

New Amboy Junior High project on standby as school board awaits final vote count

BY BONNIE MORRIS
Editor

AMBOY—Disappointment was evident at the March 22 Amboy Board of Education meeting. With the apparent defeat of a referendum that would have allowed for construction of a new Amboy Junior High addition at Amboy High School, that disappointment was somewhat tempered by a willingness to press forward.

The proposal to issue a \$15,800,000 School Building Bond was defeated by just 53 votes, 769-No to 716-Yes. Mindful that this is the unofficial count, board president Nicole Jones said the board can discuss future possibilities for the school, but they cannot take any action until the official results are announced in approximately 30 days.

Board member Katie Pratt said she felt it was important to at least talk about the referendum in the meantime and thanked members of 272

KIDS, a committee comprised of parents and community members who worked for several months to inform the public about the building project. “The issue would not have gone as far as it did without your work,” Pratt emphasized. “We made our case and I think we have to continue to make the case because it makes me nauseous to think of putting any money into a building that will keep being old.”

Pratt said she plans to continue discussing the new junior high addition with anyone who will listen. “That’s part of the issue, who wants to listen to what,” she commented. “Everybody just wants to hear what they want to hear.”

Members of 272 KIDS said they were “obviously disappointed” with the result but wanted to continue being involved in discussions when they are held again. They emphasized that if the referendum does not pass once the vote is of-

ficial, they would support the board choosing to continue the fight.

In response, Pratt said one thing is certain, “We can’t stop talking about it. This is an issue that’s not going away. We can’t kick the can - that’s not going to solve it.”

Superintendent Jeff Thake said once they receive the official results, the board can begin making decisions and they will have until late July, early August to decide whether or not to put it on the November 2018 ballot. The district will also have to decide whether to keep the same plans or make changes. “We can tweak the design, whatever, but for now all we can do is discuss it,” he said.

Thake also praised the members of 272 KIDS. “I can’t speak highly enough of this group,” he said. “You were absolutely amazing, everything you did. As I said Tuesday night, the end result

is an absolute disservice to all the time you spent and put yourselves out there. I can’t tell you how much we all appreciate it.”

Additionally, Thake responded to an article from 2016, which surfaced recently concerning the one percent sales tax and the ways in which that money was going to be used. “It sounded like we didn’t use the money the way I said we were going to and I want to clarify,” he said.

Thake said among the reasons for supporting the sales tax was for facility improvement for all three buildings including Amboy Junior High. At the same time, there was also discussion of the future of the junior high. In January 2017, the district sent a survey to the entire community asking if they would support a new building addition and 53 percent of respondents were in favor.

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Amboy Food and Liquor hosts Grand Re-Opening

Amboy Food and Liquor hosted its Grand Re-Opening on Sunday, March 25. The day marked the year anniversary of when the store had it's first grand opening and ribbon cutting with the City of Amboy. And what a year it's been. Sanjay Desai, the owner of Amboy Food and Liquor, and pictured third from left in the left hand side picture, purchased the building next door and expanded the store. The expansion now houses the liquor department of the store. The store also expanded it's selection of every day household items. On Sunday, a ribbon cutting was held for

the new expansion of the store. Pictured left is the ribbon cutting ceremony, from left to right, Amboy Alderman Dave Shaw and Brett Dewey, Desai, Manager Tommy Patel, Amboy Mayor John Schamberger and Shirish Patel. Pictured right are Hemant Patel, Anish Patel and Mitul Patel, relatives of Desai and Patel, who helped serve traditional Indian dishes to those attending the grand re-opening.

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County Board gets update on new county jail

BY MONETTA YOUNG
Reporter

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Board met on Wednesday, March 21 at the Old County Courthouse in Dixon.

Lee County Sheriff John Simonton gave an overview of the progress on the new county jail, slated to begin construction later this summer. The slide show he presented outlined the various sections of the new floor plans. There will be areas for a kitchen, a Sally port for transporting prisoners into the building, a booking area, media-video conference area, administration offices, holding cell, and 90 cells for inmates. There will also be

an area for storing evidence such as vehicles. The building will be 39,000 square feet.

Janice McCoy of the University of Illinois Extension addressed the board and presented each of them with the 2017 impact report, pointing out that Nicholas Hembrough and Addison Wetzel each were honored for their lifetime 4-H achievements.

John Nicholson reported that the board is looking into the placement of evacuation chairs in the old courthouse, which would be needed in the event of an elevator failure as was experienced a month of so ago.

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Sublette Farm Toy and Antique Tractor Show to award scholarships

SUBLETTE—The profits generated from the Sublette Farm Toy and Antique Tractor Show are all invested back into the area. Three scholarships are awarded to FFA members from the Amboy and Mendota FFA chapters, as well as to the 4-H members from the Sublette and Maytown 4-H clubs.

Winners of this year’s scholarships are Zach Becker, Amboy FFA Scholarship; Marie Barnickel, Mendota FFA Scholarship; Grace Klein, Maytown Comets 4-H Scholarship. Also, Owen

Wixom of Mendota won the Max Armstrong Scholarship.

Funds are also donated to local schools, churches, the fire department and other worthy charities around the community. Youth activities around Sublette are also funded by the proceeds.

The pancake breakfast sponsored by the Sublette Volunteer Fire Department also generates funds for purchasing equipment for the local fire and ambulance service. This is a major fundraiser for the department each year.



NEW DROP BOX

The Amboy Lions, with the help of the City of Amboy, installed a new collection box outside of Amboy Food and Liquor. The Lions Club is collecting eye glasses, non-functioning Christmas lights and used ink cartridges. Pictured above are Don Phelps, Tommy Patel and Jim Travi.

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“We decided to pursue general obligation bonds while making all necessary repairs in keeping with life safety at all buildings and in August 2017, we began taking the steps needed to get on the ballot in March,” Thake explained. “We have been receiving the sales tax since Nov. 17 in monthly installments of \$28,800, used in accordance with the Illinois School Code.”

Last month, the sales tax was used to pay the balance of district’s bandwidth upgrade, which was necessary for the one to one learning environment. “These upgrades are the things that have given us the local, state and national attention that we’re receiving to this day,” Thake noted. “That’s how the funds have been used, in all three buildings.”

As for the junior high, Thake said when the survey indicated that the majority of people preferred a new building rather than staying in the 96-year-old school, which was deemed fiscally irresponsible by at least 716 people, the board’s focus shifted to the building project. In December 2017, the board passed a resolution to put the bond issue for new construction on the March primary ballot.

PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS

Principal Joshua Nichols, Amboy High School, congratulated the March Student of the Month Rayven Wehling.

Curriculum and School Improvement

* School Improvement days were held on March 5 and 19. Teachers and paraprofessionals were able to work with their personalized learning and department peers as well as work on implementing tech and curriculum in their classrooms. Mrs. Wiseman conducted a tech training at all three buildings.

* Nichols attended the Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center webinar on March 7.

* The PSAT was administered to 8th graders on March 14.

School Activities

* Student Council hosted the Powder Buff volleyball game and the Morp Dance on March 2.

* Mrs. Cleary took 15 students to the Figge Museum in Davenport, Iowa on March 14.



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* Spanish Honor Society hosted a movie night on March 14.

