



WE GOT ANNIE

Sydney Friel starred as Annie in the Amboy High School production of “Annie” this past weekend. An additional show was added to Sunday night to accommodate ticket demand. Also pictured with Friel is Sandy played by Nick the dog. “Annie” was directed by Aubrey Burke with Kathy Mekeel as music director, and is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). The cast featured a large group of supporting performers and chorus members from the high school, Amboy Junior High School, and Central Elementary School.

Photo submitted

Annual Sublette Toy Show planned for this weekend

SUBLETTE – The 36th annual Sublette Farm Toy and Antique Tractor Show will be held Sunday, March 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The annual Sublette Toy Show Dinner is set for Saturday, March 17 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Hall. The catered dinner begins at 6 p.m. and is followed by entertainment and the presentation of scholarships.

Toy Show Sunday will actually begin at 7 a.m. with the Sublette Fire Department’s Pancake & Sausage Breakfast at Ellice Dinges Memorial Center. The breakfast will continue until noon.

The Toy Show will occupy seven buildings – Main Street Repair, Jacoby Building, Sublette Farmers Elevator, Sublette Fire Station, Sublette Community Building, Ellice Dinges Center and Village Mall.

Other events will be held at various locations in the village. A Craft Show is set for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Hall, a Sports Card Show will be held at the fire station, a model

train layout and miniature farm layouts can be viewed at Ellice Dinges Center and a Bake Sale is planned for the Sublette Community Building.

Main Street will be lined with semi tractors and antique trucks, antique tractors and farm machinery can be seen in downtown Sublette and an antique car show is scheduled for U.S. 52 near Sublette BP. Also, there will be an open house at the historic Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church from noon-3 p.m.

In addition to the breakfast, other food will be available from the Sub-Let Indians and Maytown Comets 4-H clubs at the community building and Sublette Elevator.

This year’s Toy Show Dinner entertainment on Saturday will be provided by Ken Mate. Mate is a comedy/magician and a standup comedian.

Tickets for the dinner and show are available at the Pioneer State Bank.

The cost is \$20 and includes the dinner, entertainment and door prizes.

272Kids to host open house at junior high on March 15

AMBOY — Members of the 272 KIDS committee are opening the doors of Amboy Junior High to the community from 4 – 7 p.m., on March 15, for an open house.

Committee members and school officials will be available to discuss the \$15.8 million General Obligation Bond question that will be on the ballot March 20.

At the open house, a representative from the Lee County Treasurers’ Office will be available to review tax bills and determine what impact the bond will have on property owners.

Open house attendees can view preliminary drawings of the proposed new junior high school

and extension to the current high school. In addition, tours through the current junior high will be offered to highlight the challenges facing teachers and students each day.

Refreshments will be provided.

More information about the bond question and the proposed addition can be found at amboy272kids.wixsite.com/272kids or at 272 KIDS on Facebook.

272 KIDS (Knowledge, Infrastructure & Development for Students) is a committee of parents and community members working to better education for students attending Amboy schools.



Former Amboy High School Principal Jim Braida, seated right, is joined by his wife, Marilyn, seated; sons, Perry of Amboy and Tim of Normal, back row center; along with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren for the naming of the AHS auditorium in his honor.

Bonnie Morris/Amboy News

AHS auditorium named in honor of former principal Jim Braida

BY BONNIE MORRIS
Editor

AMBOY - Former Amboy High School Principal Jim Braida was honored last week when the high school’s auditorium was named in his honor. About 100 friends, family and community members gathered in the AHS mall on Friday to celebrate with Braida as the sign bearing his name was unveiled outside of the auditorium entrance.

After welcoming everyone to the ceremony, District 272 Superintendent Dr. Jeff Thake explained how Braida, although retired, had assisted him when Thake came to AHS as principal in 2006 and continued to do so many other times over the years.

Thake also read from a letter written by former superintendent Dr. Don Skidmore (1972-1978) who was unable to attend. Skidmore explained that his tenure included the high school’s peak enrollment years in the early 1970s when AHS had over 540 students. “Mr. Braida was the veteran high school principal in 1972 and was a

great help in teaching me how to manage a school district in a rural environment, particularly the high school,” Skidmore wrote. “He was one of the very few outstanding principals I worked with in over 25 years of serving as a superintendent. The community is very fortunate that he and Marilyn made Amboy their home for all these years. Amboy is a richer community because of all of the many things they have done to make it a better community in which to live and raise children.”

Skidmore closed his letter by saying that this is an honor Braida earned and deserves.

Braida began his teaching career in August of 1960 at Walton School. In 1963, he began teaching at Amboy High School and from 1968 through the spring of 1993, he served as principal at AHS, one of the longest-tenured principals in District 272.

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The Warehouse Boutique offers a variety of clothes, home décor items, a hair salon, and hand-crafted jewelry.

Monetta Young/Amboy News

Unique items at unique boutique

BY MONETTA YOUNG
Reporter

AMBOY – You often hear people talking about best kept secrets in or around a small town. Well, I had the opportunity to discover just that when I visited “The Warehouse Boutique.” I couldn’t imagine in my wildest dreams the variety of items housed there. And in just a few months

they plan to expand and be able to offer more.

To start with, there are five hair stylists that operate out of The Warehouse Boutique. They are Ashley Grim, Erika Taylor, Terri Leffelman, Kelli Aurand and Tasha O’Malley. They offer a wide range of services including pedicures and manicures.

See **BOUTIQUE**, page A2

AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPOSITION TO ISSUE

\$15,800,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BOND

Shall the Board of Education of Amboy Community Unit School District Number 272, Lee County, Illinois, improve the site of, build and equip additions to and alter, repair and equip the Amboy High School Building to replace the Amboy Junior High School and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of \$15,800,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

☒ YES

☐ NO

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The hair salon is open six days a week, Monday through

Thank you to family and friends for making my 80th Birthday a special celebration. I appreciate all the Masses, gifts, cards, flowers and calls. God Bless all of you.

Carlene Schuhler

Saturday by appointment, walk-ins are welcome Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. - noon. You can reach them by calling 815-857-9273.

The Warehouse Boutique owner Vickie Vinnedge-Gerdes manages the boutique and gift shop. Their motto is “At the Warehouse Boutique we try to promote to all women, no matter how small or big, tall or short, rich or poor, that your beauty comes from within.” She has a great selection of clothing options, not something you are going to find at a big box store, they are unique items that can dress you up or style you casually for just about any event you have coming up. She also has a selection of hand-crafted jew-

elry, which she makes herself.

As you wander through the store you will also find some craft type home décor items; signs, baskets, hair ties, baby blankets, candles, picture frames, holiday decor and more.

They have begun the renovation of the other side of the building where they will have a winery and a place to host more crafting nights. Gerdes hopes to host some art classes for children when it is completed.

Gerdes hosts sign painting classes for those interested in having a girl’s night out and personalizing your own designs. Information about these classes can be found on their facebook page @thewarehouseboutiqueamboy. They do offer online shopping on the website at www.thewarehouseboutique.com.

The business hours for the boutique are Thursday 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. -5 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. – noon. The boutique is located at 204 N. Jefferson, Ste. B, the phone number for the boutique is 815-857-9273.

