

Pink and Gray Cancer Night for AFC vs Amboy game on Friday

AMBOY — Come out for the Amboy Pink/Gray Cancer Night as the Lady Clippers take on the AFC Lady Raiders on Friday, Jan. 19.

The evening will begin with the FS

game beginning at 6 p.m. at Amboy High School. The varsity game will begin at 7:30 p.m. There will be a silent auction, a gift raffle and a 50/50 raffle.

Wear pink or gray to show your support.

Donors needed for Amboy blood drive

AMBOY — Due to the extreme cold weather many American Red Cross blood drives had to be canceled or the participation was low and as always in the winter there is a shortage of blood supply.

Please if you are 17 years old and older, and in good health give a little of yourself so that others may once again have their health restored.

Go online for your Rapid Pass or call Darlene at 857-3864 to schedule your appointment for Tuesday, Jan. 30 between noon and 6 p.m.

They'll be looking for you at the Amboy Community Building 280 W. Wasson Road and will be ready to serve lunch to all our VIP guests.

Yentzer honored for service to the city

BY TONJA GREENFIELD
GENERAL MANAGER

AMBOY — Shirley Yentzer was honored by Amboy Police Jeff Blake and the Amboy City Council for her years of service to the city.

The council voted to accept Yentzer's resignation during the city's monthly meeting on Monday night. Amboy Mayor John Schamberger was absent and Alderman Daryl Stuckemeyer led the meeting.

Blake spoke to those attended about Yentzer's 20 years of service to the city, calling her the unsung hero and most valuable employee of the police department. He said she handled every single report, every document and thousands of case files that were produced by the police department. He added that she even took over the job of vacuuming, dusting and cleaning the toilets.

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Amboy Police Chief Jeff Blake presented city employee Shirley Yentzer with a plaque in honor of her years of service for the Amboy Police Department and City of Amboy.

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Amboy News

1,000 years ago, Illinois had the largest city in what would become the U.S.

BY SUSAN
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Centuries ago Illinois was home to the largest and most influential city in what would become the United States, rivaling the size of European cities at the time.

As many as 20,000 people — double that if surrounding communities are included — lived about 1,000 years ago in the elaborate planned city that now lies within the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site.

Cahokia, east of St. Louis, includes woodhenges — large sun calendars that were built of red cedar posts — and at least 120 mounds and pyramids used to support important buildings and for burials.

Yet, Cahokia is only part of Illinois' rich American Indian heritage.

Although 101,451 Illinoisans identify themselves as being fully or partly of American Indian descent, the tribes themselves are gone from Illinois, mostly moved west by the federal government

in the 1800s, said Bill Iseminger, assistant manager of the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site. What's left are the remains of native cemeteries, villages, cities and mounds, onetime Indian routes that became the basis for many of our modern roads and highways and the names of many things, beginning with our state itself, named for a powerful American Indian group that once called Illinois home.

1,000 years ago, a cultural center

Many different groups occupied Illinois in the centuries before Christopher Columbus set foot on North America.

Archaeologists estimate people came here about 12,000 years ago after migration from Asia over a land bridge began to populate the continent, according to the Illinois State Museum. Over thousands of years, people adapted to a changing climate and became less nomadic as the Ice Age came to a close.

Cahokia was built during the Mississippian Age, which began around 900 A.D. and lasted about 550 years. The city was the political and religious

center of Mississippian life, but eventually its influence faded. It was largely abandoned by 1350 A.D., though no one knows precisely why.

Wood, game and other food sources might have been depleted, Iseminger said. There is evidence of long droughts and the climate was cooling.

Where did they go? Probably in many directions, joining other communities or establishing new ones, Iseminger said. The Osage, Ponca, Omaha and Quapaw people are believed to be descended from the city's builders.

About 700 years ago, as Cahokia was fading, a people called the Oneota emerged in the Illinois River valley. Excavations in Fulton County show half of those buried in an Oneota cemetery died as a result of violence, though it's not known why, according to the Illinois State Museum.

Were the two cultures at war? It's hard to say, though there's evidence of Oneota culture in the Cahokia area. And Cahokia had a large palisade enclosure, indicating a need for defense, Iseminger said.



Members of the Lockport-based Midwest SOARRING Foundation, for Save Our Ancestor's Remains & Resources Indigeneous Network Group, host an annual Harvest Pow Wow at Naper Settlement in Naperville.

BEV HORNE/bhorne@dailyherald.com, 2008

"The Oneota, as they migrated south, may have been the final blow of the Mississippian culture," he said.

Starved Rock to Black Hawk

By the time French trad-

ers and priests arrived in the 1600s, there were two main American Indian groups in the area: the Illiniwek, or Illinois, and the Miami. In the late 1700s and early 1800s, the Illiniwek territory shrank, the Miamis

moved eastward, and other tribes moved in.

As Europeans and other outsiders arrived, the Indians traded with them. They allied with the French and the British, at different times. American In-

dian federations and tribes fought each other, with the Iroquois being notorious for battles against the Illiniwek.

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DEPOT DAYS DONATION - KAIROS OUTSIDE PRISON MINISTRY

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Jim Phelps, left, presents a check for \$300 to Carol Prunty of Kairos Outside Prison Ministry. The money will be used toward retreats for women who have loved ones incarcerated.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News

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DEPOT DAYS DONATION - ASHTON LIONS

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Jim Phelps, left, presents a check for \$1,000 to Gene Messer of the Ashton Lions Club. The money will be used toward the kids shopping program, and replacing the roof on the Lions' building. Several Ashton Lions Club members helped at the annual car show.

Monetta Young/Amboy News

Signup for 2018 programs with FSA

AMBOY—The Lee County Farm Service Agency (FSA) is reminding the farmers and landowners in the county they are currently taking appointments and walk-ins for the 2018 ARC-PLC Programs.

The Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and offer a safety net to farmers and crop-share landowners when there is a substantial drop in prices or revenues for covered commodities.

Enrollment into the ARC and PLC Programs required a five-year commitment but also established an annual signup to enable county FSA Offices to process and facilitate any farm changes that may occur during the 5-year commitment. Farm changes would include any changes to leasing arrangements, land ownership, mailing addresses, banking information, tillable acreages, entity structures like Trusts or partnerships, estates, etc. The records at the local FSA offices are only as accurate as their customers report them.

