



COUNCIL MEETS CANDIDATES

The two Republican candidates for Lee County Treasurer, Melissa Lawrence, pictured left, and Paula Meyer, pictured right, attended the Amboy City Council meeting on Monday night to introduce themselves to the city. Lawrence is the current Chief Deputy in the Lee County Treasurer's Office. She has been with the treasurer's office for 13 years. Meyer is the current Dixon Finance Director. She was hired by the city five years ago to clean-up financial mess left after former City Comptroller Rita Crundwell. The primary election will be held on Tuesday, March 20.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

Sheriff's Department warns of IRS tax scams

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Sheriff's Department has received several complaints regarding IRS tax scams in the Dixon and Lee County area.

The callers are identifying themselves as members of the IRS. They will notify the person called that there is a warrant or will be a warrant issued for their arrest if they do not resolve the issue. The callers will then instruct the person to call another number to make a payment to resolve their back taxes.

This is very similar to what the county experienced last year at this time.

If anyone receives a call similar to this do not give any personal information or

contact the number given. If you have received a call similar to this, please contact the following website – www.ftc.gov., or call 202-326-2222. If you received scam information via email, please contact www.1c3.gov. If you have a legitimate issue with the IRS they will not contact you by phone to resolve this issue.

In addition, the Lee County Sheriff's Office has also received some inquiries regarding scams involving social media and lottery winnings. The complainant states that they receive information from a friend on social media that has won money in a lottery.

The friend tells the complainant to send

money to a particular account via I-Tunes or other mechanism that sounds legitimate. The friend describes the arrangement and continues to encourage the caller to send money as the friend has won money doing this.

In each case, the caller eventually confronted the friend who had no idea what the caller was talking about. Someone/group is using a friend's name to illicit this fraud unknowingly, via social media.

In these cases, Lee County Sheriff John Simonton said he would encourage anyone receiving these type of calls to be very cautious and call the sheriff's department before sending any money.



VALENTINE'S TREAT

The First National Bank in Amboy held a bake sale in the lobby of their downtown Amboy branch on Wednesday, Feb. 14th. All proceeds from the bake sale went to the American Heart Association.

Mary Marys/Amboy News

Public can select the 'Illinois Top 200' to help celebrate state's bicentennial

SPRINGFIELD – Illinoisans can celebrate the state's 200th birthday by choosing the 200 greatest people, places and things in state history in online voting coordinated by the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, The State Journal-Register and the Illinois Bicentennial Commission.

Every two weeks through the rest of 2018, the public will get to select the best movies, most inspiring leaders, greatest books, top businesses and much more. By the state's 200th birthday on Dec. 3, voters will have chosen 10 favorites in 20 different categories—the Illinois Top 200.

Top 200 blue gold small Voting in the first category, Top Movies, opens today, Feb. 19.

Results will be announced March 5, when voting starts for the next category, Top Businesses.

To vote, visit www.IllinoisTop200.com.

"From art to science to civil rights, Illinois has made huge contributions to the world. We think it's time to celebrate those contributions," said Alan Lowe, executive director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. "The presidential library is also the official

state historical library, so we're excited about helping people explore the past, share their opinions and hear the views of other Illinoisans."

"Illinois has been home to some of the most important contributions in the last 200 years," added Todd Sears, president and publisher of The State Journal-Register, the daily newspaper in Springfield and the oldest newspaper in Illinois.

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Frequently Asked Questions about School General Obligation Bond

What if the General Obligation Bond does not pass on March 20?

Our students and teachers must have safe environments in which to learn and teach. Building improvements will continue to be assessed and prioritized as outlined by the mandated Health/Life Safety Plan. Funds from the one percent sales tax, designated for building use only, can be used for these projects. However, these funds do not begin to cover all of the district's infrastructure issues. Mounting maintenance costs at the junior high will drain funds from projects at Central Elementary and Amboy High School.

Why does this include a new gym and library for the high school? What are secure school entrances?

A new gym and library/media center for the high school are included in these building plans for two reasons.

1) The current high school was built to accommodate 500 students in four grades, not 500 students in eight grade levels. Therefore, each school needs a gym and library/media center. With two functional gyms, students will continue to receive required physical education instruction by grade level. Sports teams will be able to practice at reasonable times of the day, rather than scheduling practices before school or late into the night.

The new library/media center will give high school students the updated learning environment featuring additional space to encourage peer learning, group work, and computer use.

2) One of the top concerns heard about this building addition is, "will junior high and high school students be separated?" This building plan addresses this through the addition of the gym and library/media center as outlined above.

In today's world every school needs a secure entrance. A doorbell with a posted message for visitors to check-in at the office is not the best way to keep our students, teachers and staff safe. Secure school entrances include a secure lobby where administrative staff can assess a visitor's intention prior to allowing him/her into the main building. This referendum secures two of our buildings and helps to keep children and adults safe.

Building new seems short-sighted. Has consolidation with neighboring school districts been explored?

The short answer is consolidation has been explored and is always in discussion. Amboy Schools has several partnerships with neighboring school districts to share resources for sports and academics. The Board of Education recognizes the value of fostering these relationships to create a positive educational environment for all youth. However, consolidation is a lengthy discussion, which requires multiple parties, including the Illinois State Board of Education, to be at the table with open minds and a dedication to compromise. Consolidation doesn't happen overnight and is not in the foreseeable future.

The infrastructure challenges at the Amboy Junior High will not wait for people to work through complex consolidation talks. Instead, those challenges are present today with a need for an immediate response. Passage of the General Obligation Bond on March 20 is the immediate action we can take to give our students and teachers a better learning environment and allocate tax dollars in a responsible manner

Editor's note: This is part 2 of a series of frequently asked questions and answers about the upcoming General Obligation Bond question on the March 20th ballot.

272Kids to host event

AMBOY — 272 KIDS is hosting a benefit for their Vote Yes campaign and the Amboy School Building Projects, from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m., on Feb. 24, at The Last Alarm "firehouse" Pub, Amboy.

Guest bartenders are donating all tips to 272 KIDS. All bartenders are supervised by a basset certified bartender. Enjoy music from DJ Dylan Eisenberg, food from The Long Branch, specialty drinks, and more. All proceeds from the night benefit 272 KIDS.

272 KIDS (Knowledge, Infrastructure & Development for Students) provides information and engages the community in discussion about the \$15.8 million General Obligation Bond question on the March 20, 2018 ballot. Find 272 KIDS at amboy272kids.wixsite.com/272kids or at 272 KIDS on Facebook.

Night at The Last Alarm benefiting 272 KIDS & Amboy Schools

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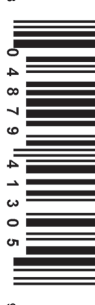
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Illinois has embraced its role as the Land of Lincoln

BY KATE SCHOTT
The State Journal-Register

Abraham Lincoln may not have been born in Illinois but he clearly is among the state's favorite sons.

Lincoln came into the world on Feb. 12, 1809, in Hodgenville, Kentucky, but eventually spent several decades living in Illinois, and departed for the presidency as a resident of Springfield. He was a shopkeeper, postmaster, lawyer, and state and federal legislator before being elected president in 1860.

He served as the nation's 16th president from March 1861 until his assassination in April 1865.

