



Amboy's Bill Gerdes purchased the cash wash on Route 52 in September 2017. The car wash has a new name, American Auto Wash, and will have new signage as soon as the weather breaks. Monetta Young/Amboy News

## Gerdes purchases car wash, continues tradition of offering quality products in Amboy

**BY MONETTA YOUNG**  
*Reporter*

**AMBOY** — When talking to a lifetime resident of Amboy like Bill Gerdes, you can't help but walk away with a true sense of dedication to hometown and community.

Gerdes purchased the car wash located on Route 52 in September 2017. He has made some upgrades to the facility and expects to make more in the near future.

The three bay car wash offers two manual and one automatic wash area.

"I have learned a lot about car washes over the past few months," said Gerdes.

They have replaced or upgraded the mechanicals of the process, pressure, water volumes, vacuums, installed new meter boxes that will now take paper money and replaced the existing detergents with better products.

They have also installed LED lighting in all three bays. And installed a tankless hot water heater to help in the removal of bug splatter.

Some work has been done on the exterior as well.

One change that you will notice is the name is now American Auto Wash, new signage will go up as soon as the weather breaks. Gerdes plans to have credit card readers installed in the next 30 days or so. His future plans are to install a drier on the automatic bay as well, the addition of tokens is another project that will be done in time.

"Local residents have been appreciative of the changes so far," said Gerdes. "Our goal is to offer quality products right here in Amboy and keep our business here. It has been a good experience. I go over and check it two or three times daily for proper operation and cleanliness."

## Kinzinger announces 2018 Congressional Art Competition

**WASHINGTON, DC** —Congressman Adam Kinzinger (IL-16) has announced the official start of the 2018 Congressional Art Competition and will now be accepting submissions from all high school students that live in the 16th Congressional District.

With this announcement, Kinzinger released the following statement, "This competition encourages and recognizes young artists in our community to showcase their talents and skills, and to share their creativity. I'm always impressed with the artwork we receive, and I am already looking forward to seeing the outstanding submissions that this year's competition will bring."

Each spring, the U.S. House of Representatives offers talented young artists from across the country an opportunity to showcase their artistic abilities.

The first place pieces of artwork are displayed in a year-long exhibit spanning along the walls

of the Cannon Tunnel, which leads to the U.S. Capitol Building.

And the three runner-up pieces will be displayed in the Congressman's district offices.

In addition to having their art displayed, the first place winner will be awarded two tickets to Washington, D.C. to attend the official art show opening and a following reception hosted by the Congressional Institute.

The submission deadline for the 36th Annual Congressional Art Competition is Friday, April 20, 2018 at 5 p.m. CT in the Ottawa District Office. Again, all high school students living in the 16th Congressional District of Illinois are eligible to participate.

For more information on the Congressional Art Competition, please see the attached flyer and if you have any additional questions, please call Kinzinger's Ottawa District Office at (815) 431-9271.

## Amboy Lions Club prepare for annual Cliff Walter Easter Egg Hunt

**AMBOY** — Spring is around the corner and the Amboy Lions are busy preparing for the annual Cliff Walter Easter Egg Hunt to be held Saturday, March 31, at the Amboy City Park.

The festivities will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the opportunity to take pictures with the Easter Bunny and the egg hunt for the various age groups to begin at 2 p.m. In case of inclement weather, it will be held on April 1. This is one of the many community events that the club runs and sponsors throughout the year. Amboy Food and Liquor will donate the eggs again this year.

In other news, Amboy High School seniors are reminded that the application for the Lions Club Scholarship is due April 6. The club will award up to \$3,000 in total scholarship money with a maximum of up to \$1,000 per recipient. Applications are available from the AHS counselor, Rob Wissinger, and must be returned to him by 3:30 p.m. on April 6. Recipients will be announced at the AHS Honors Night in May.

This year Rose Day is Saturday, March 24.

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The orphan cast of Amboy's production of "Annie" is pictured singing "You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile."

Photo submitted

## It's almost tomorrow at Amboy High School

**AMBOY** — Students from Amboy High School, Amboy Junior High School, and Central Elementary School have been hard at work preparing for this year's spring musical, "Annie," to be presented on March 9, 10, and 11 in the high school auditorium.

This year's show is the Broadway musical based on the popular comic strip about an orphaned redhead named "Annie," who is on a mission to find her parents in 1930s New York City.

"Annie" is directed by Aubrey Burke with Kathy Mekeel as music director, and is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

The production boasts a large cast headed by Sydney Friel in the role of Annie. She is supported by a cast of 19 young ladies who play the orphans at Miss Hannigan's orphanage. Ben Clark plays the role of Daddy Warbucks, while Adriana Bartoschek plays the part of Grace Farrell. The boozy Miss Hannigan is played by Evelyn Curl, with Lucas Blake as Rooster Hannigan and Gabby Ketchum as Lily St. Regis.

The cast features a large group of supporting performers and chorus members from the high school, Amboy Junior High School, and Central Elementary School.

Showtimes are 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are currently on sale at Amboy High School from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays and will also be available at the door. More ticket information is available by calling the high school office at 815-857-3632. Please join the AHS Music Department and its many talented students for a wonderful, family friendly performance.

## Lee County Sheriff issues appeal to citizens in fight against crime

**LEE COUNTY** — Responding to the increasing number of people wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff John Simonton announced that Lee County citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association.

Membership appeals go out in the mail shortly. Individuals choosing to join the voluntary program can do so for as little as \$25, while businesses can show their support for a \$50 contribution. The funding provides critically important technical resources, training, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues.

Contributions are tax-deductible, and unlike other organizations in our state, the Membership Program does not solicit membership by telephone.

"With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the membership drive has taken on greater importance than ever before," said Simonton. "The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play."

The Program is committed to its "No Tele-marketing" policy and only sends invitations to citizens to become members by mail.

Individuals that do not receive a membership appeal and would like more information can do so by contacting the Illinois Sheriffs' Association; 401 E Washington Suite 1000; Springfield, Illinois 62701 Phone: 217-753-2372.

Information is also available online, [www.ilsheriff.org](http://www.ilsheriff.org).

## Lee County final multiplier for 2017 announced

**SPRINGFIELD** - Lee County has been issued a final property assessment equalization factor of 1.0000, according to Constance Beard, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The property assessment equalization factor, often called the "multiplier", is the method used to achieve uniform property assessments among counties, as required by law. This equalization is particularly important because some of the state's 6,600 local taxing districts overlap into two or more counties (e.g. school districts, junior college districts, fire protection districts). If there were no equalization among counties, substantial inequities among taxpayers with comparable properties would result.

