Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018

School heating repairs mount up during January cold snap

BY BONNIE MORRIS

Editor

AMBOY - A stretch of bitterly cold weather in January tested not only the human spirit but also caused a variety of problems for local school

Reporting at the Jan. 25 board of education meeting, Amboy Superintendent Jeff Thake said all three of the district's school buildings were challenged by the weather but the junior high was hardest hit. "The intense cold is finding all of the weak spots in our heating system," he told the board. "Our maintenance director and assistant director have been scrambling since we got back

Thake read a list of emergency repairs needed at the junior high due to an aging furnace and pipes including replacing leaking coils, unit ventilator

leaks, a leaking zone valve, a split line in the heating coil, and repair to the thermostat. "So, turning the heat up for the deep freeze is wreaking havoc in our junior high school," he told the board. "We've also have some maintenance at Central and at the high school but the junior high is the most widespread - all we did was turn up the temperature so it would be warm."

Thake also discussed a meeting on the state's new evidence based funding formula for schools that he and AHS Principal Joshua Nichols attended. The meeting gave information detailing how the calculations for funding will be made. This includes recognizing the amount each district levies, then calculating exactly what the state should kick in each year. "The state will look at that and annually by 5 percent, they will start closing that gap to where we don't levy as much,"

he said. "The main question, is the state going to honor that commitment? Should we plan on that?"

Board member Katie Pratt commented that Gov. Rauner this month again vetoed part of the funding bill. Thake explained that this most recent veto had to do with money the governor wants to go toward school choice (state funding of private schools) but said he expected the law to move forward once language in the bill was changed to accommodate that issue.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Principal Joshua Nichols, Amboy High School, congratulated the January Student of the Month Cassidy Corcoran.

Curriculum and School Improvement

* The Clippers, Set Sail! team gave out 2nd quarter incentives. Nick Tarr won the grand prize, a pair of Beats Headphones. "For the first time in

five years, I received a hand-written thank you note from Nick Tarr," Nichols said.

Other winners were Emma Weber, Mallory Powers and Chloe Welch, who won Casey's gift cards, and Logan Wood, Trevor Vaessen and Eden Lindenmeyer, Subway gift cards. Thirty-six students earned an ice cream party for having a 3.0 GPA or higher.

* ISBE finally sent the results of a Biology/ Science assessment, which was given to freshmen in 2016. The test was the first of it's kind in Illinois and Nichols said the AHS freshmen that year did well with an average score of 314 compared to the state average score of 300.

* The high school administered the 5Essentials survey during the week of Jan. 16.

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The new Amboy High School Leo Club officers include: President Kaitlyn Ortgiesen, Vice-President Clayton Kemp, Secretary Cassidy Corcoran, Treasurer Ashley Winters, and Directors Nathan Friel, Aly Gascoigne, and Bailee Highbarger.

Mary Mays/Amboy News



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Lions Club sponsors Amboy Clippers Leo Club

BY MARY MAYS

Staff Writer

AMBOY — Amboy High School has a new extracurricular club available for students thanks to the Amboy Lions Club.

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Amboy Lions Club President Dave Kemp wanted to know how to get more young people interested in joining the Amboy Lions Club. He learned that Lions Club International had developed Leo Clubs for junior high and high school students that are popular throughout the world. There are 6,800 clubs in 42 countries. Alpha Leo Clubs are for students 12 – 18 years old and Omega Leo Clubs are for ages 18 – 30 years old. Leo Clubs are sponsored and mentored by local Lions Clubs. After six months in the works, the new Amboy Leo Club is up and running.

Danielle Benesh is the Faculty Advisor for the club. The new Leo Club members are: Sidney Corcoran, Logan Winters, Emma Bickett, Audrey Woods, Kelynn Boyle, Kelsey Stewart, Rachel Lachat, Mallory Powers, Kenzie Payne, Molly Ackert, Danielle Hochstatter, Alexandra Jones, Savannah Ikens, Chloe Landrus, Shannon Lytle, Brianna Blaine, Kaity Wilhite, Taylor Stevens, Erin Latta, Gabby Jones, Abbie Ely, Riley Sus, Sadie Bell, and Noelle Jones.

Officers are: President Kaitlyn Ortgiesen, Vice-President Clayton Kemp, Secretary Cassidy Corcoran, Treasurer Ashley Winters, and Directors Nathan Friel, Aly Gascoigne, and Bailee Highbarger.

Students interested in joining the new Leo Club should see Ms. Benesh or any Leo member for more information.

Other business conducted at the Amboy Lions meeting on Jan. 19 included welcoming new member Patricia Ohlendorf and returning member Greg Ohlendorf to the Amboy Lions Club

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New Amboy Lions member Patricia Ohlendorf and returning member Greg Ohlendorf were inducted into the club on Jan. 19.

hy Amboy needs a new junior high

School board gives reasoning behind new construction & cost for property owners

BY BONNIE MORRIS

Editor

AMBOY - Voters living in Amboy Community Unit School District 272 will soon have a very important decision to make. A referendum on the March 20 primary ballot will ask for approval of a \$15.8 million General Obligation bond for construction of a replacement junior high school building adjacent to Amboy

Speaking at the Jan. 25 board of education meeting, Nicole Jones, board president, read a prepared statement from the board regarding the project. This was followed by a slide presentation showing the approximate property tax increases and a question and answer session with Lee County Treasurer John Fritz.

Board statement:

"At our December 2017 meeting, we, the board of education for the Amboy School District, voted to place a \$15.8 million General Obligation bond question on the March 20, 2018 ballot. We believe that investing in infrastructure is necessary to continue to provide high quality education to our students and a good work environment for our teachers and staff.

The Amboy Junior High School was built in 1922 and has served our communities and thousands of families well. Investment in the people, places and things that make education possible for the

students of our rural area is our priority.

This decision was not reached without careful consideration of our options:

* To continue basic maintenance of the junior high and make improvements required to meet the standards as outlined by the mandated 10-year health and life safety plan.

* To fully invest in renovation of the junior high.

*To house junior high students at the elementary or high school. Option one and two are costly. In each case we would be sinking tax payer dollars into an old building. We would achieve nothing more than application of expensive band-aids to reoccurring problems. Unfortunately, the age of the building makes fixing infrastructure issues complex – parts must be custom-made, some manufacturers are no longer in business, and the time and money spent just maintaining leaves nothing for improvement projects like building a secure school entrance, replacing windows or installing air conditioning, to name a few.

