

Amboy schools move toward more self-paced classrooms

BY BONNIE MORRIS
Editor

AMBOY – With the expansion of self-paced classrooms moving forward in Amboy schools next year, details regarding which students will be selected for self-paced have been presented.

Reporting at the April 19 board of education meeting, Superintendent Jeff Thake explained that the process started by asking students whether they preferred a traditional or self-paced classroom next year. A list of students who said they preferred self-paced was then given to teachers. “We knew this was going to expand,” Thake told the board. “If a student wants to be in self-

paced we set some criteria. In addition to student choice, we also looked at teacher recommendation.”

Board member Katie Pratt, who attended an informational meeting regarding self-paced, said she learned that teachers had one-on-one conversations with students to help determine who would be placed in self-paced classes next year.

“If a student wanted to do this, it couldn’t just be a ‘just because’ answer,” Pratt noted.

Students were also asked to explain why. “The teachers said students were very well thought out in their responses,” Pratt noted. “It wasn’t just because their friend was there, they had a reason

why they wanted to try self-paced.”

Pratt said it is important that all parents understand the concept of self-paced and how it is actually used in the classroom. She also noted that one type of classroom is not “better” than the other, since students have different learning styles.

Pratt also suggested holding an informational presentation that is open to all parents in the district.

“It doesn’t just have to be about personalized learning, it could be a recap of everything we’re doing,” she said. “I left [the meeting] feeling really good about what we’ve been doing.”

Thake said he is excited about the progress of

self-paced in Amboy.

“The kids are thinking about their own learning, what’s best for them,” he commented. “That’s what the power of this is.”

He also agreed about holding an informational meeting and said they would set a date.

The board approved the school calendar for 2018-19 in a split vote. Board members Elsa Payne and Carol Schnaiter repeated their concerns about scheduling early dismissals every other Monday. Both said a district-wide staff survey showed a strong preference against this calendar, and they wanted to take that into consideration.

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Annual Ag Expo shares agriculture with fifth grade students

AMBOY — On Friday, April 27, 385 Lee County fifth grade students converged on the Lee County 4-H Center & Fairgrounds for the 12th Annual Ag Expo, presented by the Lee County Farm Bureau, Lee County Ag in the Classroom, Lee County Soil & Water Conservation District, and University of Illinois Extension-Lee County.

The goal of the event is to make agriculture relevant to today’s youth through discussion of science, technology and careers as it relates to bringing food and fiber into consumers’ homes.

This event began in 2008 and continues to create learning opportunities for students, teachers and parents about agriculture, food and natural resources.

Presenters from local agribusinesses, agencies, farms and schools will be on hand to discuss topics ranging from livestock (horses, beef, dairy,



swine, sheep, poultry and goats) to biofuels and vegetable production. Other presentations focus on soil, gardening, bee-keeping, 4-H, soybeans and aerial application. Presenters come from DelMonte,

Atkinson’s Trucking, CHS, Nutrients for Life Foundation, Monsanto-Ashton and include FFA members from Ashton-Franklin Center FFA Chapter, Lee Co. 4-H members and local farmers.



Amboy Post Office to help Stamp Out Hunger on May 12

AMBOY – The National Association of Letter Carriers, United States Postal Service and other partners are asking the community of Amboy to Stamp Out Hunger on Saturday, May 12. This is the 26th anniversary of the food drive, which has grown into a national effort that provides assistance to the millions of Americans struggling to help put food on the table.

The Stamp Out Hunger food drive, held on the second Saturday in May, has become the nation’s largest single-day food drive. In 2017, generous Americans donated collected 75 million pounds, the third-highest total in the event’s history. Combined with last year’s record of 80.1 million pounds, that makes a two-year total of 155 million pounds—the highest back-to-back total in the drive’s history. In the quarter-century since it began, the annual food drive has collected almost 1.6 billion pounds of food.

“We’re asking residents for their support to help make this another successful year. It’s easy to make a donation: simply leave a bag

of nonperishable food items by the mailbox to help your neighbors in need,” said Amboy Postmaster Jeanna Ohda.

The need for food assistance exists in every community in America.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 50 million Americans are food insecure, meaning they live at risk of hunger.

Perhaps most alarming is the fact that nearly 16 million children in America are struggling with hunger.

Additionally, close to 5 million seniors face choices between paying rent, utilities, and having nutritious food.

To participate in the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive residents are encouraged to leave a sturdy bag containing nonperishable food items such as canned soup, canned vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, rice or cereal next to their mailbox prior to the time of regular mail delivery on Saturday, May 12.

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Pankhurst Memorial Library awarded grant from the state

AMBOY — Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded FY18 Illinois Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grants totaling \$15.4 million to 630 public libraries serving almost 12 million patrons.

Pankhurst Memorial Library in Amboy was the recipient of \$3,125.

“I am proud of the outstanding service Illinois’ public libraries provide to our communities,” White said. “Our libraries are the best and most reliable information resource available to citizens and I am pleased to be able to provide these grants each year.”

Some of the valuable services public libraries provide include the following:

- Free Internet access
- Books, magazines, newspapers, CDs and DVDs
- Audiobooks and eBooks
- Interlibrary loan service
- Reference services such as homework assistance

• Social media tools such as Facebook and Twitter

• After school and summer programming for children

• Book clubs where patrons read and discuss books

• Multicultural programming and translation services

• Special programs and services for senior citizens such as tax return assistance and how to use computers and email

• Voter registration and organ/tissue donor drives

Per Capita Grant funding is authorized under Illinois library law for public libraries, which allows resources for expenses such as materials, personnel, equipment, electronic access, telecommunications and technology. Equalization Aid Grants help qualifying public libraries with a low library tax base ensure a minimum level of funding for library services.

Amboy 101, Part 2

Editor’s note: This is Part 2 of a story that first appeared in the April 4th edition of the paper on an afternoon spent with a group of long time Amboy residents Shirley Yentzer, Joyce Gibson, Jack Dempsey, Larry Eisenberg and Darlene Hinkle. The group shared memories of days gone by.

BY MONETTA YOUNG
Reporter

AMBOY — As we reminisce and talk about how things used to be, we discover that there are so many things that the future generations will most likely only read about in history books.

One of those things is a full service gas station. Shirley Yentzer’s father, Bob Smith, owned the Mobile Gas Station, the home of the Flying Red Horse, and at that time people would drive in and get a dollars worth of gas and the attendant would not only pump the gas but he would also check the oil and clean the windshield. Shirley and her then husband, Dick Lamb, bought the station from her dad and ran it for many years and she remembers gas was .35 cents a gallon, but

remembers it had soared to nearly \$3 per gallon after they left the business.

There was also the rotary dial phone, party lines and telephone operators. If you weren’t at home, you didn’t get a phone call. And if you were home and got the call, often times one of the other parties on the line would listen in. These days, some folks have to have their grandchildren help them operate a cell phone.

Farming is another area that has seen a lot of changes over the years. In the days of yesterday there was no computer telling the tractor which direction to go. Farmers were skilled at planning their course of action each day. The weather, as usual, remains unpredictable. No one can change that.

There is a section of Amboy commonly referred to as the “patch.” This nickname came about because a majority of the residents in that area were Irish immigrants.

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The Amboy North (Joe Drive) location of The First National Bank in Amboy will be closed on May 10th for new carpet installation

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Law enforcement approach opioid crisis with program

BY JOHN SIMONTON
Lee County Sheriff
Special to the Amboy
News

LEE COUNTY — Dealing more effectively with the opioid crisis was the topic when I recently joined 10 law-enforcement colleagues at our state capitol. As members of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids-Illinois, we gathered to stress the need for greater prevention-minded efforts in general – and early childhood initiatives, in particular.

It's an approach that's largely flown under the radar screen. But a new report from Fight Crime shows why it's important.

Studies demonstrate that birth-to-3 programs that have a focus on "coaching" outreach to at-risk parents are effective



at reducing what researchers call Adverse Childhood Experiences. These so-called "ACEs" include child abuse, neglect, and witnessing parental drug use. And multiple ACEs can greatly increase the likelihood of a youngster growing up to abuse drugs, themselves.

The parental-coaching help offered by these voluntary home-visiting programs has been shown to help curb child abuse and neglect, as well as aid parents in dealing with their own drug-addiction problems and finding sobriety. These are invaluable additions to our fight against the debilitating opioid crisis. Yet these programs are too often overlooked and underappreciated.

The state's recent budget impasse was not kind to home-visiting initiatives such as Healthy Families and Parents Too Soon. But this year, Illinois policymakers stabilized their funding. Now, they face the opportunity to do likewise in the state budget they're building for the next fiscal year – as well as strengthen the funding for a variety of other important, prevention-oriented supports for children and youth, ranging from preschool and child care to after-school programs.

Our local Safe Passage Initiative – reflecting four main goals of prevention, education, enforcement, and treatment—is doing a great job in the fight against this crisis.



SCHOLARSHIP

Pictured above, Lee County Sheriff John Simonton presented Logan Winters, Amboy, with an Illinois Sheriff's Association scholarship. Thanks to a personal donation from Simonton, Lee County was able to award two scholarships this year. There were 16 applications this year. Winners were selected on financial need, attendance and GPA, community and school activities and the answer to the essay question submitted by the Illinois Sheriff's Association.
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The Red Bridge in the "patch" used to be a popular summer escape for area residents. The cost to join was \$1 per family. There were cabanas for dressing, a swimming area and beach.

