what they are today. The staff at Leffelman is well respected within all departments at Rockford Mutual.

"Rockford Mutual really is a relationship focused company", said Christine Klein, "you are one of the last companies that allows us to have a relationship with our underwriters, and that means the world to us."

It is with great pride that Rockford Mutual announces the Leffelman Agency, the family that knows how to treat your family, as Agency of the Year for 2018.

President and CEO, Kent Shantz, adds "We are proud

to have such a committed and service-oriented group of insurance professionals representing Rockford Mutual within their community. This recognition is just a small token of our appreciation for everything Leffelman does for our company every day."

About Rockford Mutual Insurance Company:

Rockford Mutual Insurance Company was founded on Nov. 2, 1896. What began as a small farmers district mutual has transformed into a standard property and casualty insurer within the century of its existence. Rockford Mutual Insurance Company primarily writes automobile, homeowners, farmowners, and commercial multi-peril in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana. Policies are written through independent agents appointed within various areas of operation.



Sublette Village Clerk Brenda Vaessen, pictured right, swore in John Stenzel as new Sublette Village Board trustee during Monday nights monthly meeting. Stenzel previously served as Sublette Village President and Sublette Village Trustee. The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m., on Monday, June 10, in the Ellice Dinges Center.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

Sublette board approves bids

BY TONJA GREENFIELD
General Manager

SUBLETTE — The Sublette Village Board approved two bids during its regular Monday night meeting.

The first bid approved was for the demolition of the old maintenance building. Four bids were opened, with the range of prices from \$14,750 to \$49,750. The board approved a motion to accept the bid from Ken Otterbach Excavating and Demolition, out of Mendota, for \$14,750.

Sublette Village President Michael Vaessen said the bids came in a lot less than he anticipated.

Once the building is demolished, the village will still need to reseed the property.

The second bid approved was for the Chevy 3500 with snow plow. Five bids were opened with prices ranging from \$1,601 to \$2,050. The board approved a motion to accept the bid of \$2,050 from Joseph Blav.

Sublette 365 update

Nick Dinges, of Sublette 365, gave the board an update

on the community center and activities planned in Sublette.

Dinges said more than \$200,000 has been raised toward the Sublette Community Building project. The next job, which should be completed soon, is making the building handicapped accessible. He added that sound proofing the building will be the next job in the next phase of the building project.

Dinges said that the Sublette 365 will be sponsoring an outdoor movie night on June 14, July 12 and Aug. 9, at the Sublette Community Building. Bring chairs and blankets to sit under the stars for the movie. Popcorn and refreshments will be available for purchase.

The first movie on June 14 will be "A Dog's Way Home." The movie on July 12 will be the live-action film "Dumbo." On Aug. 9, the movie will be "Wonder Park."

Dinges also said that Pullin in the Park and the Sublette Car Show will be held the weekend of Sept. 7-8.



STATE BOUND

Lady Clippers track team competes at Sectionals, advances to state in six events.

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COLLECTING FOOD

The Amboy Post Office held its annual Stamp Out Hunger drive on Saturday. A total of 874 pounds of food was collected this year. The food will be evenly split between the food pantries at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the First Baptist Church. Pictured with the collection of food is, Jeanna Ohda, postmaster, Jeff Remrey, Mary Majeski, Debbie Bauer, Kim Dale, and Lynnette Lawrence. 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.

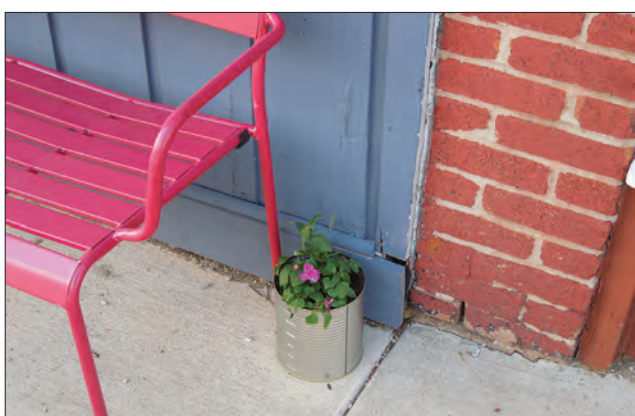
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MAY FLOWERS

Several businesses in Amboy were treated to a touch of spring over the weekend, as the Amboy FFA students left cans of flowers on their door steps. The flowers brightened the day of those businesses. Thank you Amboy FFA.

Mary Mays/Amboy News



LOCAL NEWS



DEMO

Demolition was completed on the house that was located next to the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home last week. The spot will be used as a parking facility and green space.
Mary Mays/Amboy News



35 YEARS OF SERVICE

District 1D Governor, Lion Barb Stewart, pictured left, awarded service chevron to Lion Bruce Miller for 35 years of service.
Photo submitted



HIGHEST HONOR

District 1D Governor, Lion Barb Stewart, pictured right, presented the International President's Certificate of Appreciation and the International President Pin to Lion Edy Pfeiffer. Edy's awards are among the highest honors any Lion can receive.
Photo submitted



10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Amboy Lions President Roger Wittenauer, pictured left, honors Lion Tom Mead for 10 years of service.
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With Fondest Memories

We remember those who have passed away and are especially dear to us.

On Wednesday, May 22nd The Amboy News will publish a special Memorial Day page devoted to those who are gone but not forgotten.

The memorials will be similar to the sample below:



Andrews, David C.
July 10, 1961-May 5, 1980

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

**Always in our hearts,
John and Mona Andrews
and Family
(SAMPLE)**

(actual size)

If you wish, select one of the following FREE verses below to accompany your tribute.

