

The sun’ll come out - tomorrow

AMBOY — Amboy may have been buried in snow this last week, but you can bet your bottom dollar that the sun will always come out tomorrow in the Amboy High School Auditorium.

Students from the high school, junior high school, and elementary school have been working very hard on the school’s spring musical production of “Annie,” which is being presented on March 9, 10, and 11 through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI) of New York City.

Tickets will go on sale Feb. 26 through March 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. weekdays only at the high school. More information is available through the high school office at 815-857-3632.

Pictured right, Annie, played by AHS senior Sydney Friel, sings to Molly, played by third grader Liliann Leffelman during practice for Amboy High School’s spring musical, “Annie.”

Photo submitted



Village board learns about bond issue

BY TONJA GREENFIELD
General Manager

SUBLETTE — Kicking off the monthly meeting of the Sublette Village Board on Monday night were four representatives from 272Kids, who had attended to discuss the reasoning behind the upcoming bond issue and to answer any questions the board and the audience had.

The upcoming \$15.8 million bond referendum on the ballot on March 20 would be to replace the 96-year-old junior high school.

One of the representatives told the board that the day in the life of a 21st century student is a lot different than what a school day used to be like. The school, she said, is tasked with getting the students college and career ready at the junior high level. She added that the building doesn’t support 21st century learning. She said that each student has a computer and that the classrooms no longer use desks, but tables. She said that the students are learning visually and want instant gratification. She added that learning can come to a stop because of electrical or water problems.

Another representative, a math teacher at the school, said the junior high has a lot of safety issues, including how the entire building has asbestos in it. She added that her classroom has only two electrical outlets, which does not support the technology currently needed to teach the students. She said every week, there is a different issue that comes up at the junior high. She added that parts are no longer available for the school’s current mechanical systems. If a part brakes down, then a replacement part must be custom made.

A third representative addressed why the district decided to build an addition to the high school instead of building a brand-new school. She told the board that the district has a legal debt limit of \$19.1 million and that the cost of building the cheapest new school is \$20 million.

In talking about taxes, the fourth representative said the increased taxes for the bond on a \$100,000 current market value home would be \$240 a year, or 65 cents a day, for the next 20 years. On a \$50,000 current market value home, the increase in taxes would be \$150 per year. He added that in the \$15.8 million bond, the district budgeted funds for demolishing the current junior high, if another use for the current junior high building was not possible.

He added that the school board looked into fixing the junior high school. The cost for just fixing the life safety issues would be \$10 million.

A member of the village board asked how much the district is receiving from the Lee County sales tax that the voters approved in 2017. The representative said the district is looking to get about \$300,000 this first year. She added that the money the district receives is based on enrollment.

The 272Kids are hosting another open house at the Amboy Junior High School from 4 – 7 p.m. on Feb. 21. A representative from the Lee County Treasurer’s office will be on hand to discuss tax questions.

In other board news:

- Don Dinges reported to the board that the upcoming Sublette Farm Toy Show will be listed as an official Illinois Bicentennial event.

- The board approved a three-year pumping electrical contract with Dynegey. The new contract should save the village about \$700 per year. The village also approved a three-year village lighting contract with Dynegey, which is estimated to save the village about \$1,000 per year.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, March 12, in the Ellice Dinges Center.

272Kids to host open house at Amboy Junior High

AMBOY — Members of the 272 KIDS committee are opening the doors of Amboy Junior High to the community on at 7 p.m., on Feb. 21, for an open house.

Committee members and school officials will be available to discuss the \$15.8 million General Obligation Bond question that will be on the ballot March 20, 2018. At their December 2017 board meeting, the Amboy Schools Board of Education voted to move forward seeking the bond to cover the cost of building a new junior high at the high school campus and to improve the current high school with a secure school entrance, new media center/library and new gym. At the open house, a representative from the Lee County Treasurers’ Office will be available to review tax bills and determine what impact the bond will have on property owners.

Open house attendees can view preliminary drawings of the proposed new junior high school and extension to the current high school. In addition, tours through the current junior high will be offered to highlight the challenges facing teachers and students each day.

More information about the bond question and the proposed addition can be found at amboy272kids.wixsite.com/272kids or at 272 KIDS on Facebook. 272 KIDS (Knowledge, Infrastructure & Development for Students) is a committee of parents and community members working to better education for students attending Amboy Schools.

YMCA COMMITTEE MEETS

A committee working to bring a YMCA to Amboy met at the Amboy Community Building on Wednesday, Feb. 7. The group, which doesn’t yet have an official name, is working on a community survey to find out what services the area residents would like to see if a YMCA came to Amboy. The group is working on presenting the survey in an online form, as well as having it available in written form at future open houses. The committee will host the open houses so community members can ask questions and provide feedback about the possible YMCA. Committee members are planning on attending the upcoming Amboy Chamber Business After Hours on Thursday, Feb. 22 to talk about what services the community would like to see in Amboy. If anyone is interested in joining the committee working to bring the YMCA to Amboy, contact Amboy Mayor John Schamberger at the Amboy City Hall 815-857-3814.

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Thake featured in AASA series on successful models of personalized learning environments

AMBOY – The creation of successful personalized learning environments by school system leaders across the country are profiled in a new series of case studies created by AASA, The School Superintendents Association.

The case studies, showcased by members of the AASA Superintendent Personalized Learning Cohort, were created to serve as resources for superintendents from coast to coast who wish to grow the personalized learning movement in their respective communities.

“We applaud the visionary leaders who participated in our latest series of case studies,” said Daniel A. Domenech, executive

director, AASA. “These educators and many other like-minded individuals across the country are creating positive cultures in our school districts by expanding the personalized learning movement in their respective communities. Not all children learn at the same rate. Personalized learning will help them learn at their own pace.”

