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## **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

Photo submitted

# **Annual Sublette Toy Show** planned for this weekend

**SUBLETTE** – The 36<sup>th</sup> 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  $available \, from \, the \, Sub-Let \, Indians \, and \, May town$ 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

## 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?



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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.

# 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.

See BRAIDA, page A2



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

# 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

Unique items at unique boutique 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

See **BOUTIQUE**, page A2



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# **BOUTIQUE** continued from page A1-

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, walkins are welcome Wednesday, Friday 10 a.m. - 5 pm., 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 jewelry, 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.

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.



## 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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# **BRAIDA** continued from page A1-

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 for Braida was a request that came from a member of the community. "This is a first in the history of our district and I am proud to announce that the board of education unanimously voted and passed a resolution to fulfill such request," Jones told the crowd.

After posting on Facebook that the district was going to honor Braida in this way, Jones noted that the post was shared over 100 times with hundreds of positive comments in support. Giving a few examples of the sentiments expressed, Jones read:

"Congratulations Mr. Braida, you have touched the hearts of so many children. You're the best role model any parent could have for their kids."

"Mr. Braida thank you for leading a teaching staff that was instrumental in giving me the tools and education to succeed. Your dedication to your students will always be remembered."

"Mr. Braida is one of the nicest people I have ever met. He did not demand respect; he just got it, congratulations."

Jones said these comments are just a small indication of what an inspiration Braida has been to so many people and how that has changed lives. "Individuals like Mr. Braida make Amboy great," she emphasized. "His community involvement is a reflection of his character and we all should strive for that. His dedication to the Amboy School District exemplifies why the honor is so deserved."





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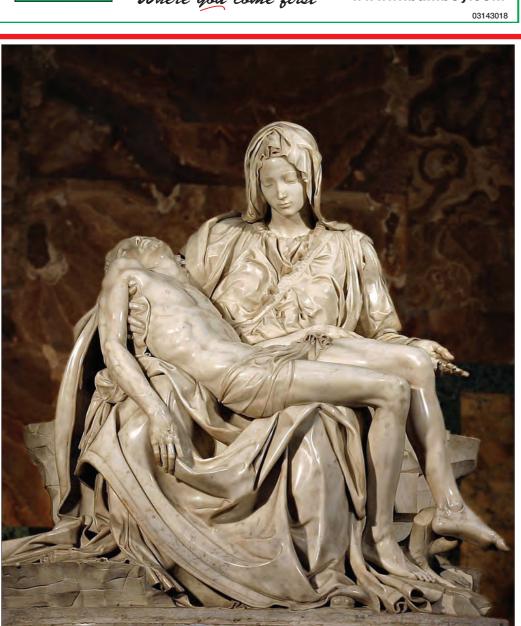
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## COME AND ADORE THE LORD IN THE EUCHARIST AT:-

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church – 201 Locust St., Sublette Wednesday, March 14......9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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

# **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

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.

## Green River Saddle Club

www.greenriversaddleclub.webs.com greenriversaddleclubamboy.com

**Night Out With Friends** March 24, 2018

Music, Snacks, Games, Cocktails DJ Start at 7 p.m.



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# **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

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 host Breakfast with the Board and Director at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 16. Please RSVP by calling 815-288-9236.

**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

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

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.leecountvil.com

9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

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.

- 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

Tuesday

- 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.

## Come join us in Sublette for the 36th Annual Farm Toy and **Antique Tractor Show!**



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## **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

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

- Early Dismissal 1:25 p.m

- Cheese omelet

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

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

- Sloppy joe on bun, baked beans, sweet potato

- Bacon scramble

bites, fresh cut veggies/ranch, salad, pears - 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

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 Ambov.

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

#### **SUBLETTE** — Robert Fire Department, contributing "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 stepgrandsons, Brock and Dylan Ehlers, all whom are current active members on Sublette's 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.

Robert "Buck" Kellen

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 Rhinelander, Wis., and his sister, Karen (Dina) Kellen, of Denver, Colo.; and several nieces and



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 onehour prior.

Burial followed at Restland Cemetery in Mendota.

Pallbearers will be Kyle and Kole Kellen, Brock, Cailtin 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

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, Calilf.; 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

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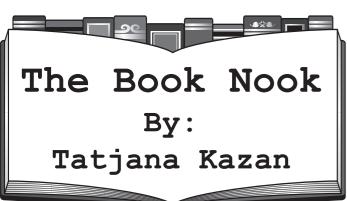
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## Advice for the Junior Tempter

'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

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

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Feb. 16 Ashley Davis, of

Feb. 17 Lisa Wiggins, of

Feb. 18 Jerry Carpenter, of

Feb. 19 Calvin M. Jacobs,

Feb. 20 Felicia Carreno, of

Feb. 21 Corrie Dyer, of

Feb. 22 Rupesh Manek, of

Feb. 23 Maria Shank, of

Feb. 24 Steve and Debby

Feb. 25 Louis grandchildren,

Feb. 26 Cathy King, of

Feb. 27 Larry Truckenbrod,

Feb. 28 Ann Haag, of

Scherer, of Rochelle

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Feb. 2 Sarah Wittenauer, of

Amboy Feb. 3 Brenda Willett, of

Feb. 4 Russ Barber, of Rochelle

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Feb. 6 Jeff Cox, of Chana Feb. 7 Abby Grudenschwac,

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Lindenwood

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## 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 lietelling 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.

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



# 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) Procunier and one son, Clay

William Taylor (deceased.) Ann was a Lee County Board member for many years.

She would enjoy hearing from friends. Cards may be sent to 1666 Sterling Road, Amboy, IL 61310.