The bullet fired by John Wilkes Booth prematurely took one of the nation's greatest presidents from its citizens, but could not diminish his accomplishments -- notably the abolishment of slavery -- that have defined his legacy.

Planting roots in Illinois
Lincoln had a humble beginning. The second child and first son to Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks, he was born in a one-room log cabin. He did not have the benefit of consistent formal schooling, as he often worked to help support his family during his childhood in Kentucky and then Indiana. The family moved to Illinois in 1830 and Lincoln wound up in New Salem working as postmaster and shopkeeper. He became involved in local politics, winning a seat in the state legislature in 1834.

He taught himself law and passed the bar in 1836; in 1846 he won a seat to the U.S. House

of Representatives.

He married Mary Todd in November 1842 and they had four sons, although only the eldest, Robert Todd, survived into adulthood. The Greek Revival house the family lived in for 17 years still sits in Springfield today, with its homestead a popular place for tourists to visit when they come to the state's capital.

Lincoln's biggest accomplishment was probably the abolishment of slavery, an issue he began speaking out against as a young adult. His first statement on the issue is said to have been March 3, 1837, when he said "the institution of slavery is founded on both injustice and bad policy" during a speech at the state legislature when it was in Vandalia.

It was an issue he would repeatedly discuss during his political career: When accepting the Republican nomination in June 1858 during a convention in Springfield to be the party's candidate for U.S. Senate, Lincoln gave his "A house divided against itself cannot stand" speech.

And it was one of the main issues discussed during his failed bid for the Senate, as during the 1858 debates with Stephen A. Douglas the future president forcibly spoke out against slavery. While he lost the race for Senate that year, those seven debates gave him the national prominence he needed to win the presidency.

The presidency
Lincoln was elected the 16th president of the United States in November 1860 and took office the following



A re-enactment was held in Springfield for the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's death that included the final procession of his body through Springfield.

David Spencer/The State Journal-Register

March. Much of Lincoln's time as president was spent on the issue of slavery, as the divide between the North and South as to whether it should be allowed led to the Civil War starting a month after he took office.

It was during the war that his Emancipation Proclamation, which freed slaves in Confederate states, went into effect on Jan. 1, 1863. And it was on one of the bloodiest battlefields of the Civil War that Lincoln delivered perhaps the most important speech in American history. The Gettysburg Address, given Nov. 19, 1863, is known for Lincoln's succinct summary of the purpose of the United States: That the country was "conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal," and that "government of the people, by the people, for the

people, shall not perish from the earth."

Lincoln was elected to a second term as the war raged on, but his death came shortly after his second inauguration and just as the Civil War was coming to end. He was shot April 14, 1865, while watching "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C.

It was Good Friday, just five days after the surrender of General Robert E. Lee and the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia. Booth, a sympathizer with the Confederacy, shot the president point-blank in the back of his head.

News of Lincoln's death arrived in Springfield via telegraph at 3 a.m. April 15, 1865, to the Daily State Journal's newsroom. "The president was shot in a theater tonight and is probably mortally wounded," read the dispatch.

Moments later another followed: "The president is not expected to live through the night. ... Secretary (of State William) Seward was also assassinated. No arteries were cut. Particulars soon."

The second, of course, was inaccurate about Seward's fate, but the news about Lincoln was correct. Additional dispatches painted the chaos inside Ford's Theater, including the sound of a pistol, a man waving a dagger leaping from the president's box, the screams of Mrs. Lincoln, and finally, the heartbreaking confirmation that the 16th president of the United States had died.

A train carried the president's body throughout the country for nearly two weeks, allowing citizens to grieve their loss. On May 3, crowds descended upon Springfield as the train carrying Lincoln pulled into town for the presi-

dent's burial.

"Today we lay him reverently to rest amid the scenes he loved so well," the Journal said the next day. "Millions will drop a tear to his memory, and future generations will make a pilgrimage to his tomb. Peace to his ashes."

Pilgrimages continue to the 16th president's tomb to this day, with many visitors rubbing the nose of the bronze head of Lincoln that sits in front of the entrance to the tomb. The words uttered by Secretary of War Edwin Stanton upon Lincoln's passing have indeed come true: "Now he belongs to the ages."

State Journal-Register photo editor Rich Saal contributed to this report.

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"We can proudly point to historic presidents, industrious entrepreneurs, world class sports teams and culture-enhancing organizations that have all made huge impacts on the United States and the world. Join us in celebrating this by sharing your opinion for the Top 200 of Illinois."

The tentative list of categories is:

- Movies
- Businesses
- Inventions and innovations

Buildings
Historic Sites
Scenic spots
Museums
Books
Writers
Worst tragedies
Musicians
Artists and architects
Actors
Entertainers
Scientists
Athletes
Groundbreaking women
Minority trailblazers
Leaders
Greatest moments
Nominees for Top Movies include "The Sting," "Ordinary People," "The Blues Brothers" and "Hoop Dreams."

Future categories will include a unique artist who wasn't discovered until his dying days, a comedian who took stand-up to places it had never gone before, an awe-inspiring religious shrine, a gadget that transformed home entertainment and a grieving mother who opened America's eyes to racism.

Everyone is invited to suggest possible nominees in each

category by using the hashtag #ILtop200 on social media.

"The Bicentennial Celebration is for and about all Illinoisans so it is appropriate that everyone gets to vote on the Top 200," said Stuart Layne, Executive Director - Governor's Office of the Bicentennial. "These will be the Top 200 people, places and things that make us #IllinoisProud."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

The presidential library and museum uses a combination of rigorous scholarship and high-tech showmanship to immerse visitors in Lincoln's life and times.

Visitors can see ghosts come to life on stage, watch TV coverage of the 1860 Presidential election, roam through the Lincoln White House, experience booming cannons in a Civil War battle and come face to face with priceless original Lincoln artifacts.

The library holds an unparalleled collection of Lincoln

books, documents, photographs, artifacts and art, as well as some 12 million items pertaining to all aspects of Illinois history.

For more information, visit www.PresidentLincoln.illinois.gov. You can follow the ALPLM on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

ABOUT ILLINOIS BICENTENNIAL

On Dec. 3, 1818, Illinois became the 21st state in the union. The Illinois Bicentennial is a yearlong celebration of what has been BORN, BUILT & GROWN in the state and a reminder of why we are #IllinoisProud.

Citizens are encouraged to participate in the celebration by visiting www.illinois200.com and using the hashtag #IllinoisProud.

Partners and event and project managers planning activities between Dec. 3, 2017, and Dec. 3, 2018, can apply for endorsement to become an official part of Illinois Bicentennial by visiting the PARTICIPATE page at www.illinois200.com.

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SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Thurs., Feb. 22	AJHS Scholastic Bowl (H) – 4:00 p.m.
	School Board Meeting – AHS – 7:00 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 25	AEF Bowl-A-Thon
Mon., Feb. 26	EARLY DISMISSAL – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY
	Times: AJHS – 1:20; Central – 1:25; AHS – 1:30
Tues., Feb. 27	AJHS 8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Dixon
	Catholic – 5:00 p.m.
	AJHS 7th Grade Girls Basketball @ Dixon
	Catholic – 6:00 p.m.



Kathy Mekeel has been in the education system for the past 29 years. For 23 of those years she has been employed by the Amboy School District as the Amboy High School band and chorus director.

