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## First round of bids let for Junior High construction project

BY BONNIE MORRIS

Editor

**AMBOY**—Groundbreaking on a two-year project to construct a new Amboy Junior High School and a new gym/main entrance at Amboy High School is scheduled for this summer. Michele James of CTS (Control Technology Solutions), project manager, discussed the current status of the project at the May 16 Amboy Board of Education meeting. She also gave a report on health life safety work and improvements to energy efficiency that will take place this summer at Central Elementary School.

James said bid package #1 for the junior high/high school project includes earthwork, foundation, site utilities, excavation, and temporary fencing. Bids were let on May 16 and will be accepted until June 10. CTS hopes to have their team on site and work started by July 1. James said the goal this summer is to prepare a new temporary main entrance for the high school, which will be located on the back side of the building, by the softball field

(door 10). A construction fence will be built all around the construction site, James noted.

Along with a new junior high, the overall project will include construction of a new gymnasium and main entrance at Amboy High School.

At Central, CTS will begin Phase III of a performance contract to improve energy efficiency and complete health life safety work. This will involve replacing unit ventilators in the library wing, domestic water supply, asbestos abatement and removal, and replacement of asbestos tile. Superintendent Joshua Nichols said with the upgrades in the unit ventilators, if funding is available, a chiller could also be installed which would allow for air conditioning at Central.

### PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Amboy High School Principal Janet Crownhart congratulated May Student of the Month Abril Vazquez-Tapia.

Curriculum and School Improvement  
• The Clippers, Set Sail! and Building Leadership teams met on May 7 and focused

on students of concern, seniors in danger of not graduating, and end of the year freshmen incentives.

• School Improvement days were April 29 and May 13. Teachers worked in their classrooms on technology, Google classroom, and Google sites as well as discussions about next year schedules, resource, and handbook changes.

• AP testing was held May 6, 8, 9, 10 and 16. Students tested in Psychology, Government, English, U.S. History, and Comparative Government. Twenty-four students participated taking a total of 40 tests.

School Activities  
• The National Honor Society induction ceremony was held May 5, honoring six new members.

• The Spring Music Concert was held on April 28 with the fine arts banquet and awards beforehand.

• District Art Show artwork by students in grades K-12 was on display in the high school mall and cafeteria the week of April 22.

• Ashley Althaus made it to the top 10 for the IL Agriculture Education CDE. She now advances and will present her lesson during the FFA State Convention in June.

• Margaret Vaessen was elected as the IL FFA Section 2 President and Ashley Althaus was elected as the IL FFA Section 2 Vice President.

Principal Andrew Full, Amboy Junior High Curriculum and School Improvement

• The AJHS Targeted School Improvement Team created a new mission statement for AJHS to help guide decisions. The team then asked the faculty to help create the school's vision statement, which was done at a faculty meeting on April 30.

• Building level meetings were held after school on April 25 to discuss summer professional development, EasyCBM, Teacher Assessment Survey, and the mission statement.

• On May 1, the Targeted School Improvement Team met to finalize the school schedule and to work on the RTI Plan.

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Accepting the donation of two Buddy Benches from Kelsey Kant of Lutheran Social Services, center, are Central School Principal Joyce Schamberger, left, and District 272 Superintendent Joshua Nichols.

Photo contributed

## Youth Committee donates 'Buddy Benches' to Central School

**AMBOY** - Two "Buddy Benches" were donated to Central Elementary School during an assembly on May 13. The donation was a project of Amboy Junior High students, who are part of a Youth Committee led by Kelsey Kant of Youth WORKS/Lutheran Social Services, which meets at Teen Turf.

Kant said she was especially pleased because the project grew to involve all three Amboy schools.

"The really cool thing about this is that the idea came from the students of Amboy Junior High, the bench was made by Ms. Drew's classes at Amboy High School and it was presented to the students of Amboy Central Elementary School," she explained.

The Buddy Benches will be placed on the school playground at Central as a way to promote building friendships. "When a student is sad, lonely or does not have anyone to play with they can sit on this bench," Kant said. "When other students see someone sitting on this bench they are to go over and ask them if they are okay, if they need to talk or if they want to play with them."

Because the benches were built by Ms. Drew's woods classes, the junior high students did not have to raise any money for the project. Once the benches were built, they were delivered to Teen Turf, where the Youth Committee decorated them before the presentation was made to the elementary school.

## A race to build a casino in Rockford

By GRANT MORGAN

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**SPRINGFIELD**—Rockford Mayor Tom McNamara said lawmakers have to move quickly before the city's chances to build a casino are "virtually eliminated" by a northern rival.

Just 15 minutes away in Beloit, Wis., the Ho-Chunk Nation tribe awaits federal approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to build a casino there, the Beloit Daily News has reported.

Some estimates say that project could employ up to 5,000 people and generate more than \$5 million in annual revenue for the local government.

If that casino is built before Rockford has a chance to build one, "Illinois residents would bypass our community and our state and take their dollars to Wisconsin," McNamara said.

But it's unclear if Illinois lawmakers will pass a "gambling expansion" bill in time for the end of the legislative session on May 31.

No language for such a bill has been filed, but it would likely be similar to ones that were proposed in prior years but failed to pass, which would have created six more state casino licenses. Illinois currently has 10 casinos.

"We have talked and talked and talked about casino expansion, literally since before I could drive," McNamara told House lawmakers in a hearing on gambling expansion earlier this month. "You hold all the power, we need you to take action."

McNamara said revenue from a Rockford casino would help alleviate the city's pension problems, because "in the not-too-distant future, 100 percent of our annual property tax revenue will be going to our state-mandated pension contributions."

"We cannot afford to be outflanked by our neighbors up north yet again," he said. While there's no timeline for federal approval of the Beloit casino, a February report from Wisconsin's Division of Gaming estimated the project is "four years from approval."

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## Lee Center Church to host Memorial Day Service May 26

**LEE CENTER** — The First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center, in cooperation with the Amboy American Legion Post #453 and the Woodside Cemetery Board, will hold their annual Memorial Day Service at the Woodside Cemetery on Sunday, May 26. The service starts at 10:30 at the cemetery near the American Flag pole. This memorial service is to honor and recognize our veterans of the past and present for their countless hours of sacrifice and unending courage to secure the freedoms we all enjoy in our wonderful country.

Pastor Jack Briggs from the First Congregational Church will provide us with an inspiring reflection of the day's service. The "Reading

of the Honor Roll," approximately 162 names of veterans from Woodside Cemetery and Inlet Cemetery, will be completed by two guest speakers The Amboy American Legion post #453 has participated in this service for more than 20 years and will again grace us with their leadership and presentation of Arms and Taps at the end of the service.

An offering will be collected and all donations will be given the Amboy American Legion Post #453 to help fund their community project.

Special thanks are extended to Janice White and Judy Schmidt for volunteering to place flags on all the Veterans' graves in this cemetery for many years and to the family of Howard Schnell

## Volunteers to sell poppies in Amboy and Sublette this weekend

**AMBOY** — This Memorial Day weekend volunteers will be in various locations in Amboy and Sublette selling poppies on both Friday and Saturday.

Please show your appreciation to our veterans and those now serving active duty by being generous with your donation and by wearing your poppy proudly.

The money raised stays local and is being used to send veterans on the Honor Flight, to buy presents for those in nursing homes and to make improvements to our Veteran's Park.



### NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS, SERGEANT

On Monday night, Amboy Mayor John Schamberger and the Amboy City Council thanked Alderman Dennis Weidman and Daryl Stuckemeyer for their years of service to the City of the Amboy. Weidman served on the council for 10 years and Stuckemeyer served on the council for 16 years. The two newly elected Aldermen were sworn in. Pictured above is Amboy City Clerk Melissa Eisenberg, left, swears in Alderman Brandon Klein, middle, and Frank Stenzel. Later in the meeting, the council approved the appointment of Jake Leffelman to serve a two-year term on the council. Pictured left, Amboy Police Chief Jeff Blake pins a new badge on newly promoted Terry Lester as Amboy Police Sergeant.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



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# LOCAL NEWS

## OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center named among top critical care hospitals in the country

MENDOTA — Becker’s Hospital Review, a respected national health care industry publication, has named OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center among its list of 67 Critical Access Hospitals

to Know in 2019.

Critical access hospitals are in rural areas but offer 24/7 emergency care and have 25 or fewer inpatient beds. There are 1,349 CAHs located throughout the United

States.

“It is a true tribute to the dedication, compassion and love each Mission Partner gives every day to our patients, visitors and to each other,” said Dawn Trompeter,

president of OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center. “It takes each and every person on our team working together to reach the successes we have seen at OSF Saint Paul

Medical Center!”

Many hospitals featured on this list have been recognized for clinical quality and excellence in care delivery. Several have also earned the

Hospital & Health Networks HealthCare’s Most Wired award. According to the Becker’s announcement, “These hospitals have truly become pillars of their communities, providing access to healthcare for a broad population.”

Becker’s Healthcare editors selected the hospitals based on awards and rankings from respected organizations including iVantage Health Analytics, The Charis Center for Rural Health, the National Rural Health Association, CareChex, Healthgrades and Medicare star ratings. The team also considered the hospital’s community impact and reputation for innovation.

For a list of 67 Critical Access Hospitals to Know in 2019, visit <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/67-critical-access-hospitals-to-know-2019.html>

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Richie Sparks-Freshman Picture

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We hold you in our thoughts and memories forever.

Missing You Everyday,

Peggy Scudder

Emil “Andy” Kessel

April 14, 1928 – April 30, 2018

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With Love and Prayers,

Kathy Kessel and Family

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May 10, 1929 – June 25, 1998

Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Always Missing You,

Martha Henley



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April 20, 1939 – July 12, 2017

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Always in Our Hearts,

Marilyn, Kirk, Kent, Kyle Walter and Families

William M. Machen

Feb. 13, 1933 – June 20, 2018

The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.

Missing You,

William Machen, Rose Wessels and Dixie

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May God’s angels guide you and protect you throughout time.

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Laura Opal (Glenn) Schaneberg

June 23, 1926 – Feb 2, 2019

Though out of sight, you’ll forever be in my heart and mind.

William C. Schaneberg

Married May 12, 1951

Richard “Dick” Ely

Nov. 18, 1937 – March 24, 2018

The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.

Always in our hearts,

Your Family



## LOCAL NEWS

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**DIXON**-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only, May 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.

**LEE CENTER**-The First Congregational United Church of Christ, Amboy American Legion Post #453 and Woodside Cemetery Board will present a Memorial Day Service at 10:30 a.m. at Woodside Cemetery, Green Wing Rd., on Sunday, May 26. Everyone is invited to honor veterans past and present.

**AMBOY**-2019 Amboy High School graduation at 2

p.m. on Sunday, May 26, at Amboy High School Gym, 11 E. Hawley.

**AMBOY**-A Memorial Day Program will be held 10 a.m. on Monday, May 27, at Veteran's Park, E. Division St. Look for more information in this issue of The Amboy News.

**SUBLETTE**-A Memorial Day Program will be held 11 a.m. on Monday, May 27, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

**WESTBROOKLYN**-St. Mary of the Assumption Church will pray the Mass, for veterans and all who have died from the parishes in the last year, at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 27, at the cemetery. Please bring your own chair. Mass will be at the church if the weather is bad.

**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.

**AMBOY**-The 2019 Summer Concert Series will kick-off the season with DKT, an 80s and 90s variety band, from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, at the Downtown Band Shelter, Main Street. Bring a chair and a friend and enjoy this free concert.

**AMBOY**-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 3, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**SUBLETTE**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Parish Hall, 202 S. Locust St. Call 800-733-2767 or Carol Vaessen at 815-849-5533 to schedule an appointment to donate.

**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 first Wednesday of the month drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5. The third Wednesday of the month drive, June 19, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

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**Special congrats to Mariah Quest**  
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**By Emily Goff**  
Head Librarian  
New Books and DVDs are in for the month of May. Remember, if you would like a book or movie that is already checked out, we will put your name on the wait list and give you a call when it is available! Follow us on Facebook for

more news.

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"The Big Kahuna," by Janet Evanovich  
"The Perfect Liar," by Christopher Thomas Greene  
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"It Ends With Her," by Brianna Labuskes  
"The Scent of Murder," by Kylie Logan  
"The Library of Lost and Found," by Pheadra Patrick  
"The 13-Minute Murder," by James Patterson  
"Blessing in Disguise,"

by Danielle Steel  
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Isn't It Romantic  
Lego Movie 2: The Second Part  
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"Bat and the Waiting Game," by Elana Arnold  
"A Boy Called Bat," by Elana Arnold  
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"Get a Job Creep," by Grayson Mann  
"Harold & Hog Pretend for Real," by Dan Santat  
"How to Catch a Dino Thief," by Will Dare

"How to Hog-Tie a T-Rex," by Will Dare  
"How to Rope a Gigantosaurus," by Will Dare  
"How to Scare a Stegosaurus," by Will Dare  
"How to Tame a Triceratops- Will Dare  
"How to Track a Pterodactyl," by Will Dare  
"If You Had Your Birthday on the Moon," by Joyce Lapin  
"The Night Before Kindergarten Graduation," by Natasha Wing  
"Pete the Cat and the Itsy-Bitsy Spider," by James Dean  
"The Pumpkin War," by Cathleen Young  
"Shifting Shadows," by Erin Hunter

**Pankhurst Memorial Library**  
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## Ag in the Classroom Golf Outing planned

**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 27th at Spring Creek Golf Course in Spring Valley. The Tournament will be a shot-gun start, 4- person scramble.

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. 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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## CASINO

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Rick Nielsen, a Rockford native and guitarist with rock band Cheap Trick, was in Springfield on Wednesday to push for a casino in his hometown. He and Rockford-area lawmakers held a news conference at the Capitol, and Nielsen also made an appearance on the Senate floor.

"I've been there fighting for some sort of casino going on for 15 or 20 years, and I guess my legislative voice is not very strong, but now it is because I've got these guys behind me," Nielsen said, motioning to the lawmakers with him during the news conference.

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Favorite Animal - Dog  
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Favorite Game - Basketball  
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# OBITUARIES

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### Betty J. Thompson Feb. 28, 1939 - May 12, 2019

**AMBOY** — Betty J. Thompson, 80, of Amboy, died Sunday, May 12, 2019, at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

She was born Feb. 28, 1939, in Amboy, the daughter of Earl and Alice (Andrews) Dewey.

Betty was a Registered Nurse. She worked for CGH, Amboy Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, in-home care and also over 30 years as a bus aide.