Music Department Report

* On March 3, students went to West Carroll High School in Savanna for the IHSA State Solo and Ensemble Music Contest and performed very well. Many students received a 1st place or Superior rating. AHS’s foreign exchange student received a 1st place on her solo, Lucas Blake received a perfect score on his vocal solo, and Sydney Friel received 1st place ratings in all three of her events.

* On March 9, 10 and 11, the AHS Music and Drama Departments put on the musical, “Annie.” Kreider Center clients saw a preview on March 6 followed by Central School and AJHS in the afternoon of March 9. When all three shows sold out, a fourth show was added on Sunday and a total of 1,605 tickets were sold for the four shows. Students from AHS, AJHS and Central School performed on stage, while other AHS students performed in the pit orchestra with Dr. Thake and AHS alumni. AHS students also worked backstage and on lighting. Mrs. Schwamberger worked the sound and parents helped on various committees.

* Twenty AHS band and chorus students were selected to participate in the NUIC Conference Honors Music Festival at Pearl City High School on March 16. They rehearsed with guest conductors all day and performed in a concert at 6 p.m. that evening. This is the one time that conference schools unite and work together, rather than competing, to present a concert as one unit. Mrs. Mekeel said she was extremely proud of her students, many of whom were involved in all three events.

FFA Report

* Section 2 Ag Business CDE: Eight members participated and two Amboy students were in the top 15 out of 92 total members in the section who participated.

* Section 2 Job Interview CDE, Creed Speaking CDE, and Public Speaking CDE: Margaret Vaessen, Matthew Dinwiddie and Aly Gascoigne participated and results are expected soon.

* Women Changing the Face of Agriculture: Six FFA members attended WCFA at U of I on March 9. They heard a keynote speaker, visited a college fair, spoke with females employed in the agriculture industry, and then participated in breakout sessions.

* Ag Construction: Students are working on building stools, which require making accurate cuts, drilling pocket holes, and following instructions. A number of students also came in before and after school to build a picnic table for the Sublette Toy Show.

* Welding: Students are becoming much more comfortable striking arcs and laying a bead and will be moving onto various joints and positions.

Principal Joyce Schamberger, Amboy Junior High and Central Elementary, said PARCC practice tests will be given to grades 3-8 and self-paced teachers are continuing to work on planning their curriculum.

PBIS

* Trustworthy was the character trait for the month. An all school assembly was held March 19. All grade level teams gave Student of the Month awards and Junior Beta awards. Girls’ basketball



Community support

Staff members of Amboy Food and Liquor pose by a race owned by Matt Raner of Mendota. Amboy Food and Liquor is one of the this year’s sponsors. Raner said he competes at all dirt tracks in northern and central Illinois, with the closest track in LaSalle. Raner competes in the Sportsman division and has for the past 26 years.

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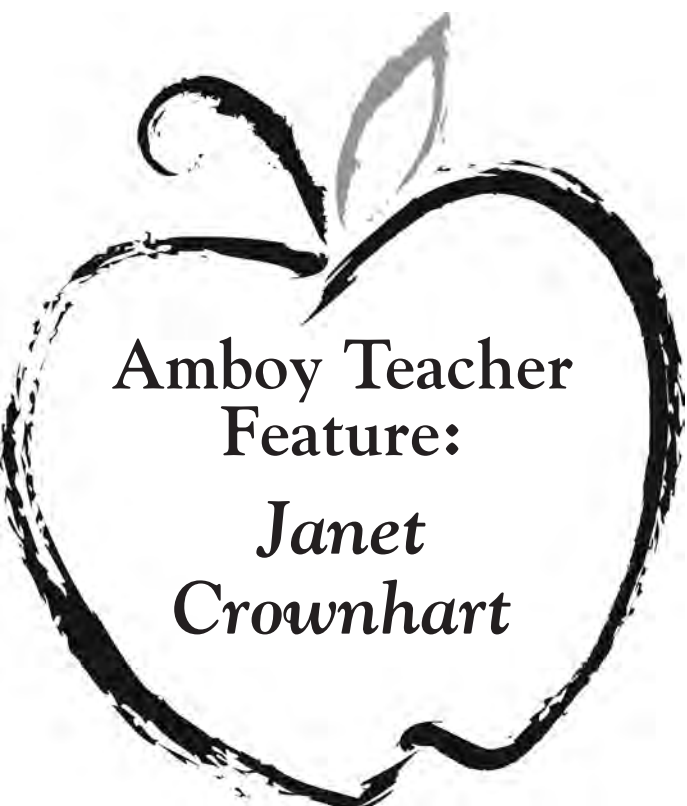
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Janet Crownhart teaches ninth and tenth grade math at the Amboy High School. She has taught for 14 years, with 12 of those years being at Amboy.

She received her Bachelors Degree from Augustana College and her Masters Degree at Aurora University.

“When I was asked what I wanted to be when I was little, I wanted to be a Kindergarten teacher,” said Crownhart. “As I got older, I still wanted to be a teacher, but the age group changed. Cheryl Robinson was the first teacher I remember wanting to follow in her footsteps. She was my sixth grade teacher and I decided I wanted to teach sixth – eighth grade. Jeff Hippen was one of my high school math teachers and that’s when I decided wanted to teach math. Both of these led to my decision to teach and look for junior high math jobs. Unfortunately, I didn’t find a junior high math position, but I absolutely love my job with freshmen and sophomores at Amboy High School.”

Crownhart says there are so many little things that happen every day in the school setting that she could put into a book, but not any one thing that would jump out.

“I would say that my best times as a teacher are when you see someone struggling with a concept and a classmate, not a friend, sits down with the struggling classmates and explain the concept to them,” said Crownhart. “I love it when students that are not necessarily in the same crowd are willing to help each other out; whether with academics or personal lives. Students will surprise you with how kind they really can be to each other.”

Crownhart has no plans to retire soon, but will be on maternity leave August – October 2018.

Police Blotter

Driving while license suspended
On March 23, at 7:18 p.m., Toby D. Mclean, 43, of Amboy, was issued a citation for driving while license suspended. He was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

Possession of cannabis
On March 25, at 1:41 a.m., Courtlyn J. Decker, 23, of

Mendota, was issued an ordinance violation of possession of cannabis.

No valid driver’s license
On March 22, at 8:06 p.m., Chad M. Speelman, 29, of Amboy, was arrested for no valid driver’s license and a Whiteside County warrant. He was taken to the Lee County Jail.

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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-The Amboy Township continued meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, at the Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

AMBOY-A Novel Idea Book Club will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, at Pankhurst Memorial Library, 3 S. Jefferson Ave. Call the Library at 815-857-3925 for more information.

SUBLETTE-Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 202 S. Locust St., will celebrate a Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 29. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

WEST BROOKLYN-St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 2520 Johnson St., will celebrate the Veneration of the Cross at 1 p.m. on Friday, March 30. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will host a Community Easter Egg Hunt with photo opportunities at 1:30 p.m. and start of the hunt at 2 p.m. at Amboy City Park, 227 E. Main St. Children ages 2 to 10 are invited to participate.

