

McGraw retires from fire department New Lee County

Jail to be located south of Dixon

By Monetta Young Reporter

LEE COUNTY — Lee County Sheriff John Simonton and the committees working on the plans for the new Lee County jail, which was slated to attach to the new Lee County courthouse, soon found out that the project was cost prohibitive in that location.

The county had imposed a cap of \$17.5 million and the projection cost of the building was reaching near the \$20.3 million point.

The plan now is for the jail to be located just south of the city of Dixon on county owned property, near the LOTS and Lee County Animal Control buildings.

Initial assessment has proven that electricity and telephone access is already available. There is also water, gas and fiber on the property.

"This location is a better fit," said Simonton. "In our original plans we failed to take into consideration the need for the large pieces of equipment needed on a project of this size and the lay down of construction materials."

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By Monetta Young

Reporter AMBOY — Family, friends and fellow fire fighters

gathered Sunday afternoon to celebrate the retirement of Assistant Chief John C. McGraw from the Amboy Fire Department.

McGraw and his family were escorted from their home to the fire station in high style by fellow firefighters. Members of the Amboy Fire Department and other visiting firefighters stood at attention as the family entered the station for the ceremony to begin.

State representative Daniel Swanson addressed the crowd and thanked McGraw for his more than 25 years of service to the department. Noting that in spite of all the awards that were displayed on the board, the rest of the story lays behind the scenes.

"Firefighters are called to sacrifice family time, holidays and other events when they are on duty," said Swanson. "No one knows the sacrifice that families make when their loved one serves."

Other guests to speak included former Illinois State Representative Don Moffit, Mercy Healthsystems Ron Meadors, and Amboy Assistant Fire Chiefs Scott Wittenauer, Duane Dickinson and Tracy Fleming. Members of the Amboy Fire Protection District presented a trophy to McGraw in recognition of his service.

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On your time, visit with committee members and school officials about the Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education's decision to place a \$15.8 million General Obligation bond question on the ballot in March 20, 2018 ballot.

Tour the current junior high to see the challenges facing teachers and students. View drawings of the proposed junior high addition to Amboy High School and discover how the bond could encourage improvements at Amboy Central Elementary and Amboy High School.

Members of the 272 KIDS committee will be available to answer your questions. Refreshments will be provided. More information about the bond question and the proposed addition can be found at amboy.net.

272 KIDS (Knowledge, Infrastructure & Development for Students) is a committee of parents and community members working to better education for students attending Amboy Schools.

Sublette Park sees improvements

By Tonja Greenfield General Manager

SUBLETTE — The Sublette Park continues to see improvements even during the winter months.

Sublette Village Board President Michael Vaessen told the Sublette Village Board during its monthly meeting on Monday night, that Doug McLauglin donated his time to the village and ground out the stumps from the old trees in the park and the mini park. Vaessen added that the piles were burnt before Christmas and they were able to fill in some of the holes and got some of the mulch spread. He said he hoped to get the piles scooped up when the weather got better.

Vaessen also told the board that two additional trees were planted in the park. He added that come spring, the village will get someone to come in with a lawn sweeper and sweep up the sticks.

Street sweeper sold

The village board accepted an offer of \$1,500 from Vaessen to purchase the village's street sweeper. Vaessen told the board before the vote that he had received a call from someone interested in the sweeper. He said that the caller had seen it in the paper where the village wanted to sell the sweeper. Vaessen added that the caller wasn't prepared to put an offer in at the time of the call and that he hadn't heard back from the caller.

Inoperable vehicles

Vaessen told the board that a notice was sent along with the water bills about how it is against the village code to have inoperable vehicles on ones property. Several of the village trustees said they had just gotten the water bill in the mail that day.

contacts.

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Blood drive planned in Amboy

AMBOY—There is an urgent appeal for blood donors.

The Red Cross has just announced blood products are currently being distributed to hospitals as fast as donations come in.

Won't you consider taking the time to donate at the A.C.O. sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, Jan. 30,

at the Amboy Community Building? Donations will be taken from noon until 6 p.m. You may go online and select a time or call Darlene at 857-3864.

Help us celebrate National Blood Donors Month by rolling up your sleeve and giving a precious lifesaving contribution to help someone in need.

Please make an appointment today.

The Last Alarm to host Chamber Business After Hours on Jan. 17

AMBOY—Everyone is invited p.m. with meeting and mingling to the next Amboy Chamber Business After Hours mixer on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at The Last Alarm Firehouse Pub. The event will begin at 5:30

time. Discussion will take place at 6:30 p.m.

Join the chamber for a business networking event. Meet new

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Everyone is welcome.

Illinois Bicentennial: Through many decades of challenges, newspapers remain strong voice for information, democracy

By Tara McClellan McAndrew

For the Illinois Press Association ike so much in Illinois, the origins of its newspapers were tied to politics and patronage. This land was a wild, largely unpopulated, western territory when its first newspaper sprang up - the single-sheet Illinois Herald, published in 1814 in Kaskaskia. Its proprietor landed the job of printing territorial and national business through his friend, the territorial governor, according to the July 1918 Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society.

Some early newspapers were created to support or oppose a political candidate or issue, like the anti-slavery Edwardsville Advocate. Illinois newspapers remained political for decades in the 1800s, according to the ISHS Journal.

Publications faced many challenges: bad transportation, unreliable mail delivery and a lack of subscribers. As more settlers came to Illinois in the middle 1800s and transportation improved, newspapers fared better. The advent of railroads precipitated a newspaper boom.

Technological improvements such as the telegraph helped, too. So did woodpulp, which made paper more economical. A lot of weeklies became dailies and

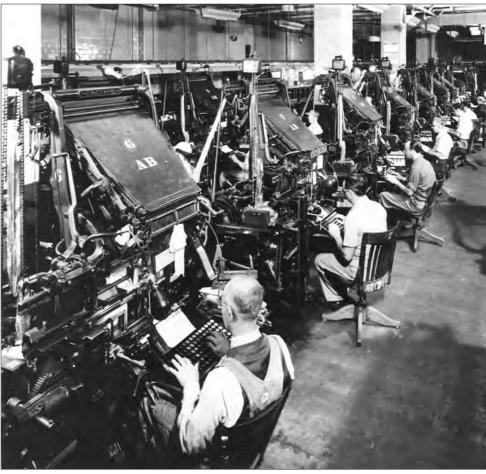
foreign language newspapers arose for immigrant communities.

