

Thake responds to “incident” at Amboy Junior High

AMBOY - In response to an unspecified incident that took place Feb. 21 at Amboy Junior High School, Superintendent Dr. Jeff Thake posted the following comments on Facebook”: “We have received good feedback concerning the incident that took place at AJHS. This is a good reminder that we all need to stay as vigilant as possible, analyze situations on a case-by-case basis, and make sound decisions where we neither overreact nor underreact to incidents of this nature. Special thank you to the parents who have contacted us as well as the parents who spoke last night [Feb. 22] at our board meeting. Your feedback will certainly be taken into consideration as we continue evaluating incidents of this nature on a case-by-case basis concerning our communication protocols. To our law enforcement and State’s Attorney Matt Klahn: Your quick response to our district and your assistance assessing the perceived threat was amazing. We are lucky to have you to help us ensure the safety and well-being of our students! We are all partners when it comes to securing the safety and security of our students and each other. Thank you to all.” Thake declined any further comment or details.

Church to host Fish Boil on March 9

BY MONETTA YOUNG
Reporter

WEST BROOKLYN — St. Mary of Assumption Church in West Brooklyn welcomes all as they host the annual Stations of the Cross and Fish Boil on Friday, March 9. Dinner will be served from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 for the boiled cod dinner which is served with cole slaw, potatoes, dessert and a beverage. Macaroni and cheese is also available for \$5. “The process of boiling the fish creates a delicious product that reminds me of lobster,” said Father Fronек. “They use lots of butter in the process.” Proceeds from the dinner will be used toward re-gilding a chalice, paten and server paten dating from 1913 that was donated to the church by the Gehant family. For Friday, March 9, Father Randy Fronек will hear confessions beginning at 4:30 p.m., Stations of the Cross will begin at 5 p.m. and Holy Mass will be held at 5:30 p.m. The fish boil dinner will be held at the hall, 2520 Johnson St., West Brooklyn. There will also be music entertainment during the dinner. All are welcome to enjoy the beauty of the sanctuary, the stained glass windows and the old time confessional.



50 CENT BREAKFAST

A crowd of more than 600 came to the Loveland Community Center in Dixon on Saturday to partake of the Farmer’s Share Breakfast. Above, Lee County Farm Bureau members and volunteers, Mike Meusel (left), Aaron Wolf and Adam Henkel work preparing pancakes for the Farmer’s Share Breakfast. The approximate portion going to farmers for a breakfast including pancakes, sausage, orange, milk or coffee would be 50 cents. “We also use the breakfast to open doors of conversation to the public about food prices or agriculture in general,” said Danelle Burrs, Lee County Farm Bureau Manager.

Photo by Mary Mays



Amboy School Board selects construction management company

BY BONNIE MORRIS
Editor

AMBOY – A construction management letter of intent to CTS (Control Technology & Solutions) was approved by the Amboy Board of Education at their Feb. 22 meeting. This was the first step in seeking CTS as the district’s construction manager for a potential building project, which would include construction of a new junior high school. **PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS** Principal Joshua Nichols, Amboy High School, congratulated February Student of the Month Kaitlin Tarr.

Curriculum and School Improvement
* During the Feb. 12 School Improvement Day, teachers and paraprofessionals were able to work with their personalized learning and department peers and also work on implementation of tech and curriculum in their classrooms. Amie Wiseman conducted a tech training at all three buildings.
* ISBE sent the results of the most recent Biology/Science assessment, which was administered last spring (2017). Nichols said the AHS biology students did well averaging a score of 307 compared to the state average score of 300.
* Nichols attended the Statewide Terrorism

and Intelligence Center webinar on Feb. 7.
School Activities
* PRISM of Lee County brought nationally recognized addiction speaker Tim Ryan to present his “From Dope to Hope” presentation on Jan. 26.
* Nichols congratulated the girls basketball team and boys wrestling team on the conclusion of their successful seasons and strong postseason performances. Wrestlers Christopher Morris, Bradley Gazza, Lukas Schaver and Hayden Montavon all advanced to the Oregon Sectional.
* AHS hosted the boys basketball regional Feb. 19-23.

FFA Report
* Margaret Vaessen competed at the Section 2 Proficiency Awards on Feb. 7 at Stillman Valley High School placing first in the Food Service Category. She will compete at district next month. In this competition, students are interviewed about their SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experience) record book.
* All Intro to Ag students have started an SAE. They are learning how to keep records with the program in class and then creating their own record book on a topic of their choice.

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Frequently Asked Questions about School General Obligation Bond

Does the high school sit on a floodplain?

According to the most recent surveys administered by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) in 2010, neither Amboy High School nor Central Elementary School sit on a floodplain. The entire Amboy High School campus sits in Zone X, which means it is outside of the 0.2 percent annual chance floodplain. An annual chance floodplain is defined as areas outside of the 500-year floodplain. The Central School building sits on Zone X ground as well.

However immediately to the west of the building is Zone A, which is an area inundated by one percent annual chance flooding. Maps showing the floodplain in and around the Amboy area are available for viewing at the Lee Co. Soil & Water Conservation Office or City Hall.

How will this affect my taxes?

By voting yes to support our students and teachers the tax rate will increase to 0.86 per \$100 of assessed value for the next 20 years. Figuring how this will impact your individual bottom line is a little more complicated. While the tax calculator at amboy272kids.wixsite.com/272kids is helpful, it does not account for exemptions afforded to various categories of home/property owners. Farmland is also assessed differently. Check with the Lee Co. Treasurer’s Office to learn how this will affect your individual property taxes. The office can be reached at (815) 288-4477.

What will happen with the current junior high building?

During construction of the addition, the building will still function and be maintained as a usable school building for grades 5-8. The current timeline is that students will occupy the new building beginning in the fall of 2019. The board will seek options that may include but not be limited to partnering with a

viable purchaser or leasee, tearing down the building, or selling the existing property (minus the bus garage area). The Board is committed to developing a solid exit plan that will NOT leave an abandoned building in the community.

Will junior high and high school students be separated during the school day?

Yes. Grades 5-8 and grades 9-12 will not interact during the school day any more than they do currently (i.e. bus rides to and from school; musical practices; joint band and chorus performances; district wide events/assemblies). The junior high addition to the high school will contain its own secure school entrance, classrooms, art room, music room, and cafeteria. As proposed, junior high students will use the current high school gymnasium and locker rooms for physical education classes, recess and sporting events, crossing just one high school hallway to reach that area. Similarly, the current high school library will be remodeled to become the junior high media center/library. In order to reach this room, junior high students will cross one high school hallway.

Editor’s note: This is part 3 of a series of frequently asked questions and answers about the upcoming General Obligation Bond question on the March 20th ballot.



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Lee County 4-Hers have some fun with dogs

BY MARY MAYS
Staff Writer

DIXON - What do you get when you put kids and their dogs together? Fun, fun, fun.

That is what six kids and their dogs had while participating in Kids and Dogs Game Day on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center.

The Game Day is sponsored by the University of Illinois Lee County Extension Office and the Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center.

The Game Day is meant to help 4-H members train their puppies and dogs for the 4-H Fair in July. Pat Manernach, 4-H Volunteer and professional dog trainer, assists the kids with training their dogs through games. There are five to six games that teach a variety of commands, as well as an agility course. Each dog must be accompanied by two people since some games, like Puppy Ping Pong and Musical Chairs, require a second handler. The cost of the two-to-three hour class is a \$5 drop-in fee due at the door. Participants need to bring their puppy/dog, a helper, a six-foot leash, a water bowl, a dog toy and non-crunchy treats.



Musical chairs takes on a new twist when puppies and dogs are included. Puppies and dogs must stay at a sit or down with one handler while the other walks around the chairs. The second handler cannot instruct the puppy/dog. If the canine breaks the stay, the walking handler must leave their place and give instruction, returning only when the command has been obeyed. Prizes of treats and/or toys are given out to game winners.

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Another Game Day, for children between the ages of eight and 18, will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 24, at Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center. Children do not need to be a 4-H member to participate. Please RSVP to Tammy Norman at 815-440-6668, Kathy Book

at 815-857-3525 or online at kbook@illinois.edu.

Pat Manernach is one of four trainers available at Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center for private training. Contact her through the Center at 815-677-9350 or office@grannyrosek-9.org.

Lee County board recognizes employee during meeting

BY MONETTA YOUNG
Reporter

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Board met at the Reagan Transportation Center on Tuesday, Feb. 20 due to a mechanical fire that put the elevator at the old Lee County Courthouse out of order.

Lee County Sheriff John Simonton gave an update on the new jail being planned for the county. They are now considering using clean energy for the site. Geotherm and Solar energy are both being considered. There is the possibility for a grant to cover the cost of installation for these. A proposed start date would be sometime in June.