MAYTOWN-St. Patrick Church, 1336 Maytown Rd., will celebrate an Easter Vigil

Mass at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 31. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

WEST BROOKLYN-St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 2520 Johnson St., will celebrate Easter Sunday Mass at 8 a.m. on Sunday, April 1. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

SUBLETTE-Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 202 S. Locust St., will celebrate Easter Sunday Mass at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 1. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 2, at the Fire Station, 25 N. East Ave.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 2, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion Auxiliary will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 2, at the Long Branch Saloon.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion Post 453 will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 2, at the Amboy Family Restaurant community room.

DIXON-The Next Picture Show, 113 W. First St., will host the 14th Annual Expressions Art Show & Sale beginning Tuesday, April 3, and concluding on Friday, April 27, with a reception. Call the Sinissippi Foundation at 815-284-9380 for more information.

800-448-3543.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 9, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 9, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

STERLING-Rock River Hospice & Home, 2706 Avenue E, will hold Hospice Volunteer Training from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10. Call Alisa at 815-625-3858 or email alisa@hospicerock-river.org to sign-up or for more information. Online training is also available.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, at the Sublette Township Building.

EAST GROVE TWP-The East Grove Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, at the East Grove Township Hall.

AMBOY-Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US RT 52, will host Community Bingo at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 12. A light lunch will follow. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

CLIPPER KIDDIEZ

This Week’s Student of the Week is:
Kainan Considine

A black and white portrait of a young boy with short blonde hair, wearing a plaid shirt, smiling.

Student’s Favorites:
Favorite Color - Blue
Favorite Animal - My Dog Kona
Favorite Food - Apple
Favorite Book - The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid Of Anything
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26 Improved Homesites Sold in Bulk Suggested Opening Bid: \$250,000
*** Cedar Creek- The Villas, Joliet, IL**
46 Finished TH Lots Sold in Bulk Suggested Opening Bid: \$300,000
*** Shepherds Point, Liberty Lane, Zion, IL**
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CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU
April 2 - 6

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

Monday - No School
- Last Day of Spring Break

Tuesday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Clipper Bowl-popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, cheese-roll/butter, applesauce

Wednesday - Pancakes & syrup
- Walking nacho taco in a bag-lettuce, tomato, onion, salsa, black beans, bread/butter, rice, pears

Thursday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Grilled cheese, tomato soup, crackers, salad, celery, cucumbers, carrots, green peppers, ranch, peaches

Friday - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Sloppy joe on bun, broccoli & cheese, salad, fresh veggies, sweet potato fries, mixed fruit, cupcake

A graphic with the words "ON THE MENU" in a stylized font. The "M" is large and ornate, with a checkered pattern behind it.

JR HIGH MENU
April 2 - 6

Milk served at each meal
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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 - No School
- Last Day of Spring Break

Tuesday - PB&J grahamwich
- Clipper Bowl-popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, cheese-roll/butter, applesauce

Wednesday - Pancakes & syrup
- Walking nacho taco in a bag-lettuce, tomato, onion, salsa, black beans, bread/butter, rice, pears

Thursday - Mega muffin
- Grilled cheese, tomato soup, crackers, salad, celery, cucumbers, carrots, green pepper, ranch, peaches

Friday - Pancake pup
- Sloppy joe on bun, broccoli & cheese, salad, fresh veggies, sweet potato fries, mixed fruit, cupcake

OBITUARIES

Richard J. Ely

Nov. 18, 1937 - March 24, 2018

AMBOY — Richard J. “Dick” Ely, 80, of Amboy died Saturday March 24, 2018 at OSF St. Paul Medical Center in Mendota following a sudden illness.

He was born Nov. 18, 1937 in Henry, the son of Olen and Hilda (Neuhalfen) Ely.

He had farmed and worked in agricultural services and fertilizer sales at the Walton Plant for many years prior to his retirement. Dick was an avid gardener and enjoyed his daily drives and spending time at the cabin. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and attending their activities. He served in the National Guard for six years.

Dick married Karen McCoy on June 15, 1963 at St Mary Catholic Church in Walton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Gordon Ely and sister, Marjorie Leffelman, and brother in law, Hubert

Leffelman.

He is survived by his wife; children, Curtis (Angie) Ely, of Sublette, Ed (Karey) Ely, of Amboy, Dennis (Melinda) Ely, of Amboy, David (Sue) Ely, of Dixon, James (Leslie) Ely, of Dixon and Susan (Dick) Montavon, of Oregon; 13 grandchildren, Nicolle, Christopher, Abigail, Mason, Trenton, Madeline, Michael, Morgan, Grace, Lucas and Sophia Ely, and Bailey and Lauren Montavon; one sister, Mary Helen Leffelman, of Mendota and one brother Ned (Carol) Ely, of Amboy; and brother in law, Melvin Leffelman, of Dixon.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday March 28, 2018 beginning with a 9:45 a.m. prayer service in the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy followed by a 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St Mary Catholic Church in Walton with the Rev. Timothy Draper



officiating. Burial will follow in St Patrick Cemetery in Maytown. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy with a scripture services at 7:30 p.m. A memorial has been established to the Amboy Fire Protections District.

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

Anita J. Brandel

March 19, 1957 - March 24, 2018

AMBOY — Anita J. (nee Tharge) Brandel, 61 of Amboy former many year resident of Carpentersville, passed away surrounded by family and all of the animals which she loved on Saturday evening, March 24, 2018 at the Katherine Shaw Bethea Hospital in Dixon, after a long illness.

Anita was born on March 19, 1957 in Chicago and was the daughter of Leonard C. and LaVergne Tharge. She was a former more than 20 year resident of Carpentersville and had been a resident of Amboy for the past 23 years. Anita was a 1975 graduate of Dundee

Community High School and a former many year member of St. Monica Church. She had a loving and gentle spirit and was an avid animal lover and protector.

Survivors include her three sons, Bill (Christine) Domalik, Harley Brandel and Mason (Kristina) Brandel; her mother, LaVergne Tharge; and her siblings, William (Nedra) Tharge, Rosemarie (Russell) Medina, Antoinette Medina and James (Pam) Tharge.

Other survivors include her many nieces, nephews and friends.

Anita was preceded in death

by her father, Leonard C. Tharge on Feb. 3, 1996.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. at Miller Funeral Home, West Dundee with prayers to St. Monica Church, Carpentersville for Mass at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Windridge Memorial Park Cemetery in Cary.

Visitation was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 from 4-9 p.m. at Miller Funeral Home, West Dundee.

To leave an on-line condolence, please visit www.millerfuneralhomedundee.com.

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Senior Center holds ongoing book sale

DIXON — The Post House Community Center / Lee County Council on Aging (LCCOA) has an ongoing book sale. Hours to review the books are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. All books are priced between 25 cents and \$1. They have all kinds of books; western, true crime, large print, self-help and more.

Proceeds from the book sale are used to support the programs of the Lee County Council on

Aging and the Post House Community Center. The council, founded in 1974 provides services and programs to Lee County seniors which help them to remain independent, including, meals, outreach assistance to help with a variety of programs, fun activities including bowling, cards, pool and other social activities, and a variety of trips. For more information on this or any of the LCCOA services, call 815-288-9236.

Lee County Council on Aging to host annual spring prom

DIXON — The Post House Ballroom is hosting Lee County Council on Aging’s (LCCOA) 7th annual Spring Prom Saturday, April 28.