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School board president Nicole Jones, who also spoke at the ceremony, said she was humbled to be able to honor her former principal, Mr. Braida, calling him a pillar of the community.

She explained that the idea for naming the auditorium



DONATION OF TRANSPORT CHAIRS

KSB Hospital donated two transport chairs for student use to the Amboy CUSD 272. This generous donation is very appreciative from the students and staff of the Amboy Schools. Pictured, left to right, Joshua Nichols, AHS Principal, Lindsay Spinelli, School District Nurse, Joyce Schamberger, Principal K-8, Dr. Jeff Thake, Superintendent, Julie Plut, Health Aide, and Aaron Fox, KSB Hospital representative.

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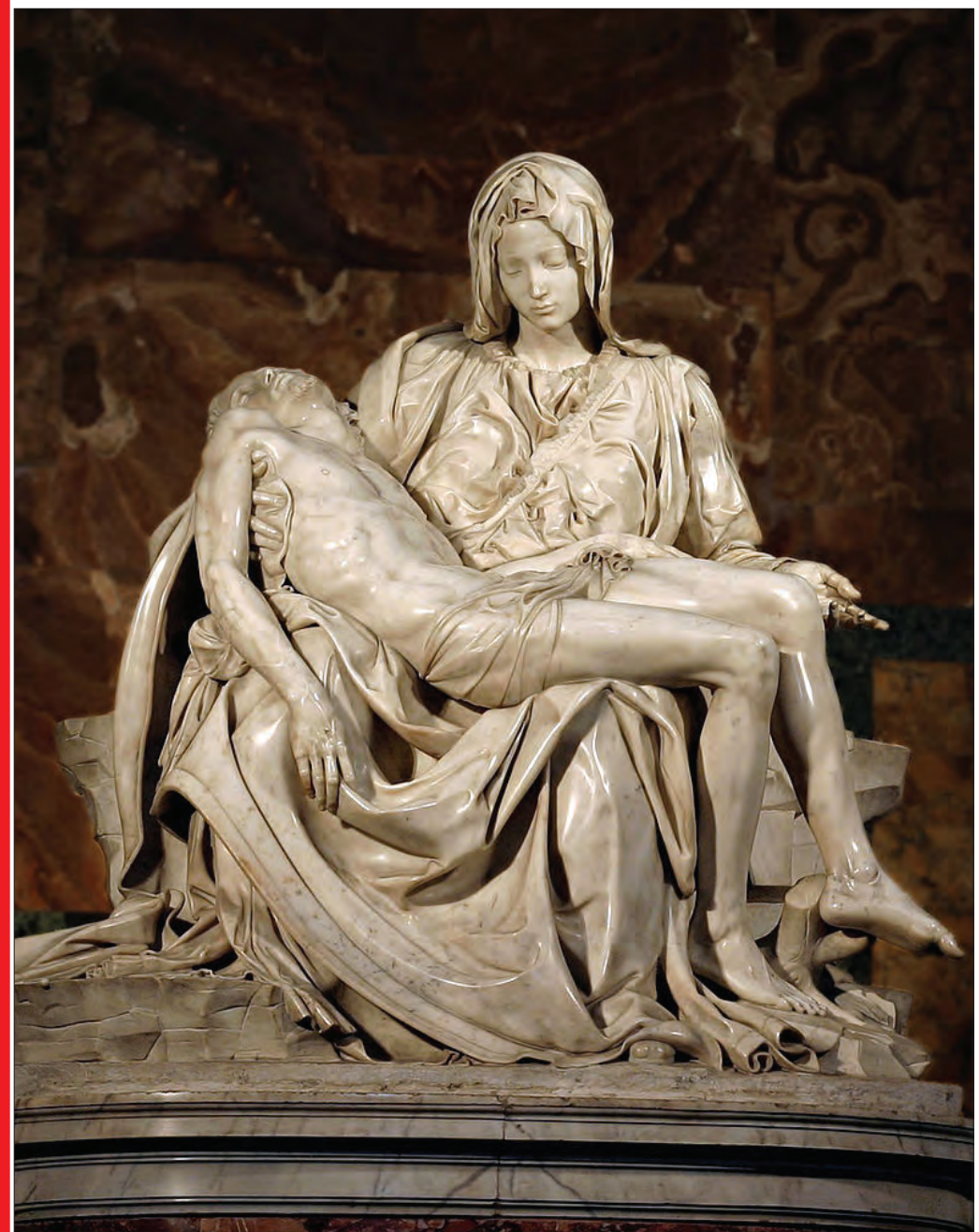
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Thursday, March 15.....9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

St. Patrick’s Church – 1336 Maytown Rd., Amboy
Friday, March 16.....8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

St. Mary of the Assumption Church – 2520 Johnson St., West Brooklyn
Saturday, March 17.....8 a.m. to 3 p.m

Educational Briefs

Sublette Resident Earns Degree from WGU

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Taylor Myers, of Sublette, has received her Master of Science in Nursing - Education (BSN to MSN) degree from Western Governors University (WGU). The university held its 64th commencement ceremony at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando on Feb. 10 to celebrate the graduation of about 15,000 graduates from across the country.

At commencement, the online, nonprofit university recognized 8,839 undergraduates and 6,117 graduates who have completed their degrees in business, information technology, K-12 teacher education, and healthcare, including nursing. More than 1,100 new alumni participating in the ceremony. Graduates who were not able to attend the ceremony were able to watch the event via live video stream on WGU's website.

Audrey Rod performs in Wheaton College (Ill.) Symphonic Band Concert

WHEATON — Wheaton College student Audrey Rod of Amboy, performed in the Symphonic Band's winter concert, directed by Dr. Timothy Yontz. Rod played flute.

The Wheaton College Conservatory of Music provides students with comprehensive instruction that cultivates creativity, proficiency, and achievement in a Christ-centered environment. For more information, please visit wheaton.edu/conservatory.

Wheaton College is a coeducational Christian liberal arts college noted for its rigorous academics, integration of faith and learning, and consistent ranking among the top liberal arts colleges in the country. For more information, visit wheaton.edu.

Board refers items to committee

BY TONJA GREENFIELD
General Manager

SUBLETTE — The Sublette Village Board met in a quick meeting on Monday night in the Ellice Dinges Center, turning numerous items over to committee for discussion.

Sublette Village President Michael Vaessen recommended having committee meetings to discuss the proposed new maintenance building, street work and drainage.

On the topic of the village taking over and moving the Sublette Business Association lighted sign, that issue too, was turned over to be discussed at an upcoming committee meeting.

The upcoming committee meetings will be posted with a time and date.

Vaessen told the board that ZBest may want to be let out of their contract for the village mowing. He added that he has two people interested in taking over the job. Vaessen recommended that the matter go before committee before the board makes a final decision on the matter. That committee will meet at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, in the Ellice Dinges Center.

Lee County Treasurer candidate Paula Meyer introduced herself to the board. She said she had walked the village going door to door introducing herself on Sunday. The primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 20.

The Sublette Village Board will hold its next monthly meeting at 7 p.m., on Monday, April 9, in the Ellice Dinges Center.