Under a law passed in 1975, property in Illinois should be assessed at one-third (1/3) of its market value. Farm property is assessed differently, with farm homesites and dwellings subject to regular assessing and equalization procedures, but with farmland assessed at one-third of its agriculture economic value. Farmland is not subject to the state equalization factor.

Assessments in Lee County are at 33.26 percent of market value, based on sales of properties in 2014, 2015, and 2016.

The equalization factor currently being assigned is for 2017 taxes, payable in 2018. Last year's equalization factor for the county was 1.0000.

The final assessment equalization factor was issued after a public hearing on the tentative factor. The tentative factor issued in December 2017 was 1.0000.

The equalization factor is determined annually for each county by comparing the price of individual properties sold over the past three years to the assessed value placed on those properties by the county supervisor of assessments/county assessor.

If this three-year average level of assessment is one-third of the market value, the equalization factor will be one (1). If the average level of assessment is greater than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be less than one (1).

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# Amboy Music Department participates in state solo and ensemble music contest on March 3

AMBOY — The Amboy High School Music Department participated in the IHSA State Solo and Ensemble Music Contest held at West Carroll High School in Savanna, on Saturday, March 3.

Members of the AHS Band and Chorus did very well at the contest, coming home with 14 events receiving first place honors, nine events receiving second place honors, and one event receiving third place honors.

Band events took five first place, or superior ratings with

six individuals receiving first place medals. They were soloists: Bailey Bickett – piccolo; Abril Vazquez-Tapia – piccolo; Kaitlyn Ortgiesen – clarinet; and Clayton Kemp – piano.

Mason Costner and Alison O'Rourke received a first place rating for their trumpet duet.

Three band events took a second place, or excellent rating. They were soloists: Abril Vazquez-Tapia – flute; and Mackenzie Kessel- flute. Bailey Bickett and Mackenzie Kessel received a second place rating for their flute duet.

Chorus events took nine first place, or superior ratings with 14 individuals receiving first place medals. They were vocal soloists: Adriana Bartoschek (AHS foreign exchange student from Germany); Lucas Blake; Evelyn Curl; Sydney Friel; Gabby Ketchum; and Cameron Simpson. Vocal duets receiving a first place were: Sydney Friel and Ben Clark; and Maggie Lowery and Rayven Wehling. Sydney Friel, Evelyn Curl, and Ben Clark received a first place rating for their vocal trio.

There were six vocal events that took second place, or excellent ratings with 12 individuals receiving second place medals. They were soloists: MacKenzie Ketchum and Natalia Soto. One vocal duet received a second place rating: Mackenzie Kessel and

MacKenzie Ketchum. Vocal trios receiving a second place rating were: Kaitlyn Stevens, Evelyn Curl, and Cameron Simpson; and Gabby Ketchum, MacKenzie Ketchum, and Shannon Simpson.

Mackenzie Kessel received a third place, or good rating on

her piccolo solo.

Honors for the day were Lucas Blake who received a perfect score on his vocal solo and Sydney Friel who received three first place ratings that day.

The accompanist for Amboy High School events was LouAnn McMillion.

## Events, classes planned at Sauk Valley Community College

DIXON — SVCC offers a one day All Paint! (Multi-Generational) Partners in Art: Daisy Chains class on Monday, March 12 from 5-7 p.m. with instructor, Linda Von Holten.

Each class focuses on a holiday or season with a variety of paint colors are available. The adult and child can be partners or complete their own individual paintings. Individual students are encouraged to attend, partners are not required.

Students under the age of 10 are required to have adult supervision. Separate enrollment is required for each class, painting chosen by instructor. Supplies are included in the cost

of the class.

Cost of the class is \$35 per person for shared canvas or \$45 per person for individual paintings. Register by calling SVCC's Community Education office at 815-835-6212.

### Monarchs of the Prairie March 15

Sauk Valley Community College Friends of the Prairie will host Monarchs of the Prairie, Thursday, March 15 from 6:30-8 p.m. in room 1K4 on the SVCC campus.

Monarchs of the Prairie includes an informative presentation and discussion with University of Illinois Extension educator, Peggy Doty. Doty

shares how science and magic met in her own backyard and her attempts to make a difference in the plight of the monarch butterfly.

Doty holds a B.S. in Zoology and an M.S. in Education; taught environmental education for over 20 years; and is passionate about teaching children about their environment and helping people of all ages understand wildlife as it relates to their lives.

For more information or news, please visit the SVCC Prairie Facebook page, @svccprairie, or email Rachel Brunner at rachel.d.brunner@svcc.edu.

### Manifesting Your Desires

SVCC offers a four-week Manifesting Your Desires class on Mondays, March 12 – April 2 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. with instructor, Elias Patras.

You will identify issues and inner hindrances that keep you from manifesting your true desires. You will learn what the Manifestation Equation is to help you get what you truly desire. By understanding the components, it will be easier for you to manifest what you truly want.

Students will need to bring old magazines and poster board to the second class. Cost of the class is \$60 per person. Register by calling SVCC's Community Education office at 815-835-6212.

## TAX

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And if the average level of assessment is less than one-third of market value, the equalization factor will be greater than one (1).

A change in the equalization factor does not mean total property tax bills will increase or decrease. Tax bills are determined by local taxing bodies when they request money each year to provide services to local citizens. If the amount requested by local taxing districts is not greater than the amount received in the previous year, then total property taxes will not increase even if assessments increase.

The assessed value of an individual property determines what portion of the tax burden a specific taxpayer will assume. That individual's portion of tax responsibility is not changed by the multiplier.

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When he's not assisting his customers with their financial needs, the Morrison native can be found on the golf course, spending time with his family and watching his children's sporting events. He and his wife Pam have three children and three grandchildren.




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## Celebrating St. Patrick's Day at St. Patrick's Church

All of the Masses for Maytown, Sublette and West Brooklyn Churches will be in Maytown to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

### Mass Schedule Saturday, March 10

4pm Mass at St. Patrick's Church

### Sunday, March 11

8am Mass with Donuts & Coffee to follow in the Hall

10:30am Mass with Donuts & Coffee to follow in the Hall

**St. Patrick's Church is located at 1336 Maytown Road, Amboy**

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Megan Bus, who is the 10<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher at Amboy High School started her career there five years ago.

She received her college degree at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

“I had a group of teachers that inspired me to become a teacher: my third grade teacher, Mr. Smith; fourth grade teachers, Mr. Diable; seventh grade Language Arts teacher Mrs. Hall and my high school choir director, Mr. Perry,” said Bus. “All of these teachers influenced me to become a teacher because they were all very passionate about their job and helping kids learn. It inspired me to want to do the same, or at least try to.”