Option three seemed to be a good idea until we looked closer at how students move throughout their school day, how many hours in the school day, what is required by teachers to teach and finally, at the environments needed for students of various ages to learn.

Last year a building plan survey was issued to voters both by mail and online. We asked if there would be support for starting over with a new building. We asked if taxpayers would be willing to bear the cost of a new building or the cost of renovating the current structure. We asked for ideas. We asked for concerns. More than 500 people responded with a favorable response to exploring options for a new building.

In October, we held our first town hall meeting and convened

a group of parents and community members to further vet our options. In December, that group came to the board with their recommendation . . . to pursue a general obligation bond seeking funds to build a new junior high at the high school and make improvements to the current high school thus freeing school funds

to continue health and life safety projects at Central Elementary. Central was considered briefly as a location for a junior high building extension. However, the elementary school grounds sit on a floodplain and any new structure would most likely take away

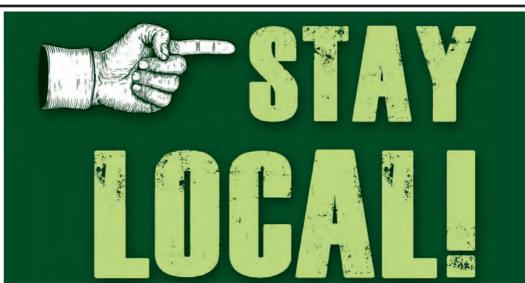
the playground and recess area. This decision has not just been about considering a new school, but also about the future of the current junior high building. The Board is committed to developing a solid exit plan that will NOT leave an abandoned building in the community. During construction the junior high will still function and be maintained as a usable school building for grades 5-8 at least through the 2018-19

The Board of Education has proven its ability to steward the district's finances wisely. When the state of Illinois held school funding hostage, some districts faced closing their doors. We did not. When our educators saw the tides turning towards technology use, we invested and became early adopters of innovative teaching practices, investing in and utilizing technology that give our students a learning environment that matches the innovation in the world around us.

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School Activities

* Nichols said rehearsals for the spring musical, "Annie" are in full swing with the cast and pit orchestra working very hard Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. on and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.

* Amboy hosted a Girls Basketball Tournament Dec. 26-29. Nichols congratulated the Spring Valley Hall girls' varsity team who won 1st place over eight other teams and the Amboy freshmen team who won 1st place over four other teams.

* Wrestling hosted a JV tournament on Jan. 6 with 14 teams competing and a varsity tournament on Jan. 13 with 13 teams competing.

FFA Report

* The FFA Alumni Machine Shed Masters on Sunday, Feb. 18 will be focused in the Sublette area with a dinner to follow at the Sublette Community Building.

* On Jan. 16, 12 FFA members attended an acquaintance night with the Lee County Farm Bureau. They met the young leaders and learned about Farm Bureau, the young leaders

group, and scholarships offered by Farm Bureau. They also heard Dr. Anderson of Sauk Valley discuss pointers on how to figure out life after high school.

* Ms. Drew has been working with Lincoln Electric to develop plans to revamp the welding area in the metals shop. Preliminary plans include 4-8 welding booths with proper ventilation to support MIG/ SMAW/Cutting/etc.

* The 2017 record books are now getting polished up in preparation for competition and ILFFA State Degree Interviews. Students have been staying after school and working with Ms. Drew to get them finished.

* Seven students attended the Mendota Ag Conference at the Mendota Civic Center on * CDEs (Career Develop-

ment Events) on Vet Science and Food Science were held Jan. 24 at Prophetstown. Principal Joyce Scham-

berger, Amboy Junior High and Central Elementary, said after returning to school this month, students at both schools were re-trained by grade level teams

on the expectations for PBIS. Student of the month awards were handed out during an all school assembly on Jan. 8. At Central School, Yoda of the Month Awards were presented to students. Kindness was the character trait for January, and all junior high staff members gave awards to students they felt exemplified this trait.

School Activities

* Academic Team is beginning with Ms. Vicks and Mr. Fassler as sponsors.

* The Whiteside Dental Clinic was held Jan. 23 at Central School for K-8

* The sixth grade class won the best attendance contest for December with a 96.62 percent attendance rate. They earned a snack sponsored by the junior high PTC. At Central School, first grade won best attendance for December with 97.04 percent. They also earned a snack paid for by Central PTC.

* Stacy Dinges organized the junior high spelling bee. Students will compete in their language arts classes and then an all school spelling bee will be held Feb. 2. The regional spelling bee is Feb. 22.

Local News

* AJHS students began selling candy bars on Jan. 25. Schamberger said this will be the last fundraiser for the year.

* The AJHS Honors Dinner will be held on Monday, Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. in the gym. Soup and sandwiches will be served. Parents and grandparents are invited to attend. The guest speakers will be Dr. Brandon Klein, DDS and Dr. Kelly Klein, OD, who will talk to students about goal setting and leadership skills.

OTHER BUSINESS

* Amboy hosted K-5 teachers, directors of professional development, and assistant principals from Kaneland Unit School District 302 on Jan. 25. Thake said the group saw classrooms at Central and visited with a panel of teachers and a panel of students. "They were absolutely floored when they left, that's a common theme," he commented. "It's always fun and a good reminder that we are on course. It's good that we invested in 21st Century learning and in technology - it's been an amazing transformation. I couldn't be more pleased with what's happening and I hope everybody feels the same way."

* The board approved a student activity account for the new Amboy Leo's Club at AHS. Kaitlyn Ortgiesen, club president, and Danielle Benesh, social studies teacher/club sponsor, said the new club is a division of the Amboy Lion's Club and currently has 33 members. The club is geared toward community service and getting students actively involved in their community.

* AHS alumnus Ed Morris, spoke to the board during open forum, saying he thought it "might be interesting to see how I turned out." Born Tonica, Morris said his father was the school board president there before the family moved to a farm near Harmon. In his senior year at AHS, Morris won letters in football and track and awards in music, drama and journalism, was president of FFA and was awarded the degree of State

He studied ag education at the University of Illinois for three years, then volunteered for the draft and was called to active duty for two years. He returned to U of I, got a Master's degree and joined the Air Force Reserves, where he was promoted to major and retired.