1. We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.
2. May God cradle you in His arms, now and forever.
3. Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
4. Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you until we meet again.
5. The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God's heavenly glory.
6. Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.
7. Though out of sight, you'll forever be in my heart and mind.
8. The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.
9. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
10. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
11. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
12. May God's graces shine over you for all time.
13. You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.
14. We send this message with a loving kiss for eternal rest and happiness.
15. May the Lord bless you with His graces and warm, loving heart.

To remember your loved one in this special way, send \$10.00 per listing. Your special tribute will become a permanent memorial record in our paper.

Deadline is Thursday, May 16, at 3 p.m.

Fill out the form below and drop off or mail to:

**The Amboy News
(With Fondest Memories)
245 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 162
Amboy, IL 61310**

Please publish my tribute in the special Memorial Day Page on May 22nd.

Name of deceased _____

Relationship to me _____ Number of selected verse _____

Date of birth _____ Date of passing _____

Additional information _____

Print your name here _____

Address _____ Phone number _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Deadline is Thursday, May 16, at 3 p.m.

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"While I am sorry to see Judge Fish retire, I am humbled by the Supreme Court's confidence in me," Lee said. "I look forward to serving the 15th Judicial Circuit in a different role and pledge to work as hard as I can to be the best circuit judge I can be."

Lee, 56, became an associate judge on Jan. 2. His appointment as circuit judge runs through the last day of Fish's term, Dec. 7, 2020. Lee intends to run to retain the circuit position in the Republican primary election in March 2020 and, if successful, in the November 2020 general election.

"Many lawyers and others throughout the circuit supported me when I applied for the associate position last year," Lee said. "I hope to be able to count on that support in the primary and general elections. Judge Fish made and maintained many relationships throughout the circuit when he ran, and I hope to do the same."

Five counties comprise the 15th Judicial Circuit – Lee, Ogle, Carroll, Stephenson and Jo Daviess.

Before taking the bench, Fish served three terms as the Lee County State's Attorney and worked in private practice for seven years. In all, Fish has been practicing law or working as a judge since 1981.

"It's time for me to step down," Fish said. "I'm looking forward to traveling and spending time with my family."

Lee took the bench after spending almost 27 years practicing law in Dixon, most recently with Ehrmann Gehlbach Badger Lee & Considine. Before returning to Dixon to practice law in 1991, Lee practiced for four years in Washington, D.C., with Baker & Hostetter.

While he was in private practice, Lee served on the KSB Hospital board of directors, the Dixon school board and the board of directors of Open Sesame Child Care Center. He also was involved with boards and committees of the Dixon Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the Lee County Industrial Development Association and St. Anne Catholic Church.

Lee was named Dixon's Citizen of the Year in 2001.

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BY EMILY GOFF

Head Librarian

This year's theme for Summer Reading is "It's Show Time at Your Library." Grades Pre-School-4th grade are welcome to attend. Schedule is as follows:

Preschool- Tuesdays June 4, 11, 18, 25 from 1 – 2 p.m.
K-1st Grade- Wednes-

days June 5, 12, 19, 26 from 1 – 2 p.m.

2nd-4th Grade Thursdays June 6, 13, 20, 27 from 1 – 2 p.m.

We have many fun crafts, stories, and special guests ahead.

Any questions, or you would like to sign up please call the library at 815-857-3925, or stop by the front desk at the library.

We ask that all permission slips are turned into either the school office, or the library no later than Friday, May 24. Thank you.

Follow us on Facebook for more information.

Pankhurst Memorial Library

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Business After Hours planned for May 15

AMBOY — Everyone is invited to the next Amboy Chamber Business After Hours mixer on Wednesday, May 15, Woodhaven Lakes, 509 LaMoille Road, Sublette.

The event will be begin at 5:30 p.m.

This after hours mix n' mingle is open to the public, not just the business owners. So, grab a friend and stop by to see some familiar faces while catching up on what's going on around town.

SUBLETTE NEWS

Cruise Night

The Sublette Cruise Night was canceled on May 11 due to inclement weather and will be rescheduled at a later date. The new date will be announced once it is determined.

Amboy Police

Speeding

On May 9, at 12:42 p.m., Kateri L. Mowery, 31, of Sterling, was issued a citation for speeding 50 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

Speeding

On May 8, at 11:38 a.m., Judith A. Colangelo, 67, of West Brooklyn, was issued a citation for speeding 45 mph in 30 mph speed zone. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

From The Heart Calendar winners

From The Heart April 2019 Cash Calendar Winners.

April 1 - WB (Dub) Lamber, Rochelle, \$25
April 2 - Brady Smith, Esmond, \$25
April 3 - Troy Scott, Rochelle, \$25
April 4 - Sara Slattengren, Rochelle, \$25
April 5 - PJ O'Rorke, Steward, \$25
April 6 - Heidi Myers, Rochelle, \$25
April 7 - FTH Event Purchase, Rochelle, \$50
April 8 - Jason Long, CHS, Rochelle, \$25
April 9 - Fred & Barb Horner, Rochelle, \$25
April 10 - Sarah Mariani, Rockford, \$25
April 11 - DeAnne White, Dixon, \$25
April 12 - Tony Lucas, Albany, \$25
April 13 - Dolores Scott, Rochelle, \$25
April 14 - Kelly Kempson, Rochelle, \$50
April 15 - Jo Morrow, Mackinaw, \$25
April 16 - Stephanie Crawford, Rochelle, \$25
April 17 - Marissa Krager, Dixon, \$25
April 18 - Steve Lawnicki, Rochelle, \$25
April 19 - George Eschenbaum, Spring Valley, \$25
April 20 - Matthew Williams, Sycamore, \$25
April 21 - Jim & Connie McCaslin, Auburn, \$300
April 22 - Dean Herrmann, Rochelle, \$25
April 23 - Calvin Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25
April 24 - DJ Svela, Rochelle, \$25
April 25 - Cathy Cluts, Rochelle, \$25
April 26 - Nathan Hartry, Illiopolis, \$25
April 27 - Dr. Nancy Williams, Rochelle, \$25
April 28 - Trenton Friday, Dixon, \$50