She was a member of East Grove Union Church in Amboy. She had taught Sunday School and led youth group for many years. Betty enjoyed gardening, bird watching, and most of all spending time with her family.

Betty married Robert L. Thompson in Hernando,

Miss., on Aug. 12, 1957. He preceded her in death Aug. 21, 2015.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, her foster son, Chad Wade, one brother, Clarence Dewey, and one sister, Elverta Dewey.

Survivors include her children, Brad (Victoria) Thompson, of Plainfield, and Bettina (David) Garcia, of Amboy; eight grandchildren, Nathan, Madison and Carson Thompson, Deryke Gallacher, Ethan, Elijah, Ryan, and Daniel Garcia; and two brothers, Richard Dewey, of Mendota and Robert Dewey, of Amboy.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., on Wednesday, May 22, 2019, in the East Grove Union Church in Amboy, with Pastor Rick Wulf,



officiating. Burial followed in Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy with luncheon in the Amboy Community Building. Visitation was held from 4–8 p.m., on Tuesday, May 21, in the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

A memorial has been established.

Condolences may be sent online at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com).

### Craig Fredericks Nov. 13, 1964 - May 14, 2019

**AMBOY** — Craig Fredericks, 54, of Amboy, peacefully began his heavenly journey Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Nov. 13, 1964 as the son of Albert and Carol (Smith) Fredericks.

Craig graduated from Fairhaven Bible College where he fell in love with Becky Loder and later married her in June of 1989. Together, they had five beautiful daughters. He owned and operated Carpentry by Craig, worked at Sensient Flavors in Amboy for many years, and enjoyed helping local farmers. He was a very hardworking, loving, and selfless man who will be deeply missed by many.

Craig was a member of Harvest Time Bible Church in Rock Falls. The family

would like to sincerely thank Serenity Hospice House care for supporting and caring not only for Craig, but his entire family.

He is survived by his wife Becky, children Sarah (Devin) Corley, of Goose Creek, S.C., Beth (Everett) Dearing, Christy Fredericks, Joanna Fredericks and Katie Fredericks, all of Amboy; three granddaughters, Evelyn and Madeline Corley, and Ally Dearing; sister, Lisa Habben (Fredericks), of Dixon and brother Cory (Karla) Fredericks, of Indianapolis, Ind.; along with four nephews and five nieces.

A celebration of life was held at 11 a.m., on Saturday May 18, 2019, at the Harvest Time Bible Church in Rock Falls with a luncheon following at the church. Visitation was held from 6–9 p.m., on



Friday, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy and from 10–11 a.m., on Saturday at the church.

A memorial has been established to Serenity Hospice and Home and the American Cancer Society. Craig has gifted his body to science for cancer research.

Condolences may be sent online at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com).

### Work to begin at Route 30 and 251

**DIXON** — The Illinois Department of Transportation announces that weather permitting, construction work at the intersection of US Route 30 and IL Route 251 in Lee County began on Monday, May 13.

O'Brien Civil Works, Inc. will be starting the \$119,000 contract to remove and replace the culvert under the south leg of the intersection.

Daytime lane closures with flaggers will

be utilized to maintain access in all directions for the approximately two weeks required to complete the work.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area.

For IDOT District 2 updates on Twitter, follow us at @IDOTDistrict2 or view area construction details on IDOT's traveler information map on [GettingAroundIllinois.com](http://GettingAroundIllinois.com).



### Allen E. "Zip" Sensenig

May 23, 1971 - July 12, 2018

Zip,  
The 23rd of May will be your birthday again.  
Only this year, I'll have to wish you "Happy 48th Birthday" in heaven.

We've always celebrated Tim and your birthday together since they were only a day apart. Seems so strange not to do it this year. The tears are still flowing heavy and we miss you terribly.

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Love,  
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### Patricia E. Richardson May 20, 1939 - May 17, 2019

**HARMON** — Patricia E. Richardson, 79, of Harmon, died Friday, May 17, 2019 at CGH Medical Center in Sterling.

She was born May 20, 1939, in Princeton, the daughter of Robert Glenn and Ella Mae (Owens) Troxell. She had worked at Considine's Tap in Harmon and also worked at Donaldson's in Dixon.

She was a member of the Harmon United Methodist Church.

Patricia married Eugene LaVerne Richardson on June 23, 1959. He preceded her in death March 27, 1999.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and

four brothers, Robert, James, Donald and Steve Troxell.

Patricia is survived by three sons, Vernon (Carrie) Richardson, of Polo, Rick-ey Richardson and Kelly (Stephanie) Richardson, both of Harmon; 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Thomas (Gwen) Troxell, of Walnut, Doug (Shirla) Troxell, of Rock Falls, Ronald (Sharon) Troxell, of Harmon, and Gary Troxell, of Walnut; four sisters Kay (Joe) Brown, of Harmon, Sharon (Bob) Hudson, of Tampico, Mary (Marvin) Finkle, of Rock Falls and Glenda (Bill) Kaecker, of Harmon, and many nieces

and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., on Wednesday May 22, 2019, at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon with Pastor Leanne Keate and Rev. Richard Kramer co-officiating.

Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Harmon with a luncheon following at the Harmon United Methodist Church. Visitation was held from 2–4 p.m., and 6 p.m.- 8 p.m., on Tuesday at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

A memorial has been established.

Condolences may be sent online at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com).

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

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

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

**St. Flannen Church**  
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213 S Second St., Harmon  
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Mass: Sunday, 7:30 am

**United First Church of Amboy**  
Pastor Mark Glenn  
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Sunday Worship - 9:00 a.m.  
Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

**Grace Fellowship Church – Amboy**  
Pastor Brian McWethy  
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[www.graceisforyou.com](http://www.graceisforyou.com)

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449 Reuter Road, Amboy  
Phone 815-376-6661  
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Evening Service - 6 p.m.  
Wed. prayer meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
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Robert Dunbar, Pastor  
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Sunday Mass - 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.  
Thursday - 8:30 a.m.

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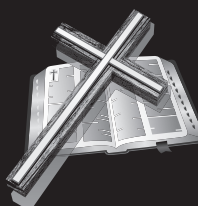
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## SOCIAL NEWS

## The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

## If Beale Street could talk

The other day, I mentioned to a friend that I was reading James Baldwin's "If Beale Street Could Talk" about a young black couple that becomes fatally ensnared by the legal bureaucracy when he is falsely accused of rape. I added how odd it was that a novel from 1974 is as fresh today as it was 45 years ago. She replied, "Baldwin is never dated."

With "If Beale Street Could Talk" Baldwin signaled a break with the white liberals who had turned him into a star, but who "had had enough of hearing about problems they no longer had the will to solve." When the novel appeared, it was swamped by negative reviews with a fairly consistent message: Race in America is no longer the problem Baldwin makes it out to be; he should get over it.

The novel is not centrally about systematic racism. It is a love story. It is about the love of Tish, the 19-year-old pregnant narrator, and Fonny, the boy she has loved since grammar school, as well as their two families' fierce struggle to get Fonny out of prison. The novel depicts a black interior world — through Tish's remarkable narration — and the social

## Society meets at library

**FRANKLIN GROVE** — The Franklin Grove Area Historical Society met on May 14 at the Franklin Grove Library.

Plans have been made to power-wash the Salt-Box house in Chaplin Creek Village this coming month. May 18 was set as a general clean-up day for the Chaplin Creek Village, weather permitting. The lean-to behind the Blacksmith Forge will be disassembled.