After college, Morris said he farmed so his father could retire. He was also a substitute teacher at area schools. When special education became required, very few teachers were qualified, so he quit farming and became qualified.

After a dozen years teaching special ed in Amboy, he moved to Wheaton and spent 20 years working for a publisher. After retiring, he returned to the Amboy area and did some more teaching

PERSONNEL

Following closed session, the board accepted the retirement resignation of Beth Becker as home economics/horticulture teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2017-18 school year and approved Brad Metz as head custodian at Amboy High School, effective Jan. 8.

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

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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.

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

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

The votes cast during this time will not be counted until Election Day.

PLEASE NOTE: Lee County Courthouse will be closed

Email: election@countyoflee.org Phone: 815-288-3309

Once a ballot has been cast it cannot be rescinded.

We urge the voters of the Amboy School District to carefully consider the future of the Amboy Junior High. On the surface, this may seem to be just about brick and mortar. The greater discussion goes much deeper. This is about the future of our communities - our students."

Department of her office

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

February 12th and February 19th.

Website: www.leecountyil.com

Property taxes

Following the prepared statement, Jones continued, "The big question is real estate taxes. How are we going to pay for this?"

Using a slide show presentation, Jones gave examples of the expected property tax increases for various home and land values.

senior exemption: \$60,000 fair cash value; owner occupied exemption, an annual tax increase (20 years) of \$77.38.

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Owner occupied home: \$60,000 fair cash value; owner occupied exemption, an annual tax increase (20 years) of \$120.40.

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owner occupied exemption, an

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of \$235.07.

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taxable value \$9,263*, an annual tax increase (20 years) of Farmland-120 acres: net

nual tax increase (20 years) of \$161.45. (*For farmland, the net taxable amount varies, so your tax bill is needed to more closely estimate.)

taxable value \$18,773*, an an-

Farmland: net taxable value \$50,000, an annual tax increase (20 years) of \$430

Farmland: net taxable value \$100,000, an annual tax increase (20 years) of \$860.

The property tax calculator is available on the school district website at www.ambov.net (go to the Building/Grounds Project tab, click District Projects) or link directly at http://www. amboy.net/building--groundsproject.html. Jones noted that Farmland-40 acres: net the calculator includes an owner-occupied exemption only, not the senior exemption.

Fritz emphasized that anyone with questions about the effect the referendum would have on their property taxes is welcome to contact his office. As for farmland, he noted that farm value is reassessed every year using four criteria, which makes the taxes much more complicated. "If you want to come and talk to us, we're always open to answer questions, that's our job," he said.

Open house

The community is invited to learn more about the proposed junior high building project and see first hand the condition of the nearly 100-year-old Amboy Junior High School building at their next open house event on Wednesday, Feb. 21 from

Lee County Republicans to present An Evening with Ronald Reagan on Feb. 2

DIXON — The Lee County Republican Cen- (Sinatra Singer), Ringland-Johnson CEO Brent tral Committee will be presenting An Evening to Johnson sharing his experience as a Reagan Aide. mber Ronald Reagan from 5 – 8·30 n m on Feb. 2, at the Elks Lodge in Dixon.

Admission tickets are \$45 per individual or \$320 for a table of eight (8).

The event will include live entertainment

and speeches from local state and federal candidates. A dessert auction will benefit the Reagan Boyhood Home restoration.

Please contact Matt Klahn by email at citizensforklahn@gmail.com for ticket/table purchases.











David Thompson, MD

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Cathy Myers

Lee County Clerk & Recorder

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Senn to celebrate 80th birthday

BERRYVILLE, **Ark.** — Daniel Senn will be celebrating his 80th birthday on Feb. 1.

He was born Feb. 1, 1938 in Grand Detour to Henry and Mabel Senn. He resided in Amboy and retired to Berryville, Ark. He has four children, eight grandchildren and three great-

Cards may be sent to 109 Country Road 219, Berryville, AR

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This Week's Student of the Week is:

Speeding

On Jan. 24, at 5:27 p.m., James R. McCallister, 32, of Amboy, was issued a citation for speeding 46 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. He was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

> **Driving while license** revoked

On Jan. 26, at 5:51 p.m., Tiffany A. Law, 42, of Amboy,

was arrested for driving while license revoked and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. She was transported to the Lee County Jail.

No valid driver's license

On Jan. 26, at 8:35 p.m., Jeremy T. Kessel, 35, of Amboy, was arrested for no valid driver's license. He was transported to the Lee County Jail.

Community Calendar

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

AMBOY-The Lee County Soil & Water Conservation District will have absentee ballots for the Annual Election of Directors available beginning Thursday, Feb. 1, by contacting the office at 319 S. Mason Ave., or by phone 815-857-3621 Ext. 3. Ballots must be returned by Friday, Feb. 9. Regular voting will be held Feb. 14.

AMBOY-The Amboy Young Seekers 4-H Club will hold an Open House at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 1, at the Lee County 4-H Center and Fairgrounds, 1196 Franklin Rd. Kids ages 8 to 19 and their families are invited to talk with current 4-H members and learn what 4-H has to offer. Call Katie Pratt at 815-719-0405 for more information.

FRANKLIN GROVE-The Lee County Extension presents Master Gardener Aimee Hoffman's program on Orchid Care at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Winifred Knox Memorial Library. 112 S. Elm St. The program is free but registration is appreciated by calling the library at 815-456-2823.

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

AMBOY-The City of Amboy committees will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 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, Feb. 5, at the Amboy Family Restaurant community

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FRANKLIN GROVE-Jr. Stewards 4-H SPIN Club, for 8-12 year olds, will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays in February from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Woman's Club Shelter, Atlasta Park, S. State St. For more information, call the Lee County Extension office at 815-857-3525 or register online at https://web.extension.illinois. edu/registration/?Registration ID=17796.

AMBOY-The Amboy Civic Organization (ACO) will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at Maria's, 110 E. Main St.

ROCK FALLS-The American Red Cross, in coordination with Mayor William B. Wescott of Rock Falls and Bethany Bland, President/CEO of Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, will hold two monthly Blood Drives on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Rock Falls Community Building, 601 W. 10th St. The first Wednesday of the month drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m., Feb. 7. The third Wednesday of the month drive, Feb. 21, will be from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call 800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment to donate.