The marketing year for the 2018 program year used to compile the possible payment rate for covered commodities (corn, soybeans and wheat) will be Sept. 1, 2018 through Aug. 31, 2019 and rates for corn, soybeans and wheat will be published around Sept. 29, 2019. Enrollment for the 2018 program year ends on Aug. 1, 2018.

The office is encouraging you to report any changes that would impact the 2018 crop year, now instead of waiting after the crops are planted. Delay in keeping your records current with FSA could disrupt your efforts to file an accurate acreage report.

By calling ahead and or making an appointment, the county office can have your contracts ready upon your visit. The goal is to have this enrollment completed before spring work begins.

For more information, please contact the Lee County FSA Office in Amboy at 815-857-3621, extension #2, or visit their website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Getting to know...

Your Vice President & COO

Every day it seems new technology is developed. Keeping up with the changing technologies and finding ways to implement them at The First National Bank is just one of the many roles Vice President and COO Brenda Dodd enjoys about her position.

Dodd said she likes to bring new technology to the bank and its customers, especially when the addition of new technology makes everyone's daily procedures simpler.

Dodd was recently in charge of the committee that brought mobile depositing to the bank. The feature, Dodd said, has taken off and quite a few customers are utilizing this new service.

Dodd was raised in Sublette Illinois and received a Bachelors Degree from Mt. St. Clare College in Clinton, Iowa. She began working at The First National Bank in Amboy while in high school and continued through her college years. After college, Dodd married her husband, David and resumed working at The First National Bank in Amboy. In 1997, Dodd was named the Assistant Cashier and Electronic Banking Officer. Then, in 2004, she earned the title of Vice President and Cashier, and has been overseeing the operational side of the bank ever since.

Dodd and her husband are the parents of two daughters, Kelsey and her husband, Brandon Farmer, and Carly Dodd.

When Brenda is not at The First National Bank in Amboy, she likes to travel and spend time with her family and her two dogs.

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On our Winter Retreat (January 23rd to 26th), we will take a look at what the title of "Steward of God's Treasure" means for you. Are you being a "good" Steward? Are you responsible for all that God has put in your charge? This will be a 3-day retreat with each of our Parishes sponsoring a different day of the retreat. The topics covered will be unique for each of the 3 days, so plan to attend the retreat at all 3 Churches or as many as you can.

WINTER RETREAT

January 23rd, after Tuesday morning Mass in West Brooklyn (~8:00 am in the hall), and then again with Holy Hour at 7:00 pm in the Church of St. Mary of the Assumption, West Brooklyn

January 24th, after Wednesday morning Mass in Sublette (~9:00 am in the hall), and then again with Holy Hour at 7:00 pm in the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sublette

January 26th, after Friday morning Mass in Maytown (~8:30 am in the hall), and this talk will also be given with Holy Hour at 7:00 pm on Thursday, January 25th in the Church of St. Patrick, Maytown

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Lee County FSA committee election results

AMBOY— The Lee County Farm Service Agency’s (FSA) County Committee conducted their annual election on Dec. 7, 2017 during a regular committee meeting and counted ballots for the Local Administrative Area (LAA) #1.

This region covers the western third of Lee County and consists of Dixon, East Grove, Harmon, Hamilton, Marion, South Dixon and Palmyra-Nelson Townships.

At the conclusion of the tabulation, it was determined that Don Meyer won his first, three-year term to the Lee County FSA Committee. Aaron Wolf will serve as first Alternate. Congratulations to Don and Aaron as 167 ballots were tabulated.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity, and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues. The maximum term is three consecutive terms or nine years.

County committee members are a valuable asset because they are comprised of local producers who participate in FSA programs themselves, and have a direct connection to farmers and ranchers in the community.

The committee members apply their knowledge and make decisions on commodity price support loans, farm program payments, conservation programs, incentive indemnity and disaster payments for some commodities, emergency programs and payment eligibility.

All recently elected county committee members and alternates will take office on Jan. 1, 2018, and join the existing committee. The first regular Lee County FSA Committee meeting is slated for 8 a.m., on Thursday, Jan. 18, at the USDA Service Center in Amboy.

Please visit the Lee County FSA Office in Amboy or visit the website WWW.FSA.USDA.GOV and find the tab, “Newsroom.”



Fabianna

Happy New Year Sauk Valley from room 12 at Happy Tails in Rock Falls. I'm Fabianna and I am a very beautiful tabby and white Domestic Short Hair. I'd love to lounge around with you and watch a little tube. We could be buddies and I promise to love you and only you. If you come visit we could get to know one another before you take me home. Hope to see you soon.

Photo submitted

Police Blotter

Speeding
On Jan. 12, at 6:10 a.m., Praprilla Upputurni, 71, of Dixon, was issued a traffic citation for speeding 56 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

Lee County warrant
On Jan. 12, at 5:50 p.m., Bryan R. Moore, 45, of Amboy, was arrested on a Lee County warrant for contempt-non pay. He was transported to the Lee County Jail.

Lee County warrant
On Jan. 12, at 5:50 p.m., Kimberly Hulska, 47, of Amboy, was arrested on a Lee County warrant for contempt-non pay. She was transported to the Lee County Jail.

Operating uninsured vehicle
On Jan. 14, at 4:39 p.m., Devin P. Brockwell, 27, of Dixon, was issued a traffic citation for operating an uninsured vehicle. He was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

Speeding
On Jan. 14, at 6 p.m., Trace A. Delisle, 26, of Amboy, was issued a citation for speeding 42 mph in a 30 mph speed zone and no valid driver’s license. She was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Girls Basketball

Noelle Jones

Wrestling

Hayden Montavon

Christopher Morris

Mason Costner

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Community Calendar

AMBOY-The Amboy-Lee Center Multi-Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 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. Call 815-284-3371 to schedule an appointment or to find out about other services offered, like Adult Vaccines.

DIXON-The Lee County Council on Aging will host a trip to WICKED The Musical on Saturday, Jan. 20. Call 815-288-9236 for more information.

STERLING-PFLAG Sauk Valley will meet from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21, at the Woodlawn Arts Academy’s farmhouse, 3807 Woodlawn Rd. LGBTQ folks, their families, friends and community members are invited to this casual social event. For more information, send email inquiries to pflagsaukvalley@gmail.com.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-A Novel Idea Book Club will meet at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25, at Pankhurst Memorial Library, 3 S. Jefferson. Call the Library at 815-857-3925 for more information.