Larry Schremp was recognized with the presentation of a plaque, for 20 years of service with the Lee County Sheriff's Department.

"If you have seen the television shows about a Caribbean Life," said Schremp. "That is me." He will be retiring to the Virgin Islands. "The inmates at the Lee County jail are sad to see you go," shared Simonton.

The board approved the expansion of the Enterprise Zone to include the Mount Morris project and the Rochelle area project as well. The Rochelle



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area will construct a new memory care facility and the Anchor Road Storage is seeking to expand in Dixon.

The board approved the appointments of Terry Zinke to the position of Lee County Weed Control Superintendent; David Anderson as the Lee County Engineer for a term of six years and Jared Nicholson to the Lee County Sheriff's Merit Commission for a five year term.

They also approved a resolution for authorizing execution and amendment of Downstate Operation Assistance Grant Agreement for LOTS; the Lee County Clerk and Records annual report; IDOT agreement

for federal participation in the Amboy Road bridge. They approved the country engineer's salary, and the pay rate of part-time bailiffs.

They approved an addendum to the Mendota Hills Road use agreement for removal of 63 existing windmills and the installation of 19 replacement towers.

A resolution approving Lee County's participation in Opioid Nuisance Litigation was tabled until March.

The March meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21 at 9 a.m. at the Old Lee County Courthouse. Note the meeting date change, due to the General Election on March 20.

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* The welding classes created their first shop project for Valentine's Day, which consisted of metal roses using oxy-acetylene welding and thin sheet metal. All students were able to make their own roses.

* FFA Week (Feb. 18-24): FFA week kicked off with the Machine Shed Masters on Feb. 18. During the week, dress up days relating to agriculture and FFA were held, along with trivia and activities. On Feb. 22, FFA held an appreciation breakfast for staff and board members

in Mrs. Becker's room with assistance from Tony Becker who volunteered to help the students cook.

* Upcoming CDEs (Career Development Events): Ag Business, Public Speaking, Job Interview, Creed Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure. Any board members interested in helping interview students for the job interview, should e-mail Ms. Drew (ddrew@amboy.net) for details.

Principal Joyce Schamberger, Amboy Junior High

and Central Elementary, said awards were given for AJHS Students of the Month and character trait winners displaying "honesty" during the junior high's monthly SIP Assembly. At Central, the "Yoda Student of the Week" awards were handed out.

* Central teachers continue to visit the PBIS prize closet with their students. Schamberger thanked the Central PTC for funding the prize closet for students.

School Activities

* The 7th grade class won the Best Attendance Award for January with a 91.54 percent attendance. Best Attendance at Central School went to the 4th grade with 93.65 percent. Both grade levels earned a snack sponsored by the PTC.

* AJHS Spelling Bee winners are Ian Eller and runner up Caiden Wittenauer.

* The monthly Problem Solving Team meetings were held at Central School with personnel from OCEC.

PERSONNEL

Following closed session, the board approved Travis Kemmerer as Amboy High School band and chorus teacher for the 2018-2019 school year.

They also approved John Wagner as a 250-day custodian and Arly Kaecker as a 240-day custodian at Amboy High School, effective Jan. 29.

The next regular board meeting will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 22 at Amboy High School.

Join us at our Open House for our newly remodeled branch at

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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.

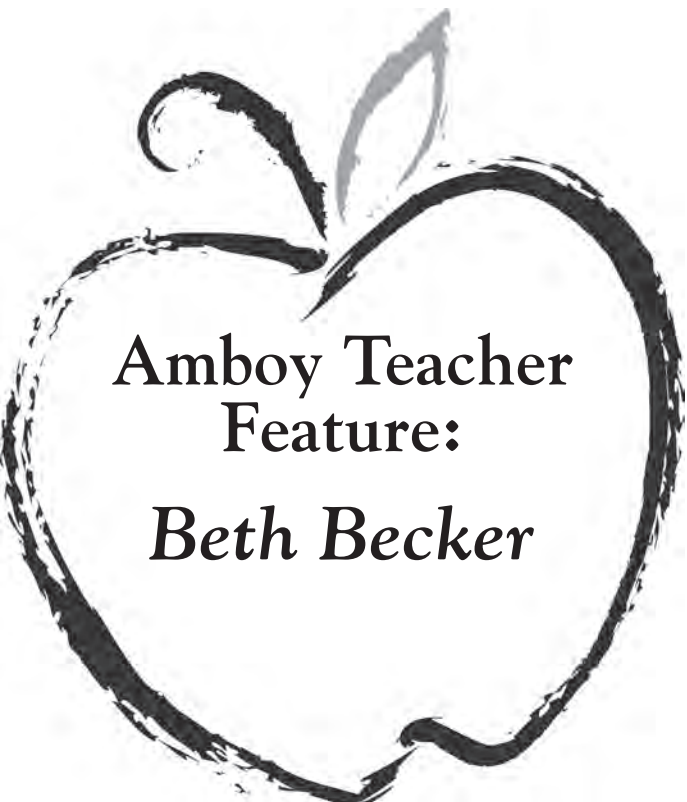
4:30-7:30 p.m. Fish Boil in the Hall

2520 Johnson St., West Brooklyn, IL 61378

Live Entertainment

\$10 for Cod Dinner with Cole Slaw, Potatoes, Dessert, and Drink
\$5 for Mac and Cheese

Proceeds go toward re-gilding a chalice, paten, and server paten dating from 1913 that was donated to the Church by the Gehant family.



Beth Becker, who teaches Horticulture and Family and Consumer Sciences, has been teaching for 33 years. For 19 of those years she has been employed by the Amboy School District.

She attended Kishwaukee College and the University of Illinois for her Bachelors degree and received her Masters degree from Rockford College.

“My high school horticulture teacher, Craig Theimer, made a huge impact on my selecting to enter the field of education,” said Becker. “He made learning fun through hands on activities and lots of encouragement. Also my high school band teacher, Terry Roderick, who showed me I could do anything that I put my mind to, event when other people were telling me differently.”

She shares that after 33 years of teaching is it difficult to recall just one experience that she would include in a book if she were to write one. Over the years she has found it most satisfying to see the smiles on faces of students who create an incredible hands on project and turn it in to her and say, “I am so proud of this.”

Or they would tell her what recipe they made at home over the weekend. Many times it would come from a student that has a difficult time succeeding in the required classes.

“It’s as if you see the ‘self-esteem thermometer’ shoot way up on the scale,” said Becker. “Many of my previous students have found me on Facebook to tell me what an impact I had on their lives. Sometimes as teachers we wonder if we are making a difference and these types of experiences prove that we do.”

Becker is retiring at the end of this school year.

OSF Healthcare Saint Paul acquires new endoscopy system

MENDOTA — OSF Healthcare Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota, has recently acquired the Olympus EVIS EXERA III video endoscopy system at its facility. Endoscopy systems, through the collaborative use of a video processor, light source, endoscope and monitor, enable physicians to peer inside the human body to diagnose, detect, and treat gastrointestinal (GI) diseases and other conditions. The advanced imaging in the EVIS EXERA III system will help our physicians detect GI diseases, such as colorectal cancer (CRC), at an earlier stage when treatments are most successful.

Early detection can improve treatment outcomes, reduce overall healthcare costs, and improve the quality of life for patients. To aid in early detection, the American Cancer Society recommends that beginning at age 50, both men and women at average risk for developing colorectal cancer should be screened for CRC and polyps. Those with personal or family risk factors should be tested even earlier.

In addition to helping our physicians detect and diagnose diseases at an earlier stage, the new 190 series colonoscopes in the EVIS EXERA III system should improve comfort for patients as well. Technologies such as Passive Bending (for following contours of the colon), High Force Transmission (for improved sensitivity to a physician’s movements), Variable Stiffness (to meet the unique anatomical needs of the patient), and Scope Guide (for visualizing the scope’s position inside the patient’s body) all deliver better control to the physician and help to improve comfort for the patient.

“With the acquisition of the Olympus EVIS EXERA III system at our facility, our goals are to improve the efficiency of our operation, enhance our diagnostic capabilities, and foremost, deliver the best possible care to our patients. With this advanced technology, we may be able to provide our patients with more accurate diagnosis, shorten their procedure times, and improve their overall procedural experience,” says Kayla Payne, Surgical Services Manager at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center.

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

SUBLETTE-Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 202 S. Locust 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 2. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, March 5, at the Fire Station, 25 N. East Ave.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 5, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The Amboy Legion Auxiliary will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 5, at the Long Branch Saloon.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion Post 453 will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 5, at the Amboy Family Restaurant community room.

DIXON-The Grief Support Group will meet at Lee County Council on Aging, 100 W. Second St., at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6. Whether your grief is from death, loss of a relationship, loss of a career, loss of faith or loss of a pet, Grief Recovery Specialist Ken Lawson will help. Call 815-288-9236 with any questions.