Superintendents profiled in the AASA Personalized Learning Case Study series include:

Jeff Dillon, superintendent, Wilder School District, Wilder, Idaho

Jeffrey Thake, superintendent, Amboy Community Unit School District #272, Amboy.

Valerie Truesdale, associate superintendent, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, Charlotte, N.C.

“I congratulate AASA members who participated in our latest leadership series of case studies to promote personalized learning,” said Mort Sherman, AASA associate executive director. “The case studies we’re profiling will allow other administrators to take advantage of this tremendous opportunity to improve student learning in their own districts. We are encouraged by the growing number of superintendents engaging in meaningful conversations as we bring momentum to the conversation around personalized learning in the U.S.”

State lawmakers looking for elusive revenue estimate for coming fiscal year

BY GREG BISHOP
Illinois News Network

SPRINGFIELD—As part of the budgeting process, Illinois’ state constitution requires a revenue estimate. Lawmakers in both chambers say it’s a must, but the House, led by Speaker Michael Madigan, hasn’t passed one in at least three years.

“Appropriations for a fiscal year shall not exceed funds

estimated by the General Assembly to be available during that year.” That’s what the constitution says.

State Rep. Keith Wheeler, R-Oswego, who’s been in office since 2015, says he hasn’t seen the House follow through.

“If we actually were to follow the budget process that’s outlined; start with a revenue estimate, take all of your above-

the-line expenses out of the equation, divide them up among the different appropriations committees and then have a discussion within those committees,” Wheeler said. “That hasn’t happened since I’ve been here.

“I think that reflects very much in how we actually run this entire government as a state,” Wheeler said. “We take things

that are convenient and do those, but then we skip the things that make it harder.”

Despite the House not passing a revenue estimate, the Senate did last year. Lawmakers also overrode the governor’s veto of a \$36 billion budget that spends the entire \$5 billion tax increase to the point where the budget is \$1.7 billion out of balance.

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ACO blood drive exceeds goal

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The set-up volunteers were: Amboy High School Student Council members under the direction of Amy Wittenaurer were Bailee Highbarger, Avery Shaw and Ashley Winters.

Those helping with registration and canteen were: Marilyn Braida, Judy Brinkmeier, Mary Dickinson, Carol Ely, Marge Guenzler, Darlene Hinkle, Jane Lovgren, Kathy McLaughlin, Colleen Robison, Sandy Schamberger. Those bringing food: Carole Benson, Marilyn Braida, Pat Burke, Shelia Garcia, Patricia Hauenstein, Christine Noble, Colleen Robison, Donna Wellman and Shirley Yentzer.

Simpson for Illinois to host fundraising dinner

DIXON — David Simpson for Illinois Senate is hosting a reception and multi course dinner at 6 p.m., on Feb. 22, at the Basil Tree Ristorante, 123 E. First Street, Dixon.

Reservations are requested or pre-purchase by using Event Code ‘Basil Tree’ at simpsonforillinois.com or by mail to Citizens for Simpson, PO Box 75, Shabbona, IL 60550.

For information, call 815-739-1984 or email to davidsimpson45il@gmail.com.

At a time when career politicians continue the same old politics and the same old ways, all at the expense of the middle class, Simpson is deciding to take a different approach. Simpson is promising to be an independent voice for Illinois’ middle class, promising to work across the aisle to pass a budget, create jobs, stand up for our veterans.

More information on the event may be found here: www.facebook.com/events/1799097490386148

Information about David Simpson for Illinois Senate may be found here: simpsonforillinois.com.

Email community calendar items to mmays@amboynews.com

Community Calendar

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

AMBOY-The Board of Trustees of Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

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

STERLING-The family, friends and allies of the LGBTQ community are invited to an evening of inter-generational fun from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16, at First Presbyterian Church, 410 Second Ave. For more information, send email inquiries to pflagsaukvalley@gmail.com.

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

AMBOY-The Lee County Extension Office, 280 W. Wasson Rd., will host a Soil and Water Management Webinar from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20. Registration is required. Call 815-632-3611 for more information or register online at: go.illinois.edu/soilandwater2018.

DIXON-The Lee County Council on Aging, 100 W. Second St., will host Trivia Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 20. Call 815-288-9236 for more information.

ROCK FALLS-The American Red Cross, in coordination with Mayor William B. Wescott of Rock Falls and Bethany Bland, President/CEO of Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, will hold two monthly Blood Drives on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Rock Falls Community

Building, 601 W. 10th St. The third Wednesday of the month drive, Feb. 21, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The first Wednesday of the month drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m., March 7. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens from 10 until 11 a.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Road, on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Call Ruth at LCCOA for more information, 815-288-9236.

AMBOY-The Lee County Health Department will hold a Blood Pressure Clinic from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

SUBLETTE-The Lee County Council on Aging will provide assistance with accessing services and benefits for seniors or disabled citizens from 11:10 a.m. until 12:10 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Call Ruth at LCCOA for more information, 815-288-9236.

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.

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-The Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #8277 will hold an Euchre Tour-

namet 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, S. Jefferson. Call the Library at 815-857-3925 for more information.



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Thursday – Sloppy joe, wheat bun, tator tots, green beans, apricots

Friday – Cheese omelet, turkey sausage, hash brown potatoes, blueberry muffin, fruit juice

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Wednesday	- Frosted donut
Thursday	- Biscuit & gravy
Friday	- Egg & cheese sandwich

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OBITUARIES

Gary D. Conderman

June 27, 1945 - Feb. 11, 2018

AMBOY — Gary D. Conderman, 72, of Amboy, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018, in his home.

He was born in Dixon, June 27, 1945, the son of Roy L. and Marcella A. (Bell) Conderman.

Gary was a lifelong farmer in the Amboy area, and had also worked for Motor Wheel in Mendota as well as Allied Locke Industries in Amboy prior to his retirement.