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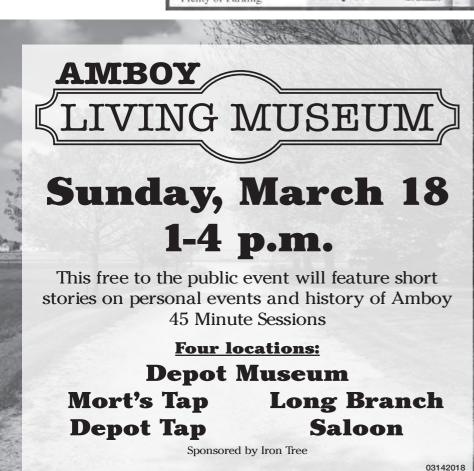
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# **Letters to the Editor**

# **Lee County Treasurer**

Dear Editor,

Local government elections are important because the operations of those offices directly affect the lives of the people they serve in many ways.

In the Republican Primary Election on March 20 for Lee County Treasurer, I am impressed with Paula Meyer's exemplary record of financial management and her admirable character—that is the essential combination needed for this position.

As the City of Dixon Chief Financial Officer over the past five years, Meyer has implemented numerous fiscal policies and procedures, which have stabilized the city's finances and has set the stage in restoring the public's trust in city government.

Meyer's financial education and 30 years of experience have given her first-rate expertise in handling municipal finances. During Meyer's years of financial management service, she has served as a Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer, Controller, Senior Staff Accountant and Auditor. That invaluable experience is both

What is more is that her offices have always been highly regarded as exceptionally well run, the books always balanced, the audits were clean, the investments were sound, payroll and benefits were handled flawlessly, and all without controversy.

Paula Meyer is ready to bring the insights gleaned from her 30 years of experience in financial management and her exceptional financial expertise to the people of Lee County as County Treasurer.

I endorse Paula Meyer's election as County Treasurer because I believe her remarkable record in office merits election as your Lee County Treasurer.

**State Senator Chuck Weaver** 

# Supporting Amboy school bond referrendum

I have immense pride in being part of this community. I was born and raised here, as well were my parents, as well as my husband and his parents. My husband and I both attended Amboy schools. We left for a short time to attend college and came back to start a family in the community we are so fond of.

Due to my love of this community I wanted to be involved and have a voice in my children's education. So, I ran for the school board. As a parent and board member, I have the same goal our parents had; I want to improve things for my children, and every student. At times this task is difficult. There are obstacles to overcome but I have put my energy into overcoming these obstacles when they occur. I am proud of many of our accomplishments, for example, the district is now 1:1, and every student has their own Google Chromebook. Many of our neighboring schools are not that fortunate. This allows our community's students to be better prepared to face their future.

But the work is not complete. We have an aging infrastructure that is not meeting the needs of students in this century. It is critical that we provide a better learning environment for our children. Now is the time to invest in our community. Our schools are vital foundations of the community and its future.

I want my future grandchildren, as well as every other community members' children and grandchildren to have schools in Amboy that provide a high quality education. The future students of Amboy deserve better than we are currently providing. It is our task to fulfill. As a community we need to come together and make Amboy school buildings a 21st century learning environment.

Please, as a fellow community member, I encourage you to vote on March 20, and have your voice heard. Every vote counts.

Nicole Jones

# Show Amboy pride - Vote yes

I will vote yes on March 20 because I have Amboy Pride.

I am proud to live in a community that knows the value of a quality education. People in our school district instill traditional values that make our communities a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

I will vote yes because District 272 needs our help. I am willing to invest money to advance our schools into the Clipper Learning Campus of tomorrow. Gone are the days of desks and chalkboards. New classrooms will be state the art in a facility that will provide secure entrances for added protection and safety of our staff and students.

I will vote ves because I am proud of the District 272 staff that has been recognized nationally for the Personalized Learning Curriculum. Students are encouraged to set personal goals and achieve at their own pace. This may mean early graduation with college credit for some students.

I will vote yes because I believe in the future generations. The children of my family, friends, and neighbors deserve to have the best learning environment that will prepare them for the ever changing technological world we live in. We can give them the best opportunity for success as employees, professionals and citizens of Amboy and our surrounding communities.

I will vote yes to show my support and appreciation to the 272 KIDS Committee and School Board members who have dedicated a tremendous amount of time analyzing the best option for our district dollars.

Show your Amboy Pride by voting yes on March 20. **Connie Bontz** 

Amboy

# **Lee County Treasurer**

I have had the pleasure and responsibility to serve the People or Lee County as their Treasurer since 1994. Now, the voters of Lee County must decide who will be their next Treasurer. Melissa Lawrence has worked with me for the past 13 years. I appointed Melissa as my Chief Deputy because of her ability, knowledge and skills at running the Treasurer's office in my absence and other times, at my side.

I know that Melissa can handle the office with efficiency, friendliness, and skill that has been the trademark of this office for years. Please vote for Melissa Lawrence on March 20.

> **John Fritts Lee County Treasurer**

# 272Kids committee encourages a Yes vote

On March 20 residents of the Amboy School District will vote on a \$15.8 million General Obligation bond for the purposes of building a junior high addition onto the high school and also adding a media center, gym, and new secure school entrance to the current high school.

The 272 KIDS committee involves parents and grandparents of current Amboy students, parents with children not yet in school, and community members with no children in school. We heard your questions, we asked our own. We sought answers from the school board, administration and other county agencies. We've done the research, and we firmly believe the BEST use of our tax dollars is to approve this bond.

