

Amboy High School Homecoming 2018



KING AND QUEEN
Emma Bickett and Evan Bickett were crowned the 2018 Amboy High School Homecoming King and Queen during Skit Night on Sept. 20th in the high school auditorium.
Monetta Young/Amboy News



GRAND MARSHALS
Pam Payne and Kathy Mekeel were named Grand Marshals during the annual Homecoming parade on Friday afternoon.
Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

CLASS REUNIONS
Below left, the AHS Class of 1973, and below right, the AHS Class of 1968 were in town to celebrate their class reunion.
Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



Miss Amboy 2018 Margaret Vaessen throws candy to the crowd. Pictured right, the Amboy High School band performs for the crowd during the annual Homecoming parade.
Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



FOOTBALL TEAM
The Clippers football team rides a Jones Berry Lumber truck during the annual Homecoming parade.
Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

It's flu shot time

SPRINGFIELD – As soon as the influenza (flu) vaccine is available in your community, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) recommends everyone six months and older be vaccinated. The nasal spray flu vaccine is once again a recommended option for influenza vaccination. During the past two flu seasons, the nasal spray was not recommended due to concern about its effectiveness.

“It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies that protect against flu to develop in the body,” said IDPH Director Nirav D. Shah, M.D., J.D. “The flu season typically starts around October so we recommend you make plans to get vaccinated now, before flu season begins.”

Flu activity peaks between December and February, but activity can last as late as May. Flu is a contagious respiratory illness that can cause mild to severe illness. Serious cases of flu can result in hospitalization or death.

The Lee County Health Department will be hosting flu shot clinics beginning Oct. 3.

The schedule:
Oct. 3, 2:30 – 6 p.m. at the Lee County Health Department
Oct. 13, 8 a.m. – noon at Grace United Methodist Church, Dixon

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Franklin Grove man indicted for murder

FRANKLIN GROVE—A Franklin Grove man has been indicted by a Lee County Grand Jury on three counts of first degree murder, aggravated battery of a child, and aggravated domestic battery.

The charges handed down by the Grand Jury on Sept. 21 against Ryan A. McClain, 38, of Franklin Grove, resulted from over a year and a half investigation involving the death of a one-year-old child. Agencies involved in this investigation were: Lee County Sheriff's Department, Dixon Police Department Detectives, the Lee County State's Attorney's Office and Illinois State Police.

The bill of indictment states: The Grand Jury of the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial



Circuit, Lee County, Illinois, having been duly chosen, selected, and sworn, in and for the County of Lee, in the State of Illinois, upon their oath presents that:

COUNT I
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Most of the heating equipment in the school is 40 or more years old. In the classrooms, a combination of unit ventilators and convection heaters, warm classrooms in the winter. Most teachers will add space heaters as well. Recurring heating coil, motor and bearing failures continue to be an issue. Because the equipment is so old, replacement heating coils must be custom made.



Pictured below, the two air handlers in the gymnasium are 68 years old. Continued issues with heating coils leaking has created other problems. Replacement coils are approximately \$8,000.



The cost to replace the unit ventilators and gym air handling equipment is estimated to be \$462,000.

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Central School to host book fair Oct. 1-5

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Online ordering is also available www.scholastic.com/bf/amboycentralschool. Online shopping is perfect for family members unable to attend the fair or to purchase items you forgot once the fair is gone. Books ordered online will be shipped to the school at no charge and will be available for pick-up the week after Thanksgiving. The online book fair opens Oct. 1 and closes Oct. 21. All proceeds benefit the Central School PTC and the Amboy Central School library. The PTC supports Central School teachers and students by purchasing important classroom materials and equipment, paying portions of field trip costs, and contributing to good behavior rewards and incentives.

MURDER

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On or about November 2016 to Dec. 9, 2016, in Franklin Grove, Lee County, Illinois, Ryan McClain, the above captioned Defendant, committed the offense of first degree murder, in that Defendant shook and threw S.M., a one-year-old child, into a pack and play on multiple occasions within said time period knowing that such acts created a strong probability of causing great bodily harm to S.M., and thereby causing the death of S.M. on Dec. 16, 2016, and such act was exceptionally brutal and heinous, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/9-1(a)(2), said offense being a Class M Felony.

COUNT II
On or about November 2016 to Dec. 9, 2016, in Franklin Grove, Lee County, Illinois, Ryan McClain, the above captioned Defendant, committed the offense of first degree murder, in that Defendant intentionally caused great bodily harm to S.M., a one-year-old child, in that Defendant shook and threw S.M. into a pack and play on multiple occasions within said time period thereby causing the death of S.M. on Dec. 16, 2016, and such act was exceptionally brutal and heinous, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/9-1(a)(1), said offense being a Class M Felony.

COUNT III
On or about November 2016 to Dec. 9, 2016, in Franklin Grove, Lee County, Illinois, Ryan McClain, the above captioned Defendant, committed the offense of first degree murder, in that Defendant, while committing the forcible felony of Aggravated Battery

to a Child, shook and threw S.M., a one-year-old child, into a pack and play on multiple occasions within said time period knowing that such acts create a strong probability of causing great bodily harm to S.M., and thereby causing the death of S.M. on Dec. 16, 2016, and such act was exceptionally brutal and heinous, in violation of 720 ILCS 5/9-1(a)(3), said offense being a Class M Felony.

COUNT IV
On or about Dec. 9, 2016, in Franklin Grove, Lee County, Illinois, Ryan McClain, the above captioned Defendant, committed the offense of aggravated battery of a child, in that Defendant, a person over the age of 18, knowingly and without legal justification caused great bodily harm to S.M. in that Defendant threw S.M., a one-year-old child, into a pack and play, thereby causing a skull fracture to S.M., in violation of 720 ILCS 5/12-3.05(b)(1), said offense being a Class X Felony.

COUNT V
On or about Dec. 9, 2016, in Franklin Grove, Lee County, Illinois, Ryan McClain, the above captioned Defendant, committed the offense of aggravated domestic battery, in that Defendant, knowingly and without legal justification caused great bodily harm to S.M., a household member, in that Defendant threw S.M., a one-year-old child, into a pack and play, thereby causing a skull fracture to S.M., in violation of 720 ILCS 5/12-3.3(a), a Class 2 Felony.

Amboy Police

No valid driver’s license
On Sept. 18, at 10:48 p.m., John E. French, 46, of Spring Valley, was issued a traffic citation for no valid driver’s license. He was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

Speeding
On Sept. 18, at 4:31 p.m., Antoni Kretowcz, 62, of Prophetstown, was issued a citation for speeding 51 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

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The Depot Museum

Community Calendar

AMBOY-The Depot Museum Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 26, at the Museum, 50 S. East Ave. The public is invited and all board members should attend.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only, on Sept. 27 and Oct. 2, 4, 5 and 9. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment or to find out about other services offered, like Adult Vaccines.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department will have Glucose and Cholesterol Screenings on Thursday, Sept. 27. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment.

ASHTON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1:30 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28, at the Ashton-

Franklin Center High School, 611 Western. Call 800-733-2767 to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 1, at the Fire Station, 25 N. East Ave.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 1, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion Post 453 meeting moved to Oct. 15.

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, Oct. 3. The third Wednesday of the month drive, Oct. 17, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department will hold Flu Clinics throughout October. The first clinic will be from 2:30 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., Suite 100. For more information, call 815-284-3371.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 8, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m.

on Monday, Oct. 8, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the Sublette Township Building.

EAST GROVE TWP-The East Grove Township Board meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 9, at the East Grove Township Hall.