The Chaplin Creek Muzzleloaders asked if they could have any extra lumber that the society planned to burn, in order to reinforce their shooting backstops. Permission was granted to take what they needed.

The society is seeking funds to replace the Kelly house roof with a steel roof.

The ruts near the Muzzleloaders shooting range have still not been repaired, due to the soggy weather. The representative from the Muzzleloaders who was present said they would do that this coming weekend.

It was brought to attention that the Muzzleloaders sign which hangs below the entrance to the property needs to be repainted. The CCML representative said he will see to that.

It was suggested that instead of meeting every single month in the library, the Society should plan four excursions a year, to broaden knowledge of how other areas display and preserve their history. It would be an outing open to all who may be interested in area history.

The driveway through the Chaplin Creek Village needs to be graded and additional gravel put down.

The Franklin Grove Area Historical Society meets the second Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m. in the Winifred Knox Library in Franklin Grove. The meetings are open to any interested parties. For more information, contact [dkvlasaty@juno.com](mailto:dkvlasaty@juno.com).

world of Harlem in the early 1970s untied to whiteness. Tish's language, as well as that of the other characters, is rough, frank. Her description of sex is explicit of necessity, she wouldn't be coy about the love between her and Fonny.

Beale Street is an idea, the spirit of the blues crossing through time from Memphis with its actual Beale Street (it was officially declared the "Home of the Blues" by an act of Congress) to New York City. "Time," Tish thinks, "the word tolled like the bells of a church. Fonny was doing time. In six months' time, our baby would be here. Somewhere, in time, Fonny and I had met; somewhere, in time, we had loved; somewhere, no longer in time, but, now, totally, at time's mercy, we loved." It is love from within the black community, within the emotional bonds of two families in crisis.

Love is the most abiding theme as well as moral principle of Baldwin's work, and the novel is a brilliant articulation of his moral concerns. He thought love was the only conceivable answer to racial injustice in America — black love as one important means for white redemption. In "To Crush a Serpent," his last essay, Baldwin wrote: "Complexity is our only safety and love is the only key to our maturity."

## CGH Health Foundation announces scholarship winners

**STERLING** - Ten individuals have been named recipients of the 2019 CGH Health Foundation nursing and healthcare scholarships. Nearly \$21,000 will be funded.

Those selected include:

Taylor Colville, Sterling, seeking Associate Degree in Nursing at Highland Community College - \$3,000 Blue Sky Healthcare Education Scholarship

Aubrie Kindle, Sterling, seeking Associate Degree in Nursing at Sauk Valley Community College - \$1,000 Edgar and Florence Hall Nursing Scholarship

Holly Hilty, Sterling, seeking Associate Degree in Nursing at Sauk Valley Community College - \$1,658 Dr. Carmelo and Dr. Flora Interone Healthcare Scholarship

Kiana Aude, Chadwick, seeking Associates in Applied Science in Radiology Technology at Sauk Valley Community College - \$500 Dr. Carmelo and Dr. Flora Interone Healthcare Scholarship

Calya Crane, Tampico, seeking Bachelor of Science in Nursing at St. Ambrose University - \$3,000 Althea Larson Nursing Scholarship

Emily Shearer, Franklin Grove, seeking Associate Degree in Nursing at Sauk Valley Community College - \$3,000 Althea Larson Nursing Scholarship

Alexis Appleman, Sterling, seeking Associate Degree

in Nursing at Rasmussen College - \$1,000 Marrietta Lilly Healthcare Scholarship

Amy Marcinkiewicz, Tampico, seeking Associate Degree in Nursing at Sauk Valley Community College - \$1,500 Ron Smeltzer Nursing Scholarship

Morgan Pope, Rock Falls, seeking Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Trinity College of Nursing and Health Sciences - \$3,000 Sterling Rock Falls Community Trust Healthcare Scholarship

Allison Shank, Sterling, seeking Associates in Applied Science in Radiology Technology at Sauk Valley Community College - \$3,000 Sterling Rock Falls Community Trust Healthcare Scholarship

To be eligible for a Foundation scholarship, students must have already been accepted into their professional field of study. On-line programs are funded in addition to traditional courses at a campus.

There are two more scholarships available, with a deadline of Friday, June 28.

They include the \$2,000 Ed Andersen Healthcare Scholarship and the \$1,000 Dr. Ralph and Katherine Redmond Nursing Scholarship.

To download an application, visit [www.cghmc.com/scholarships](http://www.cghmc.com/scholarships) or call 815/625-0400, ext. 5672 for more information.

## Horses, the tie that binds

"We all have this one thing in common."

For Grant Alexander and nearly one hundred other 4-H members on the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign campus April 13, that "one thing" is horses. Grant, a Knox County 4-H member, scored the most points in the junior division of the Illinois 4-H State Horse Hippology Contest.

"4-H is my life," Grant said, and he took full advantage of the week-end of horse activities. In addition to hippology, Grant gave an individual presentation and finished ninth in the junior division of the state horse bowl contest held April 14.

Hippology tests the breadth of a youth's knowledge of equine science and their ability to apply it to everyday practices in the horse industry, said Debra Hagstrom, U of I Extension equine specialist.

Questions cover internal and external anatomy, reproductive anatomy, breed

identification, tack and equipment, feed samples, nutritional and health concerns, and management. Older youth are also presented a current challenge in the horse industry and given five minutes to discuss a solution to the problem.

Olivia Charles of Carroll County claimed high point honors in the senior division, advancing from reserve champion in 2018. She also won the state's formal speech contest held the same day.

In addition to Grant, top winners in the junior division include Emily Conlee, Knox County, second; Emma Heepke, Madison County, third; Shelby Pribble, Saline County, fourth; Shianna Carter-Ratliff, Monroe County, fifth; Madelynn Mohr, Monroe County, sixth; Shelby Bove, Monroe County, seventh; Maya Woodard, Monroe County, eighth; Linnea Thorngren, Carroll County, ninth; and Lilianna Casbarian, Kendall County, tenth.

In the intermediate division, in ad-

dition to Eliza's first place finish, other top finishers include Grace Heepke, Madison County, second; Talisa Thomas, Whiteside County, third; Calla Litteken, Madison County, fourth; Ravinia Zillmer, DuPage County, fifth; Annika Olson, Monroe County, sixth; Sara Buss, Kendall County, seventh; Ellis Rogers, Knox County, eighth; Natalie Johnson, Ogle County, ninth; and Michaela Persico, Kendall County, tenth.

In the senior division, Olivia was followed by Ruthie Ruhl of Logan County, second; Emily Butler, McDonough County, third; Audrey Aberle, Tazewell County, fourth; Katie Hoffman, Carroll County, fifth; Grace Hinley, DuPage County, sixth; Desiree Reid, Mercer County, seventh; Kyla Rowley, DuPage County, eighth; Elizabeth Melton, Kane County, ninth; and Tea Thomas, Whiteside County, tenth.

The Illinois 4-H Foundation supports the state team which advances to national competition.



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Looking for the Country, look no further! This spacious 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 6 yr old manufactured home is situated on 3.09 Ac with circle drive and electric fence around property and behind buildings. Features: In-law quarters, 2 kitchens, All electric, (extra LP furnace in garage if you decide to change heat) all appliances, whole house fan, wood burning fireplace, outside buildings, 2 water hydrants, back deck overlooking property and a small pond.