Conservation district to host elections

LEE COUNTY — To all owners and occupiers of lands lying within the boundaries of the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District, notice is hereby given that an annual election of directors will be held on Feb. 14, from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District Office in Amboy.

Three directors will be elected to each serve a two-year term and one director will be elected to serve a one-year term on the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of the State of Illinois.

All persons, firms or corporations who hold legal title or who are in legal possession of any land lying within the boundaries of the said district are eligible to vote at said election, whether as lessee, renter, tenant, or otherwise. Only such persons, firms or corporations are eligible to vote.

Absentee balloting will be available to those who are unable to attend the election of directors. Absentee ballots can be requested beginning Feb. 1. All absentee ballots must be completed by Feb. 9.

For further information or to request an absentee ballot, please contact the Lee County Soil and Water Conservation District, located at 319 S. Mason Ave., Amboy, IL., or by phone at (815) 857-3621, ext. 3.

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CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU

January 22 - 26

All Breakfast meals will include fruit, juice and a milk	
All Lunch meals will include veggies, fruit and a milk	
Monday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Beef steak patty, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, peas, roll, oranges, cupcake - Early Dismissal 1:20 p.m
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Grilled chicken over pasta alfredo, cheese, garlic bread, peas, carrots, fresh cut veggies, peaches
Wednesday	- Breakfast pizza - Nachos Grande w/cheese & beef, lettuce, tomato, onion, salsa, black beans, rice, mixed fruit
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Grilled cheese, tomato soup, goldfish crackers, fresh cut veggies/ranch, applesauce
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from breakfast cart - Deli ham on flatbread w/bacon, broccoli & cheese, fresh cut veggies/ranch, pineapple, jello cup

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AMBOY-The Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25, at Amboy High School, 11 E. Hawley.

DIXON-The Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center will host Kids & Dogs Game Day, presented by 4-H volunteers and professional dog trainer Pat Manernach, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27. RSVP to Tammy Norman at 815-440-6668 or Kathy Book at Lee County Extension Office at kbook@illinois.edu.

AMBOY-The American Red Cross will have a Blood Drive, sponsored by the Amboy Civic Organizaton, from 12 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Call Darlene Hinkle at 815-857-3864 or visit redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

AMBOY-Master Naturalist Mark Jordan will present Climate Reality from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at the Lee County Extension Office, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Register by Jan. 29 at go.illinois.edu/climatereality or call the office at 815-857-3525.

ROCKFALLS-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.

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JR HIGH MENU

January 22 - 26

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

Monday	- PB&J uncrustable - Beef steak patty, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, peas, roll, oranges, cupcake - Early Dismissal 1:25 p.m
Tuesday	- Breakfast burrito - Grilled chicken over pasta alfredo, cheese, garlic bread, peas, carrots, fresh cut veggies, peaches
Wednesday	- Biscuit & gravy - Nachos Grande w/cheese & beef, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, salsa, black beans, rice, mixed fruit
Thursday	- Breakfast pizza - Grilled cheese, tomato soup, goldfish crackers, fresh cut veggies/ranch, applesauce
Friday	- Soft pretzel - Deli ham on flatbread w/bacon, broccoli & cheese, fresh cut veggies/ranch, pineapple, jello cup

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OBITUARIES

Blanche E. Gascoigne
July 21, 1909 - Jan. 14, 2018

AMBOY — Blanche E. Gascoigne, 108, of Amboy, died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018, at Maple Crossing in Amboy. She was born July 21, 1909, in Binghampton, the daughter of Levi and Minnie (Smith) Searls. She had worked as a Secretary for Ruckman Insurance in Amboy, as well as a Bookkeeper for the Amboy Fire Department and Dickinson Hardware. Blanche was a member of the Binghampton Neighborhood Club. She married William A. Gascoigne in Amboy May 2, 1933. He preceded her in death Aug. 16, 1983. She was also preceded in death by a son, William Gascoigne Jr.; a daughter, Dorothy Floto; one grandson, Greg; six

brothers, Floyd, Fred, Lyle, John, Glenn, and George Searls; and three sisters, Ruth Kohut, Hazel Mihm, and Grace Dillon. Survivors include her children, Donald “Tuffy” (Wilma) Gascoigne, of Amboy, Betty (Bill) Ogan, of Clinton, Iowa, and Jack Gascoigne, of Savanna; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and two great-great-great-grandchildren. Cremation rites have been accorded. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018, in Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy with the Rev. Mark Glenn, officiating. Burial of cremains will be



at a later date in Binghampton Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation will be held on Saturday, from 10 a.m. until time of service in the funeral home. A memorial has been established to the Amboy Fire Department. Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com.

Francisco Enriquez
Sept. 8, 1941 - Dec. 17, 2017

AUSTIN, Texas — Mr. Francisco “Pancho” Enriquez died peacefully in Austin, Texas on Dec. 17, 2017 at the age of 76. Francisco is survived by his wife, Beverly of Austin, Texas; his children, Frank Enriquez (Denna) of Argyle, Texas, Paula Argiropoulos (David), of Phoenix, Ariz., Eric Enriquez (Sylvia), of Donna, Texas, and Susan Sandoval (Juan), of Austin, Texas. He is survived by seven grandchildren: Dalton, Weston, Quinten, Sarai, Gabriel, Siena and Rafael. Francisco is also survived by nine brothers and sisters and many nieces and nephews. Francisco was born on Sept. 8, 1941 in Jimenez, Mexico to Higinio and Evangelina

Enriquez. He married Beverly Stewart in Amboy, in December of 1962. Over 55 years, the couple welcomed four children into their home and set about teaching them how to be good and upstanding individuals. His children remember him as a kind, understanding and hard-working father who encouraged them to pursue their goals. Francisco was accomplished at farming and as a business owner. He was a generous and dedicated individual who loved horses and who was passionate about spending time with his family. He was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in LaCoste, Texas. A Celebration of Life service has been scheduled. The family



would like to thank Baylor Scott and White Medical Center for their efforts and dedication to care. Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home (512) 263-1511. Obituary and memorial guestbook available online at www.wcfish.com.

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Blake said Yentzer even clean-up all of the cigarettes buds outside of the police department after Depot Days. “No one could ever truly thank you enough for your service,” Blake said. Blake presented Yentzer with a plaque honoring her for her service. In other board business:

- The city approved the clerk to seek bids for

new flooring in the Amboy Community Building.