AMBOY-The Amboy Civic Organization will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, at Maria’s. Anyone interested in joining the ACO for dinner and bunco is welcome.

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 first Wednesday of the month

drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m., March 7. Call The third Wednesday of the month drive, March 21, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. TCall 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

DIXON-Veterans Employment Representative Jack Kromer will be available from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, at the Lee County Council on Aging, 100 W. Second St., to assist veterans with resumes, interviewing and searches for re-entering the workforce. Call the LCCOA at 815-288-9236 for more information.

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.

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.

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CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU
March 5 - 9

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 - Pancake pup/syrup, cheese stick, sweet p’tator tots, blueberry muffin, pineapple - Early Dismissal – 1:20 p.m.
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Breakfast pizza, dragon punch juice box, mixed dried fruit, orange juice, cinnamon bar
Wednesday	- Waffles & syrup - Scrambled eggs or huevos ranchos w/beans & salsa, cheese cup, juice, tator tots, donut
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - French toast sticks/syrup, peanut butter cup, grahams, wango mango juice box, oranges
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Assorted cereals, yogurt cup, cheese stick, hard boiled egg, juice boxes, raisins, granola bar

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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.

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.

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

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VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELDERLY/HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY
MARCH 20, 2018 GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

REGISTRATION
Cathy Myers, Lee County Clerk, states that voter registration is open in the Election Department of her office. Notice is hereby given that February 20, 2018 is the last day registrations or transfers can be accepted. Please contact the Election Department at 815-288-3309 for the names of Deputy Registrars in your area.

Anyone who has never registered in Lee County, has moved within the county, or has had a change of name since the last election must be registered and have the correct name and address if they wish to vote in this election. First time registrants shall (by March 20, 2018 General Primary Election) have resided in their precinct for 30 days and must be 18 years of age on or before the November 6, 2018 General Election.

VOTE BY MAIL – AVAILABLE TO ANY PROPERLY REGISTERED VOTER – NO EXCUSE NECESSARY
Cathy Myers’ office complies with the federal voting accessibility laws. All properly registered voters are eligible to vote by mail. Voters wishing to vote by mail may contact her office to request an application. Upon receipt of a signed application, a ballot will be mailed to the voter. The last day a ballot can be mailed is March 15, 2018, five days before this election.

Early Voting – Will be conducted in the Election Department, first floor of the Old Lee County Courthouse beginning on February 8, 2018. Voting hours are: Monday through Friday, 8:15 AM until 4:15 PM and 9AM until noon on Saturday, March 17, 2018.

To comply with the federal voting accessibility law, election judges are allowed to deliver a ballot to any voter who is not able to get into the polling place. A request must be made to the Election Department prior to Election Day to make arrangements for two judges to deliver a ballot to a voter within 50 feet of the polling place. To reach the Election Department please call 815-288-3309 during normal business hours.

Once a ballot is cast, it cannot be rescinded. All above dates apply for the March 20, 2018 General Primary Election.

Cathy Myers
Lee County Clerk & Recorder

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JR HIGH MENU
March 5 - 9

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	- Breakfast burrito - Pancake pup/syrup, cheese stick, sweet p’tator tots, blueberry muffin, pineapple - Early Dismissal 1:25 p.m
Tuesday	- Frosted donut - Breakfast pizza, dragon punch juice box, mixed dried fruit, orange juice, cinnamon bar
Wednesday	- Frosted cinni bar - Scrambled eggs or huevos ranchos w/beans & salsa, cheese cup, juice, tator tots, donut
Thursday	- Biscuit & gravy - French toast sticks/syrup, peanut butter cup, grahams, wango mango juice box, oranges
Friday	- Scrambled eggs & toast - Assorted cereals, yogurt cup, cheese stick, hard boiled egg, juice box, raisins, granola bars

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OBITUARIES

Robert E. Bonnell

Jan. 13, 1935 - Feb. 24, 2018

SUBLETTE — Robert E. Bonnell, 83, of Sublette, died Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018.

He was born Jan. 13, 1935, in May Township, Lee County, the son of Harold and Lucille (Vincent) Bonnell.

He served in the Army from 1954-56 in Germany and Italy.

On Aug. 11, 1962, Bob married Marilyn Cook at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Mendota.

Bob worked at Illinois Central Railroad as a Warehouse Clerk and then a supervising Pressman at Wayside Press in Mendota prior to his retirement in 1993. He was also a cook at the Coachman Inn and at Pete's Place in Sublette. He stayed active in the community serving on the Sublette Fire Department for 45 years as a firefighter, EMT and board trustee. He was elected as a Sublette Village trustee for more than ten years.

Bob was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include his wife; three children, Alice (Keith)

Klein, of Sublette, Angela Bonnell, of Normal, and Timothy Bonnell, of Sublette; four grandchildren, Matthew Klein, Katie Klein, Sean (Ashley) Klein, and Brady Bonnell; two great-grandsons, Waylan Klein and Jude Klein; one brother, Harold (Carol) Bonnell Jr., of Sublette; three sisters, Dorothy (Donald) Lemmer, of Sublette, Marilyn (Bill) McGrane, of Iola, Wis., and Cathy (Gary) Bauer, of Oregon; and many nieces and nephews.

Bob was a lifelong Green Bay Packers and Chicago White Sox fan. He loved playing games with his family, creating stained glass windows, and researching Bonnell-Vincent genealogy. He always had a joke to share in-person or online with his many Facebook friends around the world. He was a devoted husband, father, and friend. Words alone could never describe the impact he had on so many lives. The world will be a sadder place without him. He will be missed by many.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., on



Friday, March 2, 2018, in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Sublette, with the Rev. Randy Fronek officiating. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery in Sublette with Military Graveside Rites by the Amboy American Legion.

Visitation will be held from 4 – 7 p.m., on Thursday, in the church with the Rosary recited at 3:30 p.m., and also on Friday, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., in the church.

A memorial has been established by the family. Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com.

Shirley A. Bradley

Jan. 10, 1936 - Feb. 22, 2018

DIXON — Shirley A. Bradley, 82, of Dixon, and formerly of Oregon, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018, at the home of her daughter in Dixon.

She was born Jan. 10, 1936 in Comstock Park, Mich., the daughter of John and Karolina (Fueterer) Trampel.

Shirley was a Telephone Operator for many years in Oregon.

She attended United First Church in Amboy.

Shirley was a caretaker of all and was affectionately known as the family “Angel” for her kind demeanor and many acts of selfless compassion.

She enjoyed creating special works of art and crafts for and with her children and grandchildren; from a wooden rocking horse to watercolors, to personalized dolls. Hallmarks of Shirley's life were her relationship with God, her devotion to her husband and unconditional love for her family.

She married Victor Bradley

on Aug. 6, 1958, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Oregon. He preceded her in death July 29, 2013.

She was also preceded in death by one grandson, Ethan Bradley, one sister, Joy Long and one brother, George Trampel.

Shirley is survived by her children, Kelly Cardot, of Freeport, Julie (Mark) Glenn, of Dixon, David (Rebecca) Bradley, of Roy, Wash.; 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; three brothers, John (Arlene) Trampel, of Hurst, Texas, Robert Trampel, of Oregon, David (Jan) Trampel, of The Villages, Fla.; two sisters, Gerda (Robert) Davis, of Warren, Ark., and Rosa Donaldson, of Freeport; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 9:30 – 11 a.m., on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at the United First Church of Amboy. The funeral service will follow after the visitation at 11 a.m., the Rev. Mark Glenn



officiating.

A luncheon will be served at the church following the funeral.

Burial will be at 2 p.m. at Lighthouse Cemetery in Oregon.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Memorial contributions may be made to the United First Church of Amboy.

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

Donna J. Reinhardt

Feb. 21, 1928 - Feb. 17, 2018

HENDERSON, Nevada — Donna J. Reinhardt, 89, of Henderson, Nevada, formerly of Amboy, died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, at Henderson Hospital in Henderson, Nevada.

She worked for Master Metal Corporation and Carlith Printing for 30 years, prior to her retirement.

Donna was born Feb. 21, 1928, in Rockford, the daughter of William and Ruth (Snyder) Van Stone.

She was a licensed pilot, model, and stunt double for Ester Williams in the 1947 Jimmy Durante movie “This Time for Keeps.”

Donna enjoyed swimming, bowling, and was an accomplished archer and marks-women. She was a bookkeeper, an office manager, and a former board member at Rolling Meadows State Bank.

Donna loved animals, but

most of all she was a loving mother, daughter and grandmother.

