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STAMP OUT HUNGER

The Amboy Post Office held its annual Stamp Out Hunger drive on Saturday. Food is still being collected at the post office, so the official total number of pounds collected was not available at press time. The food will be evenly split between the food pantries at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and the First Baptist Church. Showing part of the collection of food, pictured above, is Mary Majeski, Lynnette Lawrence, Kimee Dale, Debbie Bauer and Candy Trad. Absent from the photo were Jeanna Ohda, postmaster, and Mary Anderson and Shelia Pierce. Pictured right, Debbie Bauer brings back some of the food collected on her route on Saturday.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News and Courtesy photo



Sublette board learns April approved motion invalid

General Manager

SUBLETTE — The Village of Sublette Board learned on Monday night that the motion they approved in April, which retained Phalen Steel of Mendota as a design firm to help with the new maintenance building project, was invalid.

Village of Sublette President Michael Vaessen told the board during the village's monthly meeting on Monday night, that the vote they took in April needed to have a 2/3 majority vote to be approved. The vote in April to retain Phalen Steel ended in a tie vote, with Vaessen breaking the tie vote by casting a vote for approval. Village of Sublette Trustees Richard Klaser, Brian Wilson and Scott Hanson voted yes, while trustees Julie Kessel, Laura Jackson and Jerry Leffelman voted no.

Vaessen told the board on Monday night that due to an Illinois State Law, because the village

was going with a design firm instead of hiring an engineering firm and bidding the job out, they needed to pass the motion by 2/3 majority. He told the board they had two options on Monday night. Option one was to entertain another motion to retain Phalen Steel as the design firm for the project, but, Vaessen said, everyone would have to vote yes on this motion for it to pass. Or, option two, have a motion to hire Willett and Hoffman, or another engineering firm, to design and put the project out for bids.

Vaessen told the board he found a quote from 2014 from Willett and Hoffman, and that back then, it would cost \$16,500 for engineering work and \$3,000 for advertising the bid.

"It's a four-year-old proposal," Vaessen said. "I'm not sure where the cost is going to come

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Electronic recycling available to Lee County residents

AMBOY—Lee County continues to offer free electronic recycling to Lee County residents at the Lee County Highway Department in Amboy.

The free service is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Acceptable items include: computers, monitors, printers, laptops, copiers, modems, telephones, cellphones, scanners, TVs, DVDs, VCRs, stereos, camcorders, camera, electric motors, answering machines, handheld electronics, adding machines, faxes, calculators, shredders,

Items not accepted are: microwaves, refrigera-

tors, coffee makers, de-humidifiers, white goods, air conditioners, smoke detectors, fluorescent bulbs, washer and dryers, dishwashers, vacuums, batteries, fans, stoves, blenders, and toasters.

This free service is for Lee County residents only. No businesses or institutions. No staff members are present to assist with unloading. All acceptable items should be placed in Gaylords. Please do not leave items not on the accepted list.

Please avoid dropping off items during inclement weather.

Please do not drop off items during off-hours, weekends or holidays.

· Replacing or adding house numbers.

"If a homeowner plans to install a new mailbox

"Customers must be careful when purchas-

or replace a worn one, he or she must use only

Postal Service-approved traditional, contempo-

rary or locking full/limited service mailboxes,"

ing curbside mail receptacles because the use

Mailbox improvement week arrives in time for spring cleaning

said Ohda.

AMBOY — The U.S. Postal Service is asking all Amboy homeowners to inspect and repair their mailboxes during Mailbox Improvement Week, May 13-19, says Postmaster Jeanna Ohda.

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

The Postal Service makes this annual request because of the wear and tear that occurs to mail-

"This is especially important after the effects

of last winter," adds Ohda. Some of the typical activities homeowners

may need to do include: • Replacing loose hinges on a mailbox door.

- Repainting a mailbox that may have rusted
- or has started to peel.

• Remounting a loosened mailbox post.

of unapproved boxes is prohibited. Customers may use a custom-built mailbox, but they must consult with my office to ensure it conforms to guidelines applying to flag, size, strength and quality of construction," she said. For more information on the use of names or

numbers on mailboxes, or answers to any other questions, contact your local Post Office directly. The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for

operating expenses and relies on the sale of post-

age, products and services to fund its operations.

Lee Center Church to celebrate 150th anniversary

LEE CENTER – The Lee Center First Congregational United Church of Christ, Lee Center, was organized by the Rev. Joseph Gardner at the home of Moses Crombie on July 5, 1843, under the name of the First Congregational Church of Palatine Grove. For some time services were held at the Crombie home which was situated near the south end of Crombie Lane. The house was later moved to Amboy and remodeled. At the end of 1849 the church began holding services in the

new Lee Center Academy building and in 1852 engaged it's first regular minister, the Rev. S. W. Phelps, at a salary of \$200 per year and use of the parsonage. In addition, during the winter the parishioners gave the pastor a donation, which included about \$100 in cash and a large load of wood.

In October 1854, plans were initiated for erection of a church building. Completed in 1856, it joined the Methodist and the Episcopal churches in Lee Center. The pews in the church all had doors, and the seats were rented to the church members. Receipts from these "rentage slips" paid the pastors salary. An entertainment was held in Mr. Blake's store to raise money for the furnishings. It took all day for the ice cream to freeze, but was declared a success. Articles of fancy work were sold by the ladies and supper was served. Proceeds of this sale purchased a roll of bright carpet from a store in Amboy, where it had just arrived from Boston.

The church has undergone several remodeling and additions over the years. It was wired for electricity in 1907. In 1917, a balcony was added along with back of the church to a corner under a newly erected tower.

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Lee Center First Congregational United Church of Christ



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Giving those with disabilities the ability to save

DIXON — JJ Hanley from the Treasurer's Office will teach you about ABLE accounts, a new way for people to save without losing SSI or Medicaid eligibility. Learn the details of opening an Illinois ABLE account. JJ is the best resource to educate you, and answer questions regarding the Illinois ABLE Act. The training will be held from 3 - 5 p.m., on Monday, June 4, at the Dixon Elks Lodge located at 1279 Franklin Grove Road, in Dixon.

Illinois ABLE allows an individual to save smart by enjoying tax-advantaged saving without impacting your current benefits; invest easily by allowing you to choose options that fit your goals and comfort level; easily get started with only a few minutes and a few clicks with an online resource.

"We are looking forward in having JJ here in Dixon. With JJ's knowledge it will be helpful for families with Disabilities to have an understanding on how the ABLE accounts work," said Betsy Adams, Kreider Alliance Board President.

JJ Hanley is Director, IL ABLE from the Office of the Illinois State Treasurer.

She is the builder of programs that foster economic opportunity for individuals with disabilities and their families.

Kreider Alliance is hosting the presentation and is looking forward to having you at the program. Kreider Alliance is a not- for- profit organization that provides education, advocacy and support for people with disabilities and is the mother organization of Kreider Services, formerly the Arc of Lee County.

The prevention is free. Please RSVP with Sue Ely at 815-288-6691 ext 249 by June 2.

Mobile Home Local Services Tax bills due May 18

LEE COUNTY — John F Fritts, Lee March. County Treasurer, reminds Mobile Home taxpayers that the 2018 Mobile Home Local Services Tax bills due date is May 18.

The owner of the mobile home on Jan. 1, 2018 shall be liable for the tax for this year.

The bills cover the period from Jan. 1, There were 556 tax bills mailed in 2018 through Dec. 31, 2018.

Payments may be made by mail or at the treasurer's office.

Any questions, please contact the Lee County Treasurer's Office at 815-288-

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The bell was purchased by the "Wild Flower Club" from a Methodist Episcopal Church society in 1918 when their church was dismantled. The church sheds, which were used to shelter members horses during services, were torn down

The final major change came to the building in 1949 when the annex was completed. It was built almost entirely by volunteer efforts. For several years it housed the overflow of pupils from the elementary school and in the basement the kitchen was used by Lee Center students as a cafeteria and also a base for meal preparation for over 600 students of District 271. The dining area was remodeled in 1977, again with volunteer help.