AMBOY-The Board of Trustees of Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

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

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Oct. 18, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., at Lee County Council on Aging, Dixon Oct. 24, 9 – 10:30 a.m., at the Paw Paw Community Center, Paw Paw

Oct. 30, 9 – 11:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Amboy Nov. 7, 2:30 – 6 p.m., at Lee County Health Department, Dixon Self pay cost is \$30 for adults, \$45 for hi-dose (65 and older) and \$12 for children 18 and under.

Children 18 and under that are uninsured, have insurance that does not cover vaccines or have Medicaid title 19 qualify for the VFC program and can receive a flu shot at the reduced cost of \$12. VFC is only available at the Lee County Health Department clinic location.

All clinics are walk-in, no appointment necessary. We bill insurance. Children with private insurance can receive a flu vaccine at any of our clinic locations. Please bring your Medicaid, Medicare or other insurance cards. State employees/retirees must bring their state ID.

Credit cards, cash and checks accepted. Please make checks payable to LCHD. If you have any questions, please call 815-284-3371.

Most health insurance plans cover the cost of vaccines, however you should always check with your insurance company before visiting your health care provider to ensure services are covered. Payment for vaccines not covered by insurance will be the responsibility of the patient and due at the time of the service.

Getting an annual flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu. It can reduce flu illnesses, doctors’ visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations.

The more people who get vaccinated, the more people will be protected from flu, especially those who may not be able to be vaccinated, such as babies younger than six months. Anyone can get the flu, even healthy people. Getting vaccinated is the first and most important step in protecting you and those around you against flu viruses.

Flu symptoms can include fever or feverish/chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headache, tiredness, and some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

Flu is typically spread by droplets when someone with the flu talks, coughs, or sneezes. People can also get the flu by touching something, like a door handle, that has the virus on it and then

touching their mouth, eyes, or nose.

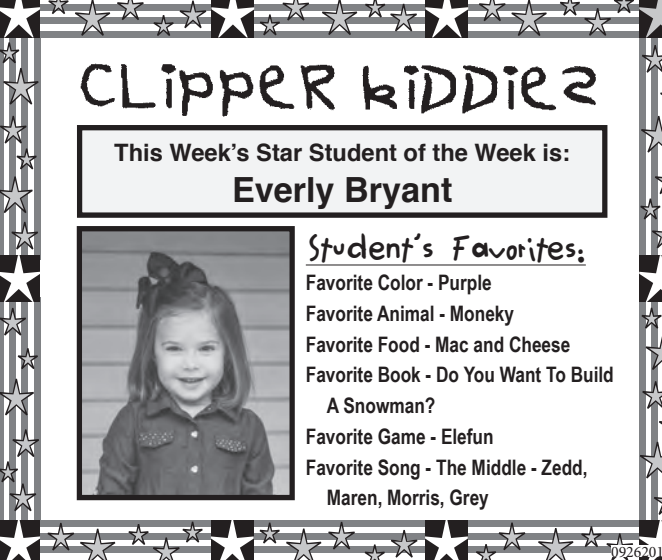
On average, it’s about two days after being exposed to the flu before symptoms begin. However, you can pass the flu to someone roughly a day before you start experiencing those symptoms, and up to 5 to 7 days after becoming sick.

In addition to getting a flu shot, IDPH recommends following the 3 C’s: clean, cover, and contain.

- Clean – frequently wash your hands with soap and warm water.
- Cover – cover your cough and sneeze.
- Contain – contain your germs by staying home if you are sick.


Influenza antiviral drugs can be a second line of defense for treatment of some who get sick with the flu. Many observational studies have found that in addition to lessening the duration and severity of symptoms, antiviral drugs can prevent flu complications.

Because it is important to start antiviral medication quickly, high-risk patients should contact a health care professional at the first signs of influenza symptoms, which include sudden onset of fever, aches, chills, and tiredness.



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This Week's Star Student of the Week is:
Everly Bryant



Student's Favorites:
Favorite Color - Purple
Favorite Animal - Moneky
Favorite Food - Mac and Cheese
Favorite Book - Do You Want To Build A Snowman?
Favorite Game - Elefun
Favorite Song - The Middle - Zedd, Maren, Morris, Grey

NOTICE OF VOTE BY MAIL AND EARLY VOTING

Cathy Myers, Lee County Clerk and Recorder would like to announce that beginning THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018, VOTE BY MAIL and EARLY VOTING will be conducted in the Election Department of her office, first floor of the Old Lee County Courthouse, 112 E. Second St., Dixon.

VOTE BY MAIL~ signed applications will be accepted through Thursday, November 1, 2018 and is available for properly registered Lee County voters. Applications are available on the website or by contacting the Election Department of her office.

EARLY VOTING~ must be conducted in person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. and Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

PLEASE NOTE: Lee County Courthouse will be closed October 8, 2018.

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

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Glen Charles Hart, Sr.

Oct. 5, 1934 - Sept. 17, 2018

FRANKLIN GROVE — Glen Charles Hart Sr., 83, of Franklin Grove, loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away Sept. 17, 2018 doing what he loved: farming.

Glen was born in Sublette on Oct. 5, 1934, to Celia (Gleim) and Charles Glen Hart. He met his future wife, Jeanette Long at the roller ring. On March 31, 1956, they were married at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ashton. They have three children which they raised on the family farm.

Farming was his passion, and he did so his entire life. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Ashton and Farm Bureau, and a past member of the Elk's in Dixon and Dixon bowling Leagues.

In later years, he enjoyed collecting and restoring antique tractors with his sons and grandsons.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jeanette of 62 years; and their children, Glen (Bridgit), of Ashton, Glenda (Frank) Valle, of Peru, and Galen (Debbie), of Amboy; eight grandchildren, Mia (Frank) Munroe, of Overland Park, Kansas, Frank (Noreen) Valle, of Lincoln Park, Ana (Jamie) Jozefowicz, of Rochelle, Brett (Alisha) Valle, of Oglesby, Jordan (Mallory) Valle, of Bettendorf, Iowa, Josef (Megan) Hart, of Amboy, Emily Hart, of Sterling, and Adam Hart, of Amboy; and four great-grandchildren Frank Valle, Raphael Valle, Trevor Valle, and John Valle.

Glen was preceded in death by his parents, a sister at birth and one granddaughter, Stephanie Hart.

Visitation was held from 4 - 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21, 2018, at Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon. Funeral service were held at 10 a.m.,



on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ashton with Rev. Jessica Bakken, officiating. Burial followed at the Ashton Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to St. John's Lutheran Church of Ashton or the Ashton Ambulance Service.

Arrangements completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon.

Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling.com.



Pictured (left to right) Representative Dan Swanson, Senator Tim Bivins, Senator Chuck Weaver and Representative Tom Demmer.

Photo submitted

Representatives designated as Friends of Agriculture

BLOOMINGTON —Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) ACTIVATOR announced that it has designated State Representative Tom Demmer of the 90th House District, State Representative Dan Swanson of the 74th House District, and State Senator Chuck Weaver of the 37th Senate District as Friends of Agriculture.

“The ACTIVATOR Trustees for their districts voted to designate these three legislators a Friend of Agriculture because of their strong support of issues important for farmers,” said Don Meyer, Lee County Farm Bureau president. “They have done an outstanding job representing the farmers of their district. We look forward to continuing to work with them in Springfield.”