By the Civil War, Illinois had almost 300 newspapers, according to the Illinois Newspaper Project. While the war increased the desire for news, it brought censorship. Government restricted news sent by telegram and shut down newspapers for not supporting the war. This included the Chicago Times and the Jonesboro Gazette, according to the Abraham Lincoln Classroom online and the website of the Gazette's successor, the Gazette-Democrat.

Chicago's papers were decimated in 1871 by the city's Great Fire. Within two days, all of the major dailies were in business again, according to the Illinois Newspapers Project. Others were gone forever.

Illinois' newspapers were thriving and diversifying in 1880. The state had about 1,000 newspapers, with at least one in every county. Special interest papers were increasing. In 1899,

Chicago was home to a newspaper for African-Americans, the Broad-Ax. More women, such as Myra Bradwell, were in the field. She had started the successful Chicago Legal News in 1868.



Linotype machines, like these in the Chicago Tribune's 1960 production room, were one of newspaper's longest-lasting technologies. Linotypes were used from the late 19th century into the 1960s.

Photo courtesy of the Illinois State Historical Library

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Amboy Fire Chief Jeff Bryant also thanked McGraw for his selfless service and expressed how much he would miss him.

"Even though he hasn't died," said Bryant. "John told me he wanted his retirement reception to be held the same hours as a visitation would be, 2 - 4 p.m."

McGraw accomplished many milestones during his career as a firefighter, EMT, fire instructor at Sauk Valley Community College, fire investigator and more. A dedicated firefighter who upheld the Amboy Fire Department's mission statement: "Our mission is to protect the lives and preserve the property of all citizens of Amboy, their guests, and travelers coming through our community, in the most professional, courteous, and efficient manner possible."

It goes without saying that McGraw has touched many lives during his more than 25 years with the department, the man who was running in as the victims were running out, the man who always gave 100 percent of his loyalty to his department. The best friend to many of the fellow firefighters on the Amboy Department and highly respected by the firefighters in the surrounding communities. A man of courage, honor and valor. A firefighter who has seen it all, devastation from tornados, fires and more.

"The fire department is more like a family to me," said McGraw. "I don't really know which direction I will be going after this, but I hope to stay in public service since that is all I have known."

McGraw says that former Amboy firefighters Bill Haws and Mike Koppien were influential in his decision to become a fireman at the age of 19.

"I will still be working with the department working with instructional classes for the men. I just won't be on the day to day calls," McGraw said. "We are a very close group of people and I think it will stay that way."

Working with the youth and helping them to become dedicated to the cause has been a great pleasure to me. "It's all to help others," he said.

Toward the end of the presentation, a final tone came into the room:

"All companies standby for a district-wide broadcast-Attention Amboy Fire Protection District, Assistant Chief John McGraw - Be advised, this is your last alarm. From your brothers, sisters, and all of the Fire Protection District, thank you Assistant Chief McGraw for 25 years of service and good luck on your retirement." KEO-340.



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Printer Robert Peak, Frank Collins, Roy Collins, Catharine Boland and an unknown man work in the Arcola Record-Herald office in 1911.

In 1902, the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign began offering journalism classes, partly in response to a call for more professionalism in media. Twenty-five years later, it opened a journalism school.

Radio brought a new threat, so did the stock market crash of 1929 and the Depression. As World War II raged, newspapers cashed in old machines and other scrap metal for the war effort.

Editors and publishers had to comply, once again, with military censorship, and a plea from the governor. According to the Illinois Press Association's publication from February-March 1942, the governor asked Illinois newspapers to "impress the public ... that this is a war to finish."

After the war, the IPA fought for open government. It created a committee to investigate complaints of government inhibiting the media's access to news. It's an issue that remains today.

Newspapers have undergone drastic changes since the 1950s because of technology and competition. Insiders needlessly worried that the new invention called television would be papers' death knell. But the Watergate investigation that brought down President Richard Nixon in the 1970s fueled a new generation of reporters and readers. The end of the 1990s and the early 2000s brought the internet and cellphones, which claimed readers and advertising dollars. In response, chains bought many independent newspapers, then reduced staff and consolidated processes to decrease costs. Papers went online and charged for digital subscriptions.

Some say print newspapers are doomed; others say their readership is greater than ever because of the internet. What's the future? No one knows, but so far the industry has survived every competitor that's come along.

Tara McClellan McAndrew writes a monthly history column for Springfield's State Journal-Register. Her work has been heard on Illinois Public Radio and National Public Radio, and read in 35 newspapers and magazines. Visit taramcandrew.com for more information.

* Editor's note: The Illinois Bicentennial series is brought to you by the Illinois Associated Press Media Editors and Illinois Press Association. More than 20 newspapers are creating stories about the state's history, places and key moments in advance of the Bicentennial on Dec. 3, 2018. Stories published up to this date can be found at 200illinois.com.





DEPOT DAYS DONATION - AMBOY FIRE

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Jim Phelps, left, presents a check for \$5,000 to Jeff Bryant, Amboy Fire Chief. The money will be used toward a sprinkler system for fire suppression in the fire station.

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DEPOT DAYS DONATION -LEE COUNTY EMERGENCY

Amboy Depot Days Car Show Committee Treasurer Jim Phelps, left, presents a check for \$1,500 to Kevin Lalley, of the Lee County Emergency Management Agency.

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There are a number of advantages to the new site. It will be easier to construct on a flat surface and will eliminate the need for ramps and such. There will be no disruption to normal business and parking issues. And it will allow the option to delay demolition of the old building, which could cost up to one million dollars. There are also a few disadvantages to building outside of the city.

One disadvantage is the transportation of prisoners to and from court. An option instead of transporting the prisoners would be to utilize video arraignment and conferencing technology to alleviate some of transportation. Simonton has

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also spoken to some of the judges about clustering court appearances to consolidate transportation as much as possible.

Another disadvantage is access to the sheriff's department by personnel at both the new and the old courthouse.

Once again, an effort to consolidate those meetings would be utilized.

There will be some additional engineering costs for this site, and there could be a delay in the start of construction.