**715 SEARLS ROAD, AMBOY \$185,900**

This home is waiting for new owners as you pull up the circle drive to a ranch style home with trees surrounding the property for privacy, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, dining area with custom built in hutch, many updated features, (ask realtor for spec sheet) full basement with a half bath, 2 car attached garage and 1 car detached garage with heat and an air compressor.



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**AMBOY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING**

Notice is given that a public hearing will be held on the 1 day of July, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station in Amboy, Illi-nois with reference to the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of the Amboy Fire Protection District. The Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance is posted at the Fire Station in Amboy, Illinois for public inspection and will remain so posted for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action on the annual budget.

Notice is further given that immediately following the public hearing, the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Amboy Fire Protection District will be held at the same location and the Board will consider and act on the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the fiscal year commencing May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2020.

Board of Trustees  
Amboy Fire Protection District  
No. 0507  
May 22, 2019

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If you have any questions, please notify the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Warehouses, State Fairgrounds, P.O. Box 19281, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9281 on or before June 30, 2019.

John Sullivan  
Director  
Illinois Department of Agriculture  
No. 0508  
May 22, 29, June 5, 2019

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**LINDENWOOD :** Lindenwood Union Church. Corner of Walnut & Galena St. Bake/Rummage Sale. Thursday May 23rd 8am-6pm & Friday May 24th 8am-4pm, (Noon-4pm 1/2 Price) Boys & Girl's Clothing. (05-22-19)

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# LOCAL NEWS

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PBIS

- On April 29 the PBIS team hosted the monthly assembly that included Student of the Month, Character Trait of the Month, girls basketball awards, 3rd Quarter Honor Roll, Mrs. Foster gave out Frosty Key Tags, and the band played with guest drummer, Rod Schauff.

School Activities

- Fifth Grade Orientation was held on May 1. Future Vikings came to AJHS to tour the school, meet teachers, and go over the Chromebook handbook.
- Eighth grade visited Whiteside Area Career Center on May 1 and they went to SVCC on May 10 for a STEM Day.
- On May 10, Kelton Schwamberger and Courtney Ortgiesen attended the Northwest IPA Student Leadership Brunch at the Elk's Lodge in Dixon.
- Full congratulated several track athletes that made it to state: Maeve Larson, Elly Jones, Tyrah Vaessen, Lexi Ketchum, Austin Shugars, Kye Koch, and Ryan Dickinson. Principal Joyce Schamberger, Central Elementary
- Central students reached an accelerated reader goal that was set in August, Schamberger said. The prize for attaining that goal is for the Central School office staff to ride on the fire truck dressed as Dr. Seuss characters. "So, on May 28 we will be riding through town on the fire truck," she said, noting that she will be dressed as the Cat in the Hat.

School Improvement

- The SIP day on May 13 allowed teachers time to work in their classrooms on curriculum. Student of the Month awards were handed out during a morning assembly. Kelsey Kant, from Lutheran Social Services, donated and presented two buddy benches to our school.

- Early dismissal on May 29 will provide teachers with time to post grades.

- The RtI committee discussed possibly offering a boot camp in August for students who are not at grade level in reading and math. The focus will be on getting students back in "school mode" before the fall semester starts. The sessions for grades K-3 would be from 8:30-10:30 a.m. and parents would have to provide transportation. More information will be given as it becomes available.

### PBIS

- Students will walk to Meusel's Dairy Delite for an end of the year ice cream treat.

### School Activities

- On Tuesday, May 28 there will be a family movie night, free to all families, in the Central School gym at 6 p.m.

- The fourth grade class will visit the Amboy Marsh on the morning of May 23.

- The Annual Track and Field Day will be held on May 30. Chris Payne, PE teacher planned all games and activities.

- First grade field trip to Blackberry Farms will be May 23.

- The AHS seniors will hold a walk-through on May 24.

- All parents are invited to attend the Central School Awards Assembly on May 29 at 10 a.m.

- On May 31, Central will hold a "Central School's Got Talent Contest." Grades 2-4 will compete.

- Fifth Grade Orientation was held on May 1 for 4th graders.

- Schamberger congratulated 4th graders Trevor Stenzel and Gage Mumm, who were chosen to attend the Student Leadership Recognition Brunch sponsored by the Illinois Principals Association on May 10 in Dixon.

- Schamberger expressed her appreciation on behalf of Central teachers to all the parents and board members who donated baked goods, salads and soda to the teachers' lounge for Teacher Appreciation Week.

- Kindergarten screenings were held May 2 and May 7

and so far, 54 kindergarten students are registered.

- On May 13, the Sterling YWCA presented programs on Body Safety to the classes.

### OTHER BUSINESS

- The board approved issuing general obligation alternate revenue bonds not to exceed \$1,145,000 for the purpose of improving the sites of and altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities (Central School).

- The board approved a contract with CTS for \$870,650. Nichols said this will cover the cost of most of Phase III at Central School with some additional asbestos abatement.

- The board accepted the proposal of OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota for provision of Drug & Alcohol Testing Services for the 2019-20 school year

- A quote from Thompson Electronics Co., Peoria for service to expand a new access control system to six doors at Central School was accepted.

### PERSONNEL

Following closed session, the board accepted the resignations of Adam Surufka as social studies teacher at Amboy Junior High, effective at the conclusion of the 2018-19 school year, and of Rodney Schauff as head custodian at Amboy Junior High, effective July 31.

Teachers hired for the 2019-20 school year include Emilie Henkel, 4th grade; Brad Dunlap, physical education and health at Amboy Junior High; Kaylee Jones, 5th grade; Ashley Platz, math at Amboy Junior High; and Ashley Dunlap, 4th grade.

Due to renovations at Central School in June, the next regular meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 13 at Amboy High School.

## Sublette News

### MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE IN SUBLETTE

The annual Sublette Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 27 at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial near the Ellice Dinges Center. Phil Harth, MSgt, USA F, (Ret) will give the Memorial Day address. The Poths Lavelle American Legion will be in charge of the military salute.



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## Lady Clippers 4x400-meter relay team takes fifth at state

**CHARLESTON** – Amboy-LaMoille's 4x400-meter relay team proved it belongs up there with the best in the state after competing in the IHSA Class 1A State Track Meet on May 16-18 at O'Brien Stadium on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. The Lady Clippers came into the state meet as having one of the best 4x400 times in the state all season, and the A-L relay kept up that lofty status in the state meet by finishing in fifth place with a time of 4:07.65.

Running the relay were Sidney Corcoran, Brooklyn Whelchel, Emma Lundquist and Ashley Althaus. The 4x400 quartet upped its time considerably in the finals after running a time of 4:12.82 in the preliminaries. The first-place winner in the 4x400 relay was DuQuoin with a time of 4:01.38. Amboy-LaMoille also got a 12<sup>th</sup>-place finish in the long jump from Kylee Brown. She had a distance of 17-1.5 in the preliminaries

to qualify for the finals, and that preliminary measurement proved to be her best of the weekend. Atleigh Hamilton of St. Joseph-Ogden was the long jump state champion with a distance of 18-7.75. The Lady Clippers competed in four other events in the state meet, but none made it to the finals. In the preliminaries, Lundquist was clocked in 49.66 in the 300-meter hurdles

and Ashley Althaus had a time of 1:02.36 in the 400-meter dash. The 4x100-meter relay team had a preliminary time of 51.02. Running in that event were Corcoran, Ashley Althaus, Whelchel and Lundquist. The 4x200-meter relay also qualified for state, but was disqualified in the preliminaries. DuQuoin captured the state team championship with 58 points. Amboy-LaMoille scored five points and tied to 49<sup>th</sup>.