She is survived by one son, Michael Reinhardt and one daughter-in-law Laurie Reinhardt, of Marina Del Rey, Calif.; one son-in-law, Gennaro “Jim” Spinelli, of Amboy; seven grandchildren, Traci (Spinelli) Colby, Valerie Spinelli, James Spinelli, Toni (Spinelli) Ikens, Kathy (Spinelli) Fordham, Donna (Spinelli) Cook, John Spinelli; 12 great-grandchildren, Keri Spinelli, Taylor Ikens, Savannah Ikens, Parker Colby, Linda Spinelli, Georgie Spinelli, Krystal Fordham, Brennen Cook, Brenleigh Cook, Aden Spinelli, Gavin Spinelli, Roman Spinelli; and two great-great-grandchildren, Brantley Riley, Miles Riley.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Linda (Aden) Spi-



nelli; and one brother, Murrell Van Stone.

Visitation will be from 4 – 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018, at Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m., on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at the funeral home, with Rev. Jack Briggs, pastor officiating. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery, Lindenwood.

Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling.com.

Suzanne Girvin Gubitz

Feb. 19, 2018

AMBOY — Suzanne Girvin Gubitz, 90, passed away peacefully on Feb. 19, 2018.

She lived in Amboy, with her loving companion of more than 40 years, Ted Fredenhagen.

She raised her five surviving children in Chicago: Carla (James) Jankowski,

Kenn (Kathy), Karen (Nicholas Sinadinos), Christa Moore, and Kurt.

She was a grandmother to six and great-grandmother to many more.

Her sense of humor and joy in life is an inspiration to all of us.

Police

Speeding

On Feb. 23, at 12:29 p.m., Jonna R. Surratt, 36, of Oregon, was issued a traffic citation for speeding 49 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

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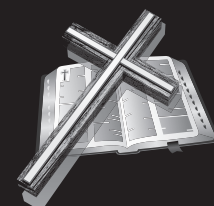
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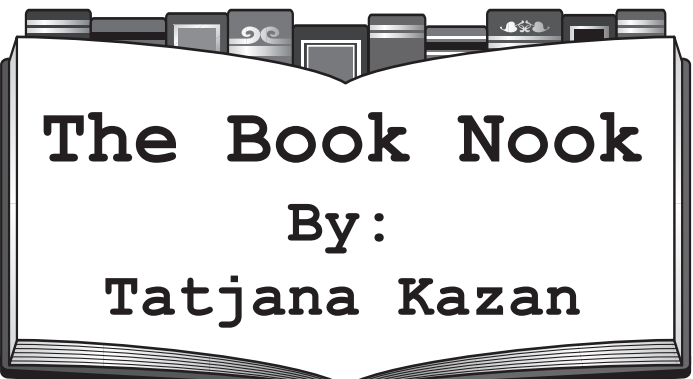
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Grand tour

The Portrait of a Lady” by Henry James is one of the great classics of American literature. Published in 1881, it is the story of Isabel Archer from Albany, a fresh, self-confident young woman, raised by her Bohemian father, self-taught on mountains of books, who was thus “in the habit of taking for granted, on scanty evidence, that she was right; impulsively, she often admired herself.” When Isabel’s father dies, her Aunt Lydia takes Isabel with her to Europe.

Isabel enters a European culture, which, in James’s view, could no longer generate any moral power; in its sterility it merely perpetuated a stale, empty rhythm. But America is “the not yet fully formed United States.” When Isabel inherits a considerable fortune from her invalid cousin Ralph Touchett, her life opens up.

In James’s world, one cannot have an interesting life without money. But Americans are still too young to have that much money. Money’s consequences are not subject to willpower, but Isabel thinks so and marries the absolute worst person, the much older, reptilian Gilbert Osmond, to prove that money doesn’t have her, but she has it. Of course, as soon as she marries Osmond, by law, he gets all her money. The marriage is a disaster.

Osmond is a phony egotist, cold and petulant, the kind of man “who is angry at the world because it doesn’t reflect his glory back to him.” He means to force Isabel to bend to his will. She does not. In the end, after years of marriage, Isabel discovers Osmond’s treachery – he was only after her fortune – but James leaves it to the reader to speculate on what happens next.

Enter “Mrs. Osmond,” a recent sequel to James’s novel by the renowned Irish novelist John Banville. Banville, known for his elegant style, is a fine ventriloquist of James’s highly intricate style, though there are passages that linger overly long. In fact, most of the novel lingers far too long while over some weeks Isabel undertakes a kind of grand tour, from London to Paris to Florence and Rome and back again to London. Very little happens other than teas and dinners with some of James’s characters and others invented by Banville.

Money plays as large a role in “Mrs. Osmond” as it does in “Portrait.” But curiously in Banville’s account, Isabel’s fortune is intact, she has complete control over it, and thus over her life. (It was not until a year after the publication of “Portrait” that the Married Women’s Property Act of 1882 significantly altered English law regarding the property rights of married women.) Because of her money, Isabel’s confrontation with Osmond is reduced to tepid melodrama. Banville, following James’s example, contrives an ambiguous but hardly surprising ending.

Schnaiter featured speaker at Historical Society on March 12

DIXON — If you are interested in local history, please come join the Lee County Historical and Genealogical Society at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 12 in the second floor conference room at KSB Hospital.

Carol Schnaiter, Park Naturalist at the Ruth Edwards Nature Center at Lowell Park, will tell us about the history of one of our favorite places - Lowell Park. Schnaiter is known to many from the 36 years she taught in Amboy schools.

If you can remember swimming in the park or going down that huge slide sitting on wax paper on the hot summer days or picnicking in one of the stone shelters, please come join us and share some of your memories.

There is no fee and the conference room is handicapped accessible.

For further information, call 815-284-1134 or stop by the LCH&GS Library at 113 S. Hennepin Avenue in Dixon. Hope to see you.

SVCC’s Project VITAL providing free tutor training in March

DIXON — Project VITAL of Sauk Valley Community College is offering FREE tutor training sessions in March to those interested in becoming volunteer Adult Literacy Tutors. Training sessions are March 5, 12, 19, and 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. in SVCC’s new Adult Education Department, room 1J1.

Don’t have past tutoring experience? No problem. A free light dinner is included for training participants. Tutors must be 18 years or older and have a GED or high school diploma. Participants must attend all session, but arrangements to complete sessions online will be accommodated for those who cannot attend all in person.

To sign up for training, or for questions, please contact Laura Moreno, laura.m.moreno@svcc.edu, 815-835-6241 or Sarah McFarlane, sarah.a.mcfarlane@svcc.edu, 815-835-6312.

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Traveling toward the light

BY PASTOR MARK GLENN

The other day, Billy Graham, a hero of the faith passed away. I would like to start and end this article, a reflection on the 23rd Psalm, with a quote from Rev. Graham. The first: “When we come to the end of ourselves, we come to the beginning of God.”

The Lenten season has always seemed a bit dark and shadowy to me. It is a long season in the church year of repentance and reflection and denial of self. Shadows are an invisible kind of metaphor in the scripture. Shadows of the valley (between one mountain and another....or the desert before the crossing of the waters...or between two crossings as is the case in the scripture) are places of transition. Shadows are cast behind. They are not real but mere figures that can delude us and misguide us if we try to follow them, especially shadows of the past. Shadows can be reflections of what we have been or glimpses of a darkness that follows us and threatens to envelope us. They can be former guilt or shame, those feelings that distort. For shadows are often larger than truth.

We don’t need to leave our shadows behind. They follow us, because they are our past...and they remind us of where we’ve been. But meanwhile, we need to keep traveling toward the Light. In this way, dark valleys, dark times, times of confusion or times

Carey to be honored with George and Barbara Fell Award

ROCKFORD – The Natural Land Institute is pleased to announce the recipient of the 2018 George and Barbara Fell Award is Debra Carey, Executive Director of the Dixon Park District.

Carey is a naturalist, educator and administrator, as well as a tireless advocate for the preservation and restoration of natural land in Lee County and the lower Rock River watershed.

She spearheaded the preservation of Amboy Marsh, Gremel Wildlife Sanctuary, Ryan Wetland and Sand Prairie, and Lowell Forest Nature Preserve, and helps to manage local natural areas through the Lee County Natural Area Guardians, a subcommittee of the Lee County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Carey has served on-and-off as chair of the Lee County NAGs, and was the first President of the Birdsong Chapter of Illinois Audubon Society, and steward of

both Amboy Marsh and Gremel Wildlife Sanctuary.

Carey embodies the persistent care and work that is often needed to protect a natural area. Her skills as a manager of volunteers, an educator, grant writer, and advocate are what are needed to get the job done, even if it takes many years. She sees a need and does whatever it takes, and enlists whoever she can to get it done.

The award is named for George and Barbara Fell who founded the Natural Land Institute in 1958 and devoted their lives to the protection of natural areas in Illinois.

They were committed to protecting Illinois’ natural heritage so rare and endangered plant and animal species would be here for future generations.