Do you remember Charles Dickens, the author? Did you know that his brother Augustus Noel Dickens was once the editor of the Amboy Printing Association?

In the village of Amboy the whistle would sound at noon and at 6 p.m.

There was also a rug factory in town. They made braided rugs. They also made carved rugs, custom inlaid carpet and hand carved area rugs. One of their inlaid carpets was used in the redecorating of a room in the home of Attorney General Robert Kennedy in Washington D.C.

Another of the rugs made right here in Amboy, was purchased by Pheasant Run in St. Charles. The rug had a hand carved pheasant in the center of it. Shirley Yantzer worked at the factory until

the rugs got too heavy.

How many of you remember the arch that was once gracing the highway near Main Street? Many people have only seen pictures of this beautiful piece of history. Another nod to an era gone by is the brick streets. Some streets in Amboy still have the brick on them, but most have been converted over the years to asphalt.

As in most small towns, Saturday night was a big shopping day. Folks would come to town just to watch other people, visit and have an ice cream cone at the local shop, when three dips cost just 10 cents.

Again my thanks to Shirley Yentzer, Joyce Gibson, Jack Dempsey, Larry Eisenberg and Darlene Hinkle for taking time to share memories of Amboy with me.

In my next installment of Amboy History 101, I will talk about churches, schools, street names and other points of interest.

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Letter carriers will collect these food donations as they deliver the mail and take them to local food banks.

For more information about

the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive, visit www.feedingamerica.org and www.nalc.org/community-service/food-drive.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

DAR Genealogy workshop

DIXON — Laurie Perry, DAR Volunteer Field Genealogist, will present a program on the DAR and what they are and

what they do, lineage requests and genealogy in general with discussion of research methodologies, popular research

sources, organizations and genealogy roadblocks and brick walls.

The program will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 14, in the second floor conference room at KSB Hospital in Dixon. The public is invited to attend and the program is free. The conference room is handicapped accessible. Please enter the double doors under the canopy on the southeast side of the building.



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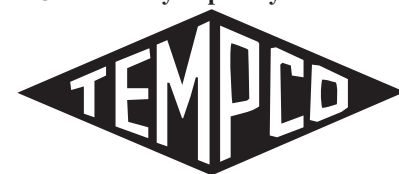
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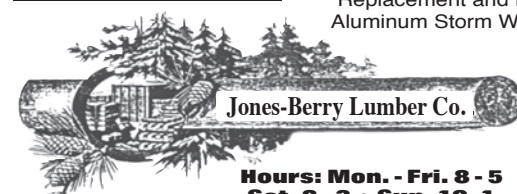
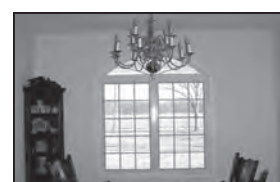
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Amboy Teacher Feature: Kelly Foster

Kelly Foster teaches seventh grade geography and eighth grade U. S. History. She has been teaching for 12 years in the Amboy School District.

She received her Bachelors degree from Towson State University in Towson, Maryland and her Masters degree from Rockford University.

"I have always known I wanted to be a teacher," said Foster. "One of my lifelong friends has said to me "you are the only person that I have ever known that would go to school all day and then play school when we got home." We would play school in our basement and yes, I was usually the teacher, not the student. Makes me chuckle."

When asked what she would include in a book, she said shenanigans (student and teacher) definitely.

She will retire in another 10 years or so. "Teaching is a pretty good gig, but Foster and Co. is already in the works."

Amboy Police

Speeding

On April 21, at 4:33 p.m., Ruban Z. Treyes, 30, of Aurora, was issued a citation for speeding 52 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. He was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

Disorderly conduct

On April 24, at 3:49 p.m., Timothy M. Mayo, Jr., 28, of

Amboy, was issued an ordinance violation for disorderly conduct.

Speeding

On April 20, at 4:30 p.m., Keith J. Green, 59, of Walnut, was issued a traffic citation for speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. He was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

OSF Saint Paul to host blood drive May 11

MENDOTA — OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive from noon to 5 p.m., on Friday, May 11, in Conference Room C at OSF Saint Paul, 1401 E. 12th Street, Mendota.

Donating is easier than ever with the Blood Donor App and Rapid Pass. With the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, donors can conveniently schedule and manage donation appointments, access their donor card, track the impact of their donations and earn rewards. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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Community Calendar

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

AMBOY-University of Illinois Extension Community and Economic Development will provide an at home webinar on the Open Meetings Act at 12 p.m. on Thursday, May 3. Register online at <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/lge/>.

STERLING-The CGH Auxiliary will host the Distinctive Gardens Spring Plant Sale from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday, May 4, at the CGH Ryberg Auditorium, 100 E. LeFevre Rd. Items featured will be hanging baskets, annuals, perennials, container gardens, and more.

MORRISON-The first of three University of Illinois Master Gardener Plant Sales will be held from 8 a.m. until noon (or until plants are gone) on Saturday, May 5, at the Community Room in the Odell Library, 307 S. Madison.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 7, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion Post 453 will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 7, at the Amboy Family Restaurant community room.

AMBOY-The American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 7,

at the Long Branch Saloon, 55 S. East Ave.

DIXON-The Lee County Council on Aging, 100 W. Second St., will host an AARP Driver Safety Class from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, and Wednesday, May 9. Both sessions must be taken in order to receive credit to be eligible for a discount on your auto insurance. Register by calling 815-288-9236.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, at the Sublette Township Building.

EAST GROVE TWP-The East Grove Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8, at the East Grove Township Hall.

AMBOY-The Board of Trustees of Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

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

FULTON-The second University of Illinois Master Gardener Plant Sale will be held from 8 a.m. until noon (or until plants are gone) on Saturday, May 12, at the Fulton Fire Station, 1802 16th Ave.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 12 to 6 p.m. on Monday, May 14, at the Dixon Fire Department, 210 S. Hennepin.

Call 800-733-2767 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 14, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 14, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

AMBOY-The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens from 10 until 11 a.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Road, on Wednesday, May 16. Call Ruth at LCCOA for more information, 815-288-9236.

SUBLETTE-The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with ac-

cessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens from 11:10 a.m. until 12:10 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall on Wednesday, May 16. Call Ruth at LCCOA for more information, 815-288-9236.

ROCK FALLS-The American Red Cross, in coordination with Mayor William B. Wescott of Rock Falls and Bethany Bland, President/CEO of Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, will hold two monthly Blood Drives on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Rock Falls Community Building, 601 W. 10th St. The third Wednesday of the month drive, May 16, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The first Wednesday of the month drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m., June 6. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

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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.

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4. Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you until we meet again.
5. The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God's heavenly glory.
6. Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.
7. Though out of sight, you'll forever be in my heart and mind.
8. The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.
9. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
10. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
11. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
12. May God's graces shine over you for all time.
13. You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.
14. We send this message with a loving kiss for eternal rest and happiness.
15. May the Lord bless you with His graces and warm, loving heart.

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

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Date of birth _____ Date of passing _____

Additional information _____

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Deadline is Friday, May 18th at 12 Noon

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Pratt disagreed saying they should give the current calendar one more year to work out the kinks.

"Change is hard," she said. "I feel we need to suck it up and go one more year."

Nichols pointed out that the high school staff is strongly in favor of the current calendar because they lost a tremendous amount of class time using the previous calendar.

"There is a disconnect between the buildings because we function differently and we have different kids," he noted.

Thake said he appreciated all the parents who voiced their concerns about the issue and again explained the lengthy process it takes to create the calendar each year.

"I agree with Katie, we need to do this [alternating Mondays] one more year," he said. "We need to focus on project based learning, get self paced ready for fall, and other areas of focus. I'm deeply concerned that by reducing time for professional development, we'll be moving backwards. I don't want to see that happen. This is one of the most progressive school districts in the area and I'd like to continue on that track."

Thake emphasized that the calendar committee thoroughly

discusses the calendar.

"We listen to everybody," he said. "There's a huge difference between not listening to someone and not agreeing with someone."

Voting in favor of the calendar were Pratt, Hummel, Leffelman, Johnson and Jones. Voting against were Payne and Schnaiter.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Principal Joshua Nichols, Amboy High School, congratulated the April Student of the Month Logan Winters.

Curriculum and School Improvement

* A School Improvement day was held on April 9. Teachers and paraprofessionals were given the opportunity to work with their personalized learning and department peers as well as work on implementing tech and curriculum in their classrooms.

* Mr. Wissinger administered the SAT to 11th graders on April 10 at the community building.

* Clippers Set, Sail! took 27 freshmen and one parent for a tour of Northern Illinois University on April 11.

* Ms. Rose administered the Illinois Science Assessment on April 16.

School Activities

* Spanish Honor Society and the Leos Club held a successful Trivia Night Saturday, March 24. The had 10 teams participate.

* Mr. Schwamberger and Mr. Nichols attended a NUIC meeting in Lena on Tuesday, April 3.

* The FFA held a blood drive on Friday, April 6.

* National Honor society held its induction ceremony on Sunday, April 8. Bailee Highbarger, Noelle Jones, Rachel Ackert, Ashley Althaus, Mercedes Bell, Sidney Corcoran, Maddison Full, Alison O'Rourke, Tyler Stewart, Margaret Vaessen, Nastasia Vaessen, Joshua Yocum, and Jade Zimmerly were all inducted.

* On Thursday, April 12, Justin Hart received a scholarship and perseverance award.