IFB ACTIVATOR designates legislators as a Friend of Agriculture and endorses them because they demonstrate an understanding of the important role agriculture plays in Illinois. Those designated a Friend of Agriculture have shown they support the farmers of their district and the issues important to them.

ACTIVATOR, Illinois Farm Bureau's Political Involvement Fund, is a voluntary, non-profit, segregated fund promoting the economic and social well-being of farmers which seeks to help elect pro-farm candidates no matter their party affiliation. ACTIVATOR trustees are local Farm Bureau leaders representing each county in the Illinois General Assembly Legislative District.

14th Farms and Barns Art Exhibition held Sept. 8

DIXON — The Next Picture Show is pleased to announce the award recipients from the 14th Farms & Barns Art Exhibition, presented at the opening reception, Saturday, Sept. 8.

Judge Nora Balayti, awarded Best of Show to Roger Goodspeed of Freeport for his watercolor “Yesterday”; first place to Bill Delp of Savannah for “Maximum Horsepower”; Kitto of Dixon accepted second place for “The Life”; third place went to Ellen Mumford of Dixon for “Snow All Around”; and honorable mentions to Rick Borrett of Belvidere for “Dinnertime on the Farm” and Graydon Cafarella of Dixon for “Country Afternoon.” The reception also featured music by Cheryl Niemo and the Down Home Boys as well as a woodcarving demonstration by Rick Borrett.

The exhibit showcases 29 artists and 68 works of art and continues through Sept. 29, at 113 W. 1st St, Dixon, IL 61021. TNPS Art Center hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday.

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<p>St. Mary Church Rev. Timothy Draper 912 Walton Rd., Walton 815-857-2670 Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm</p>	<p>Grace Fellowship Church – Amboy Pastor Brian McWethy 37 S. East Avenue, (Farm Bureau Bldg.) 815-857-3900 Sunday Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. www.graceisforyou.com</p>	<p>St. James Evangelical Congregational Church Robert Dunbar., Pastor US Route 52 & Red Brick Rd., Dixon 815-288-2447 Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Ladies Bible Study, Wed. 9 a.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Rev. Randy Fronek Locust Street, Sublette Phone 815-849-5412 Saturday Mass - 4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass -10:30 a.m. Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. Thursday - 8:30 a.m.</p>
<p>First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center Pastor Jack M. Briggs 1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center www.LeeCenter-UCC.org Phone 815-732-7032 Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>East Grove Union Church Pastor Richard Wulf, 815-440-5321 449 Reuter Road, Amboy Phone 815-376-6661 1/2 Mile East of Route 26 on Union Rd. Sun., 9:00 a.m. Morning Service Youth Church, ages 3-Grade 4 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Ages 3 - Adult 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Wed., 6:00 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study First Sunday night of each month, 6:00p.m. First Sunday Family Film Night Fourth Saturday of each month, 6:00p.m. “Fun & Fellowship Game Night for the Whole Family!” Come as you are and join us on the journey!</p>	<p>St. Mary's Church Rev. Randy Fronek West Brooklyn Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m. Saturday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Refuge Church Pastor John Kalebaugh Mendota Hills Campground • 642 Rt. 52 Amboy, IL 61310 • 815-849-5930 10 a.m. Sunday, potluck follows</p>
<p>St. Flannen Church Rev. Timothy Draper 213 S Second St., Harmon 815-857-2670 Mass: Sunday, 7:30 am</p>	<p>Harmon United Methodist Church Pastor Leanne Keate 202 N. Grove, Harmon Phone 359-7302 Worship - 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>St. Patrick Church Rev. Randy Fronek - Maytown Mass - Fri. 8 a.m., Sun, 8 a.m.</p>	

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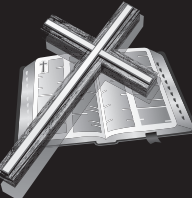
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The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

The Flamethrowers

For the nameless heroine of Rachel Kushner’s terrific, spirited novel “The Flamethrowers,” “speed was a causeway between life and death.”

It is 1976 and she is riding her Valera motorbike from Nevada to Utah to take part in the land-speed trials on the Bonneville Salt Flats.

“Pink gasoline and synthetic red engine oil soaked into the salt like butcher shop residue. The salt itself, up close, was the color of unbleached sugar, but the sunlight used it as if it were the brightest white. . . I heard the silky glide of toolbox drawers, the tink of wrenches dropped on the hard salt. Tanned little boys darted past me on bicycles, wearing mesh baseball caps propped high on their heads, in mimicry of the fathers and uncles who crowded around workbenches, bent over vehicles, their belts buckled off center to avoid scratching the paint.”

She crashes, but by happenstance ends up breaking the women’s speed record in a Valera car called the Spirit of Italy. For a year she is the Fastest Woman in the World. It is the only time she acts entirely on her own. In New York, where she is the girlfriend of the considerably older artist Sandro Valera, she is a smart, but passive observer of the Village art scene in the mid-seventies.

“Her adventures happen because she gets in the way of them.” The artists, all men,

are egotistical, anti-establishment, pretentious, snobbish, and terrific storytellers. Women are mere adjuncts. “Sex is not about exchange values. . . . It’s a gift economy,” Sandro tells her.

She is invited by the Valera group she met at Bonneville to come to Italy. Sandro, passive and sophisticated, decides to go with her even though he has turned away from his family’s wealth and great power. Italy is in the throes of strikes and revolutionary guerilla actions, known as “the Years of Lead.”

She and Sandro spend ten excruciating days in the Valera villa, where Sandro’s mother never misses a chance to humiliate the tall, blond, American girl. When Sandro betrays her, she flees to Rome with the Valera overseer.

Rome is roiling in a mass demonstration by workers from all over the country. She is taken in by a group that resembles the Brigade Rosso, the violent Red Brigades. In the streets, it is women who smash up the posh shops. She notices that many of the demonstrators have guns.

When they are hemmed in by the vicious riot police, guns go off, in the panic she is dragged out of harm’s way. It is not until she is safely back in New York that she describes what happened next.

When she first came to New York she was struck by graffiti in a Soho bathroom: “Save your freedom for a rainy day.” If only we could.

BY PASTOR MARK GLENN

It’s now the end of September. For families of freshman, it is a bitter-sweet time, a day for dreams to come true and yet a time when a beloved child has left home, never to return in the same way they left. Unfortunately, one of the most commonly discarded parts of our children’s “old” life is often their commitment to God and His church.

But the truth is that if your child decides to chuck church in college, you’ve already bucked the trend. The real statistic the church should be concerned about is that our congregations are losing nearly 80 percent of their youth before they graduate and go away to school or the military or jobs. That is the real reproduction crisis facing our church and our communities. We start losing our kids in grade

Historical society to meet Oct. 8

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Historical and Genealogical Society will present a program by Brant Clements entitled “The Arrest of Joseph Smith,” at 7 p.m., on Oct. 8, in the second floor conference room at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

The program will begin with the arrest of Smith in Amboy while visiting family. The charge of treason stemmed from the war of 1838 and demonstrates the turmoil of our early history. Clements is a retired pastor and teaches World Religion at Sauk Valley

THE PASTOR’S PEN

Where is our Patriotism?

school, and it picks up rapidly in junior high and high school. What about our actions and attitudes is driving away our kids instead of drawing them closer? What are we doing to alienate more than attract our youth to Christ and church?

When the Temple was destroyed in 70 CE, it could have marked the end of Judaism. How did Judaism survive when the Temple, the “heart” of the faith, the very “presence of God” in their midst, was destroyed? The answer: Judaism returned to some of its earliest roots, including what Moses brought from the mountain. One of those commandments: “Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.”