April 29 - Amy Hayden, Rochelle, \$25
April 30 - Samuel Schwartz, Sycamore, \$25
Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month

CLIPPER KIDDIE

This Week's Student of the Week is:
Katie Wittenauer

Student's Favorites:
Favorite Color - Pink and Purple
Favorite Animal - Cat
Favorite Food - Carrot
Favorite Book - Five Little Monkeys
Favorite Game - Lion King or Checkers
Favorite Song - Shut Up and Dance

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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.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only, May 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and 31. 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.

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

AMBOY-The Lee County Master Gardeners will hold a Plant Sale from 8 a.m. until Noon (unless all plants are sold before then) on Saturday, May 18, at the Lee County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1196 Franklin Rd. Rain or Shine. No pre-sales.

FRANKLIN GROVE-The Fulton Saddle Club will hold a Trail Ride on Saturday, May 18, at 2 p.m. and Sunday, May 19, at 10 a.m. at Franklin Creek State Park. For more information, call Larry Greenwood at 815-499-4680 or Susie Patten at 815-772-7593.

DIXON-A Community Baby Shower will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, at the Post House Ballroom, 100 W. Second St. Giveaways and drawings for expectant mothers. Seating is limited. Please RSVP for this free event at www.ksbhospital.com/womens-health-matters.

STERLING-The Rock River Hospice & Home Memorial Service, honoring

loved ones who died during the past year, will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, at First Presbyterian Church, 410 Second Ave. Call 815-625-3858 to have your loved one's name included in the presentation.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 20, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

DIXON-The 4-H Junior Gardener SPIN Club will meet from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, May 21 through Aug. 6, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1013 Franklin Grove Rd. For more information contact the Lee County Extension Office at 815-857-3525 or online at go.illinois.edu/LeeCoJG.

AMBOY-A Memorial

Day Program will be held on Monday, May 27, at Veteran's Park. Look for more information in the May 22 issue of The Amboy News.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library Book Club will meet at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, at the Library, 3 S. Jefferson. Call the Library at 815-857-3925 for more information.

Congratulations to the top students of the Amboy and LaMoille Classes of 2019!



AHS Top Students

(back row) Cameron Simpson, Mitchell McLaughlin, Savannah Ikens, Shannon Lytle, Kaitlyn Orgiesen, Mackenzie Payne, Breanna Fisher, Hunter Zimmerly, Clayton Kemp (front row) Noelle Jones, Kelynn Boyle, Bailee Highbarger, Mary Thompson, Rachel Lachat, Emma Bickett



LHS Top Students

Valedictorian
Luke Lovgren (left)
Salutatorian
Thomas Stamberger



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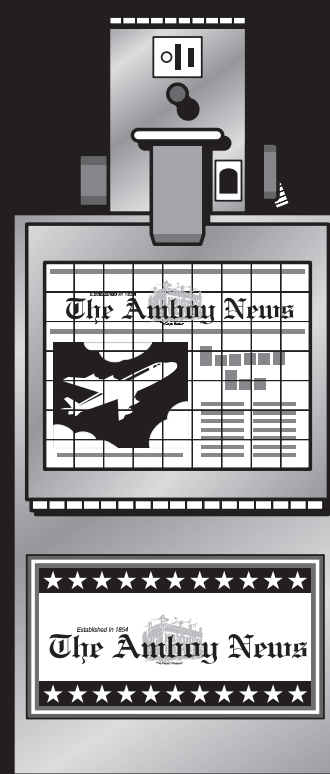
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Early Deadlines



The Amboy News will have

EARLY DEADLINES

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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Amboy Community Unit School District #272

Fri., May 17	AHS Boys Track Sectional Meet @ Orion - 4:00 p.m.
Wed., May 22	AHS Baccalaureate - St. Patrick Church - 7:00 p.m.
Thurs., May 23	AHS Honors Night - Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.
Sun., May 26	AHS GRADUATION - GYM - 2:00 P.M.
Mon., May 27	NO SCHOOL – MEMORIAL DAY
Wed., May 29	EARLY DISMISSAL AJHS – 11:20; Central – 11:25; AHS – 11:30
Fri., May 31	LAST DAY OF STUDENT ATTENDANCE AJHS PROMOTION - GYM - 7:00 P.M.
Mon., June 3	TEACHER INSTITUTE
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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Arlene G. Jacobs

Jan. 3, 1953 - May 7, 2019

ROCHELLE — Arlene G. Jacobs, age 66, of Rochelle, and formerly of Amboy, died Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at Rochelle Gardens.

She was born Jan. 3, 1953, in Amboy, the daughter of Leo and Wandalee (Myers) Bonnell. She was a graduate of Franklin Center High School, where she won the Betty Crocker award and was voted FFA Sweetheart her senior year.

Arlene was a CNA for many years working at Mapleside Manor in Amboy, Franklin Grove Health Center, and Mendota Lutheran Home. She loved to sing, and spending time with her children, grandchildren and animals.