The presentation of the land conservation award will be at the Natural Land Institute’s 60th Anniversary Celebration Dinner to be held from 5:30 – 8:45 p.m., on Tuesday,

CGH Health Foundation celebrates 30th anniversary Charter members and Tree of Life honorees

STERLING — Thirty years of caring was celebrated, with special recognition given to Charter Members and Tree of Life donors during CGH Health Foundation Annual Appeal reception at CGH Medical Center.

Fifteen individuals, three businesses and one club were honored for being the only contributors who made a gift during the first fund drive that are continuing to give today. They were also acknowledged at special Pearl Parties hosted during the past anniversary year.

Foundation Campaign General Chairman Marty Benson announced nearly \$360,000 had been raised toward the \$350,000 goal. Thirty-nine individuals, businesses and groups were honored during the special Tree of Life dedication ceremony. Fifteen programs are funded through the Annual Appeal.

“Thank you to our past, present and new donors for your support

Christ Lutheran School hosts pancake breakfast

STERLING — Christ Lutheran School will hold its Spring Pancake Breakfast to benefit the school on Saturday, March 10 at Christ Lutheran School, 2000 18th Avenue, Sterling.

The breakfast will begin at 7 a.m. and will continue through 11 a.m. A delicious breakfast including pancakes, scrambled eggs, farm fresh pork sausage, applesauce and juice or coffee will be served. A free will donation will be accepted for admission. The suggested donation is \$5.

The breakfast is also offering delivery to your place of business. Email your orders to cls@christlutheralschool.com. Business orders must be submitted by 3 p.m. on Friday, March 9.

For more information, contact Christ Lutheran School at 815-625-3800.

of circling the forest, don’t last. But only God/Jesus knows the way through the valleys to the waters.

Sometimes the emptiness and panic of loss, the “where we’ve been” can envelope or swallow up the “where we need to go.” Thick darkness makes it hard to see our way. That’s why we need a Shepherd, who can bring us out of transitoriness and into the eternal.

The word “shuv” in the 23rd Psalm means “restores.” This is what God does for us –restores us to the right path. The word shuv comes from teshuvah –the word for repentance. It means to turn or return....to allow ourselves to be led or guided back onto the right “way.”

The (re)turning of our souls to God...in relationship....God as leader and we as followers....is the moment of healing that takes us from the shadows to walking in the awareness of the Light.

Repentance is often more a process than a flash decision, and sometimes a foot-dragging, hair-pulling process in which God is trying to lead us and we are not ready. Our human almost desperate need for certainty and security often dupes us into following our fear instead of Jesus’ footsteps.

And the staff is the symbol of God’s patience, endurance, presence, forgiveness, and love. The second quote from Billy Graham: “Sin is the second most powerful force in the universe, for it sent Jesus to the cross. Only one force is greater—the love of God.”

March 13, at Giovanni’s Restaurant & Convention Center, 610 N. Bell School Road, Rockford.

The dinner will include a social hour, live Swing and Jazz music by the Tom Flanigan Quartet, a silent auction, and a program with comments by the Executive Director, Kerry Leigh, the presentation of the George and Barbara Fell Award and Guest Speaker, Alan Branhagen. Branhagen will sign his most recent book, Native Plants of the Midwest, which will be available for purchase at the event.

Tickets cost \$60 each for non-members (includes a one year introductory membership) and \$45 each for NLI members. Tables of 10 are available for \$600 (non-members) and \$450 (NLI members). A Table Sponsorship is available for \$1,000. Call 815/964-6666 for more information and to order tickets or purchase online at www.NaturalLand.org by March 7.

in making the Sauk Valley a better place to raise your families,” said Mrs. Benson. “Your gifts are a testament to your amazing compassion for others and commitment to better health.”

During the last 30 years, nearly \$5.5 million has been donated and invested right back into the community. Under-served children and adults have received free to low cost healthcare services. Wellness education centering on heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and obesity has been a major focus. Scholarships have been awarded to several hundred college-bound students and capital items have been funded.

Eight Pine Cones and 30 Leaves were dedicated on the Tree of Life donor wall and two donors added to the Legacy Circle plaque. Honorees included: Legacy Circle: Robert Stevens and Verna Ward; Pine Cone (\$10,000 or more cumulative): Angelo’s, Scott and Judy Borchardt, Dr. Eugene Brown, Dr. John Erickson Memorial, Joe Henderson Memorial, Dick and Penny Linville, Sauk Valley Bank, Shirley Wolford, and Cindy Zander.

Donors receiving a Leaf (\$1,000 or more cumulative) included: Amboy High School Girls Basketball Team, Karla Anderson, Dana Behn, Barb and Mike Brady, Bill and Bev Burkardt, Pamela Carey, Carpetland, Amy Cassens, Jerry Conley Memorial, Julie Conley Memorial, Denny and Kay Cutter, Alicia Eyrich, Penney Fillmer and John Lorentzen, Andrew and Elizabeth Foster, Lowell Grummert Memorial, Larry and Deb Haan, Dr. Flora Interone Memorial, Glenn and Marcia Keime, Shauna Kramer, Wanda Martens, James and Karen Nelson, Prophetstown High School Volleyball Team, Ed and Deb Pruis, Cassie and Dustin Sawyers, Steve and Teresa Schreiner, Robert Stevens Trust, Ruth Thompson, Two Rivers Sail and Power Squadron, Jim and Jessica White, Heather Widolff, and Verna Ward Bequest.

Each Stone, Pine Cone or Leaf is engraved with an inscription of the donor’s choice. For more information on how to support the CGH Health Foundation, call Executive Director Joan Hermes at 815-625-0400, ext. 5672 or email joan.hermes@cghmc.com.

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Opinion

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

Like speed skating, our Olympic review continues because we can't stop

Hello and welcome to another exciting installment of our exclusive Winter Olympics review:

Fifteen Reasons to Be a Summer Olympian.
It's a preview so exclusive even the Olympic Committee doesn't know about it. And, quite frankly, we'd like to keep it that way. That's because while the larger media outlets routinely get bogged down with boring interviews and analysis of things like the effect of wind trajectory on Al Roker's head, we are able to avoid all that.

How? By going nowhere near the actual Olympic games.

Last week, we began our special review with an in-depth look at the Slalom, Bobsleigh and Biathlon events. For those who missed it, here's a quick re-cap: Athletes who compete in the Slalom and Bobsleigh are insane, and though Biathlon sounds exciting, we challenge you to watch it without

Guest Column

By Ned Hickson



drooling on your arm.

OK, now that we're all caught up, we can begin this week's installment of our special Olympic coverage by taking a look at Cross Country Skiing — which is even less exciting than the Biathlon because, in cross country skiing, the only sound is the commentator, who is trying to keep himself awake by finding exciting words to describe what appears to be several people looking for the nearest ski lift.

Which isn't to say there isn't plenty of excitement at the Winter Olympics. In fact, when it comes to Curling, the longer you watch four people moving a large stone across the ice using nothing but brooms, the more exciting cross country skiing gets.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the sport of Curling, this competition became an official Olympic event 12 years ago as a replacement for Ice Bowling, which [Pause here for dramatic effect] fell through at the last minute.

Letters to the Editor

Seeking information on person

Dear Editor,

I am interested in talking to anyone who knew Terrence (Terry) Pierce who resided in the Mendota/Amboy area. My contact infor-

mation is: Janet Ostermeier, (630) 668-0889, janeto3@comcast.net

**Janet Ostermeier,
Wheaton**

Supporting Meyer for Treasurer

Dear Editor,

I am a friend and supporter of Paula Meyer, candidate for Lee County Treasurer. There are many things that I could say regarding Paula's credentials — which are very impressive.

Instead, I want to address a question that some have asked about Paula's decision to run for Lee County Treasurer: Why would someone run for an office that provides less compensation than the compensation paid in her current position?