Gary was a Veteran of the Air Force during the Vietnam War.

He was a member of the Green River Saddle Club for over 20 years, and also a member of the Amboy American Legion.

Gary married Nancy Suddeth at Shabbona Congregational Church on Nov. 4, 1978.

He was preceded in death by

his parents and a sister, Eileen Conderman.

Survivors include his children, Rich Conderman, of Amboy, Barb Conderman, of Elizabeth, Steve (Wendy) Conderman, of Amboy, and Phil (Carrie) Conderman, of Sterling; and five grandchildren Elizabeth, Koty, Kristina, Hannah, and Hailey Conderman.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, in the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy with Pastor Karen Berg, officiating. Military rites will be provided by the Amboy American Legion following the service. Cremation will follow with burial of cremains at a later date in Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy.

Visitation will be held from 5:30 – 8 p.m., on Friday, Feb.



16, and also on Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. until time of service in the funeral home.

Memorials have been established to the Amboy American Legion and Amboy Fire Department.

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

Lois Jane Copper

Nov. 13, 1917 - Feb. 5, 2018

VENICE, Fla. — Lois Jane Copper died peacefully in Venice, Fla., on Feb. 5, 2018.

She was 100 years old. She was born in Amboy on Nov. 13, 1917, to Holly Spencer Smith and Anna Cecelia Smith. Lois married Robert Ryan Copper on Aug. 24, 1940 in Amboy. He predeceased her.

She survived by her children, James David Copper (Diana) and Jane Copper-Short (John);

grandchildren, Jeffrey Ryan Copper and Colette Copper Boyko (Matthew); and five great-grandchildren.

She graduated from the University of Illinois in 1939, taught at Rossville High School, Penn State University and Mason City Public Elementary School.

Lois was a member of the Presbyterian Church serving as an Elder and Clerk of the

Session, Delta Kappa Gamma having served as President, and D.A.R.

She was active with the Community Concert Association serving on their Board in Lincoln, Illinois. Lois enjoyed quilting, traveling and wintering in Sun City West, Ariz.

Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Dianna G. McGinnis

Feb. 11, 2018

Center, Dixon.

Funeral arrangements are being completed by the Preston-Schilling Funeral Home, Dixon.

Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling.com.

Email news items to
tgreenfield@amboynews.com

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy. It will always be remembered by the family of Robert J. Lauer.

BUDGET continued from page A1

The governor’s budget director said last week the administration was able to get that deficit down to \$600 million through efficiencies and other means.

State Sen. Heather Steans, D-Chicago, said both chambers and both sides need to come together for the revenue estimate for the coming fiscal year that begins July 1.

“We have in place a process where you need to know what your revenues are so you don’t spend more than what your revenues are,” Steans said. “That’s what we have to spend. That’s it. That’s what our budget needs to reflect or else we have to increase revenues or decrease revenues if we want.”

House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, R-Western Springs, released a letter last week sent to Madigan, D-Chicago, pointing out the importance of the revenue estimate.

“At the most basic level, without a revenue estimate, our appropriations committees don’t know how much they have to allocate for their assigned departments and agencies,” Durkin said. “But even more importantly, it is required by state law.”

“The House and Senate by joint resolution shall adopt or modify

such estimates as may be appropriate. The joint resolution shall constitute the General Assembly’s estimate,” the Illinois Compiled Statutes says in section 155/4(a).

Durkin said the revenue estimate is about taxpayer protection.

“By skipping the revenue estimate, as has become custom in the General Assembly, and just appropriate according to our wishes, we will likely continue to spend more than we have available, which will trigger even more tax increases,” Durkin wrote. “We must do better.”

Madigan’s spokesman Steve Brown said in an email he’s hopeful to pass one this year, “if there is a bipartisan agreement.”

Brown did not clarify why a bipartisan agreement would be necessary, and Madigan’s caucus has a near-supermajority that wouldn’t require any Republican votes to pass one.

Gov. Bruce Rauner delivers his budget address on Wednesday. Rauner said during his State of the State address less than two weeks ago that he planned to introduce a balanced budget, something Democrats in the General Assembly and some Republicans say he’s never done before.

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.

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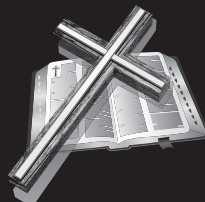
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The Book Nook

By :

Tatjana Kazan

When the law does not apply

In the summer of 1988, on an Ojibwe Reservation in North Dakota, a tribal judge steps out of his house and asks his son Joe, the 13-year old protagonist of Louise Erdrich’s 2012 National Book Award winning novel, “The Round House,” “Where is your mother?” The question sets Joe’s story in motion, it reverberates through everything that happens that summer, and it is never quite answered.

Joe’s mother, Geraldine, is brutally raped in a sacred place called the Round House. The rapist intended to burn it to the ground, along with Geraldine and a young woman and her baby. Geraldine escapes, but the young woman is later found murdered. Geraldine knows the rapist but refuses to name him. She withdraws so completely in her terror that he will come back, that it falls to Joe and his father to find the perpetrator.

The 1980’s saw the beginning of better times, when a rebirth of Native American culture, fueled by casino money, put a tribal college on every reservation. Pride in their culture had people come back to the reservation, but injustice of the worst kind still prevailed that summer on the Ojibwe Reservation.

At issue is the law that no non-Native American can be tried, no matter how heinous the crime on tribal land, by a tribal court. He is free to do whatever he pleases on the reservation, and that is what the rapist does, he roams about cheerfully and with impunity. Joe deeply admires his father until he realizes he is no Atticus Finch in “To Kill A Mockingbird.” He tries hot dog thieves, an accusation Joe hurls at him when he is faced with his father’s powerlessness. Joe’s is the outrage of the innocent.