The issue is simple. The infrastructure at the current junior high is crumbling faster than the district's ability to complete basic maintenance at all three school buildings. More time and money are being filtered to the junior high to fix bricks and mortar challenges versus investing in the people who make education great. The district does not have the means to correct the day to day infrastructure challenges at the junior high in a manner that will not affect daily classes or keep future problems at bay.

A no vote is not a vote for the status quo. The junior high will continue to deteriorate, and the district will be forced to sink our tax dollars into state mandated projects that are truly temporary fixes of the bigger problems.

We know approval of this bond means a tax increase and sacrifice for all. We are asking our neighbors, family and friends to support our teachers and students with a resounding 'yes' vote on March 20. Yes, benefits every person because yes is an investment in our future.

> **Nichole Stenzel & Allison Fox** Co-chairs, 272 KIDS

# Supporting Meyer for Lee **County Treasurer**

I've spent the majority of my career serving as a public servant and enjoy giving back to my community. Every voter in Lee County should understand that Paula Meyer shares my strong desire to serve and give back to our community.

Meyer has a demonstrated commitment to her family and to the community in which she lives. I know that wanting to serve is often misunderstood motivation and can be viewed with skepticism for someone seeking elected office. However, serving our community is not misunderstood when we speak of first responders, teachers, members of the Lions Club, and the many other people who serve our community

Meyer, like them, is genuinely excited to bring her skills to the benefit of our county and her fellow citizens.

Your vote for Paula Meyer on March 20 will be greatly ap-

**Kelly Foster Amboy** 

# Supporting Meyer for Lee **County Treasurer**

Dear Editor,

My name is Jim Schielein, and I am heading up a group of Lee County residents to support Paula Meyer for Lee County Treasurer. I would like to tell you why I, like so many others, am supporting Meyer.

As fellow farmers, I have known Paula and Don Meyer for many years. I have followed Paula's career and have admired her professionalism, intelligence and tenacity. Once the Rita Crundwell scandal broke, I was thrilled that the city council tapped Paula to be the City's new Comptroller to lead the charge to put Dixon's shattered finances, and our community's trust, back together.

When I heard that John Fritts was retiring, I knew that the position of Treasurer would be a natural fit for her. Paula has the education and experience to make her, far and away, the best choice. Now, having worked closely with her in this campaign, I can stand witness that she is one of the finest persons I have ever met, she cares deeply about our community, and when elected, she will be among the best county treasurers in the State of Illinois.

Please join me, on March 20, in voting for Paula Meyer for Lee County Treasurer. Jim Schielein

**South Dixon Township** 

# **Encourages county to elect a public servant as Treasurer**

In 10 years as a county treasurer, I have learned that a person's value as a government leader is not determined by formal education or professional certification. The most effective elected officials are those who have a passion for serving the public, who always keep the best interests of their constituents at heart, and who are continuously seeking ways to efficiently improve service.

Effective county treasurers build positive relationships with other department heads, earn the respect of county board members and provide leadership for an office staff. That ability comes from a strong work ethic and a humble heart, not from an accounting

degree. County treasurers often need to speak with financially strapped homeowners and explain the harsh reality of what will happen if

their taxes don't get paid. We spend countless hours each year engaged in conversations with people whose tax bills increased significantly and need an explanation. And a CPA shingle hanging on the office wall will not provide the empathy required to handle those conversations with dignity and respect.

The Illinois Property Tax Code is nearly 200 pages of state statutes, and they don't teach this stuff in accounting school. County treasurers need to learn these laws and follow them, fairly and consistently. I ask Lee County voters to remember that they aren't hiring an accountant on March 20. They are electing a public servant who will take an oath to follow the law.

**Curtis P. Newport Boone County Treasurer** 

# Weaver endorses Meyer for Fritts endorses Lawrence for Bivins endorses Meyer for Lee **County Treasurer**

Dear Editor,

I am announcing that I am endorsing Paula Meyer for Lee County Treasurer. As a member of the Illinois State Senate over the past 10 years and as Lee County Sheriff for 20 years I am well aware of how important it is to elect highly qualified individuals who understand how to forecast revenues and to budget responsibly. Paula Meyer is an exceptional candidate whose qualifications include more than 22 years of implementing government accounting policies and procedures. She is a Certified Public Accountant with a Master's degree in accounting who has served as Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer/Controller and Auditor.

Today the public is demanding that government officials practice transparency in how tax dollars are being collected and spent. Five years ago, Meyer took on the daunting task of putting into place new accounting procedures for the City of Dixon in the wake of the embezzlement of more than \$50 million. Meyer has been able to help the City of Dixon by writing and implementing accounting practices that have increased transparency and improved the

Through her years of service, Meyer has gained the respect and admiration of citizens for her integrity and her expertise. The citizens of Lee County will be well served by electing Paula Meyer as our next Lee County Treasurer.

**Tim Bivins** Illinois State Senator, 45th District

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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 or 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

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

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This Week's Student of the Week is:

**Gunnar Christoffersen** 

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Favorite Book - Mary and

Favorite Game - Nerf War

Student's Favorites:

Favorite Food - Spaghetti and

Favorite Game - Race Track Cars

Favorite Book - Sharkbooks

Favorite Song - Bad Blood

Favorite Animal - Cheetah

Favorite Color - Blue

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**Favorite Song - Horses** 

**Favorite Color - Blue** 

Favorite Food - Pizza

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

accommodation to participate

in this program, please contact

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# **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 nontitled property because there are no legal documents (such as titles) in indicate who officially

owns them. What happens to your nontitled 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

**Email news** items to tgreenfield@ amboynews. com

# 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

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

# **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

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.