After the destruction of the Temple, Judaism turned its heart and its soul over to a new “holy place,” a place where all the most holy rituals of faith would

now take place. The place was not a synagogue. It was not a new Temple. It was not a hidden shrine. No, it was in the home of each faithful Jew. It was during the weekly commemoration and celebration of Shabbat, the Sabbath. It was around the most sacred space in every Jewish home: The Table.

Shabbat centered around the home, the table, and the family, and focused on telling the story of the faith to everyone gathered together. There was one table for the whole extended family. From the moment you were born, you had a place at that table. There was no children’s table—only one table from infants to elders. To know the story of why you were gathered around the table and what the table represented was the responsibility of each generation that would “taste and see that the Lord is good.” The charge of each generation is to re-tell the story, to celebrate and welcome the youngest and newest members around the table and invite them to join in and become a part of that never-ending story, a story that told them who they were.

The stories learned and lived each week at the Shabbat table

are what kept the Jewish faith alive. How did Jews survive some of the worst persecutions in history? The Story. How did Jews stay together in the midst of dispersion and oppression? The Story. The story learned around a table where all generations gathered is the heart of Jewish identity, where every child learns that this is not a story about characters in a strange book, but this is a story about them, about YOU.

The #1 show on TV? “This Is Us.” The #1 song all of our kids know by heart? “This Is Me.” This culture is in the midst of an identity crisis of catastrophic proportions. Jesus effectively said at a table: “This is my body, bread broken. This is me. This is my blood; wine poured out. This is me. Eat my Bread and Drink my Wine. Do it.”

Just as Jesus was a servant for all, using his lap to serve the least and the littlest, so we are to serve up the story of God’s redeeming love to the least and the littlest and use our laps and tables. Only when we bring all who are “like such a child as this” into our midst and share God’s story and ourselves with them, will we stem the exodus and stir up revival and renewal.

Illinois Elks to offer free children’s podiatry assessment clinic Oct. 25

DIXON — Illinois Elks Children’s Care Corporation in cooperation with Northwest District Elks Lodges will sponsor a free children’s podiatry assessment clinic on Thursday, Oct. 25, at Morrison Family Care Clinic, located at 303 N. Jackson Street Morrison with Dr. David Yeager as the clinician in charge.

The clinic starts at 8 a.m. and is by appointment only. To make an appointment call the Illinois Elks Children’s Care office at 800-272-0074 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

There are no charges for any services at this clinic.

No medical referral is necessary for the clinic but physicians are welcome to refer patients to the clinic for a specific reason or second opinion. School nurses are welcome to refer children and families to the clinic.

The Elks Organization has been working with physically challenged children since 1928 and this is one of the 17 clinic locations throughout Illinois. The clinic is an ideal time to have a child reviewed for bone and joint development.

If your child has feet point-

ing in or out, or complains of foot pain can be seen at this clinic. There is no charge for any diagnostic services at this clinic. The Elks will provide financial assistance to the best of their ability for children needing further treatment or specialty equipment when the family lacks sufficient resources to do so.

In the past, the Elks have purchased therapy services, corrective shoes, braces, wheelchairs and augmentative communication devices to help children overcome a variety of physical challenges.



BY EMILY GOFF
Head Librarian

Pankhurst Memorial Library will begin Tales for Tots from 10-10:45 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 2. Tales for Tots is for children

ages 18 months to three years and their caregivers.

There will be a short story, a simple craft, and a time for stay at home parents, grandparents, and day cares to be able to get together and have fun. Tales for Tots will be from 10 – 10:45 a.m., every Tuesday, October through April. Hope to see you there.

Library hours are 11:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays. Follow us on Facebook for any new happenings at the library.

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Opinion

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances ~ The First Amendment

Speaking out is hard

“Do most women wait 40 years to claim someone tried to rape them? Or is that just liberal women?”
---A meme posted on my Facebook news feed by a high school friend.

When I read those words, I sighed. Regular readers of this column will remember that last December I wrote about being assaulted when I was 12.

And it took me 40 years to talk about the attack I endured.

On a day when we were baling hay on our family farm in 1977, a man grabbed me in the barn, held me down, repeatedly kissed me and groped me. I was able to break away before worse things could happen.

For decades it was a family secret.

Most folks who know me now think of a big man. But back then I was slight, no match for a full-grown man. I’ve never had a more terrifying moment. Never.

At the time, I told my mother what happened. She listened quietly as we sat at the kitchen table. She told me to take a shower and then instructed me never to speak of it again.

For years, I blamed myself for what happened. Like many

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



12-year-old boys, I could be loud and sometimes obnoxious.

It is never acceptable to touch someone against their will, let alone throw a person on the ground and kiss and grope them. That isn’t “roughhousing” or “horseplay.” It’s criminal assault.

I know that now. But back then I blamed myself. It was especially hard because I was forbidden to ever speak of it. I wondered what I did to provoke him. What did I do to bring this on myself? Was I a bad person because this happened to me?

Those aren’t unusual things to contemplate. Over the years, as a reporter, I’ve talked to plenty of survivors of assaults. They too wondered what they did wrong.

The answer is nothing. No one but the perpetrator is responsible.

The lasting impact of such crimes is great. A decade after my assault, I’d wake up in terror in my college dorm room reliving the incident.

It shaped me. I’ve always been a bit shy and awkward in my personal interactions and this incident made me sink even further into myself. And I became reticent to trust others.

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Sept. 27, 1918

Word was received here Friday of the safe arrival of John Edwards “Over There.”

Miss Cutsie Marshall of Sandoval, who is living here with her sister, Mrs. Roy Peltz, is employed at the Jenkins Jewelry Store.

John N. Gentry was here from Bagley, Wis. to help cry the Finch cattle sale. All the cattle sold readily and brought good prices.

75 Years Ago Sept. 23, 1943

Miss Harriet Hatch left Sunday for Jacksonville, where she has enrolled as a freshman at MacMurray College.

Amboy High School gridders will open the season with Mendota Friday night, Sept. 24. Squad members are J. Girton, John Mason, Don Yale, Dick Dominetta, C. Aschenbrenner, B. Eckburg, G. Chandler, J. Neis, S. Cox, R. Wilson, B. Fortney, F. Eisenrich, J. Full, D. Clayton, E. McGrath, J.

Berga, E. Kerchner, G. Hobbs, E. Rapp, W. Reed, P. Kehoe, R. Leffelman, B. Boyle, J. Blum, H. Bothe, B. Kessell, D. Stephenitch, L. King, K. Leffelman and C. Stewart.

Cpl. Roy Ross arrived home Tuesday evening from Maxwell Field, Ala. Mrs. Ross will accompany him when he returns to camp.