Police Blotter

Speeding

On March 9, at 1:21 p.m., Rochelle R. Steder, 50, of Dixon, was issued a traffic citation for speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

Speeding

On March 10, at 5:26 p.m., Dennis J. McCoy, 56, of Amboy, was issued a traffic citation for

speeding 46 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. He was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

Speeding

On March 11, at 12:18 a.m., Kalb W. Wittgan, 19, of Jewett, was issued a traffic citation for speeding 44 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. He was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

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The newspaper reserves the right to publish, edit, condense, revise or reject any submissions.

Community Calendar

MAY TOWNSHIP-The May Township meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, at the Township Maintenance Building.

AMBOY-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, at the Amboy Township Building 106 S. Prospect.

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only, March 15, 16, 20, 22, 23 and 28. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment or to find out about other services offered, like Adult Vaccines.

SUBLETTE-Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 202 S. Locust St., will continue 40 Hours of Devotion from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 15. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

AMBOY-272 KIDS will host tours of Amboy Junior High, 140 S. Appleton, from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 15. Everyone is invited to take the tour.

MAYTOWN-St. Patrick Church, 1336 Maytown Rd., will continue 40 Hours of Devotion from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 16. Confessions will be heard at 4:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 5 p.m. and Mass at 5:30 p.m. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

DIXON-The Lee County Council on Aging, 100 W. Second St., will present "The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease" at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 16. Call 815-288-9236 for more

information.

WEST BROOKLYN-St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 2520 Johnson St., will continue 40 Hours of Devotion from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 17. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

DIXON-The University of Illinois Extension and Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center will host Kids & K-9s survey classes for youth ages 8-18 and their dogs/puppies. The sessions will include agility, rally, obedience and conformation. Classes will be held on Saturdays beginning March 17. Call Kathy Book at 815-857-3525 or email kbook@illinois.edu to register or for more information.

SUBLETTE-The 36th Annual Farm Toy and Tractor Show will be held in Sublette on Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18. See the special section in today's edition of The Amboy News for the full schedule of events.

AMBOY-Iron Tree will sponsor "Living Museum: Short Stories on Personal Events and History of Amboy" from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 18, with sessions at The Depot Museum, Mort's Tap, The Depot Tap and The Long Branch Saloon. Sessions are free to the public.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 19, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

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, March 21, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The first

NOTICE OF
VOTE BY MAIL AND EARLY VOTING

Cathy Myers, Lee County Clerk and Recorder would like to announce that beginning Thursday, February 8, 2018, Vote By Mail and Early Voting will be conducted in the Election Department of her office, first floor of the Old Lee County Courthouse, 112 E. Second St., Dixon.

VOTE BY MAIL
Signed applications will be accepted through Thursday, March 15, 2018 and is available for properly registered Lee County voters. Applications are available on the website or by contacting the Election Department of her office.

EARLY VOTING
must be conducted in person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. and Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

PLEASE NOTE: Lee County Courthouse will be closed
February 12th and February 19th.

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

Website: www.leecountyil.com
Email: election@countyoflee.org Phone: 815-288-3309

Cathy Myers
Lee County Clerk & Recorder

CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU
March 19-23

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 tortilla, salad, salsa, tomato, onion, cornbread, beans, rice, peaches
- Early Dismissal 1:20 p.m.

Tuesday

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Loaded fries w/cheese & ground beef, carrots, peas, bread/butter, mixed fruit, cupcake

Wednesday

- French toast & syrup
- Baked chicken, baked potato, green beans, roll/butter, pineapple, blueberry cobbler

Thursday

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Hot ham on a bun, baked beans, sweet potato bites, fresh cut veggies/ranch, salad, pears

Friday

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Cheese pizza, fresh cut veggies/ranch, salad, bread/butter, jello cup

Wednesday of the month drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m., April 4. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

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, March 21. Call Ruth at LCCOA for more information, 815-288-9236.

AMBOY-The County Health Department will hold a Blood Pressure Clinic from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 21, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Call 815-284-3371 for more information.

SUBLETTE-The Lee County Council on Aging will

provide assistance with accessing 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, March 21. Call Ruth at LCCOA for more information, 815-288-9236.

AMBOY-The Amboy-Lee Center Multi-Township Assessment District meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

HARMON-The Harmon United Methodist Church will host its Spuds and Splits from 4:30 - 7 p.m., on Thursday, March 22, at the church at 202 N. Grove Street, Harmon. The menu items include baked potato or yam, ice cream, toppings for all desserts. A free will offering will be held.

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AXLE W/ TWO TIRES 18000 LBS.

NOTE: In no case shall GVW exceed 33,000 lb.

JR HIGH MENU
March 19-23

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

- Cinnamon slice
- Chicken taco on tortilla, salad, salsa, tomato, onion, cornbread, beans, rice, peaches
- Early Dismissal 1:25 p.m

Tuesday

- Cheese omelet
- Loaded fries w/cheese & ground beef, carrots, peas, bread/butter, mixed fruit, cupcake

Wednesday

- Biscuit & gravy
- Hot ham on bun, baked potato, green beans, roll/butter, pineapple, blueberry cobbler

Thursday

- Bacon scramble
- Sloppy joe on bun, baked beans, sweet potato bites, fresh cut veggies/ranch, salad, pears

Friday

- Morning smoothie
- Cheese pizza, fresh cut veggies/ranch, salad, bread/butter, jello cup

OBITUARIES

Donald R. Doty
May 30, 1931 - March 8, 2018

TIMONIUM, Md.—Donald R. Doty, 86, of Timonium, Md., and formerly of Amboy, died Thursday, March 8, 2018, at Sunrise Assisted Living in Lombard.

He was born May 30, 1931, in Amboy, the son of Paul A. and Glendora (Seguin) Doty.

He attended the University of Arkansas, graduating in 1953 with a degree in Zoology. Don was an avid Genealogist, and meticulously traced his family lineage back to the 1600s. He was fascinated with the Cuban people and their culture and took many educational trips to Cuba over the past 20 years.

He served in the Army, and Army Reserves, as a Medical Lab Specialist, from 1955 until 1963.

Don worked for National

Gypsum as a Quality Supervisor and Market Service Manager. He traveled all over the country while working for National Gypsum.

He met and married Mary Lou Albright in California in 1974. They eventually settled in Timonium, Md., where they lived until his death.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Marian Doty Gehlmann; his brother, Paul A. Doty Jr.; his nephew, Donald J. Doty.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Mary Lou Albright Doty and nine nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m., on Saturday, March 10, 2018, in Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy with the Rev. Mark Glenn,



officiating. Military Rites were provided by the Amboy American Legion.

Funeral arrangements by Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

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

Robert “Buck” Kellen
July 4, 1942 - March 9, 2018

SUBLETTE — Robert “Buck” Kellen, 75, of Sublette, passed away on the morning of Friday, March 9, 2018 at OSF St. Paul Medical Center in Mendota.

Buck was born July 4, 1942, the son of Gilbert “Gib” and Velma (Dinges) Kellen. Buck married his wife, Sharon, on Sept. 21, 1985.

Throughout his life, Buck was an active member of the Sublette community—he touched countless lives through his years of service. First, Buck served as Chief on the Sublette Fire Department from 1971 to 1999, 28 years of his 38-year career with the department. During his years of service, Buck helped modernize Sublette’s fire department—from converting an old milk truck into a water-hauling tanker in his early days to purchasing a modernized state-of-the-art fire engine, capable of pumping over 1,200 gallons per minute in his last year as Chief, Buck’s main concern was serving the community.