She attended the University of Illinois.

“When I was a sophomore in high school, I went to a Solo and Ensemble Contest,” said Mekeel. “After I performed the judge asked me to come back to her and she told me I had a lot of potential and she wanted to teach me privately. She was the flute professor at Beloit College and Northern Illinois University. I took lessons with her in DeKalb and Aurora throughout high school and when I was home on break during my college years, she was amazing and changed my whole outlook on life. I had wanted to be a veterinarian from third through tenth grade. She had given me a real gift and I wanted to share that gift with others. So, I went into music education and have never looked back since. It was my calling and I have really enjoyed this journey.”

Mekeel shared that one of her favorite memories happened when she took the marching band and flag corps to the Autumn on Parade in Oregon. The band and flag corps both received trophies that year. When the drum major and the flag corps captain went with her to get the trophies at the judges’ stand, the bus driver took the rest of the band and flags back to Amboy, without them. She had to call her husband to come and get them. It was always a joke between her and the bus driver whenever they went to different event after that to “please let me get on the bus before they left to go back home”.

Mekeel will be retiring at the end of this school year, Memorial Day Services will be her last performance with her students. She is looking forward to having more time to spend with her family. She has three grandchildren that are the light of her life and two daughters and son –in-laws that she loves to spend time with. Her husband, Frank, retired late last year, so it will be nice to have more time together. “I am also going to enjoy being able to see my mom more as she was a snowbird and is now in Amboy full time.”

She also plans to spend time with her two puppies as well. She will continue to teach music privately at home and to play her flute.

“I have loved teaching at Amboy High School and I was glad to be able to teach and give back to the school I graduated from,” said Mekeel. “I will miss my students and wish them all the best. Go Clippers.”

OSF Saint Paul to offer CPR course March 1

MENDOTA — OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center is offering a Heartsaver AED Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Course beginning at 6 p.m., on Thursday, March 1. There is a \$35 fee per person for the course, which must be pre-paid to reserve a spot in the class. Class size is limited and a minimum number of students are needed the hold the class.

The class will be held in the hospital’s Conference Room C and participants should enter through the Medical Office Building doors. You can register online at www.osfsaintpaul.org or contact Tina Fitzgerald, RN at (815) 539-1411.

Police Blotter

- Warrant**
On Feb. 6, at 12:05 p.m., Stephen L. Gascoigne, 27, of Amboy, was arrested on a warrant and for resisting a peace officer. He was transported to the Lee County Jail.
- Speeding**
On Feb. 14, at 12:30 p.m., Heather R. Halverson, 28, of Dixon, was issued a traffic citation for speeding 46 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.
- Speeding**
On Feb. 13, at 5:56 p.m., Cindy S. Saylor, 54, of Mendota, 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.
- Lee County warrant**
On Feb. 15, at 6:30 p.m., Demi C. Pageloff, 29, of Amboy, was arrested on a Lee County warrant for two counts of domestic battery. She was transported to the Lee County Jail.

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

Community Calendar

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

AMBOY-A Novel Idea Book Club will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Pankhurst Memorial Library, 3 S. Jefferson Ave. Call the library at 815-857-3925 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22, at Amboy High School, 11 E. Hawley.

AMBOY-Business After Hours will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Amboy Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. This event is open to the public.

MAYTOWN-Church of St. Patrick, 1336 Maytown Rd., 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, Feb. 23. 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 Open Mic Night at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23. Call 815-288-9236 for more information.

DIXON-The Lee County Farm Bureau will hold the annual Farmer’s Share Breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Loveland Community Building, 513 W. Second St. The cost for breakfast is \$0.50, representing the portion that farmers receive from the cost of a typical breakfast.

DIXON-Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center will host a 4-H Kids & Dogs Game Day at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, with Pat Manernach. RSVP to Tammy Norman at 815-440-6668 or Kathy Book at kbook@illinois.edu.

AMBOY-272 KIDS will host a benefit for the Vote Yes Campaign for the Amboy School Building Projects from 6 p.m. until 2 a.m. on Saturday,

Feb. 24, at The Last Alarm, 43 S. East Ave. Guest bartenders, DJ Dylan Eisenberg, food from The Long Branch and specialty drinks will be featured.

AMBOY-The Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #8277 will hold an Euchre Tournament at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25, at St. Joseph’s Hall, 32 N. Jones. Proceeds will benefit Teen Turf. Contact Will at 815-849-5112 for more information.

DIXON-The Lee County Council on Aging, 100 W. Second St., will host Quarter Madness at the Post House Ballroom at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25. Call 815-288-9236 for more information.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library Book Club will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26, at the Library, 3 S. Jefferson. Call the Library at 815-857-3925 for more information.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The U of I Extension Lee County Office, 280 W. Wasson Rd., will offer a session of the Four Seasons Horticulture Webinar Series, The Green Pathway to Invasion; Ornamental Invasive Plants, on Tuesday, Feb. 27. Registration is required, call 815-632-3611 for more information.

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

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Monday – BBQ chicken breast, wheat bun, cheesy potatoes, green beans, pineapple tidbits

Tuesday – A) Citrus baked ham, sweet potatoes, Capri blend veggies, wheat bread, fruit cocktail B) Soup & sandwich, cream of mushroom & roast beef

Wednesday – Baked chicken quarter, mashed potatoes/gravy, broccoli, roll, pumpkin bar

Thursday – Mushroom swiss burger on bun, buttered red potatoes, baked beans, apricots

Friday – Fish patty, wheat bun, tartar sauce, potato pancakes, Calif. blend veggies, applesauce

Meals served Mon.-Fri. at 11:30 am

Reservations needed 10:00 am day before

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JR HIGH MENU
February 26-March 2

Milk served at each meal
Breakfast option of cold items or the featured item
Lunch option each day of the featured item or salad bar with soup or yogurt with whole grain crackers or peanut butter & jelly or Grab&Go smoothie.

Monday

- PB&J grahamwich
- Sloppy joe on bun, baked beans, sweet potato bites, fresh cut veggies/ranch, salad, mixed fruit

Early Dismissal 1:25 p.m

Tuesday

- Breakfast bagel
- Clipper Bowl-popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, roll/butter, pears

Wednesday

- Waffles & syrup
- Roast turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, roll/butter, pineapple, peanut butter fudge

Thursday

- Cinnamon roll
- Beef taco on tortilla, salad, salsa, black beans, rice, bread/butter, peaches

Friday

- Breakfast pizza
- Pasta alfredo or tuna & noodles, cheese stick, corn, roll/butter, applesauce, cupcake

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CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU
February 26-March 2

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

Monday

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Sloppy joe on bun, baked beans, sweet potato bites, fresh cut veggies/ranch, salad, mixed fruit
- Early Dismissal 1:20 p.m.

Tuesday

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Clipper Bowl-popcorn chicken, mshed potatoes, gravy, peas, roll/butter, pears

Wednesday

- Pancakes & syrup
- Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll/butter, pineapple, peanut butter fudge

Thursday

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Beef taco on a tortilla, salad, salsa, black beans, rice, bread/butter, peaches

Friday

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart
- Pasta alfredo or tuna & noodles, cheese stick, corn, roll/butter, applesauce cup, cupcake

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OBITUARIES

Richard C. Bumba

Dec. 3, 1940 - Feb. 13, 2018

BLOOMINGTON — Richard Cotter Bumba, 77, of Bloomington, died suddenly on Feb. 13, 2018.