Arlene married Arthur Jacobs Jr. in Amboy May 22, 1980.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Lowell Bonnell.

Survivors include her 6 children, Bill (Samantha) Foster, of Milton, Wis., Tracy (John) Daniels, of Hermitage, Penn., Chuck (Stacie) Williar, of Sycamore, Michelle Osborn (Jamie Faust), of Fulton, Stephanie (Donnie) Sommers, of Kingman, Ariz., and Aaron Jacobs (Melanie Merced), of DeKalb; 11 grandchildren; 1 great-granddaughter; three brothers, Howard (Elaine) Bonnell, of Benton, Ky., Les (Karen) Bonnell, of Steward, and Alvin (Sherry) Bonnell, of Jefferson, Wis.; and sister-in-law, Christine Bonnell, of Troy Grove.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., on Saturday, May 11, 2019, in the Mihm-Jones



Funeral Home in Amboy with Karen Bonnell, officiating. Burial followed in Woodside Cemetery in Lee Center. Visitation was held from 4 - 7 p.m., on Friday, May 10, in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established.

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



SVCC partners with KSB

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College unveiled the KSB donor recognition plaques on Wednesday, April 24. The plaques signify the partnership KSB has made with SVCC for the Sauk Nursing Department.

The KSB Board of Directors held a routine closed meeting on campus before receiving a tour of the facilities ending with the official unveiling of the partnership. In honor of KSB and in grateful recognition of their generosity, SVCC officially presented the KSB Classroom, KSB Moderate Fidelity Lab, KSB High Fidelity Lab, and KSB Debriefing Room to members of the KSB Board of Directors on March 24.

The area, located on the second floor of the SVCC campus is the epicenter for Sauk's health profession students. The gift will help

support Nursing program initiatives at SVCC for the next 10 years.

Dean of Institutional Advancement, Dr. Lori Cortez, stated "The partnership between KSB and SVCC demonstrates a shared vision of goals and future success. The partnership also represents a shared commitment to providing exceptional healthcare opportunities for the region through the development of highly skilled providers and top-notch healthcare services."

KSB has a strong and valued history of service to the community and SVCC is proud to count many of their graduates among the caring and talented staff at KSB.

For more information on room naming rights, please contact the Sauk Valley College Foundation at 815-835-6329.

Tractor Supply Co. searching for a 'Great Neighbor' in 4-H, FFA youth

ILLINOIS — Tractor Supply Company is calling for 4-H and FFA youth to demonstrate what it means to be a great neighbor during the retailer's Mobile Fair Tour, a 10-stop journey across the United States.

The "Great Neighbor" Contest is an experiential component of the Mobile Fair Tour where local youth are encouraged to submit a photo with a 200-word description for participation.

Beginning April 29, 4-H and FFA youth residing near a stop on the fair's tour can enter the contest by submitting a photo and caption that showcases a 4-H or FFA project making a difference in their community. The Mobile Fair Tour will begin its route July 15 at the Fayette County Fair in Washington Court House, Ohio, and will come to a stop in Tyler, Texas, at the East Texas State Fair on Sept. 22.

"The 'Great Neighbor' Photo Contest is an interactive way for 4-H and FFA youth to share their experiences in serving their community," says Diane Bollig, store mar-

keting manager at Tractor Supply Company. "We are proud to give youth of all ages the opportunity and platform to be recognized for their hard work and passion."

Tractor Supply will choose winners at random and will recognize the local winners at each of the 10 fair stops with a special ceremony. Winners will be presented with a commemorative plaque and Tractor Supply gift pack in appreciation of their hard work.

The "Great Neighbor" Photo Contest closes on June 16. To enter, eligible 4-H and FFA members should visit TractorSupply.com/FairTour to submit their photo and description, review contest rules and regulations, and view a list of fair stops.

Since the Mobile Fair Tour's inception in 2016, Tractor Supply has recognized more than 100 4-H and FFA youth for their community contributions across the country. In addition to honoring contest winners, the Mobile Fair Tour features free, family-friendly activities and prizes to enhance the fair experience.



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Friday, 8am-5 pm

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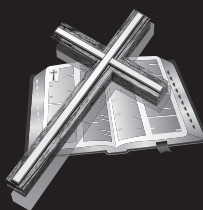
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SOCIAL NEWS



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Happy Mother's Day

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

Happy Mother's Day. I appreciate how Jesus would often use common and ordinary human experiences to illustrate and communicate spiritual truths. Jesus said in John 16:21, "A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world." In this particular case our Lord was preparing His disciples for His imminent death and resurrection. He chose something as common as labor and childbirth to describe how they would feel.

Though Jesus was speaking to a group of men who had never actually experienced childbirth themselves ... they all knew exactly what He was talking about because they had probably been around women giving birth. Whether it was their own mothers giving birth to other siblings or their wives giving birth to their own children. They all knew that birthing children was a labor intensive event, therefore they also knew what He was talking about. Jesus was illustrating

the sharp contrast between a mother's labor pains and that same mother's joy and peace that she would experience once the baby is actually born and lying in her arms.

And though this particular experience had not been experienced first-hand by any of the 12 disciples - nor even our Lord Himself - it was a common enough occurrence that it served to illustrate the point He was trying to make. As we continue reading the Gospel narratives, we discover that Jesus' prophecy was confirmed. They felt exactly the way He said they would - hiding in fear behind closed doors until Easter morning! The resurrection of Jesus Christ changed everything for them - as it changed the world.