* On Sunday, April 15, Spanish Honor Society inducted its new members. Sidney Corcoran, Jade Zimmerly, Alison O'Rourke, Ashley Althaus, Mercedes Bell, Natalia Soto, Nastasia Vaessen, Alyssa Gascoigne, Maddison Full, Margaret Vaessen, Rachel Ackert, Joshua Yocum, Avery Shaw and Tyler Stewart.

Upcoming

AHS Baccalaureate: Wednesday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m.

AHS Honors Night: Thursday, May 17 at 7 p.m.

AHS Graduation: Sunday, May 20 at 2 p.m.

Principal Joyce Schamberger, Amboy Junior High and Central Elementary, said

School Improvement

* PARCC testing for grades 3-8 was held the week of April 9.

* Kindergarten screening will be held at Central School on May 2 and May 8 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Schamberger said so far, only 32 kindergarteners are pre-registered and she knows of two more. Last year at this time, there were 41.

PBIS

The Character Trait for April was "Respectful." An all school assembly was held on April 9 at Central and on April 23 at AJHS.

The Fourth Quarter PBIS Incentive for AJHS will be a day at Woodhaven Lakes paid for by the PTC. Seventh and eighth graders will go on May 22 and fifth and sixth graders will go May 24.

Central School will celebrate the end of the school year with a track and field day on Thursday, May 24. The All School Awards assembly for Central will be Wednesday, May 23.

Central will celebrate PBIS with an ice cream party on Friday, May 25, which is the last day of school.

School Activities

* First graders participated in a 911 program on April 9. Students learned when to call 911, what to do when they are on the phone with a dispatcher, and how to use various types of telephones.

* Best Attendance for March was won at AJHS by the eighth grade with 95.3 percent and at Central, second grade won with an attendance rate of 96.24 percent. Both winning grade levels received a treat paid for by each building's PTC group.

Upcoming

May 3 - Seventh grade field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry and Art Institute of Chicago.

May 3 & Fourth-Fifth grade camp out at Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon.

May 4 - Eighth grade students tour the WACC program in Sterling. Central School end of the year Book-It party/movie.

May 9 - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fifth grade orientation from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Amboy Junior High for parents and Fourth grade students who will attend AJHS next year.

May 11 - First grade field trip to Blackberry Farms and Seventh grade will hold annual Iditarod at 2 p.m.

May 21 - Sixth grade field trip to Navy Pier, Chicago.

May 23 - School Improvement Day, dismissal at 11:20 a.m. at the junior high and 11:25 a.m. at Central. Junior high students will return their Chromebooks for the year.

May 24 - Eighth Grade Day 3:30-8 p.m.

May 25 - AJHS All School Awards Assembly 9 a.m. followed by promotion practices (Eighth grade). Eighth Grade Promotion 7 p.m.

The next regular meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 24 at Amboy High School.

Lee County HEA to host annual meeting

AMBOY — The Lee County Homemakers Education Association has scheduled their 89th Annual Meeting from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., on May 17, at the Amboy University of Illinois Extension Office, located at 280 W. Wasson Road, Amboy.

The program at 11 a.m. features Carol Chandler, Lee County Historical Society, presenting "A Historical Review of Women in the Military."

Pre-registration is required accompanied by a \$10 fee and postmarked by May 12, to Ms. Donna Wellman, 322 S. Jefferson Ave., Amboy, IL 61310, phone 815-857-2118.

For questions or further information, please contact Shirley Rees at 815-824-2279.

RECYCLE! RECYCLE!

Junior Gardener SPIN Club

LEE COUNTY — Youth completing third through fifth grade are invited to learn about the wonderful world of gardening through hands-on investigation of growing their own vegetables and flowers and learning to use the harvest.

A portion of the produce grown will be given to food insecure situations.

The Junior Gardener Special Interest Club will meet from 4:30 – 6 p.m., on Tuesdays, May 15-July 31 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1013 Franklin Grove Road, Dixon.

Cost is \$10, an additional \$20 4-H membership fee will apply to youth not registered in 4-H.

Register online at go.illinois.edu/LeeCoJG.

Crossroads Coffee House. A non-denominational Christian coffee house providing fellowship, music, prayer & beverages in a safe relaxing environment. Friday, May 11 Delong Family Band Worship/Contemporary Christian. 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

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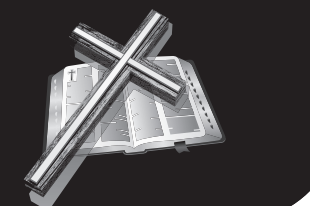
My sincere "THANK YOU" to past and present band, chorus, flag corps, AHS Music Booster Officers, and parents who really surprised me over and over again at the AHS Fine Arts Awards Ceremony and the AHS Spring Concert to celebrate my retirement at the end of the school year! I would also like to thank my family, Alyssa Knutson Schultz's family, Dr. Jeff Thake, and Mr. Josh Nichols for coming to help celebrate! It was a very special night and there are no words to express my gratitude...I feel so honored and humbled by everything that you did for me that very special evening!!! So...in closing, my wish for all my music students is that you always enjoy the music you love to hear and perform...it creates for us so many different emotions and feelings! Perform so your audience hears the music and not just the notes on the page! When performing, always perform...music from your heart, because that is what makes it... "SPARKLE"!! WITH MUCH GRATITUDE, KATHY MEKEEL

The family of Joseph Francis Apple would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone for your messages, calls, texts, and visits. To all the nurses and CNAS that cared for dad during his last 4 years at Maple Crossing. To all who brought food, sent flowers, helped at luncheon, and in any other way we thank you in our time of need. To Serenity Hospice, Jones Funeral, Knights of Columbus, Father Draper, Deacon Kevin Prunty, and Frank Lachat, we thank you for your comforting words at the time of dad's death. To the pallbearers and mass servers and everyone for the masses and who donated money to dad's memorial, we thank you! He was a great man and will be greatly missed. GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU, THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH APPLE

CHURCH DIRECTORY Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

Table listing various churches and their contact information: St. Patrick Parish, St. Mary Church - Walton, First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center, St. Flannen Church - Harmon, United First Church of Amboy, Grace Fellowship Church - Amboy, East Grove Union Church, First Baptist Church, St. James Evangelical Congregational Church, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Refuge Church, Harmon United Methodist Church.

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The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

The stalker

Stalking is fantasy kicked up a notch. In Michael Robotham's thriller, "The Secrets She Keeps," stalking feeds not merely a fantasy, it is stalking with a purpose, it is the long game of high risk and high reward. The story is told in alternating chapters by two women of the same age and condition, they are both pregnant with matching due dates.

Agatha is one of society's unfortunates, a woman in her mid-thirties who stocks shelves in a supermarket. But Agatha is clever and possessed of a lively imagination. During the long hours of drudgework, she waits for the object of her fantasy to appear in the store. Meghan is a walking cliché of the woman who has it all. She is beautiful and happily married to handsome and successful Jack, a television sports personality. They live in an appropriately attractive house with their two lovely children. Meghan has a popular parenting blog called "Mucky Kids," which ranks sixth in popularity among mommy blogs in Britain. Agatha reads the blog religiously.

Naturally, Meghan's life is not nearly as perfect as Agatha fantasizes, and Meghan herself is a bit on the dull side, though she too has a secret. Her life is rather flat, rather uninspired, which makes Agatha's story all the livelier. We get little of Meghan's backstory, other than that she has loving parents and that she went to the best schools. Meghan's emotional range is on full display when she has a major crisis upon discovering her first gray hair.

As Agatha stalks Meghan and eventually befriends her in a yoga class, she becomes increasingly sympathetic as she fills in her life story, which is one of misery, exploitation, and failure. But her revelations also gradually expose her plan regarding Meghan, as well as past horrors she had literally buried. The tension in the second half of the book is relentless, with twists and turns sustained by Agatha's unfolding plot. Stephen King called Michael Robotham "an absolute master" of the psychological thriller. His skills are on full display in "The Secrets She Keeps."

CGH Health Foundation annual silent auction fundraiser May 11

STERLING—A tisket, a tasket, come look at over 160 baskets which will be up for bid Friday, May 11 at CGH Medical Center. The annual Silent Auction extravaganza is a fundraiser for the CGH Health Foundation Annual Appeal and is being sponsored by the CGH Employee Division Committee.

The event is open to the public and features a basket silent auction from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the CGH Ryberg Auditorium, Classroom 1 and Classroom 2. Bidding on the baskets will cease at 4 p.m.

"There's something for everyone, with so many themes represented this year," said Mary Spitzer and Mary Jean Derreberry, CGH Employee Division co-chairs, "whether it's for a baby shower, graduation, Mother's Day or Memorial Day – we've got it."

There will be raffle tickets sold for a 4-pack of tickets to the Chicago Cubs home game against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday, June 20. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$10 each. To purchase tickets, please call the CGH Health Foundation office at 815-625-0400, ext. 5575. The drawing will be held on Friday, June 1.

50/50 raffle tickets will also be available for purchase. The tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. The winner will be drawn at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 11. You need not be present to win.

Co-chairs for the CGH Employee Division Committee include Mary Jean Derreberry and Mary Spitzer. Silent Auction Co-chairs are Mimi Hicks and Rod Miniel.

Proceeds from these events stay local and will help fund these Foundation programs, including comfort care services for cancer patients, mental health services for area children, Love on a Leash, Eyeglasses for Kids/Adults, Prescott Dental Clinic, Scholarships, Medication Assistance Program, Community Health Network, Workplace Wellness, Cardiac Wellness, Nutrition & Fitness, Transportation Assistance, Ways to Wellness, Diabetes Education, Women's Health and Opioid Awareness.