The family will be greeting friends and relatives for a celebration of Rich's life on Saturday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to noon at Westminster Village, 2025 E. Lincoln St., Bloomington.

He was born Dec. 3, 1940, in Chicago, to Edward and Alicia (Cotter) Bumba. He married Ellen (Rich) Bumba on March 29, 1966.

He is survived by his siblings, Edward (Diane) Bumba of St. Louis, Mo.; Donna (Kent) Smith of Palm Desert, Calif.; Bob (Kalah) Bumba of Salinas, Calif.; and Ron (Leslie) Bumba of New Hampton, Iowa; five children, Scott (Lynn) Bumba of Hoffman Estates; Ronda (Colvin) Lewis of Griffin, Ga.; Jenny Bumba of Dixon; Alicia (Kenny) Haller of Chicago; and Jonathan (Cynthia) Bumba of Austin, Texas; 11

grandchildren, Morgan Spaeth, Jessica (Drew) Gibbs, Cheyenne (Joseph) Lavallie, Brett Lewis, Paige Lewis, Ethan Haller, Grayson Bumba, Zander Bumba, Jeremy Meaker, Jessica Meaker, Jennifer (Jose) Flores; and five great-grandchildren.

Rich was preceded in death by his beloved wife and his parents.

Rich is a 1958 graduate of Mendota High School. An educator for over 34 years, Rich served as a teacher and school administrator in Amboy before retiring in 1997 as a superintendent in Lincoln.

He earned a bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University, a master's degree from the University of Illinois and a certificate of advanced study from Northern Illinois University.

Rich was a great storyteller who regularly "held court" with all who were blessed to know him. He never met a stranger and enjoyed the simple pleasures



found in spending time with friends and family.

In the end, he had few regrets and felt his life was truly blessed. Rich was a loving brother, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and will be greatly missed by his large family and wonderful friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Westminster Village Foundation at <http://www.westminstervillagefoundation.com>

Louise Mae Anderson-Hargitt

April 5, 1938 - Feb. 16, 2018

BATAVIA — Louise Mae Anderson-Hargitt, 79, formally of Batavia, passed away peacefully Feb. 16, 2018. She was born April 5, 1938 in Aurora.

Louise is survived by her seven children: Karl (Drue) Anderson, Donna Stout, Julie (Bret) Benson, Aaron Anderson, Daniel (Tanya) Anderson, Arnold Anderson, and Andrew (Amy) Anderson; 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and sister Vera

(John) Mason.

Louise is proceeded in death by her parents, Charles and Agnes Bastian; siblings, Grace Vargo and Eldon Bastian; and grandson, Ian Anderson.

Visitation will be held from 4–8 p.m., on Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018 at Moss Family Funeral Home 209 S. Batavia Ave., Batavia. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m., on Friday, Feb. 23, 2018, at Bethany Lutheran Church, 8 South Lincoln Street,

Batavia. She will lie in state at the church from 10 a.m. until time of service. Interment will be held at East Batavia Cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Louise's name to; Bethany Lutheran Church in Batavia, and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Amboy.

For additional information you may contact www.moss-funeral.com or 630-879-7900.

Patricia A. Brady

April 16, 1928 - Feb. 18, 2018

AMBOY — Patricia A. Brady, 89, of Amboy and formerly of Dixon, died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018, at Maple Crossing in Amboy.

She was born April 16, 1928, in Amboy, the daughter of Earl James and Margaret (Klise) Antoine. She attended Illinois State University, Sauk Valley Community College, Rockford University, the University of San Francisco, and Loyola University in Chicago, where she received her Master's Degree.

She was Director of Religious Education and taught at St. Mary's in Sterling, and was Director of Religious Education at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy, St. Rita of Cascia Catholic Church in Aurora, St. Anne Catholic Church in Barrington, Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sterling, Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church in Oak Brook Terrace, and St. John of the Cross Catholic Church in Western Springs.

In retirement, she taught

English at Sauk Valley Community College.

She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy, St. Patrick's Women's Club, Amnesty International, Bread for the World and had also been a Girl Scout Leader.

Pat especially loved her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and teaching.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son, Patrick Joseph Brady and sister, Kay McInerney.

Pat is survived by her son, Dennis Michael (Cheryl) Brady, of Dixon; daughter, Mary Margaret "Molly" (Richard) Haseman, of Dixon; five grandchildren, Christina (Gail) Barnickel, James (Andrea) Bulfer, Melissa (Brad) Merkel, Shane (Breanne) Brady and Joshua (Mattie Godfrey) Brady; great-grandchildren, Walter Barnickel, Marie Barnickel, Summer Bulfer, Zoey Bulfer, Carson Merkel, Bristol Bulfer, Gentry Merkel, Gavin Merkel, Chance



Brady, and Kip Brady; special niece, Jeannine (Pat) Reis; and special friends, Susan Ferris, Elaine Wolf and Colleen Koch.

Memorial Mass will be at noon, on Friday, Feb. 23, 2018 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy. Visitation will be from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m., on Friday at the church.

A memorial has been established to Pankhurst Memorial Library in Amboy.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Cast of Annie announced

AMBOY — Amboy High School is pleased to announce the cast members of "Annie," this year's spring musical.

AHS Senior Sydney Friel will portray Annie, while senior Ben Clark will portray Daddy Warbucks and Adriana Bartoschek, AHS foreign exchange student from Germany, will play Grace Ferrell. Other cast members include Evelyn Curl as Miss Hannigan, Lucas Blake as Rooster, Gabby Ketchum as Lily St. Regis, Lillian Leffelman as Molly, Courtney Orgtgiesen as Kate, Laine Wittenauer as Tessie, Natalia Soto as Pepper, Natalie Pratt as July, and Emma Dinges as Duffy.

Additional orphans will be played by Madison Althaus, Brianna Henkel, Mylee Hochstatter, Morgan Kreiser, Dana Merriman, Alexa Morris, Samantha Nauman, Autumn Norman, Ava Rhodenbaugh, Haley Sus, Madison Thomas, Chloe Vaupel, and Brooklyn Whelchel. Other cast members include Frank Piscetello, Abril Vazquez-Tapia, Erin Latta, Kaitlyn Stevens, Rayven Wehling, Cameron Simpson, Nathan Friel, Brian Murphy, Ryan Phillips, Kelton

Schwamberger, Matt Friel, James Curl, Reed Barns, Kelynn Boyle, Aaron Costner, James Curl, Jake Dinges, Gracie Esquivel, Allana Gittleston, Kenzie Kethcum, Rachel Lachat, Maggie Lowery, Liberty Sheaves, Shannon Simpson, Kelsey Stewart, Phillip Stewart, Cooper Whitney, and Makenzie Kessel. "Nick" (a two year four-legged veteran of the AHS stage) will portray Sandy.

The musical is directed by Mrs. Aubrey Burke and Mrs. Kathy Mekeel is the music director. The pit orchestra features Amboy High School students, along with Dr. Jeff Thake on trumpet and Mrs. LouAnn McMillion as accompanist.