Displaying a unique selection of over 20 mummies, including one of the oldest mummies in the world, discover why mummification was not just for royal Egyptians. Virtually navigate into sarcophagus, unwrap the outer wrappings,

and explore the interior. Begin your exploration with SVCC during your local schools' spring break.

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. Cost of the trip is \$69 per person. If you have an account with Sauk Valley Bank you can receive a \$5 discount on this trip. Register by calling SVCC's Community Education office at 815-835-6212.

# Recycle! Recycle! Recycle!

days and Thursdays, April 2 - May 10, from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. at the Family Service Agency - Club 55 in DeKalb. This class is for adults of all ages who want to get in shape and/or stay fit. Classes will include stretching, strength training and cardio workouts. Students will work at their own pace and will need to bring hand weights (3-5 pounds), an exercise mat and water. Participants should wear comfortable clothes and gym shoes. This class is offered at a senior rate of \$25 for participants who are at least age 60; the non-senior rate is \$75.

Food Sanitation Certification meets on Saturday, April 7 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at Kishwaukee College. This class covers safe food handling practices in the food service industry and qualifies participants to take the Illinois Food Service Sanitation Certification exam which is administered at the end of the class session. After passing the exam, the State of Illinois will assess a \$35 certification fee. The certificate is good for five years. This class will also be offered in Spanish on Mondays, April 23 and 30, from 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m. The cost for this class is \$185.

Drones 101 – Beginner Class meets on Tuesday, April 10 from 9 am. – noon. There is a second opportunity to take the class on Tuesday April 17 from 6 – 9 p.m. This class is designed for anyone considering purchasing a drone as well as those who have recently purchased a drone and want instruction on the operation of it. The class covers basic flying, operation safety tips, pre-flight inspections, evaluating flight conditions, and when a drone should be registered with the FAA. The cost for this class is \$15.

For information on registration for Continuing Education classes, please visit www.kish.edu/CE and select "Ways to Register."



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by Gary Kopervas



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by Mike Marland





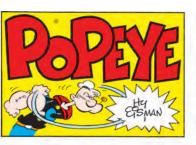
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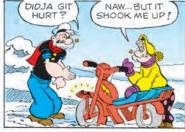


















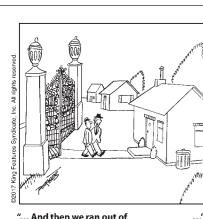
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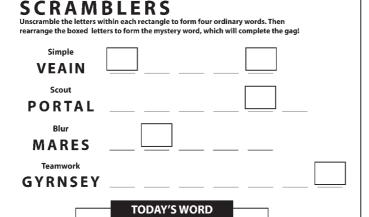




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# King Crossword

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# Weekly **SUDOKU**

## by Linda Thistle

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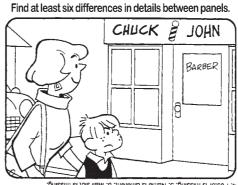
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## **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆

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# Trivia test by Fifi -Rodriguez

- 1. MYTHOLOGY: What was a harpy in Greek mythology? 2. GAMES: How many railroad spaces
- are on a Monopoly board? 3. LITERATURE: Which American novelist wrote the book "White Fang"?
- 4. U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Maryland? 5. MOVIES: What was the shortest title for a Best Picture Oscar winning movie? 6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which
- 19th-century president died from cirrhosis of liver? 7. ANATOMY: What does the Greek adjective "otic" refer to in the human
- body? 8. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries and principalities are neighbors of
- France? 9. THEATER: What musical features
- the song "Bali Ha'i"? 10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a

young hen called? © 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.

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# IDNR announces 2018 wingshooting schedule

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), in cooperation with its partners and co-sponsors, will conduct wingshooting clinics at sites throughout Illinois from March through

The clinics provide instruction and help improve the shooting skills for both beginners and experienced hunters. Most clinics are conducted on weekends at IDNR sites, cooperating gun clubs and shooting ranges, hunting preserves, and farms.

Youth/Women's Wingshooting Clinics are designed to provide instruction on safely shooting a shotgun at moving clay targets. Girls and boys ages 10-15, young adults ages 16-18, and women of all ages are eligible to participate.

Each clinic starts with a morning shotgun safety presentation, followed by a brief, hands-on shotgun orientation session. Students will break for lunch then spend the afternoon in the field shooting flying

Most youth/women's clinics are provided at no cost to participants, but some require a nominal registration fee. Shot-

guns, shotshells, clay targets, safety glasses and hearing protection are provided.

Hunter wingshooting clinics are handson and include extensive opportunities to shoot a variety of clay target presentations on courses specifically designed for hunters. From ducks and doves to pheasants, quail and rabbits, hunters will find clay target presentations that resemble their favorite and most troublesome hunting shots.

The hunter clinics are designed for shotgun shooters with reasonable experience. Young shooters ages 12 to 15 must be in at least the "Intermediate" skill level category to enroll in these clinics.

They must also be accompanied by an adult who is participating in the clinic. Shotgun shooters ages 16 and older with beginning to advanced wingshooting skills who want to improve their shotgun shooting skills are encouraged to attend. Hunter clinic fees range from \$30 to \$35 per participant

Wingshooting clinics are taught by instructors who are certified by the IDNR. Many clinic instructors also have a National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA) instructor certification. The participantto-instructor ratio is usually four-to-one. Participants are typically grouped with others of similar shooting ability.