In 1953 and electric organ was installed to replace the pipe organ which had been installed in 1902. The wood from the pipe organ cabinet was made

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into what is now the present alter and lectern. The interior of the church contains extensive stenciling by an Amboy artist in 1952. In more recent years, the hardwood flooring of the church has been sanded and refinished, a lighted church sign placed in the front yard and a cement handicap ramp constructed.

The church has ordained nine ministers, sent out one minister to Turkey, has seen to other Congregational churches

established in Amboy (1854) and Sublette (1871.) During the 1940s and 1950s, the church was yoked with the Amboy congregation, sharing a common pastor. At this time, the church is yoked with the Franklin Grove Presbyterian Church, with Jack Briggs serving as pastor. During its 175 years, the

church has been a moving force in the community. It continues to give focus and leadership in the Lee Center community. The congregation will celebrate the anniversary on July 15, at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Special entertainment for the day will be The Sauk Valley Barber Shop Singers, performing after a luncheon.

RSVP is requested for the luncheon at 1140, Inlet Road, P.O. 72, Lee Center, Illinois,



Costner named May Student of the Month

AMBOY — Mason Costner, son of Nathan and Alicia Costner, has been named Amboy High School's Student of the Month for

Memberships and Involvement: Wrestling 2016-2018; Football 2017-2018; Boy Scouts 2011-2018; Aurora Fire Department Explorer Post 2018; Band 2011-2018

Awards and Honors:

Wrestling: John Becker Memorial Award 2017 and 2018, most pins 2017, most improved 2017

Band: John Phillips Sousa award; American Legion Award, Mrs. Mekeel Sparkle Award, Taps recognition

Outside of School: Eagle Scout

Best Memories of AHS: Spring Concert 2018 when the band and chorus surprised Mrs. Mekeel with a song dedicated to her. Future Plans: I am going to Community College for Paramedicine and Firefighting.

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Vaessen said if the motion to hire Willett and Hoffman was the way the board wanted to proceed, he would give the engineering firm the layout of the property and the three drawings that Phalen Steel had already completed for the village.

Leffelman asked where that would leave Phalen.

be able to bid on the project. He added that he didn't know if the village owed Phalen any money.

Vaessen said Phalen would

Jackson asked if someone else could construction a building and then the village purchase it already built from them.

Vaessen said the only way that would work is if the property was outside the village limits, then the village would have to purchase the property and annex it into the village.

Kessel made a motion to contract with Willett and Hoffman to do the engineering of the maintenance shed and put it out for bids. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Klaser was absent from the meeting.

In other board news:

 Vaessen said that the three more trees are coming to the Mini Park. The trees are currently blossoming and need to be hardened before they can

 Vaessen told the board that Lee County is not getting as much money from tipping fees and is looking to split the cost of dumping the recycling bins in Sublette. He said it costs the county \$170 each time the bins are dumped, which is about

twice a month. Don Dinges reported that the cruise night was canceled due to weather and is being

rescheduled for a Friday in June. The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, June 11, in the Ellice Dinges Center.



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She may not have a magic wand, but Franny Lilja specializes in making dreams come true. With her 26 years experience as a loan officer at The

First National Bank in Amboy, Franny has helped her customers realize quite a few of their dreams like owning their first home and purchasing a vehicle. Franny has seen the changes and different regulations that can make banking a little more challenging. But she makes

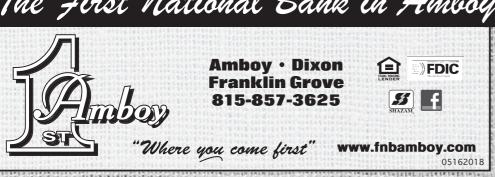
customers, even offering flexible hours and taking loan applications over the phone. Franny celebrated her 29th year at The First National Bank in Amboy in October. She began her banking career as a teller and then moved to new accounts before becoming

Franny was born and raised in Sublette and is a 1981 graduate of Amboy High School. She lived in Sublette until she got married and moved to Amboy. She lives in Amboy with her husband, Ed, their daughter, Nicole and family pet,

When Franny is not helping her customers with their financial needs, she can be found reading, cooking and spending time with her family and friends. Franny is also on the board of the Dixon Habitat for Humanity, helping other

Stop in to see Franny or give her a call for any of your consumer lending needs.

The First National Bank in Amboy



ST. GEORGE the DRAGON SLAYER RETREAT

Saturday, May 19th

Any interested Catholic, who would like to deepen their love of God in the Eucharist and would like to know how to do **battle** with their personal dragon (sin) is invited to the Retreat at Our Lady of Perpetual **Help Church** in Sublette. We will start the day with Mass at 9:00 am, and then retire to the hall for breakfast and a retreat talk on the Eucharist; before returning to the Church for a Holy Hour during which time confessions will be heard and a ferverino on St. George the Dragon Slayer will be given.



If you would like to come to the retreat please call the Parish Office (815-849-5412) to register.



has taught for 14 years, five of those at Amboy. She received her Masters in Special Education from Northern Illinois University.

"My undergrad degree is in Music Therapy," said Schwamberger. "And my internship supervisor told me if I wanted to get my Masters degree, special education was the way to go."

She would include this quote in a book "If you plan for the day to go a certain way, it never does.'

10K added to KB Tough Run

OREGON — The 7th Annual KB Tough Run will be held on Saturday, June 23, at White Pines Ranch in Oregon. New to this year's fundraising event is a 10K Race.

Both the KB Tough run and the new 10K are off road trail run through the pastures, canyon and wooded areas of the ranch. The kid sprint, a special race for our youngest Tough Runners age nine and under with age appropriate obstacles will start the morning's running and the popular one mile trail hike will continue to be

Registration for the event has started. Online registration and printable mail in forms are available at www.KBToughRun.com. If you'd like forms mailed to you, please contact KB Tough Run by email to info@KBToughRun.com or by phone to Josh 815-677-0115. Early registration to the event includes a t-shirt, drink token and professionally timed race bib. Early registration closes on Wednesday, June 6. Event day registrations are welcomed for those who miss the early registration deadline. Event day registrations will not receive an event t-shirt but will still receive a drink token and timed bib.

In addition to the runs and hike, the fundraising event will include pork chop sandwich lunches by the Ogle County Pork Producers starting at 11 a.m., craft beer by Prairie Street Brewing Company, raffles, horsey bingo, prize wheel and a kid zone game area.

The KB Tough Run is the major fundraising event for The KB Fund. The fund has been established to help those in the community that are burdened by a medical crisis. More than 40 households have been recipients of a gift from the KB Fund. Their needs have stemmed from cancer diagnosis, life threatening burns, premature birth, auto accidents, surgery and many other issues that present unexpected expenses health insurance, if they have it, does not pay for. To learn more about the event and the fund visit www. KBToughRun.com.

Rules of the road course offered June 20

DIXON—Post House Community Center/Lee County Council on Aging will be having a Rules of the Road Course presented by the Secretary of State's Office on Wednesday, June 20.

Class is from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The class is open to the public and no sign up is necessary to attend. The class will cover topics from the Rules of the Road book for Illinois, you will have an opportunity to refresh your knowledge and get your questions answered.

For more information please call the Post House Community Center at 815-288-9236.

Amboy Police

Illegal squealing/ screeching of tires

On May 11, at 7:19 p.m., a 16-year-old male juvenile, of Amboy, was issued a traffic citation for illegal squealing/ screeching of tires. He was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

On May 11, at 7:50 p.m., Brittany L. Stanley, 29, of Amboy, was issued an ordinance violation of dogs at large.

Runaway

On May 11, at 9:35 a.m., a 15-year-old female juvenile was a runaway. She was released to her parents.