One woman will be crowned queen and one man will be crowned king. Anyone may cast their vote at the Post House Community Center by placing a monetary contribution in the candidate’s ballot box at the center.

Candidates running for King and Queen are Patty Ballard, Katie Schultz, Marla Spratt, John Groshans and Max Ballard.

This special event is a fundraiser for LCCOA. Advance tickets are \$10 per person or \$12 at the door and is open to those over 21 years of age. Cost includes finger foods, DJ, Grand March and fun. Bar will be open for you to purchase your favorite beverage. Professional picture opportunity for \$5.

If you have any questions regarding this upcoming event please contact the Post House Community Center / Lee County Council on Aging’s at 815-288-9236.

Elks offer podiatry clinic

DIXON — The Dixon Elks 779 Lodge in cooperation with the Illinois Elks Children’s Care Corporation will sponsor a free children’s podiatry assessment clinic on Thursday, April 19, at the KSB Foot & Ankle Center, 215 East 1st Street Suite 310, Dixon with Dr. David Yeager as the clinician in charge.

The Clinic hour starts at 8 a.m. and is by appointment only. To make an appointment call the Illinois Elks Children’s Care office at 1-800-272-0074 between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. There are no charges for any services at this clinic.

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

The Elks Organization has been working with physically challenged children since 1928 and this is one of the 16 clinic locations throughout Illinois. The clinic is an ideal time to have a child reviewed for bone and joint development. If your child has feet pointing in or out, or complains of foot pain can be seen at this clinic.

The Elks will provide financial assistance to the best of their ability for children needing further treatment or specialty equipment when the family lacks sufficient resources to do so.

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

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The evacuation chairs would guarantee the safety of handicapped persons who may be on the top floors when the elevator fails.

In old business, the board approved the ordinance to amend the boundaries of the Lee County Enterprise Zone and they approved Lee County’s

participation in Opioid Nuisance Litigation.

In new business, the board approved resolutions that will identify work contracts to an installment purchase agreement for the LEC project; appropriated \$80,000 of County Matching Funds for the replacement of a bridge on Amboy Road;

and the State’s Attorney’s Annual Report.

They also authorized the execution and amendment of a grant agreement for LOTS; the hiring of Rindland-Johnson as the Design-Builder for the new county jail and an inter-governmental agreement with the Village of Compton for

animal control.

They appointed John N. Prentice as trustee of the Paw Paw Fire Protection District, James D. Book as Trustee of the Dixon Community Fire Protection District of Lee and Ogle counties and Dana Considine to the Sheriff’s Merit Commission.

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The Book Nook

By :

Tatjana Kazan

The Talented Mr. Ripley

Patricia Highsmith’s brilliant psychological thriller, “The Talented Mr. Ripley,” does not grab you by the throat from the outset. It uncoils until the middle of the novel and then, as complications wildly proliferate, the suspense grows and intensifies, so that we do not know the outcome until the very last page. Moreover, we have to depend on an unreliable narrator, Tom Ripley, who is, all things considered, a sociopath.

Tom Ripley is a young man of many talents, which he puts to very good use. “He was versatile and the world was wide.” Having come to New York to live the kind of life he believes he deserves, he resorts to subterfuge and theft to get by. But he also steals checks from elderly women simply because he can. His aptitude for mathematics and mimicry becomes especially useful when on a fateful night at a bar, Tom meets a Mr. Greenleaf, a rich businessman who makes him a proposition. He would like Tom to travel to Europe to convince his wayward son to come home, as his mother is dying of cancer. Tom barely knows Dickie Greenleaf, but readily agrees.

Europe is a revelation to Tom, and Mongibello in Naples, where Dickie Greenleaf lives in an elegant house, is a veritable paradise. But Tom is poor and poorly educated and clearly not of the same class as Dickie and his girlfriend Marge. Tom skillfully ingratiates himself with Dickie – he immediately sees how alike they look – but Marge soon puts him down as a leech. Over a period of weeks, Tom and Marge engage in a subtle duel for Dickie’s attention, and when Marge gains the upper hand, Dickie thinks nothing of humiliating Tom by showing his obvious boredom with him.

It is Tom’s humiliation and his naive attraction to Dickie’s lifestyle that makes him likeable, that makes his decision to kill the privileged Dickie and take his place acceptable to us. We understand because we understand the viciousness of casual humiliations by “superior beings.” Tom is elated for having pulled off Dickie’s murder and taken his place. As Dickie Greenleaf, Tom thinks he can now be “a gentleman with nothing in his past to blemish his character.” But almost immediately his troubles begin, not least of which is his bad conscience. As one scholar put it, Highsmith “provides us with the most extensive anatomy of guilt in American literature.”

It is at this point that the suspense cranks up. The search for Dickie Greenleaf is relentless and soon suspicion falls on Tom. The Italian police and Marge and Mr. Greenleaf, who has arrived from America, are all on Tom’s heels.



AMBOY LIBRARY NEWS

BY EMILY GOFF
Head Librarian

Pankhurst Memorial Library is still accepting applications for the Library Aide position. Hours

would be 11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, and from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., every other Saturday.

Those of you who have turned in an application, thank you. We will be getting a hold of everyone in a few weeks. Any questions please call the library at 815-857-3925.

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Amboy ACO members to meet on April 3

AMBOY — ACO members will meet at 6 p.m., on Tuesday April 3, at Maria’s.

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Chamber event

The Amboy Chamber Business After Hours mixer was held on Thursday, March 22, in the Main Lobby of The First National Bank in Amboy. This month’s event was sponsored by The First National Bank in Amboy and Amboy Food and Liquor. Pictured above, business owners and employees, and Amboy residents mingle and network with each other. Pictured left, Tommy Patel and Sanjai Desai man the bar during the event.

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SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Thurs., March 29 AHS Varsity Softball (H) Pecatonica – 4:30 p.m.

AHS Varsity Baseball (H) Marquette – 4:30 p.m.

Mon., April 2 NO SCHOOL

AHS Fresh/Soph Softball (H) West Carroll – 4:30 p.m.

Tues., April 3 AHS Girls Track @ Forreston – 4:00 p.m.

AHS Boys Track @ Kewanee – 4:00 p.m.

AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball (H) Polo – 4:30 p.m.

AHS JV Softball & Baseball (H) Polo – 6:30 p.m.

Wed., April 4 AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball @ Earlville – 4:30 p.m.

Thurs., April 5 AJHS Track @ Bureau Valley HS – 4:30 p.m.

AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball @ Polo – 4:30 p.m.

AHS JV Softball & Baseball @ Polo – 6:30 p.m.

Opinion

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

Angry? Don't beat yourself up over it

Hello and welcome to another edition of our special in-depth medical feature Health Yak, which has been recognized by the U.S. Surgeon General as “extremely topical,” meaning that you should not attempt to ingest any portion of this column without first consulting your doctor.

Today we will be discussing a study that suggests as many as 16 million Americans – or roughly the number of people who never receive their appetizers during an average season of Hell’s Kitchen – suffer from periodic outbursts of anger.

I know what you’re thinking: What makes this different from a typical outburst of anger, like when I open the air vent in my car and release a cloud of spores the size of shiitake mushrooms?