Among the wingshooting clinics in the

- Youth Wingshooting Clinic & Pheasant Hunt: Saturday, March 31, Briar Knoll Hunting & Fishing Club, Amboy, (815) 857-2320
- Hunters Wingshooting Clinic: Saturday, June 16 & Sunday, June 17, Briar Knoll Hunting & Fishing Club, Amboy, (815) 857-2320
- Youth/Women's Wingshooting Clinic: Saturday, Aug. 18 & Sunday, Aug. 19, Shabbona Lake State Park, Shabbona,
- Hunters Wingshooting Clinic: Saturday, Aug. 25 & Sunday, Aug. 26, Aurora Sportsman's Club, Waterman, hunterwsclinic@gmail.com

To view the 2018 IDNR wingshooting opportunities schedule, registration information, and details about other clinics and special events, log on to the IDNR website

# **Amboy Teacher** Feature: Tina Lindenmeyer

ina Lindenmeyer teachers seventh grade English Language Arts. She has taught for 22 years, of which 17 of those years has been at Amboy.

She received her Bachelors degree from Bradley University

"I knew right away that I wanted to work with kids," said Lindenmeyer. "I had my mother's patience and my father's determination. My love for grammar, literature and writing grew from the many great teachers I had during my time as a students in the Amboy School District."

Lindenmeyer continues to say that Beth Gelander and Joyce Gibson were her favorite teachers and were great role models.

"I taught at the high school level for 14 years and when I was given the opportunity to work with junior high students, I took it," said Lindenmeyer. "I have enjoyed every bit of it."

Regarding experiences, she says there are so many. The one thing that she finds very special is that she was able to teach all four of her own children in the very school that she attended.

She has no plans to retire soon.

# SVCC Alumnus and Harvard graduate Roberto Carmona to speak at Sauk March 19

**DIXON**—The Association of Latin-American Students at Sauk Valley Community College proudly presents Roberto Carmona's presentation, "From SVCC to Harvard" on Monday, March 19 at 12:30 pm in 1K4. This event is free and open to the public.

Roberto is a nationally recognized consultant who provides business development, client management, executive recruitment services, and executive coaching for Fortune 500 companies, national organizations, such as the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of Labor, local governments, hospitals, and

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Tuesday - BBQ chicken breast, cheesy potatoes, seasoned green

Thursday - Cheese ravioli w/meatsauce, brussell sprouts,

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Wednesday - Baked pork chop, baby red potatoes, broccoli, tossed

Friday - A) Lemon tilapia, tartar sauce, wild rice, peas, dinner roll,

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Carmona received a fellowship and completed a Master's in Public Administration at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He earned a Master's in political science from Northeastern Illinois University, a Bachelor's from Northern Illinois University, and an Associate of Arts degree from Sauk Valley Community College

He was honored as the 1995 Outstanding Alumni at SVCC and inducted into the Sterling High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in 2010.

For more information, contact Ana Salgado at 815-835-6432. ana.s.salgado@svcc.edu.

# Lady Clippers compete

STERLING-Four Amboy-LaMoille girls' track team members participated in the Bureau Valley Indoor Meet on March 8 at the Westwood complex in Sterling.

Cassidy Corcoran, who was competing in the 800-meter run for the first time ever, raced to a first-place finish with a time of 2:58. Teammate Macy Mershon took second in the 800 with a time of 3:02, as did Sidney Corcoran in the 400-meter dash (1:07.77).

Bureau Valley Indoor Meet – March 8

A-L 1st place: Cassidy Corco-

ran, 800m run, 2:58

A-L 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Macy Mershon, 800m run, 3:02; Sidney Corcoran, 400m dash, 1:07.77

A-L3<sup>rd</sup> place: Sidney Corcoran, 60m dash, 8.62; C. Corcoran, 400m dash, 1:09.27

A-L 4th place: Emma Lundauist, 400m dash, 1:10.96; S. Corcoran, 200m dash, 29.9

A-L 5<sup>th</sup> place: Lundquist, 60m high hurdles, 12.13

A-L 6<sup>th</sup> place: C. Corcoran, long jump, 14-7

A-L 8th place: Lundquist, 200m dash, 31.22

A-L 11th place: S. Corcoran, shot put, 25-4

#### March 13 - at Forreston -April 12-Orangeville-4:30 April 14 – at Lena-Winslow

Varsity Softball Schedule

March 15 – Forreston – 4:30 March 17 – at Mendota (DH) - 11:00

March 20 - Milledgeville

March 22 – at Milledgeville

March 24 – Westmont (DH) -11.00

March 26 – at LaMoille –

March 27 - at Pecatonica

March 29-Pecatonica-4:30

April 3 - Polo - 4:30

April 5 - at Polo - 4:30

April 9 - at Newark - 4:30April 10 – at Orangeville

April 27 – at Oregon – 4:30 May 1 – at Ashton-Franklin Center -4:30May 3 – Ashton-Franklin Center -4:30

April 16-at Paw Paw-4:30

April 17 - at Durand - 4:30

April 23 – at Bureau Val-

April 19 – Durand – 4:30

April 24 – Dakota – 4:30

April 26 – at Dakota – 4:30

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May 10 – at Freeport Aquin

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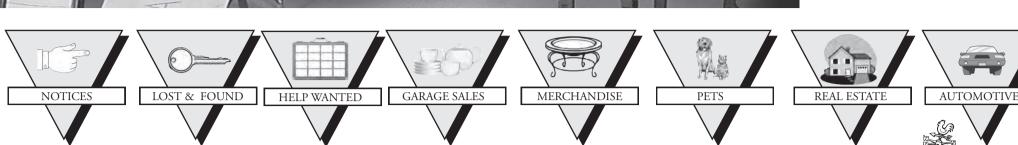


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dent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk of the Court. Claims against the

estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at Lee County Courthouse, 309 S. Galena Ave., Dixon, IL or with the representative, or both, on or before August 31, 2018, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act as Amended, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Notice is given to Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorneys within ten