Joe’s pursuit of justice for his mother drives the plot, but it is Erdrich’s skill in creating her young protagonist and his world that dominates this splendid novel. The book abounds in memorable characters, like Joe’s aunt Sonja, an erstwhile stripper, who becomes a second mother to him until they betray each other. And Joe’s best friend Cappy Lafournais, a handsome, upright boy, who is chased down by Father Travis, an ex-Marine, when Cappy innocently confesses making love to one of Father Travis’s charges. And Joe’s ancient grandfather Mooshum who tells him stories that sound like the great myths.

In an interview, Louise Erdrich talked about the staggering number of Native American women and girls who have been sexually assaulted by non-Native Americans. In 2013 Congress passed the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act which finally included a provision that gave Native American tribal authorities limited jurisdiction over sex crimes involving non-Native Americans on tribal lands. The VAWA is up for reauthorization this year, but the Trump Administration has signaled that it will oppose reauthorization.



Edward and Kathleen McLaughlin

Couple to celebrate 50th anniversary

AMBOY — Edward and Kathleen McLaughlin, of Amboy, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 17, 2018.

The couple are the parents of Jim (Stephanie) McLaughlin, Marie McLaughlin and Becky McLaughlin. They have three grandchildren, Mitchell, Madelyn and Rita Claire.

Cards may be sent to the couple at 518 Rockyford Road, Amboy, IL 61310.

Phidian Art Club seeks entries for contest

DIXON — The Phidian Art Club is looking for local writers to enter its 30th Annual Literary Competition for Poetry, Fiction and Non-Fiction. Prizes for first, second and third places will be provided by local sponsors.

The deadline for entries is March 14, 2018. All entries must be postmarked by this date. Mail or hand-deliver entries to: Phidian Art Club, c/o Dixon Public Library, 221 S. Hennepin Ave., Dixon, IL 61021.

Contest rules are available at the Dixon Public Library, Pankhurst Memorial Library and Amboy News office.

The competition is open to any writer, professional or non-professional, 17 years old or older by March 14, 2018, who resides within a 35-mile radius of Dixon or attends Sauk Valley Community College.

Winners will be notified by mid-April and may be invited to attend and read their winning entries at the Literary Program held on Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m. at the Dixon Public Library. The public is invited to attend.

Call Roberta Dillon at 815-631-2938 or email her at robertasdillon@gmail.com for more information.

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Teen Turf

UP COMING EVENTS

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

DANCE

We will have our next dance from 6 – 9 p.m., on Friday, Feb. 23. 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 after school until 5 p.m. On early out days we are there from right 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.

CHILI/SOUP SUPPER

A huge thanks to everyone that supported our free After School Program by attending the supper on Feb. 3. We had several kids on hand to help out. High-fives to Austin Shugars, Sierra Huffman, Alexandra Vaessen, Maddi and Sydney Thomas, Kimber Zittleman, Alex Jerry, Robert Raymond, Cody Sus, and Levi McKinley for doing such a good job. Many compliments were given for your great service. Our great faithful bakers were: Donna Wellman, Karen Stenzel, Cindy Phillips, Roxy Stenzel, Luella Blackburn, Shelli Bump, Rich Geiger, Kaylee and Judy Jones and Denny Weidman. Chefs in the kitchen were: Janine and Scott Huffman, chicken noodle and chili, Connie Pettinger and Pete Rood sweet chili, beef barley and Italian sausage tortellini, Cindy and Michael Phillips taco, Danielle Ledbetter creamy potato, Shelli Bump vegetable beef, Mark and Veronica Grossman chicken and wild rice. The delicious homemade cornbread was made by Connie Pettinger.

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.

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.

THE
PASTOR’S
PEN

Being delivered

BY PASTOR
JOHN KALEBAUGH

At the printing of this column my wife and I are vacationing in a warm place as part of an early 30th Anniversary celebration. As you can imagine it is hard to contain our excitement, not only for this milestone in our marriage, but also for the warmth of Cancun, Mexico.

We feel as if we are being delivered- if but for a short time, from the cold of our northern Illinois winter.

In a small way, our anticipated experience reminds me of the Scripture passage in Exodus 13:3 when God delivered His people from Egyptian bondage. God told them to, “Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of

hand the Lord brought you out of this place.”

Imagine what this must have been like. The Israelites were now free after having been slaves for their entire lives – as were their ancestors before them for four hundred years. I imagine that Israel was not only celebrating their deliverance, but they were probably ecstatic in doing it. God told them to commemorate this event and their freedom every year by celebrating the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

There are many other instances in the Bible when God told His people to remember and celebrate. These would include the Sabbath, which was to be honored every seven days, as well as the yearly celebrations of the Day of Atonement, the Feast of Trumpets, and the Feast

of Tabernacles. Though some people do not think it is very Christian to have a good time, we see in these instances that it was actually prescribed by God. I believe it is actually pleasing to Him if we celebrate in a God-honoring way – like other things we do (Eccl. 11:9-10)

How about you? Has God delivered you in the past from a bondage such as sin, fear, anxiety, depression, addiction, loneliness etc.... If He has, then this is certainly something worthy of celebrating and giving Him thanks for again. And if you have not yet received this freedom which comes through Christ, I know He would love for you to experience it. I encourage you to seek Him sincerely and ask Him for a New Life in Christ Jesus, and the Freedom that He brings. May God bless you.

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Opinion

Join us for in-depth Winter Olympic coverage live from... uh, Oregon

Every two years I try to convince my publisher to send me to the Olympics. The closest I've come was during the winter Olympics in Utah, when I was offered gas money, thermal underwear and a set of binoculars for watching the events "from a great spot on the third floor of a car garage not far from the Olympic Pavilion — or thereabouts." This year is no different. Especially when you consider the games are taking place in South Korea, which means there's no way I'm going to see anything from any car garage in Utah.