“Every year when we do Shakespeare, I always have one student, who thinks they will be horrible at interpreting Shakespeare’s language,” said Bus. “And then this student suddenly gets it and becomes a Shakespearean expert. It is very exciting to see the student so excited about understanding the material.”

## Police Blotter

**Speeding**

On Feb. 28, at 3:16 p.m., Heather A. Davis, 33, of Dixon, was issued a citation for speeding 47 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

**Operating uninsured vehicle**

On Feb. 27, at 11 p.m., a 17-year-old male, of Amboy, was issued citations for op-

erating an uninsured vehicle and unlawful number of passengers. He was issued traffic citations and released after posting bond.

**Speeding**

On March 1, at 4:28 p.m., Holly J. Cobb, 40, of Amboy, was issued a citation for speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

## Amboy American Legion to host birthday dinner


**AMBOY** — The Amboy American Legion Post #453 is host a birthday dinner. The public is invited to attend the annual dinner beginning at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, March 13, at the Long Branch. The menu will consist of a two meat buffet for \$14.95. Please call Jim at 857-3564 or Larry at 849-5525 for reservations by March 10.

The speaker will be LTC Gerald “Jerry” Newman. He was born and raised in Dixon. He enlisted in the Illinois National Guard in 1985 and received his commission in 1990. He has served as platoon leader, battery commander, S1, S2, and battalion commander, and currently S3 for the 65th Troop Command Brigade. He did two combat tours, one in Iraq in 2005-2006, and Afghanistan in 2012-2013 as Brigade S3. He has completed Command and General Staff College and is due to be promoted.

He is married to Angie (Yokum) and has four children.

Come and support your Legion post. The Amboy American Legion meetings are on the first Monday of the month. If you haven’t paid your dues, please pay them now.

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# Community Calendar

**DIXON**-The Lee County Health Department, 309 S. Galena Ave., will have Childhood Immunization Clinics, by appointment only, March 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20 and 22. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment or to find out about other services offered, like Adult Vaccines.

**AMBOY**-Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US RT 52, will host Community Bingo at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 8. A light lunch will follow Bingo. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

**DIXON**-The Lee County Council on Aging, 100 W. Second St., will host Trivia Thursday, on Thursday, March 8, from 1 to 2 p.m. Call 815-288-9236 to register.

**AMBOY**-The Lee Center Township Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd.

**WEST BROOKLYN**-St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 2520 Johnson St., will have Confessions at 4:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 5 p.m. and Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 9. A Fish Boil will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the church hall. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

**OHIO**-The Ohio Booster Club Fish Fry will be held from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 9, at the Ohio schools and Harry’s Pub and Grub. Delivery will be available in Ohio. Call 815-376-4414 or 815-376-2934.

**MAYTOWN**-All St. Patrick Celebration Masses for Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Mary of the Assumption and St. Patrick-Maytown will be held at St. Patrick Church, 1336 Maytown Rd. A Mass of Celebration will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 10, followed by a dinner. A Mass of Celebration will be held at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 11, with coffee and donuts to follow. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

**DIXON**-The Lee County Council on Aging, 100 W. Second St., will host an Euchre Tournament at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 11. Call 815-288-9236 for more information.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 12, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**SUBLETTE**-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 12, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

**AMBOY**-The Lee County Extension, 280 W. Wasson Rd., will host the webinar, Tree Care in Urban Soils, on Tuesday,

March 13. Pre-registration is required. Call 815-632-3611 or online at [go.illinois.edu/4seasonsCLW](http://go.illinois.edu/4seasonsCLW).

**DIXON**-The Lee County Council on Aging, 100 W. Second St., will host “Crafting with Unity Hospice of Western Illinois” at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13. Call 815-288-9236 for more information.

**DIXON**-The Lee County Council of Aging, 100 W. Second St., will host free hearing screenings by Connect Hearing from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13. Walk-ins are welcome but appointments are encouraged. Call 815-288-9236 to schedule your test.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy American Legion Post 453 will host their Annual Dinner at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, at the Long Branch Saloon, 55 S. East Avenue. The dinner is open to the public. Call Jim at 815-857-3564 or Larry at 815-849-5525 for reservations by Saturday, March 10.

**SUBLETTE**-The Sublette Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, at the Sublette Township Building.

**EAST GROVE**-The East Grove Township meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, at the East Grove Township Hall.

**SUBLETTE**-Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 202 S. Locust St., will begin 40 Hours of Devotion from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

**DIXON**-Lee County Council on Aging, 100 W. Second St., will host the program “Advance Directives”, with Melissa Clark of Dixon Rehabilitation and Health Care, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14. The program will cover Power of Attorney for Healthcare, Living Wills and Physicians Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment. Call 815-288-9236 for more information.

**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.

**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.

**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. 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 information.

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


**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.



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## CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU


**March 12-16**

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

**Breakfast for Lunch Week!**

Monday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Chicken on flatbread w/ bacon-lettuce-tomato-onion, herbed rice, cowboy beans, pears
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Ham & cheese stuffed potato, broccoli & cheese, roll/butter, pineapple cupcake
Wednesday	- Biscuit & gravy - Beefsteak patty, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, peas & carrots, bread/butter, peaches
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Chicken over pasta alfredo, cheese, breadstick, peas, carrots, fresh cut veggies, applesauce
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Grilled cheese, tomato soup, goldfish crackers, fresh cut veggies/ranch, mixed fruit

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## JR HIGH MENU

**March 12-16**

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.

**Breakfast for Lunch Week!**

Monday	- Uncrustable - Chicken on flatbread w/ bacon-lettuce-tomato-onion, herbed rice, cowboy beans, pears
Tuesday	- Pancakes & syrup - Ham & cheese stuffed potato, broccoli & cheese, roll/butter, pineapple, cupcake
Wednesday	- Soft pretzel - Beefsteak patty, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, peas & carrots, roll/butter, peaches
Thursday	- French toast - Chicken over pasta alfredo, cheese, breadstick, peas, carrots, fresh cut veggies, applesauce
Friday	- Egg slider - Grilled cheese, tomato soup, goldfish crackers, fresh cut veggies/ranch, mixed fruit

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OBITUARIES

Thomas C. Wright

March 16, 1940 - Nov. 20, 2017

**AMBOY** — Thomas C. Wright, 77, of Amboy, formally of Lombard, died peacefully on Nov. 20, 2017, at his home.

Tom Wright was born in Flint, Mich., on March 16, 1940, the son of Charles and Zora Wright.

After high school graduation, Tom entered the U.S. Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, in San Diego, Calif. Tom was a member of the Fleet Marine Force Pacific Drum and Bugle Team stationed in Hawaii. Tom was honorably discharged in 1962.

Tom worked several years at Amoco Oil Company, retiring in the early 1990s. He was also a member of the Mad Monks of Melody Dixieland Band of Glen Ellyn. They shared their music at many church services.