Buck’s legacy in the fire service continues today through his nephews, Kyle and Kole Kellen, niece, Janelle Stenzel (Kellen), step-daughter-in-law, Mary Ehlers (Joerger), and step-grandsons, Brock and Dylan Ehlers, all whom are current active members on Sublette’s

Fire Department, contributing a combined total of 74 years of service and counting. To date, members of the Kellen family have contributed nearly 300 years of service on Sublette Fire Department.

He was a graduate of the Amboy High School Class of 1960. Buck was an avid sportsman. For decades, he was member of Shady Oaks Country Club of Sublette. Buck also enjoyed hunting and fishing with his brothers, nephews and grandchildren.

Buck was the member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette, the Mendota’s Elks Club and even served as Road Commissioner for Sublette Township. Buck was also a member of the agricultural community working for Sublette Farmer’s Elevator, Cropmate and F.S.

Buck was preceded in death by his father, Gilbert “Gib,” his mother, Velma, and brothers, John and William “Bill,” all of Sublette.

Buck is survived by his wife, Sharon; two step-sons, Brent and Brad (Mary) Ehlers; three step-grandchildren, Brock, Caitlin and Dylan Ehlers of Sublette; his brother, Kevin (Kathy) Kellen, of Rhineland, Wis., and his sister, Karen (Dina) Kellen, of Denver, Colo.; and several nieces and



nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to Sublette Fire Department and St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital.

Visitation was held from 2 to 8 p.m. on Monday, March 12, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Sublette. The funeral was held at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 13 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church with a visitation beginning one-hour prior.

Burial followed at Restland Cemetery in Mendota.

Pallbearers will be Kyle and Kole Kellen, Brock, Caitlin and Dylan Ehlers, and Jim Boyle. Honorary pallbearers are Neal Vaessen, Gene Leffelman, Dennis Klein and Robert Jones.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

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

Winifred R. Stahr
Aug. 24, 1925 - March 6, 2018

AMBOY — Winifred R. “Winnie” Stahr, 92, of Amboy, died Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at Maple Crossing in Amboy.

She was born Aug. 24, 1925, in Geneseo, the daughter of Fred and Ruth (Sten) Quillin.

Winnie had owned and operated with her husband Arnie’s Supervalu in Amboy for many years prior to her retirement.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Amboy, the Amboy Flamettes, the Shady Oaks Ladies Association, and the AMVETS Auxiliary.

Winnie married Arnold R. Stahr at Immanuel Lutheran Church in East Moline on April 16, 1948.

He preceded her in death Sept. 14, 2002; she was also

preceded in death by her brother, James I. Quillin.

Survivors include her children, Nancy (Terry) Kelly, of Amboy, Carol (Roger) Cassidy, of Casa Grande, Ariz., Sara Jo (Bernard) Donovan, of Walnut, and William (Masoudeh) Stahr, of Santa Anna, Calif.; seven grandchildren, Amy (Todd) Scudder, Jenny (Denny) Hicks, Matthew (Tina) Kelly, Nathan (Janel) Stahr, Paul Donovan, Layla Stahr and Elliot Stahr; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, March 10, in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Amboy, with the Rev. Barb Otten, officiating. Burial will follow in Woodside Cemetery in Lee Center. Visitation will be held from 5 – 7 p.m., on Friday,



March 9, in the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy, and also on Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. until time of service in the church.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established.

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

Letters to the Editor
Supporting Meyer for Lee County Treasurer

Dear Editor,

There has been a lot said about the qualifications of the candidates for Lee County Treasurer. However, there is really only one candidate who has the education and experience to do the job and do it right.

Paula Meyer spent 17 years at Sauk Valley Community College streamlining financial policies and procedures that

helped to raise the college’s fund balance from \$650,000 to nearly \$6 million.

Then she was recruited by the City of Dixon to become their Chief Financial Officer to fix the mess that Rita Crundwell left behind.

Now after five years with the city she wants to bring 22 years of government accounting experience to Lee

County.

As a member of the Finance Committee with the Lee County Board I am really looking forward to having a truly professional financial manager as our next Lee County Treasurer. Vote for Paula Meyer for Lee County Treasurer.

Lirim Mimini
Ashton

Obituary Policy

The Amboy News will print DEATH NOTICES (approximately 50 words including name, age, date of death, time/date of services) free of charge. OBITUARIES will be printed at a cost of \$20 to be billed to the arranging funeral home or prepaid with cash, check or credit card. Please submit obituaries or death notices to tgreenfield@amboynews.com.

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The Book Nook

By :

Tatjana Kazan

Advice for the Junior Tempter

I'm not sure how many of us believe the Devil is real, but even if we don't, C. S. Lewis's 1942 satire, "The Screwtape Letters," is worth reading. It's a comic take on the all too real transgressions such as greed, gluttony, sloth, pride, covetousness, and envy to which our human nature inclines us.

Screwtape is an Undersecretary in a department of the bureaucracy of Hell and mentor to his nephew Wormwood, an inexperienced junior tempter. In a series of thirty-one short letters, Screwtape instructs Wormwood in the fine art of subtly steering a "patient" into Hell. "...the safest road to Hell is the gradual one – the gentle slope, soft underfoot..." Screwtape opens his letters with "My Dear Wormwood" and closes with "Your Affectionate Uncle Screwtape," even when he is highly displeased with the ineffectual junior tempter.

Screwtape suggests one of the many areas of fruitful manipulation: "When two humans have lived together for many years, it usually happens that each has tones of voice and expressions of face which are almost unendurably irritating to the other. Work on that."

Screwtape reminds Wormwood that humans are "animals and whatever their bodies do affects their souls." However, corruption may be accomplished by "manipulating the pursuit of virtue," so that a humble man will "take pride in his own humility." One of Screwtape's finest strategies is what he calls "the gluttony of delicacy" rather than of excess. His example is a woman who insists on eating only small quantities, who complains of too much food on her plate in a restaurant and sends it back, who is on constant guard against "too much," all of which "will produce querulousness, impatience, uncharitableness, and self-concern" to such a point where her belly will take over her entire life.

All extremes are to be encouraged. Boredom and the horror of the same old thing are a tempter's best allies. Twist change into the demand for absolute novelty because its pursuit will spell avarice and envy. The formula is simple: Produce "an ever increasing craving for an ever diminishing pleasure."

Lewis, a Christian writer, who is best known for "The Chronicles of Narnia," did not like writing "Screwtape" and was surprised by its immediate popularity. What is perhaps even more surprising is that "Screwtape" is still going strong nearly 80 years later.