"Annie" will be presented at 7 p.m., on March 9 and 10, and 2 p.m., on March 11, in the high school auditorium. Tickets will be on sale Feb. 26 through March 9, weekdays only, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the high school. Tickets will also be available at the door.

More information is available by calling the high school office at 815-857-3632.

Please plan on attending this wonderful, family oriented show.

Boys Science Siesta fast approaching

ROCKFORD — The boys Science Siesta event is approaching quick. On Friday, March 16 to Saturday, March 17, at the Discovery Center Children's Museum in Rockford," said Jennings. This event is open to boys in fourth to sixth grades.

At Science Siesta the participants will interact with scientists in science career fields from throughout northern Illinois.

Following the face-to-face interaction with the scientists, youth participate in activities based on the "Wonderwise" curriculum developed by the University of Nebraska. Participants may choose one of three workshop tracks for breakout sessions. Their choices for this year include activities from "African Plant Explorer," "Sea

Otter Biologist" and "Pollen Detective."

Science Siesta will begin with registration at 5 p.m. on Friday and will conclude with checkout at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. The registration fee is \$40 per participant. The registration fee covers pizza, snack, breakfast, admission to the Discovery Center Children's Museum, a t-shirt and all hands-on activities.

The University of Illinois Extension is providing this program.

For additional information for the girls Science Siesta, as well as to register for Science Siesta go to the University of Illinois Extension website at go.illinois.edu/ScienceSiesta2018 or call 815-758-8194.

Small Business Development Center to offer online workshop

DIXON — The Small Business Development Center at SVCC is holding an online webinar Thursday, Feb. 22 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and again

on Monday, March 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The SBDC Director, Dave Buchen, will cover the fundamentals of starting or growing

your business in Illinois. Topics he will cover are business planning, market research, financial planning, and more.

For more information, visit svcc.edu/sbdc. Registration is required by Feb. 20 and March 15. Please register at sbdc@svcc.edu or call 815-835-6244.



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2128 IL Route 28, Ashton
815-453-7464
Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.
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Robert Dunbar, Pastor
US Route 52 & Red Brick Rd., Dixon
815-288-2447
Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship
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Ladies Bible Study, Wed. 9 a.m.

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Pastor Leanne Keate
202 N. Grove, Harmon
Phone 359-7302
Worship - 8:30 a.m.

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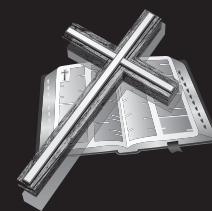
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The Book Nook

By :
Tatjana Kazan

The wonder

The clash between science and religion was fought on many fronts, with science gaining the upper hand by the early nineteenth century. A case in point is fasting, which for centuries was an expression of religious purity, and in extreme fasting, a sign of saintliness. But by the mid-nineteenth century, Victorian science had turned this piety into a sickness, a kind of pathology.

The Irish author Emma Donoghue makes the struggle between faith and reason the theme of her latest novel, “The Wonder.” The battleground is an eleven-year old Irish girl, who for months has refused to eat, ever since her first holy communion. That summer in 1859, the old doctor from the girl’s hardscrabble village in the peat bogs of the Irish midlands, writes to the “Irish Times” about the curious case of Anna O’Donnell who is as hale and healthy as any child her age, even though she has refused food of any kind for four months.

Anticipating the skepticism of the scientific community and with an eye to the public attention such a saintly child would attract, the old doctor hires a nurse and a nun to keep a round-the-clock watch of the girl, who subsists on two teaspoons of water a day. At the end of fourteen days, the nurse is to report her findings to a committee of notable village men.

The doctor doesn’t hire just any nurse, but a Nightingale, a nurse who was one of Florence Nightingale’s 38 nurses in the Crimean War, three years before. Florence Nightingale, of course, laid the foundation of professional nursing. Her insistence on hygiene and a scientific method of observation saved the lives of many soldiers.

The Nightingale who arrives in the village during “the hungry season” before the potato harvest is a young English woman by the name of Lib Wright. She is the novel’s narrator who utterly disdains the Irish and their primitive religiosity, most especially the girl’s mother. The Irish return the favor. To them, this Nightingale is no angel of mercy, but a brash, insufferable English snob who means them no good.

Committed solely to empirical evidence, Lib records the daily measurements she takes of the girl, and promptly fails to see that the girl is deteriorating rapidly until another outsider, a handsome reporter, points it out to her. Alarmed, Lib tries to convince the committee to intervene, but realizes that “to these men, the girl was a symbol, she had no body anymore.”

The novel comes alive in this fierce battle over the life of Anna O’Donnell. But by then more than half the novel has been expended on a rather tedious and repetitive exposition, including an implausible 21 century explanation, not so different from the Victorian diagnosis, of the girl’s act of faith.



Charles Roloff

Roloff to turn 90

LASALLE — Charles Roloff will celebrate his 90th birthday on Saturday, Feb. 24. Charles and Shirley Roloff have four children, Vicki, Chad, Kim and Julie. The couple also have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Shirley lives in Mendota at Stonecroft. Charles resides at the LaSalle Veterans Home, 1015 O’Conor Ave. in LaSalle.

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Favorite Song - The ABC Song

AMBOY
LIBRARY
NEWS

BY EMILY GOFF

Head Librarian

New books for the month of February will be here any day.

In the Adult section new books are:

“The Bad Daughter,” by Joy Fielding
“The Woman in the Window,” by A.J. Finn
“Raspberry Danish Murder,” by Joanne Fluke
“Look for Me,” by Lisa Gardner

“Twist of Faith,” by Ellen Green
“How to Stop Time,” by Matt Haig
“Bite Me,” by Ally Hilfiger
“Night Moves,” by Jonathan Kellerman
“Not Perfect,” by Elizabeth Laban
“Happiness Is a Choice You Make,” by John Leland
“Wind River Wrangler,” by Lindsay McKenna
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“Murder Beyond the Grave,” by James Patterson
“Fifty Fifty,” by James Patterson
“Run to Ground,” by Katie Ruggle
“True You,” by Jennifer Ryan
“The 15:17 to Paris,” by Anthony Sadler
“Part Time Cowboy,” by Maisey Yates
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Maisey Yates
“Bad News Cowboy/Shoulda Been a Cowboy,” by Maisey Yates
In the Youth Library:
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“The Cardinals Caper,” by David Kelly
“Colossal Fossil,” by Ron Roy
“Deadly Disease of Doom,” by Jennifer Holm
“Emily Windsnap and the Land of the Midnight Sun,” by Liz Kessler
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Educational Briefs

Lewis University Honors Academic

Success with Dean’s List

ROMEOTVILLE — Local students were named to Lewis University’s Dean’s List for the 2017 Fall Semester.

Lauren A. Chacon, of Dixon
Marissa C. Henkel, of Sublette, Secondary Education BA
More than 1,400 students were honored on the Lewis University Dean’s List for the 2017 Fall Semester.

To be eligible for this honor, students must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of credit with a grade point average of 3.5 out of a possible 4.0 and with no “D” or “F” grades.

Lewis University is an innovative and entrepreneurial Catholic university offering market-relevant undergraduate and graduate programs to 6,500 student s. Sponsored by the De La Salle Christian Brothers, Lewis University is nationally recognized for preparing intellectually engaged, ethically grounded, globally connected and socially responsible graduates. Visit www.lewisu.edu for further information.