Tom started a Christian outreach called Lighthouse Prison Ministries. He was active in several ministries including sharing the Gospel with inmates at the DuPage County Jail. He also

ministered in several prisons through personal visits and writing letters of encouragement to many inmates.

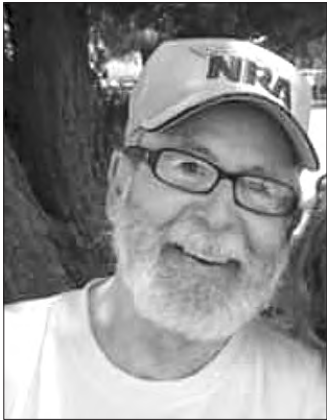
As part of the Voice of the Martyrs (VOM), he wrote letters to persecuted prisoners all over the world.

Tom also volunteered for Transport For Christ (Jay LaRette), and was a member of the Gideons.

Tom was married to Jean Sparagna on Sept. 12, 1972, in Wheaton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Suzanne and Sydney.

Survivors include his wife, Jean, of Amboy; his children, step-sons, Vincent Magrini, of Columbus, Ohio and Ron (Stephanie) Magrini, of Marengo, son, Matthew (Lisa) Wright, of Marysville, Wash., and daughter, Michelina Wright, of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; seven grandchildren, Alex, Lauren, Marco and Gabriella Magrini, Gavin Ephraim and Felicity



Wright, and Ava Morales; two great-grandchildren, Hayden and Evan; and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at Grace Fellowship Church, in Amboy. Private burial of cremains, with full military honors, will be held on Friday, March 16, 2018, at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood.

A memorial has been established to Tom's ministries.

Mary Ann Troutman

Dec. 17, 1950 - March 3, 2018

**TRIUMPH** — Mary Ann Troutman, 67, of Triumph died March 3, 2018 in the Mendota Lutheran Home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Friday in the First United Methodist Church, Mendota with Rev. Kent Svendsen officiating. Burial will be in Troy Grove Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. on Thursday in the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota.

Mary was born Dec. 17, 1950 in Sandwich to Harold and Lois (Heckman) Miller. She married Tom Troutman July 25, 1976 in Mendota.

She was a graduate of

Earlville High School and was a member of First United Methodist Church and Women of the Moose. She was a hairdresser at Spurgeon's Beauty Salon in Ottawa and later was an independent hairdresser before her retirement.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas; one daughter, Steffanee Troutman; one step son, Patrick Shea; one grandchild, Hayden Shea; one brother, John Miller; one sister, Linda Flanagan and two special great nieces, Lyla and Nadia.

She was preceded by her parents and one sister, Susan.

Memorials may be directed



to Safe House Animal Rescue, Dalzell c/o Box 193, Mendota. 61342.

Hospice volunteer training on April 10

**STERLING** — There is no time like the present to add life to each day of a hospice patient. That is exactly what hospice volunteers do. They provide companionship and support to the terminally ill and their loved ones. They share stories, write letters, provide a listening ear and more. All because they care.

Rock River Hospice & Home (RRHH), a United Way Agency, is challenging individuals to put caring into action. RRHH will have a spring volunteer training session April 10 at the hospice office at 2706 Avenue E, Sterling. The training will be one day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is also an online training available for those who are unable to attend. If you are interested, please call Alisa at 815-625-3858 to register.

A hospice volunteer fills many roles through direct patient care, serving on the baking brigade or assisting with a variety of special events or

office duties. The training session will focus on direct patient care volunteering. Direct care volunteers are assigned a patient and family, and visit as needed.

Training covers a wide range of information including patient-family dynamics, personal death awareness, grief, bereavement, spirituality and documentation.

"Being a hospice volunteer has helped me to cherish the beauty of life until its very end here on earth. There is no better feeling than to be able to comfort those in need and to help make someone's (and their family's) last days the best possible," said Regina Egan, a RRHH volunteer.

To make a difference in someone's life, become a hospice volunteer by calling Alisa Wolf at (815) 625-3858.

RRHH serves Bureau, Carroll, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside counties.

Books By the Bushel awarded


**AMBOY** — The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is excited to announce the recipients of their annual Books by the Bushel program to promote agriculture education. Ashton-Franklin Center Elementary School, Bright Beginnings Christian Daycare and Preschool, and La Moille — Clarion Public Library were each named recipients of a bushel basket of 11 agriculture related children's books through the Books by the Bushel grant program.

The mission of the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is to fund and encourage agricultural related educational opportunities to the youth of Lee County through programs like Books by the Bushel, Ag in the Classroom, and college scholarships.

If you would like more information about the programs of the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation, visit their website, www.lcfbfoundation.org or call 815-857-3531.

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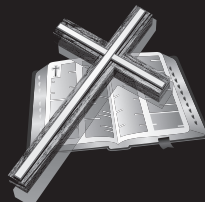
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# Opinion

## Coordination is the key when batting with a cucumber

Over the weekend, our community park was home to local youth baseball tryouts for little sluggers between first and fifth grade. It was just like what I imagine professional baseball spring training is like, except without all the whining and fit-throwing.

By contrast, the kids were really well behaved. Watching our local tryouts reminded me of the days of helping my daughter prepare for her first season of T-ball. We bought a mitt, ball, practice tee and all the equipment necessary to get started on the basics. For obvious reasons, we saw no need to purchase an athletic cup. At least until I decided to advise her about batting stance, at which point it became obvious that I should have.

At least for myself. Though practice ended a little early that first day, we were back

### Guest Column

By Ned Hickson



at it the following afternoon — my daughter with her bat and a look of determination, and me offering advice and encouragement a safe distance away with my bull horn. It was one of those father/daughter moments that lasted just long enough for me to realize it, and just long enough for our neighbor to cross the street and threaten to shove my bull horn somewhere that isn't located on any ball field.

With that, we decided to try some fielding practice; I'd hit the ball to her, and she'd practice leaping on it with her eyes closed. Before we could do that, however, I had to actually HIT the ball. In my defense, I was using her bat, which is roughly the size of a cucumber. Also in my defense, let me just say that the cucumber and I have about the same degree of

hand-eye coordination.

Yet, between the two of us, we STILL couldn't hit the ball.

## Letters to the Editor

### Questions about building; supporting Meyer for Treasurer

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on the purposed referendum for the Amboy School District building project. Let's look at some facts: the Amboy Junior High School is almost 100 years old and needs to be retired. The existing high school is about 50 years old and is too good to be demolished. The drawings for the additions show buildings on both the east and west side of the existing high school.