AMBOY-Immanual Lutheran Church, 960 US RT 52, will host Community Bingo at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8. Bingo will be followed by a light lunch. Call the church at 815-857-2225 for more information.

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

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 12, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

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

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

EAST GROVE TWP-The East Grove Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the East Grove Township Hall.

AMBOY-The Lee County

Soil and Water Conservation District will hold the Annual Election of Directors from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the LCSWCD office at 319 S. Mason Ave. Call 815-857-3621 Ext. 3 for more information.

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

tenance Building.



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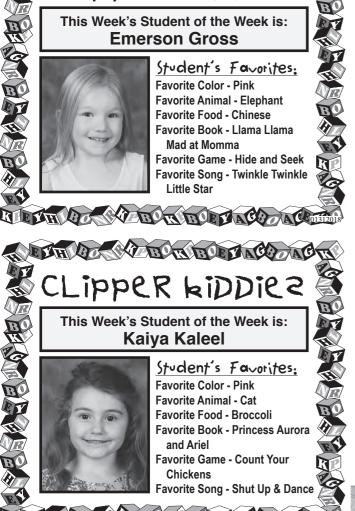
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OBITUARIES

Jan E. Freil May 10, 1952 - Jan. 27, 2018

DIXON — Jan E. Freil, 65, of Dixon, died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018, in his home.

He was born May 10, 1952, in Dixon, the son of Eugene and Betty Ann (Foster) Freil.

He had worked for the Illinois Department of Corrections for over 17 years prior to his retirement

Jan was an avid New York Yankee fan.

He married Marla Friel at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy, on Jan. 30, 1971.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Sherry Freil Emery, and a great nephew.

Survivors include his wife; his son, Christopher Freil, of Dixon; his daughter, Stacie (Kenyatta Brock) Freil, of North Carolina; three brothers, Neil (Caren) Freil, Dean (Janet) Freil and Aaron (Mary) Koester, all of Dixon; one sister, Missy (Brian) Capp, of Rock Falls; 16 nieces and nephews; and 14 great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018, beginning with a 10 a.m. prayer service in the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon, followed by a 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon with the Rev. Thomas Doyle, officiating. Burial followed in St. Patrick Cemetery in Maytown.

Lunch followed the burial at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Dixon. Visitation was held



from 2 - 8 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 30, in the funeral home with the Rosary recited at 7:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to St. Anne School.

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

During the meeting there was also a presentation of Years in Service certificates to several members and the presentation of a check to District Governor Steve Boettger for the Restoring Hope Transplant House.

A can collecting change at Amboy Food & Liquor resulted in the donation to Restoring Hope. Restoring Hope is a non-profit home that provides lodging for those undergoing transplant surgeries at UW Hospital and the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison. Boettger chose Restoring Hope as his

charitable project for his term

as District Governor. A planned

expansion at Restoring Hope

will provide lodging for more than twice as many families

than were previously able to be served. Amboy Lions Club

member Jim Travi encouraged everyone to drop their change

into the can when checking out

to help this great cause.

Timothy P. Considine Oct. 8, 1957 - Jan. 24, 2018

BELVIDERE — Timothy P. Considine, 60, of Belvidere passed away Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018. He was born Oct. 8, 1957, in Champaign, the son of James Lloyd and Lois (Morrissey) Considine. He married Kimberly Evink on Sept. 17, 1988, in Rockford, at St. Rita Catholic Church.

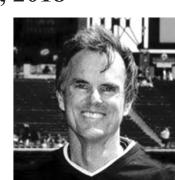
He was employed as an attorney in Rockford for many years. He was a member of St. Rita Catholic Church.

Tim was known and respected for extending himself to those in need. He showed through his example the value of patience and tolerance. A longtime Chicago White Sox season ticket holder, Tim found joy in making it possible for many to experience a White Sox game. A highlight for Tim was being given the honor of throwing out the first pitch at a White Sox game.

Survivors include his wife, Kim; children, Kristi (Phil) Ianno and Cole Considine; a proud new papa, of Luke Ianno; mother, Lois Considine; brother, Patrick (Traci) Considine; sisters, Rita Koykar, Joanie (Mike) Blosser, Judy (Ken) Koziol and Jeanie (Joe) Nauman; sister-in-law, Lisa Papini; and brother-in-law, Kelly (Beth) Evink; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his father.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan.



27, in St. Rita Catholic Church, 6254 Valley Knoll Drive, Rockford, with visitation from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Burial followed in Holy Cross Cemetery, Harmon. Visitation was held from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, in Delehanty Funeral Home, Ltd., 401 River Lane, Loves Park.

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Amboy Lion Jim Travi, pictured right, presents District Governor Steve Boettger with a check for the Restoring Hope Transplant House.

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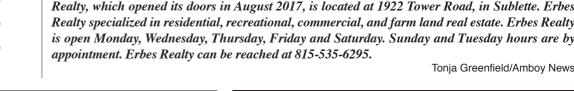


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Educational Briefs

Kish College announces Fall 2017 Deans List

MALTA — The Office of Student Services at Kishwaukee College has announced the students named to the Fall 2017 Deans List.

To be eligible for Dean's List honors, a student must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours (at the 100/200 level) during an academic term at Kish with a semester GPA (grade point average) of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

The following Kishwaukee College students have been named to the official Fall 2017 Dean's List:

Compton Alicia Kay Cooper

Brandon Paul Griffith, David J. Faivre, Richard P. Ragan, Amber Shafer and Natalie L. Swanson

Paw Paw

Mariah Erin Mahon, Antonio Solis, Bethany J. Strohman and William Scott Zeman

Sublette Joyce A. Papiech

Local students graduate from NIU

DEKALB — Northern Illinois University celebrated commencement weekend, Dec. 16 and 17. Included among the

more than 1,450 graduates were the following local students:

Amboy

Calvin Dewey, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science -Software Development

Ashton

Kamya Becker, Master of Science in Education, Special Education - Advanced Special **Education Practices**

Matthew Murges, Master of Science in Education, Special Education - Learning Behavior Specialist

Dixon

Christie Crabtree, Bachelor of General Studies, General **Emphasis**

Andrea Hey, Bachelor of Science, Accountancy

William Hoyle Jr., Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering: Advanced Computing Joseph McBride, Master of Science, Industrial Manage-

Zahra Muhsin, Bachelor of Arts, English

Jennifer Schrauth, Bachelor of Science, Political Science -Public Law

Alison White, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology Paw Paw

Aleigha Lampson, Bachelor

of Arts, Psychology Steward Joanne King, Bachelor of

General Studies, General Emphasis

West Brooklyn

a "douhan" with one of the

Casablanca customers. She

soon arrive in Tokyo to search

for her. Tim Blackman immedi-

ately decides to enlist the media

in the search for his daughter.