The new plan is for a single level, approximately 35,000 square foot building, with a mezzanine level in the center for observation of the inmate's cells.

The firm of Willett Hoffman and Associates is continuing work on engineering and survey. The design schematic will be drafted by the St. Louis based HOK architecture firm and new less costly materials for construction will be sought by Ringland Johnson Construction.

"I am not sure that these steps will all come to fruition by the Jan. 16 Lee County Board meeting," said Simonton. "But I am sure by the February meeting we will be ready to present the revised plans."



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Cassidy Corcoran

Corcoran named Student of the Month

AMBOY — Cassidy Corcoran has been named the January Student of the Month at Amboy High School. She is the daughter of Jerome and Tina Corcoran.

GPA: 4.0/4.

Member and involvement: Amboy High School Leo's club, track, cross country

Awards and honors: Honorroll, most valuable runner for cross country, academic all conference, most valuable sprinter for track.

Best memories of AHS: Getting third place at the state track meet for the 4x4 and being on the podium with my teammates receiving our IHSA state medals.

Future plans: I plan on attending Sauk Valley Community College to continue my career in nursing.

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Vaessen said he would wait a little bit and then stop by and see the residents in person who were violating the code.

In other board news:

The village board approved the purchase of eight new American flags at a total of \$152 plus freight. The new American flags are for the downtown area. Vaessen said the flags are supposed to last one year in the elements.

The next Village of Sublette board meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, Feb. 12.

Junior Stewards Club being offered in Lee County

LEE COUNTY — The University of Illinois Extension office in Lee County is excited to offer the Junior Stewards 4-H Special Interest Club this February.

Youth ages eight to 12 will have the chance to learn about the weather and climate around them, birds, astronomy, and geology. The lessons will be taught by area Master Naturalists.

Some activities will take place outside, and youth are asked to dress appropriately. The Junior Stewards club will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Feb. 6 and will meet eight times from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Women's Club Shelter at Atlasta

Community Calendar

discover how the bond could

encourage improvements at

Amboy Central Elementary and

ROCK FALLS-The Ameri-

can Red Cross, in coordination

an appointment to donate.

AMBOY- The Lee County

Council on Aging will provide

assistance with accessing ser-

vices and benefits for seniors

or disabled citizens from 10

until 11 a.m. at the Community

Center, 280 W. Wasson Road, on

Wednesday, Jan. 17. Call Ruth

at LCCOA for more informa-

SUBLETTE-The Lee

County Council on Aging will

provide assistance with ac-

cessing services and benefits

for seniors or disabled citizens from 11:10 a.m. until 12:10 p.m.

at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Church Hall on Wednesday,

Jan. 17. Call Ruth at LCCOA

for more information, 815-

AMBOY-The Amboy-Lee

Center Multi-Township meet-

ing will be held at 7 p.m. on

Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the

Amboy Township Building, 106

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.

Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Mon-

day, Jan. 22, at the Community

Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions

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tion, 815-288-9236.

Amboy High School.

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.

MAY TOWNSHIP-The May Township meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Township Maintenance Building.

AMBOY-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at the Amboy Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

AMBOY-Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US RT 52, will host Community Bingo at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11. 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, Jan. 11, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 15, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library Book Club will meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the Library, 3 S. Jefferson. Call the Library for more information, 815-857-3925.

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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.

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.



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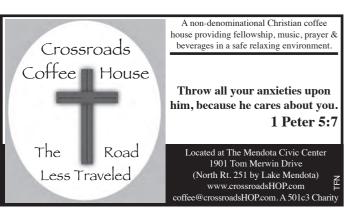
Park in Franklin Grove.

Cost is 10 for supplies and 20 for a 4-H membership fee. There is limited space for this fun club, so register today at go.illinois. edu/JrStewards.

Police Blotter

Speeding

On Jan. 8, at 3:28 p.m., Nicholas E. Litts, 30, of Franklin Grove, was issued a traffic citation for speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. He was issued a traffic citation and released after posting bond.





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CENTRAL SCHOOL MENU January 15 - 19

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

Monday	- Martin Luther King Jr Holiday
	- No School
Tuesday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from
	breakfast cart
	- Chicken patty on bun, lettuce, onion,
	tomato, fresh cut veggies/ranch, sweet
	p'tator tots, mixed fruit
Wednesday	- Pancakes & syrup
	- Roast pork in gravy, mashed potatoes,
	carrots, peas, roll/butter, pears, apple crisp
Thursday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from
	breakfast cart
	- Ham & cheese stuffed potato, broccoli &
	cheese, roll/butter, pineapple, cupcake
Friday	- Choice of fresh pastry or pick two from
	breakfast cart
	- Nacho bites, cheese stick, salad, tomatoes,
	salsa, beans & rice

8 oz. of low-fat milk served with each meal Monday – Chicken parmesan, pasta w/marinara, Sicilian blend veggies, dinner roll, diced pears

Tuesday - Sausage gravy w/biscuit, hash brown potatoes, fruit juice, baked peaches

Wednesday – Spaghetti w/meat sauce, peas, corn, garlic bread, apricots

Thursday - A) Baked ham, au gratin potatoes, seasoned green beans, pineapple tidbits, wheat bread B) Soup & Sandwich, vegetable & turkey

Friday - Pepper steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, lima beans, wheat bread, fresh orange

Meals served Reservations needed 10:00 am day before Mon.-Fri. at 11:30 am



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JR HIGH MENU January 15 - 19

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 Tuesday	- Martin Luther King Jr Holiday - No School - Cinnamon slice	
		- Chicken patty on bun, lettuce, onion, tomato, fresh cut veggies/ranch, sweet p'tator tots, mixed fruit	
	Wednesday	 Biscuit & gravy Roast pork/gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, peas, roll/butter, pears, apple crisp 	
01102018	Thursday	 Cinnamon roll Ham & cheese stuffed potato, broccoli & cheese, roll/butter, pineapple, cupcake 	
0	Friday	 Egg muffinwich Taco triples, salad, salsa, tomato, onion, jalapenos, black beans, rice, bread/butter, applesauce 	01102018

Obituaries/Local

OBITUARIES

AMBOY — Shirley A.