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Is Spring really here?

BY PASTOR RICK WULF
East Grove Union Church of Rural Amboy

It is curious to me how the weather affects us as human beings. It is also funny how people just have to complain about it, even though they have no control over it. The weather is so much like many things in life that we have no control over. We somehow learn to accept that is what we get. I noticed recently listening to a weather report on the mid-section of our country, that as wet and cool as it has been because of how the Jet Stream has been flowing, that the typical turbulent weather for this time of year is much less than normal. So even though we have this unusually cool weather, the mix blessing is that we have been safer as a whole so far this year. Even though the weather may not be all that we wished it would be, we trust that better days are coming.

I can see the parallel in the spiritual realm. Because as the Bible tells us that we are living in a fallen world, mankind isn't experiencing the fullness of God's blessing in this life. God is still giving His blessing on people and blessing the Earth

to produce, but because of the sinful nature of mankind, that blessing is being hindered. God is still in control, but because of His plan in creation of mankind by giving him a freewill, the choices that people make, many times in direct opposition to God's perfect will, do affect us.

In our faith in God we need to just trust Him that He will work all things out just as He promised in Romans 8:22-28, "We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will

of God. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

While as humans we struggle with issues in life with the question, "why do things happen or don't happen they way I expect," we can still trust in God that He is in control and that He is working out everything for His honor and glory and for our good. We just are unable to see and understand things from our human perspective. I recall hearing a rather good illustration of life being like a tapestry.

God is working on us like a tapestry. From His perspective everything is going just the way He has planned. From our perspective on Earth, which is the "backside" everything in life can seem "messed up." It probably won't be until we get to Heaven and finally be able to see life from God's perspective that we will fully understand His ways. This certainly is quite a test of faith for us, but God is faithfully, and He will give us the grace that we need to endure.

May God continue to bless you and help you with all that He has given you to bear in this life.

Remember When



This blast from the past is from Central School in 1979-80. Pictured is the first grade class of Carol Biester. Front row, left to right, Melanie Hubbell, Tracy Foster, Mark Larson, Laura Marsili, Cindy Scarborough, Jeff Gardner, Shawn Loomis, Jerry Drew and Lisa Patteson. Second row, Biester, Tom Boors, Angie Willis, Matt Johnson, Susan Keller, Nick Wittenauer, Gary Ely, Jenny Dively and Howard Smith. Back row, Mandy Johnson, Michelle Dees, Christy Kessel, Marcy Goral, Shauna McCracken, Cory Zimmerly, Billie Stewart, Vernon Albee and Dia Piper. 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.

Photo submitted

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This Week's Star Student of the Week is:

Kaylen Harrison

Student's Favorites:

- Favorite Color - Purple
- Favorite Animal - Elephant
- Favorite Food - Strawberries
- Favorite Book - Trolls
- Favorite Game - Tag
- Favorite Song - Til Tomorrow - Walker McGuire

CLIPPER KIDDIEZ

This Week's Student of the Week is:

Silas Bodmer

Student's Favorites:

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- Favorite Animal - Kitty
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Opinion

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Accepting your dog's snoring problem could save your life

At three o'clock this morning, my wife sat bolt upright, yanked out her ear plugs and delivered the following ultimatum: This has to STOP. After propping myself up on my elbows and removing my ear plugs, I looked directly at her and said, quite frankly, she'd have to speak up if she wanted to be heard over the dog's snoring. Admittedly, it was my bright idea to have Stanley sleep in our room. That's because he's still a puppy, and therefore prone to chew up things we might leave out overnight. Such as the living room or kitchen. However, at three months old, his snoring sounds like a 250-pound man sleeping-off a three-day bender at the foot of our bed. Part of Stanley's problem is genetics. Being

half shar-pei, he has a lot of loose skin and wrinkles. He essentially looks like a chocolate lab in need of ironing. In desperation, we took him to the vet, who told us that the loose skin around his face causes him to snore.

I'm not sure why he told us this, but I think there's a good chance Stanley has the same problem. Therefore, it made sense that some of the same methods used to treat snoring people might also work on dogs.

At least it made sense at 3 a.m., when we started digging through the medicine cabinet in search of Breathe-Right strips.

Guest Column

By Ned Hickson



One thing we discovered right away is that these strips, while strong enough to flare even the largest set of human nasal passages, are no match for the elasticity of your standard pair of dog lips. The result was a series of fixed snarls which, if for his wagging tail, would have been extremely frightening. Next, we tried a throat spray specially formulated to stop snoring. According to the label, Snoreless provides "immediate results" by lubricating the throat and surrounding tissues, which often vibrate together and lead to chronic snoring.

I don't know about all that, but I can tell

you that our dog immediately yakked on the floor at supersonic speed thanks to his freshly lubricated uvula.

While cleaning up dog vomit at 4:30 a.m., we decided to call it quits. This decision came out of concern for Stanley's emotional wellbeing. These are the formative months, I reasoned, and there's a chance that having his lips taped back and being made to vomit in the middle of the night by the ones he loves could spell trouble later on. I know this because, as a pet owner, I have educated myself about my animals.

I am aware of their physical needs.

I am aware of their emotional needs.

I am also aware that in the past 12 months five people have been shot by their own dogs.

This was brought to my attention by Audrey Strausenberg of Grand Rapids, Mich., who sent in several articles detailing this disturbing trend. The most recent incident took place in New Zealand, where hunter Kelly Russell was shot in the foot by his dog "Stinky," who, authorities said, had no apparent motive other than being called "Stinky" for the last six years.

And for those of you who think this only happens with testy little dogs, think again. Last November, Joseph Tiffany of Grant, Neb., was shot in the ankle when his golden retriever (and I swear this is an actual quote), "Accidentally stepped on the shot gun, released the safety, and pressed the trigger."

In light of all this, should I somehow manage to get our dog to stop snoring, I doubt I'll be able to sleep anyway.

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

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago May 3, 1918

Eleven carloads of steel rails were delivered in Amboy this week to be used in enlarging the local railroad yards.

West Brooklyn said good-bye to saloons Tuesday night, the township having voted to do without them, at the last election. The devotees of John Barleycorn, if reports be correct, drowned their sorrows in a final orgy in which they attempted to drink enough to last them through the drought.

Save all your old kid gloves. The Red Cross chapter at Rushville has been using them to interline waist coats for aviators and other chapter are following the example.

75 Years Ago April 29, 1943

Tony Chiemento, who is employed here by the Illinois Central Railroad Company, received his final papers and became a citizen of the United States on April 19.

Mr. Chiemento came to this country from Italy 27 years ago and has spent much of that time in this community.

Miss Rita Eisenrich began work Monday at the First National Bank in Amboy

Lt. Helen Yocum of the Army Nurses' Corps has been transferred from Camp Van Dorn. Miss. to Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Yocum of this city.

50 Years Ago May 2, 1968

Trophies were awarded to three Amboy High School seniors for outstanding athletic achievements at the annual athletic banquet last week on Thursday evening. Ben Jones was named outstanding lineman, Dan Leake had the best free throw percentage and Bill Wolfe was named outstanding back.

Fire of unknown origin did much damage to the frame home on Appleton Ave., occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John Payne Wednesday of last week. The fire discovered by a passerby, had gained much headway before the Amboy volunteer Fire Depart-

ment was summoned.

Miss Luanne Florschuetz of Sublette, a 1967 graduate of Amboy High School is a member of the Luther College Varsity Band of Decorah, Iowa.

25 Years Ago May 6, 1993

Students at Central School are asking everyone to take a no-pressure test drive at Vaessen Brothers Chevrolet in Sublette this week to help Central School acquire Apple computers.

Conservation Director Brent Manning congratulated department staff and volunteers who successfully completed the burning of nearly 900 acres of land at Green River State Wildlife area in Lee County in an effort to restore prairie and improve wildlife habitat at the site.

Beggs' Certi Saver advertises chuck roast for \$1.69 per pound, lean ground chuck for \$1.79 per pound, 2 percent milk, \$1.79 per gallon and Campbell's pork 'n beans, 3 for \$1.

The Republican high-water mark

If Republicans aren't losing their congressional majority this coming fall, they are doing a good job of acting like it.

Dozens of Republicans are leaving the House, and last week Paul Ryan said he is resigning as House speaker at the end of this Congress, and will not even run for his congressional seat again.

If the high-water mark of Republican power came on the day last December that congressional Republicans and President Donald Trump celebrated the passage of the tax bill on the White House lawn, Ryan's announcement is a clear sign that Republican clout is receding.

"We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy" is Ta-Nehisi Coates' lament over what he considers the lost opportunity of the Barack Obama years. The story of unified GOP control of Washington might someday deserve to be written as "We Were Two Years in Power: A Tragicomedy."

In a gift for the ages, Republicans won all elected branches of the federal government in 2016. But the initial ecstasy over Trump "signing their stuff" has given way to the reality that they don't have stuff to send him.

Republicans couldn't roll back Obamacare, in part because the party hadn't thought through what the Republican alternative was.

They passed a tax cut that included important reforms that even the Democratic repeal bills don't want to completely undo and that are boosting the economy.

That's all to the good. But tax cuts aren't a magic political elixir. First, Trump is right, as he said at an event a couple of weeks ago

Guest Column

By Rich Lowry



when he tossed away his script, that they are boring. They don't have the emotive appeal of issues like trade and immigration. Second, there are limits to how effectively you can run on the one thing you accomplished last year.