From The Heart
Calendar winners

- February From The Heart Cash Calendar winners
- Feb. 1 Robert Hayward, of Rochelle

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Feb. 4 Russ Barber, of Rochelle

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Feb. 6 Jeff Cox, of Chana

Feb. 7 Abby Grudenschwac, of Rochelle

Feb. 8 Arthur Brazles, of Lindenwood

Feb. 9 Lance Kaecker, of Rochelle

Feb. 10 Holly Crisp, of Rochelle

Feb. 11 Robert Bowers, of Byron

Feb. 12 Michael Johnson, of Burlington

Feb. 13 Dale Underwood, of Rochelle

Feb. 14 Andrea Svela, of Rochelle

Feb. 15 Max Melton, of St Simons Island, Ga.
- Feb. 16 Ashley Davis, of Rochelle

Feb. 17 Lisa Wiggins, of Dixon

Feb. 18 Jerry Carpenter, of Rochelle

Feb. 19 Calvin M. Jacobs, of Rochelle

Feb. 20 Felicia Carreno, of Oregon

Feb. 21 Corrie Dyer, of Sycamore

Feb. 22 Rupesh Manek, of Rochelle

Feb. 23 Maria Shank, of Rochelle

Feb. 24 Steve and Debby Scherer, of Rochelle

Feb. 25 Louis grandchildren, of Rochelle

Feb. 26 Cathy King, of DeKalb

Feb. 27 Larry Truckenbrod, of Sublette

Feb. 28 Ann Haag, of Wausaukee, Wis.

THE PASTOR'S PEN

To tell the truth

PASTOR JACK M. BRIGGS

The LORD hates liars, but is pleased with those who keep their word." (Proverbs 12:22)

In one of my favorite movies, "A Few Good Men" from 1992, there is a tense exchange (to put it mildly) in which Tom Cruise's character, Lt Kaffee, is pressing the witness, Jack Nicholson's character Col. Nathan R. Jessep.

Lt Kaffee: I want the truth.

Col Jessep: You can't handle the truth.

Similarly, I'm sure we are all familiar with the courtroom scene as the bailiff asks a witness, "do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?"

Unfortunately, it would seem that lots of folks nowadays have a strained relationship with the truth. We bend the truth in many ways. There is the half-truth in which you sort of, kind of tell the truth, but not the whole truth. You tell your supervisor, "I wasn't feeling well," which was sort of true. But in reality you were not too sick to work, but just wanted to do something else. Then there is the white lie that supposedly doesn't hurt anyone. "Your new hairstyle is lovely." or "Thank you, I just love this sweater." Sound familiar?

Then there are the lies that are cover-ups, such as "No, I'm sorry he's not here right now. May I take a message?" when he is sitting in the next room. And don't forget exaggeration, stretching the story a tad to make yourself look a little better. More than a few unfortunate souls have lost their jobs over embellishments on their resumes.

We also bend the truth by cheating on our taxes, rationalizing that the government wastes so much money or that the tax system is unfair to the little people like us. We cheat on tests because everyone else does it. Or, the clerk at the checkout makes a mistake to our advantage, we don't say anything to make it right, figuring they overcharge for everything, anyway.

As Christians, we ought to be concerned about our relationship with the truth. Jesus refers to Satan as the father of lies for whom lying is his native language (John 8: 44), and who is constantly promoting lie-telling and claims that those who participate in lie-telling are functioning as his children. Yikes. God, on the other hand, identifies with the truth. God is true, and the source of truth in this world and communicates truth to his creatures. Jesus frequently speaks about the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Truth. In God's very essence, God is aligned with truth just as Ole Red Legs is aligned with lies.

Because our lives, our knowledge, our communication, and our relationships are shaped by words - from I love you to the operation is necessary – we need to be able to trust each other's words in order to live, function, and interact effectively with, and yes, love one another.

Consider also that God's purpose in giving us Number 9 on the Big 10: "You shall not bear false witness..." speaks to the higher level of obedience that comes from those who have been delivered by grace and how we can more practically and effectively love our neighbors as ourselves. Paul further explains that, since we have "put off our old self" and are being "made new in the attitude of our minds," we should always "put off falsehood and speak truthfully." Ephesians 4:22-25.

Finally, perhaps the greatest truth-telling is testifying and witnessing to the truth of salvation in the gospel of Jesus Christ. In this regard, silence can be as dangerous and disobedient as lying. Thanks be to God.

SVCC to host workshop on starting a business

DIXON — The Small Business Development Center at SVCC is holding an evening workshop Tuesday, March 27 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Sterling Public Library Conference Room.

SBDC Director, Dave Buchen, will cover the fundamentals of starting or growing your business in Illinois. Topics include business planning, market research, financial planning,

and more.

For more information, visit svcc.edu/sbdc. Registration is required by March 23. Please register at sbdc@svcc.edu or call 815-835-6244.



Ann C. Taylor

Taylor to celebrate 80th birthday

AMBOY — Ann Taylor will celebrate her 80th birthday on March 26, 2018. Ann was married to the late Robert Taylor. She has one daughter, Amy (Don) Procnier and one son, Clay William Taylor (deceased.)

Ann was a Lee County Board member for many years. She would enjoy hearing from friends.

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On This Day in History

**100 Years Ago
March 15, 1918**

A union meeting of the church officers of the Methodist and Congregational churches of this city was held Monday evening at the home of Mr. F. N. Vaughan for the purpose of considering the question of a union of the two churches. A committee was appointed to work out the details.

Miss Blanche Glee of Lee Center is taking a course in Millinery in Miss Brown’s shop in Franklin Grove.

Mrs. Anna Klein, Mrs. C. E. Ives, Miss Harriett Vaughan, Mrs. Hugh McIntyre and little daughters and Mrs. Thomas Huff and daughter Ida attended the Allied Bazaar in Dixon Friday.

**75 Years Ago
March 11, 1943**

William E. Clark, Amboy business man and veteran of World War I, has been named action postmaster of Amboy. He succeeds postmaster J. A. Edwards who has served several years.

Henry Wellman of Lee Center has the distinction of being a member of the Masonic fraternity for 60 years. In commemoration of his membership, he was recently presented with a pin by Lee Center A. F. and A. M. Mr. Wellman is the father of Mrs. P.S. Flach of Amboy

Dick Wagner, who has been absent from school for several days, being ill with tonsillitis, is much better.

**50 Years Ago
March 14, 1968**

Patrick R. Jones, 33, of 316 Fifth Street, Dixon, has announced that he will be a candidate for the office of Lee County coroner on the Democratic ballot in the June 11 primary election. Jones is a lifelong resident of Lee County and is married to the former Miss Carol Ann Bowers. They have three sons, Patrick, John and Michael.

The Amboy Volunteer Fire Department was called to the Roy Vivian farm Wednesday of last week to put out a fire in a field of cornstalks north of the farm buildings. Their prompt arrival no doubt prevented the spread of the fire to the buildings.

Paul Koehler reports that he saw a robin in his yard at 103 South Strobel Avenue Sunday, March 10. He is the first to make a report to The Amboy News.

**25 Years Ago
March 18, 1993**

Amboy Board of Education voted Monday night to offer to discuss a possible merger or consolidation with Franklin Center District 271. Board members approved a letter to be sent to the District 271 board offering to discuss joining the two school district. Franklin Center officials discussed the possibility of a merger with Ashton schools last year, but no action was taken at that time.

Shane Coers, a 14-year old freshman at Amboy High School, was recently selected to compete with the United States Tumbling Association (USTA) National Competition team during competition held in Tinley Park. Shane thanks Jim Braida and the staff at Amboy High School for their help and encouragement: students and community members who bought candy bars to help defray the costs for the United States Tumbling Association Committee Team to complete in Canada.