Dogs at large

Community Calendar

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only, on May 18, 22, 24, 25, 30 and 31. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment or to find out about other services offered,

final, University of Illinois Master Gardener Plant Sale will be held from 8 a.m. until noon (or until plants are gone) on Saturday, May 19, at the Lee County 4-H Center, 1196 Franklin Rd and Route 30.

POLO-The Tri-County Gun Club of Polo will be having an Open House from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20. There is no fee to attend. There will be a food stand each day from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Watch for signs on Milledgeville Road. Visit www.tricountygunclub. org for more info.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library Book Club will meet at 12 p.m. on Monday, May 21, at the Library, 3 S. Jefferson. Call the Library at 815-857-3925 for more information.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 21, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

STERLING-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 2 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, at Sterling Heritage Woods, 2205 Oak Grove Ave. Call 800-733-2767 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

AMBOY-The Homemak-

more info, call the Extension Office at 815-857-3525.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., Ste. 100, will hold a Glucose & Cholesterol Screening on Thursday, May 24. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment.

AMBOY-Jimmy Wolber w/ Lariat will kick-off the Amboy Summer Concert Series at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 26, at the bandstand in downtown. A Vendor Fair will be held along side the concert.

AMBOY-The Lee County 4-H Federation will join the Illinois 4-H Feeding & Growing Our Communities effort by packing meal boxes at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29, at the Lee County 4-H Center, 1196 Franklin Rd. Volunteers can contact Kathy at 815-857-3525 or RSVP online at: go.illinois. edu/FeedingandGrowing.

AMBOY-A Novel Idea Book Club will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 31, at Pankhurst Memorial Library, 3 S. Jefferson Ave. Call the Library at 815-857-3925 for more information.

ROCK FALLS-The American Red Cross, in coordination with Mayor William B. Wescott of Rock Falls and Bethany Bland, President/CEO of Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, will hold two monthly Blood Drives on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Rock Falls Community Building, 601 W. 10th St. The first Wednesday of the month drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m., June 6. The third Wednesday of the month drive, June 20, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

Amboy ACO to cruise on boat

AMBOY — Members of the ACO, and their guests, will be going on the Maxson Manor boat cruise and having lunch on the two hour trip on the Rock River Tuesday June 5. Please make your reservation with Darlene by calling 815-857-3864 on or before June 1.

They will be gathering at the Depot Museum

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary are having lunch at Somkit Restaurant in Dixon on Wednesday June 6.

Please mark your calendar.

Congratulations to the top students of the Amboy and LaMoille Classes of 2018!



2018 AHS Top Students are, front row left to right, William Morrison, Cassidy Corcoran, Kaitlin Tarr, Kallie Appleman, Kaitlyn Wilhite and Mason Costner; back row, Justin Barton, Molly Ackert, Logan Winters, Reece Vaessen, Justin Hart and Kenneth



2018 LaMoille High School Valedictorian Clay Sundberg, left, and Salutatorian Will



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

On Wednesday, May 23rd The Amboy News will publish a special Memorial Day page devoted to those who are gone but not forgotten.

The memorials will be similar to the sample below:



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

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

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

(actual size)

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

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

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

Deadline is Friday, May 18th at 12 Noon

Fill out the form below and drop off or mail to: The Amboy News (With Fondest Memories)

245 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 162 **Amboy, IL 61310**

Please publish	my tribute in the special Memo	orial Day Page on May 23rd.	1	
Name of deceased			:	
Relationship to me	Number of selected verse			
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Additional information			I	
Print your name here			I	
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City	State	Zip	:	
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like Adult Vaccines. AMBOY-The third, and

ers Education Association Monthly Lesson for Living will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 23, at the Lee County Extension Office, 280 W. Wasson Rd. The lesson, Modern Food Trends, is free and open to the public. For

OBITUARIES

William Dayton Lewis Oct. 9, 1953 - May 8, 2018

AMBOY — Mr. William 'Willy" Dayton Lewis, 64, of Amboy died on Tuesday, May

He was born in Amboy on Oct. 9, 1953, the son of Dayton and Arlene (Koehler) Lewis.

Willy spent nearly 40 years operating his third generation farm. He was united in marriage to Marcia Hall in 1982.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia; son, Nathan Lewis, of Rochelle; two daughters, Marissa (Trent) Luxton, of Rochelle and Tasha Lewis, of Arlington, Va.; three grandchildren, Lilah,

Rhett William, and Hunter; two brothers, John Lewis, of Amboy and James Lewis, of Amboy; two sisters, Carolyn (Roger) Sargent, of Rockford and Marilyn (Richard) Sturgess, of Camp Verde, Ariz.; and close nieces and nephews, Nellie (Mike) Zimmerman, Johnny (Britnae) Lewis, Jacob (Courtney) Lewis, and Ilka Lewis

A private ceremony will take place at a later date.

Memorials can be sent to UW Carbone Cancer Center, 600 Highland Ave K4-658, Madison, Wis., 53792, or Rock River Hospice and Home, 2706 Avenue E., Sterling IL, 61081.

People of the Prairie event planned

prairie smoke.

and be inspired.



Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com.

Tapas & Tinis fundraiser planned

DIXON — "Tapas & Tinis," a fundraiser for Rock River Hospice & Home is a casual social evening featuring a variety of tapas (appetizers) created by local "Celebrity Chefs."

Each chef will host their own tapas station with plenty of samples. Guests are encouraged to vote with cash for their "Top Tapas Celebrity Chef," with all the proceeds benefiting hospice services in our communities

The event will be held on June 30 at The Brandywine Banquet Center in Dixon, beginning at 6 p.m., and will also feature a cash bar, including specialty martinis.

Cost is \$30 per ticket and are available at Rock River Hospice & Home or any RRHH Board Member. The event is sponsored by CGH Medical Center. For more information, call Rock River Hospice & Home at 815-625-3858.

Tri-County Gun Club of Polo to host open house on May 19, 20 There will be manufacturer's representatives

POLO — The Tri-County Gun Club of Polo will be having an open house May 19 and 20 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day. This is open to the public at no charge.

All of the ranges will be open with a range officer or instructor in charge. There will be ten different shooting sports in session with an

in attendance both days. There will be raffles and door prizes. There will also be a food stand from 11 a.m. -2 p.m.

Tri County Gun Club is located between Polo and Milledgeville on Milledgeville Road just north of Hazelhurst. Watch for the gun club's sign.

LCCOA to host golf outing

DIXON — Lee County Council on Aging (LCCOA) and Goodfellows of Lee County have arranged a Golf Outing at the Lost Nation Golf Course on Saturday, June 30. This outing will be a four-person scramble, giving everyone, from the near zero handicap to the ultimate duffer, a chance to go out and enjoy a beautiful day of golf while supporting two great agencies. 50/50 drawing and games on the course will make this a fun filled day

The cost is \$60 per person includes 18 holes with cart, door prize and food. Awards and prizes will follow the round of golf.

If interested in sponsoring a hole at the outing for \$150 please contact Jennifer Lang at 815-288-9236 lccoalang@gmail.com or Clara Harris 815-973-5135 cccalg@gmail.com. This is a great way to advertise your company while helping LCCOA and Goodfellows of Lee County defray the cost of the golf outing.

Also, if you wish to donate any door prizes or promotional items, those donations would be appreciated too.

Reservation forms and sponsorship forms may be picked up at Lee County Council on Aging or call us and they can be emailed.

Spring events planned at Franklin Creek State Natural Area

FRANKLIN GROVE Franklin Creek Conservation Association is celebrating spring with a great lineup of events. From special evenings like the May Open House and

house providing fellowship, music, prayer &

Friday, June 8 Ammunition Band Worship/ Contemporary Christian New CD "10 Year Search"

beverages in a safe relaxing environment

Located at The Mendota Civic Center 1901 Tom Merwin Drive (North Rt. 251 by Lake Mendota) www.crossroadsHOP.com Coffee@crossroadsHOP.com. A 501c3 Charity

June trivia-night dinner to weekly hikes and stewardship days, there's something for everyone at Franklin Grove's beautiful state park and historic gristmill this season.