Pitzer, 82, of Amboy, died Sun-

day, Jan. 7, 2018, at Mendota

Lutheran Home, surrounded

by her family. She was born

March 10, 1935, in Amboy, the

daughter of Marvin and Beulah

for Amboy CUSD #272, and had

also worked at the Credit Bureau

in Dixon prior to her retirement.

She made draperies for Kline's

Department Store in Dixon and

upholstered furniture, as well as

She was a member of United

Shirley married Charles

Pitzer at United Methodist

Church in Amboy on May 1,

1955. He preceded her in death

First Church in Amboy, and was

the Secretary for Prairie Repose

Cemetery Board.

baking and decorating cakes.

Shirley was a Teacher's Aid

(Conderman) Miller.

Betty J. Fiocca-Chrzastowski May 4, 1926 - Jan. 1, 2018

SUBLETTE — Betty J. Fiocca-Chrzastowski, 91 of Sublette formerly of the Blue Island/Calumet City area passed away Jan. 1, 2018 in Heritage Health, Mendota.

Services for Betty were held at noon, on Jan. 5, 2018 in Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Calumet Park. Visitation was held from 10:30 a.m. until service time in the church.

Burial immediately followed in Cedar Park Cemetery in Calumet Park.

Betty was born on May 4,

1926 in Blue Island, to Edward and Leweva Siedler. She married Nicundro Fiocca on July 11, 1942 in Harvey, he preceded her on Feb. 23, 1997

Betty married Steve Chrzastowski on March 29, 1998, and he preceded her on Nov. 3, 2007.

During her working years she waitressed and bartended at several establishments. She was in Food Service with Thornwood High School in South Holland.

Survivors include one daughter, Linda (Richard) Klaser, of Sublette; five grandsons, James

(Robyn) Patterson, Richard (Maria) Klaser Jr., Robert (Clare) Klaser, Eric (Penelope) Patton and Karl Patton; 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; one daughter, Sandra Patton on May 1, 2011; son-in-law, Jerrol Patton on Dec. 4, 2007; and grandson, Gerald Patton.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Schwarz Funeral Home provided assistance to the family.



Wilhelm named Edgewood College Eagle of the Week

Amboy's Delaney Wilhelm scored a team-high 13 points on 6 of 12 shooting in narrow loss to Lakeland. The former Amboy prep has scored in double figures in four straight games and leads the much improved Eagles in scoring at 11.0 ppg this season.

Photo submitted

2018 4-H Camp- ready for camp?

OREGON — The 2018 4-H camp flyer and application packet is ready for you to download from the University of Illinois Extension office in Lee County website. 4-H Camp is for campers age eight through 14 and will be held this year at Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Camp (LOMC) in Oregon.

The dates for camp are Monday, June 11 through Friday, June 15. They will be camping with youth from nine counties in northern Illinois. Also, if you are 15-20 years old and interested in being a 4-H camp counselor, applications and references are being taken at the Extension Office through 4:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 12. Information about and forms for being campers and counselors can be found at go.illinois.edu/4HCampLOMC

Please be sure to download all the necessary forms, fill them out completely and submit them served basis. Please call the Extension Office if you have any questions.

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Shirley A. Pitzer March 10, 1935 - Jan. 7, 2018

April 2, 2010.

Survivors include her four children, Christine Pitzer, of Pekin, Ind., Dr. Laurine (Jeff) Pitzer-Hanson, Neal (Patt) Pitzer, and Sarah Feith, all of Amboy; one granddaughter, MaKayla Feith; two step-grandchildren, Tracy (John) Simpson, of Lee Center and Jamie (Cory) Johnson, of Rock Falls; eight step-great-grandchildren; and one brother, Wendell "Skip" (Doris) Miller, of Amboy.

Funeral services will be held on at 11 a.m., on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, in the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy with Kent Terry, Chaplain at Mendota Lutheran Home, officiating. Cremation will follow with burial of cremains at a later date in Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation will be held



from 4-7 p.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 10, in the funeral home.

A memorial has been established to Mendota Area Senior Services and Prairie Repose Cemetery. Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com.



Fluffy is a 4 year old Longhair black. He is neutered and declawed on all 4 paws. Fluffy was raised in a quieter home with no other pets or children. His one adoption failed because he was so stressed due to a young child being there frequently. Fluffy was not happy to come back here due to the other cats. Now he is in a quieter adoption area and is much happier. He wants a quieter, serene home. To see Fluffy, visit Granny Rose Animal Shelter, 613 River Lane, Dixon. Hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, and closed on Sunday. Call 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit www.grannyrose.org.

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Kreider Alliance scholarship applications now available

DIXON — Kreider Alliance (formerly the ARC of Lee County) announces to Lee County college or college bound students that scholarship applications for the 2018 school year are now available

for submission.

The deadline to apply is March 15. Kreider Alliance will award up to four scholarships \$1,000 each to students going into a social service field, that aligns with working with people with developmental or intellectual disabilities.

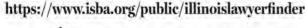
Degree areas that would apply include Special Education, Social Work, Psychology, Therapeutic Recreation, Occupational and Speech or Physical Therapy and Nursing. The applications are available from the Guidance Office at local High Schools in Lee County, at Kreider Services 500 Anchor Rd. Dixon and at Sauk Valley Community Col-

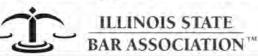
lege. Applications can also be found on our website at www. kreiderservices.org. The winners will be announced in early May and will be awarded June 4 at the Annual Kreider Alliance Meeting.

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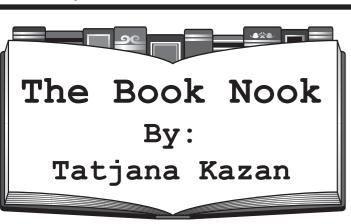
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American Princess

t is said that the rich are different from us, and in Russell Banks's "The Darling," Hannah Musgrave, a rich farmer in her late fifties, who in a younger incarnation had landed on the FBI's most wanted list, has clearly landed on her feet. The daughter of a famous pediatrician, highly educated, highly privileged, she had joined the Weather Underground, the militant radical group that carried out terror bombings in the early 1970s.

"Old age is a slow surprise," Hannah muses, "at a certain point, one's history, one's story simply stops unfolding: change just ends." It is at this point that she decides to return to Liberia

because "we return to a place to learn why we had left," and because she needs to find her sons.