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the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: Set dates and times for monthly meetings May 2018-March 2019

Approve the Town Budget Approve the Road District Budget

Declare possible surplus and/ or transfer of Consider and approve

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No. 0303 (March 14, 2018)

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT **COURT OF THE** 15TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT **LEE COUNTY - IN PROBATE** 

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Case No. 2018-P-12 SYLVESTER R. RAPEY, ) Date Will Filed: February 5, 2018

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS THAT** THE ESTATE OF SYLVESTER R. **RAPEY** HAS BEEN **ADMITTED TO PROBATE** 

creditors of the death of SYLVESTER R. RAPEY on January 17, 2018. Letters of Office were issued on February 22, 2018 to Yvonne M. Lacher of N57 W26366 Moun-Meadow Drive, Lisbon, WI 53089 as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is Mark C. Johnson, 321 W. State Street, Suite 1200. Rockford, Illinois

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against the Claims estate of Sylvester R. Rapev be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Lee County located at 309 S. Galena Avenue, Suite 320, Dixon. IL 61021 or with representative, or both, on or before September 12, 2018, the date six months from the date of first publication on March 14, 2018, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by §18-3 of the Probate Act of

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barred. Copies of the claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and the representative's attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Yvonne M. Lacher. Independent Adminis-

Prepared By: Mark C. Johnson Attorney for Petitioner ARDC No. 6211240 321 W. State Street, Suite 1200 Rockford, IL 61101

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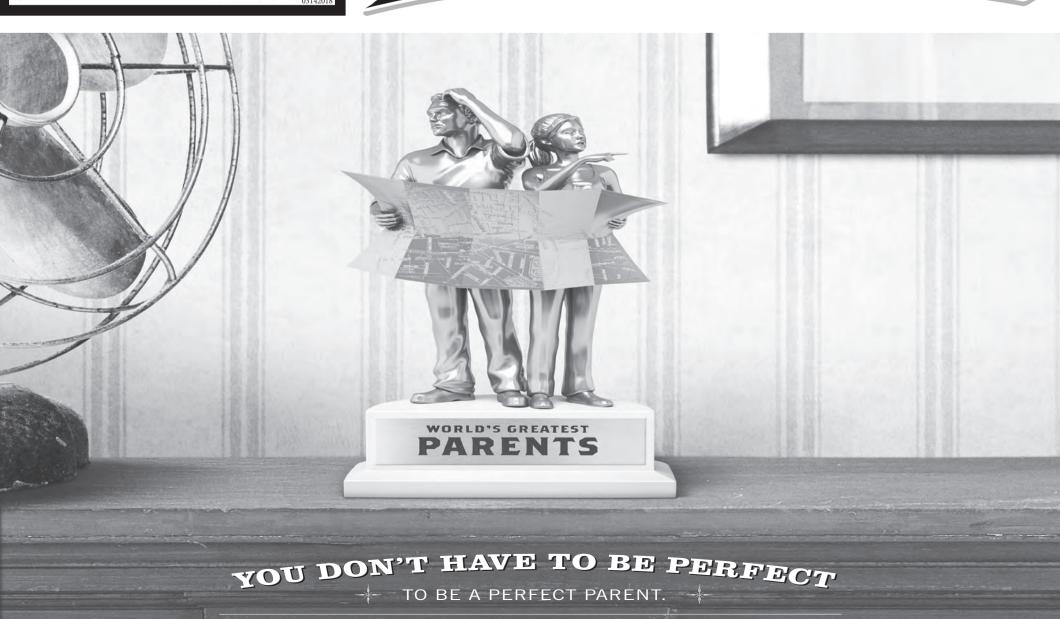
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#### **FISH FRY**

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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AHS Boys Track @ Byron – 1:00 p.m.

Thurs., March 15 AJHS Scholastic Bowl @ St. Mary's, Sterling – 4:00 p.m.

Wed., March 21

Thurs., March 22

Fri., March 16

Sat., March 17

AHS Fresh/Soph Softball (H) Mendota - 11:00 a.m.

Sun., March 18

AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball @ Mendota - 11:00 a.m.

Clipper Store Garage Sale - AHS Cafeteria - 9:00 a.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 -

Tues., March 20

AJHS 7th & 8th Scholastic Bowl @ Holy Cross, Mendota -4:00 p.m. AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball (H) Milledgeville - 4:30