- The city approved an ordinance amending the Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone Boundary to allow Mt. Morris to enter the zone.
- The city approved the hiring of Melissa Simpson as part-time Amboy police secretary.

The next meeting of the Amboy City Council will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 19 in the Amboy Community Building.

The Amboy News will print DEATH NOTICES (approximately 50 words including name, age, date of death, time/date of services) free of charge. OBITUARIES will be printed at a cost of \$20 to be billed to the arranging funeral home or prepaid with cash, check or credit card. Please submit obituaries or death notices to tgreenfield@amboynews.com

CLIPPER KIDDIEZ


This Week's Student of the Week is:
Evelyn Payne



Student's Favorites:
Favorite Color - Pink
Favorite Animal - Unicorn
Favorite Food - Circle Bread
Favorite Book - Brown Bear, Brown Bear
Favorite Game - Cooking
Favorite Song - You're Welcome, Maui from Moana

CLIPPER KIDDIEZ

This Week's Student of the Week is:
Alice Klein



Student's Favorites:
Favorite Color - Purple
Favorite Animal - Kitty
Favorite Food - Spaghetti
Favorite Book - Henry and the Buccaneer Bunnies
Favorite Game - Googly Eyes
Favorite Song - Hallelujah

Thank You Neighbor

If someone has done something kind for you, let them know by nominating them for the “Thank You Neighbor” Rose. Send a brief description of their act of kindness to: The Amboy News, P.O. Box 162, Amboy, IL 61310

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The Book Nook

By : Tatjana Kazan

The Flowers of Evil

Historical fiction is a highly challenging craft, for it requires painting into a finished picture subtle additions and shifts, seamlessly rendered so as not to disturb the surface. Kate Quinn achieves such an effect in her historical novel, “The Alice Network” (2017), but only partially. The novel is made up of two narratives: the first is that of Charlie St. Clair, a cute, bouncy college student from a wealthy family, who arrives with her French mother in England in 1947 to take care of a problem: Charlie is pregnant. This part is as disappointing as the second part, which takes place in 1915 during the Great War, is successful.

Once in England, Charlie runs off to London on a mission to find her French cousin, Rose, her best beloved friend, who had disappeared in 1944. Charlie’s lead is the London address of a woman called Eve Gardiner.

When Charlie knocks on the door, she comes face to face with a “tall, gaunt woman in a faded print dress, her graying hair straggling around a time-ravaged face” and hands that look like “monstrous, knobbed lumps, every knuckle misshapen and grotesque.”

Eve, foul-mouthed and drunk, nevertheless agrees to help Charlie, and so they set out for France, chauffeured by Eve’s handsome driver, Finn, in his Bentley Lagonda.

The focus shifts to Eve’s story some thirty years earlier. Eve is thrilled when she is recruited and trained to be a spy. She is sent to German-controlled Lille and becomes part of the Alice Network, which was in real life one of the most successful spy networks of the Great War.

The woman who ran the network, Louise de Bettignies, who became famous as the Queen of Spies (there is a statue of her in Lille), is a major character in the novel. Quinn’s excellent integration of fictional and real characters and the addition of a truly evil collaborator and large doses of suspense make this a real page-turner.

The women’s code names, assigned by their British handler, are flowers – Eve is Marguerite (Daisy), Louise is Lili, and so on. Baudelaire’s poem “Les Fleurs du Mal” (“The Flowers of Evil”) figures prominently and soon these brave, tough-as-nails women call themselves the flowers of evil, the evil, of course, being the German occupiers.

The problem with the 1947 part is Charlie. She is the first-person narrator of her adventures in post-war France and she is simply not believable. Her idioms and morals are of twenty-first century vintage, and no matter how many French phrases and Edith Piaf songs are thrown into the mix, it doesn’t come off.

Though there is a moment when Charlie takes on Eve’s mantle, “dancing on her wits just a hair’s breadth ahead of disaster, improvising her way out of death.”



Dennis and Judith Marsili

Couple to celebrate 50th anniversary

AMBOY — Dennis Marsili and Judith Ferguson were united in marriage on Jan. 20, 1968 at St. Mark’s Catholic Church in Wheaton.

The couple met at Northern Illinois University and eventually settled in Amboy where they currently reside.

They have three children: Laura (Mitch) Bessert, of Meridian, Miss., Brian (Stacey) Marsili, of Sterling, and Amy (Brian) Jorgensen, of Kansas City, Mo. They are blessed with four grandchildren: Nici (17), Ella (8), Will (4) and Lydia (4).

Denny and Judy are retired school teachers who enjoy spending their free time traveling to visit their children and grandchildren, volunteering in their community and with St. Patrick’s Parish in Amboy and exploring the outdoors.

Those wishing to send greetings can mail them to 719 Searls Road, Amboy, IL 61310.



Dennis and Judith Marsili



THE PASTOR’S PEN

PASTOR RICK WULF

East Grove Union Church of Rural Amboy

Happy New Year, friends. I trust that you are well settled into your routines in this New Year.

The kids are back into their first full week of the second semester of the school year after having a few extra days added to their Christmas break because of the cold temperatures. The holidays are past. Perhaps you have taken a moment to catch your breath, but now it is back to business. It is always interesting at the beginning of a new year to envision what may be before you.

There’s something that we can plan on and of course there are so many things, like health issues, economic issues, and relationship matters that we can’t always control. This is a hard reality of life to deal with at times. The New Year is always a good place to start over. I like

the concept that God is the God of the second chance. And just as God gives us second chances, so we too should afford others the same opportunities.

Each year I choose a rhyming theme with which to challenge our church. This year’s theme is: “Don’t Be Mean in 2018,” “A Year of Showing Christian Kindness.” Our Christian faith is only possible because God showed His loving kindness toward mankind by giving His One and Only Son, Jesus. As we all have witnessed of late, sadly, there has been a great lack of kindness shown in our society as well as around the world. We have heard for the longest time to do “random acts of kindness,” but I have challenged the people of East Grove Union Church and I would like to challenge those of you who know Jesus as your Savior, to do purposeful acts of Christian kindness.