Having gone to ground after being indicted in 1969, Hannah flees to Liberia. The country is a wonder to her. Founded in 1822 by black Americans and later freed American slaves, its capital Monrovia (named after President Monroe) is a miniature version of Washington DC, "like a country cousin putting on airs." The place looks like postwar Dixie, with neat Protestant churches on every corner and mansions in the style of plantations for the elite, who call themselves Americo-Liberians.

Hannah marries Woodrow Sundiata, the Minister of Public **Social News**

Health in a marriage of convenience: a white, blue-eyed, American wife enhances his prestige and she gets to live a life of idle privilege, though she refuses the highly prized delicacy called bush meat, fried monkeys and chimpanzees. She bears Woodrow three sons. Neither a good wife nor a good mother, she loves "the dreamers," the name she gives to the chimpanzees she takes care of in a research lab.

In 1980, a coup ousts the highly corrupt president and the grim march toward civil war commences. The atrocities are horrific. Hannah hears rumors of ritual dismemberment and cannibalism. She does not believe it until she witnesses it herself. When Woodrow is arrested, Hannah leaves for America.

In America, Hannah springs Charles Taylor, the notorious Liberian rebel, whom the people finally elect president "to stop him from killing them," from prison. She naively believes Taylor's promise of a socialist democracy for Liberia. Hannah returns to a calm Liberia and waits for Taylor's rebel army of boy soldiers. When they finally

THE **PASTOR'S** PEN

By Pastor John Kalebaugh

s I write this column we are experiencing our fifth straight day of sub-zero temperatures since the New Year. With wind chills far below this.

Even though the temperatures have been very uncomfortable lately, Jesus warned of a type of "cold" that is even more dangerous. He said, ... the love of many will grow cold." (Matthew 24:12b). Though our Lord was speaking in the contexts of the "Last Days" when He said this, it isn't just a future problem. It was something that even the early church struggled with also. This was why Christ corrected the church at Ephesus when He said, "... you have lost your first love." (Revelations 2:4). The lack or loss of love can be both an individual as well as a corporate (church) problem.

I am sure many reasons could be cited for a person or church's diminishing love, then and now. But in the case of the church in Ephesus, it seemed they had an unhealthy preoccupation with - doing good things. But they had forgotten the reason why they were doing them to begin with. Their original reason was their love for Christ.

Unfortunately, this is not a hard thing to do.

Many of us experience a time of spiritual renewal in our lives and then desire to give back to the One who gave so much to us. We find great joy and satisfaction in doing things, as unto the Lord. But if we are not careful we can fall into the routine of doing our service out of habit, because there is a need, or simply because we are able to. We may have lost the original sense of purpose we once had - and its' corresponding joy.

The Good News is we can reclaim the place of love and fulfilment we once had. Christ told the people at Ephesus, "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works." (v. 5). This means doing the good works, but for the right reason – our love for God and His church. For Christians, repentance should just be a part of our normal lives. The Scriptures and the Holy Spirit are good at revealing areas we need to change – if our hearts are open to them.

How about you? As the New Year has dawned and people think of making resolutions, are there areas of your life in which your love has grown cold? This is a perfect time to ask God to lovingly restore what you may have lost. He will, if you ask Him to. I have and I hope you will too. May God bless you with a Happy New Year.

arrive, the destruction is total. Hannah lands in New York

on Sept. 10, 2001. She has "made her way home to a nation terrorized and grieving, on a scale that no American had imagined before, a nation whose entire history was being rapidly rewritten. In the months that followed, I saw that the story of my life could have no significance in the larger world. In the new history of America, mine was merely the story of an American darling, and had been from the beginning."

Nagel to celebrate 80th birthday

BELVIDERE — Richard Nagel will be observing his 80th birthday on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018.

He resides at Park Place in Belvidere. He is a former Amboy High School band teacher.

A card shower is planned to surprise him. Cards may be addressed to: Richard Nagel, 1701 5th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008.

Email news items to tgreenfield@amboynews.com



W-Whitewater

-Melinda Oates from Paw Paw, has made the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Dean's List for the 2017 fall semester.

These students have demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

"We are very proud of all the students who have made the Dean's List," said Susan Elrod, provost

and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs. "Their efforts represent months of hard work and dedication to academic excellence, and this recognition is well deserved."

The Registrar's Office reports 3,652 students were selected for the Dean's List for the fall semester. About 12,400 students are currently enrolled at UW-Whitewater.



Oates named to dean's list at

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Wed., Jan. 10	AHS Boys Basketball (H) Orangeville – 6:00 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 11	AHS Girls Basketball @ Milledgeville – 6:00 p.m.
	School Board Finance/Building & Grounds
	Committee Meeting –
	AHS Room 105 – 7:00 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 12	AHS Boys Basketball @ Prophetstown – 6:00 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 13	AHS Varsity Wrestling (H) Tournament – 9:00 a.m.
	AHS Girls Basketball @ Forreston – 5:30 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 15	NO SCHOOL – MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
Tues., Jan. 16	AJHS Girls 7th Grade Basketball @ Waterman
	Tourney-TBA
	AHS Scholastic Bowl (H) Fulton Unity – 4:00 p.m.
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	AHS Boys Basketball @ LaMoille – 5:30 p.m.
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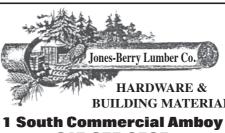
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Swearing-off caffeine can only lead to one thing—more swearing

Noday, like every day since the start of the **Guest Column** craving one might have for, say... New Year, I've abstained from my morning cups of coffee—a decision I reached during a moment of weakness sometime around midnight on New Year's Eve.

I know this because I was told so by my wife, who swears that, along taking the trash out without being asked, I vowed (after several glasses of champagne) to take better care of myself. While this decision has certainly made me a healthier person, it has also made me a crankier one.

This is due, in part, to the decaffeination process itself, which can cause headaches, drowsiness, constipation, Tourette's syndrome, and, in the case of Lizzy Borden, involuntary manslaughter.

After doing some research, I realized that there was more to beating this thing than just dealing with the physical craving, which, for someone who drinks coffee all day, is similar to the

By Ned Hickson



Breathable air.