However, it doesn't mean we won't be offering you the same in-depth coverage as the larger media outlets. It's just that ours won't include any photographs, scores, statistics, biographies or interviews with Olympians, unless you count Buddy, our vending machine repair guy, who won the Brickerville High School "Donkey Bas-

Guest Column

By Ned Hickson



ketball Olympics" in 1987.

(To be honest, that interview is still sketchy. The last time I asked Buddy about "riding a donkey for the gold" he threw a Diet Sprite at me.)

While it's true we won't have anyone at the actual Olympic Games again this year, it doesn't mean we weren't able to come up with something just as exciting and informative, especially when you compare it to, say...

Staring at a grapefruit.

Keeping that in mind, I'm proud to announce an in-depth look at all 15 Winter Olympic events in a special three-part series we're calling:

Fifteen Reasons to be a Summer Olympian

We will begin with The Slalom: First introduced by Germany in 1936, this event combines the speed and skill of downhill skiing with the bravery one attains from consuming large

Letters to the Editor

In support of Meyer for Treasurer

Dead Editor,

What do we know about the Lee County Treasurer's race? Put simply, we have a candidate in Paula Meyer that stands head and shoulders above her opponent.

Paula's education, her credentials, her experience and her accomplishments put her in a class all by herself. Paula is exactly what our county board needs in order to make wise decisions and

navigate the uncertain fiscal waters that lie ahead.

Please join me, on March 20, in voting for the best candidate for Lee County Treasurer.

Please vote for Paula Meyer.

Marilyn Shippert
Vice Chair Lee County Board
Dixon

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago
Feb. 15, 1918

Lloyd Schwab, rural mail carrier on Route 1 running out of Harmon was drowned Tuesday afternoon in Howland Creek, while returning to town from the farthest point of his route. The bridge or culvert known as Casper Johnson bridge was washed out by the flood and it is supposed that the high water concealed the fact that it was gone.

The Amboy Hat Shop is closed during the absence of the proprietor, miss Bessie Moore, who is in Chicago for a week or so, studying spring styles and buying millinery goods.

B. A. Schmahl has purchased the east end of Mrs. Louisa Vaughan's lot on Division Street and will remodel the barn which is on the lot, for a swelling house.

75 Years Ago
Feb. 11, 1943

Miss Norma Whitver left Thursday for Normal University where she has enrolled as a freshman. Miss Pearl Dishong was the hostess at a farewell Friday evening in honor of Mrs. Virgil Patch who will soon leave for Indianapolis, Ind. to make her new home. Those present besides the honoree were Misses Esther Meyer, Minnie Johnson, Anna Bryant, Mrs. Wayne Hanna, Mrs. Ed Whitver, Mrs. Cecil Emery, Mrs. Carl Rocho and Mrs. J. A. Vaupel.

Fred N. Vaughan, former mayor of Amboy and a prominent figure in business and civic circles of this community for more than half a century, died at Deaconess Hospital in Freeport at 10:55 a.m. Feb. 8, 1943, following two operations performed in the last two weeks.

50 Years Ago
Feb. 15, 1968

Miss Debi Danhaus was named winner of the Northern Illinois Gas Company Cherry Pie Baking contest at Amoy High School Monday of last week. She is now entitled to compete in the District Contest which will be held Saturday, Feb. 17, in Dixon.

Amboy got on the winning road again Tuesday when they defeated the Waterman Wolves here by a score of 80-75. The game was a seesaw battle with the lead changing hands many times. Beggs' Certified Foods advertises whole or shank half ham for 49 cents per pound, pure fresh lean ground beef for 49 cents per pound, and Domino pure cane sugar, 10 pounds for 99 cents.

25 Years Ago
Feb. 18, 1993

In an effort to encourage faculty members to notify the district of early retirement plans, Amboy Board of Education approved an Early Retirement (5 + 5) Incentive Plan. The board's program, which was approved on a 6-1 vote, will pay faculty members if they formally announce their early retirement plans prior to march 2 to allow time to hire replacements.

Central student turned in an astounding \$22,165 in cash register tapes from Beggs' Certified Foods last month in a program to earn computer hardware and software.

Average gas prices in Illinois dropped slightly for the fourth month in a row. Since November, self-service prices have fallen by 7.4 cents per gallon according to the AAA-Chicago Motor Club's latest Fuel Gauge Survey.

Bad practices and lack of leadership

Imagine interviewing for a job and getting offered a starting salary of \$340,000 and then demanding that your new employer create positions for your adult daughter and her husband.

Arrogant? You bet.

And you would have to question the wisdom of any employer who would give in to such a demand.

Well, folks, guess who is footing the bill for this fellow's salary and those of his daughter and son-in-law? Illinois taxpayers and the students paying tuition at Southern Illinois University.

And at the same meeting last year that Chancellor Carlo Montemagno was hired, SIU's board voted to cut \$26 million from the school's budget and examine eliminating seven degree programs.

Two weeks after the board voted to make those cuts and hire her dad, Melissa Germain signed her new contract for \$52,000 to promote theater at SIU.

I can't really say how well she does her job, but in the last several days plenty of drama has come to campus — after SIU's student newspaper The Daily Egyptian uncovered her sweet new gig and that of her husband who makes \$45 an hour helping an interim vice chancellor.

The most qualified people are supposed to be hired for open university and state jobs. But job qualifications in Illinois often are relative — they depend on who your relatives are.

"The Daily Egyptian," reported that the university hired the Germaines for positions that had been created for them and that were never advertised to the public.

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



The university's internal ethics office has now referred the matter to the state inspector general.