Ask yourself what can I do or say today in the Name of Christ to bless other people? It might be offering a friendly smile to someone. Do you make it a practice when entering a building or a room that doesn’t have an automatic door to hold it open for others who may be entering or exiting? There are many opportunities that we can take to be kind to others. We just have to think about it and perhaps pray about it at the beginning of our day, how we can purposefully be kind in the Name of Jesus.

As I have been reading and studying God’s Word, the Bible, I have come across these motivating reasons. The Apostle Paul in Romans 2:4 wrote: “Or do you show contempt for the riches of his (God’s) kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to re-

pentance?”

Paul also wrote in Ephesians 2:4-10: “But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Won’t you consider how you can be more kind today and every day? May God continue to bless you in all that you do.

Join the Master Naturalist Group

LEE COUNTY — The Carroll-Lee-Whiteside Extension Unit is pleased to announce that the Master Naturalist training will be starting again on March 20. This program will offer interested participants training by local and regional natural resource instructors and train individuals about the natural communities found in Northern Illinois. Training will take place twice a week for six weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5–9 p.m. and two Saturdays. Trainings are held at different locations throughout Whiteside, Lee and Carroll counties. Once training is completed, participants are expected to complete a volunteer service project to become a certified Master Naturalist. Once certified, the Master Naturalists are expected to annually conduct some level of volunteer stewardship and continuing training to maintain

their certification.

The curriculum will cover topics ranging from environmental ethics to understanding the natural world. The course will also teach people about the natural communities ranging from prairies to wetlands.

Also covered will be botany, entomology, soils, weather and climate and volunteer service projects opportunities.

Interested participants are encouraged to register online at go.illinois.edu/MNtrainingCLW or contact Mary Nelson at the Whiteside Extension Office at 815-632-3611. The cost for the Master Naturalist training is \$250 and includes a state manual.

Space is limited and will be based upon paid participants on a first come first serve basis.



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Opinion

Snoring is sure sign of a seasoned journalist

Every journalist has a routine. For example, I always write my column early in the morning. The earlier the better. That's because, generally speaking, I'm not awake yet. Sure, I may be drinking coffee and typing, but if you were to monitor my brain activity, it would register somewhere between an earthworm and the average American watching "The Bachelor."

Admittedly, my brain doesn't open for business until about 10 a.m. By then, I've been at the keyboard for three or four hours with no real memory of what I've been writing. I assure my publisher this unique quirk is the sign of a seasoned professional.

And she assures me the reason we need to keep replacing my keyboard is because, at least once a month, she finds me facedown drooling on the return key. That may be true, but I tend to do my best work under pressure. And there's nothing like the pressure of trying to finish a column before saliva short-circuits your keyboard.

In addition to a lack of cognizance, I also prefer writing early in the morning because there aren't any distractions, like... oh, I

Guest Column

By Ned Hickson



don't know... say, being blinded by a crazed fly.

The truth is, this column was going to be a stunning piece of social commentary. I had planned to utilize all the tools I've acquired as a columnist (namely, Spell-check) to discuss a little-known but steadily growing segment of the voting population:

Chihuahuas who have mistakenly been issued voter registration cards in Florida.

Anyone who has written Pulitzer Prize-winning material will tell you it takes an incredible amount of concentration and skill to produce work of such significance.

I know.

As a recipient of the Putziler Prize for "Most Consistent Use of Spelling Errors" in 2015, I was quite literally only a few scrambled letters away from a Pulitzer. In keeping with that standard, I should've been able to finish my Chihuahua column in spite of being the unwitting target of a psychopathic fly. I have no excuse other than to say, before this experience, I would've

never considered sealing up my cubicle and installing an air-lock door complete with retinal scanner and emergency fly swatter.

It actually started out like any other annoying man-vs-fly situation.

Fly lands on hand.

Hand shoos fly away.

Then, and without warning:

Fly attacks eyeball.

Things immediately moved into the realm of Alfred Hitchcock Presents, complete with—I must admit—screaming that would've frightened Janet Leigh. In all fairness, I now had only ONE good eye, which limited my peripheral vision and put me at a distinct disadvantage to the fly which, as we all know, has enough eyes to see in all directions at once, including behind, which is the direction I happened to be running from.

Yes, I probably should've stood my ground.

And if it hadn't blinded my other eye, I probably would have. However, as I stood there swinging blindly at the fly with a rolled up magazine, I realized two important things precisely in this order:

1) I looked like a Star Wars fanatic pretending to be in Jedi training.

2) Someone could walk into the newsroom at any minute.

Because of this, the Pulitzer Prize committee will have to wait. In the meantime, I still have a chance at another Putziler, depending on how I spelled "Chihuahua."

You can write to Ned Hickson at nedhickson@icloud.com, or c/o the Siuslaw News, 148 Maple St., Florence, Ore. 97439.

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago
Jan. 18, 1918

Every Monday from now until March 25 will be a national holiday so far as business is concerned. On account of the imminent fuel famine, the fuel administration has ordered that all use of fuel, except by consumers classed as absolutely necessary, shall be prohibited on Monday of each week from Jan. 28 – March 25. The Sanitary Creamery Co. is laying in its supply of ice from the Edwards ice pond. The blocks are about 18 inches thick and of unusually good quality.

Steel helmets and other equipment necessary to trench fighters have been received at Camp Grant. They will be issued to the soldiers in order that they may become accustomed to wearing them before they go "across."

75 Years Ago
Jan. 14, 1943

All directors of the First National Bank in Amboy were re-elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders held Tuesday morning at the bank. The directors met immediately after the adjournment of the stockers meeting and re-elected all officers.

B. L. Hewitt, long a leader in civic affairs in this community, was elected chairman of the Amboy Council of Civilian Defense at the public Civilian Defense meeting held Tuesday evening under the sponsorship of Pothe-Lavelle Post, No. 453, American Legion.

Members of the Amboy Townsend Club will meet next Tuesday evening, Jan. 19, at the home of Mrs. Carrie Hoffman on North Mason Avenue.

50 Years Ago
Jan. 17, 1968

Harold W. Huffman, 58, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lee County, Tuesday announced that he will seek the Republican nomination for re-election to the office.

V.O. Bonnell Implement, Oliver farm equipment dealer at 27 S. Main, Sublette, will be host to farm families from the surrounding area at a Farm Fair on Wednesday, Jan. 24.

The Clippers of Amboy High School made it a perfect weekend Saturday night by defeating Oregon 77-68 after beating Mount Morris 91-75 on Friday. The Clippers kept their conference championship hopes alive by winning these two key games.