I can answer that question with a few simple questions. Why do teachers teach? Why would anyone go into law enforcement or become firemen? These are not highly compensated positions, but every person who chooses to go into these occupations share

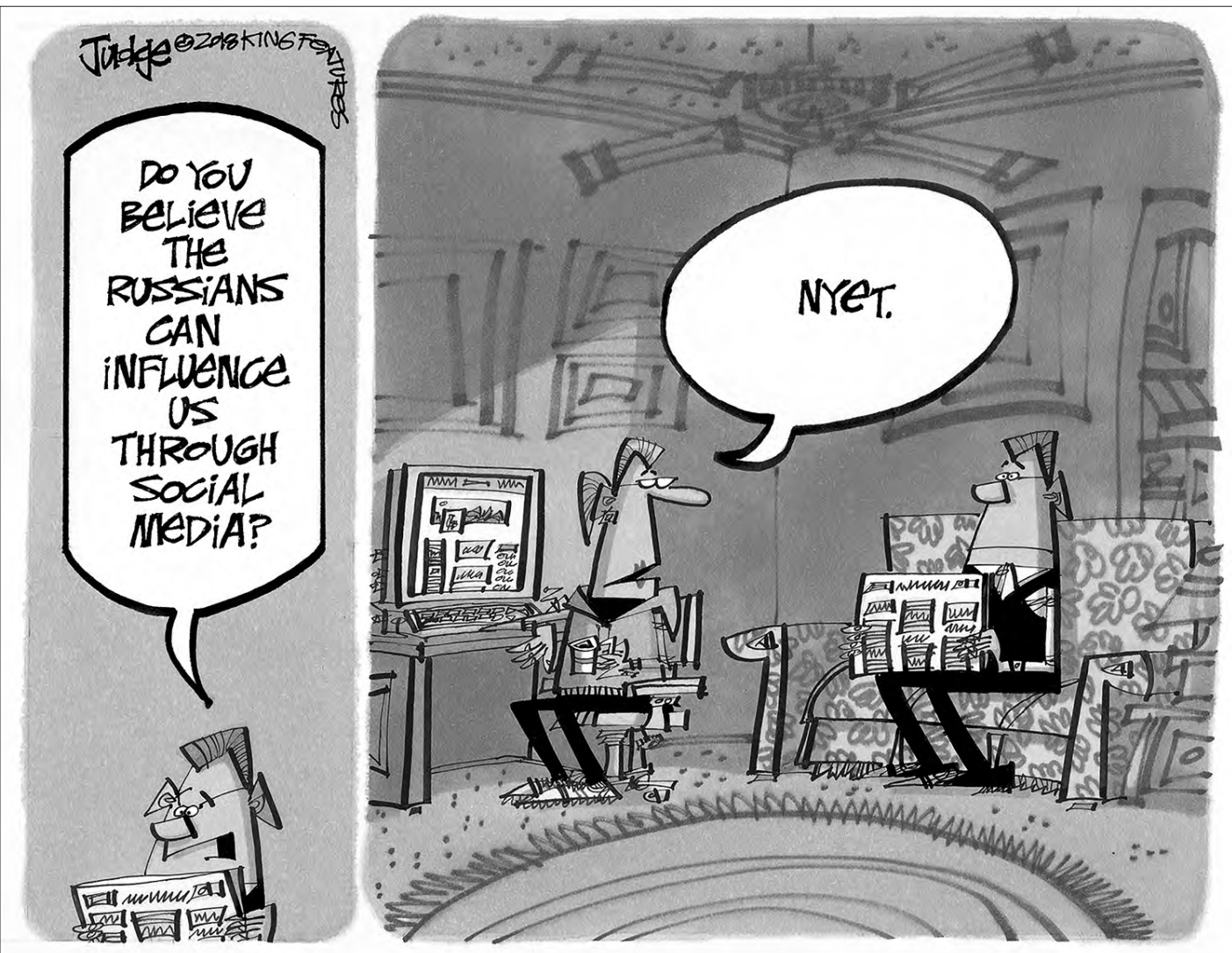
something in common, and that is a desire to serve their community.

For Paula Meyer, this race is not about advancing her career or building her resume. I

t's not about the size of her paycheck. It's about serving her community. By giving of her more than 22 years of governmental accounting and forecasting experience, she will provide sound financial advice to the County Board, which in turn, serves the best interests of the Lee County taxpayer.

Please join me, on March 20, and vote Paula Meyer for Lee County Treasurer.

**Deb Dillow
Dixon**



On This Day in History

**100 Years Ago
March 1, 1918**

Lost on the streets of Amboy, crank to a Model 85 Overland automobile. Finder please leave at Amboy news office.

Mrs. Mary Tait's resident on the Amboy-Lee Center road, was seriously damaged by fire Tuesday. The fire is thought to have started by the explosion of a lamp in an oat sprouter in the kitchen.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ulrich entertained with a card party Tuesday night, celebrating the birthday of the former.

**75 Years Ago
Feb. 25, 1943**

Miss Josephine Halligan will attend the 20th annual Midwest Beauty Convention in Chicago and her shop will be closed from Feb. 27 to March 4.

Mrs. Roy Long began work at the defense plant Tuesday.

Mrs. P.M. Hargitt and son Ronald of Chicago spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vaupel.

**50 Years Ago
Feb. 29, 1968**

The Amboy Clippers made senior night a real success as they defeated the Oregon Hawks 71-62 in their last conference game Friday night.

Marvin E. (Earl) Hubbell of Franklin Grove, former Amboy resident, will open Hubbell's Garage Monday, March 4, in the former location of Shafer Motor Sales on North Mason Ave. in Amboy.

Ralph Pierce, of the Ralph and Lois Pierce Studios in Dixon, will speak at the 31st annual meeting of the Lee County Locker Company next week.

**25 Years Ago
March 4, 1993**

Miguel Celestino has packed a lot of living into only 16 years. He enjoys challenges and is not afraid to try something new, simply for the pleasure of another experience. The native of Madrid, Spain has accepted the challenge of spending the school year thousands of miles from home as a foreign exchange student and is determined to experience as much of American life possible.

Father Kramer had studied the Italian language for a few short months before making his visit to Italy. It was enjoyable to watch him communicate with the Italians whenever we needed direction or information. He taught us how to get around the city by way of the bus system.

People have more leisure time for recreational activities these days. At least that is the belief or Rachel Henkel, a 17-year-old member of the Amboy FFA Chapter who is learning to help people enjoy those leisure hours more by working at Woodhaven Lakes.

In Curling, each team consists of four players: the Lead, who delivers the stone; the Second and Third, who sweep the ice; and the Skip, who calls out important strategy like "Sweep faster!" and "Do you think anyone's still watching?!?"

This continues until one team is able to place its stone closest to the center of a special target marked on the ice. Or until Bud Light pulls its corporate sponsorship.

Next we have Figure Skating, which gets its name from the Ukrainian phrase Ukrlegnz Kgronzmof Itzentofl, meaning "Cold ankle twist." Figure skating combines music with complex skating routines that include a series of required elements, such as the "salchow," "double axle," and the dreaded "triple latte."

This brings us to Freestyle Skiing, in which skiers perform jumps, flips and other thrilling acrobatic maneuvers, just like I do, except that they don't land on their heads.

Continuing along that theme, we will end today's installment of our three-part Winter Olympic preview with the Nordic Combined, which, as you might expect, combines skiing and large hairy men in horned helmets.

That's what you'd expect, but you would be wrong.

It actually combines the acrobatics of freestyle skiing (jumping and high speeds) with the stamina of cross country skiing (yawn), effectively re-creating how Nordic men returned home from pubs some 200 years ago.

Next week we will wrap up our special review with a look at Luge, Skeleton and other Olympic events whose athletes are routinely denied medical coverage.

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Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Jim Phelps, left, presents a check for \$1,500 to the Amboy High School FFA. The money will be used toward welding jackets and helmets.

Photo submitted

Youth challenged to design life blueprint

LEE COUNTY — Inspiration from the writings of Martin Luther King, Jr. guided Illinois 4-H members at the Teen Leadership Conference held Jan. 13-14 at the Decatur Conference Center. Nearly 100 teens across Illinois attended the conference, including Amie Case, Nicole Hill, Alyssa Morley, and Gabe Zellers from Lee County. The conference improved their community advocacy, college readiness, communication, and personal development skills.

“In 4-H, we know that leadership is not about a title or a designation,” said Lisa Diaz, University of Illinois Extension assistant dean and 4-H director. “It’s about impact, influence, and inspiration.”

Diaz shared the words of King’s speech, Life’s Blueprint: “Number one in your life’s blueprint should be a deep belief in your own dignity, your worth, and your own ‘somebodiness.’”

Brittney Robbins, founder and CEO of The Gray Matter Experience which provides entrepreneurial tools and resources to black high school students in Chicago, said that what youth post online builds



their personal brand. “Your digital content should directly reflect where you stand on issues.”

Susie Risser, freelance communication specialist from Sangamon County, challenged youth to choose words and actions carefully when speaking in public. “A lie told often enough will become the truth to the

audience,” Risser said.

Amie Case, Lee County 4-H member, said 4-H provides leadership opportunities which push her out of comfort zone to build skills.

“Through 4-H, I’m able to meet and help others,” said Te-Quandrius Carr of Sangamon County, “to better myself and

my future.”

Five 4-H teens planned the conference. They were Kaleb Hemrich of Noble, Kaylee Leach of East Peoria, Maddi Jo Maxwell of Macedonia, Russell Moore III of Springfield, and Kaley Rouse of Toulon.

Funding was provided by the Illinois 4-H Foundation.