The answer, of course, is that there is no difference, at least not until someone funds a clinical study, at which point it becomes an official “disorder” treatable by a new drug with minor side effects, such as having your liver grow to the size of Shaquille O’Neal’s seat cushion. According to Dr. Emil Coccaro of the University of Chicago’s medical school, which, as you may recall, conducted the definitive study on the yawning habits of the Tibetan mountain yak (Conclusion: After 3,000 yawns, researchers become suicidal), what used

Guest Column

By Ned Hickson



to be known as “road rage” has now escalated into a nationwide problem called Intermittent Explosive Disorder. By definition, IED involves “outbursts that are out of proportion to the situation.”

For example: Let’s say you’re at a drive-thru trying to order a bacon cheeseburger and, for the seventh-straight time, the person taking your order insists there is no one named “Macon the Sheep Herder” working there, and to please place your order. And let’s say, in frustration, you exit your vehicle and rip the image of a cheeseburger directly from the menu board and begin gnawing on it, causing those in line behind you to drive off through the patio area.

Chances are, you could be an IED sufferer. According to Dr. Coccaro, his conclusion was based on the results of a nationwide, face-to-face survey of 9,282 adults who were scored based on their response to highly formulated and complex diagnostic observations, such as “I’m guessing most dogs would probably introduce themselves by sniffing your face.” Amazingly, all 9,282 participants in the study were identified as IED sufferers.

“Obviously, the disorder is more widespread than we thought,” stated Coccaro, who then added, “You got a problem with that?!”

Letters to the Editor

Board thanks community for support

Dear Editor,

The Board of Education for Amboy CUSD #272 wishes to publicly thank 272 KIDS, local businesses, students, families and organizations for supporting the bond question asked of voters on March 20.

The General Obligation Bond was our solution to the rising costs of maintaining the 96-year old junior high school and effectively addressing the needs of the other school buildings. As the elected body tasked with stewarding taxpayer dollars in regards to our children’s education, we firmly believe that investing in a new school was and is the right course of action.

Moving forward, the board will continue to assess building maintenance projects at all three schools, and to research opportunities that provide the best educational environment for our teachers to teach and our students to learn. No outside entity is going to make these decisions for us. New sources of educational funding are not on the horizon. Determining a course of action is our responsibility.

As is the case with any ballot question, residents of the district asked many questions and shared many opinions.

The 272 KIDS committee went above and beyond their volunteer call of duty to answer those questions. They fostered an open dialogue between the students, teachers, school board and community.

We encourage this conversation to continue. Everyone is welcome to school board meetings and board committee meetings. Dates and times for these meetings are posted at amboy.net.

Sincerely,
The Board of Education, Amboy CUSD #272
Nicole Jones, president
Ray Johnson, vice president
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On This Day in History

100 Years Ago March 29, 1918

A plan for raising money for the Methodist Church pavement was discussed by the Methodist Guild at a recent meeting. A few of the members will entertain 20 people at 25 cents each; these in turn to entertain 8 each at the same rate and each of the 8 to entertain 4 others.

Don’t forget to set your clock next Sunday. If it is 8 o’clock when you get up in the morning turn the clock around to nine and govern your affairs accordingly.

Reginald Smith has left the employ of Frank Brady for that of the Northwestern Timber Company and is cutting mine props.

75 Years Ago March 25, 1943

Former governor Lowden died Saturday, March 20, 1943, at Tucson, Ariz., after a long illness. He was 82 years old. Marchesi Brothers this week announced

the purchase of another theatre, The Geneseo, at Geneseo, IL. This addition brings the total of theatres now operated by the firm, whose headquarters are in Amboy, to eight.

Miss Catherine Fenten of Chicago, a daughter of W. J. Fenten of Amboy, has been accepted for service in the Army Reserve Nurse’s Corps and will receive her commission as a second lieutenant on April 15 when she leaves Chicago for the Army Air Base at Byron, Texas to begin active duty.

50 Years Ago March 28, 1968

With all members present, the Board of Education of Amboy Community Unit School District No. 272 Monday evening passed the resolution authorizing issuance and sale of \$150,00 building bonds on which bids were taken March 11. Issuance of the \$150,000 bonds completes the sale of the \$14 million bond issue authorized by the voters in December 1966.

Demolitions experts and Amboy Volunteer Firemen Monday burned off the “Old

Burning ground” of the former Green River Ordinance Plant.

A college choir which has earned the reputation of one of the finest organization of its kind in this country, will present a concert of sacred and secular music at Amboy High School on March 28, 1968 at 10 a.m.

25 Years Ago April 1, 1993

The election for Amboy city clerk is not a two-way race following the withdrawal last week of Judy Stamp. Incumbent Darlene Hinkle and Paula McCoy remain in the race for the clerk’s job.

Mrs. Schamberger’s fifth grade class at Amboy Junior High School will host a debate with Amboy mayoral candidates on Friday, April 2 at 9:30 a.m.

Now showing at the Plaza Cinemas in Dixon. They’re back – “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles III,” “Unforgiven” and “The Crying Game.”

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Political endorsements will be published, however letters from candidates endorsing themselves will not be printed.

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Pictured above are the band participants in the NUIC music festival. Front row, left to right, Alison O'Rourke, Jillian Barnes and Abril Vazquez-Tapia. Middle row, Jacob Costner and Hope Sachs. Back row, Kaitlyn Ortgiesen, Clayton Kemp and Mason Coster. Absent from the photo is Logan Winters.

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Pictured above are the chorus participants in the NUIC music festival. From left to right, Natalia Soto, Gabby Ketchum, Lucas Blake, Mackensize Ketchum and Adriana Bartoschek. Absent from the photo is Cameron and Shannon Simpson.

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Amboy students perform at NUIC Music Festival

AMBOY — The Amboy High School Music Department participated in the NUIC Conference Honors and Music Festival held at Pearl City High

School on Friday, March 16.

The students who are top of their chairs were selected to perform at this concert.

Seven AHS Chorus members

were selected to perform. Those

students include: Natalia Soto, Gabby Ketchum, Lucas Blake, Mackenzie Ketchum, Adriana Bartoschek, Cameron Simpson

and Shannon Simpson.

Nine AHS Band members were selected to perform. Those students include: Alison O'Rourke, Jillian Barnes, Abril

Vazquez-Tapia, Kaitlyn Ortgiesen, Clayton Kemp, Jacob Costner, Hope Sachs, Mason Costner, and Logan Winters.

There were nine conference

schools participating in the festival. The students rehearsed all day with guest conductors and then performed a concert together at 6 p.m.

Illinois Spring Trout fishing season opens April 7

SPRINGFIELD—The 2018 Illinois Spring Trout fishing season will open on Saturday, April 7. Anglers will need both a fishing license and an Inland Trout Stamp to participate, unless they are under the age of 16, blind, disabled, or are an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces.

Licenses and trout stamps are available for purchase on the Illinois Department of Resources (IDNR) website and at DNR Direct license and permit locations, including many bait shops, sporting goods stores and other retail outlets.

The Spring Catch-and-Release Fly Fishing season opens at nine sites on Saturday, March 24. Anglers can use fly fishing gear to catch trout at that time, but they cannot keep the fish.

All trout must be released until after the opening of the regular spring trout season, which begins at 5 a.m. on April 7. Anyone attempting to take trout before the legal harvest season opening will be issued citations.