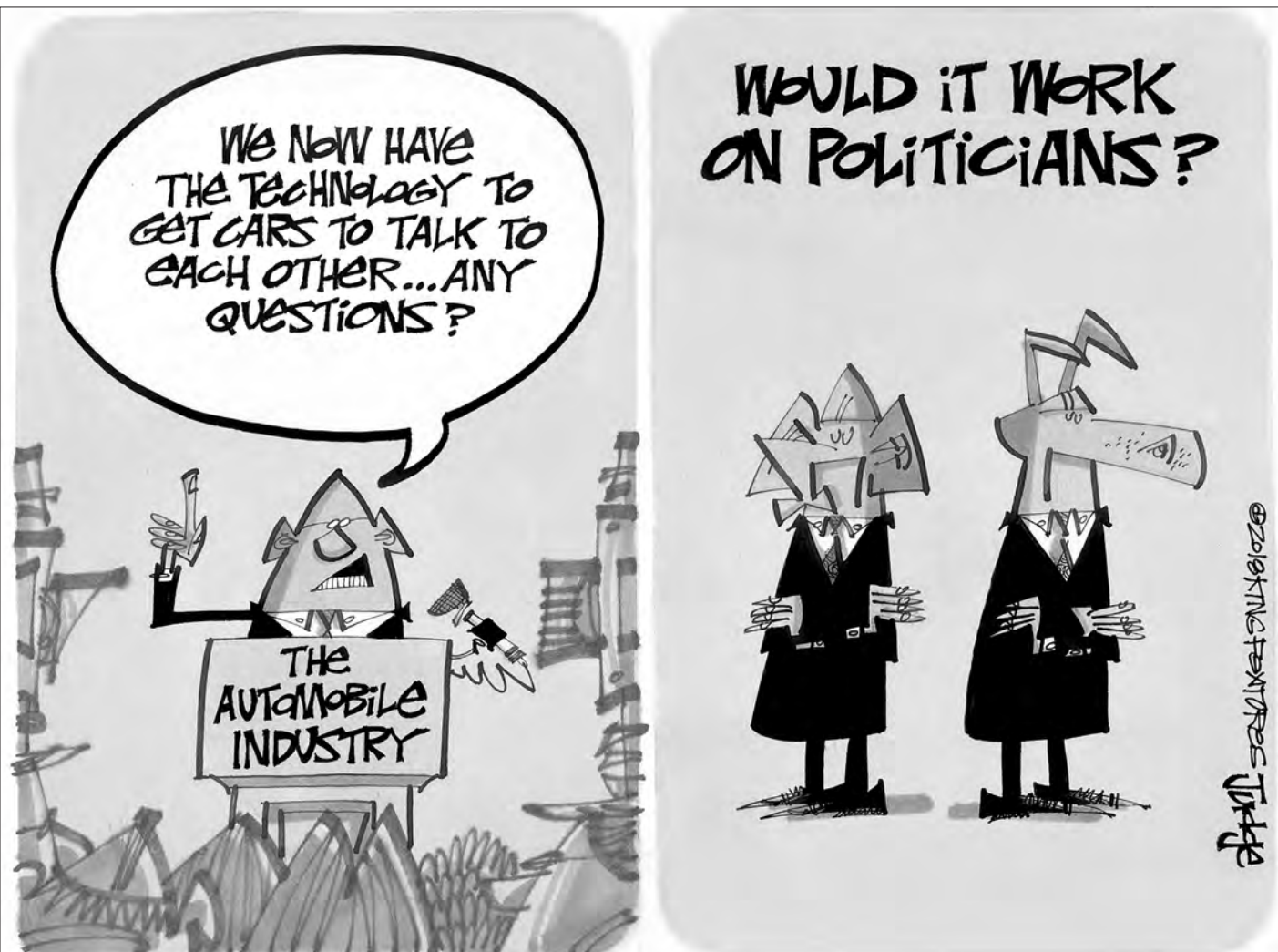
This is the truly extraordinary aspect of the current situation. Republicans are content not to do anything else of significance in Congress this year. They passed an omnibus spending bill that was rightly denounced as a disgrace by Trump even as he signed it, and the Senate is working to confirm Trump nominees. That's pretty much it.

They aren't trying to wring every last ounce of what could be their waning months of unified control of Washington -- for years to come. They aren't determined to give their voters some other reasons to support them in November. They aren't attempting to create action in Washington besides Trump's feuds with James Comey and Stormy Daniels.

Republicans are resting on their laurels, when they don't deserve any laurels. They are suffering from political exhaustion, when they haven't truly exerted themselves. They are acting like they are lost in the wilderness, when they still occupy the commanding heights of American politics.

Maybe Republicans somehow hold on to the House this fall (the generic ballot is encouraging lately, if nothing else is). At the very least, though, Republicans are going to lose their functional majority. The question at this juncture is, How would anyone notice?

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Rod Performs in Wheaton College Symphonic Band Concert

WHEATON — Wheaton College student Audrey Rod of Amboy, performed in the spring 2018 Symphonic Band concert. Rod played flute.

The Wheaton College Symphonic Band performs traditional and contemporary wind band music. The Symphonic Band includes both music majors and liberal arts majors who enjoy a close community and sharing their musical gifts.

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WIU Spring 2018 College, Departmental, Honors Scholars

MACOMB/MOLINE — Six students participating in Western Illinois University's Spring 2018 Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies, May 11-13 in Macomb and in Moline, have received the highest recognition from their colleges for their overall academic excellence by being named a College Scholar.

The 2 p.m. Friday, May 11 Academic Honors Convocation in Western Hall will honor College, Departmental and Honors scholars and students who have earned academic distinction throughout their Western Illinois University careers.

Students will receive a medallion for each honor, which they will wear at Commencement ceremonies. The WIU-QC Academic Honors Convocation is set to start at noon, Sunday, May 13 at the TaxSlayer Center,

Moline. Students graduating as College Scholars have satisfied the criteria of excellence established by their individual academic college's faculty members.

An Honors Scholar is a student in the Centennial Honors College who has completed a set of honors requirements and has achieved a grade point average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.

Approximately 10 percent of graduating seniors achieve academic distinction, which is designated as Summa Cum Laude, highest academic distinction, with a minimum grade point average of 3.90; Magna Cum Laude, high academic distinction, with a GPA of 3.75-3.89; and Cum Laude, academic distinction, with a GPA between 3.60-3.74.

Scholars graduating from Lee County include:

Colby Reuben Kemmerer, of Dixon, biology, will graduate with academic distinction, cum laude

Nathan C. Hilleison, of Lee, agriculture, will graduate with highest academic distinction, summa cum laude



Course on solar energy set for May 5

OREGON — Another interesting, engaging solar course will be offered from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., on Saturday, May 5, at the IREA Headquarters, 1230 E. Honey Creek Road, Oregon.

An experienced PV installer who has completed over 600 systems in this part of Illinois will be the instructor. He will present a clear explanation of what solar electricity is and how it works. After the presentation, he will lead the class in assembling an actual PV system meant for home use, wiring it and watching it work. The group will then disassemble it.

The couple who live with the installation at the center which is their home will share their experiences in living with PV.

All equipment will be provided. The fee is \$20 for IREA members and \$40 for non-members, which includes membership. An optional lunch will be provided for \$6.00. Those who prefer to bring their own lunch may do so.

To enroll or for more information, email sonia.vogl@gmail.com or phone 815-973-4624. Advanced registration is essential. The registration deadline is Wednesday, May 2.

From The Heart Calendar winners

April From The Heart Cash Calendar winners

- April 1 Tiffany O'Brien, of Chana
- April 2 Christene Willis, of Rochelle
- April 3 Matt Hussey, of Rochelle
- April 4 Ethan Thomas, of Chana
- April 5 Sydney Weinstein, of Deerfield
- April 6 Mike Mallon, of Rochelle
- April 7 Deb Simkins, of Mendota
- April 8 Preston King, of Rochelle
- April 9 Samantha Garver, of Rochelle
- April 10 Mic Brooks, of Rochelle
- April 11 Shane Erdman, of Rochelle
- April 12 Loretta Holtman, of Rochelle
- April 13 Mike Davis, of Amboy
- April 14 FTH Auction
- April 15 Mindy Venners, of Rochelle

April 16 Aaron Watkins, of Heber City, Utah

- April 17 Hope Croegart, of Oregon
- April 18 Jeanie Jandak, of Rochelle
- April 19 Adam Hill, of Rochelle
- April 20 Richard Hines, of Marissa
- April 21 Nathan Todd, of Mt. Morris
- April 22 Cindy Halverson, of Rochelle
- April 23 Jeff Noble, of Rochelle
- April 24 Sarah Grimm, of Waunakee, Wis.
- April 25 Jack Donoho, of Creston
- April 26 Karen Hayden, of Rochelle
- April 27 Arnold Boudrpau, of Rochelle
- April 28 Megan O'Rourke, of Steward
- April 29 Julia Faber, of Compton
- April 30 Phil Lawson, of Rochelle



BY EMILY GOFF
Head Librarian

Summer Reading 2018, Reading Can Take You Anywhere!, is planned and ready to go. Summer Reading is a four-week long reading

program at Pankhurst Memorial Library. We will have a different theme each week, craft, stories, and so much more. This year's theme is all about where reading can take you, and how reading can help you anytime, anywhere of your life. Permission slips will be sent home from school within the week. The Summer Reading schedule is as follows:

- Pre-School- Tuesdays June 5, 12, 19, 26 from 10 - 11 a.m.
 - K-First grade- Tuesdays June 5, 12, 19, 26 from 2 - 3 p.m.
 - Second-Fourth grade- Thursdays June 7, 14, 21, 28 from 2 - 3 p.m.
- Please sign your child up

for the program of the grade the just completed. Any questions please call the library at 815-857-3925. We will also gladly take any donations of snacks (no peanut/nut products please) closer to June. Also, a huge thank you to ACO for your generous donation. Without your Summer Reading wouldn't be able to be as awesome it is.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

Panel 1: "DO YOU KNOW YOUR SON JUST TRACKED MUD ALL OVER THE HOUSE!"