50 Years Ago Sept. 26, 1968

The Oregon Hawks flew into town last Friday evening and managed to claw out a 26-19 win over a courageous and inspired band of Amboy Clippers

Amboy High School Guidance Director Melvin Swanlund has announced that Jeffrey Kehoe has been named a semifinalist in the 1968-69 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hike of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Peter McKune of Dixon returned Sept. 14 from a week’s motor trip to Colorado. They spent time in Denver and Colorado Springs, drove through Wyoming,

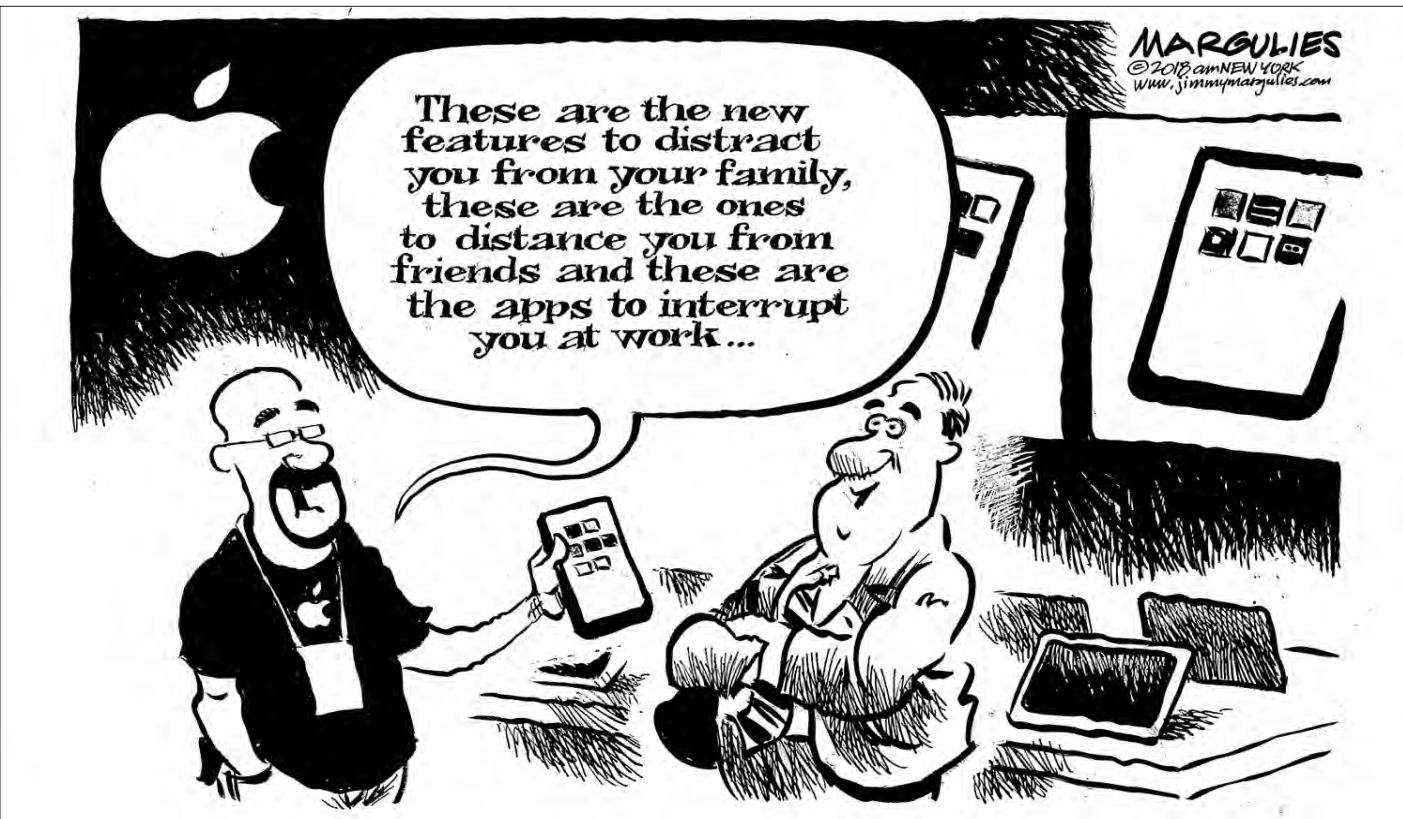
toured the Badlands of South Dakota and included Mount Rushmore in the points of interest visited.

25 Years Ago Sept. 30, 1993

Amboy Depot Museum Historical Society received a \$50 donation earmarked for the renovation of Palmer School. The generous offering was submitted by Stanley and Lucille Reeser of Naples, Fla. Stanley is a former student of the school

In recognition of the plight of long time Leyden football coach and teacher Jim Payne, the Eagle football team has taken on a new moto for the 1993 season. On their practice t-shirts the slogan reads “Victory is just the other side of Payne.”

Ten new teachers have joined the faculty at Amboy High District this year. They are Lynn Longan, Gary Jones, Jill Hoelzer, Tracy Thompson, Robert Scheieve, Jo Ann Carr, Pamela Campen, Marty Esgar, Michal Staup and Tracy Richardson.



Here’s why I believe in America

It’s so easy these days to despair about the future of our country. It feels like half the people I run into just want to pull the covers over their heads and ignore the news.

There’s dysfunction at the highest levels of government. Recent reports — the new book by Bob Woodward and a New York Times op-ed — reveal that top administration officials are so worried about the President’s impulses that they’ve formed a sort of “resistance” movement to thwart them. Many Americans express their disappointment in so many other Americans for supporting politicians who do not seem to know how to make our representative government work.

And while drama dominates the daily headlines, Congress is polarized, hamstrung, and ineffective. We’re subject to Russian election hacking with very little visible effort on the part of the federal government to do something about it. Dozens of vital issues, from economic inequality to cyber-security, are going largely unaddressed.

So, it might seem odd for me to suggest that we take a step back and count our blessings. But that’s exactly what I believe we need to do right now.

Our history should give us a shot of confidence. We have overcome formidable challenges: a civil war, two world wars, recessions and depressions, and through it all, America has not just survived, but improved. In my working lifetime, I have seen this country become a better place, plain and simple.

We enjoy the world’s largest and most competitive economy. We have greatly improved the life of many older Americans with programs like Social Security and Medicare. We’ve improved the lives of many younger people with college scholarships and wider opportunities. And women and minorities have had doors opened to them like never before, even if there’s still room to improve.

We are the pre-eminent diplomatic and military power in the world. Though terrorism is a serious worry, we do not face an

Guest Column

By Lee Hamilton



imminent threat to our overall security.

Our citizens, federal employees, and military personnel are engaged all over the world, for the most part doing their best to improve life for people elsewhere.

Perhaps most important, we have created a country where everyone has a chance to become the best she or he can be. There’s much room for improvement here, too — opportunity is not equally accessible. But there are plenty of people who’ve managed to get ahead in life even though the cards were stacked against them.

We should not sound arrogant, and we should acknowledge our mistakes, but we have much to be proud of in our record as a nation.

I don’t want to suggest we don’t have big problems. Of course we do. And just as noteworthy,

progress over the decades doesn’t mean it’s inevitable.

While China invests in advanced robotics, for instance, we’re re-investing in coal. Are the current administration’s trade policies laying the groundwork for a prosperous future? I worry that they’re not. What impact will our huge and greatly expanding national debt have on our nation’s future? No one knows for certain, but it’s hard to believe things will end well if we don’t address it.

What about the inability of Congress to do its work? Nowhere is it written in the stars that things will continue on as well as they have, especially if our policy-makers don’t do their jobs.

But to confront these problems, and to start to forge solutions, you have to have a measure of confidence in the system through which we’ll address them. And in this regard, our history should give us a boost. My impression is we need it.

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LEADER OF THE PACK
Margaret Vaessen cruises along on her way to a first-place showing in a cross country meet at Mendota on Sept. 18.

Amboy News photo



ALONE IN FIRST
Tom Stamberger is all alone on his way to a first-place finish in a cross country meet at Mendota on Sept. 18.

Amboy News photo

Clippers take first place at Mendota meet

MENDOTA — Amboy-LaMoille runners took first-place honors in the boys' and girls' races during a cross country meet at Mendota on Sept. 18.