SVCC scholarships for fall 2018 kick-off March 1

DIXON — The Sauk Valley College Foundation announces the Fall Scholarship Kick-Off. Scholarship awards will be applied to the Fall 2018 semester. Applications accepted starting on March 1 and must be fully completed and submitted by 4:30 p.m.,

Monday, April 2.

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takes minutes to apply for the money that can help you pursue your academic goals.

Please contact Angie Delhotal, SVC Foundation, for more information at angela.s.delhotal@svcc.edu or 815-835-6329.

4-H and Farm Bureau Young Leaders partnering for Ag Safety Week

AMBOY — 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., on 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; General/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.



Misty

Good day, Sauk Valley animal lovers. I’m Misty. I am a six-year-old domestic short hair kitty who is waiting to meet you at Happy Tails in Rock Falls. I have a partial amputation of my front paws, but the staff and volunteers at HT will tell you this doesn’t slow me down. You might never know I have a disability if I didn’t tell you. I’m a happy, spunky little girl who would love to bring my brand of love and affection to your home. Come see me and fall in love.

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Illinois Bicentennial: Top 10 athletes from Illinois

BY MARK POTASH

Of the Chicago Sun-Times
Illinois has produced many outstanding and game-changing athletes, so it's a tough job to create any top 10 list.

The Illinois Press Association and Illinois Associated Press Media Editors enlisted longtime Chicago Sun-Times sports reporter Mark Potash for the job. Here is his list of the top 10 athletes from Illinois.



Red Grange

1. Red Grange, Wheaton

The early days of professional football were not pretty or promising — obviously not televised but also casually recognized. The Bears and Cardinals were relegated to secondary pages of the sports sections in Chicago, with college football dominant and even high school football more prominent.

And more than that, pro football was a second-class citizen in American sport — considered substandard to college football and to some, an unseemly, disrespected profession. The best college players didn't automatically go to the National Football League.

Red Grange helped change all of that. The running back from Wheaton and the University of Illinois rivaled even Babe Ruth and Jack Dempsey as an American sports star in the 1920s. When he signed with the Bears out of Illinois in 1925, he almost single-handedly changed the face of the NFL — giving it an instant credibility that was reflected in banner headlines and sell-out crowds.

Grange's debut with the Bears on Thanksgiving Day drew 36,000 fans at Cubs Park — the largest crowd in the then-brief history of the future Wrigley Field. Ten Days later, Grange drew a record 65,000 to the Polo Grounds for a game against Tim Mara's fledgling New York Giants — an event that without exaggeration is credited with not only saving that franchise, but leaving an impression on Eastern sports writers that further legitimized pro football. On a winter barnstorming tour following the season, Grange and the Bears drew a record 65,270 to the Los Angeles Coliseum.

As it turned out, Red Grange's impact on the field would never match all of that. While playing for the New York Yankees in 1927 after a salary dispute with the Bears, Grange suffered a knee injury and missed the 1928 season. He returned to the Bears in 1929, but had lost the speed and agility that made him a superstar. He made his mark as an outstanding defensive back — most notably making a touchdown-saving tackle on the final play that clinched the Bears' 23-21 victory over Giants in the NFL championship game. He was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1963.

All things considered, no player from Illinois has had more impact on a sport than Red Grange. He was a four-sport star at Wheaton High School who scored 75 touchdowns. He became a superstar as a three-time All-American at Illinois who famously rose to the occasion of the big game when he scored four touchdowns in the first quarter against Michigan in 1924 at newly dedicated Memorial Stadium — a 95-yard return of the opening kickoff, plus runs of 67, 56 and 44 yards. In those days he was a larger-than-life star, his No. 77 was almost as famous as he was. And even then, the best was yet to come.

2. Dick Butkus, Chicago

The greatest tribute to Dick Butkus's fabulous NFL career is that as time passes and the linebacker position evolves arguably more than any in football — bigger, faster, greater



Dick Butkus

athletes with triple-digit career sack numbers — his stature continues to grow. The former Vocational High School and University of Illinois star still is No. 3 in most linebacker rankings. Some still say he's there greatest linebacker to play the game. The Butkus Award is given to the best linebacker not only in college, but in high school and the NFL.

Why? Because even with all-time greats such as Lawrence Taylor and Ray Lewis joining the best-of-all-time discussion, there always will only be one Dick Butkus. As the late Doug Buffone often said, "To play this game you have to have the Neanderthal gene — Butkus had two."

But Butkus' greatness lies deeper than that. It's almost a shame that Butkus' reputation as a mean, angry, dirty player overshadows the reality that he was one of the most instinctive, disciplined, fundamentally sound and opportunistic players ever. He had a knack for being in the exact spot to make that brutal hit. And he had great hands. It's almost ironic that Butkus, despite his reputation, was one of the cleanest, surest tacklers of all-time.

He was named to the All-Pro team five times and the Pro Bowl eight times. In 119 NFL games, he had 22 interceptions and 27 fumble recoveries. And the ferocity with which he played was real. Buffone, who played next to Butkus for seven years, often recalled looking at a frothing Butkus on the field and thinking, "I'm glad he's on my side."



George Mikan

3. George Mikan, Joliet

At 6-10, George Mikan was the first superstar of professional basketball — the first big-man who could run the floor and dominate at the rim on both ends. His impact forced three rules changes: goaltending, widening of the lane and the 24-second clock. When he played with the Minneapolis Lakers in 1949, the marquee at Madison Square Garden said it all: "GEO MIKAN V/S KNICKS."

An awkward, un-athletic prospect from Quigley Prep/Joliet Catholic, Mikan flourished under Ray Meyer's tutelage at DePaul, becoming a three-time All-American and two-time Player of the Year in college. He won seven professional league championships, including one with the Chicago American Gears of the fledgling National Basketball League and six with the Lakers.



Isiah Thomas

4. Isiah Thomas, Chicago

The epitome of the headstrong, will-to-win Chicago point guard, Isiah Thomas parlayed his innate skills and de-



termination into superstardom and championships. A west side native, he took St. Joseph High School in Westchester from anonymity to second place in the Class AA state tournament in 1979. He led Indiana to the NCAA title in 1981 and was the spark plug on the Pistons' back-to-back NBA titles in 1989 and 1990.

Thomas was a 12-time NBA all-star and was inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame in 2000.



Jackie Joyner-Kersey

5. Jackie Joyner-Kersey, East St. Louis

A basketball and track star at East St. Louis Lincoln and UCLA, Jackie Joyner-Kersey made her biggest mark in international track competitions, particularly the Olympics, where she won six medals in four different Olympics — including a silver medal in the heptathlon in 1984 in Los Angeles and gold in the heptathlon in 1988 in Seoul and 1992 in Barcelona. She was named the greatest female athlete of all time by Sports Illustrated for Women in 1990.



Otto Graham

6. Otto Graham, Waukegan

The Big Ten Player of the Year at Northwestern — where he also played basketball and baseball — in 1943, Otto Graham became a prolific quarterback and one of the great leaders of pro football history. He won seven league titles with Paul Brown's Cleveland Browns in the old All-American Football Conference (1946-49) and NFL (1950, 1954 and 1955) and three NFL Most Valuable Player awards (1951, 1953, 1955).



Ray Nitschke

7. Ray Nitschke, Maywood

A rough-and-tough, fierce competitor from Proviso High School, Ray Nitschke was a third-round draft pick by the Packers out of Illinois who was at the right place at the right time — becoming an intimidating force as the leader of the great Packer defenses in the Vince Lombardi era.

Nitschke won five NFL championships with the Packers, including the first two Super Bowls. He was the MVP of the 1962 championship game.



Jimmy Connors

8. Jimmy Connors, Belleville

The "Brash Basher of Belleville," as tennis guru Bud Collins called him, the East St. Louis native was a gritty, gutty, unconventional player and non-conformist who is credited with sparking a re-birth in American tennis in the early 1970s. Jimmy Connors won eight Grand Slam titles, a record 109 singles titles and was ranked No. 1 in the world for 268 weeks, including a then-record 160 straight from 1974-77.

In 1974 at age 22, Connors went 99-4 and won 15 tournaments, including three Grand Slam events — the Australian Open, U.S. Open and Wimbledon. He was barred from the French Open (the second leg) because of a contract with the World Team Tennis, costing him a chance to win the Grand Slam.



Lou Boudreau

9. Lou Boudreau, Harvey

A Hall of Fame shortstop with the Cleveland Indians, Lou Boudreau had one of the

greatest baseball seasons of all-time as player/manager in 1948. He won the American League batting title (.355) and MVP award and led the Indians to the World Series championship — the only title the Indians have won since 1920.

Great knack for leadership, Boudreau won a state title in basketball as a sophomore at Thornton and Big Ten titles as team captain in basketball and baseball at Illinois.