## Clipper's season comes to an end after 4-2 loss to Forreston

**FORRESTON** – The Amboy Clippers saw their varsity baseball season come to a close after a 4-2 setback to Forreston in the championship game of the Forreston Class 1A Regional on May 18. Forreston struck quickly with two runs in the bottom of the first. The Cardinals added single tallies in the third and fifth innings. Amboy was blanked until the top of the seventh when it scored twice, but the comeback attempt came up short. The Clippers left the tying run at second base. Amboy managed just four hits in the contest, led by Lane Boehle with two singles. Hunter Zimmerly got the start on the mound for Amboy and pitched three innings. He allowed four hits, three runs, walked one and struck out five. Amboy concluded the season with a 9-11 overall record and a 7-5 conference mark.

\*\*\* The Clippers advanced to the championship game after doubling up Kirkland Hiawatha, 12-6, on May 15. Hiawatha scored three runs in the top of the first and Amboy answered with one in the bottom of the inning. Each team tallied a run in the second, while the Clippers came back with two in the third to tie the game at 4-4. Hiawatha went back in front with a two-run fourth, but Amboy exploded for six runs in the sixth to pull away. The Clippers banged out 14 hits led by Clayton Kemp's four singles in as many at-bats. He drove in a pair of runs. Zimmerly collected two singles, a double and two RBI, while Mitchell McLaughlin and Logan Whelchel both singled twice. Andruw Jones added a single and three runs batted in. McLaughlin was the winning pitcher.



Hunter Zimmerly got the start on the mound for Amboy against Forreston and pitched three innings. He allowed four hits, three runs, walked one and struck out five. Photo courtesy of Jordan Tidmore

## Amboy Girls' Basketball Camp set for June 3-7

**AMBOY** – The 2019 Amboy Girls' Basketball Camp will be held the weeks of June 3-7 and June 10-14 at Amboy High School. The camp will be divided into two sessions. Fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders will meet from 1-2:30 p.m. each day and seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders will meet from 2:30-4 p.m. each day. All grades are based on August 2019. Any incoming third-grader is welcome to attend if they can get the ball to the basket. You are asked to call camp instructor Mike McCracken at (815) 857-2149 if you are interested.

The cost of the camp is \$40, which includes a T-shirt, lots of instruction, lots of awards, games, contests, campers of the day and guest speakers. There is a family rate of two campers enrolled for \$60 and three campers enrolled for \$70 total. Anyone with financial problems but want their daughter to attend the camp can contact McCracken. Awards will be handed out for MVP, Best Rebounder, Best Free Thrower, Best Defense, Hot Spots Shooter, Most Improved, Best Passer and Hustle Award.

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# SPORTS

## Three Clippers headed to State Track meet

**ORION** – Three Amboy-LaMoille boys’ track team members punched their ticket to state after the Clippers competed in the Orion Class 1A Sectional on May 17.

The three state-bound Clippers all finished second in their event.

Senior Thomas Stamberger will be heading to Charleston after he took second-place honors in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:04.21. He narrowly missed out on winning the race as Orion’s Ryan Wegerer nipped Stamberger at the wire with a clocking of 2:03.99.

Junior Austin Norman qualified for the state meet in the 110-meter high hurdles. Norman came in second with a time of 17.71. Zach Roebuck of St. Bede broke the tape in a time of 16.52.

Also earning the trip south was Brock Loftus. The freshman was the runner-up in the 3200-meter run with a time of 10:54.19. Caelin Foley of Galva won the race in 10:03.88.

The three Clippers will compete in the IHSA Class 1A State Track Meet on May 23-25 at O’Brien Stadium on the campus

of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Amboy-LaMoille finished sixth in the team standings out of 17 schools with 40 points. Orion claimed the sectional title with 96 points.

May 17 – Orion Sectional

Orion 96, Spring Valley Hall 78, Princeville 74, Bureau Valley 54.25, Kewanee Wethersfield 44.25, Amboy-LaMoille 40, Galva 30, St. Bede 30, Indian Creek 20.25, Cambridge 19, Putnam County 13, Stark County 12, Henry-Senachwine 12, Somonauk

8, Earlville 7.25, Ashton-Franklin Center 6, Hinckley-Bog Rock 4

A-L 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Brock Loftus, 3200m run, 10:54.19; Austin Norman, 110m hurdles, 17.71; Thomas Stamberger, 800m run, 2:04.21

A-L 4<sup>th</sup> place: 4x400m relay, 3:51.12; Brady Becker, shot put, 44-1

A-L 5<sup>th</sup> place: Norman, 300m hurdles, 47.14; Stamberger, 1600m run, 5:07.20

A-L 6<sup>th</sup> place: Calvin Deering, 3200m run, 11:47.38; 4x200m relay, 1:40.45; Becker, discus, 118-3

## Lady Clippers’ season ends to Ottawa Marquette at Regionals

**AMBOY** – Top-seeded Ottawa Marquette handed the Amboy Lady Clippers a 3-0 loss in the championship game of the Amboy Class 1A Regional on May 17 at the AHS field.

Marquette rode the superb pitching of Makenna Tkach to victory. Tkach struck out the first eight Amboy hitters she faced and ended with 13 while tossing a five-hit complete-game shutout to end the Lady Clippers’ season.

Amboy’s Bailee Highbarger proved to be a tough pitcher for Marquette to solve. She gave up just six hits, walked one and struck out 11 in the tough-luck loss.

Marquette scored the game’s first run with a two-out rally in the third. Tkach’s double plated the first tally.

Amboy concluded the season with a 12-8 record.

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The Lady Clippers nipped Indian Creek, 2-1, in the semifinal-round on May 15.

Highbarger mowed down the first 18 Indian Creek batters she faced. An Amboy error in the seventh erased the perfect game and then a two-out run-scoring double by the Timberwolves took care of the no-hitter and shutout. But Highbarger coaxed a ground out to preserve the win and send Amboy to the championship game.

Highbarger struck out nine Indian Creek batters on the way to victory.

Indian Creek pitcher Jesika Lowe was stingy in her own right as she allowed just two hits through four innings. The Lady Clippers were finally able to get to Lowe in the fifth when Noelle Jones drilled a double to score Summer Bulfer with the game’s first run. The second run came home on a Highbarger groundout.

## Hit a Hole-in-One for Hospice

**DEER GROVE** — Rock River Hospice and Home, a United Way Agency, along with CGH Medical Center, The Cornerstone Agency, Astec Mobile Screens and Sterling Commercial Roofing, presents the 17th Annual RRHH Memorial Golf Outing, Friday, June 28 at Deer Valley Golf Club, Deer Grove.

The scramble format will begin with registration starting at noon and a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Registration is \$75 per golfer and includes golf, cart, lunch, hole games and awards. Sign up as an individual(s) or with a foursome.

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Rock River Hospice and Home serves Lee, Ogle, Carroll, Bureau and Whiteside counties in Illinois.

## Free fishing tournament for kids in LaSalle on June 1

**LASALLE** – The 34<sup>th</sup> annual Kids’ Free Fishing Tournament will take place on Saturday, June 1 at I&M Canal Lock #14 in LaSalle. Registration is at 8 a.m. and fishing will be from 9-11 a.m.