I couldn't help but wonder what our governor thought of this situation. You know, our governor, Bruce Rauner, the fellow who ran for office on a platform of fiscal responsibility and a pledge to "Shake up Springfield."

So, I contacted his office and asked these two questions:

Does the governor believe this is an appropriate action by SIU? If not, what action does he plan?

And here is the response from gubernatorial spokeswoman Rachel Bold: "SIU has opened an ethics investigation. We believe that is appropriate and look forward to the outcome."

Huh?

That's all the man who was elected to shake up Springfield has to say?

Come on, Bruce, you appoint members to the SIU board. You are the state's chief executive, if you won't condemn something this bad, are you functioning as a watchdog or a lap dog?

And these sorts of problems aren't unique to SIU.

In December, Northern Illinois University's board gave a \$600,000 severance to former President Doug Baker, who quit amid a state investigation accusing him and other administrators of mismanagement with the hiring of consultants.

Raise your hand if you ever received \$600,000 for quitting a job. Yeah, me neither.

Have you ever been offered a job and told a potential em-

ployer, "Nah, I'll only work for you if you hire a couple of my relatives, too?" I didn't think so.

But this is how our state universities are operating. This is the way they are choosing to spend our money.

The NIU and SIU campuses are separated by 365 miles, but their administrators are joined by the same sense of entitlement.

Students may be saddled with debt as tuitions escalate. University staffs cringe as the budget axe falls.

But what are university leaders demanding? More -- for themselves.

Where is the governor? Why isn't he speaking out?

His rival for the GOP nomination, Jeanne Ives calls it a lack of leadership on his part.

So far, he hasn't proven her wrong.

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quantities of German beer. Athletes launch themselves down slopes and attain speeds of up to 120 km per hour (approximately the speed of sound) while navigating around flags, moguls, photographers, journalists, border patrols, assorted swimmers and cabana boys before crossing the finish line somewhere in Peru. Events also include the "Super-G," which combines the thrill of slalom with the danger of being rap artist on skis.

Next, an event dating back to 1932 when a Swedish marksman was driven into a snow bank by a hot-dogging American skier, The Biathlon combines cross-country skiing and long-range target shooting. Endurance is the key factor as competitors race around long loops of varying lengths, stopping only occasionally to shoot at targets until, eventually, firing five shots from a seated position inside of a portable commode.

Since 1924 The Bobsleigh has been thrilling Olympic spectators with its combination of speed, technique and general lack of a steering mechanism. In both the two-man and four-man events, each athlete has a specific purpose. This begins by getting the sleigh off to as fast a start as possible before piling inside the chassis, where athletes contribute individually by grabbing their ankles and saying the Rosary. Once they cross the finish line, the brakeman goes to work by pulling on a handle that, for all intents and purposes, does absolutely nothing.

There you have it, our first installment of pre-Winter Olympic coverage. Join us next week for a look at Curling, Figure Skating, and several other exciting events, none of which can be seen from Oregon.

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Tri-County Opportunities Council to award 12 scholarships in 2018

ROCK FALLS — At least 12 scholarships will be awarded by Tri-County Opportunities Council to income eligible students residing in the agency’s service area. The scholarships are worth up to \$1,250 and have been made available by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) through its Community Services Block Grant funds. All low-income students, racial or ethnic minorities and previous scholarship winners are encouraged to apply.

To be eligible for the scholarship competition:

- The applicant must be a member of an income-eligible household.
- The applicants must be attending an Illinois accredited post-secondary educational institution

of higher learning during the fall of 2018.

- Applicants must be a resident of Bureau, Carroll, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Ogle, Putnam, Stark or Whiteside County in Illinois.
- Students must be considered full-time (minimum of 12 semester hours) to qualify for the full \$1,250 scholarship. Part-time students will be considered in the competition, however, scholarship awards will be pro-rated if they are selected as a winner.

Application deadline has been extended to March 30, 2018.

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Master Gardener workshop planned

LEE COUNTY — Shed those winter blues at the 2018 Ready... Set.... Grow... gardening workshop, on Saturday, March 17 from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Sauk Valley Community College in Dixon. Join the Master Gardeners of Carroll, Lee, Ogle, and Whiteside counties in cooperation with Sauk Valley Community College for this one-day event offering information about various aspects of home gardening.

During three sessions, participants can choose between 15 workshops on Orchid Care and Maintenance, Growing Shiitakes and other Mushrooms, How to Grow Plants from Cuttings, Make Every Drop Count-Xeriscaping, Small Space Gardening, Tea Gardens, Wildlife in the Garden and many more. The fee for this program is \$45, and registrations will be accepted until March 9.

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Sessions will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Extension reserves the right to refuse registrations received at any time if numbers exceed room capacity.

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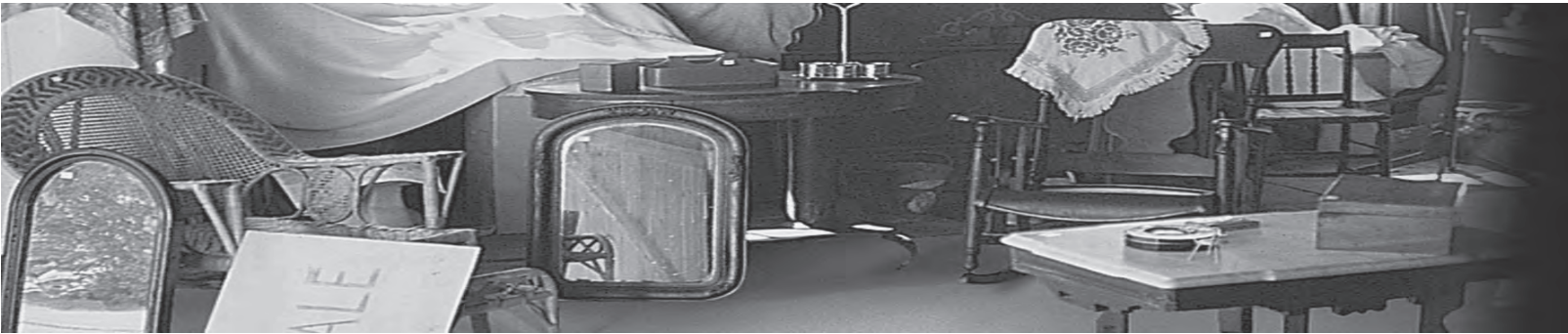


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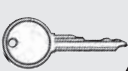
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Lady Clippers end season with loss to Wethersfield

KEWANEE – The Amboy Lady Clippers split two games in the Kewanee Wethersfield Class 1A Regional as they saw their season come to an end.