25 Years Ago
Jan. 21, 1993

Amboy Board of Education voted to dip into the district's reserve funds to maintain and improve programs, equipment at facilities at Monday's meeting. The bulk of the \$185,000 in surplus funds will go into educational improvements.

When Jim and Christine Kouski discussed plans for a sandwich shop in Amboy, they heard plenty of encouragement from friends and neighbors. Now they're hoping that those same friends and neighbors will give their shop a try.

It may be only January, with snow on the ground, but it's not too early to start planning for this summer's Amboy Depot Days Celebration. The five-day event, Aug. 25-29, got off to a strong start as Chariman Hank Gerdes discussed plans with a number of people who will be participating this year.

2018 a better year for Illinois?

As bad as 2017 was for Illinois taxpayers, 2018 only can be better.

Right?

First, a look back:

The General Assembly passed a \$5 billion income tax increase in 2017 that costs the average Illinois household a little more than \$1,000 a year.

While our Midwest neighbors continued to grow in 2017, Illinois shrank for the fourth consecutive year, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

From July 2016 to July 2017, Illinois' population declined by 34,000 people – most in the nation.

Citing little to no action on reforms to the Midwest's highest workers compensation costs and the nation's worst-funded pensions, the leaders of three of the state's top business organizations – the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and the Illinois Retail Merchants Association – called the spring and summer sessions of the General Assembly the worst ever for employers.

In June, credit ratings agencies downgraded Illinois to BBB-, just one notch above junk status and the worst credit rating of any state in the U.S. The downgrade means state taxpayers pay more in interest on borrowed money.

I could go on, but why depress ourselves further with 2018 here.

With a new year comes new hope, a resolve to improve ourselves and our stations in life. Given all that went wrong in 2017 in Illinois, we should be optimistic that 2018 will be a much better year for state taxpayers.

Right?

Let's hold on to that notion for a moment.

2018 is a gubernatorial election year.

In his first three years in office, Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner failed to get any of the much-needed structural reforms

he campaigned on through the Democrat-controlled General Assembly. That has meant no property tax relief, no meaningful reforms to the worst-funded public pension systems in the U.S., and no reduction in workers' compensation costs or the state's job-killing regulatory burdens.

Rauner and Democrat House Speaker Michael Madigan – the most powerful speaker in the country, I might add – engaged in a two-year budget standoff that led to record deficits and ballooned Illinois' stack of unpaid bills to more than \$16 billion.

The standoff ended only after more than a dozen Republican lawmakers deserted the governor and voted for the massive tax hike.

Given that Madigan wants a Democrat to win the race for governor, there's no way he

Guest Column

By Dan McCaleb



allows Rauner a legislative win during the upcoming session, meaning a new budget standoff is imminent.

And despite this year's \$5 billion tax hike, the state's budget is out of balance by \$1.7 billion. Spending remains out of control because of rising Medicaid costs attributable to expansion under Obamacare and unaffordable pensions that continue to spike because of unrealistic cost-of-living increases.

With the anti-Donald Trump movement in Springfield and the powerful public employee unions controlling the Democratic Party, there's no way much-needed Medicaid and pension reforms pass in an election year, meaning costs are likely to continue to balloon.

While there likely will not be any significant new tax increases approved before the November election, if a Democrat wins the

governor's race and Democrats hold on to the state House and Senate, it would be reasonable to anticipate there will be new attempts to change the state constitution to allow for a graduated income tax.

That would drive more job creators out of the state.

Let's face it: Illinois is the Cleveland Browns of U.S. states.

The Browns followed a 1-15 2016 with a likely 0-16 season in 2017 and managed to make the 5-10 Bears look like Super Bowl contenders on Christmas Eve. At least the Browns were smart enough to change upper management (yet again).

Madigan has been Illinois House speaker for all but two years since 1983.

The only chance state taxpayers have in 2018 and beyond is for voters to clean house.

Otherwise, the status quo – and the tailspin – continues.

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Pictured left, Lee County Farm Bureau president, Don Meyer and (right) Adam Henkel. Photo submitted

Henkel awarded LCFB Distinguished Service Award

AMBOY — The Lee County Farm Bureau is honored to award Adam Henkel, West Brooklyn, with the Distinguished Service Award in recognition for his years of service and contributions to the Lee County Farm Bureau and to agriculture. The Distinguished Service Award was established to honor and recognize an individual or couple who has shown exemplary leadership and service to Farm Bureau, agriculture and farmers in Lee

County and beyond.

Over the years, Henkel has served the Farm Bureau in a number of capacities, including years of service on the Young Leader Committee, as an active program volunteer and he is currently serving on the Board of Directors.

The Farm Bureau is honored to name Adam Henkel the recipient of the 2018 Distinguished Service Award.

Lady Clipper lose to conference foe Forreston

FORRESTON – The Amboy Lady Clippers took on conference foe Forreston and they couldn’t overcome an early deficit in absorbing a 43-36 setback on Jan. 13 at Forreston.

The Lady Clippers struggled with their shooting and turnovers, and fell behind 15-2 early in the game. Amboy fought back to trail by a 19-13 count at halftime, and twice got to within four points in the second half before coming up short.

Noelle Jones led Amboy’s scoring and rebounding with 13 points and six boards. Abi Payne contributed 11 points, six assists and four steals, while Mallory Powers dropped in six points, grabbed five rebounds and dished out four assists.

The Lady Clippers will play a rescheduled game with Polo on Wednesday night at the AHS gym, and then will host Ashton-Franklin Center in both teams’ “Pink Game” on Friday, Jan. 19.



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Iowa State University announces fall 2017 Dean’s List

AMES, Iowa — Approximately 9,575 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2017 Dean’s List.

Students named to the Dean’s List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Students listed below are from your area.

Dixon

Kevin Charles Knack, 2, Engineering
Todd Matthew Nelson, 4, Aerospace Engineering

Paw Paw,

John Jeffrey Hoelzer, 4, Mechanical Engineering

Clarke Announces Fall 2017 Dean’s List

DUBUQUE, Iowa — Lauren A. Akre, of Amboy, was named to the Dean’s List at Clarke University for the Fall 2017 semester. The list recognizes full-time Clarke students who have earned a 3.65 grade-point average or above, on a 4.0 scale, with a minimum of 12 graded hours.