On May 17, from 5-7 p.m., they are hosting an Open House at the Gristmill featuring food, beer, and wine as well as some new hands on exhibits for public viewing. This event is free and open to all ages. In honor of the current tree-themed exhibit on the second floor of the mill, they will be serving unusual treats like acorn-flour cookies and pine needle tea, along with plenty of more standard appetizers and drinks, of course.

Come early to take a walk in the park – the wildflowers are

On June 9, from 6-9 p.m., they will be hosting "Treevia Night," an Evening at the Mill event with six rounds of treerelated trivia questions, a fourcourse meal featuring some delicious forest-themed foods, and great prizes at the end of each round. If you don't have a team, don't worry - they will be mixing people up before the first round. All are welcome. The cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for students.

On the stewardship days every first and third Saturday of the month, visitors have a chance to help care for the land. Starting time is 9 a.m. and they will meet in the mill parking lot. Every second and fourth Saturday there is a free guided hike in the park. Meeting times vary and they meet in the mill parking lot. Attached is a copy

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @franklincreekconservation for event updates, or give us a call for more infor-

LCCOA to host annual community picnic on June 13

DIXON — Lee County Council on Aging's Annual Community Picnic sponsored by Com-

OREGON — What was life like for early

settlers in Illinois? Attend the "People of the

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learn about it from the people who lived it as

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815-973-4624 or 815-677-1955.

Enjoy shooting star, thrill to the sight of rare

The program will begin at 10 a.m., at Sand

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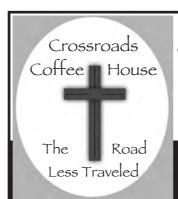
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Come, spend a morning on the prairies, enjoy

Hear spring birds, see early butterflies.

They will end the day playing Bingo. Join the Lee County Council on Aging, at 100 W. Second





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If someone has done something kind for you, let them know by nominating them for the "Thank You Neighbor" Rose. Send a brief description of their act of kindness to: The Amboy News, P.O. Box 162, Amboy, IL 61310

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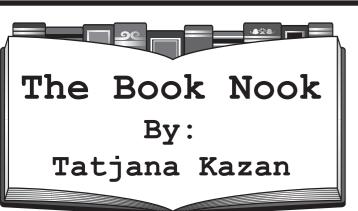
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Out of sorts

ge did not turn Ferdinand Brun into a crotchety old man, he's always been that way. Ferdinand is the hero of Aurelie Valognes' comic novel, "Out of Sorts." At 82, his only happiness is Daisy, his Great Dane. Ferdinand moved into his apartment two years ago when his wife served him with divorce papers and ran off to the south of France with the mailman. The apartment house is chockful of widows and is lorded over by Mrs. Suarez, the concierge, an overlord comparable to our super, but more fearsome. Mrs. Suarez, the enforcer of absolute adherence to her rules and whims, is Ferdinand's nemesis. She hates Daisy and calls him "Ferdinand, the Disruptor."

Ferdinand, under threat of being shunted into a retirement home by his estranged daughter Marion, a diplomat in faraway Singapore, has to submit to Mrs. Suarez's inspections to remain viable in his apartment. The widows relish Mrs. Suarez's gossip about Ferdinand, including the rumor that he murdered his wife. Ferdinand doesn't mind, he is content to take long walks with his Daisy. Until the day Daisy disappears. She has apparently been killed in a bus accident. Ferdinand takes to his bed. Days later, he rises, takes a rare bath, and, dressed in his best clothes, walks in front of a bus. He's only nicked and so must go on.

Two saviors appear in Ferdinand's miserable life. Juliette, a precocious school girl, has moved into the apartment above Ferdinand with her father and baby sister, who cries night and day. Ferdinand despises babies: to him, a human that drools is not gifted. Juliette knocks on his door with a gift of licorice because she wants to meet the serial killer. In no time at all, the girl and the old man become compadres.

Bernice Claudel is Ferdinand's neighbor, who at 92, is everything Ferdinand has never been. She saves him from the retirement home when she loans him her maid for Mrs. Suarez's inspection. And when Ferdinand is accused of murder, Beatrice, a crack attorney, rescues him from the clutches of the police. A demon driver, Beatrice rushes the terrified Ferdinand to the hospital after his ordeal in lock-up.

The novel reflects one of the great virtues of the French: it is not sentimental, even though all sorts of complications in Ferdinand's life, along with old grievances, dissolve into the inevitable happy ending, at Christmas, no less. The grumpy old man becomes

Hospice to host memorial service

STERLING-Rock River Hospice & Home Memorial Service, honoring loved ones who died during the past year. The service will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, June 3 at Wesley United Methodist Church, 2200 16th Avenue in Sterling.

The service is open to anyone who has lost a loved one. If you did not use hospice services and would like your loved one's name included in the presentation, call 815-625-3858.

Email calendar items to mmays@ amboynews.com



Give thanks to the Holy Spirit

BY REV. TIMOTHY DRAPER

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Pentecost. The Greek word Pentecost means 50th. Originally a Jewish feast, Pentecost refers to the 50th day after the feast of Passover. On that day, after having celebrated the Passover and the Israelites' liberation from slavery in Egypt, Moses received the Law from God on Mt. Sinai where he had remained for 40 days and 40 nights. This reception of the Law (the Ten Commandments) completed the birth of the People of Israel which had begun with the Passover.

In Hebrew, this feast of Pentecost is called Shavuot which means weeks, referring to the seven weeks which separate the Passover and Moses' reception of the Law on Mt. Sinai. God commanded the Israelites to celebrate each year this feast of Pentecost or Weeks for two reasons: (1) to commemorate and give thanks to God for his gift of the Law to Moses on Mt. Sinai and (2) to give thanks to God for the grain harvest by offering to him their first fruits. All of this was to foreshadow the great feast which we celebrate today: the Christian feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church.

Jesus Christ is both the true Passover Lamb and the New Moses who gives us the New Law of grace. As the true Lamb of God, his blood takes away the sins of the world. As the New Moses, he liberates us from the slavery of sin and death by his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension. Like Moses who remained forty days on Mt. Sinai, Christ, the New Moses, remained forty days on earth after his resurrection. And as Moses ascended Mt. Sinai to deliver the Law fifty days after the Passover, Christ, the New Moses, ascended into Heaven itself to deliver the New Law of grace by sending down the Holy Spirit.

Seven weeks after Christ's Resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles in the form of tongues of fire, filling them with his seven gifts. This outpouring of the Holy Spirit's grace and gifts allowed them to fulfill the Law with divine love and gave them an active power to proclaim and defend the faith fearlessly. So full of divine power were the Apostles, that on the day of Pentecost, the Apostle Peter converted 3,000 people through his preaching of the Gospel and through Baptism.

The offering of the first fruits of the grain harvest was only a shadow of the offering to God of these first fruits of the Apostles' preaching. This Pentecost, let us give thanks to the Holy Spirit for his grace and his gifts received at Baptism and increased at

Remember When



This blast from the past is from Central School in 1979-80. Pictured is the third grade class of Clare Albiero. Front row, left to right, Richie Patterson, Serena Morgan, Misty Smith, Josie Full, Lane Eisenberg, Marie McLaughlin, Cyd Berogan, Jenny Brady and Joey Mulryan. Second row, Todd Appleman, Chris Barnhart, Scott Ferguson, Julie Leffelman, Anne Feltes, Lisa Edwards, Tim Ikens, Jenny Jones and Tracy Dees. Back row, Debbie Litts, Kevin Wittenauer, Eric Grasser, Scott Cassidy, Chris Grossman, Helen Heckman, Cindy Eisenberg, Josie Hardy and Diane Eisenberg. This old time photo is courtesy of former Central School principal George Mason. More old time photos can be viewed at the Amboy Depot Museum which is now open for the season.