If you look down the road 50 years from now, our existing high school will be 100 years old and probably need to be demolished, but the additions on both the east and west side will only be 50 years old and still be too good to destroy.

So, I ask, why would you sandwich an old building between two new ones?

The blue print doesn't provide the ability to demolish the old building and add on to the new east and west wings in the future. A new building is a much needed asset to our community now, however we don't want future generations to look back and wonder why we didn't look past our present needs.

Lee County Treasurer

I read a recent letter to the editor to Sauk Valley Media where

### Supporting Lawrence for Treasurer

Dear Editor,

March 20, Illinois primary Vote will offer local choices in contested races. I would like the voters in Lee County to be aware of Melissa Lawrence on the Lee County Republican ballot.

I am in my first term as the Henry County Treasurer and have Lee County on my speed dial for help when I have needed it.

I also have been the Henry County Board Chair and understand that the expertise in financial matters are critical in making decisions.

I have also been Market President at Wells Fargo bank as well as an Ag/ Commercial lender at First Midwest Bank thus relying on great staff is mission critical.

Lee County has the opportunity to have a community focus

the writer was suggesting that electing the current Lee County Deputy Treasurer would allow the Treasurer's office to function as "business as usual."

I think that is exactly what happened in the City of Dixon's Treasurer's Office where \$53 million was embezzled as that office was "business as usual" for 20 years.

Last weekend, I attended the presentation of "All the Queen's Horses" which chronicles Rita Cromwell's story which we all know how that ended. It just makes sense that from time to time in order to prevent financial issues you clean house.

It has been 24 years since there has been a change in leadership in the Lee County Treasurer's Office and it would be wise for the public to elect new leadership.

Fortunately, Paula Meyer has stepped up to run for Lee County Treasurer. Paula has great credentials as she is the CFO who has rebuilt the financials for the City of Dixon over the past five years.

We don't need business as usual in the Lee County Treasurer's Office. We need Paula Meyer.

Pete Rood  
Amboy

candidate in Melissa. This is a true opportunity for Lee County. You may be asking why a voice from Henry County. Hearing this voice is not for my benefit but yours.

Voters need to know the quality and personal service that is already at the Lee County Treasurer Office.

Thus for this opportunity can only be leveraged by selecting a Republican ballot which you will be able to decide the county wide contested race plus other local city races.

Melissa Lawrence is an opportunity that needs to be done.

Vote, be heard.

Tim Wells  
Henry County Treasurer/  
Past Henry County Board Chair

### In support of bond referendum

Dear Editor,

As a homeowner in School District 272, I support the education referendum to build a new junior high school. I urge you to join me.

I started my education at St. Patrick's Hall in Maytown, but times have changed and it's time to ensure a building that can better meet each student's needs so they can succeed in the 21st century.

The sad reality is that our current - almost 100-year-old - junior high school is crumbling. Even if we don't pass this referendum, the facility still needs \$10 million in repairs and renovations just to meet health and safety codes. A no vote will cost money, and still leave us without a facility to meet our kids' health and safety needs.

As taxpayers, it's our responsibility to provide a strong foundation for our kids' future and give them every educational advantage possible. That includes ensuring the best facilities. Please vote yes

to pass this referendum on Tuesday, March 20.

Please note, early voting is available now and runs until March 20 at the Old Lee County Courthouse. You may register and vote on the same day at the Old Lee County Courthouse. In addition to regular hours of 8:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, the office will be open on Saturday, March 17 from 9 a.m. until noon.

Remember... if you are only interested in voting on the referendum, it is not necessary to choose a Democratic or Republican ballot; instead you may request a Non-Partisan ballot to vote on the referendum only.

I urge you to please vote yes for the future of a strong, vibrant community; Amboy deserves nothing less.

Mary Kathryn Stenzel  
Amboy

## On This Day in History

100 Years Ago  
March 8, 1918

John N. Gentry, who moved recently to Fennimore, Wis., began at once to carry on in his profession of auctioneer, according to a news item in The Fennimore News.

The number of freight cars handled in the Amboy yards of the Illinois Central railroad during the month of February was 37,384, or an average of 1,325 cars a day.

Mrs. J. W. Pankhurst went to Lee Center Saturday to spend a few days with he sister, Miss Oakes, while Miss Jennie Oakes attended the Bazaar in Dixon where she told Fortunes.

75 Years Ago  
March 4, 1943

Miss M. H. Egan moved Friday from her farm home to an apartment in the Floyd Searls home on Main Street.

Susan Sullivan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gene Sullivan was the small guest of honor

at a birthday dinner Friday evening, on her first birthday. Guests were her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Sullivan and Atty. and Mrs. E. M. Sullivan and daughter.

Mrs. Clareta Walker, former A. T. H. S. Economics instructor, has been added to the Rural Youth extension staff in Illinois. After leaving Amboy Miss Walker was home adviser in Macoupin County before taking up her new position.

50 Years Ago  
March 7, 1968

With the extremely dry weather, full cooperation of everyone in taking precautions against fire is of utmost importance. Don't toss cigarette butts around carelessly — don't start any fire you can't control

Richard Oglivie of Chicago, candidate for the Republican nomination for governor spoke at a meeting of the Republican's Women's Club in Ashton last week.

The Clippers finished their season Monday night in the Rock

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

As a father, this is very embarrassing.

(As a cucumber, it's no big deal.)

On the other hand, this was a good opportunity to teach my daughter about the importance of not giving up and how, through patience and determination, you can do anything.

I say this all in retrospect, having hurled her cucumber bat over the top of the house in a fit of frustration. In spite of all this, when it came time for her first official T-ball practice this week, we felt ready.

For those of you who've never watched T-ball, the rules are roughly the same as baseball; the ball is hit, the batter runs the bases, and 15 infielders throw their mitts at the ball in order to stop it. Once that is accomplished, everyone runs to a spot about eight inches in front of home plate — which is where the ball has usually landed after gravity, and a solid hit to the neck of the tee, has advanced the ball.

This isn't always the case, however. In fact, some of the kids I saw could really whack the ball. If not for them, the outfielders walking around with mitts on their faces pretending to be monsters might not have seen any action at all.

In the end, it is the ability to cover your face with your mitt and run around in circles until you trip over a sprinkler head that separates T-ball from major league baseball.

I'd even say that professional baseball could learn a thing or two from T-ball.

But not before I learn how to hit the ball with a cucumber.

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# 4-H and Farm Bureau young leaders partnering for Ag Safety Week

**LEE COUNTY** — The Lee County Farm Bureau Young Leaders invite 4-Hers in teams of one to three to create a display/presentation on one of the five focus areas.

The team will present their project to the Young Leader Committee at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20 at the Lee County Farm Bureau Building.

Ag Safety is important all

during the year. This year’s Ag Safety Awareness week is March 4-10.