Amboy opened regional action with a 45-37 victory over rival Ashton-Franklin Center on Feb. 7.

AFC jumped out to a 13-5 first-quarter lead, but Amboy climbed back into the game with a strong second quarter and trailed by just one, 19-18, at halftime. The Lady Clippers forged a 34-all tie after three periods, then they held AFC to just three points in the fourth and dropped in enough free

throws to pull out the hard-earned win.

Abi Payne exploded for 25 points and added three assists and three steals. Mallory Powers chipped in with seven points, five assists and four rebounds, while Ashley Althaus provided six points and seven caroms. Noelle Jones led Amboy with 13 huge rebounds and Breanna Fisher hauled down six boards.

The defense won the game for Amboy as it continued to seal off and double team the two Prestegaards, Madeline and Jaynee. They ended with eight and 15 points, respectively,

but were held scoreless in the fourth quarter.

Madeline Prestegaard will move on to Division I basketball at the University of Vermont, while Jaynee will be back for her senior year.

It was a hard-working team defense and everyone contributed. Jones continued to be behind the post while Kallie Appleman, Hope Sachs, Logan Winters, Powers and Fisher took turns fronting the posts.

Althaus forced some turnovers and finished off two breakaway layups to get the Lady Clippers into the lead. Fisher had a huge baseline

jumper to put the lead back to six points late in the game. Payne's basket and five free throws down the stretch helped seal the victory.

Next up was Wethersfield on its home court in the championship game on Feb. 9. The Lady Clippers had trouble containing Wethersfield's driving guards and went down to defeat, 59-39.

The Flying Geese zoomed out to a 10-2 lead before Amboy battled back to make it 13-8. But in the last minute of the first quarter, Wethersfield capitalized on two turnovers and finished the frame with a

17-8 lead.

Amboy could not close the gap over the final three quarters and the Flying Geese pulled away for the regional title.

Payne had seven points, two assists and two steals, while Althaus collected six points, three rebounds, two assists and two steals. Also contributing for the Lady Clippers were Winters (five points), Appleman (four

points, four rebounds, two assists), Fisher (four points, three rebounds), Jones (three points, five rebounds, three assists), Sachs (three points, three rebounds) and Rachel Lachat (two points, four rebounds).

Amboy made 31 percent of its field goal attempts and committed 22 turnovers.

The Lady Clippers ended the season with a 14-14 record.

Clippers end season at sectional meet

OREGON – The wrestling season has come to a close for Amboy's four sectional qualifiers.

All four of the Clipper matmen were beaten in their only two matches at the Oregon Class 1A Sectional on Feb. 9-10.

Bradley Gazza was pinned and lost by technical fall at 120 pounds, while Hayden

Montavon (132), Chris Morris (195) and Luke Schaver (220) were each pinned in both of their bouts.

Oregon Sectional – Feb. 9-10
120 – Chris Bonnell (Erie) pinned Bradlet Gazza (Amboy), 1:51; Camden Whitenack (Mercer County) tech. fall over Gazza, 19-3
132 – Caleb Alber (Dakota) pinned

Hayden Montavon (Amboy), 2:50; Austin Horn (Polo) pinned Montavon, 3:01

195 – Keegan Jones (Ottawa Marquette) pinned Chris Morris (Amboy), 1:31; Dallas Hill (Princeton) pinned Morris, 2:25

220 – Lucas Carey (Erie) pinned Luke Schaver (Amboy), 0:51; Karsyn Hanson (Sherrard) pinned Schaver, 1:30

Clippers to face Christian Life at home regional

AMBOY – The Amboy Clippers have been seeded 11th in Sub-Sectional B for the 2017-18 post-season tournament. The Clippers will host one of the Class 1A Regionals, while Polo will be the site of the other regional among Sub-Sectional B teams.

The Amboy Regional will be held Feb. 19, 20, 21, 23. The tournament will begin with Amboy taking on Rockford (Christian Life) at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19. Two games will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 20, with Milledgeville battling Kirkland (Hiawatha) at 6 p.m. and Ashton-Franklin Center squaring off against Paw Paw at 7:30.

The winner of the Amboy-Christian Life game will match up against second-seeded Shabbona (Indian Creek) at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21, to be followed by the two winners from the Tuesday games.

The winners of the Wednesday contests will move on to the regional championship at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23.

The top seed in Sub-Sectional B is Sterling (Newman), which will play in the Polo Regional.

The winner of the Amboy Regional advances to the Lanark (Eastland) Sectional to face the survivor of the East Dubuque Regional at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27. The other sectional participants will come from the Polo and Dakota regionals.

Amboy Class 1A Regional

Monday, Feb. 19

1 – (10) Rockford (Christian Life) vs. (11) Amboy – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 20
2 – (3) Milledgeville vs. (13) Kirkland (Hiawatha) – 6 p.m.

3 – (9) Ashton (A.-Franklin Center) vs. (12) Paw Paw – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21
4 – (2) Shabbona (Indian Creek) vs. Winner Game 1 – 6 p.m.