The City Of Amboy Water Dept.

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The City of Amboy will be flushing hydrants during the week of May 21st. Residents may experience their water being rusty during this flushing. This will clear up a few minutes after flushing. If you have questions, call the Amboy Water Dept. 815-857-3811





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DEADLINES

for our issue on May 30 due to Memorial Day.

The advertising deadline will be Thursday, May 24 at 5 p.m. The editorial deadline will be

Friday, May 25 at 10 a.m. The office will be closed on Monday, May 28 to celebrate Memorial Day. Open again on

Wednesday, May 30 at 8 a.m.

Thurs., May 17 AHS Honors Night – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

Sun., May 20 AHS Graduation – Gym – 2:00 p.m.

EARLY DISMISSAL Wed., **May 23**

AJHS – 11:20; Central – 11:25; AHS – 11:30

Thurs., May 24 8th Grade Night – AJHS – 3:15-8:00 p.m.

School Board Meeting – AHS – 7:00 p.m.

Fri., May 25 LAST DAY OF STUDENT ATTENDANCE

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Breast pump: Just one of the many reasons to show Mom you care

unday was Mother's Day.

For many of you, it means sending a flowery card that says all the wonderful things you'd say if only you had a thesaurus and someone from Hallmark breathing down your neck. The truth is, the true meaning of Mother's Day has been lost over the years thanks to stupid greeting cards filled with heartfelt phrases like:

If your love was an ocean, you would've drowned me as a child.

When I think of love, I think of you. Because of this, you have no grandchildren.

With every smile, I remember a special moment that will never ever be forgotten.

Happy belated Mother's Day! **Guest Column**

The true meaning of Mother's Day, as any mother will tell you, has absolutely nothing to do with flowery cards or fond memories — and everything to do with sacrifice. That's right. You want to let Mom know you really care? Forget about comparing her to "a beautiful rose laden with thorns of caring," and, instead, remember all the stuff she endured for you even before you HAD a memory. If you're not sure where to begin, I have two words for you:

Breast Pump

True, not every mother utilized this torture device, but the mere thought that she could have is reason enough to be grateful. And remember that breast pumping came after nine months of losing control

over most of her bodily functions, including — but not limited to

 food cravings. These cravings came as a direct result of your needs inside the womb, even though, in many cases, those needs could gag Bizarre Foods host Andrew Zimmern.

But she did it anyway, in spite of the fact that, as you were developing and shaping, so was she: Developing swollen feet the size of couch cushions, and taking the shape of a giant Weeble capable of destroying Tokyo. Keep in mind that during this process, she was still merrily preparing for your arrival by hanging borders, assembling mobiles, making trips to the doctor, all while visiting the bathroom once every three minutes.

Then finally, to show your appreciation upon arriving into the world, you treat her to an episiotomy.

Chances are, you won't find any of this in a greeting card. Mainly because there are very few phrases that rhyme with "episiotomy. Although "The things you taught-a me since your episiotomy"

That's why I'm mentioning it here, so that hopefully, someone

at Hallmark will read this and offer me a job.

Okay, that's only part of the reason.

The main reason is to say "Thank You!" to all you wonderful mothers out there, especially those who are celebrating their very first Mother's Day this year.

You know who you are.

And if you don't, try turning down that breast pump a notch

You can write to Ned Hickson at nedhickson@icloud.com or c/o the Siuslaw News, 148 Maple St., Florence, Ore., 97439.

On This Day in History

Two teams, Amboy Café and Carr's

Recreation, bowled in the 46th annual state

championship tournament in Chicago Sun-

day afternoon. Lineups of the two teams

are Ad. Hlubek, Charles Elliott, Clarence

Michel, Charles McFadden and Marvin

Moseley for Amboy Café and George Carr, Harold Carroll, Milo Blue George Missman

and Joseph Sweeny for Carr's Recreation.

50 Years Ago

May 16, 1968

By Ned Hickson

100 Years Ago May 17, 1918

The 1918 Amboyan will be off the press in a few days. The annual is being published by the senior class and has been prepared

Mrs. Mary Tait received word a few days ago that her son Richard was about to sail for England with a Canadian railway regiment.

Miss Mildred Leake entertained 14 of her little friends in honor of her ninth birthday.

75 Years Ago May 13, 1943

Crombie Land School, district 67, closed the school years Friday with a picnic dinner at the school. Mrs. Lulu Walker has been retained as teacher for next year. This will be her third year as teachers at Crombie Lane. Oliver Dickinson, store keeper first class of the Navy, arrived home Friday for a

seven day leave after returning home from

Amboy High School golfers won and lost in matches played in the past 10 days. At Polo May 6 the Amboy varsity lost 10-2 and the Amboy junior varsity lost $14 \frac{1}{2}$ to $1 \frac{1}{2}$.

Wartburg College Touring Theatre of Waverly, Iowa, will present to religious plays: "Cain," by Howard Nemerov and "The Sheepherder," by Roger Artmayer from, the stage of the Franklin Center High

Free Money Nights, 1968. They'll start

this Friday night, May 17. Forty dollas in script redeemable at cooperating places of business will be given away each Friday night at 8:30 at the municipal bandstand.

25 Years Ago May 20, 1993

Being the top student in your graduating class is an honor that requires a great deal of dedication and effort on the part of those who capture the honor. This year's valedictorian, Alyssa Knutson and the salutatorian, Matt Full, exemplify qualities of leadership, scholarship, character and honor.

Since the days of Buck Rogers, young men and women have dreamed of space travel. For Jason Bonnell of Amboy and Brandon Schlesinger of Sublette, its more than a dream; it's a goal which both young men have already begun pursuing.

Amboy Board of Education hired Kevin Holland as the new principal at Amboy High School effective July 1. He succeeds Jim Braida who is retiring.

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Why Huck Finn could stop smart consolidation effort

- Marengo Com-

munity High

School District

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mentary School

District 165

(three schools);

and Riley School

mid all of the slimy backroom deals that are struck and all the regressive, overly burdensome policies that continue to be debated under the dome in Springfield, there actually are some good pieces of legislation that get filed.

Take Senate Bill 3418, which is intended to allow neighboring school districts to reduce costs by sharing superintendents if they choose to do so. I realize reducing costs is

a novel concept for many of Illinois' more than 850 school districts, not to mention a state government that has never seen a taxpayer dollar it didn't want to spend.

But figuring out how to smartly shrink government is a must in a state that taxes its citizenry more than any other in the country.

The legislation, filed by state Sen. Sue Rezin, R-Morris, would allow two or more local school boards to agree to share the costs of a single superintendent, or allow voters in multiple school districts to force superintendent consolidation, according to a recent story from Illinois News Network's Benjamin Yount.

To force a shared superintendent, 51 percent of voters in each school district would have to agree to do so at the ballot box.

"As we are trying to find extra, additional dollars to get into the classroom, this could be one way to free up dollars, even with no new money from the state," Rezin said during committee debate. "And allow those dollars to get to the classroom."

I've written before about how Illinois has way too many school districts to begin with and the districts themselves need to consolidate.

Of the state's more than 850 local school districts, one in four supports only a single school and more than 40 percent serve

just one or two schools. A perfect example of the need for consolidation can be found in the city of Marengo in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. With a population of fewer than 7,500 residents, Marengo is served by three separate Guest Column school districts



District 18 (one school). Each has its own superintendent and administrative staff. The combined compensation of the superintendents of Districts 154 and 165 was \$331,648 in 2017, according to OpenTheBooks.com, a government watchdog site. The Riley District 18 superintendent position has been in transition in recent years, with an interim superintendent filling the spot. But the district's school board recently hired its lone school's principal to become superin-

taxpayers must support. The average superintendent salary across Illinois is \$106,273, according to the state's School Report Card. Statewide, that's a lot of high-cost administrators.

tendent, which will add to the

cost of high-priced school ad-

ministrators that Marengo-area

Given that, Rezin's legislation seems like one small but

sensible step in helping to reduce the tax burden. It would not be another unfunded mandate being handed down from the state capitol. Local school boards and voters could decide.