The theme this year is “No One Can Take Your Place” and features five focus areas; Gen-

eral/Mental Health, Fire Safety, Impaired Driving (Drunk and Distracted), Hearing Protection, Respiratory Safety.

Each participant will receive a gift from the Young Leader Committee and there will be a prize for the winning team! Teams need to register by March 8 at go.illinois.edu/ LeeFarmSafety.

## Sublette News

Rev. Billy Graham, one of the world’s best known Christian evangelists, passed away recently in his North Carolina home at 99 years of age.

In the 1940s Rev. Graham was a student at Wheaton College and occasionally spent weekends in Sublette. One of his good friends, also a student at Wheaton, was the minister at the Sublette Union Church. Several times Rev. Graham accompanied his friend to Sublette and also preached at the Church. Then when his friend got married at the Sublette Church Rev Graham served as a best man.

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## Retreat to the Rock planned in April

**STARVED ROCK**—Plans are being made for the 29th annual “Retreat to the ROCK.”

Keynote speaker for this year’s retreat is Robyn Dykstra. Dykstra talks are filled with exciting, humorous stories and practical applications that teach women Biblical truths and glorify Jesus Christ.

Workshop topics for the retreat are: “20/20 Spiritual Vision” presented by Lois Croasdale and “Are You Sure You’re Ready to Glorify God?” By Sarah Homeier. Special music and Praises and Worship by Laura Thomas.

This year’s retreat will be held at Starved Rock Lodge, located in Starved Rock State Park, Utica. Dates for the retreat are Friday, April 13 and Saturday April 14. Various plans and options are available, for further information you may check the website at www.retreattotherock.com or call (815)224-1639. Online registration is available.

## Ashton church to host spring Kuchen sale

**ASHTON** — The Ashton United Methodist Church is hosting its spring Kuchen carry-out sale.

Your choice of cherry, peach or prune Kuchen can be ordered by calling 815-453-2324 through Saturday, March 10. Cost is \$10 for an 8” x 8” pan. And there is a limit of two per caller.

Pick up will be Saturday, March 17 at the Ashton United Methodist Church at the corner of Richardson and Fourth Street, between 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Payment can be made when you pick up your order.

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*Retreat to the ROCK is a nondenominational Christian ladies retreat held each year at Starved Rock Lodge. Pictured from left to right are Roseann Rossi, Arlene Stohr, Bev Briddick, Barb Needs, Kathy Donnelly, Marzita Setchell.*

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## SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Thurs., March 8	AJHS Scholastic Bowl @ Dixon Reagan – 4:00 p.m.
Fri., March 9	End of 3rd Quarter
	AHS Spring Musical – “Annie” – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
Sat., March 10	AHS Spring Musical – “Annie” – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
	School Board Retreat – KSB Community Room, Amboy - TBA
Sun., March 11	AHS Spring Musical – “Annie” – Auditorium – 2:00 p.m.
Tues., March 13	Central School Spring Concert (3rd & 4th) – AHS Auditorium – 6:30 p.m.
	AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball @ Forreston – 4:30 p.m.
Wed., March 14	8th Grade PSAT Testing
	Spanish Club Family Movie Night-Auditorium-5:30 p.m.
Thurs., March 15	AJHS Scholastic Bowl @ St. Mary’s, Sterling – 4:00 p.m.
	AHS Varsity Softball & Baseball (H) Forreston – 4:30 p.m.

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## Clippers season to begin on road March 13

**AMBOY** — The Amboy Clippers baseball team kicks off the 2018 season, on the road, on March 13. They face a familiar foe in conference rival Forreston. The Cardinals ended the Clipper’s season last May in the Regional final.

The Clippers lost five senior starters from last year’s team. They, in turn, bring back three All-Conference players in Senior Justin Hart, and Juniors Mitch McLaughlin and Hunter Zimmerly. Also returning are Juniors Maverick Lindemeyer, Clayton Kemp and Logan Whelchel, who played key roles in last year’s success.

With only three seniors on the team, Hart, Reece Vaessen and Ethan Latta, and Junior Frank Piscitello, the Clippers will look to some underclassmen to contribute. The Sophomore class has low numbers, but there are 10 Freshman playing.

All home games are played at Amboy City Park, with the first game on March 15.

### Varsity Baseball 2018 Schedule

March 13 – at Forreston – 4:30	April 17 – at Durand-Pecatonica – 4:30
March 15 – Forreston – 4:30	April 19 – Durand-Pecatonica – 4:30
March 17 – at Mendota (DH) – 11:00	April 21 – Putnam County Tourney – 10:00
March 20 – Milledgeville – 4:30	April 23 – at Bureau Valley – 4:30
March 22 – at Milledgeville – 4:00	April 24 – Dakota – 4:30
March 24 – Westmont (DH) – 11:00	April 26 – at Dakota – 4:30
March 26 – at LaMoille – 4:30	May 1 – at Ashton-Franklin Center – 4:30
March 28 – at Newark – 4:30	May 3 – Ashton-Franklin Center – 4:30
March 29 – Marquette – 4:30	May 7 – at Oregon – 4:30
April 3 – Polo – 4:30	May 8 – Freeport Aquin – 4:30
April 5 – at Polo – 4:30	May 10 – at Freeport Aquin – 4:30
April 10 – at Orangeville – 4:30	May 14-19 - Regional
April 12 – Orangeville – 4:30	(* game at Ashford University in Clinton, Iowa)
April 13 – *Aurora Christian – 5:00	
April 14 – Fulton Tournament	

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## Lady Clippers compete in 20-team invitational to open season

**BLOOMINGTON** – The Amboy-LaMoille girls’ track team opened up the season in the Lady Raider Invitational on March 3 at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington.

The Lady Clippers were one of the five Class 1A teams competing in the 20-team event.

“This was a great way to start the year,” said A-L coach Bob Halberg. “We were running with a skeleton squad,

but still competed.”

In varsity action, Ashley Althaus had the highest finish on the day with a fourth-place effort in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:03.14.

The 4x400 relay squad took sixth place with a time of 4:30.32. Making up the team were Cassidy Corcoran, Sidney Corcoran, Emma Lundquist and Althaus.