And babies change the world too ... at least for the families in which they are born. And for all the labor pains, sleepless nights, and continued love and care that they require and that mothers so willingly give, we will forever be grateful to our Moms that they consider us all "worth it." Here's a big "Thank you" to all of you out there. May God bless in a special way our moms and grandmothers not just this past Mother's Day but everyday throughout this year.

Ashton to host 8th Annual Ashton Community 5K Walk/Run on June 8

ASHTON – The eighth annual Ashton Community 5K Walk/Run will be held Saturday, June 8 with the event beginning and ending at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Registration is from 8 – 8:45 a.m., with step-off at 9 a.m. Pre-registration is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under.

After May 25 - \$20 for adults and children.

Join in this family friendly event. This walk/run will consist of a 3.2 mile path through Ashton and an alternative 1 mile

path will be available to those unable to do the 3.2 miles.

This will be an untimed event; strollers, bikes and dogs are welcomed. Refreshments will be available at the church immediately following completion for all participants. All participants will receive a memorial walk t-shirt and the deadline to receive a shirt for the day of the race is May 25.

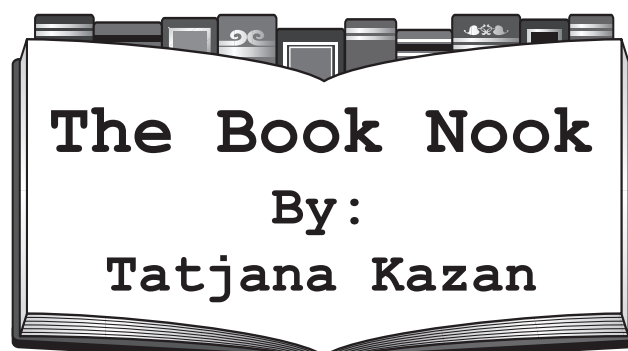
Please join us for this year's event as they "Pay It Forward." For more information please contact Denise Coffman at 815-751-8685.



LITERARY WINNERS

Pictured from left to right, are the winners of the 2019 Phidian Art Club's Literary Competition Dr. David Hellmich (judge), Kali Nave, Ann Wienen Edmonds, Gunnar Page, Christina Berry, Tatjana Kazan, Amy Shoemaker, Ciara Gale, and Dr. Jim Nowlan.

Photo submitted



The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

Women in War

Throughout history women have been the voiceless victims of war. They have been raped and killed and taken into captivity. Homer's "The Iliad," the greatest war epic in Western literature, takes place in the ninth year of the 10-year siege of the city of Troy by a coalition of Greek city-states during the weeks of a quarrel between King Agamemnon, commander of the armies, and the greatest Greek warrior Achilles. Their fight is over a captive woman Achilles is forced to hand over to Agamemnon. Homer tells us her name, Briseis. She is the catalyst for the events that follow, yet she is silent throughout, not until her friend Patroclus is killed in battle.

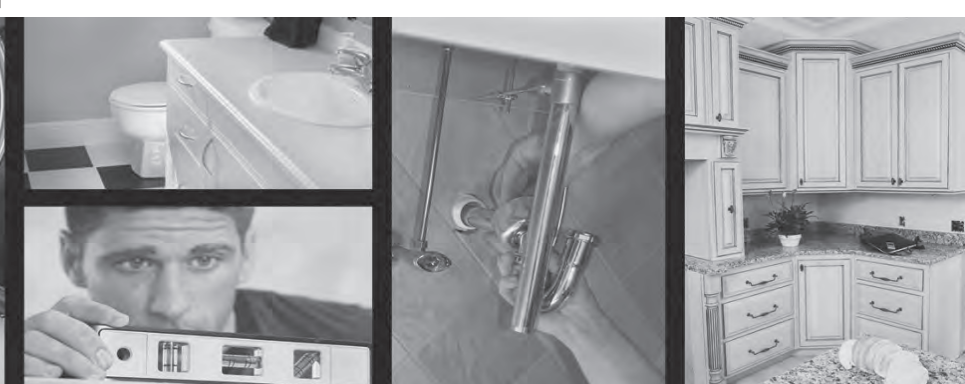
British author Pat Barker in "The Silence of the Girls," her brilliant retelling of the famous story, gives Briseis a voice, but only as narrator of the novel, she hardly ever speaks other than to her fellow slave women. Briseis's story opens with her estimation of the great warrior: "Great Achilles. Brilliant Achilles, shining Achilles, godlike Achilles ... How the epithets pile up. We never called him any of those things; we called him 'the butcher.'" She is looking down at him from the citadel of Lyrnessos, as he butchers her father and brothers with perfect efficiency. He has killed sixty men that day, and he is given Briseis, a princess of Lyrnessos, as his prize.

Barker, who is best known for her depiction of war, most famously for her Regeneration Trilogy about the Great War, is unsparing in her description of the life of captive slave women in the Greek camps below the walls of Troy. Briseis, who is not yet 20 and described as beautiful in "The Iliad," is clear-eyed about being a mere object for the man who owns her. Achilles is perhaps more introspective than most of the Greek and Trojan warriors – he admits to missing Briseis when Agamemnon takes her – but generally, heroes do not have second thoughts or are ever conflicted about the day's slaughter. 'Kleos,' the Greek word for glory earned in battle, is all that matters.

Yet Achilles becomes more sympathetic in the course of the conflict with brutish Agamemnon because he refuses to fight, causing a near collapse of the Greek cause, until his friend Patroclus is killed. And perhaps because he knows he will not survive the war. Briseis prepares Achilles's body for his funeral, but Barker shifts Briseis's focus to her fellow Trojan women, who in bitter defeat will now be hauled off into slavery.