The IDNR stocks more than 80,000 rainbow trout each year, with 54 ponds, lakes and streams throughout the state being

stocked for the spring season, and an additional 80,000 trout stocked for the fall season.

No trout may be taken from any of the stocked sites from March 15 until the Spring trout season opens at 5 a.m. on April 7.

For more information about all site regulations, anglers should contact individual sites that will be stocked with catchable-size trout.

Not all sites open at 5 a.m. on opening day. Anglers are reminded to check the opening time of their favorite sites prior to the opening date.

Among the Spring Trout

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• LaSalle County—Illinois and Michigan Canal, LaSalle

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• Ogle County—Pine Creek, White Pines Forest State Park

• Whiteside County—Centennial Park Pond, Rock Falls

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The Amboy-LaMoille girls' track 4x400 relay team took third place in the Illinois Top Times Meet on March 23. Left to right, are Sidney Corcoran, Brooklyn Whelchel, Ashley Althaus and Cassidy Corcoran.

Photo submitted

Lady Clippers compete at Illinois Top Times Meet

BLOOMINGTON—Amboy-LaMoille track athletes competed in the prestigious Illinois Top Times Meet on March 23 at Illinois Wesleyan University in Normal.

In girls' results, Ashley Althaus finished 10th in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:02.83. Her time established a new indoor meet school record.

Also setting an indoor meet school record was the 4x400 relay team, which took third place with a time of 4:18.01. Comprising the team were Cassidy Corcoran, Brooklyn Whelchel, Sidney Corcoran and Althaus.

In boys' action, Tom Stamberger competed in the 800-meter run and took 10th place with a clocking of 2:05.38.

"These were fantastic performances by the girls and Tom," said A-L coach Bob Halberg. "To be able to qualify proves that you are one of the best in the state, and to compete the way they did is a compliment to them."

"The 4x400 relay dropped their time by 12 seconds in the last week, and Tom ran extremely well considering his inexperience in running indoors."

Halberg said Top Times is the unofficial state indoor meet. It is more difficult to qualify for than the IHSA State Meet in May. It is not based on sectional placing (top two places and qualifying times). For example, the 4x400 had to be one of the top 12 times turned in.

Lady Clippers honored at awards night

AMBOY — The Amboy Lady Clippers' Awards Night was held March 21 at the Long Branch for the 2017-18 basketball season.

The following players were recognized for their participation this season:

Seniors — Kallie Appleman, Logan Winters, Taylor Stevens

Juniors — Noelle Jones, Kelsey Stewart, Rachel Lachat, Breanna Fisher, Hope Sachs, Adriana Bartoschek

Sophomores — Ashley Althaus, Kyleigh Donna

Freshmen — Abi Payne, Mallory Powers, Gabby Jones, Madelyn McLaughlin, Brianna Blaine, Eden Lindenmeyer, Tori Daniels, Kenzie Gerdes

The following players were presented with awards:

Four captains — Appleman, Winters, Stevens, Noelle Jones
Amboy Holiday All-Tournament — N. Jones
NUIC Second-Team All-Conference — Payne

Sauk Valley Sports All-Area

— Payne, special mention; N. Jones, honorable mention

Best Rebounder — N. Jones

Best Free Throw Percentage — N. Jones

Most Assists — Payne

Best Defense — Appleman

Most Improved — Winters

MVP — N. Jones

Country Companies Team-maker Award — Appleman, Winters, Stevens

The following is a list of thank-yous that were greatly appreciated:

• Clipper Shootout sponsors (were also listed on the Lady Clipper stat booklets and on the back of the Lady Clipper T-shirts

• Winter program sponsors

• Sponsors for the program for girls' holiday tournament and Clipper Shootout

• Amboy Athletic Boosters and their officers

See **AWARDS**, page B2



He has risen...

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.
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Holy Thursday, March 29th
† St. Patrick - Mass, 7:00 p.m. in Amboy
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Holy Saturday, March 31st
† Confessions - 10:30-11:30 am in Amboy
† St. Patrick - Easter Vigil Mass, 7:15 pm

Good Friday, March 30th
† St. Patrick - Veneration of the Cross, 12 noon
† Confessions 1:00-2:00 pm in Amboy
† St. Patrick - Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 1st
† St. Mary - Mass, 6:00 a.m.
† St. Patrick - Masses, 7:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
† St. Flannen - Mass, 9:00 a.m.

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AWARDS continued from page B1

- Clipper Shootout concession workers and Mandy Powers
- Mrs. Mekeel and the Pep Band
- Athletic director George Schwamberger, the administration and the Amboy School Board
- Karen McCoy, who makes quilts every year for the “Pink Game”
- Kirsten Donna and Amanda Blaine

- for helping and organizing the “Pink Game”
- The AFC girls’ program for being part of the “Pink Game” and their family and fans
 - Coach Paul Smith with his help with sponsors
 - Joe Jahn and Neil Brinkmeier for their continued help with keeping the

- scorebook and doing stats
- Mychala Dinges and Rayven Wehling for stats and filming
 - Olivia Dinges, manager
 - Bill and Pat Burke for their continued support
 - The parents of our team
 - The Long Branch
 - Assistant coaches Todd Hobbs,

- Chris Payne, Shawna Dinges, part-time coach Kennedy Dinges
- The players
 - Community, parents and players for their continued support and prayers for Jaron and his family, Shawna and her family, and Mike and Pam McCracken.
- UPCOMING EVENTS**
- Little Lady Clippers starts April

- 3 and is held Tuesday Thursday and Saturday in April.
- Amboy Girls’ Basketball Camp is May 29-June 1 and June 4-8 (nine days). For more information, call coach McCracken at (815) 440-1628.



Wrestlers honored

The Amboy High School wrestling team announces its award winners for 2017-2018 season. Brad Gazza, pictured left, was awarded Most Improved Wrestler. Avery Shaw, pictured right, was the co-winner of the Mark Janssen Award for Wrestling, Community Service and Academics. He also was awarded Most Valuable Wrestler, Most pins, and named to the 2017-2018 All Conference First Team for Wrestling. Missing from the photo is Mason Costner who is the co-winner of the Mark Janssen Award for Wrestling, Community Service and Academics.

Photo submitted

Lady Clippers post first win of season

MILLEDGEVILLE – The Amboy Lady Clippers posted their first win of the season with an 8-1 triumph at Milledgeville on March 22.

The game was tied at 1-1 through four innings before Amboy broke it open with

three runs in the fifth and four in the sixth.

Alison O’Rourke had a huge all-around game on defense behind the plate and with swinging the bat. She supplied a double and a triple and drove in five runs. Dani Hochstatter helped

the attack with a home run and a single, while Bailee Highbarger delivered two singles.

Highbarger was the winning pitcher. She gave up five hits, walked one and struck out five.

Amboy is 1-3 overall and 1-2 in conference games.

Clippers baseball split games

AMBOY — The Amboy Clippers baseball team split a pair of games with Milledgeville last week. On Thursday, Amboy traveled to Milledgeville. The Clippers couldn’t get the offense rolling, only getting four hits. Justin Hart doubled, Clayton Kemp, Hunter Zimmerly and Maverick Lindenmeyer, all had singles.

Logan Whelchel had the lone RBI with a groundout. The

Clippers fell 6-1 with Zimmerly taking the loss.