The Tokyo police strikes him as

"cozy, feckless, and sinister."

He is appalled that the police

station does not have a single

Prime Minister Tony Blair

who happens to be in Tokyo.

He even enlists British

computer.

Lucie's sister and father

vanishes without a trace.

Andrew Cozzi, Bachelor of Arts, Communication - Media Studies

Book Nook

Tatjana Kazan

True crime

The abduction of a

beautiful young

woman by a fiend

who will savagely destroy

her is such a commonplace in

movies, TV, and books, that by

now it rarely has the power to

shock us. But when the crime

really does happen, and when

it is told as vividly as Richard

Lloyd Parry's "People Who

Eat Darkness" (2011), we pay

attention. At the very least, we

Times of London, based in

Tokyo, Parry covered the story

of the disappearance of Lucie

Blackman from the beginning.

In May 2000, Lucie Blackman,

21, from Kent, England arrives

in Tokyo with her friend Louise

Philips for a three-month stay.

Tall, blonde, a former British

Airways flight attendant, Lucie

soon gets a job as a hostess at

Club Casablanca in Roppongi,

a night club district in Tokyo.

to fill glasses, light cigarettes,

and talk with male custom-

ers within the confines of the

club. Part of a hostess' duties

is a quota of a minimum of

15 "douhan" per month. A

"douhan" is a paid date with a

customer, but Lucie isn't very

good at it. On the afternoon

of July 1, she excitedly calls

Louise to say she is going on

A club hostess is required

As the Asia editor of the

don't read it at bedtime.

For more information, visit www.niu.edu

Millikin University announces Fall

earn High Dean's List honors.

Dixon

Mary Hildebrand, College

Brooke Smith, College of

Simpson is named to Upper Iowa University Fall Dean's List

FAYETTE, **Iowa** — Upper Iowa University has announced that Kelsey Simpson, a Graphic Design major from Amboy, has been named to the University's Dean's List for the 2017 fall semester. To be honored, a student must have earned a minimum 3.50 grade point average for

Since the case is so well known, Parry tells us from the outset that Lucie is dead. He devotes a long section to a lively portrait of Lucie, her family, and her time as a Tokyo club hostess. He then takes up the nation-wide search for Lucy, starring her father Tim. A gripping account of the Tokyo police's search for Lucie and subsequent manhunt for her killer is perhaps the best part of the book, if for no other reason than that Japanese police methods are so different from our Western notions of law and order.

When we do meet the killer, we come face to face with a of the egomania and narcissism of a truly malevolent human Eat Darkness" so compelling.

Lucie's disappearance attracts

monster. Parry never sensationalizes his story, indeed, it is his calm, judicious rendering being that makes "People Who But the killer remains opaque, unknowable, which is just as

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about 5,800 students-nationally and internationally. For more 2017 Dean's List information, visit www.uiu.edu. **DECATUR** - The follow-**WIU** announces ing students were named to the Dean's List Dean's List at Millikin Uni-

versity for fall 2017. Students who attempt 12 graded credits during a fall or spring semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher earn Dean's List honors. Students earning a perfect 4.00 grade point average on 12 graded credits attempted

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To receive this award, an undergraduate student must earn at least a 3.6 grade point average on a scale of 4.0, which equals an A in a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded courses; passfail hours are not counted (e.g., student teaching, internships). Local students include:

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Pack your bags, it's time to get the dog neutered

t was a foregone conclusion that we would Guest Column have our dog Stanley neutered once he was old Lenough. Just like it was a foregone conclusion that, when it came time to deliver him into the hands of the vet, I would be playing the role of "Judas."

I thought about disguising myself and borrowing someone else's car so that Stanley would not associate me with his loss of malehood. My wife told me I was being silly. He's a dog, she reminded me, and capable of recognizing my scent no matter how I was dressed.

It didn't help the situation that my four-year-old son, after overhearing our conversation, had reached the conclusion that something serious was happening, and that it involved, but wasn't limited to, Stanley

turning into a girl and biting daddy. Naturally, as responsible parents, we then sat down with our son and, together, convinced

him that he had a hearing problem. We informed him the problem could be solved by allowing his ears to rest, which he should do by covering them By Ned Hickson as much as possible.

> However, we're rational adults. We realized our son would, from time to time, need to use his hands for something other than covering his ears.

So, as rational adults, we also developed a secret code language in order to safely continue our discussion about Stanley. Using our new code, I explained that I was concerned how Stanley would react once he got home and discovered his luggage had been lost, and how he might hold me personally responsible since I was there when his bags were checked in.

My wife argued that dogs lose their luggage every day, and none of them go after the pilots.

I admitted she was right, but that most pilots aren't standing

next to a passenger when they've just realized there's nothing waiting for them at the baggage claim.

That's when my wife took me by the hand and gently told me that if Stanley missed his flight today, my luggage would be waiting for me on the front porch when I got home.

As I sat in the vet's office that afternoon, I avoided all eye contact with Stanley, who, at 10 months old, still hasn't learned to fear people wearing latex gloves. When it came time, the vet explained that it was a simple procedure. That Stanley wouldn't be conscious during the operation, and that, as a male veterinarian, neither would he, but his assistants were "perfectly capable of doing whatever is supposed to be done down there."

When they took Stanley away, he was happy.

When I picked him up a few hours later, he was still happy. Even though, with the cone over his head to keep him from licking his stitches, he looked like a dumb cousin to the RCA dog who had gotten a running start and gone headfirst through the small end of a Victrola speaker.

My wife called a short time later, and it was obvious that my son was with her because she asked how Stanley's flight went.

I told her that the plane landed safely, and that we would be home just as soon as I determine the physics necessary to fit a threefoot diameter cone through a two-foot-square car door opening. Ironically, we'd probably still be there if Stanley hadn't fit in

the luggage compartment. You can write to Ned Hickson at nedhickson@icloud.com, or

c/o Siuslaw News, 148 Maple St., Florence, OR. 97439.