She watches Andromache, widow of the great Trojan hero Hector, scream until she collapses when the Greeks toss her young son over the wall to make sure no Trojan male survives. No words are needed in such a catastrophe.

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Opinion

Kindness matters

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



I stood on the playing field outside Churchill Junior High in Galesburg just staring at my feet and waiting; it was the most painful time of the day - PE class - when kids chose who was going to play on their teams.

I'd say a silent prayer: "Don't let me be last, don't let me be last."

But, of course, I usually was the last one chosen.

And they wouldn't even call my name. The team captain would just point and I'd shuffle over.

God gave me a lot of gifts, but athletic ability was never one of them. I was always tall for my age and never particularly coordinated. Baseballs would buzz by my glove and basketballs turned into air balls seconds after leaving my fingertips.

While other kids viewed gym class as something like recess, I viewed it as a torture, a painful ritual of youth.

Back when I was an education reporter, I was assured this practice of peer selection of teammates had been phased out by gym teachers pretty much everywhere. It was recognized

as detrimental to the development of children.

So, imagine my surprise when I learned that is how they sometimes select teams at the school where my daughters attend.

Now, I know I will inevitably hear from readers who will say "life is tough, kids need to learn that early."

I'd just point out that we are talking about 10-year-olds and needlessly damaging a child's self-esteem rarely ends with a positive result.

And as adults we get to pick what teams we want to join. When you're a kid, not so much.

Regardless, it was my daughter, Anna's turn last week to be a team captain and what she did ruffled some feathers. She picked the worst players first.

"I felt bad for those kids who every week get picked last. So, they were first ones I picked when it was my turn," she told me.

Anna is one of the kindest people I know.

But her decision wasn't a particularly popular one. One classmate snarled: "Now we are going to lose because you picked those people."

Anna's response was simple, "You wouldn't like to be the one always picked last, would you?"

I couldn't help but wonder if the classmate was angry because she didn't like the feeling of not being among the first picked.

Empathy doesn't come easily for some people.

The objectivist thinker Ayn Rand argued that individuals should always act in their own self-interest and that selfishness is a good thing.

Sadly, many libertarians and conservatives extol Rand's ideas.

While I identify as a libertarian, I find Rand's view of the world a frightening one.

I'm not alone. The late Christian thinker Chuck Colson said: Objectivist philosophy is the "antithesis of Christianity" and that Rand's followers are "undermining the Gospel."

So, I was delighted by my daughter Anna's actions.

She was following the philosophy of the One who said. "The first shall be last and the last shall be first."

Kindness matters.

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 16, 1919

A gang of men are working on the race tracks, putting them in order for the racing season.

The redecorating of the Episcopal church edifice recently purchased by the Lutherans is in progress this week.

A bracket ceiling is one of the improvements. M. Switzer is doing the work.

Dick Brown is acting Marshal this week while Marshal Kelleher is away.

Miss Louis Wohnke went to Dixon Saturday to spend a few days visiting with her brothers, Fred and Jake.

75 years ago May 11, 1944

Three new members were received into Arbutus Chapter O.E.S. Tuesday evening by initiation. They were Richard Tait, J.A. Tait and Mrs. Marion

Woodarchak.

Miss Louise Barrington, Lee County Home Adviser, and Mrs. Ralph Long, of Sublette, went to DeKalb Thursday to attend an annual Home Bureau meeting.

50 years ago May 15, 1969

The valedictorian and salutatorian for the 1969 Amboy High School Senior Class have been named. The two students ranking highest in their class for the past four years are Cathy Noble, valedictorian, and Jeff Keho, salutatorian.

John W. McGowan, Amboy, recently celebrated his 50th anniversary as an insurance underwriter for the New York Life Insurance Company. A luncheon marking the occasion was given by Raymond L. Seivert, C.L.U., manager of the Rockford General Office at the Sweden House in Rockford, and was

attended by many of McGowan's business friends and associates.

25 years ago May 19, 1994

Janet Lynch of Amboy has been named Educator of the Year by the Licensed Practical Nurses Association of Illinois. She received the honor at the group's state convention in Champaign April 25.

Kristen Drew of the Lady Clippers threw her way to a trip to Friday's state meet in Charleston. Drew qualified for the state meet by throwing the discus 106 feet 3 inches at last Friday's Sectional meet in Byron.

Susan Reed, a fourth grader in Bob Ortmann's class, was the winner of a dinner at the Brandywine Inn April 20. She also got to meet the famous children's author, Louis Sachar.

Pritzker takes one step forward, two steps back on tax hike push

Guest Column

By Austin Berg



J.B. Pritzker announced his run for governor of Illinois more than two years ago.

From the jump, his campaign pushed a simple policy message: pass a progressive income tax constitutional amendment. Pritzker has been singing the same song throughout his first four months in office. And a group bankrolled by Pritzker called "Think Big" has spent more than \$3 million on TV commercials selling this argument about the state.

But with taxpayer opposition intensifying, the governor's vision for a \$3.4 billion progressive income tax hike is slipping away.

On May 7, Southern Illinois Democratic state Rep. Jerry Costello announced his resignation from the General Assembly and appointment to a position as the director of law enforcement at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. He was the lone House Democrat who vocally opposed Pritzker's constitutional amendment. Progressive tax backers saw this as a win.

But the very next day, two courageous House Democrats from the other end of the state publicly voiced their opposition to Pritzker's plan, too. State Reps. Sam Yingling and Jonathan Carroll both pointed out the severe lack of protections for property taxpayers in their districts.