Panel 2: "YOUR SON LEFT DIRTY DISHES IN HIS BEDROOM."

Panel 3: "OK, YOUR SON HAS DONE NONE OF HIS HOMEWORK."

Panel 4: "I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW THAT OUR SON GOT AN A ON HIS MATH TEST."

Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas

Forklift: "BEEP, BEEP, BEEP."

Person: "WELL, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S PART OF THIS... JUST NOT WHAT'S ALL OF THIS..."

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

Panel 1: "WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT SPRING, SIM?"

Panel 2: "I DON'T HAVE ONE FAVORITE THING, MAY I HAVE TWO."

Panel 3: "IT AIN'T WINTER AND SUMMER'S NEXT!"

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

Panel 1: "GRANDPA, HAVE YOU EVER IOE FISHED?"

Panel 2: "I WAS A GREAT ICE FISHERMAN"

Panel 3: "...ONCE I CAUGHT A CUBE THIS BIG!!"

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WHERE'D Y' GIT THAT? I FOUND IT ABANDONED!
AT LEAST I THINK IT WAS ABANDONED!

DO Y' THINK Y' KIN HANDLE IT? I'VE BEEN PRACTICING!

IT'S JUST A MATTER OF PROPER BALANCE!
OOPS! I'VE NEVER DONE A HILL!

YIKES!

NICE DIVE, BUDDY... BUT IT'S A LOT EASIER WHEN THERE'S WATER IN IT!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

"YOUR HUSBAND CAN TELL YOU ARE UPSET. HE HAS RETAINED MY SERVICES AS TO NOT INCRIMINATE HIMSELF BY GUESSING WHY."

LAFF-A-DAY

"Poor beast—died a horrible death—he was hiding near our safari and ate some of Jane's cooking."

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Array
DUBLEN [] [] [] []

Appreciation
SCEPTER [] [] [] [] [] []

Stall
YEALD [] [] [] [] []

Scour
REEDO [] [] [] [] []

TODAY'S WORD [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

King Crossword

Posting Date April 30, 2018

ACROSS

- 1 Chances, for short
- 4 TV watchdog org.
- 7 Obliterate
- 12 Shell game need
- 13 Under the weather
- 14 Started eating
- 15 Take a whack at
- 16 Scrabble or Parcheesi
- 18 "Monty Python" opener
- 19 Wander off
- 20 Hack
- 22 Pilgrimage to Mecca
- 23 Prayer ending
- 27 Rhyming tribute
- 29 Burning
- 31 Magician's cry
- 34 Cow catcher
- 35 Triangular home
- 37 Total
- 38 Constellation component
- 39 Eccentric
- 41 Unctuous
- 45 Twine fiber
- 47 Payable
- 48 Indiana university
- 52 Literary collection
- 53 "Drops of

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- Jupiter" band
 - 54 "Golly!"
 - 55 Owens
 - 56 Villain in a Christmas tale
 - 57 Halves of 25-Down
 - 58 Scrap
- ### DOWN
- 1 Vision-related
 - 2 Australian city
 - 3 Permission
 - 4 Wee whoppers
 - 5 Dress
 - 6 Barton or Bow
 - 7 Vortex
 - 8 Carpet
 - 9 Khan title
 - 10 — card (cell-phone chip)
 - 11 Away from WSW
 - 17 Hindu royal
 - 21 On top of the world?
 - 23 Memorable mission
 - 24 More, to Manuel
 - 25 Type squares
 - 26 Ultramodernist
 - 28 Weir
 - 30 Swine or bird
 - 31 Anatomical duct
 - 32 Frequently
 - 33 Glass of NPR
 - 36 Oklahoma city
 - 37 Pistil counterpart
 - 40 Grammarian's concern
 - 42 Coeur d'Alene's home
 - 43 Moon-related
 - 44 You'll get a rise out of it
 - 45 Fax
 - 46 Dregs
 - 48 To the — degree
 - 49 Raw rock
 - 50 Pitch
 - 51 "Flying Down to —"

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

8	4			1		7		
	9			5			2	
		6	9					5
		1			8			9
	2		5				8	
3				4		5		2
	5		8		2		7	
9				5		4		
			3			1		6

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



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Rattling is lower. 2. Sleeve is shorter. 3. Truck is missing. 4. Fence top is different. 5. Cap is missing. 6. Shovel is missing. 7. Frog is missing. 8. Dog's eye is missing. 9. Dog's tail is missing. 10. Dog's ear is missing.

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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.

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- QI R UPPJ DPYMQE K UQDV
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JYSMQEWP, SEP BQKVF UPPB
QF R FOYQE FOYPPE.

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DOUBTS

Today's Word

- 1. Bundle;
- 2. Respect;
- 3. Delay;
- 4. Erode.

SCRAMBLERS

Solution

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. FOOD & DRINK: What is a man-zanilla?
2. SCIENCE: At what temperature are the Celsius and Fahrenheit scales equal?
3. U.S. CURRENCY: Which non-president's image is on the \$100 bill?
4. LANGUAGE: What word represents the letter Q in the international phonetic alphabet?
5. MUSIC: How many strings does a pedal harp have?
6. LITERATURE: In which novel does the character Quasimodo appear?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many points does a snowflake have?
8. HISTORY: Where was Napoleon exiled after his defeat at Waterloo?
9. BIBLE: Where did Moses receive the Ten Commandments?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What city claims to be the most northernmost in Europe?

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Trivia Test Answers

1. A type of sherry
2. 40 degrees
3. Benjamin Franklin
4. Quebec
5. 40-47
6. "The Hunchback of Notre-Dame"
7. Six points
8. Saint Helena, an island off the African coast
9. Mount Sinai
10. Hammeferst, Norway

Solution time: 27 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

6	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46
47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU
If a deep serving dish came from a certain Italian province, one might deem it a Turin tureen.

Cryptoquip

answer

Clippers win two in busy week

AMBOY — The Amboy Clippers' varsity baseball team had a busy week, playing five games. AHS managed to win two of the five.

The squad traveled to Bureau Valley on April 23 and lost, 15-5.

Mitchell McLaughlin paced the offense with a home run and a double.

Amboy got a strong pitching performance from Hunter Zimmerly and defeated Dakota, 6-1, on April 24 in Amboy.

Zimmerly struck out 15 batters and got offensive support from Maverick Lindenmeyer, Clayton Kemp and Justin Hart, who had two hits from the leadoff position.

The Clippers traveled to Dakota on April 26 and dropped a 17-15 decision.

The Indians jumped out to an early 14-3 lead after three innings before Amboy mounted a fierce comeback only to fall two runs short.

Zimmerly, Lindenmeyer and McLaughlin all swatted home runs, while Hart and Kemp added two hits apiece.

Amboy hosted Polo in a doubleheader on April 28.

The Clippers dropped the opener, 10-3, in nine innings. McLaughlin pitched eight of those innings and held the Marcos to three runs, but the bullpen allowed seven runs in the ninth.

Logan Whelchel went the distance on the mound in the second game as the Clippers posted a 9-5 win. Hart, Zimmerly and McLaughlin each had two hits, while Lane Boehle drove in three runs.

Fishing expo

set for May 19

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 be provided. Free food and drinks will also be available.

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



Justin Hart, Amboy High School Senior, #2 plays for varsity as pitcher, catcher, and outfielder.

Photo by Jordan Tidmore



Ethan Larson, Amboy High School freshman, #20 plays for the freshman/sophomores as an outfielder.

Photo by Jordan Tidmore

Clippers F/S Baseball box scores

April 23 at Amboy
Bureau Valley 13, Amboy 0
Hitting: Tanner Schrock 2 singles; Andrew Thier double; Joe Ackert single; Ethan Larson single
Pitching: Schrock (LP)

April 24 at Dakota
Dakota 8, Amboy 3
Hitting: Carter Seier single, 1 RBI; Larson single, 1 RBI; Thier single
Pitching: Brady Jones (LP)

April 26 vs. Dakota
Dakota 20, Amboy 8
Hitting: Carter Seier 3 singles, 2 RBI; Larson 2 singles, 1 RBI; Thier single; Nick Tarr single, 2 RBI; Calvin Seier single, 1 RBI; Schrock 2 singles
Pitching: Schrock (LP)

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Lady Clippers head to Rock Island for sectional meet May 10

ROCK ISLAND – The Amboy-LaMoille girls' track team has been assigned to the Rock Island (Alleman) Class 1A Sectional to take place on Thursday, May 10 at Augustana College's Austin E. Knowlton Outdoor Athletic Complex, 639 38th St., Rock Island. The meet will kick off with field events at 4:30 p.m. followed by running events at 6:30 p.m.