Unfortunately, Springfield has a way of chewing up sensible solutions and spitting

Rezin's measure does have its share of supporters, but it also has opponents. State Sen. Dan Biss, D-Evanston, is one

"Now imagine the English teacher who assigns a book that is controversial. There is an outcry and there is a big fight in front of the school board, as happens from time to time," Biss said in voicing his opposition during committee debate. "Do you come back here and pass a bill that allows the public, by petition, to fire an English

Yes, he actually said that. Biss, you might recall, was among several candidates who sought the Democratic nomination for Illinois governor. He lost to billionaire J.B. Pritzker

Both Biss and Pritzker support amending the state constitution to allow for a progressive income tax so they can take more of Illinoisans' hard-earned wages. This support comes less than a year after the General Assembly passed the largest permanent income tax hike in the state's history.

But a common-sense idea to reduce bureaucracy in a state with more local units of government than any other in the country? That could lead to mass firings of teachers who have the gall to assign "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" or "The Catcher in the Rye" to their students?'

And that's the excuse not to support Senate Bill 3418?

I'd say I've now heard it all. But this is Illinois state government. And it's only the beginning of May.

Expect plenty more nonsense from the capital in the weeks ahead.

Dan McCaleb is news director of Illinois News Network and the digital hub ILNews.org. He welcomes your comments. Contact Dan at dmccaleb@ ilnews.org.

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BY EMILY GOFF

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LCCOA to host trip to see Bee Gees tribute band June 15

DIXON — The Post House Community Center / Lee County Council on Aging has secured tickets to see a Bee Gees tribute band at the Paramount Theatre in Aurora on Friday,

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Talkin" as well as "I started a Joke" and "To Love Somebody," this is going to be one night of classic 70s rock that will capture all the excitement, power and disco fever of the Bee Gees.

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Jangles is a handsome short-haired gray and white neutered male. He is 2 1/2 years old and could stand to lose a pound or two. Jangles was rescued, but he is very submissive, and the other cats there picked-on him. He wasn't very happy. Jangles is happiest when people are around. He loves lots of attention. This quieter boy just wants a place where he can relax, play a little and feel loved. We do not know if he has been around dogs or toddlers/ children. Jangles is healthy, vaccinated and ready to move into a new home. To see Jangles, visit Granny Rose Animal Shelter, 613 River Lane, Dixon. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, and closed on Sunday. Call 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit www.grannyrose.org.

2018 Winifred Knox Memorial Library Art Show set for Aug. 3 and 4 **FRANKLIN GROVE** — Calling artists 16 not submitted in previous Harvest Fest Winifred

years of age or older who live within a 30 miles radius of Franklin Grove, the Winifred Knox Memorial Library Art Show will be held Aug. 3 and 4. All 2 dimensional work (acrylics, paintings,

pastels, oil paintings, pencil/charcoal drawings) must be original, done within last three years, and not previously shown at the Franklin Grove Harvest Fest/WKM Library Art Show. Artwork must be properly framed and wired for hanging, and suitable for family viewing, no nudes please. The show will not accept crafts or sculptures.

Photographs will be accepted into the art show, same rules apply, done within three years and Knox Memorial Library art show. Artists may enter no more than two pieces.

There is a \$10 per piece entry fee. Artwork will be displayed at the library. Cash

prizes totaling over \$700 will be awarded to the winning pieces. Our judge this year is Ellen Allen from Dixon. Registration forms will be on the library's website, as well as times and dates that artwork

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PLACING AT STATE

Amboy Junior High track team members who participated at the IESA State meet this past weekend. Elly Jones placed fifth overall in Hurdles and Lauren Althaus placed fifth overall in

Photo submitted

Clippers to compete at Erie Sectional meet

ERIE – The Amboy-LaMoille boys' track team will compete in the Erie Class 1A Sectional on Friday, May 18. Field events start at 4 p.m. and running events will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Other schools in the sectional include Earlville [Coop], Erie [Coop], Fulton (H.S.) [Coop], Granville (Putnam County), Henry (H.-Senachwine) [Coop], Hinckley (H.-Big Rock), Manlius (Bureau Valley), Morrison, Ottawa (Marquette), Port Byron (Riverdale), Serena, Shabbona (Indian Creek), Somonauk, Spring Valley (Hall) and Sterling (Newman Central Catholic)

First- and second-place winners in each event, including relay teams, from the sectional will advance to the State Final Meet. In addition, any individual or relay team who equals or surpasses the qualifying standard in the finals for the class they represent in the sectional meet will advance to the State Final Meet in their class.

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COMPETING AT STATE

Amboy Junior High track team members who participated at the IESA State meet this past weekend. Pictured are front row, left to right, Zoey Bulfer, Tyrah Vaessen, Elly Jones, and Lauren Althaus. Back row, left to right, Jordan Gulley, Chanlor Pohl, Charlie Dickinson, Kelton Schwamberger, Quinton Leffelman, and Ryan Dickinson

Clippers end regular season with win, two losses

AMBOY — The Amboy Clipper varsity baseball team concluded the regular season with a nonconference win and two losses to highly-rated Freeport Aquin.

The Clippers had an easy time in disposing of Oregon, 13-1, in a nonconference contest on May 7 at Oregon.

Clayton Kemp collected four hits in as many at-bats for Amboy, while Mitchell McLaughlin and Justin Hart had two hits apiece. Lane Boehle added a double and an RBI.

Logan Whelchel pitched a complete game to earn the victory for the Clippers.

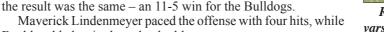
Amboy hosted Freeport Aquin for its final home game on May 8. Aguin, which is ranked in the top 10 of Class 1A teams in the state, picked up a 7-0 victory over the Clippers.

Hart picked up two hits for Amboy, while McLaughlin and Ethan Latta both singled

Hunter Zimmerly pitched 6 1/3 innings and took the loss. Hart, Latta and Reece Vaessen were honored on Senior Night.

Aquin and Amboy hooked up again on May 10 in Freeport and

Maverick Lindenmeyer paced the offense with four hits, while Boehle added a single and a double.





Reece Vaessen #6, a senior at Amboy High School, plays for varsity as outfield, third base, and pitcher.

Lady Clippers to compete at state meet in three events

Amboy-LaMoille girls' track team will compete in three events at the state track meet after participating in the Rock Island Alleman Class 1A Sectional on May 10 at Augustana is the 4x400-meter relay team, which outperformed the rest of the field in racing to a first-place finish. The group of Ashley Althaus, Cassidy Corcoran, Sidney Corcoran and Brooklyn

team is seeded fifth in the state heading into this weekend's

state meet. Althaus will be heading to state in an individual event as well after she ran qualifying time in the 400-meter dash.

Althaus was clocked in 1:01.3, which put her in fourth place, but she finished under the state

qualifying standard of 1:02.19. The Lady Clippers will also be sending their 4x200-meter relay team to state. Despite finishing in fifth place, the squad of Althaus, Cassidy Corcoran, Sidney Corcoran and Whelchel was clocked in 1:49.35, which was more than two seconds faster than the state qualifying time of 1:51.42.

Amboy-LaMoille earned team points in three other events. Margaret Vaessen just missed landing a trip to state after placing third in the 800-meter run. Her time of 2:28.31 came up just short of the second-place time of 2:28.06.

Kelynn Boyle took fifth place in the 3200-meter run with a time of 13:52.51, while Emma Lundquist was sixth in the 300-meter hurdles at 52.03.