### Boys’ Track 2018 Schedule

March 17 – Byron Indoor Classic – 1:00  
March 23 – Dillon F-S Invite @ Westwood – 4:30  
March 27 – Rosenberry Classic @ Westwood – 4:30  
April 3 – at Kewanee (Mendota) – 4:00  
April 7 – Don Gooden Invite @ Mendota – 10:00  
April 10 – Fulton Invite – 4:15  
April 12 – home meet – 4:00  
April 16 – at Forreston (Polo) – 4:00  
April 19 – home meet – 4:00  
April 20 – Rock Falls Invite – 4:00  
April 23 – at Bureau Valley (St. Bede, Kane-land) – 4:30  
April 27 – Carlson/Hawk Classic @ Oregon – 4:00  
May 1 – home meet – 4:00  
May 2 – Morrison F-S Relays – 4:00  
May 10 – NUIC Varsity Meet @ Galena  
May 14 – NUIC F-S Meet @ Milledgeville

### Girls’ Track 2018 Schedule

March 19 – Clinton Indoor Meet @ Ill. Wesleyan – 4:00  
March 23 – Dillon F-S Invite @ Westwood – 4:30  
March 28 – Rosenberry Classic @ Westwood – 4:30  
April 3 – at Forreston (Polo) – 4:00  
April 7 – Don Gooden Invite @ Mendota – 10:00  
April 9 – Bureau Valley Invite – 4:30  
April 12 – home meet – 4:00  
April 14 – Rollie Morris Invite @ Springfield Valley – 9:30  
April 17 – Fulton Invite – 4:15  
April 19 – home meet – 4:00  
April 20 – Oregon Invite – 4:00  
April 23 – at Bureau Valley (St. Bede, Kane-land) – 4:30  
April 27 – at Morrison (Newman) – 4:00  
May 1 – home meet – 4:00  
May 14 – NUIC F-S Meet @ Milledgeville

Also competing for the Lady Clippers were: Brooklyn Whelchel, third place in 400-meter dash, 1:07.56; Vaessen, fourth place in 1600-meter run, 6:10.01; Sidney Corcoran, seventh place in 60-meter dash, 8.85; Whelchel, ninth place in 200-meter dash, 30.21; Lundquist, 10<sup>th</sup> place in 60-meter high hurdles, 12.06.



## St. Mary of the Assumption Church - West Brooklyn


# Stations of the Cross and Fish Boil

## Friday, March 9th


Confessions: 4:30 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross: 5:00 p.m.  
Holy Mass: 5:30 p.m.

**4:30-7:30 p.m. Fish Boil in the Hall**  
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Friday, March 16.....8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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Saturday, March 17.....9 a.m. to 3 p.m



Teen Turf

**UP COMING EVENTS**  
Musical Annie Friday, March 9, Saturday, Marc 10 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 11 at 2 p.m.  
Dance Friday, March 16, 2018 6 to 9 p.m.  
Fish Fry Friday, March 23, 2018 5 to 7 p.m.  
**MUSICAL**  
This Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 9, 10 at 7 p.m. and March 11 at 2 p.m. you will be able to have a great time enjoying the Musical “Annie” for only \$5. Kathy Mekeel and Aubry Burke will be directing over 60 kids in their last musical. Don’t miss the fun. Hope to see you there.  
**FISH FRY**  
Our annual fish fry will be from 5 – 7 p.m., on Friday, March 23. Please plan to come out and enjoy a delicious fish supper. It will consist of 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 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 857-4800 or 440-8195 and spend some time getting to know your kid’s friends. Don’t miss out on the Food\*Friends\*Fun.  
**SWIMMING FUN**  
Sunday was a great day. Starting at 6:30 a.m. we were able to help with Central Schools Pancake breakfast. Right after that we took a van full of kids to the Nash Center in Oregon. A great day of fun for the workers that helped at the soup supper and many from our After School Program.  
**HIGH FIVES**  
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To Pam Love for the treats. To Katie and John Dickinson for the bike. To Pete Rood for picking up the cans from up-town and elevating them almost daily. The recycle program helps maintain our van and also helps our environment.  
**HOMEWORK CLUB**  
Homework Club is every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from right after school until 5 p.m. On early out days we are there from after school until 5 p.m. also. We have had several new kids sign up. You can sign your child up at any time. We are in need of helpers as two of our faithful volunteers are on winter break. Please prayerfully consider giving just one hour of your time.  
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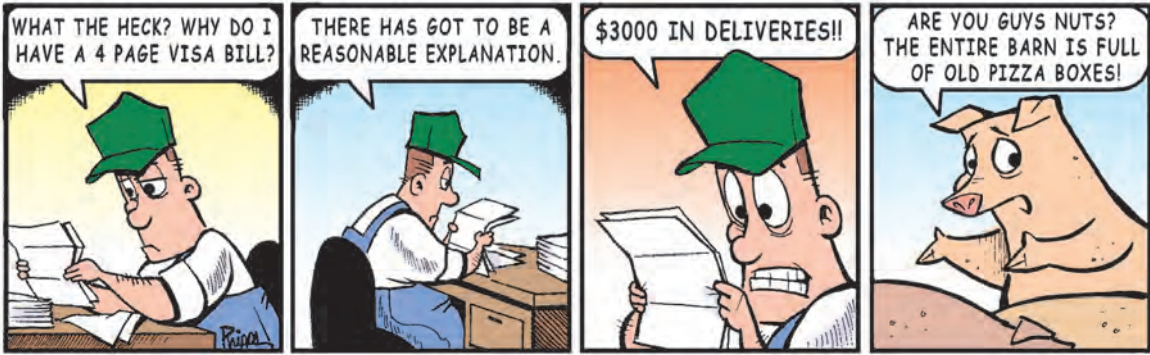
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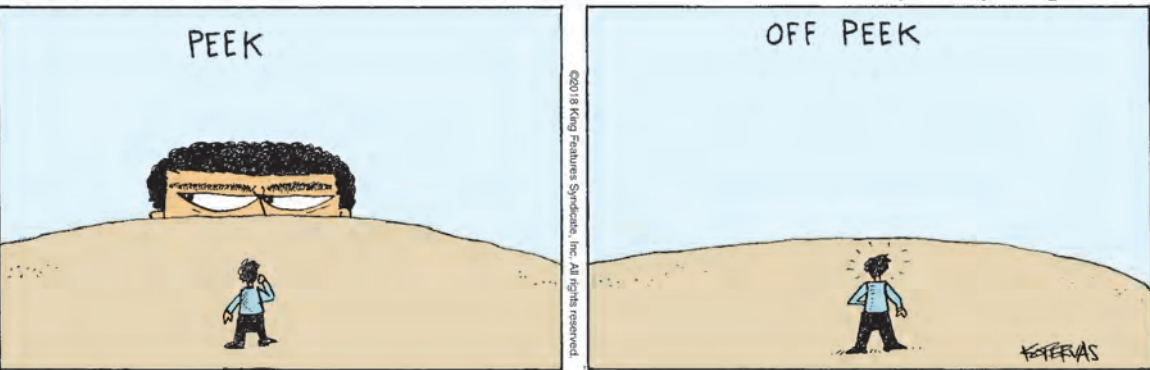
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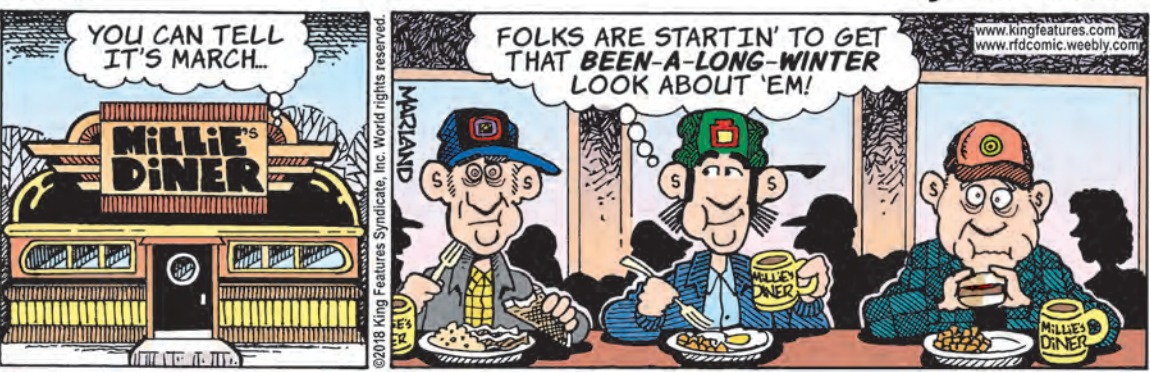
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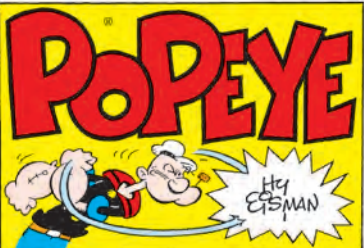
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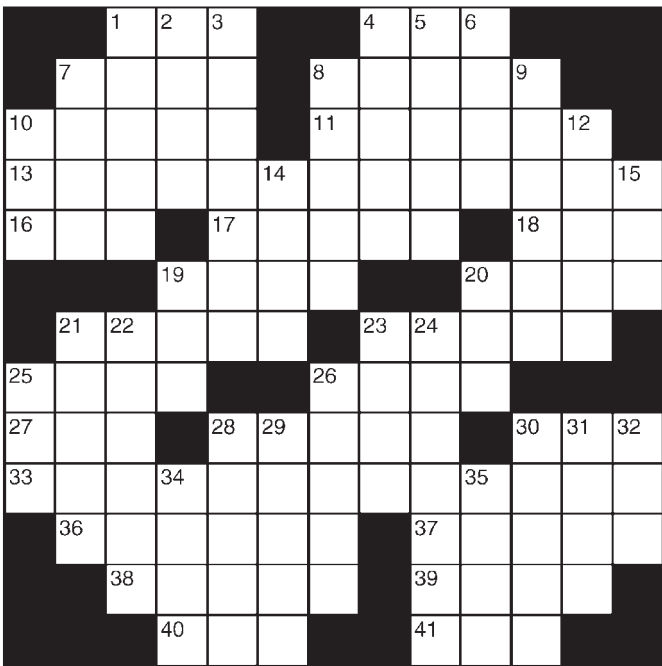
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  - 3 Gets snug and cozy
  - 4 Gift from a wise man
  - 5 Paquin and Pavlova
  - 6 "My Heart Will Go On" singer
  - 7 Appear to be