5 – Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3 – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23
6 – Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5 – 7 p.m.

Educational Briefs

SVCC President's, Deans' List Announced for Fall 2017 Semester

STERLING — Two hundred twenty-eight full- and part-time Sauk Valley Community College students were named to the President's List for high academic achievement during the fall, 2017 semester. Another 143 students made the Deans' List.

President's List–Full-Time Students (4.0 GPA)

SVCC President Dr. David Hellmich said 49 full-time students topped the President's List with straight "A" averages. The students and their hometowns include:

AMBOY: Lindsey C. Dewey and Day L. Littwin.

ASHTON: Karyn M. Baldwin.

FRANKLIN GROVE: Samantha Heaton.

President's List–Part-Time students (4.0 GPA)

AMBOY: Brian P. De

Armitt, Justin L. Hart, Kayla L. Heath, Kaitlyn M. Stevens, Travis Wiley and Logan S. Winters.

ASHTON: Caitlin E. Cheatham, Claire G. Coffman, Eleazar Dominguez, Claudia L. Hartsell, Savannah R. Stinnett and Carl A. Terwedow.

CHANA: Payton K. Sipes.

FRANKLIN GROVE: Amber R. Cooper, Caleb Drew, Holly C. Hageman and Amy M. Runkle.

President's List–

Full-Time students (3.75 GPA or Better)

AMBOY: Zachary Piper, Kaitlin M. Tarr, Jacob M. VanDeWoestyne and Erik Xhyra.

ASHTON: Lena H. Petersen.

FRANKLIN GROVE: Sandra A. Brown.

President's List–Part-Time students (3.75 GPA or Better)

DIXON: Keith S. Ebersole, Kirstie A. Gentry and Jennifer

R. Sprague.

MORRISON: Thomas K. Hardesty.

Deans' List–Full-Time students (3.5-3.749 GPA)

ASHTON: Grace N. Friday. **FRANKLIN GROVE:** Kayla L. Bemis and Jade A. Fair.


Deans' List–Part-Time students (3.5-3.749 GPA)

AMBOY: Briahna N. Erbes, Benjamin D. Rhine and Kaitlyn R. Wilhite.

ASHTON: McKaylee R. Beeter.

CLIPPER KIDDIE 2


This Week's Star Student of the Week is:
Amelia Ortiz



Student's Favorites:
Favorite Color - Purple
Favorite Animal - Monkey
Favorite Food - Banana
Favorite Book - Dinosaur Puzzle Book
Favorite Game - Tag
Favorite Song - ABC's

CLIPPER KIDDIE 2

This Week's Student of the Week is:
Greyson Henkel



Student's Favorites:
Favorite Color - Green and Blue
Favorite Animal - Dog
Favorite Food - Spaghetti
Favorite Book - Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?
Favorite Game - Dominos
Favorite Song - She's Got The Look


**ATHLETES
OF THE WEEK**

Girls Basketball


Abi Payne

Mallory Powers

**for advancing in the
3 point contest**



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SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Wed., Feb. 14	Central School Valentine Exchange AJHS Girls Basketball (H) Montmorency – 4:00 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 15	AJHS Scholastic Bowl @ St. Mary's, Sterling – 4:00 p.m. AJHS 8th Grade Girls Basketball @ East Coloma – 5:00 p.m. AJHS 7th Grade Girls Basketball @ East Coloma – 6:00 p.m. Spanish Club Family Movie Night-Auditorium-5:30 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 16	AHS Boys Basketball @ Freeport Aquin – 6:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 17	AHS Scholastic Bowl @ TBA – 8:30 a.m. Spanish Honor Society Painting Party – AHS Cafeteria – 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 18	FFA Machine Shed Masters – 12:00 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 19	NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENTS' DAY
Feb. 19 – 23	AHS Boys Basketball Regionals (H) - TBA
Tues., Feb. 20	Central School PTC Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 21	AJHS Girls Basketball (H) St. Mary's, Sterling – 4:00 p.m. AJHS PTC Meeting – 4:00 p.m. Open House – AJHS – 4:00-6:00 p.m.



**Congratulations to the
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Grape Tomatoes



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/container

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lb.

Asparagus



\$2.49
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Eat Smart Green Beans

12 oz.



\$1.99

Dole Premium Salad

Assorted



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Shurfine Graham Crackers

Assorted 14.4 oz.



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Assorted 7.3 oz.



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Pepsi Products

6 pack bottles 16.9 oz.



4/\$10
Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.

Gino's Pizza

Assorted



4/\$12
Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Barilla Pasta

Assorted 8 to 16 oz.



99¢
Reg. Price \$1.69 ea.

Tradewind Tea

Assorted 128 oz.



2/\$4
Reg. Price \$3.29 ea.

Newman's Own Pasta Sauce

24 oz.



\$1.99
Reg. Price \$2.89 ea.

Shullsburg Shredded Cheese

Assorted 8 oz.



2/\$4
Reg. Price \$2.69 ea.

Shurfine Waffles

Assorted 12.3 oz.



\$1.29
Reg. Price \$1.89 ea.

Kraft Grated Parmesan Cheese

Assorted 8.8 to 19.8 oz.



\$3.99
Reg. Price \$5.19 ea.

Shurfine Canned Tomatoes

14.5 to 15 oz.



69¢
Reg. Price \$1.09ea.

Knorr Pasta or Rice Sides

4.1 to 5.9 oz.



99¢
Reg. Price \$1.59 ea.

Shurfine Oyster Crackers

9 oz.



79¢
Reg. Price \$6.49 ea.

Dean's Cottage Cheese

24 oz.



\$1.99
Reg. Price \$4.39 ea.

Hellman's Mayo

30 oz.



\$4.49
Reg. Price \$5.59 ea.