Letters to the Editor

In support of General Obligation Bond

I am writing in support of the upcoming Amboy School District March 20 General Obligation bond. It is time, after almost 100 years of using the existing Amboy Junior High as a learning center, to move on and give our students, teachers, parents and community an up to date new learning center that will move us into the 21st Century.

The importance of a up to date school building today cannot be understated. Our children are competing in a global world and we as responsible community members must do everything in our power to give them the most ideal learning environment in which

When talking to local realtors about why new potential families move into Amboy, our schools are always right there at the top of the discussion and there is no doubt that we need to keep those high educational standards that society demands. The best way to do this is through the passing of bond. It will cost me a little extra every day for the next 20 years, about the price of a coffee at a local gas station, but I am very much willing to spend every extra penny I have for our students and teachers.

> 50 Years Ago Feb. 1, 1968

Dr. David C. Shapiro, 42 of Amboy, announced he will seek

Charles Aschenbrenner of Joliet was named the Outstanding

The Amboy Clippers defeated the Mount Carroll Hawks 65-48

the Republican nomination for the seat in the Illinois House of

Young Educator by the Joliet Jaycees at their award banquet

in a Blackhawk Conference game Friday night at Mount Carroll.

Joe Jahn **Amboy**

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago

Last Friday there were 65 towns and cities in Illinois reported to be out of coal. The Congregational people annulled their Sunday morning service and made no attempt to heat the church. The Methodists held their morning service in the basement which can be heated with less coal than the auditorium. As the basement was already partly warmed, it was decided to hold the union church

service there in the evening. Dwight Mynard and Charles Jeanblanc departed for Ames, Iowa where they will attend the agriculture school for a few months.

Wireless telegraphy is being taught in the LaSalle-Peru township high school to provide operators for the signal corps of the United States Army

25 Years Ago Feb. 4, 1993

Representatives from the 35th District.

Thursday night at Joliet Elks Club.

The first annual JC dog pull will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday Feb. 6 at the Amboy JC Community Building. Area residents are invited to see this unique event.

The old Palmer School on Rt. 26 near Amboy will someday be a historic addition to the Depot Museum. The Vincent Ranken family is donating the old school house and fund raising has begun to pay for the cost of moving it to the Clinton C. Conway Park.

Amboy voters will have several choices to make in the April 20 city council election as races have developed for several seats. Incumbent Alderman LeRoy Stambaugh and Hank Gerdes filed for mayor. Darlene Hinkle and Paula McCoy are candidates for clerk.

Feb. 1, 1918

75 Years Ago Jan. 28, 1943

Martin Schuette, yeoman 2/C of the U.S. Navy, left Tuesday to return to his duties on the east coast after an enjoyable visit here with his mother, Mrs. Clara Schuette and his brother, Mayor C. F. Schuette and family.

Mrs. William Welty will stay in Amboy with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bachofen for the duration of the war. Mr. Welty, who enlisted in the U.S. Navy, will report in Chicago the last of the week and go from there to Norfolk Va.

Earl F. Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Barnes, went to Peoria Sunday from where he entrained for service in the U.S.

Coward (noun): Chicken, quitter, weakling, deserter, runaway, Fraidy-cat, Scaredy-cat

governor, Bruce Rauner, is a coward. How else can we describe a man who refuses to debate his opponent?

Last month, journalists in Jacksonville tried to pin the governor down on whether he would debate his Republican opponent, state Rep. Jeanne

He was asked three times and he refused to answer.

It's not a way of projecting yourself as a man of resolve. He refused to answer a yes or no question.

The University of Illinois at Springfield, WMAY radio and the State Journal-Register tried to organize a GOP debate for next month, but according to the newspaper Rauner has indicated he won't go.

I emailed Rauner's campaign spokesman Justin Giorgio to find out why the governor is laying low. He did not respond to multiple emails.

Of course, Rauner doesn't likely see himself as a coward. He's probably been advised not to give his opponent an opportunity for free publicity since he is leading her in the polls.

But there is a problem with that contention. When there is no debate, the loser isn't Jeanne Ives. The losers are the voters.

They deserve to know where their candidates stand on the issues. When Rauner thumbs his nose at debating the person he is running against, he is showing contempt not just for

Guest Column By Scott Reeder



his opponent but for the process. Rauner has called Ives a "fringe candidate." Perhaps he thinks she is unworthy to be in the same forum with a sitting governor.

spect her. She has six years of service in the Illinois General Assembly under her belt. That's six more years of elected public service than Rauner had when he was running for governor four years ago. So, in that sense, she is less of a "fringe candidate" than when the governor first ran.

Yes, Ives is conservative on both social and economic issues. But so are many of the GOP's primary voters.

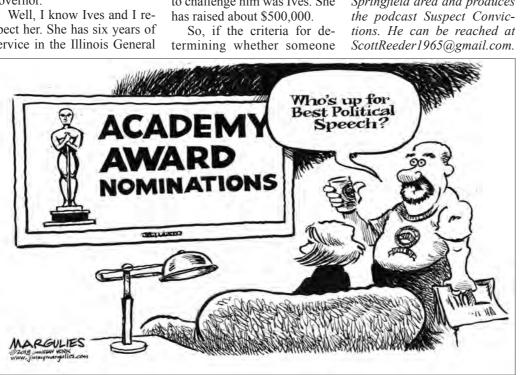
Perhaps the governor is talking about money. He is way ahead of her in that area. He donated \$50 million to his own campaign fund as a way of intimidating any would-be opponents from running. The only GOP candidate to step forward to challenge him was Ives. She is worthy of being debated is how much money someone has raised, why have an election?

We could hold an auction

Since Rauner's campaign won't say why he won't debate, I asked Ives why she thinks the governor is avoiding facing her.

"Bruce Rauner is not prepared to have a substantive policy discussion with me. There is much he has to answer for during his four years in office. He's just afraid to debate a woman on the issues."