I also had to take into account the mental aspect of my addiction - which is really about me having an excuse to leave my desk. On a good day, between coffee refills and trips to the bathroom, I can spend as little as eight minutes actually working at my desk. Because of this, it was clear that conquering my physical addiction wouldn't be enough — I'd need a replacement beverage.

While I briefly entertained the idea of decaffeinated tea, I decided against it, mostly because I can never figure out what to do with the tea bag once it's done steeping.

Do I throw it out? Save it? Put one over each eye and take a nap?

The truth of the matter is, men are not "steepers." A man wants to wake up, fill his mug with something close to 8,000 degrees

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Jan. 11, 1918

The first "tie-up" snowstorm of the season took place Sunday, Jan. 6, a storm which some residents say was the worst since a memorable blizzard in the 1880s.

W. J. Fenten had his meat orders delivered Monday by a boy on horseback and some other merchants were obliged to impress farmers with bobsleds into the delivery service as it was impossible for motor wagons to get through.

The A.H.S. basketball team will play the South Dixon H.S. team at the Amboy opera house Saturday night.

75 Years Ago Jan. 7, 1943

Three tables of bridge were enjoyed by friends of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Griffith as they watched the old year out Thursday evening. At bridge Mr. and Mrs. Funkhouser held the high scores while Mrs. John McGowan and W. L. Wadleigh were awarded consolation prizes.

K. S. MacKinnon of the Amboy Milk Produces Company is spending this week at Purdue University in Indiana attending a course on Plant Protection given by the war department.

The Green River Farmers Club will meet Friday evening, Jan. 8, at the Farm Bureau hall for their annual oyster supper.

> 50 Years Ago Jan. 11, 1968

The First National Bank in Amboy had a substantial increase in assets from six and a half million to nearly seven and a third million in 1967. This was disclosed at the annual meeting of stockholders held at the bank Tuesday morning.

Miss Judy Boehle of Dixon this past week sent a press release from the Lee County Rural Youth to the Amboy News with a request that it be published to aid an organization in its drive to enlarge its members ship: Are you single, and between the ages of 18 and 28? Do you sometimes wish that their was something to do. Well there is - join Rural Youth.

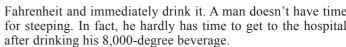
Amboy High School's basketball game, originally scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 9 at Dupue has been rescheduled for Tuesday Feb. 6 in that city.

25 Years Ago Jan. 14, 1992

Over \$800 has already been donated to the Amboy Jaycees Dog Pull by area businesses and individuals. The Sled Dog Pull, using Alaskan Malamutes, will be held as a fundraiser for the civic group at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 at the JC Community Building.

Amboy High School doubled its previous month's total but still trails in the race to see which school will earn the most computer and software in a promotion sponsored by Beggs Certified Foods. Central students continue to lead the three school race as they turned in \$11,936 in receipts in December. AJHS ran a close second last month with \$11, 255 in receipts.

Fourteen year old Kenny Speers of Amboy was born a year after Elvis Presley died, but he's still a fan and was first in line Friday at noon to buy a commemorative stamp of the King of Rock 'n Roll.



This left me with three viable alternatives: 1) Hot chocolate; 2) Some kind of soy drink that, according to the label, can be consumed either hot, cold or as a grilled patty; or 3) "Postum."

After reading the label on the hot chocolate canister, I realized that, based on my average daily hot-beverage consumption, replacing coffee with hot chocolate would result in an estimated weight gain of just under 600 pounds in five weeks. This, of course, would defeat having an excuse to leave my desk since I would no longer be able to leave my house.

I considered the soy-drink-patty-thing, but couldn't get passed the idea of consuming something that can be referred to as the soy-drink-patty-thing.

This left me with "Postum" as my morning beverage of choice. For those who are unfamiliar with this product, it is a coffee alternative that is completely caffeine free because it is made from "all natural" ingredients like wheat, corn, sea weed, yarn, tree bark, bone meal and simulated wood paneling, all of which is then ground up and allowed to "steep" before it is eventually freeze-dried to resemble Taster's Choice.

I've been drinking it for several days now, and it's not all that bad. Still, I'm not convinced that Postum's claim to be "The Truly Soothing Hot Beverage" is true.

To be honest, I'd kill for a coffee-drink-patty-thing right about now

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what should be By Lee Hamilton

toward address-**Guest Column** ing the defects in our political institutions and political culture — a shift in political life toward

past — seems hard to locate these days. Americans are troubled, uneasy, and alarmed by everything from the quality of presidential leadership to Russian meddling to the rise of income inequality to the decline

I look ahead to a year we all know will be momentous, you want to know what I feel most strongly? Gratitude.

I'll tell you in a moment how much work we have ahead of us to strengthen our country. But I'm mindful of just how strong we already are. A resilient economy has been performing well for several years now, avoiding both rampant inflation and recession. Despite its flaws, we have a remarkable education system that has allowed more people to enroll in college, make dramatic gains in lifelong learning and — especially in the case of racial minorities — get an education that a generation ago would have been much harder to secure.

We have a more diverse, educated workforce than ever before, and we're making progress on issues from climate change to social equality. We remain wealthy, powerful, and blessed with perhaps the strongest governing institutions of any country in the world despite the challenges of the moment.

We possess an immense, deep pool of talented people, who have made us a leading example of unity out of diversity, or as our motto has it, "out of many, one."

However, we have to work to retain and buttress our strengths. And as I suggested, we have our work cut out for us.

For one thing, we've always been an open country, welcoming a great diversity of people and remaining open to their aspirations and ideas. But we've been losing this. Immigration has been cut back sharply. A large and vocal group of Americans want to "take back America" to some more homogenous ideal that never actually existed.

At the same time, too many Americans also feel excluded and alienated from economic people can mix and where our institutions can become more heterogeneous. We tend to associate with our own, which is natural and not to be criticized,

our own biases.

ity rises, smaller and smaller groups of people corner an ever larger share of wealth, political power, and communal influence.

our politics. We are more polarized and politically divided than I've seen in my lifetime.

Excessive partisanship, the permanent political campaign that marks policy-making at the federal level, the strength of narrow interest groups, the outsized role of money in politics, the decline in the quality of public debate — all are cause for great concern.