On Friday, Amboy hosted Milledgeville at the City Park. The Clippers looked like a completely different team, pounding out 8 hits in a thrilling 6-5 walk off win.

Hart and Mitchell McLaughlin handled the pitching duties. Hart, McLaughlin and Lindenmeyer each had 2 hits. Lindenmeyer had the game

winning single, driving home McLaughlin, who had 4 RBI on the night.

The defense was excellent as McLaughlin had 2 run saving plays and a smooth double play turned by Preston Henkel. Kemp and Zimmerly ended another scoring threat. Reece Vaessen was solid at third base and added a single at the plate. The Clippers record now stand at 1-3.



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Sunday, April 1, 7:00 am

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Holy Thursday
7:00 P.M. MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER
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Good Friday Liturgy
1:00 P.M. at Veneration of the Cross at St. Mary of the Assumption, West Brooklyn

Commemorating Christ’s total surrender to His Father’s will by suffering death for us – the Catholic Church invites each of us to come forward and venerate the cross (the instrument of salvation) with a simple genuflection and a kiss.

Holy Saturday
7:00 P.M. EASTER VIGIL MASS at St. Patrick Church, Maytown

The Mass celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the Sacraments of Initiation, which are given to the newest members of the Catholic Church. Witness the blessing of the Paschal Candle and experience the joy that another member has been added to our Church Community.

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule
8:00 A.M. Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption, West Brooklyn
9:30 A.M. Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sublette

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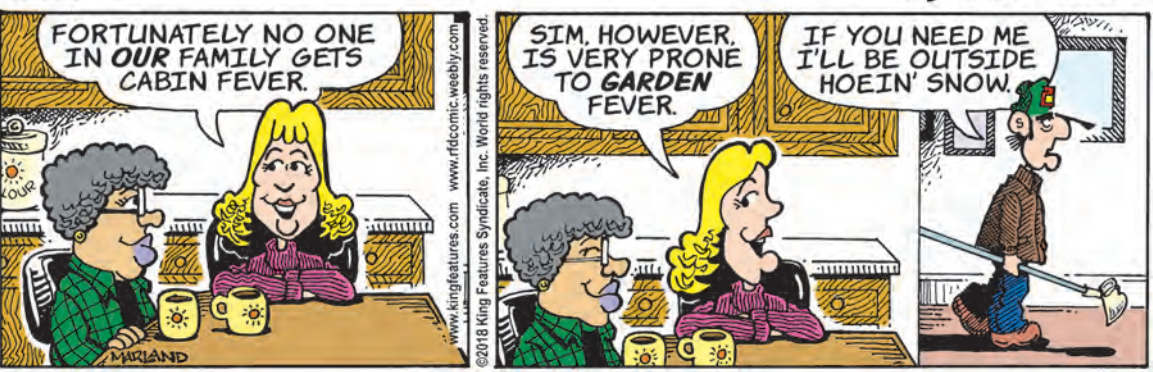
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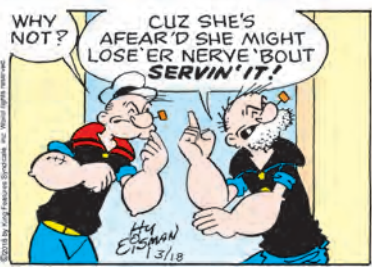
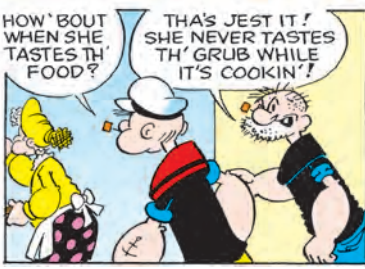
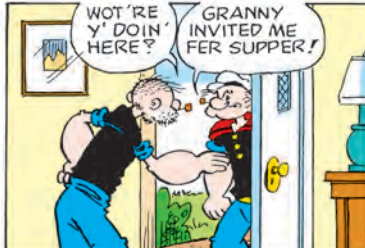
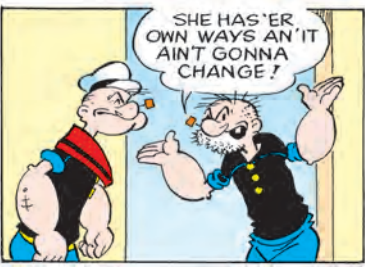
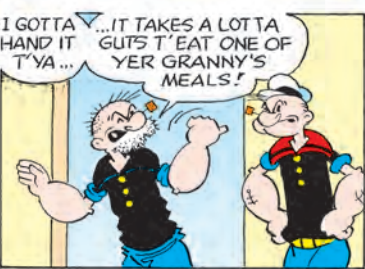
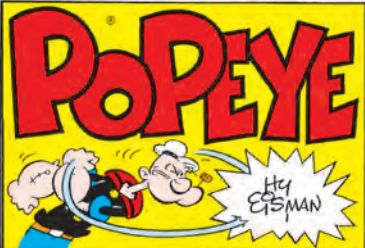
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Old clothes
- 5 Chantilly, for one
- 9 Wicked
- 12 Persian Gulf nation
- 13 History chapters
- 14 Wish otherwise
- 15 Options list
- 16 Shopping area
- 17 Raw rock
- 18 Long story
- 19 Japanese sash
- 20 Trade
- 21 Operate
- 23 Barrister's abbr.
- 25 Tools for duels
- 28 Poinsettia family
- 32 Downright
- 33 Wouldn't shut up
- 34 Trojan War hero
- 36 Siesta cover
- 37 Whatever amount
- 38 Victory sign
- 39 Put something over on
- 42 Shelter
- 44 Arp's style
- 48 Likely

DOWN

- 1 Optician's selection
- 2 Vicinity
- 3 Jets or Sharks
- 4 One of a daily trio
- 5 Slot machine losers
- 6 Spirited horse
- 7 Tooth decay
- 8 "Guinness Book" suffix
- 9 Forehead
- 10 Emanation
- 11 Profound
- 20 Roosevelt program
- 22 City-related
- 24 Binge
- 25 Health resort
- 26 Hearty brew
- 27 Burger holder
- 29 Genetic abbr.
- 30 Red-staters' org.

- 31 Away from WSW
- 35 Forest-related
- 36 Slim and trim
- 39 Most popular, for short
- 40 Pundit's column
- 41 "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 43 Sunrise site
- 45 Wheelbase terminus
- 46 Birth certificate info
- 47 Uncontrolled
- 49 Son-gun link

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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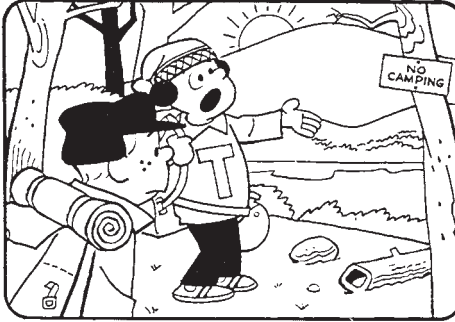
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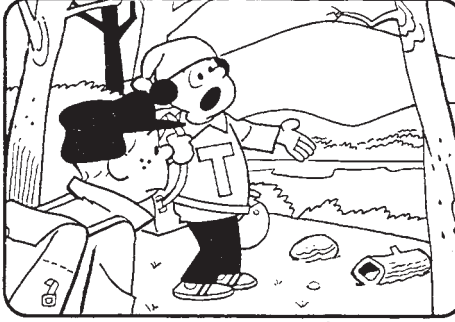
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SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Ample; 2. Scope; 3. Retain; 4. Falter

PLASTIC

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

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- 2. MUSIC: What was the best-selling music single of all time?
- 3. MYTHOLOGY: In Greek mythology, how many graces are there?
- 4. TRANSPORTATION: Which major airport is known by the three-letter code DCA?
- 5. TELEVISION: What are the names of the two Muppet characters that heckle the cast from their balcony seats?
- 6. LITERATURE: What is the first name of Agatha Christie's detective Miss Marple?
- 7. PSYCHOLOGY: What is triskaidekaphobia?
- 8. GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest freshwater body in Africa?
- 9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What was the strongest earthquake recorded?
- 10. TOYS & GAMES: What is the main ingredient of Silly Putty?