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Amboy wins volleyball sportsmanship award

AMBOY — Amboy High School won this year's 2017 NWIVOA Volleyball Sportsmanship Award, sponsored by the Northwest Illinois Volleyball Officials Association. Each year, members of the association rate each school's sportsmanship in the following areas: team members, coaches/administration and the fans. The team that most consistently demonstrates good sportsmanship for the entire season, and has a minimum of 10 evaluations from at least four different officials, is awarded a gym banner. The other schools in the top five were East

Dubuque, Polo, Durand and Pearl City. The NWIVOA also recognizes those schools that had a composite score of 2.0 or less on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being outstanding and 5 being poor. In addition to the top five schools, there were 18 other schools that had a composite rating of 2.0 or less. These schools were: Oregon, Forreston, Stockton, Warren, West Carroll, Rock Falls, Ashton/Franklin Center, Freeport Aquin, Stillman Valley, Pecatonica, Orangeville, Galena, River Ridge, Lena-Winslow, Scales Mound, Milledgeville, Dakota and Eastland.

Girls basketball regionals set

KEWANEE – The Amboy Lady Clippers will participate in the Kewanee (Wethersfield) Class 1A Girls' Regional Basketball Tournament to be played Feb. 5, 6, 8.

The tournament will begin on Monday, Feb. 5 with LaMoille-Ohio taking on DePue.

The winner of that game will advance to the second round to play Kewanee (Wethersfield) at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6. Amboy and Ashton-Franklin Center will play the other game on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The winners of the Tuesday games will move on to battle for the regional title at 7 p.m. Thurs-

The winner of the Kewanee (Wethersfield) Regional will earn a berth in the Hinckley-Big Rock Sectional to meet the regional champion

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from the Aurora (Christian) Regional on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m.

The other teams in the sectional will come from the Ottawa (Marquette) and Chicago (Morgan Park Academy) regionals.

Kewanee (Wethersfield) Class 1A Regional Monday, Feb. 5

1-(9) LaMoille [Coop] vs. (10) DePue-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6

2 – (2) Kewanee (Wethersfield) vs. Winner Game 1-6 p.m.

3 – (4) Ashton (A.-Franklin Center) vs. (5) Amboy -7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 8

4-Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3-7 p.m.



EAGLE OF THE WEEK

Amboy's Delaney Wilhelm named Edgewood College Eagle of the Week. Wilhelm led the team with 17 points and 9 rebounds in 68-50 win over Rockford. The Amboy native matched her careerhigh in points (17) and set a new career-high with a 67 percent field goal percentage (6 of 9).

Lady Clippers win two of three games last week

AMBOY — The Amboy Lady Clippers won two of three games last week as they wind down the regular season.

The action began with a make-up game at Milledgeville on Jan. 24. Amboy attempted a comeback from a double-digit deficit in the fourth quarter, but came up short, 53-48.

The game was a seesaw battle until the third quarter when the Lady Missiles jumped ahead by 11 points. Amboy spent the rest of the game making its comeback and had two good shots to tie the game, but came up short. Milledgeville's height of 6-1, 6-0 and 5-9 was a problem most

Amboy had a balanced scoring attack, led by Abi Payne with 10 points. She also provided seven assists and three steals. Mallory Powers was next with nine points, while Noelle Jones dropped in six points and added three assists. Also making contributions were Rachel Lachat with six points, Kallie Appleman with five points and seven rebounds, Logan Winters with two points and five caroms, and Taylor Stevens and Breanna Fisher with four points apiece.

Amboy journeyed to Polo on Jan. 25 and cruised to a 49-20 victory. The Lady Clippers jumped out to an 18-7 first-quarter lead and never

Lachat (13 points) and Stevens (12 points) shouldered the scoring load for Amboy. Stevens also led with five assists, while Lachat added five rebounds, two assists and two steals. Jones chipped in with seven points and tied with Hope Sachs for the team lead in rebounds with eight.

Milledgeville made the trip to Amboy on Jan. 27 and the Lady Clippers got revenge with a huge 40-28 victory.

It was a strange first half, with the two teams combining for just 16 points. The Lady Clippers shot poorly in the first two quarters, but played great defense and were able to take a 9-7 lead to the locker room.

In the third period, Amboy came out and scored 15 points and held the Lady Missiles to just four, which proved to be the difference in the game.

Payne pumped in a season-high 17 points to lead the offense. She also dished out three assists. Jones (six points, six rebounds) and Appleman (six points, five rebounds) were instrumental in the win, while Sachs and Lachat each had two steals.

Amboy is 12-12 on the season with two regular season games remaining - Senior Night on Wednesday, Jan. 31 against Orangeville and at Freeport Aquin on Friday, Feb. 2.

AMBOY C.U.S.D #272 KINDERGARTEN

Starting February 19, 2018, parents/guardians of children that live in the Amboy School District and will be five years of age on or prior to September 1, 2018 will need to pre-register for kindergarten.

PRE-REGISTRATION

This is done by going on the District's website (www.amboy.net) to Parent/Student Resources, click Registration, then to 2018-2019 Kindergarten Pre-Registration (DO NOT use the 2017-2018 New Student Registration).

From the Submission Confirmation page, you will signup for a kindergarten screening time for either Wednesday, May 2 or Tuesday, May 8. The screenings are held at Central School.

Parents/Guardians must bring their child's certified birth certificate (not hospital copy) and proof of residency to the screening. All health forms need to be turned in on or before the first day of student attendance in August.

This is pre-registration only. This step is important so that staff can be prepared for the upcoming school year. You will register as a Returning Student when regular registration opens for we will already have all the basic information.

> If there are any questions please call Central School at 815-857-3619.

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Thurs., Feb. 1 February 2 & 3 AJHS Scholastic Bowl @ St. Mary's, Dixon - 4:00 p.m.

AJHS 8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Harding Tourney, Earlville - TBA

Fri., Feb. 2 AHS Girls Basketball @ Freeport Aquin – 6:00 p.m.

AHS Boys Basketball @ Milledgeville - 6:00 p.m. Sat., Feb. 3

February 5 - 9AHS Girls Basketball Regionals @ TBA

Mon., Feb. 5 AHS Scholastic Bowl @ Ashton (AFC) - 4:00 p.m.

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AJHS 7th & 8th Scholastic Bowl @ Sterling Challand -4:00 p.m.

AJHS Girls Basketball (H) LaMoille – 4:00 p.m.

AHS Boys Basketball (H) Eastland – 6:00 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 8 AJHS Scholastic Bowl @ Dixon Reagan - 4:00 p.m. AHS Boys Basketball (H) Polo - 6:00 p.m.