Taking stock as we begin a New Year

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seeking the common good and focusing on the national interest.

This would allow us to refocus on one of the defining features of our country's his-

tory: that what we're about as a nation is providing opportunity for all. That everyone has a role to play in contributing positively to a better neighborhood, a better community, a better state and nation, a better world. That as Americans, we devote ourselves to something larger than ourselves.

This sense of beckoning opportunity has been waning. We're not investing in our future as we used to, in basic infrastructure like roads and bridges, in social infrastructure like schools, health clinics and libraries, or in the research and development that are crucial to a next-generation economy.

Our optimism as a coun-I hope 2018 sees a turn try — so characteristic of our

of traditional families.

Yet here's the thing. While I understand our problems, I utterly reject the idea that we can give into them. From its start, this nation has been about resolving problems. We did so by embracing our simple, core virtues: humility, hard work, a welcoming attitude, inclusivity, neighborliness, consensus-building, and above all, a recognition that freedom has been given to us and we have an obligation to lead constructive lives.

That's what we're about as a country. Not decline, or division, or insurmountable obstacles. Let's remember that in 2018.

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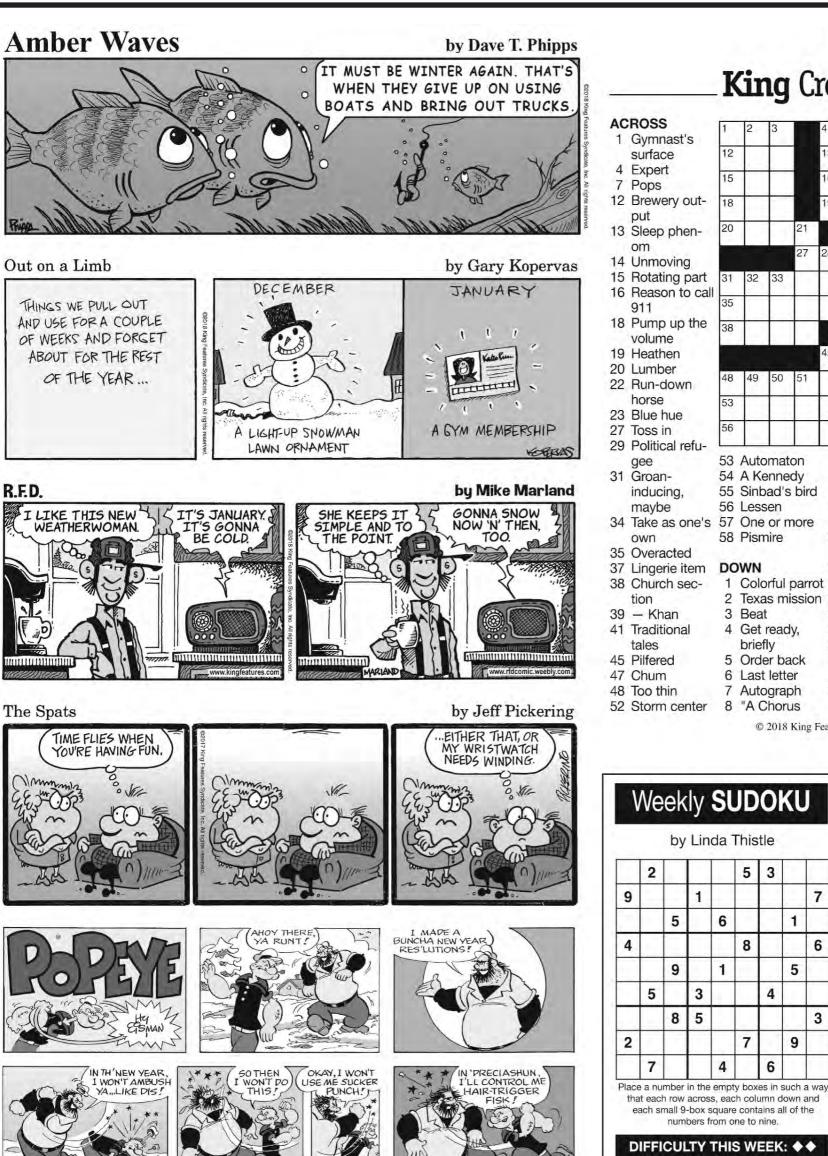
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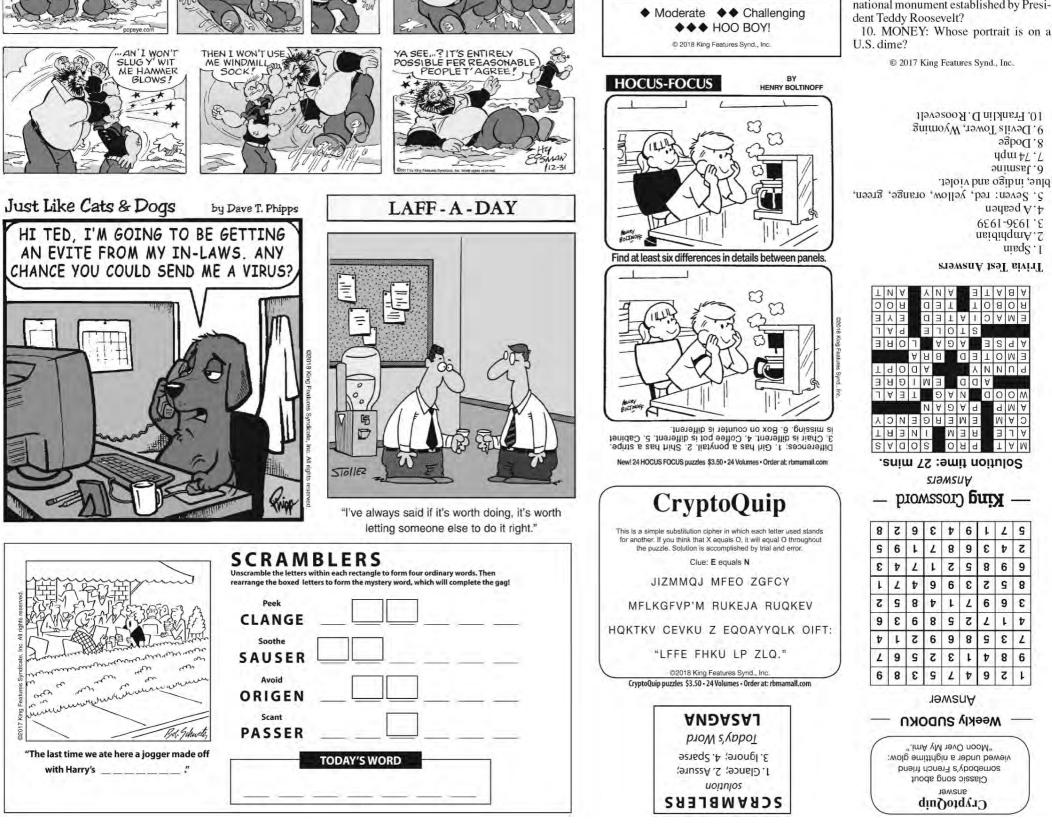
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Hayden Montavon, pictured center, took first place in the 132 pound division.