The event is for boys and girls and will be divided up into two different age groups – 4-12 years old and 13-15 years old.

Participants are asked to bring their own tackle (one pole and one hook). No artificial lures are allowed. Bait will be provided.

Prizes will be awarded, and snacks and drinks will be provided.

The tournament is sponsored by the Better Fishing Association of Northern Illinois, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the LaSalle Rotary Club and the Peru Rescue Station in association with the cities of LaSalle and Peru.

For more information, call (815) 223-2382, (815) 223-3671 or log on to [www.better-fishing-assoc.org](http://www.better-fishing-assoc.org).

## 8th Annual KB Tough Run planned for June 29 in Oregon

**OREGON** —The 8th Annual KB Tough Run has been scheduled for Saturday, June 29, and will be held at the White Pines Ranch in Oregon. The KB Tough Run is the major fundraising event for the KB Fund. This fund has been established to help those in our community that are burdened by a medical crisis. More than 70 families have been helped by the KB Fund. Their needs ranged from expenses related to cancer treatments, chronic illness, accident recovery, special needs therapy, premature births and more.

Early registration for the event ends on June 5. Registration forms are available online at [www.KBToughRun.com](http://www.KBToughRun.com). This year they are once again offering online registration. The 5K Tough Run, Hike and Kid Sprint participants can all sign up online by visiting the website and following the ‘Register Now’ link.

Early registration guarantees Tough Run and Hike participants receive an event t-shirt and drink token. This year’s event will feature professional timing by Crossroads Events. The Tough Run and Hike registration is \$30 while the Kid Sprint is \$10.

A \$5 Kid Zone wrist band ensure unlimited access to all the games, face painting and activities. DJJ, Jason Hardin, will be setting up his mobile sound station to provide music and emcee services throughout the day. The Ogle County Pork Producers will be on hand preparing their pork chop sandwiches and hot dog for dinner. Rockford Brewing Company will be on hand, featuring great local craft beers.

Questions can be directed to [info@KBToughRun.com](mailto:info@KBToughRun.com). To learn more about the event and the fund visit [www.KBToughRun.com](http://www.KBToughRun.com).

### Amboy Community Unit School District #272

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
June 10 - 13	FFA IL State Convention

## Early Deadlines

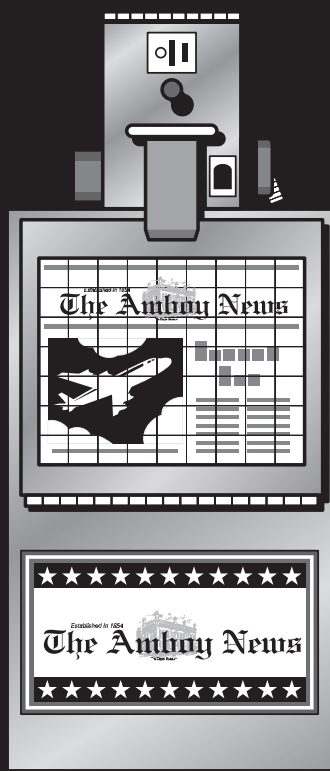
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### EARLY DEADLINES

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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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

### Boys Track

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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	- Memorial Day  - No School – No Meals Served
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Double stuffed pizza, salad/drsg., fresh cut veggies/ ranch, fruit cup
Wednesday	- Choice of assorted “Warm Wednesday” items or pick two from breakfast cart - Early Dismissal – 11:25 a.m. – No Lunches Served
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Grab-n-Go Picnic Lunch w/choice of sandwich, assorted chips, juice box, fruit slushie
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Two cheesy breadsticks w/dipping sauce cup, tossed salad/drsg., baby carrots, juice cup

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### JR HIGH MENU May 27 – 31

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

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Educational Briefs

### Wills graduates from Morrison Institute of Technology

MORRISON – Joseph Wills, of West Brooklyn, is a Spring 2019 graduate of Morrison Institute of Technology.

### Ely graduates from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Madeline Ann Ely, of Amboy, is among the more than 3,700 prospective candidates for degree attending University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee commencement exercises Sunday, May 19, in Milwaukee.

Ely graduated from the College of Health Sciences with a Bachelor of Science degree.

UWM is the second largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with approximately 27,000 students, both undergraduate and graduate.

### Ohlendorf named to Southeast’s Spring 2019 Dean’s List

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — Liam Ohlendorf of Amboy, has been named to the Southeast Missouri State University Dean’s List for academic achievement during the spring 2019 semester.

Students named to the list earned at least a 3.75 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, completed at least 12 hours of standard graded credit, achieved no grade below a B and received no failing grades in enrolled courses,

## Hospice joins Birdies for Charity

LEE COUNTY — Rock River Hospice and Home, a United Way Agency, is a registered “Birdie” in the Birdies for Charity program. Birdies for Charity is held in conjunction with the John Deere Classic PGA Tournament event to be held at TPC Deere Run in Silvis.

By participating in Birdies for Charity, RRHH is collecting pledges of one cent or more for every “birdie” made during the 2019 John Deere Classic held July 8-14. Donors may also make a flat donation in the name of RRHH if so desired.

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including credit/no credit or pass/fail courses

### St. Norbert College announces commencement details

DE PERE, Wis. - Frank Shankwitz, co-founder and first president of the Make-A-Wish(r) Foundation, was St. Norbert College’s commencement speaker on Sunday, May 12, at 1:30 p.m., in the Mulva Family Fitness & Sports Center on the college’s De Pere campus. Shankwitz also received an honorary degree.

There were 560 students in the 2019 graduating class, including 537 candidates for baccalaureate degrees and 23 candidates for master’s degrees, which included 20 from the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program.

Locally, Joelle Schielein, of Dixon, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Tom Durkin, 68 years old, was included in the group of baccalaureate degrees. The legendary horse racing announcer, who called the Triple Crown on NBC for many years, left St. Norbert in 1972, two classes shy of graduating to begin his announcing career. Durkin, who lives in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., finished the two classes needed to graduate earlier this school year and received his bachelor of arts degree on May 12.

The student speaker at commencement was graduating senior Jasmine Yasmine Tremaine Babineaux of Lafayette, La. Babineaux majored in writing and business management.

The national anthem was sung by graduating senior Kiera Matthews of West Bend, Wis., with graduating senior Sarah Hanna of Luxemburg, Wis., serving as student honor conductor.

Birdies for Charity program for RRHH will be returned to RRHH. In addition, John Deere adds a minimum 5 percent bonus (based on the dollar amount raised for the charity) which is added to the total funds returned to the charity.

If you are interested in making a pledge for RRHH through Birdies for Charity, call RRHH at (815) 625-3858 to request a pledge form. Forms are also available for download at [www.hospicerockriver.org](http://www.hospicerockriver.org). Online donations may be made at [www.birdiesforcharity.com](http://www.birdiesforcharity.com). Find the “Donate Now” Square in the middle of the page and search for Rock River Hospice & Home or Bird Number – 1366.