Yingling represents the Lake County communities of Round Lake, Round Lake Beach and Grayslake. Carroll's district straddles Cook and Lake counties, including communities like Northbrook and Buffalo Grove.

"The current proposals do not adequately address the crushing burden that our property tax system places on homeowners," Yingling wrote in a May 8 letter to the Chicago Tribune. "I will be a

under generous assumptions, any promise of middle-class income tax relief under Pritzker's progressive income tax plan would quickly be wiped out by routine property tax hikes.

That's because the governor's plan for a progressive income tax does nothing to address some of the biggest cost drivers for both state and local governments: pensions and government worker health insurance. Without reforms to those costs, property tax bills will continue to balloon.

So what happens when Illinois lawmakers do the right thing and stand up for taxpayers - specifically homeowners facing some of the nation's highest property tax rates?

They're attacked by Pritzker.

"Those who oppose this plan are siding with millionaires and the very wealthy against everyday Illinoisans," the governor's office stated, "and they need to offer an alternative that will fix our state's long-standing fiscal challenges."

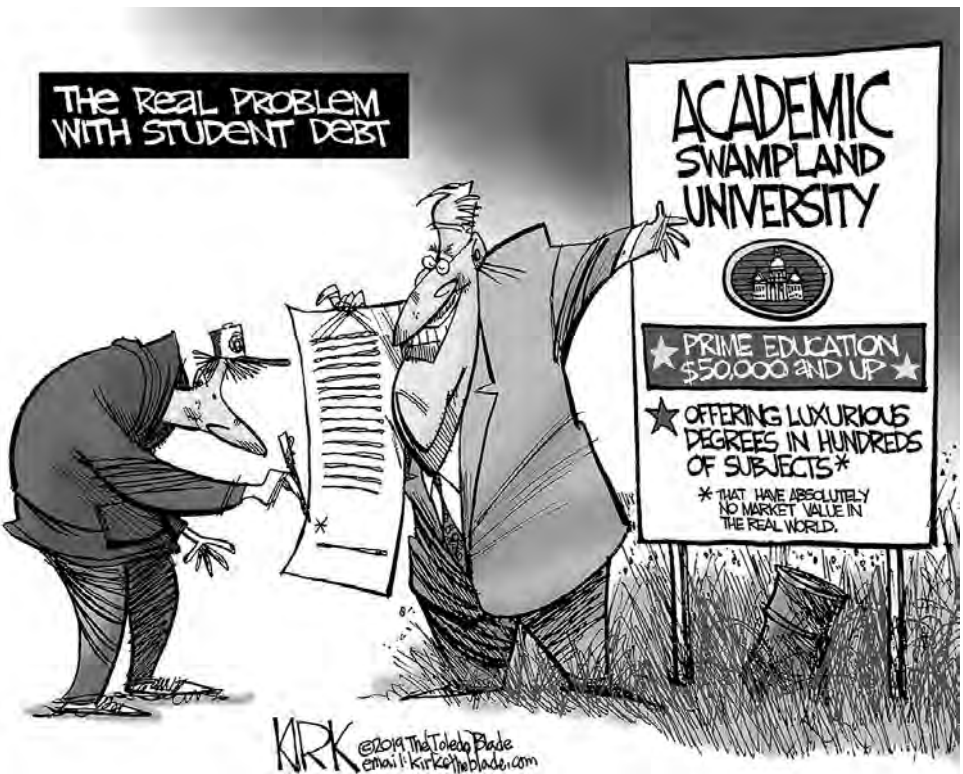
'no' vote unless adoption of a progressive income tax ends the state's regressive and abusive property tax system."

Carroll also urged caution.

"I am a 'no' on this plan and changing the constitution. I'm not opposed to modernizing how we tax in Illinois, but this has to be done right," Carroll said in a statement. "The current proposals don't address our oppressive property tax issues."

Yingling and Carroll are right. And there are more Democrats waiting in the wings.

Illinois Policy Institute research shows that even



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LOCAL NEWS

Hearing loss common across the age spectrum, from infants to seniors

STERLING — From newborns to adults, hearing loss affects Americans of all ages—but early intervention and treatment is routinely not occurring despite the potentially serious impact hearing loss can have on a person's life. CGH Medical Center audiologists Mary Martin, AuD, FAAA and Laurie Zollinger, AuD, FAAA, encourage the public to learn the signs of hearing loss and seek an evaluation if they have concerns—a timely message because May is recognized nationally as Better Hearing & Speech Month.

About 2 to 3 out of every 1,000 children in the United States are born with a detectable level of hearing loss in one or both ears; almost 15 percent of children ages six to 19 have hearing loss in one or both ears; and approximately 15 percent of American adults (37.5 million) ages 18 and older report some trouble hearing, according to government data. Although nearly all newborns are getting their hearing screened, many who are flagged with a potential hearing problem are not getting the follow-up care that they need. When it comes to adults, only approximately 1 in 7 (14 percent) over the age of 50 with a hearing loss who could benefit from amplification uses a hearing aid.

"For children and adults alike, there are a variety of intervention and treatment options," said CGH audiologists Martin and Zollinger. "It is important to address hearing loss early, as hearing loss uniquely affects people of all ages when left unaddressed."

Whether it's a young child who misses the language exposure that is critical to their brain and communication

development—potentially cascading into a lifetime of future academic and social challenges—to adults who experience career, social, and quality-of-life issues as well as a variety of other co-occurring health challenges, ignoring hearing loss is ill-advised.