Ogle Lee Crime stoppers is seeking information to assist the county sheriff’s department in the investigation of vandalism to a grave maker at the Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy in late summer of 1992

Seminar to discuss what happens to belonging after death

OREGON — Most people have personal belongings such as wedding photographs, a baseball glove or a yellow pie plate that have special meaning for them and other family members.

These types of personal possessions, as well as jewelry, stamps, coin collections, or quilts, are referred to as non-titled property because there are no legal documents (such as titles) in indicate who officially owns them.

What happens to your non-titled personal belongings when you die? Who decides who gets what? Planning for the transfer of personal belongings is a challenge facing owners of the items and, potentially, family members and legal representatives who may be left to make decisions about the items when a family member dies.

Non-titled property may or may not have financial value, but often has sentimental, historical or emotional value for both the giver and receiver.

Join Karla Belzer, University of Illinois Extension, Family Life Educator on Tuesday, March 20 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the University of Illinois

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Kish Continuing Ed offering spring classes

MALTA— The Continuing Education department at Kishwaukee College is offering a wide variety of classes for community members this spring. For a complete list of classes being offered, visit www.kish.edu/CE. Here is a small sampling of classes beginning in March and April:

Chinese Language and Culture meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 20–May 10 from 3–5 p.m. Participants will learn to pronounce words and names, basic conversation, how to read the phonetic systems, and how to read and write elementary Chinese characters. Chinese culture will be explored through activities, food, and films. The cost for this class is \$125.

Fitness: The Complete Workout – Low Impact meets on Tues-



Maan El-Khadra

OSF Saint Paul welcomes new cardiologist

MENDOTA — OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center is pleased to welcome Maan El-Khadra, MD to its staff.

El-Khadra specializes in cardiology - caring for patients with coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, arrhythmia, valvular heart disease and pericardial disease. He joins the team of cardiologists at OSF HealthCare Cardiovascular Institute which serves the communities of Mendota, Ottawa, Peru, Princeton, Spring Valley and Streator.

El-Khadra received his medical degree from Aleppo University, Syria and completed his residency at Cook County Hospital, Chicago. He also completed a fellowship at Boston VA Medical Center, Boston, Mass., and another at St. Francis Medical Center in Pontiac, Mich.

Office appointments with El-Khadra may be scheduled by calling (309) 589-2255. For more information, visit osfhealthcare.org/heart.

SVCC to offer trip to The Field Museum on March 28

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College’s Community Education Department is taking a trip to The Field Museum trip on Wednesday, March 28 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Get your All Access Pass to The Field Museum in Chicago and explore amazing exhibits including a rare, up-close look at mummies – some not on public view for over a century – and the new discoveries by Field Museum scientists.

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The Field Museum trip is limited to 55 participants, is for all ages, and includes your All-Access Pass to The Field Museum, transportation, tips, and snacks. Bus departs SVCC North Parking lot promptly at 7:30 a.m. and returns to SVCC at 5:30 p.m.

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Favorite Animal - Elephant
Favorite Food - Pizza
Favorite Book - Mary and Joseph
Favorite Game - Nerf War
Favorite Song - Horses

CLIPPER kIDDIEz

This Week's Student of the Week is:
Michael Dallam



Student's Favorites:
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Favorite Animal - Cheetah
Favorite Food - Spaghetti and Meatballs
Favorite Book - Sharkbooks
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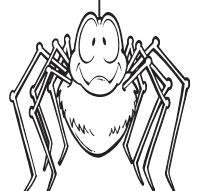
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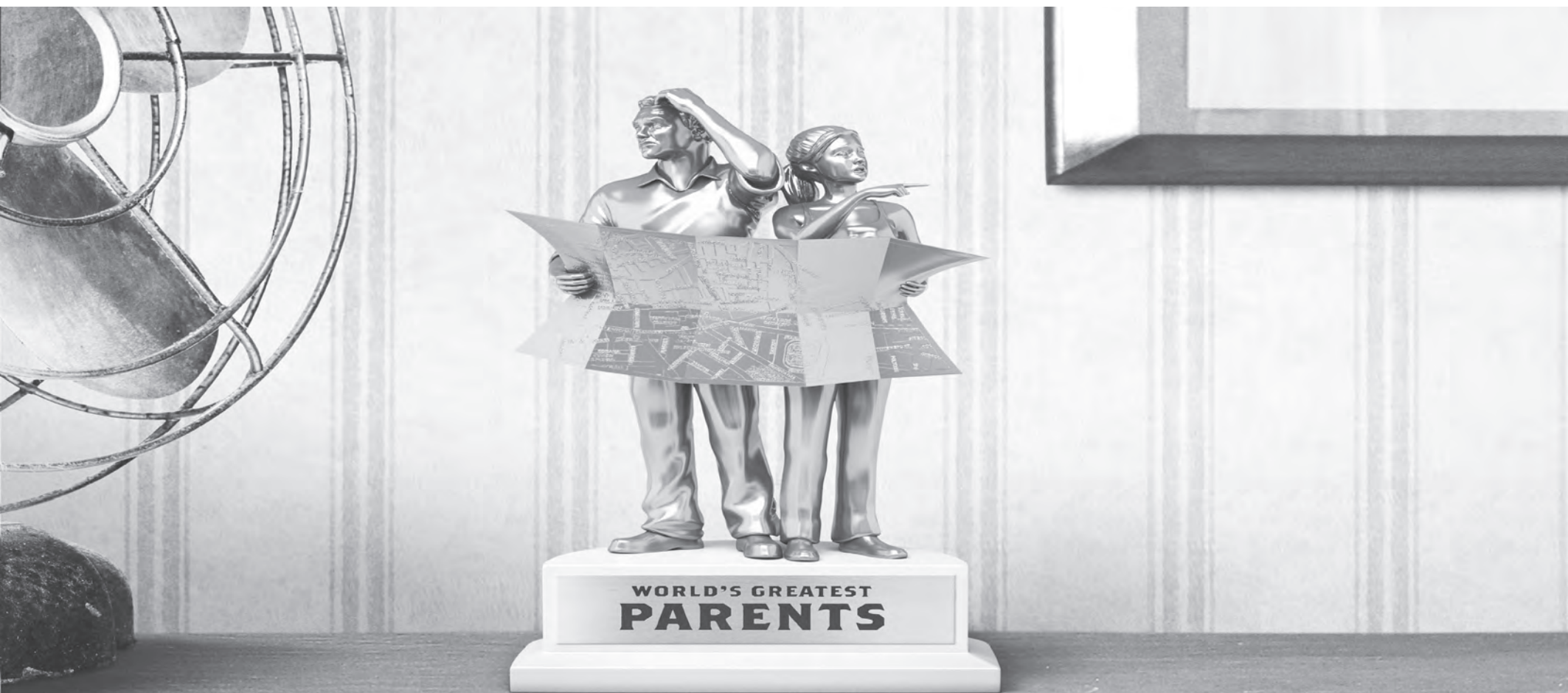
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Fish Fry Friday, March 23, 2018 5 to 7 p.m.

MUSICAL
The musical Annie was amazing. All the kids did such a great job. They and their parents along with Kathy Mekeel and Aubrey Burke directors, dedicated many long hours for

many weeks to give us a fantastic weekend of family fun. They sold out the Friday, Saturday and Sunday performances so added a fourth on Sunday at 5:30 p.m. to accommodate the other people that wanted to see it. We wanted to say thanks Kathy and Aubrey for giving so many kids a chance to shine. The display by Beth Becker's flower design class was awesome as well.