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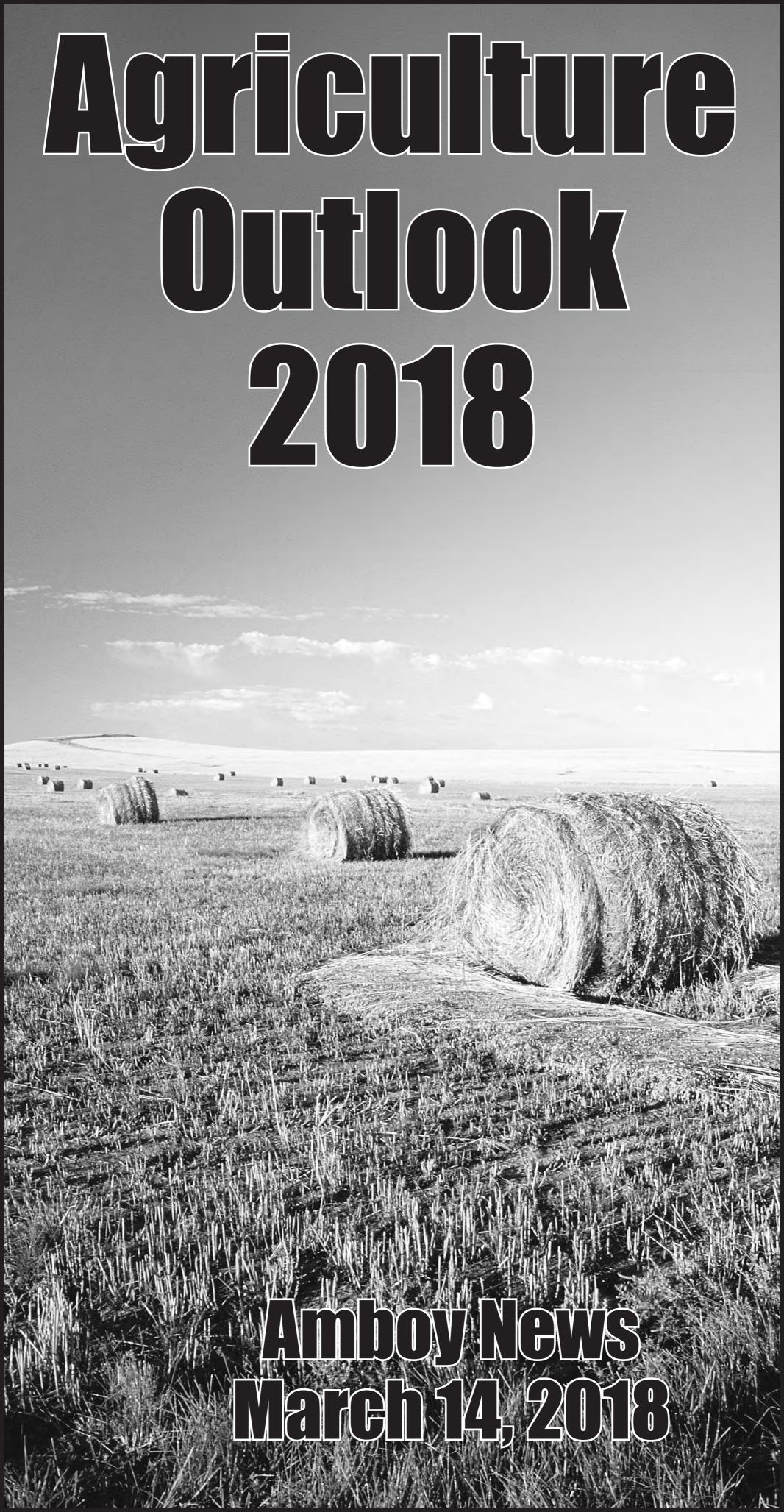
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# Illinois soybean and corn growers urge President Trump to reconsider proposed biofuels cap

BLOOMINGTON —Illinois soybean and corn growers are raising their concerns about Trump Administration plans to cap the value of Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) within the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). Any action to stifle biofuels production would negatively impact commodity use and would drive down corn and soybean prices. As a result, this could have a dramatic effect on farm income and the rural communities that depend on that support. The Illinois Soybean Growers (ISG) and the Illinois Corn Growers Association (ICGA) have issued the following statements:

"Should the Trump Administration's proposed caps on biofuels come to fruition, the ag economy will be severely impacted and the fiscal strains already impacting our industry would only be exasperated. Illinois soybean growers understand the importance of sound RFS policy that encourages biofuels production, particularly for biodiesel," said Lynn Rohrscheib, chairwoman of the Illinois Soybean Board and soybean farmer from Fairmount. "During this policy's tenure the amount of biofuels introduced to the fuel supply has doubled since its establishment in 2007. These proposed caps would severely restrict market access and opportunities for biofuels and the economic impact would result in a negative ripple effect throughout our ag economy. Illinois soybean growers would particularly feel the strain as Illinois is one of the largest biodiesel-producing states, supporting nearly 7,500 jobs in all sectors of the Illinois economy. Between 2004 and 2010, the Illinois biodiesel industry generated \$1.5 billion of household income and was responsible for more than \$2.6 billion of Illinois Gross Domestic Product. We encourage the Trump Administration to consider that a strong RFS would equate to a stronger rural economy and stronger renewable

"Any deal that has its origin in Senator Cruz's mission to undermine the RFS is no deal for corn farmers. We appreciate the Administration's stated interests in considering how a deal would impact farm country, but we really need the White House to hear that we will not accept any deal that caps RINs prices or values," said Aron Carlson, Illinois Corn Growers Association President and farmer from Winnebago. "Alternatively, we can get behind plans that would make RFS compliance less costly to refineries through greater biofuels production and market access. Clearly, more RINs on the market will drive down compliance cost. Artificially capping RINs would drive down costs, no doubt, but it would also drive down ethanol blending rates and that is one hundred percent unacceptable to the Illinois Corn Growers Association. Illinois corn farmers are great at what they do. The Illinois ethanol industry produces a high value fuel from our Illinois-grown corn. Together, we provide an annual contribution to Illinois' economy in the value of goods and services of \$17.5 billion, with 98,836 jobs, \$4.58 billion in employment compensation/proprietor income, and \$7.05 billion in value-added GDP. Gutting the RFS to benefit the oil industry, which continues to experience profits while farmers are facing years of declining income and below cost of production prices, is not what the President promised rural America."