Also assigned to the Alleman Sectional are Aledo (Mercer County), Ashton (A.-Franklin Center), Cambridge [Coop], Earlville [Coop], Erie [Coop], Fulton (H.S.) [Coop], Manlius (Bureau Valley), Milledgeville [Coop], Morrison, Orion, Port Byron (Riverdale), Rock Island (Alleman), Savanna (West Carroll), Shabbona (Indian Creek), Sterling (Newman Central Catholic) and Taylor Ridge (Rockridge).

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.

The State Meet will be May 17-19 in Charleston.

Lady Clippers defeat Forreston after 10-run rule

FORRESTON – The Amboy Lady Clippers scored runs in bunches en route to a 21-8 thrashing of Forreston on April 30 at Forreston. The game was halted early because of the 10-run rule.

After a scoreless first inning, the Lady Clippers went wild at the plate, tallying seven runs in the second inning, four in the third, six in the fourth and four more in the fifth frame.

Bailee Highbarger and Savannah Ikens both had three-hit games for Amboy. They each had a home run and two singles, with Highbarger

driving in three runs and Ikens getting two RBI. Kallie Appleman also slugged a home run and added a single to produce five runs batted in, while Dani Hochstatter clouted a home run and a double. Picking up two hits apiece were Alison O'Rourke (two singles, one RBI) and Kenzie Payne (single, double, two RBI).

Highbarger was in the circle and got the win for the Lady Clippers. She allowed 12 hits and struck out two. She did not issue a walk.

Amboy improved its records to 10-6 overall and 8-5 in the conference.



RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE

Amboy Junior Hunter Zimmerly lets the pitch go. Zimmerly, a pitcher, also covers first base, third base, and short stop for the Amboy Varsity Baseball team.

Photo courtesy of Jordan Tidmore

Teen Turf

UP COMING EVENTS

Draw Down Saturday, May 5, 5:30 to 9 p.m.
Dance Friday, May 11, 6 to 9 p.m.
Summer Splash & Clean & Green, June 4, 2018

DRAW DOWN

Our 19th annual Draw Down will be on Saturday, May 5. The door opens at 5:30 p.m. and the meal will be served until 7 p.m. The meal will be Kevin Malach's delicious chicken, Kim Watley's baked beans, cole slaw, buns, homemade desserts, lemonade, coffee, water, and beer (while supplies last). Your \$50 ticket is an evening for two of the meal and also a chance to win several monetary awards with the grand prize of \$1,500 to finish the evening. There are many 50/50 tickets that are sold throughout the evening. There are \$1 * \$5 * \$10 50/50 tickets to buy for a chance to win and also to help out the Teen Turf kids. There are also many great silent auction items thanks to the Dean and Sue Stephen family. The money from the Draw Down helps to keep Teen Turf going. If you would like to help out the kids please call 815-857-4800 or 815-440-8195 or contact any of the board members listed and we will get you a ticket.

DANCE

Our next dance for anyone fifth grade and older will be on Friday, May 11. All graduates will be admitted free as our gift for a job well done. There will be door prizes for those in attendance. Chaperones are needed and your child will get in free as our thank you for helping out. Please call 815-857-4800 or 815-440-8195 and spend some time getting to know your kids friends. Don't miss out on the Food*Friends*Fun.

The dance on April 13 was fun with a 3 on 3 dodge ball tournament. Our dream for a large gym would make things easier as being careful of the dance lights keeps us at a minimum of what we can do. The kids do still love all the lights that were generously donated and installed by the Marshall Pankhurst family.

HIGH FIVES

Big thanks to everyone that donates: to the people who drop off items and never leave their names. Our community is what makes Teen Turf work. It is the whole community that has made Teen Turf stay alive and able to help so many.

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club is every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from right after school until 5 p.m. On early out days we are there from

after school until 5 p.m. also. We have had several new kids sign up. You can sign your child up at any time. We are in need of helpers. Janet Shaw and Kathy Gardner are back and we are very thankful for their help. Please prayerfully consider giving just one hour of your time.

TAX FREE DONATIONS

There is an account set up at First Federal Savings and Loan, First National Bank of Amboy, and Pioneer State Bank (former Farmers State Bank of Sublette) if you would like to donate to our programs. All donations are tax deductible as we are a 501(c)3. Teen Turf has been in existence for over 20 years. Since we do not receive any state or federal money we survive on the generosity of the community. United Way has been a huge supporter for 15 years. If you are able to help us out please send your donations to Teen Turf P. O. Box 321 Amboy, Illinois 61310.

AEROBICS

Chair aerobics will be held at 10 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Aubrey Burke has high intensity aerobics from 5 – 6 p.m., on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Our philosophy is pay or pray. So, if you cannot afford a donation then say some extra prayers for Teen Turf. The donated money helps with the high utility bills.

RECYCLED CANS

Yes, we are still recycling cans. Just put your bags behind the fence on the red trailer. The white wire rack is for plastic and paper recycle items. Be sure that all the materials are tied and secured in bags or boxes. High Fives to everyone that donates cans and to Pete Rood for elevating them almost daily. It helps our environment and our van upkeep. If you have cans that need to be picked up just call 857-4800.

LOST & FOUND

Please call 815-857-4800 if you are missing anything. Any of the coats, hats, and gloves will be donated next month.

BOARD MEMBERS

Our board members are Deb Albee, Rich Geiger, Kim Watley, Cindy Phillips, Scott and Janine Huffman, Kaylee Jones, and Mark Grossman.

Please do no drop off TV's – we cannot recycle them.

**RECYCLE!
RECYCLE!**



BATTER UP

Brian Murphy, Amboy freshman leftfielder for the Amboy freshman/sophomore team gets ready for the pitch. The Amboy freshman/sophomore team is coached by Christopher Tidmore.

Photo courtesy of Jordan Tidmore

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- Thurs., May 3** AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball (H) AFC – 4:30 p.m.
AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball @ AFC – 4:30 p.m.
- Sat., May 5** AJHS Track Sectionals @ Erie High School – 10:00 a.m.
AHS Prom – Grand March – Gym - 4:30 p.m.
Dinner – Maxson's Restaurant, Oregon – 6:30 p.m.
- Mon., May 7** EARLY DISMISSAL – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY
AJHS – 1:20; Central – 1:25; AHS – 1:30
AHS Varsity Baseball @ Oregon – 4:30 p.m.
AHS Varsity & Fresh/Soph Softball @ Pecatonica – 4:30 p.m.
- Tues., May 8** Kindergarten Screenings (By appointment.)
AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball (H) Freeport Aquin – 4:30p.m.
AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball @ Freeport Aquin – 4:30 p.m.
School Board Finance/Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
AHS Room 105 – 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., May 9** 5th Grade Orientation – AJHS – 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs., May 10** AHS Boys Track @ Galena - TBA
AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball @ Freeport Aquin – 4:00 p.m.
AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball (H) Freeport Aquin – 4:30 p.m.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Girls Track
Macy Mershon

Boys Track
Kyle Hunter

Softball
Kenzie Payne

Baseball
Mitchell McLaughlin

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ON THE MENU

JR HIGH MENU
May 7 - 11

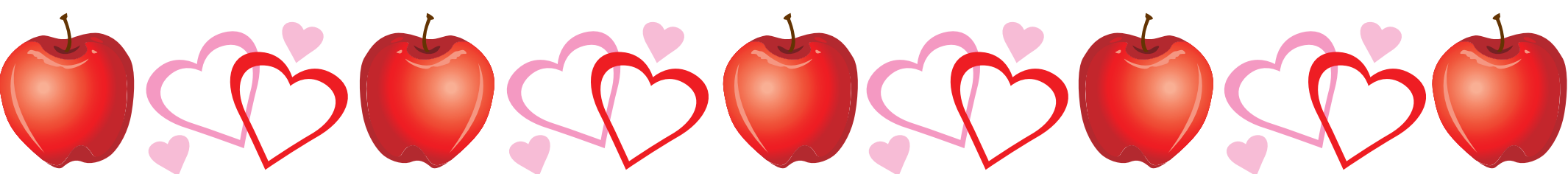
Milk served at each meal
Breakfast option of cold items or the featured item
Lunch option each day of the featured item or salad bar with soup or yogurt with whole grain crackers or peanut butter & jelly or Grab&Go smoothie.