10. Bonnie Blair, Champaign

Bonnie Blair won five gold

medals at three different Olympic Games, capped by a dominating performance in 1994 at Lillehammer, when she won the 500-meters (by 0.36 seconds) and 1,000 meters (by a record-1.38 seconds) by wide margins. She was the first American to win an event (the 500-meters) in three consecutive Olympics. She won the Sullivan Award as the best amateur athlete in the U.S. in 1992.

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Thurs., March 8	AJHS Scholastic Bowl @ Dixon Reagan – 4:00 p.m.

Teen Turf

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Local students included on the Dean's List are:

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Devin Attig, Victor Francque, Mary Jensen, Zachary Lawson, Kirsten Pitman, Joseph Rhodes, and Ian South
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Blake Pohl and Annah Scholl

University of Dubuque Dean's List

DUBUQUE, Iowa — Olivia Walter, of Dixon, has been named to The University of Dubuque Fall Semester 2017 Academic Dean's List.

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Loras College Announces Fall 2017 Dean's List

DUBUQUE, Iowa — Loras College has announced the names of students who achieved Dean's List status for the 2017 fall semester. A student must earn a 3.5 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours to be recognized.

Local students include: Kennedy Dewey, junior, of Dixon, and Rachel Heiderscheit, junior, of Dixon.

Ely named to Dean's List

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Madeline Ann Ely, of Amboy, has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the Fall 2017 semester. UWM is the second largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with more than 25,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

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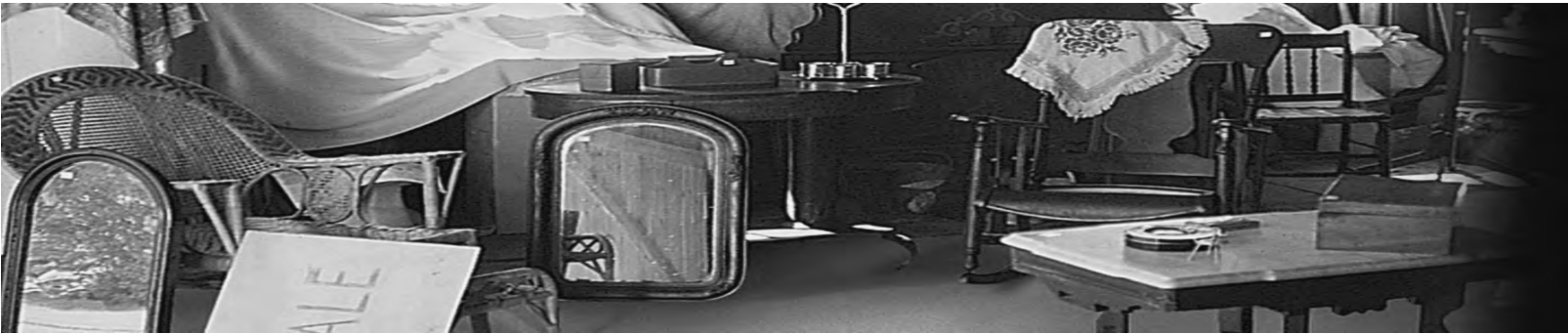
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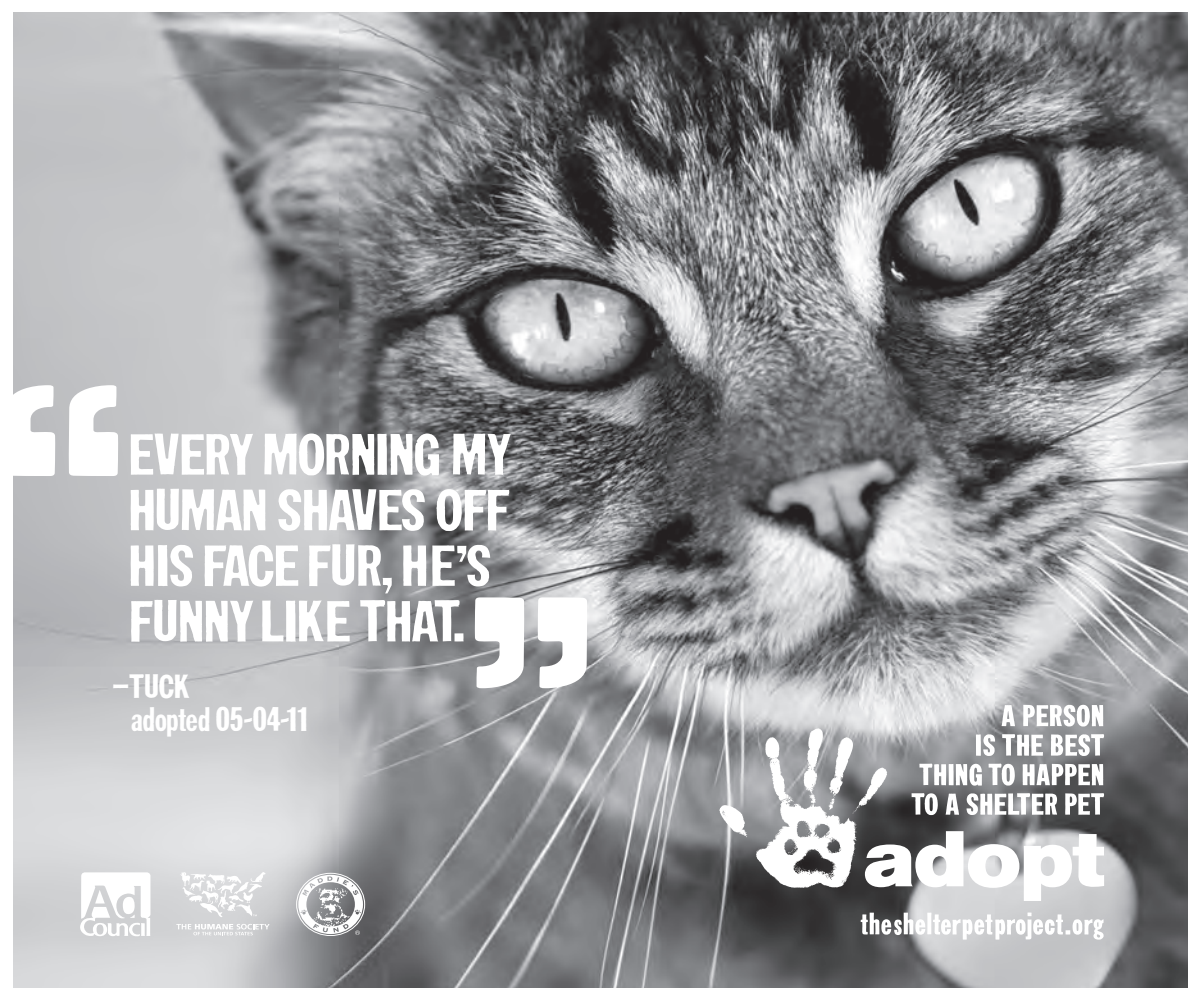
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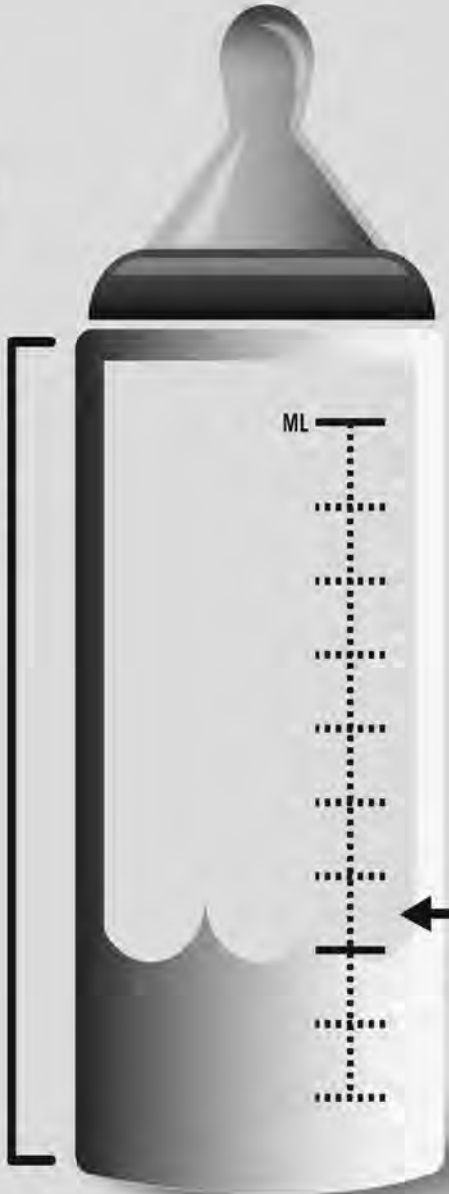
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