By the numbers, in separate economic analyses by the National Biodiesel Board, the World Agricultural Economic and Environmental Services, and Iowa State University, it was found that capping the price of conventional ethanol RINs would lead to:

A reduction of up to 300 million gallons in biomass-based diesel volumes each year-in part, because these volumes would no longer be utilized for compliance with the conventional biofuels requirements;

An expected reduction of 750 million gallons of ethanol due to decreased blending, even in regular

unleaded gasoline that has typically been E10; \$185 million more in feed costs for livestock producers—likely leading to an increase in food

costs for consumers; and \$.16 less per bushel of soybeans; and

\$.25 less per bushel in price of corn.

As these discussions continue in the coming days, we ask our leaders to say no to a RINs cap and to grow market access for biofuels.

About Illinois Soybean Growers

Illinois Soybean Growers (ISG) is a membership organization serving more than 43,000 Illinois soybean growers. ISG provides advocacy in Springfield and Washington, D.C., to promote the interests of Illinois soybean farmers and programs that enhance soybean production and demand. Voice for Soy, the online action center supported by ISG, allows growers to easily connect with legislators and regulators to advocate for Illinois agriculture. For more information about ISG, visit the website www.ilsoygrowers.com.

# Data from five year, multi-university sustainable corn project available online

AMES, Iowa – Researchers who participated in the Sustainable Corn Coordinated Agricultural Project (CAP), which was led by Iowa State University, are providing access to five years of data from the multi-university, corn-based cropping systems study at https://datateam.agron.iastate. The research was funded from 2011-17 with a

\$20 million USDA-National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) grant. The research included nine states, 11 institutions and a 140-member team, which was led by Lois Wright Morton, project director and Iowa State University professor of sociology emeritus, and Lori Abendroth, project

"The team focused on management practices that could build resiliency to weather variability while maintaining crop yields and reducing negative environmental impacts," Abendroth said. "It was our goal to make the data available to other scientists in a collaborative effort to advance our understanding of the interactions between the crops we grow, local soils, changing climate and management decisions."

The team collected research data from 2011-15 on 30 field research sites in the Midwest. The data includes plotting tools, plot maps, photographs and weather data. Practices evaluated included corn-soybean rotation, cereal rye cover crops within a corn-soybean rotation, extended and diverse crop rotations, water drainage management, canopy nitrogen sensing and tillage management.

The research areas included agronomy, soil

science, greenhouse gas, water quality, drainage and entomology. Standardized protocols were developed as well as standards regarding data structuring and consistency for end-users. A data dictionary describes the measurements taken along with detailed field management data and notes to help users properly interpret the data. Data was collected at different frequencies ranging from yearly to sensor-based measurements collected in 15-minute intervals.

"Agricultural production systems are complex and the availability of high quality data, collected throughout the season and across different landscapes, are key to managing risk and sustainably producing crops," Abendroth said.

The team posted the data to the USDA National Ag Library Ag Data Commons, https://dx.doi. org/10.15482/USDA.ADC/1411953, which is a long-term repository and provides additional

Teams receiving USDA-NIFA funding are required to make data publicly available once a project has ended. The Sustainable Corn CAP team encourages others to use the data to generate added value for research applications and educational purposes.

"This real-world data can be used in classroom exercises to better understand the responses and relationships inherent in agriculture. In addition, data can be used to train students in data sciences including visualization, analysis and interpretation," Abendroth said.

Iowa State co-authors included Michael Cas-

tellano, associate professor in agronomy; Giorgi Chighladze, systems analyst in agricultural and biosystems engineering; Richard Cruse, agronomy professor; Aaron Gassmann, entomology associate professor; Matthew Helmers, agricultural and biosystems engineering professor; Daryl Herzmann, systems analyst in agronomy; Daren Mueller, associate professor in plant pathology

and microbiology; Matthew O'Neal, entomology associate professor; and John Sawyer, agronomy professor.

The Sustainable Corn CAP was a transdisciplinary team funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA, Award No. 2011-68002-30190).



David Mitchell, an Iowa State graduate research assistant in 2011, collects data from soil moisture sensors in addition to greenhouse gas data. The data is used to understand the interactions between soil moisture, temperature and emissions from corn-soybean systems.

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# USDA, HHS invite public comment on Dietary Guidelines

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced a new step in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA) development process.

For the first time, the departments will seek public comments on the proposed priority topics and supporting scientific questions that will guide the development of the upcoming 2020-2025 edition of the DGA. The public may

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submit comments through the Federal Register; the comment period will be open through March 30, 2018. The topics, supporting scientific questions, and link to submit public comments will be available at DietaryGuidelines.gov.

"The American taxpayer is an essential customer – indeed, a shareholder," said Brandon Lipps, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for the Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services at USDA, the administrative lead for the 2020-2025 DGA. "We're proud to be taking this important step forward towards greater transparency, and ensuring that the American public's voice is heard throughout this process."

USDA and HHS are proposing a life stage approach for this edition of the DGA, focusing on priority scientific questions from birth through older adulthood. The 2014 Farm Bill mandated that, starting with the 2020-2025 edition, the DGA to 24 months.

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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

"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

"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

"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

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 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

"In January of this year, our outlook suggested profit prospects for 2018 were for profits of \$5 to \$10 per hog producers, the increase in soybean 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 costs, both which will decrease

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 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

the plant for photosynthesis.

curring at night in wind farms.

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increases sunlight penetrating the dense crop canopy

last 40 years and are becoming a limiting factor for crop yields."

But overall crops grown in wind farms seem to benefit.

the near vicinity of the turbines it's a net gain."

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

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 Management 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 manageand 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

Field demonstrations will take

place in both the Loess Hills

through local field days, newspaper articles, handouts, social media and on protectiowacrops.org, which is part of Iowa State's Integrated ment practices vary widely. Pest Management website.

#### Research finds wind farms positively impact crops ment of air by the turbines pumps air down, and the movement 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

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