In children, signs of hearing loss include the following:

Lack of attention to sounds (birth–1 year)

Does not respond when you call their name (7 months–1 year)

Does not follow simple directions (1–2 years)

Shows delays in speech and language development (birth–3 years)

Pulls or scratches at their ears

Has difficulty achieving academically, especially in reading and math

Is socially isolated and unhappy in school

In adults, signs of hearing loss include the following:

Buzzing or ringing in their ears

Failure to respond to spoken words

Muffled hearing

Constant frustration hearing speech and other sounds

Conversation avoidance

Social isolation

Depression

Unaddressed hearing loss can affect people across the lifespan in the following ways:

Impact on Young Children's Development: Hearing is critical to language, speech, and cognitive development and

can impact communication and learning. Areas of development that hearing loss may affect if early intervention does not occur can include vocabulary, sentence structure, sound production and understanding speech.

Impact on School-Age Children: Children who have hearing loss that is left unaddressed can have problems with academics (may include problems with language arts and vocabulary; delays in reading, spelling, math, and problem solving; and lower scores on achievement and verbal IQ tests); behavior and social interactions (may include problems working in groups); and communication (may experience delays and/or difficulty with tasks involving language production and comprehension and/or memory).

Impact on Adults: Hearing loss can affect every area of an adult's life, including physical health, mental health, career success, social life, personal relationships, and overall quality of life. A serious condition on its own, it is associated with other conditions, as well, including dementia, diabetes, falls, and depression.

Are you, a family member, or a friend having difficulty speaking or hearing? A self-test for hearing loss for adults (and a test for children) is available at <https://www.asha.org/public/hearing/self-test-for-hearing-loss/>.

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SPORTS

Lady Clippers qualify for six events, headed to state meet

ERIE – The Amboy-LaMoille girls’ track team will have plenty of representation in the state meet after the Lady Clippers participated in the Erie Class 1A Sectional on May 9.

The Lady Clippers qualified for state in a whopping six events. Three of A-L’s relay teams earned state bids, while three individuals will also be heading south this weekend.

Emma Lundquist was the top finisher on the day for the Lady Clippers as she raced to the tape in first place in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 48.37.

Ashley Althaus qualified in the 400-meter dash. Despite finishing in third place, Althaus managed to complete the race in 1:01.73, which was under the state qualifying standard of 1:02.07. The first- and second-place finishers in each event automatically qualify for state.

The other individual state qualifier was Kylee Brown in the long jump with a distance of 16-5. While she placed seventh in the sectional, her measurement was one inch farther than the state qualifying mark of 16-4. A total of eight long jumpers in the Erie Sectional qualified for state.

Amboy-LaMoille’s top finishing relay team was the 4x400-meter squad, which took second place with a time of 4:13.74 and is headed to state. Participants were Sidney Corcoran, Brooklyn Whelchel, Lundquist and Ashley Althaus. At the conclusion of all the sectionals in the state, the Lady Clippers have the fifth-best time heading into the state meet.

The 4x100-meter relay squad will be representing the team in the state meet. The foursome of Corcoran, Whelchel, Brown and Lundquist took fourth place with a time of 51.14. The state qualifying mark is 51.92.

The 4x200-meter relay team also qualified for state after finishing in fifth place, but recording a time of 1:49.31 compared to the state qualifying standard of 1:51.15. Making up the squad were Whelchel, Corcoran, Lundquist and Brown.

Margaret Vaessen narrowly missed a trip to state in the 800-meter run after finishing third with a time of 2:29.20.

The Lady Clippers scored 40 points and placed seventh in the team standings. Rock Island Alleman took top honors with 98.5 points.

The IHSA Class 1A State Track Meet will be held May 16-18 at O’Brien Stadium on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

May 9 – Erie Sectional

Rock Island Alleman 98.5, Bureau Valley 77, Rockridge 51, Fulton 50, Milledgeville 49.5, Orion 46, Amboy-LaMoille 40, Riverdale 38, Sherrard 31, Sterling Newman 27, Erie 22, Morrison 13, Cambridge 9, Mercer County 4, Indian Creek 2

A-L 1st place: *Emma Lundquist, 300m hurdles, 48.37

A-L 2nd place: *4x400m relay (Sidney Corcoran, Brooklyn Whelchel, Emma Lundquist, Ashley Althaus), 4:13.74

A-L 3rd place: *A. Althaus, 400m dash, 1:01.73; Margaret Vaessen, 800m run, 2:29.20

A-L 4th place: *4x100m relay (Corcoran, Whelchel, Kylee Brown, Lundquist), 51.14; 4x800m relay (Kaitlyn Ortgiesen, Kelynn Boyle, Lauren Althaus, Vaessen), 10:34.81

A-L 5th place: *4x200m relay (Whelchel, Corcoran, Lundquist, Brown), 1:49.31

A-L 7th place: *Brown, long jump, 16-5

(* indicates state qualifier)



Kelynn Boyle of Amboy-LaMoille motors along during the 3200-meter run at the Erie Class 1A Sectional on May 9.

Photo courtesy of Bureau County Republican



Amboy-LaMoille's Emma Lundquist sprints down the straightaway toward the finish line in the 4x100-meter relay at the Erie Class 1A Sectional on May 9. The Lady Clippers ran a time of 51.14 to qualify for state.

Photo courtesy of Bureau County Republican



Sidney Corcoran, right, stretches out to hand the baton off to Brooklyn Whelchel during the 4x100-meter relay at the Erie Class 1A Sectional on May 9. The Amboy-LaMoille relay team was one of three relays to qualify for this weekend's state meet.

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