School Board Finance/Building & Grounds Committee

Meeting – AHS Room 105 – 7:00 p.m.

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JR HIGH MENU

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February 5-9

Milk served at each meal Breakfast option of cold items or the featured item

Lunch option each day of the featured item or salad bar with soup or yogurt with whole grain crackers or peanut butter & jelly or Grab&Go smoothie.

Monday- Cinnamon slice - Pizza burger on bun, pretzels, broccoli,

Tuesday

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Thursday

cheese sauce, fresh cut veggies/ranch, peaches - Breakfast burrito

- Ham, augratin potatoes, fresh cut veggies/ ranch, green beans, roll/butter, pineapple

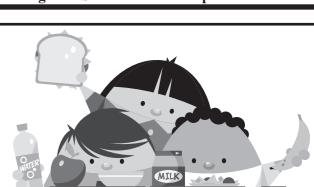
- Bacon scramble - Roast pork in gravy, mashed potatoes,

fruit, cupcake

cheese stick, peas, carrots, roll/butter, pears - Egg, cheese & bagel

- Penne pasta, red sauce & chicken, mozzarella cheese, corn, garlic bread, mixed

- Sloppy joe on bun, sweet p'tator tots, salad, fresh veggies/ranch, applesauce



CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU February 5-9

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

Monday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart

sauce, fresh cut veggies/ranch, peaches Tuesday

- Pizza burger on bun, pretzels, broccoli, cheese

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart

- Ham, augratin potatoes, fresh cut veggies/ ranch, green beans, roll/butter, pineapple

- Breakfast pizza or pick two from breakfast cart

- Roast pork in gravy, mashed potatoes, cheese

stick, peas, carrots, roll/butter, pears

- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Penne pasta, red sauce & chicken, mozzarella

cheese, corn, garlic bread, mixed fruit, cupcake - Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from

- Sloppy joe on bun, sweet p'tator tots, salad, fresh veggies/ranch, applesauce

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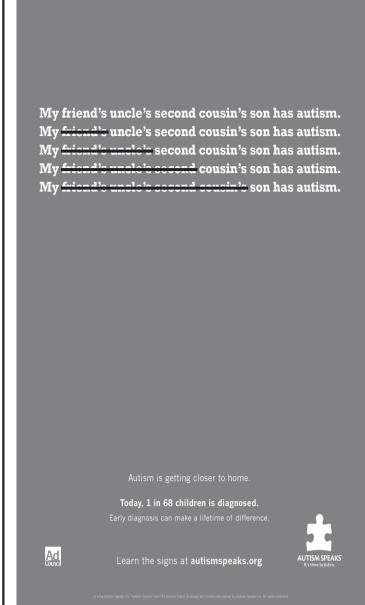
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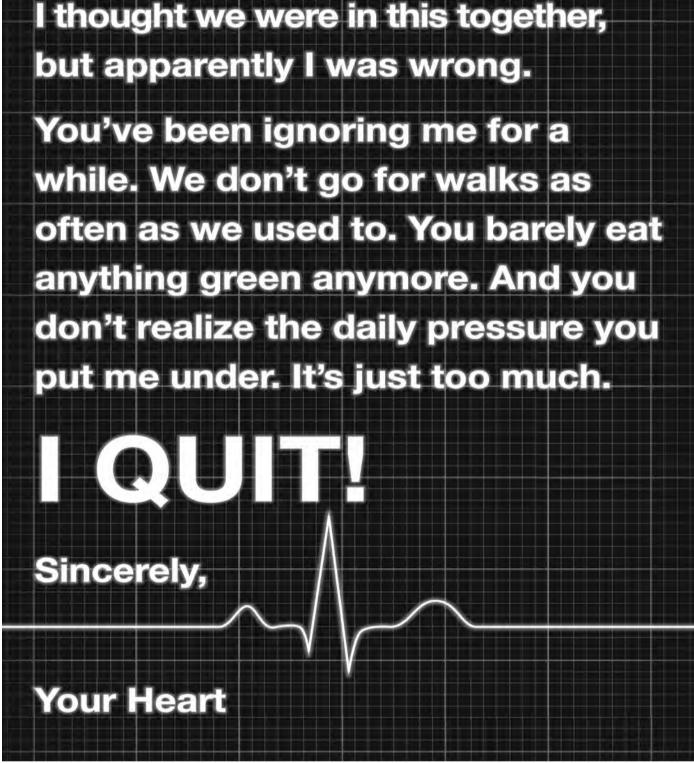


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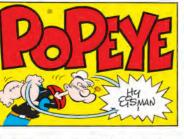
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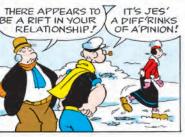




















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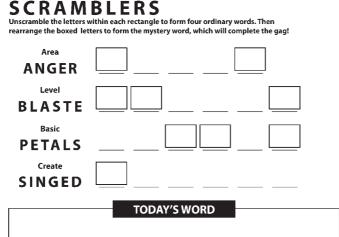


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"Check the computer for available females and see what we have listed under



by Dave T. Phipps

King Crossword

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by Linda Thistle

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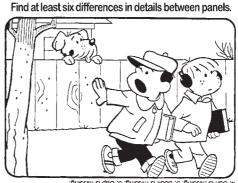
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Today's Word

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-Roďriguez

fish called? 3. ASTRONOMY: What is the sixth

1. LANGUAGE: What is a lexicon? 2. PSYCHOLOGY: What is a fear of

- planet from the sun? 4. U.S. STATES: Which is the only
- U.S. state to begin with the letter "P"? 5. SCIENCE: What is the term used when heat is transferred through a solid
- 20th-century playwright once said, "If you can't get rid of the skeleton in your closet, you'd best teach it to dance"? 7. MOVIES: In what movie did an Amer-

6. FAMOUS QUOTES: Which

- ican actress say: "Fasten your seatbelts. It's going to be a bumpy night"? 8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What kind of flower bulbs once were used as a
- form of currency? 9. ART: What is the painting called "La Gioconda" more commonly known as? 10. HISTORY: When did the Cold War
- between the United States and the Soviet Union end? © 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

1661,01 9. "The Mona Lisa" sqiluT .8

7. Bette Davis, in "All About Eve" 6. George Bernard Shaw

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Trivia Test Answers

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