So many of our youth are not athletic so the arts are a special way for them to show off their GOD given gifts.

FISH FRY
Our annual fish fry will be from 5 – 7 p.m., on Friday, March 23, at Teen Turf 235 W. Main Street, Amboy. Please plan to come out and enjoy a delicious fish supper. It will consist of deep fried fish, French

fries, Cole slaw and drink. The proceeds will help to keep our After School Homework program free. Workers are needed so please call 815-440-8195 if you can help out.

DANCE
We will have our next dance from 6 – 9 p.m., on Friday, March 16. It will be a decade dance. Come dressed as your favorite music group. There will be several 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.

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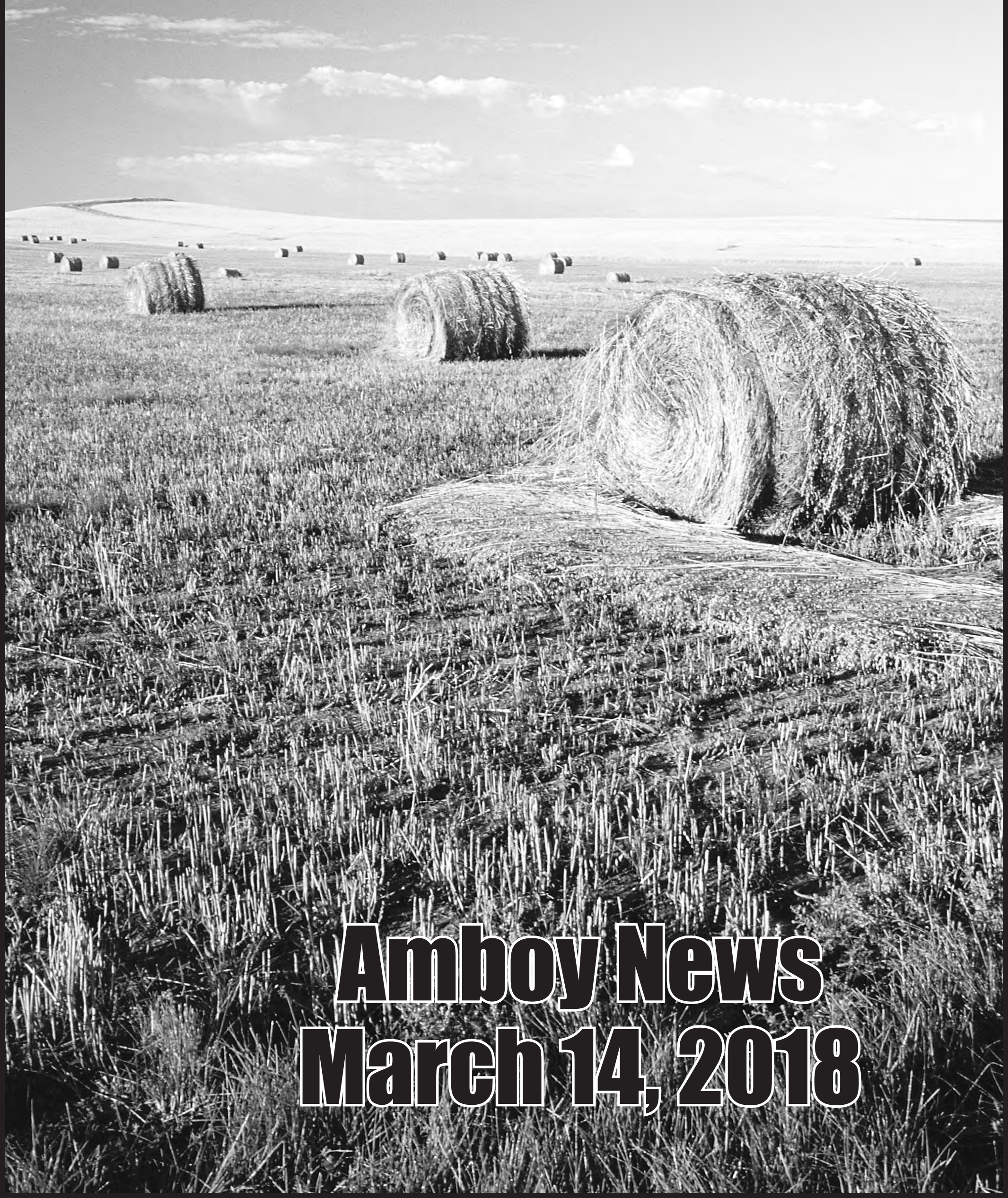
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Fri., March 16	NUIC Music Festival @ Pearl City HS – All Day w/Concert at 6:00 p.m.
Sat., March 17	AHS Boys Track @ Byron – 1:00 p.m. AHS Fresh/Soph Softball (H) Mendota – 11:00 a.m. AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball @ Mendota – 11:00 a.m.
Sun., March 18	Clipper Store Garage Sale – AHS Cafeteria – 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Mon., March 19	EARLY DISMISSAL – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY Times: AJHS – 1:20; Central – 1:25; AHS – 1:30 AHS Girls Track @ IWU Shirk Center, Bloomington – 4:00 p.m.
Tues., March 20	AJHS 7th & 8th Scholastic Bowl @ Holy Cross, Mendota – 4:00 p.m. AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball (H) Milledgeville – 4:30 p.m.
Wed., March 21	AJHS 7th & 8th Scholastic Bowl (H) Dimmick – 4:00 p.m.
Thurs., March 22	AJHS Scholastic Bowl (H) – 4:00 p.m. AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball @ Milledgeville – 4:00 p.m. School Board Meeting – AHS – 7:00 p.m.

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Hog prices increase, but so do feed costs

URBANA - The pork market has been favored by strong demand and that remains supportive for hog prices this year. Prospects remain positive for higher producer prices again in 2018, even in the face of a 3 to 4 percent increase in supply. However, according to Purdue University agricultural economist Chris Hurt, a new threat to profit margins is being driven by dry weather in Argentina, therefore pushing up feed costs.

On the demand front, all signals continue to be positive. So far in 2018, pork supplies have been up by 2.5 percent, yet hog prices have also been higher by nearly 4 percent. There are several signs of positive demand growth.

“First, January retail pork prices were 18 cents per retail pound higher this year compared to January of 2017. This indicates that consumers are willing to pay more for pork even though there is more pork available.

“Second, packer margins have narrowed since last August as new

capacity came online and continues to increase production. More competition among packers for hogs is helping strengthen bids for hogs and increasing the farmers’ share,” Hurt says.

Finally, exports remain strong with 22 percent of our production being exported in 2017. USDA is expecting exports to be 4 percent higher again this year.

“The market has caught on to a strong demand with live prices so far this year averaging about \$1.80 per hundredweight higher than the same period last year. In addition, the lean hog futures market has been strong as well,” Hurt adds.

Using those futures prices and historic basis, expected live hog prices for 2018 would average about \$53.50 compared to \$50.48 last year.

“The prospect of hog prices this year being \$3 per live hundredweight higher is a reflection that the futures market recognizes the strong demand outlook for this year. Time will tell if the current optimism can turn into

reality.