The state qualifying events and the other three events that earned points for the Lady Clip-

pers were season best times. Amboy-LaMoille finished 10th in the team standings with 25 points. Rock Island Alleman took the sectional title with 87 points, followed by Bureau Valley (78.5), Milledgeville (72), Orion (61) and Fulton (44). Rounding out the top 10 teams were Rockridge (40), Riverdale (38.5), Newman (38) and Mercer County (32). Finishing behind the Lady Clippers were Erie (20), Cambridge (13), West Carroll (5) and Morrison (4).

The IHSA Class 1A Girls' State Track Meet will be held May 17-19 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

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Lady Clippers end season with win

AMBOY - The bats were booming and the pitching was perfect for the Amboy Lady Clippers as they romped to a 20-0 win over Freeport Aquin in varsity softball action on May 8 at the AHS field. The game was stopped in the fifth inning because

Amboy jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first inning. The Lady Clippers added another run in the second and then exploded for 13 tallies in the third frame to put the game away early.

Dani Hochstatter picked up three singles, a double and four runs batted in to pace the offense, while Alison O'Rourke collected a single, a double and drove in four. Kaitlin Tarr delivered a single and had two RBI.

Bailee Highbarger was in the circle and fired a no-hitter for the Lady Clippers. She struck out seven and did not issue a free pass.



Trevor Vaessen #3, freshman at Amboy High School, plays for freshman/sophomore team as pitcher, outfielder and second base. Photo by Jordan Tidmore

Amboy Junior Varsity Baseball

May 3 at AFC AFC 26, Amboy 7

Hitting: Trevor Vaessen 2 singles, 1 RBI; Nick Tan 2 single; Calvin Seier 2 singles; Joe Ackert double; Tanner Schrock double, RBI; Andrew Thier single, 1 RBI Pitching: Ackert (LP)

May 8 at Freeport Aquin

Freeport Aquin 15, Amboy 1

Hitting: Ackert single, triple; Thier double, 1 RBI

Pitching: Vaessen (LP)

May 10 vs. Freeport Aquin

Freeport Aquin 23, Amboy 5 Hitting: Thier 2 singles; Brady Jones double, 2 RBI

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REGIONAL ACTION

CLIPPERS BASEBALL

ASHTON - The Amboy Clippers will participate in the Ashton-Franklin Center Class 1A Regional Baseball Tournament.

LaMoille and AFC will met in an opening-round game on Tuesday, May 15, after the Monday match was rescheduled due to rain, with that winner taking on Forreston at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 16. Amboy will battle Earlville at 6:30 p.m. May 16, with the two Wednesday winners playing for the regional title at 2 p.m.

The AFC regional champion will advance to the Hanover (River Ridge) Sectional to face the winner of the East Dubuque Regional on Wednesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. The other sectional participants will come from the Lena-Winslow and Morrison regionals. Ashton (A.-Franklin Center)

Class 1A Baseball Regional

Tuesday, May 15 (rescheduled)

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

Wednesday, May 16

2-(1) Forreston vs. Winner Game 1-4 p.m.

3 – (4) Earlville [Coop] vs. (6) Amboy – 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19

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

CLIPPERS SOFTBALL

SOMONAUK - The Amboy Lady Clippers will participate in the Somonauk Class 1A Regional Softball Tournament.

Paw Paw began to play at Indian Creek to begin the action on Monday, May 14. Game was suspended in the bottom of the second with Indian Creek leading Paw Paw 2-1. The game will resume at Indian Creek on Tuesday, May 15, starting at 4:30 p.m.

The Lady Clippers and Earlville will battle in the other semifinal game on Wednesday, May 16 at 4:30 p.m. The winner of the Somonauk Regional will move on to the

Serena Sectional to hook up with the Chicago (Hope Academy) Regional champ on Wednesday, May 23 at 4:30 p.m. The other sectional participants will come from the Melrose Park (Walther Lutheran) and Newark regionals. Somonauk Class 1A

Softball Regional

Tuesday, May 15

1-(9) Paw Paw at (7) Shabbona (Indian Creek) -4:30 p.m.

2-(1) Somonauk vs. Winner Game 1-TBAWednesday, May 16

3 - (3) Earlyille [Coop] vs. (5) Amboy - 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19

4 – Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3 – 11 a.m.

Kids free fishing expo planned in Peru

PERU-The 20th annual Kids' Free Fishing Expo will be held on Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Baker Lake in Peru.

Some of the features at the event will be "how-to" clinics for boys and girls ages 6 and up starting every 15 minutes, free

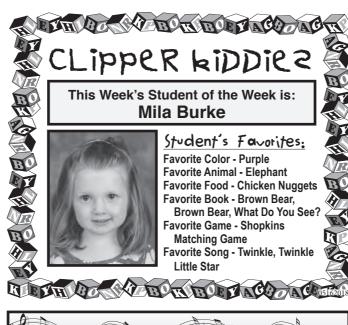
fishing games with prizes, casting games, live fish displays, free literature, door prizes, tips from local fishermen and more.

A limited number of fishing poles will be available for loan and bait will

Free food and drinks will also be available.

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

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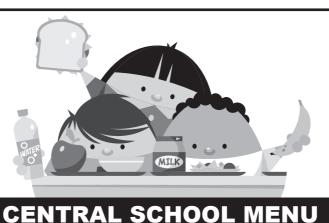
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Cassidy Corcoran, Sidney Corcoran, Ashley Althaus, Brooklyn Welchel







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Monday -Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Bacon chicken flatbread, fresh cut veggies/ranch, sweet p'tator tots, cowboy beans, pineapple

Tuesday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Two cheese stuffed boscos w/dipping sauce, Calif.

veggies & cheese, applesauce cup, cupcake

Wednesday

Friday

- Early Dismissal 11:30 a.m. - No Lunches Served

Thursday

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Pizza, corn, salad, bread/butter, choice of fruit cup, fresh cut veggies, dried fruit mix -- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Grab-n-Go picnic lunch w/choice of sandwich, juice box, chips, fruit slushie



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- Two cheese stuffed breadsticks, dipping sauce, Calif. veggies & cheese, applesauce cup, cupcake

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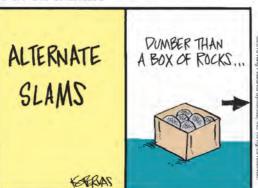








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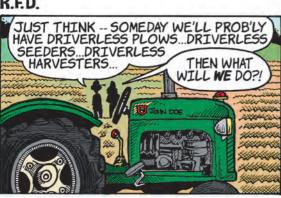






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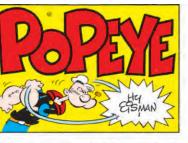


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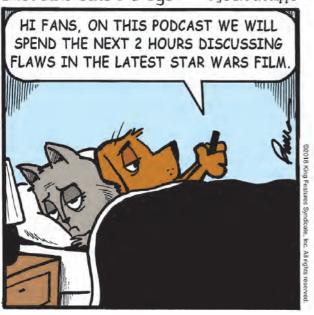






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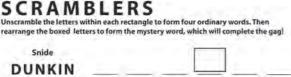




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1. INVENTION: When was the

- nylon-bristle toothbrush invented? 2. HISTORY: By what other name was
- the French military leader Joan of Arc known? 3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What
- color is the famous Hope Diamond? 4. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Kansas? 5. TELEVISION: What was the theme
- song to the 1970s cop show "Baretta"? 6. BIBLE: Who are the only two angels to be directly named in the Bible? 7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the name of
- the main mountain range where Mount Everest is located? 8. MEDICAL: What area of the body is
- affected by bursitis? 9. LANGUAGE: What is an elision? 10. ENTERTAINERS: For what crime

10. Tax evasion 9. Omission of a sound or syllable 8. The joints 7. The Himalayas 6. Michael and Gabriel

5. "Keep Your Eye on the Sparrow"

4. Торека 2. The Maid of Orleans 1. 1938, by Dupont

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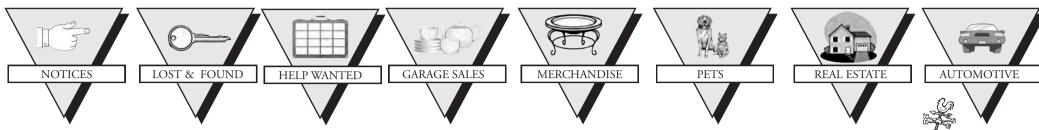
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Antiques, Wash Tubs,