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Trivia Test Answers

R	A	G	S	L	A	C	E	B	A	D	
I	R	A	Q	E	R	A	S	R	U	E	
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F	O	O	L	L	E	E	D	A	D	A	
A	P	T	O	V	A	L	E	X	A	M	
V	E	T	F	A	S	T	A	L	T	O	
E	D	O	T	A	N	T	E	L	E	E	

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

4	7	6	2	3	1	5	6	8
3	1	5	6	9	8	2	4	7
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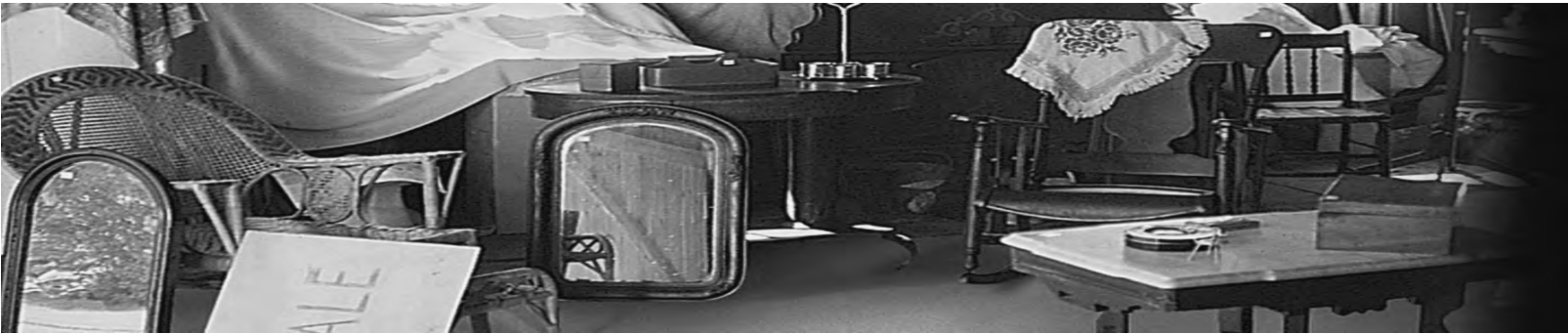
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on such measures as
may, in pursuance of
law, come before the
meeting.
Dated March 13, 2018.
Deborah Schultz
Township Clerk
No. 0310
(March 28, 2018)

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Notice is hereby given
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linois, that the Annual
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2018 being the second
Tuesday of said month
at the hour of 7:00 p.m.
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the transaction of the
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ness of the said Town;
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having been elected,
will proceed to hear
and consider reports
of officers, and decide
on such measures as
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Glen Foss, Town Clerk
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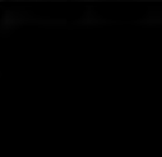
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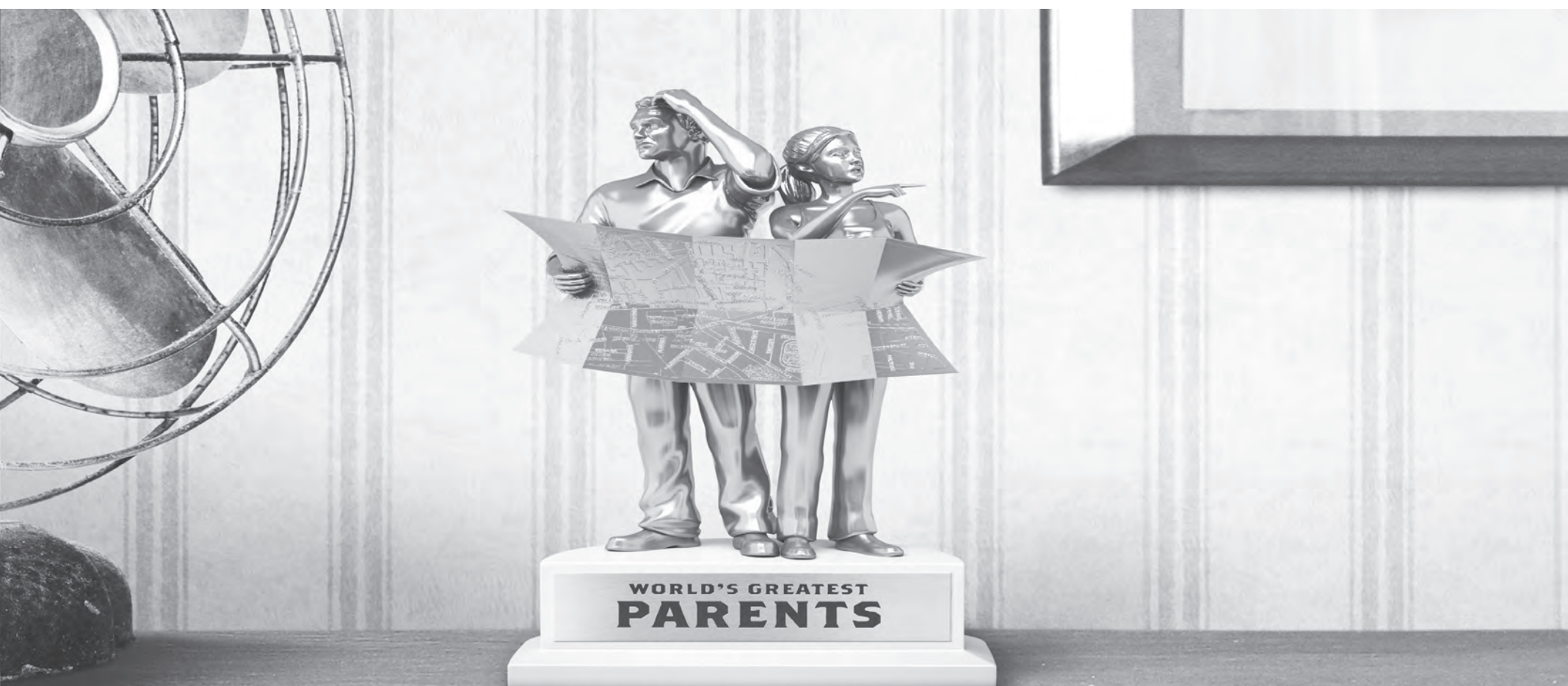
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