Audrey Rod Named to Wheaton College (Ill.) Dean’s List for Fall 2017 Semester

WHEATON — Wheaton College student Audrey Rod of Amboy, was named to the Dean’s List for the fall 2017 semester.

To earn Dean’s List honors at Wheaton, an undergraduate student must carry 12 or more credit hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or higher on the 4.0 scale.

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

Local student names to Drake University Dean’s List

DES MOINES, Iowa - The following local students have been named to the Dean’s List at Drake University. This academic honor is achieved by earning a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher during the Fall 2017 semester at Drake.

Local student named to the Dean’s List is Mary Francque, from Dixon.

Drake University is a midsize, private university in Des Moines, Iowa, enrolling more than 3,200 undergraduate and 1,700 graduate students from approximately 45 states and 42 countries. Students choose from over 70 majors, minors, and concentrations and 20 graduate degrees offered through six colleges and schools. Drake students, faculty, and staff take advantage of the wealth of cultural, recreational, and business opportunities found in Iowa’s capital city. In return, Drake enriches the city through its own cultural offerings, considerable economic impact, and many service-learning endeavors, which channel the talent and energy of the Drake students toward meeting the needs of the community.

UW-Platteville awards fall semester diplomas

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. - The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to approximately 550 graduates after the fall 2017 semester.

The College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture ceremony was in the morning of Dec. 16, while students in the College of Liberal Arts and Education and the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science graduated in the afternoon. The day marked UW-Platteville’s 199th commencement ceremony.

Karly Koch, of Dixon, graduated with a degree in Elementary Education.

Founded in 1866, UW-Platteville is in Southwest Wisconsin, fewer than 30 miles from both the Illinois and Iowa borders. UW-Platteville’s 8,400 undergraduate and graduate students may choose from 41 majors, 66 minors and 17 pre-professional programs. The Distance Education program offers two undergraduate and six graduate programs.

UW-Platteville announces Chancellor’s List

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. - The University of Wisconsin-Platteville celebrated nearly 300 students who earned perfect 4.0 grade-point averages to earn Chancellor’s List honors.

Karly Koch, of Dixon, was named to the Chancellor’s List. Founded in 1866, UW-Platteville is in Southwest Wisconsin, fewer than 30 miles from both the Illinois and Iowa borders. UW-Platteville’s 8,400 undergraduate and graduate students may choose from 41 majors, 66 minors and 17 pre-professional programs. The Distance Education program offers two undergraduate and six graduate programs.

OSF Saint Paul to host blood drive March 9

MENDOTA — OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive from noon to 5 p.m., on Friday, March 9, in Conference Room C at OSF Saint Paul, 1401 E. 12th Street, Mendota.

Donating is easier than ever with the Blood Donor App and Rapid Pass. With the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, donors can conveniently schedule and manage donation appointments, access their donor card, track the impact of their donations and earn rewards.

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by using RapidPass to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questions online at redcrossblood.org/RapidPass before coming to their appointments.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients.

A blood donor card or driver’s license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

For the optimum blood donation experience, be sure to drink plenty of fluids the day before donating. It is best to give blood on a full stomach. Donors are encouraged to eat iron-rich foods such as meats,

eggs, dark green vegetables such as spinach and broccoli, raisins, tomato juice and whole grain breads/noodles.

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NOTICE OF
VOTE BY MAIL AND EARLY VOTING

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cathy Myers
Lee County Clerk & Recorder

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Opinion

Choosing colors with your spouse? Start with neutral corners

As I mentioned a few weeks ago, we are living in our home while it is being re-modeled. This has meant making some adjustments in our daily routine. For example: learning to cook dinner while straddling a piano. That's because the contents of our home are being shifted from room to room on a daily basis.

It's a lot like having your home decorated by a feng shui expert with a serious drinking problem. Sure, you may expect to find a detached commode somewhere in the master bathroom. What you don't expect is for the master bathroom to be in your walk-in closet.

Since early January, each morning has essentially started the same way:

Get out of bed.

Stretch.

Walk toe-first into a piece of furniture.

Nighttime isn't much better. It has taken me years to learn to sleep walk from our bed to the commode. Now, even if I manage to navigate through our maze of furniture and back without get-

Guest Column

By Ned Hickson



ting a concussion, chances are I won't remember until morning that the commode was removed two days ago.

In addition to the stress of living in a home that appears to have been the scene of a head-on collision between two cross-continental moving vans, my wife and I have entered into intense negotiations over room colors. This started with a trip to the paint store where we were introduced to even MORE colors my wife and I could disagree on.

For example, there are at least 30 shades of puce in existence.

No one knows why.

Nonetheless, each shade has its own official name, such as "Gastrol Sunset" or "Fermented Beet," as well as a sample card, which professional painters collect and use in a game similar to "Pokemon."

The rest of us, meanwhile, take these cards home so we can get a clear idea of how frightening it would be to actually paint a room that color. Through this technique my wife and I selected a bold accent color: "Tainted Guava."

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Letters to the Editor

Providing a foundation of excellence for the students

Dear Editor,

For over 30 years, 25 of which I worked as an administrator in Amboy, this school district has discussed and fretted over the deterioration of our junior high school. Now it has come to a crisis point and we need to make an important decision.

This is tough because we all pay too much in property taxes to support our schools. But, the state government is not going to save us. Commission after commission has recommended that Illinois change the funding structure, but virtually nothing gets done in Springfield. Property taxes are our only hope of maintaining and

improving our educational system.

This Board of Education has done an excellent job of listening to this community and setting a plan for our future. We must support this plan to provide a foundation of excellence for our students.

Like many of you, I have no children or grandchildren who will benefit from this expense, but today's children deserve what our children received. Excellent and safe educational opportunity. Vote Yes on March 20.

Dennis Weidman
Amboy

County board member supports Meyer

Dear Editor,

Lee County continues to face fiscal challenges; land fill revenue is expected to be \$400,000 less than in 2017, the state is keeping an additional 1 percent of money it collects for Lee County as well as cutting some reimbursements.

The next Lee County treasurer should be the person most qualified. That person is Paula Meyer. Paula earned her Master's Degree in Accounting and has been a CPA since 1990. She has 22 years

of government accounting experience, most recently establishing new fiscal policies for the City of Dixon. This is our opportunity to have an experienced professional provide comprehensive fiscal information for Lee County's staff, Board, and citizens.

Please vote for Paula Meyer, our next Lee County treasurer.

Judy Truckenbrod
Lee County Board Member, District 2
West Brooklyn

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago
Feb. 22, 1918

Announcement is made that James Holahan will open a new store in the Spangler Building on East Avenue in Amboy with a full line of Ladies' Suits and Coats.

Haas' Home Bakery is making a "liberty loaf" that contains 20 percent rolled oats, and it's a dandy. Many who have tried it like in better than the all-wheat loaf.

In order that the nation's leather supply may be conserved as much as possible, lower shoes for women have been decreed by the National Shoe Manufacturers' Association. The height of women's shoes next fall will not exceed nine inches above the heel, with the possibility of another cut of a half an inch if further saving becomes necessary. That the army and navy may be amply supplied with only the best of the heavy leather obtainable the civilian population will have to be satisfied with the lighter grades.