“Those expected prices are about \$51 per live hundredweight for the first quarter, around \$57 for the second and third quarters, and then near \$48 for the final quarter,” Hurt explains.

He adds, “Higher hog prices are a joyful sound to hog producers, but there are two catches. The first uncertainty is whether hog prices can actually be as strong as current markets expect and the second uncertainty is feed cost.”

The pork industry, like all animal agriculture, has believed that feed supplies are abundant and that corn and soybean meal will remain cheap. Why? For the four crop years from 2014 to 2017, farm-level corn prices received have averaged \$3.49 per bushel and in the past three calendar years from 2015 to 2017, high-pro soybean meal at Decatur has averaged \$328 per ton.

Since the beginning of this year, hog price prospects have increased, but so have anticipated feed costs. For hog producers, the increase in soybean

meal prices has had a bigger impact on feed costs than increases in corn prices.

March 2018 soybean meal futures have increased from about \$320 per ton at the start of the year to \$380 currently.

Hurt estimates that a \$60 per ton increase in meal price increases the costs per live hundredweight by \$1.85 per hundredweight. March 2018 corn futures have risen by about 16 cents per bushel raising costs by \$.70 per hundredweight.

Combining the estimated \$1.85 costs per hundredweight increase from higher meal prices and the \$.70 from corn means about \$2.50 higher potential costs.

So far this year, hog price prospects are higher but so are anticipated costs. The net effect is to reduce profit prospects modestly. Profits above all costs in 2017 were estimated at about \$5 per head.

“In January of this year, our outlook suggested profit prospects for 2018 were for profits of \$5 to \$10 per head. With these recent developments,

the outlook is lowered modestly to expected profits from \$0 to \$10 per head. Since the start of the year, costs prospects have risen somewhat more than hog price prospects,” Hurt says.

Hurt concludes that pork demand should remain positive through the year with strong U.S. and world economic growth. Longer-term however, higher wage rates, higher inflation, and higher interest rates may begin to constrain economic growth.

“Global demand for feed ingredients continues to grow, but favorable weather has resulted in near record global yields for the last four years. A shift to less favorable global weather has obvious consequences for animal industries.

“As a reminder, the pork industry should strive to keep breeding herd expansion to around 1 percent per year. Keeping breeding herd growth to about one percent per year will increase production by about 2.5 percent per year which seems to be a sustainable growth rate,” Hurt says.

Harrison County Project to combat weeds resistant to herbicides

AMES, Iowa — Harrison County is home to a new project focused on combating weed resistance as part of a statewide pest resistance management program led by Iowa State University.

A team of local farmers, landowners, agronomists, crop advisers, bankers, seed and chemical company representatives, and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach specialists are addressing the increasing threat of herbicide resistant weeds, including Palmer amaranth.

Launched in 2017, the Iowa Pest Resistance Management Program is a statewide effort to slow the development of pest resistance using a collaborative

approach to promote pest resistance management practices.

The Harrison County team includes farmer cooperators who will help evaluate and demonstrate the cost-effectiveness of weed resistance management for 2018 and beyond.

“I am extremely pleased in how this project is evolving, the interest that it is receiving, and especially our team,” said Larry Buss, a Harrison County farmer and leader of the project. “This team is devoting time and energy to this project because they all feel, as I do, that we have got to get on top of this resistance issue. If we do not, the results will be reduced crop yields and increased production costs, both which will decrease

Iowa farmer profitability.”

Palmer amaranth was first discovered in Iowa in 2013 in Harrison County. It is of great concern to farmers due to its competitiveness, high growth rate, prolific seed production and demonstrated ability to evolve resistance to herbicides. Once established in a field, weed management costs may rise significantly.

“Combating weed resistance requires both a short-term and a long-term focus and adaptive management as we learn what works and what does not work,” Buss said.

In addition to combating Palmer amaranth, the Harrison County team will focus on improving management of

widespread herbicide-resistant weeds — waterhemp, giant ragweed and marehail.

The Harrison County effort is one of several pest resistance management projects around Iowa coordinated by Iowa State, which is working with many partners to develop and implement projects across the state with farmers and their agronomic and farm advisers and agricultural professionals to devise cost-effective resistance management practices to sustain yields.

“The local teams drive these projects,” said Evan Sivesind, program manager in the Department of Entomology at Iowa State who oversees the Iowa Pest Resistance Manage-

ment Program. “Farmers, crop advisers and other agriculture professionals set the direction for each project and develop strategies that address the issues facing farmers in their area. The Harrison County project has a great team in place that really understands the local landscape and the specific challenges farmers are facing in the area.”

In Harrison County, growing conditions and management practices vary widely.

Field demonstrations will take place in both the Loess Hills and the Missouri River Valley. The viability of recommended resistance management practices will be tested and demonstrated in the context of local cropping systems.

Results will be shared through local field days, newspaper articles, handouts, social media and on protectionwacrops.org, which is part of Iowa State’s Integrated Pest Management website.

Research finds wind farms positively impact crops

AMES, Iowa — Iowa State University researchers have found that wind turbines located in agricultural fields are a plus for the crops growing around them.

The overall effects on crops growing in wind farms appear to be positive said Gene Takle, Iowa State agronomy professor. He has led a team of plant and soil scientist along with extension specialists who have been looking into the effects since 2009.

They started their work after seeing more wind farms and turbines pop up around the state. The new land use was positive for the landowners where they were located, but the researchers wondered if it was the same for the farmers growing crops.

“It’s unusual because we’re continuing the previous land use and we’re adding another,” he said. “We’re sort of double-cropping because these can be thought of two forms of energy production. The Chinese do this when they plant soybeans in between horticultural crops. We’re planting turbines.”

If the turbines change the microclimate for corn and soybeans, the team wanted to learn if it is a big enough change to be measured and the potential impacts. He said wind blowing across a corn or soybean field without turbines creates a certain turbulence that carries moisture from the transpiring crop, which rises into the atmosphere and pulls down cooler, drier air. At night the wind is calmer and the land cools.

Turbines take some of the wind energy, slowing it down but increasing its turbulence so it interacts with the crop more, possibly increasing evaporation from the crop or moving carbon dioxide down into the crop.

“The biggest changes are at night and that’s because during the day there’s a lot of chaotic turbulence, just because the sun is heating the surface and the wind is gusty,” Takle said. “At night when it gets pretty calm, the crop cools down and if it’s a humid night you start to get dew formation. If you add the turbines, it looks a little more like the daytime. So the dew formation is delayed and it may start to evaporate sooner.”

Since fungus and mold like a wet environment, the shorter the wet period makes it less favorable for the growth of those potential pathogens. In the fall, the shorter wet period could speed up harvesting because farmers typically have to wait for soybeans to dry in the morning.

Another factor is that turbines bring warmer air down to interact with the cool air near the surface. Throughout the wind farm, the surface is a little bit warmer which inhibits dew formation.”

“Satellites can measure surface temperatures and you can see little dots across the state of Iowa and locate every wind farm because they’re slightly warmer than the surrounding area. So we know it has an effect that’s large enough to be seen there,” he said.

Another plus is the air pressure fluctuation measured around wind turbines.

Takle said there is a lot of carbon dioxide in the top few feet of soil — as much as two or three times what is in the air. The move-



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