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Sat., Jan. 20	AJHS Girls 8th Grade Basketball @ Paw Paw Tourney – TBA AHS Boys Basketball @ Polo – 6:00 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 22	EARLY DISMISSAL – SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY AJHS – 1:20; Central – 1:25; AHS – 1:30 AJHS Girls 8th Grade Basketball @ St. Andrew’s, Rock Falls – 5:00 p.m. AJHS Girls 7th Grade Basketball @ St. Andrew’s, Rock Falls – 6:00 p.m. AHS Scholastic Bowl @ West Carroll – 4:00 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 23	AHS Boys Basketball (H) AFC – 6:00 p.m.
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Clippers place on podium at home tournament

AMBOY – The Amboy Clipper wrestlers hosted their own Amboy Varsity Tournament on Jan. 13 at the AHS gym.

Hayden Montavon claimed second-place honors for the Clippers at 132 pounds, while Mason Costner (182) and Chris Morris (195) both finished in fourth place. Avery Shaw took sixth place at 170 pounds.

132 pounds-Hayden Montavon

Montavon (A) dec. Brown (Sandwich), 8-6; Finch (Woodstock) pinned Montavon (A), 1:13

170 pounds-Avery Shaw

Eppard (Mendota) pinned Shaw (A), 1:44; Shaw (A) dec. McDonald (Eureka), 5-2; Reese (IC Prep) pinned Shaw (A), 1:48

182 pounds-Mason Costner

Costner (A) pinned Scott (IC Prep), 2:21; Murphy (Sandwich) dec. Costner (A), 10-0; Elshoff (AFC) pinned Costner (A), 0:56

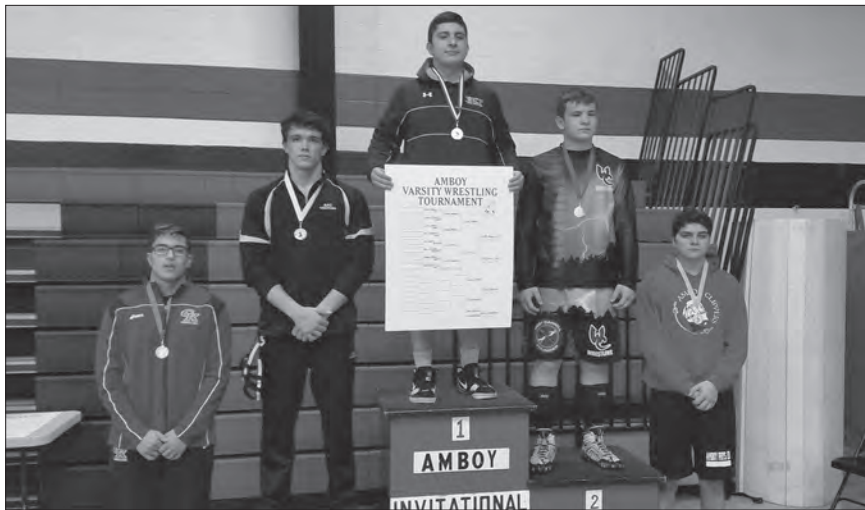
195 pounds-Chris Morris

Morris (A) pinned Butterfield (Genoa-Kingston), 1:37; Vargas (IC Prep) pinned Morris (A), 0:58; Kaecker (AFC) pinned Morris (A), 3:34



Hayden Montavon, pictured second from right, placed second at 132 pounds.

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Chris Morris, pictured first from right, placed fourth at 195 pounds.

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Mason Costner, pictured first from right, placed fourth at 182 pounds.

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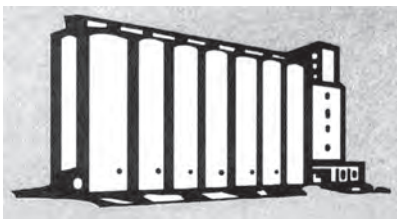
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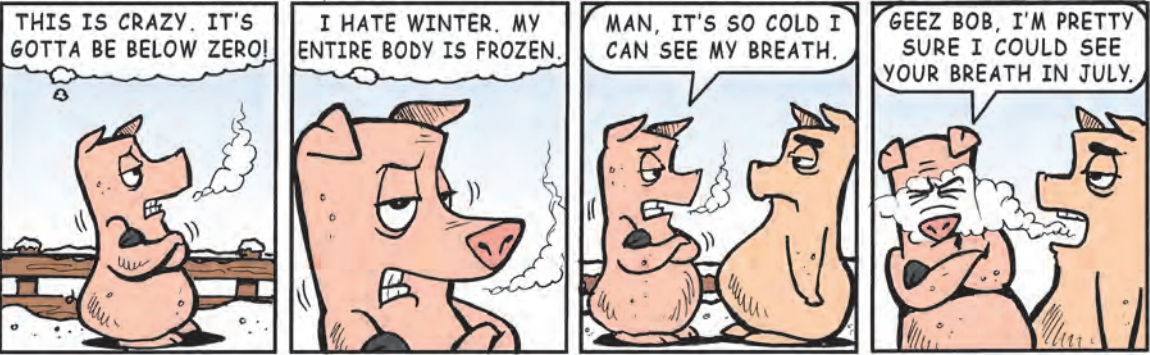
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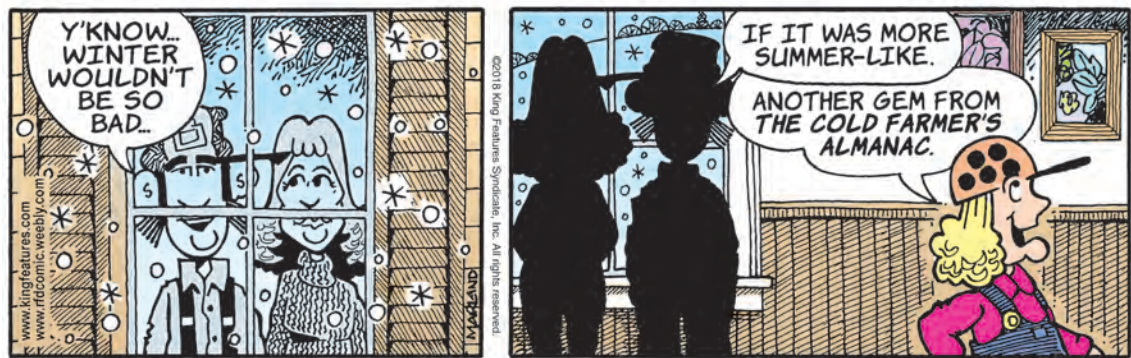
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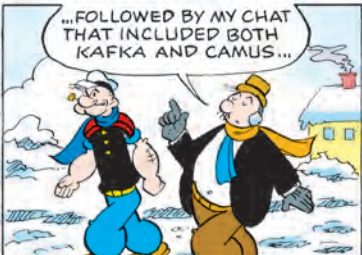
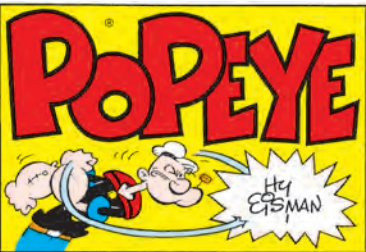
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Save
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Lithe
GAILE