75 Years Ago
Feb. 18, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sperling and twins Keven and Karen expect to arrive today to visit until Sunday with her father Preston Wolcott.

A party of friends of Ray McGuirk went to his home west of town on Tuesday evening to visit him after his return from the hospital. An oyster supper was enjoyed by the group.

Alice Donnelly, Jane Dickinson, Alberta Kellen, Eileen Cotter and Sylvene Lally bowled Mrs. Irene Boyle's team at Sublette, Feb. 13. Amboy ladies bowled 2085, Sublette 1,766. After the games Mrs. Boyle entertained the ladies with refreshments.

50 Years Ago
Feb. 22, 1968

A group of 150 Amboy Cub Scouts and parents gathered in the Farm Bureau auditorium Tuesday evening to celebrate the 58th birthday of scouting. It is traditional for Cub Scouts to celebrate this event by having Blue and Gold Banquet.

The new 50-bed nursing home, Mapleside Manor, scheduled to be built in Amboy by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Forman, will be located at 15 West Wasson Road on the northwest edge of Amboy.


Amboy volunteer firemen were called out four time in three days last weekend. Friday they answered a call to give mutual aid to the Harmon Fire department helping to extinguish a grass fire at the Trompeter farm, south and east of Harmon. Saturday they put out a grass fire in the ICRR Railroad yards on Washington Avenue near Bluff Street. Later that day they were called to the David Simpson residence where smoke from an overheated motor on the furnace fill the house and on Sunday they were called to the Jerry Anthony residence for a person cleaning up and burning trash when embers spread the flames to three small sheds which were badly damaged.

25 Years Ago
Feb. 25, 1993

The buildings of Rome were always four or more stories high, made of brick and every window had shutters. Not just the imitation type like we are used to in the United States, but beautiful, heavy wooden, workable shutters. Very often there were flower boxes under the window with beautiful blooming flowers and streaming vines. These were part of the things learned as Father Kramer leads O'Briens on a special tour.

Voters will have a chance to meet the 20 candidates for city office in the April 20 election at a town meeting and Meet the Candidates Night which is being planned by Amboy residents.

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UP COMING EVENTS

Dance Friday, March 16, 2018 6 to 9 p.m.
Fish Fry Friday, March 23, 2018 5 to 7 p.m.

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.

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.

TAX FREE DONATIONS

There is an account set up at First Federal Savings and Loan, First National Bank of Amboy, and Pioneer State Bank (former Farmers State Bank of Sublette) if you would like to donate to our programs. All donations are tax deductible as we are a 501(c)3. Teen Turf has been in existence for over 20 years. Since we do not receive any state or federal money we survive on the generosity of the community.

United Way has been a huge supporter for 15 years. If you are able to help us out please send your donations to Teen Turf P. O. Box 321 Amboy, Illinois 61310.

AEROBICS

Chair aerobics will be held at 10 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Aubrey Burke has high intensity aerobics from 5 – 6 p.m., on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Our philosophy is pay or pray. So, if you cannot afford a donation then say some extra prayers for Teen Turf. The donated money helps with the high utility bills.

RECYCLED CANS

Yes, we are still recycling cans. Just put your bags behind the fence on the red trailer. The white wire rack is for plastic and paper recycle items. Be sure that all the materials are tied and secured in bags or boxes.

High Fives to everyone that donates cans and to Pete Rood for elevating them and taking them to the recycling plant. It helps our environment and our van upkeep. If you have cans that need to be picked up just call 857-4800.

LOST & FOUND

Please call 857-4800 if you are missing sweat shirts, coats, hats and gloves.

BOARD MEMBERS

Our board members are Deb Albee, Pete Rood, Rich Geiger, Kim Watley, Cindy Phillips, Scott and Janine Huffman, Kaylee Jones, and Mark Grossman. We have added a youth board to our group. Call if you are interested in belonging to this group. Please do no drop off TV’s – we cannot recycle them.

Nurse practitioner scholarships available

LEE COUNTY — Applications are now available for nurse practitioner scholarships through the Illinois Farm Bureau® Rural Nurse Practitioner Scholarship Program.

There will be five scholarships, worth \$4,000 each, granted this year.

The scholarship program, now in its 26 year, helps encourage and develop the pool of rural health practitioners to help meet primary health care needs in rural Illinois. Students who receive scholarships agree to practice for two years in an approved rural area in Illinois.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must be Illinois

residents and be a Registered Nurse accepted or enrolled in an accredited Nurse Practitioner Program.

Funding is provided by the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program.

Applications are available at county Farm Bureaus® throughout the state, on the Rural Illinois Medical Student Assistance Program website at RIMSAP.com, or by writing Donna Gallivan, Program Manager, Illinois Farm Bureau, PO Box 2901, Bloomington, IL 61702-2901. Applications are due May 1.

For additional information, contact Donna Gallivan at 309-557-2350, or via e-mail at dgallivan@ilfb.org.

Amboy Chamber to host mixer on Thursday night

AMBOY — Everyone is invited to the next Amboy Chamber Business After Hours mixer on Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Amboy Community Building.

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with meeting and mingling time. Discussion will take place at 6:30 p.m.

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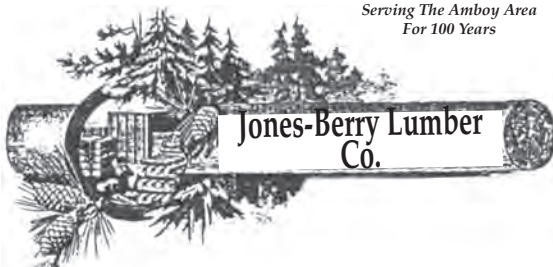
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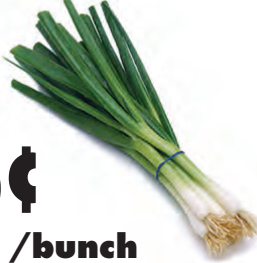
Cauliflower

89¢ /head



Green Onions

49¢ /bunch



Roma Tomatoes

\$1²⁹ lb.



Blackberries

\$1⁴⁹ /container



Dole Red Potatoes

2 lb. bag

2/\$4



Red Onions

2 lb. bag

\$1⁵⁹



Doritos Chips

9 to 9.5 oz. (exclude Party Size)

2/\$5

Reg Price \$3.59 ea.



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Folger's Coffee

Assorted 22.6 to 30 oz.

\$6⁹⁹

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2/\$2⁵⁰

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Charmin Essential Strong Bath Tissue

\$3⁹⁹

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Nabisco Ritz Crackers

13.7 oz.

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Blue Bunny Ice Cream

Assorted 46-48 oz.

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Borden 2% Milk

\$2²⁹

Reg. Price \$2.79 ea.



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Kemp's Ice Cream Sandwich

12 count

\$2⁹⁹

Reg. Price \$4.79 ea.



Flav-R-Pac Vegetables

Assorted 12 oz.

99¢

Reg. Price \$1.69 ea.



Azteca Tortillas

Assorted 10.7 to 14 oz.

\$1⁴⁹

Reg. Price \$1.99 ea.



Banquet Pot Pies

Assorted 7 oz.

75¢

Reg. Price \$1.09 ea.