In the boys' event, the Clippers' Tom Stamberger was at the head of the pack in a time of 16:50. Three of his teammates finished in the top 10. They were Brock Loftus (4th, 18:07), Ian Eller (6th, 18:23) and Mateo Ramis (7th, 18:29). Completing the A-L runners were Calvin Deering (19th, 19:56) and Andrew Jones (26th, 21:07).

The Clippers claimed the team title with 36 points. Hall was next with 48 points, followed by St. Bede (71), Princeton (77), Putnam County (112) and Mendota (157).

In the girls' competition, Margaret Vaessen of Amboy-LaMoille was the first overall

runner in a time of 19:58. Next in for the Lady Clippers was Kaitlyn Ortgiesen in third place with a time of 21:55, followed by Kelynn Boyle in fourth at 22:28 and Bailey Bickett in 16th at 25:54.

Princeton edged Hall for the team win, 34-35.

The A-L harriers competed in the Boiler Invitational on Sept. 22 at Kewanee.

The Clippers' freshman-sophomore team had the first three runners to cross the finish line, which led to a first-place showing in the team standings. There were six schools in the competition.

Loftus was the overall champion in a time of 18:09. Eller was

next through the chute in a time of 18:29, while Ramis took third place in 18:31. Deering (16th, 20:24) and Jones (22nd, 20:59), also competed for the Clippers.

In the varsity boys' race, Stamberger finished in third place with a time of 16:58.

Elias Bergman of Chillicothe IVC won the race in 16:34, helping his team to first place in the standings.

Four girls competed for the Lady Clippers. Vaessen turned in a fifth-place finish in a time of 20:13. Ortgiesen was next (17th, 22:19), followed by Boyle (18th, 22:30) and Bickett (26:25).

Olivia Frail of Stark County was the overall champion in 19:34, while Knoxville won the team title.



NINTH PLACE AT MEET
Henry Rod and Clayton Kemp placed ninth overall in the Morrison Lorrin Fassett Invite shooting an 88. The match was played at Deer Valley Country Club. This was a two-man team event played in a Ryder Cup style. The weather conditions were

Amboy golfers compete at matches

AMBOY — Results of recent Amboy-LaMoille golf matches are as follows:

Sept. 17
Eastland 188, Indian Creek 192, Amboy-LaMoille 219
A-L scores: Clayton Kemp 37, Henry Rod 58, Jay Long 61,

Austin Bogle 63, Gavin Gross 65, Lucas Warner 66
Sept. 20
West Carroll 214, Amboy-LaMoille 229
A-L scores: Kemp 40, Gross 59, Jarod Warner 64, Rod 66, Bogle 67, Lucas Warner 68

Amboy golfers to compete at Regionals

GRANVILLE — The Amboy Clippers will participate in the Granville (Putnam County) Class 1A Regional Golf Tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at Edgewood Park Golf Course, McNabb.

Other teams assigned to the regional are Earlville, Erie, Fulton, Putnam County, Bureau Valley, Morrison, St. Bede, Polo, Riverdale, Hall and Sterling Newman.

The top three teams will advance to the Oregon Sectional on Monday, Oct. 8 at Silver Ridge Golf Course in Oregon.

Also, the top 10 scoring individuals who are not members of a qualifying team will earn a trip to the sectional.

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Week of Sept. 3
19U Garrett Sage
14U Fabian Arteaga
12U Alexis Inman
9U Madi Clarida
6U Cam Florschuetz

Week of Sept. 10
19U Andy Thier
14U Austin Shugars
12U Colt McCoy
9U Kylee Zellhofer
6U Jackson Scully

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October 1 - 5

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Choice of breakfast items from cart with juice and fruit.
Warm breakfast choice on Wednesdays.
Lunch option each day of the featured item or salad bar or yogurt with whole grain crackers or peanut butter & jelly or Grab&Go smoothie.

Monday

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Cheeseburger on a bun, pickle, onion, tomato, lettuce, french fries, salad, fresh cut veggies/ranch, oranges

Tuesday

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Ham & cheese stuffed potato, peas, carrots, green beans, roll/butter, pineapple, fruit cobbler

Wednesday

- Pancakes & syrup or pick two from breakfast cart
- Breaded chicken patty on a bun, lettuce, tomato, sweet potato fries, salad, peaches, apple crisp

Thursday

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Chicken taco on tortilla, salad, salsa, black beans, rice, cheese, fresh cut veggies/ranch, pineapple

Friday

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Cheese stuffed crust pizza, broccoli & cheese, fresh cut veggies/ranch, juice cup, dried mixed fruit

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October 1 - 5

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Warm breakfast choice on Wednesdays.
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4-H invites youth to join 4-H clubs

LEE COUNTY — 4-H members in this county will join the 6 million youth across the country in celebrating National 4-H Week, Oct. 7 - 13. 4-H youth development programs provide hands-on learning activities for youth in Illinois and throughout the country. 4-H youth programs focus on leadership, citizenship and life skills.

Every county in Illinois has a 4-H program which is operated through University of Illinois Extension. 4-H club membership is open to youth aged eight to 18. Youth five to seven years of age may join the 4-H Cloverbud program.

There are several ways to participate in

4-H. Youth may join 4-H clubs, coordinated by local screened adult volunteers. Each club decides how often it meets, the location of its meetings and the activities held during the meeting. Members may select from dozens of project areas to study while they build leadership, teamwork, cooperation, decision-making and communication skills.

Youth may also choose to focus on a very specific project area and join a club specifically related to that one project, said Martha Ebbesmeyer, University of Illinois Extension Educator. Robotics, quilting, horses and gardening are just a few of the popular topics for special interest clubs.

One may also participate in 4-H through short term projects held during school or at after school youth organizations. Some of these popular groups teach youth about caring for the environment, preparing for a career, making healthy choices or other priority issues which build a person’s life skills.

To learn more about 4-H and enroll your child in a local club, one may contact the Carroll County University of Illinois Extension Office at 815-244-9444, Lee County at 815-857-3525 or Whiteside County at 815-632-3611 or visit our website at go.illinois.edu/clw.

Dixon Chamber hosts market analysis survey

DIXON — Dixon Chamber & Main Street has put together a brief market analysis survey to gather information to better understand the needs and wants of citizens, visitors, and those looking to relocate to Dixon.

This survey is only estimated to take four - five minutes and will allow DCCMS to present the findings to, the City of Dixon, other organizations and businesses throughout the community.

The survey is available on Facebook at Dixon Chamber & Main Street and on our website at DiscoverDixon.com. If you have questions please contact matthew.lenox@dixonnow.com or call 815-284-3361.

Educational Briefs

Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Awards \$3.5 million in scholarships

AMES, Iowa — The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Iowa State University has awarded nearly \$3.5 million in scholarships to students for the 2018-19 academic year.

Since 2005, scholarship totals for incoming freshmen and current students have tripled, thanks to gifts from donors.

Locally, Tesa Stocksdale, of Dixon, was awared the Vincent V. Malcom Scholarship.

The college’s study abroad program is an example of the benefits these gifts provide students. Last year the program awarded more than \$187,000 in scholarships, to 336 students, who studied in 37 countries. Study abroad scholarships provide opportunities for numerous students to study on all seven continents.

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences ranks in the top four percent of agricultural colleges in the world, has the third largest undergraduate student body among agricultural colleges nationwide, offering 24 undergraduate and 35 graduate majors.