Slight
HINT

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by Dave T. Phipps

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ACROSS

- 1 Nasty insect
- 5 Badly lit
- 8 Error
- 12 Chills and fever
- 13 Kreskin's claim
- 14 Docket entry
- 15 In reverie
- 17 Anger
- 18 Dine
- 19 Sternward
- 20 Dissuade
- 21 Firmament
- 22 Stop — dime
- 23 Augment
- 26 Firm
- 30 Needy
- 31 Hockey milieu
- 32 Concept
- 33 Get
- 35 Pry
- 36 Singer
- 37 Droop
- 38 Cut corners
- 41 Huge
- 42 Greek cross
- 45 Actress Gilpin
- 46 "... twilight's last —"
- 48 Privy to
- 49 Boxer
- 50 Pedestal occupant
- 51 Chinatown gang
- 52 Witness

King Crossword

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- 53 Say it ain't so
- 16 Shark variety
- 34 Mischievous one
- 20 Modern-day evidence
- 21 Like some video on the Web
- 22 Praise in verse
- 23 Spring mo.
- 24 Buck's mate
- 25 One of the Seven Dwarfs
- 26 High card
- 27 Commotion
- 28 Modern (Pref.)
- 29 Spigot
- 31 Wall climber
- 35 Long story
- 37 Prolonged attack
- 38 Skewer
- 39 Gambling game
- 40 Press agent?
- 41 Sad
- 42 Ocean motion
- 43 In due time
- 44 Homely
- 46 Navig. aid
- 47 Central

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		9	7				6
4	8			6	9		
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6					8		2
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

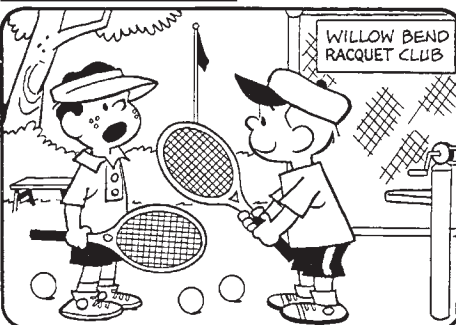
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

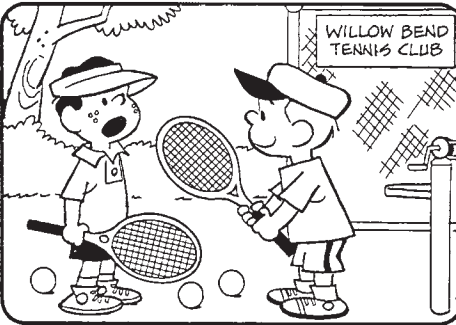
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CALENDAR

Today's Word

- 3. Agile; 4. Thin
- 1. Dream; 2. Rescue;

SCRAMBLERS

solution

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. LITERATURE: Which 18th-century statesman and inventor sometimes used the pen name "Silence Dogood" in his writings?
- 2. GEOGRAPHY: How many emirates make up the United Arab Emirates?
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- 6. MOVIES: What was the name of the monkey in the Disney movie "Aladdin"?
- 7. GOVERNMENT: Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees a speedy public trial for criminal offenses?
- 8. MUSIC: In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," what was the gift on the seventh day?
- 9. U.S. STATES: What is the smallest state in land area?
- 10. HISTORY: What Greek statesman was considered the greatest of all orators?

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- 10. Demosthenes
- 9. Rhode Island
- 8. Swans
- 7. Sixth Amendment
- 6. Abu
- 5. Florence, Italy
- 4. Joe Biden
- 3. The people's car
- 2. Seven
- 1. Benjamin Franklin

Trivia Test Answers

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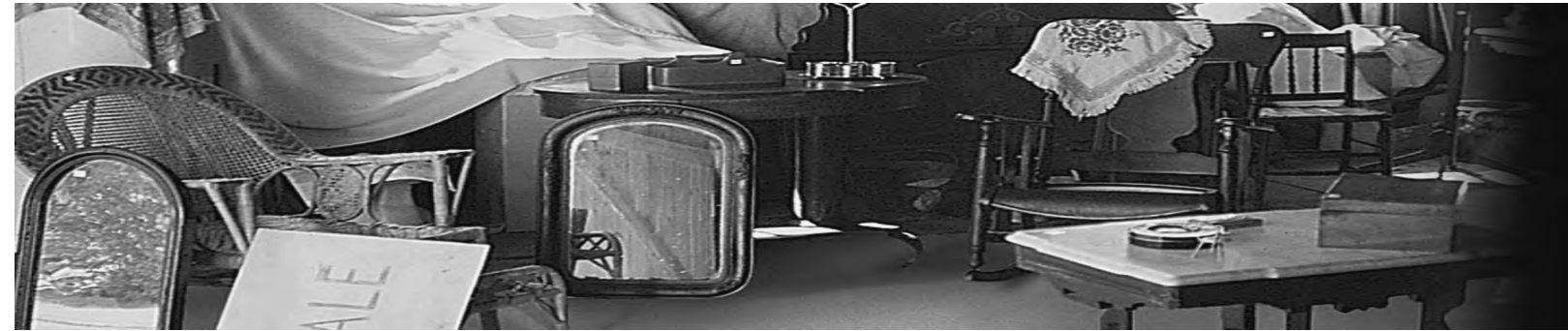
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4	8	7	5	3	6	9	1	2	
2	5	6	9	7	4	1	8	3	

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