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# Opinion

## High school celebrity rarely equates to future success

Well, it's that time of year again, parents are sharing photos of their handsome sons and pretty daughters all dolled up for prom. Last week my best friend from high school shared a photo of his son that brought back unexpected memories. The boy is the spitting image of his dad. And he had a pretty prom date on his arm. But back in 1983, when we were seniors at Galesburg High School, his dad and I were looking for prom dates. Words like "geeks" or "nerds" might best describe our social caste in those days. Further complicating matters was that we shared an interest in a young woman who was not a nerd. In fact, she was a standout athlete in our class with a kind streak for stray puppies and social misfits like us. So, unbeknownst to the other we both asked her to the prom. And she told us both "no." Here is how the conversation with me went: "I was wondering if you'd like to go to the prom with me."

### Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



"Oh, I'm sorry Scott, I'm planning to attend with Charlie." Hmmm, Charlie? He was a year older than us and a freshman at the University of Illinois. His dad was a doctor and he was a terrific tennis player. But he was also the class clown. He loved to walk into a packed McDonald's restaurant at noon, throw himself on the floor and feign an epileptic seizure. As he would thrash around on the floor, good Samaritans would try to hold him in place and keep him from swallowing his tongue. Restaurant workers would call for paramedics. But as soon as the emergency personnel arrived, Charlie would stand up, brush himself off and say, "Oh, never mind." Then there was the time he showed up for class dressed as Superman: leotards, a cape and a great big "S" on his chest. On another occasion, he wore a red velvet dress with fishnet stockings to school. Yes, Charlie Cohen was a bit of a clown. So, when the day of the prom rolled around, Charlie stood

his date up and sent a friend in his place. I suspect she was a bit perplexed by this development. But what about Charlie? Well, he went on to star in a television program. Unfortunately, the program was "America's Most Wanted." In 1988, Charlie Cohen killed his parents who had moved to Delaware. For two years after his parents' slaying he hid in various locations in the United States and Mexico until he was apprehended in New Orleans. It was later learned he killed a banker in San Francisco while he was on the lam. He is now serving a life sentence for murder in a maximum-security Delaware prison. So, as I glanced at the photo I received of my friend's son, I couldn't help but smile. We both have been married to fine women for many years and have wonderful children. And we both have enjoyed wonderful, fulfilling careers. On the other hand, Charlie Cohen, the picture of adolescent popularity, lives in a 6-foot by 9-foot cell. High school celebrity rarely equates to future success. But at least my buddy and I can say we didn't get to go to the prom because we got turned down for a future serial killer. 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 23, 1919

Last Friday evening in St. Patrick's Hall the faculty and the juniors of the high school entertained the senior class at an informal reception and luncheon. During the early part of the evening the junior girls presented a play with Miss Gordon as coach. Actors were Olive Gooch, Elizabeth Meeks, Alice Smith, Marguerite Finn, Alice McCaffrey, Edith Estey and Helen Dempsey. Mrs. Catherine Einsphar and children spent Saturday with friends in Compton. Mrs. Eva Moon and her daughter, Mrs. H. Lafferty spent Wednesday in Dixon. Miss Emma Houghton has returned

to her home on Mason Avenue after spending the winter months in the Herbert Carr home. Mrs. Dorothy May has taken a leave of absence from her duties at the Amboy Café and is receiving treatment for asthma in Oklahoma.

### 50 Years Ago May 22, 1969

The Immanuel Lutheran congregation of Amboy is planning to celebrate the Festival of Pentecost in a unique manner. On Pentecost Sunday, May 25, immediately after the morning worship service, the ground will be broken for their new church home. The property is north of Amboy City limits on Highway 52 just north of the James Liston home. Miss Joan Streit, a 1966 graduate of Amboy High School and a junior at Illinois State University in Bloomington, was recently re-elected president of the Women's Physical Education Major's and Minor's Club (PEM Club) for the 1969-1970 school year. Miss Barbara Spenader, a junior at

Amboy High School, has been awarded a summer music scholarship by the Amboy Evening Woman's Club. The announcement was made by Mrs. Gerald Duitsman, club music chairman. Miss Spenader has been enrolled in a week-long music camp to be held in June at Western Illinois University, Macomb.

### 25 Years Ago May 26, 1994

Amy Coakley and Cam Latta were crowned King and Queen at Saturday's AHS Prom. Members of the court were Rebecca Setchell, Deanna Barlow, Derek Lovgren, Paige Lovgren, Amanda McCraffrey, Susan Apple, Jodine Dunn, Jason Bonnell, Chad Whelchel, Johnny O'Brien, Kade McCoy and Chad Beetz. Junior Josh Piper highlighted the Amboy track team's participation at the section meet in Erie. Piper's time of 1:59 in the 800 meter was good enough to qualify him for the state meet and set an Amboy High School record.

### 75 Years Ago May 18, 1944

J.E. Whitver is displaying a Japanese hand grenade which was sent to him by his son, Sgt. Ivan Whitver who is serving in the India-Burma-China Theater of War. Miss Emma Houghton has returned

## There really are no Trump mysteries

### Guest Column

By Rich Lowry



The surprise about the big New York Times story on Donald Trump's tax returns is that there are no real surprises. Trump's taxes have been an obsession of the left since he, in violation of a long-standing norm, reneged on his promise to release his returns during the 2016 campaign. Democrats counted as one of the advantages of taking the House that they could demand Trump's returns. The dispute resulting from the administration's refusal to turn them over is now probably headed to the Supreme Court. All the while, the expectation, or at least the suspicion, was that the returns contained some awful secret, perhaps evidence that he is a tool of the Russians.

There really are no Trump mysteries. His flaws aren't hidden away. He often attests to them himself, or demonstrates them publicly. For someone who cares so much about his image, and so assiduously crafts it, he's a relative open book. No blockbuster report has more than a passing effect

because each dispatch is, ultimately, another dot in a pointillist portrait of the president that was largely completed long ago. This is also why the hope that we are one investigation, tax return or subpoena away from the revelation that will finally bring Trump down - or even make a difference - is almost certainly forlorn. Obviously, it was news that he had paid off a porn star during the presidential campaign, and highly embarrassing. This is why Trump denied it for so long. But he'd already told us about his womanizing in his own words, often on "The Howard Stern Show." Likewise, the most blameworthy conduct regarding Russia's election

interference in 2016 was out in the open - the Trump campaign was happy to derive any possible advantage from the WikiLeaks disclosures, and Trump tried to deny the obvious Russian involvement. We didn't need a 400-page special counsel report to break this news. None of this is to defend or excuse Trump's business practices, or his conduct in office. It is merely to say that he's an extravagantly known quantity, and will likely win or lose in 2020 based on what we already know rather than the fruits of further investigation and fact-finding. Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. (c) 2019 by King Features Synd., Inc.



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**Amboy Veterans' Park**

**Monday, May 27, 2019 - 10 a.m.**

Prelude AHS Band ..... Director Travis Kemmerer  
 Post Colors ..... Amboy American Legion Post #453  
 National Anthem ..... AHS Choir  
 Opening Prayer ..... Father Richard Kramer, St. Patrick Catholic Church  
 Pledge to the Flag ..... Larry Leffelman, Post #453  
 Audience remains standing for Moment of Silent Prayer for War Dead  
 Song for Unsung Hero ..... AHS Choir  
 Lincoln's Gettysburg Address ..... Avery Shaw, Amboy High School  
 Reading of General Logan's Orders ..... Tyler Stewart, Amboy High School  
 Address ..... John Schamberger, Amboy Mayor  
 Musical selection of service songs ..... AHS Band  
 Grave Ceremony ..... American Legion Post #453  
 Taps ..... Alison O'Rourke and Avery Shaw

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