Size 4-6, Adult Clothes

Items. (05-17-18)

Swing, Baby

Girl's Clothes

Miscellaneous

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Amboy Fire Protection District Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Board of **Trustees Meeting**

May 7, 2018 June 4, 2018 July 2, 2018 August 6, 2018 September 10, 2018 * October 1, 2018 November 12, 2018 December 3, 2018 January 7, 2019 February 4, 2019 March 4, 2019 April 1, 2019 May 6, 2019 All meetings at 8 a.m. at Fire Station, 25 N East Ave. No. 0507

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

May 16, 2018

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 14 A.D. 2018 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Lee County, Illinois, setting forth, the names and post-office addresses of all the persons owning, conducting and transacting the known as MDS Buildings & Renovations located at 709 W. Gardner Street, Sublette, IL

Dated this 14th day of May A.D. 2018. Cathy Myers, County

Clerk by Lori Miller, Deputy No. 0508 May 16, 23, 30, 2018

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AREA GARAGE SALES

ESTATE SALE

107 E. Cherokee, Shabbona

May 18 & 19, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Numbers at 9:15 a.m.

Cash only.

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GARAGE/

ard Street. Friday May 18th, 9am-6pm & Saturday May 19th, 8am-3pm. Craft Sale. Handmade Items by Local Crafters. A Variety of Your Home, Self, and Crochet and Knit Fab-

May 18th, 8am-4pm. ric Crafts. (05-17-18)

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ROCHELLE: 930 N

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17th & Friday

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Items.

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Linder Lane. Thursday

May 17th, Friday May

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ROCHELLE:

on US 52 for approx 3 miles to Eldena Road, then South to sale sight. See advance salebills on our website at topauctions24-7.com/paspolo & Auction Zip Watch for Auction Signs.

Saturday, May 26, 2018

9:30 am **Lunch by Poorboys Catering**

Tractor - Gas Engines

JD B unstyled (#34799), 4sp, new tires, flat spoke rear, rd spoke front; GAS ENGINES Associated Mfg Co, Waterloo, IA 1hp (#401725) on trucks; Stover Jr 21/2hp (#W87135) on trucks; JD on trucks; Fairbanks Morse 6hp 400 RP (#357516) on skid; IH LA 1½ to 2½hp; Economy 1 to 1.2hp (#39782) on skid; Associated 1920 4hp; Power plant, gas fired generator; various steam eng books.

Collectibles

Walnut bed & dresser w/inlaid marble; iron bed; ice box; Mission oak library table; walnut parlor table; hutch; ladder back chair; pie cabinet; cast iron 1 hole corn sheller BH1903; Puritan kerosene heater; Pepsi Cola tray; Spirit of '76 glasses (12); hand quilt & more; quilters books; chamber pot; mantle clock; 3 sec mirror; gree Aladdin lamp; iron/trivet; sm trunk; model Cessna plane & others; various tins; wood bowl; Wagner cast iron pan; several hand made ships; scale; kerosene can; kids chairs & rocker; wicker doll buggy; mini JD tractors/truck; ¼ scale model gazebo; model triple box w/2 horse team; 3 gal Red Wing crock; 5 gal Monmouth crock; 10 gal Blue Ribbon crock; Hoosier S&P; cruet sets; cup & saucer sets; misc jars; mustache cup; Fostoria glasses (2 sizes); lots of stemware; pink & green depression; 8 amber depression plates; 12 plates Mayflower California Pottery; Fire King gold trim china: Enesco china; vases; First Presbyterian plate; various of figurines - 4 Jean Dolls by Mel Odem; 5 of The Carolers; Shirley Temple; Disney Mickey & Minnie Mouse; Ethnic dolls; 11 Florence ceramics from Pasadena: Andria by Sadek Birds: Timeless Coca Cola Thomas Kincade; Gorham Lennox figurines; ADM Madam GIEL 390m doll; large US stamp collection catalogued by number, 1932 to present; unusual single stamps; 1st

day covers; plus much more Household

Chest type freezer; microwave; usual kitchenware; CorningWare & Pyrex; fruit jars; sm appliances; dining table & 6 chairs; buffet; sm drop leaf table; Ethan Allen hutch; 2 tall display cabinets: coffee & end tables: sofa: chair/rocker: lamps: Grandmother clock Anniversary clock; Sharp flat screen TV; wood desk; 3 piece living room tables; nigh stand; bed, dresser, 5 drawer chest; gentleman's clothes rack; hats; cedar chest; quilt rack; linens; redwood furniture; Western pictures; lots of hard cover books; plus lots more

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Deadline to place your ad: Monday at 10:00 am

The Amboy News will make a once-weekly Facebook post on Tuesday night of the complete garage sale advertisements from our newspaper. Each listing will be enhanced with a Google map link to the address of the sale-great for smart phone users! Whether you're hosting a sale or hopping from sale to sale, this post is for you.

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*Ad must appear in the Amboy News Garage Sale ads to be included in the Facebook Post.

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ROCHELLE: Hickory Ridge Subdivision Sales. Take Flagg Rd West to Skare Rd. 4-Home Well Worth The Drive! Thursday May 17th, 4pm-7pm, Friday May 8am-4pm & Saturday May 19th, 8am-Noon. 10352 Shagbark -Home Decor & Housewares. Ladies & Teen Girl Clothing, Fishing Gear, Treadmill. Area Rugs, Queen 4 Poster Bed, &

3-Wheel Bike. 10547 Shagbark - Tons of Baby Girl Clothes & Shoes, Baby Gear Furniture, Decor, Boys Clothing Size 10 to 14 Slim, & Adult Clothing. 10576 Shagbark - Moving Sale! Girls ing, Furniture, Toys, Books. & Household Items, 10534 Shagbark - Open Friday 2pm-5pm and Saturday 8am-3pm Only. Children's Clothes 12mo-2T, Chico Stroller, Crib, Changing Table, Car Seats, Baby Gates, Toys, Boots,

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Adult Clothing, Decor,

and Much More! (05-

HOLCOMB: 102 N 2nd St. Thursday May 17th, Friday May 18th, 8an-5pm & Saturday May 19th, 8am-3pm. Rain or Shine. Books, Magazines. Teenage Girl Clothing Size Small. Women's Size 12-14, 1962 Jaguar Mark II Project Car, Vintage Glass, Victorian Fireplace Mantel, Household & Much More. (05-17-

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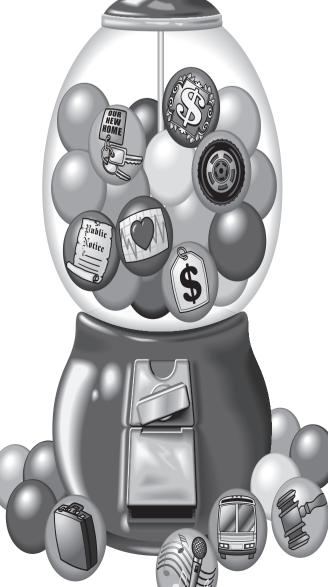
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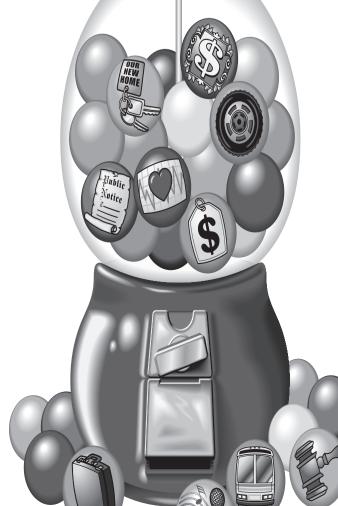
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