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

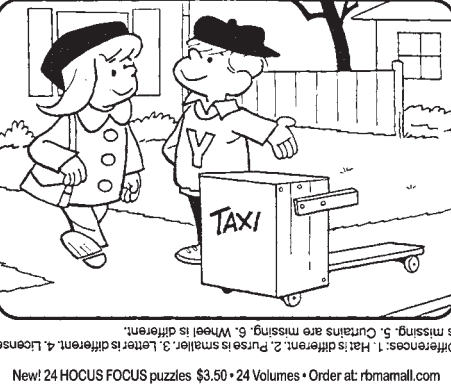
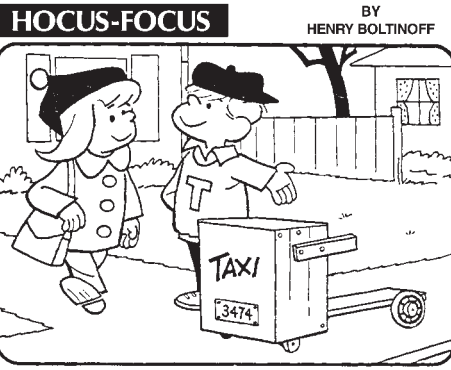
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7			4				3
	3			9		6	8

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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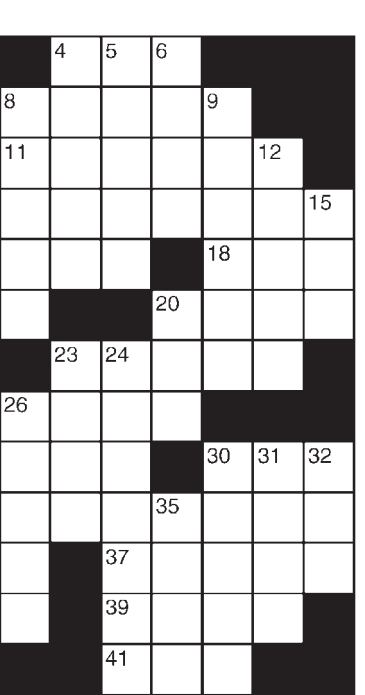
Today's Word

1. Please; 2. Trade; 3. Radiant; 4. Fringe

SCRAMBLERS

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King Crossword



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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- AD SLOGANS: Which company advertised its products with the tagline "Maybe she's born with it"?
- SCIENCE: What is the process called when heat is transferred through a liquid or gas?
- MOVIES: What is the theme song from "Titanic"?
- MEASUREMENTS: How many pounds are in a ton (U.S.)?
- ANATOMY: Metabolism is regulated by which gland in the human body?
- LITERATURE: In which book in the Harry Potter series does the character of Dolores Umbridge appear?
- MYTHOLOGY: Who was the Roman god of strength?
- MATH: What is the degree of a triangle?
- MUSIC: What was the name of the Grateful Dead's first album?
- FAMOUS QUOTES: Which inspirational speaker once said, "Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible"?

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Trivia Test Answers

- Maybelline
- Convection
- "My Heart Will Go On"
- 2,000
- Thyroid
- "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix"
- Hercules
- 180 degrees
- "The Grateful Dead" (1967)
- Tony Robbins

King Crossword

Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

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

Answer

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