- Monday - Pancake pup
- Chicken taco on hard or soft tortilla, salad, salsa, tomato, onion, beans & rice, pears
- Early Dismissal 1:25 p.m.
- Tuesday - Breakfast pizza
- Ham & cheese stuffed potato, peas, carrots, roll/butter, pineapple, cupcake
- Wednesday - Cheese omelet
- Loaded fries w/cheese & ground beef, carrots, peas, bread/butter, mixed fruit, cake
- Thursday - Breakfast bagel
- Sloppy joe on a bun, herbed rice, pickles, salad, fresh cut veggies/ranch, baked beans, peach cup
- Friday - French toast & syrup
- Hot ham sandwich, cheese slice, goldfish crackers, broccoli & cheese, applesauce

CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU
May 7 - 11

All Breakfast meals will include fruit, juice and a milk
All Lunch meals will include veggies, fruit and a milk

- Monday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Chicken taco on hard or soft tortilla, salad, salsa, tomato, onion, beans & rice, pears
- Early Dismissal – 1:20 p.m.
- Tuesday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Ham & cheese stuffed potato, peas, carrots, roll/butter, pineapple, cupcake
- Wednesday - Breakfast pizza
- Loaded fries w/cheese & ground beef, carrots, peas, bread/butter, mixed fruit, cake
- Thursday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Sloppy joe on a bun, herbed rice, pickles, salad, fresh cut veggies/ranch, baked beans, peach cup
- Friday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Hot ham sandwich, cheese slice, goldfish crackers, broccoli & cheese, applesauce



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

May 7-11, 2018

AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL

Beth Becker
 Danielle Benesh
 James Browne
 Megan Bus
 Cyndi Carlson
 Janet Crownhart
 Deanna Drew
 Amelia Hemmen
 Gary Jones
 Kathy Mekeel
 Melissa Mills
 Joshua Nichols
 Jeannette Rod
 Emily Rose
 George Schwamberger
 Elizabeth Scriven
 Kimberly Sondgeroth
 Christopher Tidmore
 Kelly Whitman
 Amie Wiseman
 Robert Wissinger
 Elizabeth Zinke
 Mary Jo Zinke

AMBOY JUNIOR HIGH

Kalene Bantz
 Katherine Bulfer
 Deb Cleary
 Christofer Delimata
 Andrew Dieterle
 Shauna Dinges
 Stacey Dinges
 Allen Duerksen
 Aaron Fassler
 Kelly Foster
 Andrew Full
 Robert Halberg, Jr.
 Katie Henkel
 Jon James
 Elizabeth Jones
 Christina Lindenmeyer
 Robin Lovgren
 Jacqueline Owensby
 Joyce Schamberger
 Scott Spangler
 Jessica Vallette
 Yvonne Vicks

AMBOY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Aubrey Burke
 Laura Dickinson
 Linda Grady
 Amanda Henkel
 Emily Kastner
 Linda Klein
 Mary Knowles
 Valerie Manning
 Lisa Moore
 James Murphy
 Chris Payne
 Kimberley Payne
 Jamie Rodriguez
 Kathleen Russell
 Amy Schwamberger
 Jennifer Shafer
 Wendy Shiaras
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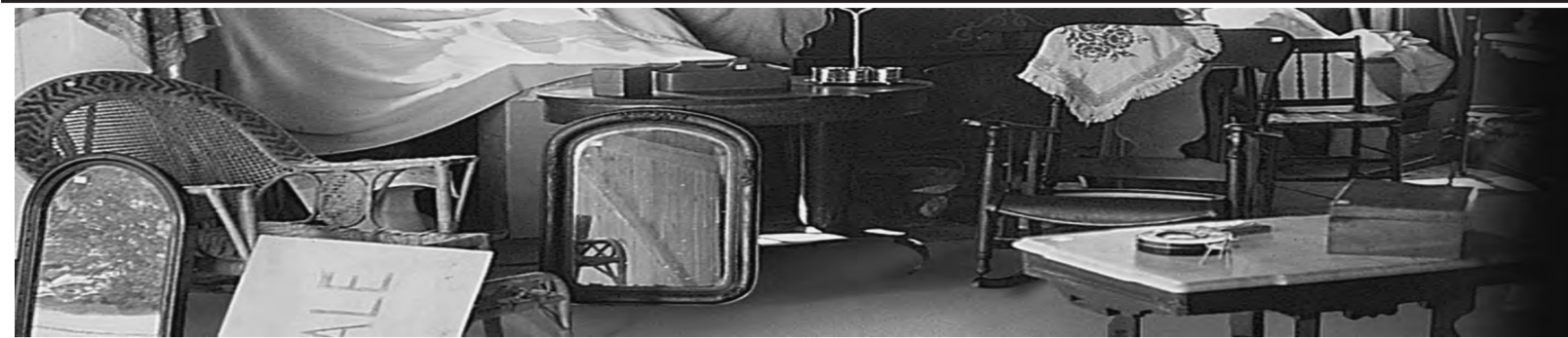
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MAY-SUBLETTE MULTI-TOWNSHIP
ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2018**

GENERAL FUND – REVENUE SUMMARY:
Property tax - \$21,852.32; Interest - \$39.54
TOTAL REVENUES: \$21,891.86

GENERAL FUND – EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:
Robert Lauer, Home Office - \$6,200; All other disbursements less than (\$2,500.) - \$2,923.72
TOTAL VENDORS: \$9,123.72

GENERAL FUND – COMPENSATION SUMMARY
Range: Under \$5,000.00: Lisa Bickett, Leesa Burke, Robert Lauer, Deborah Schultz, Daniel Stephenitch
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$6,325.00

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION
GENERAL FUND:
BEGINNING BALANCE \$23,972.19
REVENUES: \$21,891.86
EXPENDITURES: \$15,448.72
ENDING BALANCE: \$30,415.33

Subscribed and sworn to this 30th day of April, 2018
Leesa K Burke – Treasurer
No. 0503
May 2, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE

LEE CENTER TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES/TIMES

Meetings will be held at the Township building located at: 2202 Shaw Road, Amboy Illinois, 61310.

May 10, 2018, 08:00 p.m.	2018, 08:00 p.m.
June 14, 2018, 08:00 p.m.	2018, 07:00 p.m.
July 12, 2018, 08:00 p.m.	2019,07:00 p.m.
August 9, 2018, 08:00 p.m.	February 14, 2019,07:00 p.m.
September 13, 2018, 08:00 p.m.	March 14, 2019,07:00 p.m.
October 11, 2018, 08:00 p.m.	Budget Hearings/Annual Audit - March 28, 2019, 07:00 p.m.
	Annual Town Meeting - April 9, 2019, 07:00 p.m.
	No. 0504
	May 2, 2019

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**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
MAY TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2018**

TOWNSHIP – REVENUE SUMMARY:
Property Taxes - \$57,131.93; Replacement Tax - \$493.03; Dividends - \$448.50; Interest - \$363.33;
Election Set Up - \$35.00
TOTAL REVENUES: \$58,471.79

TOWNSHIP – EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:
WIPFLI LLP - \$4,750.00; TOIRMA - \$2,803; All other disbursements less than (\$2,500) - \$5,086.47
TOTAL VENDORS: \$12,639.47

TOWNSHIP – COMPENSATION SUMMARY:
Range under \$21,000: Lisa Bickett, Leesa Burke, Jason Leffelman, Edward McLaughlin, Marty Montavon, Brian Russell, Jason Streit
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$31,284.12

GENERAL ASSISTANCE – REVENUE SUMMARY:
Interest - \$116.93

GENERAL ASSISTANCE – EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:
Allied Benefit Systems, Inc - \$375.00

ROAD DISTRICT – REVENUE SUMMARY:
Property Taxes - \$95,760.97; Replacement Tax - \$1,636.61; Dividends - \$448.50; Interest - \$165.13;
Other Income - \$6,876.46
TOTAL REVENUES: \$104,887.67

ROAD DISTRICT – EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
Advanced Asphalt \$8,979; Bonnell Industries \$10,480.56; Northern Partners - \$4,252.58; Quality Spot Repair - \$7,000.00; Renner Quarries - \$9,467.13; TOIRMA - \$3,290.00; All other disbursements less than (\$2,500) - \$17,809.39
TOTAL VENDORS: \$61,278.66

ROAD DISTRICT – COMPENSATION SUMMARY:
Range under \$1,000: John Deery; Shawn Herkert; Stan Whelchel
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$1,087.50

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION

	BEGINNING BALANCE	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES	ENDING BALANCE
Town Fund	\$144,039.42	\$58,471.79	\$43,923.59	\$158,587.62
General Assistance	\$38,598.61	\$116.93	\$375.00	\$38,340.54
Road & Bridge	\$68,806.10	\$104,887.67	\$62,366.16	\$111,327.61

Subscribed and sworn to this 30th day of April, 2018
Leesa K Burke, Supervisor
No. 0502
May 2, 2018

**Annual Treasurer's Report for Viola Township
4/1/17 - 3/31/18**

	Town Fund	General Assistance	Road & Bridge	Permanent Road	Equip & Bldg	Special Bridge	Total all Funds
Beginning Balance	61,282	33,769	56,401	17,156	7,259	36,704	212,572
Revenues	47,158	100	50,499	23,688	5,908	7,941	135,294
Total Expenditures	-43927	-1150	-12912	-998	-2756	0	-61743
Ending Balance	64,513	32,718	93,988	39,846	10,411	44,645	286,122

Revenue Summary

Property Tax	110,885
Personal Property Replacement tax	7,681
Interest Income	623
Misc. Income	15,000
TOIRMA Dividend	1,105
Total Revenues	135,294

Bills in Excess \$2,500

Bernardin, Michael	21,597
Bonnell Inc	2,730
Schmidt, Joan	4,645
TOIRMA	7,559
United States Treasury	7,684
Winebaugh & Assoc PC	3,575

I, Joan Schmidt, Viola Township Supervisor, certify this to be a true statement. April 10, 2018
No. 0501
May 2, 2018

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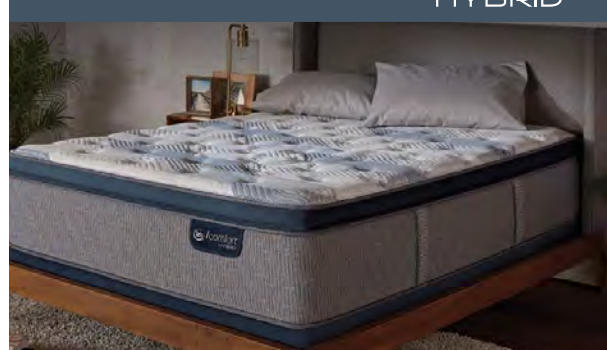
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