Shurfine Pitted or Ripped Olives

5.75 to 7.25 oz.

\$1²⁹

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Kleenex Facial Tissue

30-160 ct.

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16 oz.

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Assorted 14.5 to 15 oz.

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Illinois Cattle Feeders meeting set for March 9 in Dixon

DIXON—Illinois cattlemen and cattlemen will have the opportunity to hear from several experts at the 2018 Illinois Cattle Feeders Meeting planned for March 9 at Sauk Valley Community College outside Dixon. The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

“This meeting is a must-attend for Illinois cattle producers. First-hand access to this kind of knowledge in the cattle industry is rare,” says Travis Meteer, University of Illinois Beef Extension Educator.

Speaker Allison Cooke, director of governmental affairs for the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association, will discuss agricultural policy

issues. She will give an update on the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), electronic logging device regulations for truckers, and other issues pertinent to Illinois cattlemen.

Ted Funk, U. of I. professor emeritus, will discuss manure handling best management practices and give an update on the Illinois Livestock Management Facilities Act. Funk will also be able to answer questions regarding building citing and environmental regulations.

Josh McCann, assistant professor in the Department of Animal Sciences at U of I, will share new research concerning transitioning

diets for cattle.

Nathan Pyatt, technical consultant for Elanco Animal Health, will discuss benchmark data collected in Midwestern feedlots and explain how using technology can be a good investment for the cattle feeder.

A market update and outlook will be given by Lance Zimmerman, an analyst for CattleFax. Zimmerman will give producers insight into current and future market dynamics.

An optional Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) training, led by Meteer, will be held from 2:45 to 4:45 p.m. for a fee of \$10. Producers that opt to attend the training will leave BQA-certified. Pre-registration is suggested for the meeting, but there is no fee to attend.

Please RSVP online at go.illinois.edu/cattle-feeders. The meeting will be held in room 1K4 at Sauk Valley Community College, at 173 Illinois 2, Dixon, IL 61021.

CGH Auxiliary linen sale planned for March 1 and 2

STERLING—The CGH Auxiliary will host a Linen Sale on from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., on Thursday, March 1 and 7 a.m. – 3 p.m., Friday, March 2. The sale is located in the CGH Ryberg Auditorium, 100 E. LeFevre Road, Sterling.

This is a new vendor for the CGH Auxiliary and the event is open to the public. The sale will

feature a huge variety of luxury and comfort such as blankets, quilts, pillows, sheet sets and more. Customer satisfaction is guaranteed. All proceeds to benefit CGH Auxiliary projects.

For more information, please contact the CGH Auxiliary, 815-625-0400, ext. 5727, or visit www.cghmc.com/auxiliary.

Illinois Sheriff’s Association, Lee County Sheriff, to offer scholarships

LEE COUNTY — The Illinois Sheriffs’ Association announces that it will be awarding over \$53,500 in college scholarships throughout the State of Illinois to students wishing to pursue higher education during the 2018-19 academic year. The scholarships are to be applied

to tuition, books and fees only. The student must be enrolled full-time at a certified institution of higher learning within the State of Illinois.

Sheriff John Simonton, Lee County, will be awarding two scholarships in the amount of \$500 each.

There will be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex or national origin. The only limitations are as follows:

Applicants must be permanent Illinois residents

Scholarships must be utilized at institutions of higher learning within the State of Illinois

Students must be enrolled as a full-time student during the 2018-2019 school year (excluding summer session)

Applications are now available at your local Sheriff’s office or on the ISA website www.ilsheriff.org. Students must complete the application, answer the essay question and return all documentation to the Sheriff’s office in their permanent county of residence by March 15, 2018 (must be postmarked by this date).

For more information, please contact your local Sheriff’s Office, Illinois Sheriffs’ Association, high school advising center or college financial aid office.

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Limit 40 Words Per Nomination

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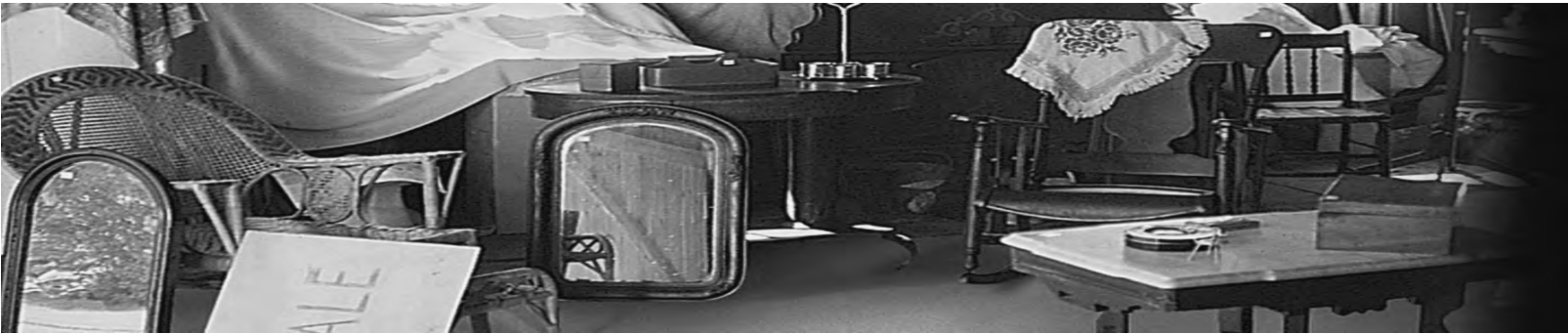
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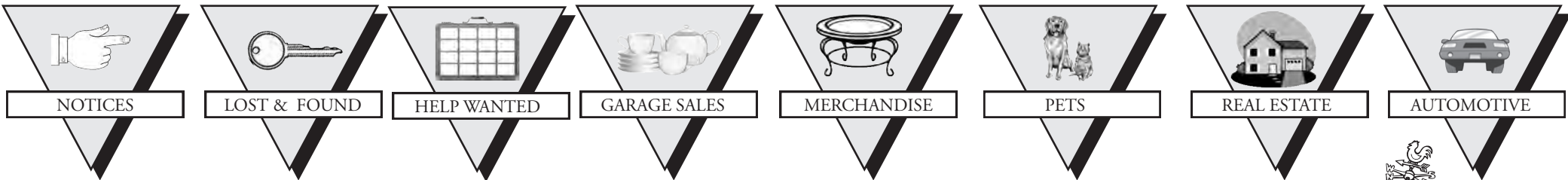
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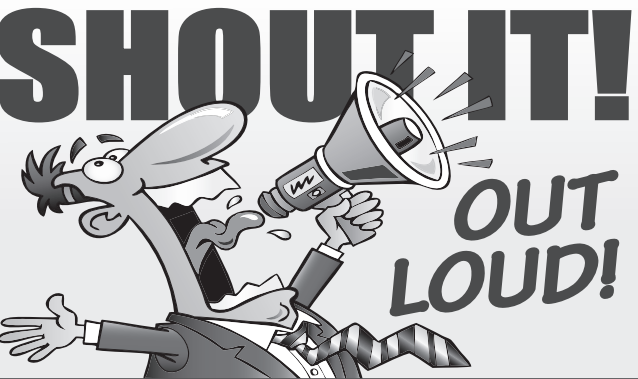
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