From The Heart Calendar winners

August 2018 From the Heart Cash Calendar winners

Aug. 1 - Scott Meadows, Rochelle, \$25
 Aug. 2 - David Kasmar, Friendship, Wis., \$25
 Aug. 3 - Fred Smith, Rochelle, \$25
 Aug. 4 - Chris Donahue, Oregon, \$25
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 Aug. 6 - Christine Watson, Rochelle \$25
 Aug. 7 - Amy Harms, Rochelle, \$25

Aug. 8 - Wayne Zaccaria, Rochelle, \$25
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 Aug. 11 - Cheri Graber, Rochelle, \$25
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 Aug. 13 - Keaton Leach, CHS-Rochelle, \$25
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 Aug. 15 - Ted Cannon, Rochelle, \$25
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Lindenwood, \$25
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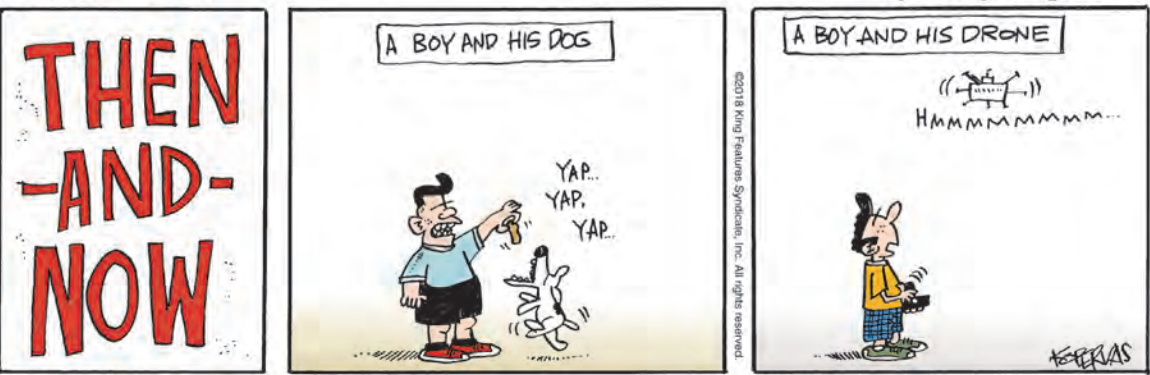
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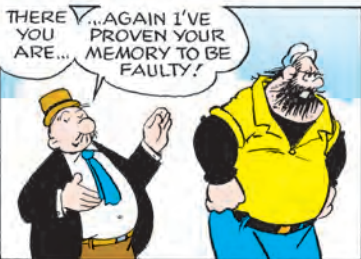
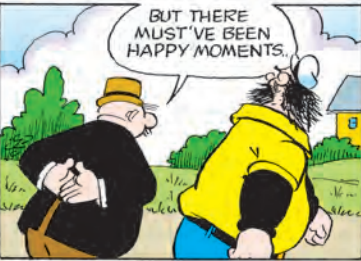
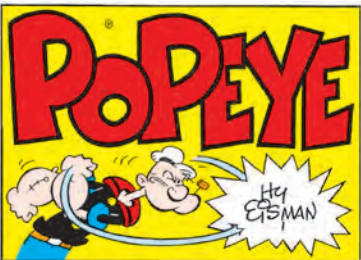
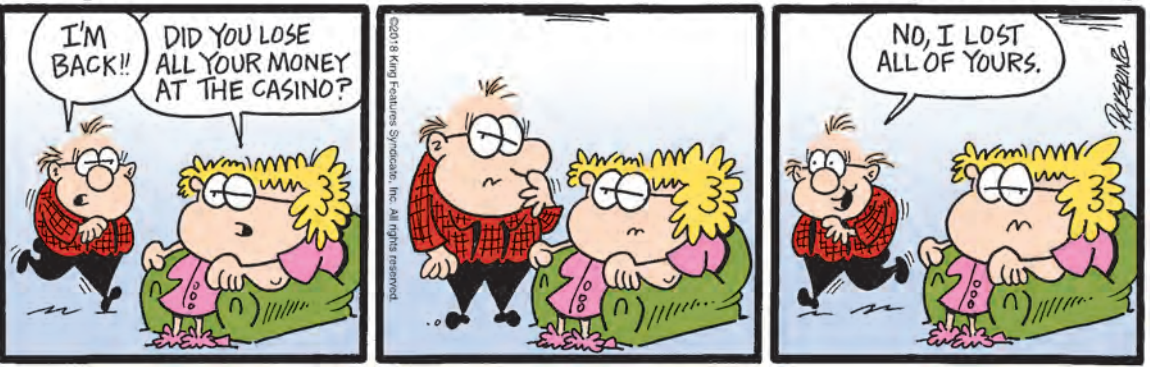
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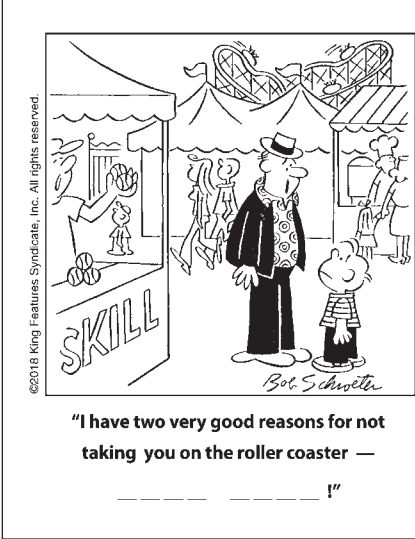
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Origin
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TODAY'S WORD

by Dave T. Phipps

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Eastern big-wig (Var.)
5 One-on-one battle
9 Scoundrel
12 Rice-A- —
13 Paquin or Faris
14 Raw rock
15 Over
17 Pen point
18 Vagrant
19 Ticket
21 Aspect
24 Idea that spreads on the Web
25 48-Across' counterparts
26 Room-to-room access- es
30 Convent dweller
31 Great praise
32 Old card game
33 Wine pourer
35 Existed, Biblically
36 Do as you're told
37 Exposes
38 Cease-fire
40 Noble title
42 Melody
43 Ecclesiastical compact
48 See 25-Across

DOWN

1 Joan of —
2 Cattle call?
3 Hostel
4 Wealth
5 Paint ama- teurishly
6 Ruin
7 Compass pt.
8 Firetruck gear
9 Skin-tone cosmetic
10 Operatic solo
11 Credit card user's prob- lem
16 Parcel of land
20 Coal diggers' org.
21 Ward (off)
22 Chills and fever
23 Open area at a terminal
24 Othello, for one
26 Responsibility
27 Praise in verse
28 Days gone by
29 Drunkards

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

4			3					5
		7	9	1				4
	2				8	1		
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: S equals L

K CJB'I SKUX IJ EPC-OJTIV
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IVKBU WXJWSX HVJTSC
FXHWXZI IVXKF RXSCXFH.

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COLD FEET

Today's Word

1. Secret; 2. Feral; 3. Trade; 4. Source

SCRAMBLERS

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who was the first African-American woman to be crowned Miss America?
- SCIENCE: What temperature does water boil in Celsius?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of ladybugs called?
- MEDICAL: What type of blood does a universal donor have?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Armenia?
- HISTORY: When did the Spanish Civil War end?
- TELEVISION: How does the title to this 1990s drama series end: "Beverly Hills, ..."?
- GAMES: How many dots are on a standard, six-sided die?
- MOVIES: What was the name of the father lion in "The Lion King"?
- MONEY: What is the basic currency of Iceland?

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King Crossword

Solution time: 21 mins.