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Three Clippers reach championship matches at wrestling tourney

AMBOY - Three Amboy Clipper junior varsity wrestlers reached the championship match in their respective weight class at the Amboy Junior Varsity Wrestling Tournament on Jan. 6.

Hayden Montavon claimed the championship in the 132-pound division with a thrilling 8-7 victory over Isaac Rollinger of Dixon in the title bout. Two other Clippers – Jake Schaver and Dorian

Barlow - took second-place honors. Amboy finished in seventh place out of 16 schools in the team standings.

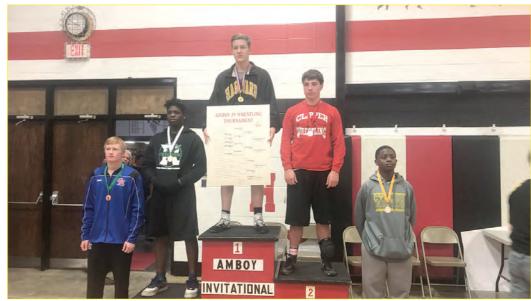
Hayden Montavon – 1st place, 132 pounds

Montavon (A) dec. Brown (Kewanee), 15-0; Montavon(A)dec. Harper(PutnamCounty-Hall), 6-2; Montavon (A) dec. Rollinger (Dixon), 8-7 Jake Schaver – 2nd place, 160 pounds

Schaver (A) pinned Criss (Sterling); Schaver (A) pinned Steeg (Dixon), 3:19; Schaver (A) pinned White (Chicago), ,1:05; Smith (Erie-Prophetstown) pinned Schaver (A), 2:26

Dorian Barlow – 2nd place, 170 pounds

Barlow (A) pinned Navarette (Genoa-Kingston), 2:27; Barlow (A) pinned Wright (Chicago), 2:00; Streit (Harvard) dec. Barlow (A), 2-0



Dorian Barlow, second from right, placed second in the 170 pound division.



Jake Schaver, second from right, placed second

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in the 160 pound class. Photo submitted

Kreider Alliance scholarship applications now available

DIXON — Kreider Alliance (formerly the ARC of Lee County) announces to Lee County college or college bound students that scholarship applications for the 2018 school year are now available for submission.

The deadline to apply is March 15. Kreider Alliance will award up to four scholarships \$1,000 each to students going into a social service field, that aligns with working with people with developmental or intellectual disabilities.

Degree areas that would apply include Special Education, Social Work, Psychology, Therapeutic Recreation, Occupational and Speech or Physical Therapy and Nursing. The applications are available from the Guidance Office at local High Schools in Lee

County, at Kreider Services 500 Anchor Rd. Dixon and at Sauk Valley Community College.

Applications can also be found on our website at www. kreiderservices.org

The winners will be announced in early May and will be awarded June 4 at the Annual Kreider Alliance Meeting.

Kreider Alliance is a local 501(c)3 organization that was started in 1952. It is the mother organization to Kreider Services.

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PECATONICA - The Amboy Lady Clippers lost their third game of the season by a single point after Pecatonica came out on top, 37-36, on Jan. 3 at Pecatonica.

looks at the basket in the final minute of play, but could not connect on any of them.

The Lady Clippers had a hard time finding the basket the entire game as they converted their shots.

Noelle Jones led the Amboy attack with 14 points and eight rebounds.

Abi Payne was next with 12 points and two assists, while

with six points and six rebounds.

Amboy's game with Polo scheduled for Jan. 5 has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 17 at the AHS gym.



scholarship program, please contact Becky Reilly at 815-288-6691.



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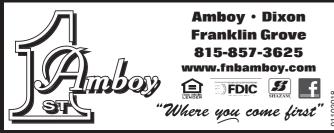
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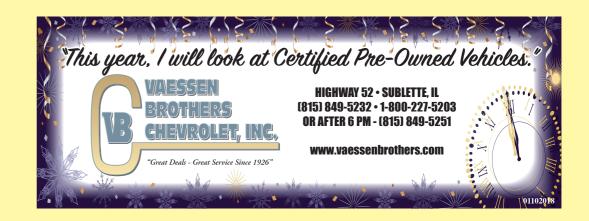
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ILLINOIS YOU Case No. 2017 TX 61 TAKE TO: HARRY L GRANT THE JR., JOANNE GRANT, being GUARDIAN TRUST U.S.BANK IL LLC, NATIONAL ASSOCIpetition in the County ATION AS TRUSTEE Court of LEE Coun-FOR CERTIFICATE ty, Illinois in the same HOLDERS CITIproceedings wherein GROUP MORTGAGE said real estate was directed to be sold LOAN TRUST INC.; COLLECTION PROpraying among other FESSIONALS INC.: things for an order di-UNKNOWN OWNrecting the issuance ERS, HEIRS AND OCof a Tax Deed to the CUPANTS AND PARundersigned; that on TIES the 8TH DAY OF MAY, INTERESTED and THE LEE COUN-TY CLERK YOU AND EACH OF

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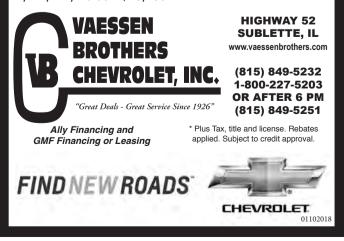
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