Answers

1. Vanessa Williams
2. 100 C
3. A loveliness of ladybugs
4. O negative
5. Yerevan
6. 1939
7. 90210
8. 21
9. Mufasa
10. Krona

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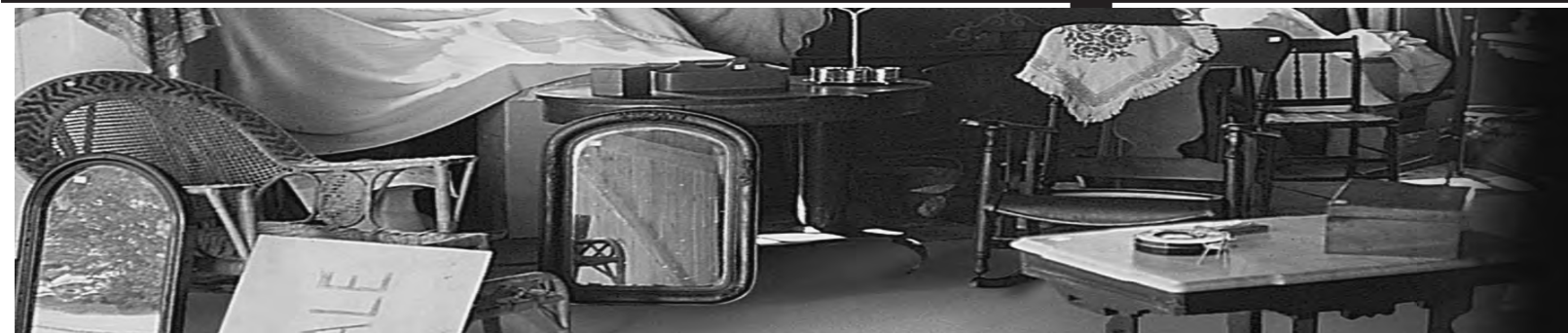
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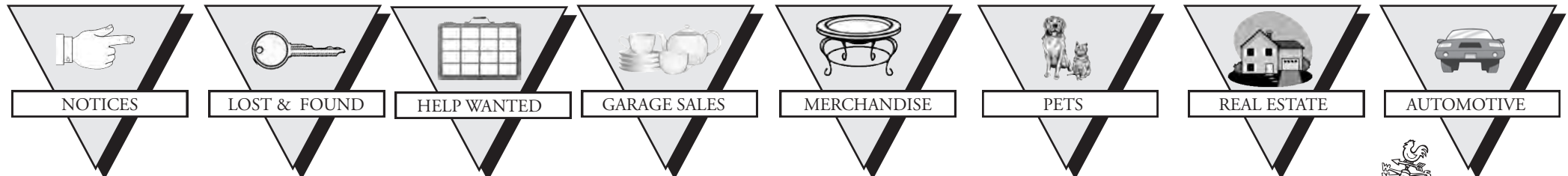
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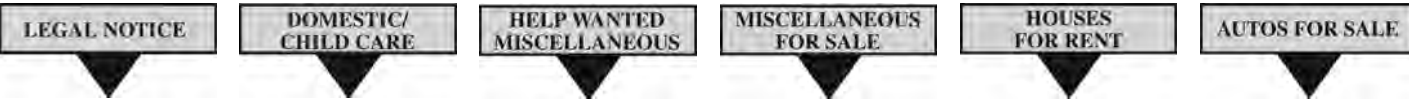
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Illinois’ long romance with trains endures

Railroads made Chicago, stealing commerce from steamboat hubs like St. Louis. But it’s a love-hate relationship in the suburbs and Chicago today.

BY MARNI PYKE
Of the Daily Herald

Trains brought Abraham Lincoln’s body home to Illinois, transported southern blacks escaping Jim Crow laws to Chicago, and now carry a labor force of thousands between the suburbs and downtown Chicago daily.

Freight, passenger and commuter trains pass through the Chicago area at the rate of 1,300 a day, Illinois Department of Transportation says, and rail lines fan out in every direction.

“People in Illinois are as intimately tied to railroading as anywhere in the country,” DePaul University transportation professor Joseph Schwieterman said. “Millions live close to busy rail lines, use commuter or intercity passenger trains, or cross busy sets of tracks every day, giving them a strong psychological connection to railroads.”

But being the rail hub of the nation also has its downside: Meager funding for commuter rail, crossing delays, and freight gridlock are among the challenges facing the state in the 21st century.

The first train to appear



in the Chicago metro region was a Galena & Chicago Union Railroad steam engine dubbed the “Pioneer” in 1848, according to the Encyclopedia of Chicago.

One of its first destinations was the settlement of Elmhurst, foreshadowing a regional commuter rail service under Metra that made 78.6 million passenger trips in 2017.

“Our legacy suburbs developed along the railroads. In many respects they owe the initial growth to the railroads,” railroad historian and Metra Chairman Norm Carlson said.

Prior to railroads, “shipping was the only way to move bulk commodities,” Carlson explained. “‘Interior’ delivery was limited to what the horse or mule could carry or pull.”

Initially, Midwestern railroads were built to link the nation’s interior with waterways, like the Mississippi River, and St. Louis was pegged as the gateway to the West. Chicago gained traction “in large measure to the access to Lake Michigan,” Carlson said.



Railway fans greet a vintage Nickel Plate 765 or “Berkshire” steam locomotive traveling near Libertyville in 2016.

Joe Lewnard/jlewnard@dailyherald.com

Railroads began sprouting like dandelions to feed growing demands.

“From moving crops to market to moving raw materials in and finished products out, the railroads connect the economic activity of the state,” Carlson said.

Schwieterman noted “everyone knows that railroads are a huge part of Chicago’s history, but many don’t fully appreciate that other places, including Decatur, Galesburg, Effingham and Rock Island,

were rail junctions of enormous importance, as well.”

As of 2018, the Chicago region absorbs almost 500 freight trains daily or 25 percent of traffic in the United States.

But outdated infrastructure where railway tracks intersect or cross busy roads mean trains can spend as much time in Chicago as it takes to reach either coast. Efforts to untangle the rail spaghetti — expediting trains and improving safety — will cost \$4.4 billion and are about 40 percent complete.

Both Metra and Amtrak are suffering from lackluster funding amid demands for better service from riders. Yet, despite the budget drought for commuter rail, Illinois’ high-speed rail project to begin service between Chicago and Springfield with speeds of 110 mph is expected to finish this year.

“Chicago remains the workhorse of our country’s railroad industry,” Schwieterman said. “That keeps rail lines in our state unusually vibrant and busy.”

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Sauk Valley Community College to receive state funds for HVAC upgrade

DIXON — State Representative Tom Demmer (R-Dixon) announced that the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) has signed off on Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) release of \$11.3 million state-wide for community college capital projects in the first round of this funding to be released in this fiscal year.

The release includes \$154,285 to Sauk Valley Community College to help replace the original more than 50 year-old air handlers campus wide. State funding will cover one air handler, while the remaining seven air handlers will be covered with local funds. The efficiency and air quality will be greatly improved when the old units are replaced.

“We are making investments in higher education to improve facilities, reduce operating costs, and to ensure the colleges can focus on providing top notch education and training to be qualifies for great local jobs,” said Demmer.

Sauk Valley Community College will be putting up \$2,245,715 in local funds to complete the project.

“Infrastructure investment is a catalyst for job creation and economic development,” said Gov. Bruce Rauner. “We signed a bipartisan budget in June that includes funds for improvement projects that benefit local businesses and residents. This kind of investment is how government can play a positive role in the Illinois economy.”

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