







Maurice Zimmerlein, the president of the Sublette Farm Toy & Antique Tractor Show Board, said the turnout for both Saturday, March 16 and Sunday, March 17 were fantastic. The buildings were full to the brim with farm toy shoppers and onlookers while each of the approximate 120 tractors were examined. Ethan Orzech's model train display was also a hit. **Brandon LaChance/Amboy News** 

#### Letter addressing residental chickens to be sent to Lee County from Sublette

#### By BRANDON LaCHANCE Amboy News Editor

SUBLETTE – Sublette Village President John Stenzel had something he wanted to address at the March 11 Sublette Village Board meeting at the Ellice Dinges Center.

The issue was Lee County stating or a proclamation of allowance of chickens on residential property.

vidual community instead of the entire county. Or that each village and town in the county should have a vote or a say on the matter.

"We have a hard enough time with cats running loose, how are we going to deal with the noise and smell of chickens?' Stenzel asked the board. "We have houses in bad shape that we are constantly giving ordinances too. If this goes in effect and people put up chicken coops, those will have to be kept up also. With regulations, who is going to enforce them? "It may work if people have to have special use permits to own chickens within village borders and have any and all neighbors sign off that it is OK for them to have them."

#### Traffic stop results in meth, obstructing justice charges

**DIXON** – On March 15,2024, at approximately 3:26 P.M., Deputies from the Lee County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop on IL Rt. 26 near South Eldena Rd. in rural Dixon, Lee County, Illinois. The vehicle was pulling a small utility trailer with no visible registration. After a consent search of the vehicle, Deputies located 10.5 grams of Methamphetamine. Through the investigation, the driver, Amy J. Allison, age 45, of Dixon was arrested for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Class 2 Felony.

A passenger, Albert J. Brooks, age 40, of Dixon was arrested for Obstructing Justice, a Class 4 Felony and a Failure to Appear Warrant out of Ogle County.

All charges are merely an allegation, and the defendant is presumed in-



Stenzel read a letter to the board and meeting attendees he wrote to Lee County addressing chickens asking if he should send it to Dixon.

In the letter, Stenzel asked if Lee County was going to take control of the chicken permits and regulations.

He stated why the topic should be brought to and dealt with by each indi-

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nocent until proven guilty.

Citizensareremindedto call the Lee County Sheriff's Office at (815) 284-6631 or Crime stoppers at 1-888-CAUGHT-U. Callers can remain anonymous and receive rewards of up to \$1,000 if their information leads to an arrest.

**Amy Allison** 



**Albert Brooks** 

## A Tribute to the fallen of World War I

Editor's note: The Amboy News will be publishing a series of articles on Lee County veterans who served during World War I. These heroes are part of Amboy's history and it is our honor to publish these articles so you can learn about their service to our country. This article was researched by Jack Mead and Tom Dempsey, and written by Dempsey.

**Pvt. Theodore** 

**LeRoy Trouth** 

Co. A, 132nd Infantry Regiment, 33rd Infantry Division

In September of 1917, a parade was held in Dix-



on to send off 75 young men from Lee County who were selected to report to Camp Grant in Rockford for their army training. Spectators lined the street-wives, sweet-

hearts, parents, brothers, sisters and friends - to wish these men "Godspeed" in their mission to make the world "safe for democracy". It is not certain if Theodore

Trouth was in the parade that day, but he reported to Camp Grant that year assigned to the 33rd Division in preparation for

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#### Two-vehicle crash at Rt. 30, Rt. 53 intersection

AMBOY – On March 15, 2024, at approximately 3:24 P.M, Deputies from the Lee County Sheriff's Office responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of US Route 30 and US Route 52, in rural Amboy, Lee County, Illinois.

Investigating Deputy's learned that a 2015 Chrysler 200, driven by 48-year-old Cynthia M. James of Decatur, Illinois, was traveling northbound on US Route 52. A 2010 Hyundai Elantra, driven by 43-year-old Brett A. Armstrong of Amboy, Illinois, was turning south bound onto US Route 52 from US Route 30. The 2015 Chrysler failed to stop at the intersection of US Route 30 and US Route 52, striking the 2015 Hyundai. Both drivers were transported to KSB Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Cynthia James was issued a citation for Failing to Yield Rightof-Way/Intersection.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Amboy Fire Department, Sublette Fire Department, Dixon Rural Fire Department, and Advance EMS.

## **Ribbon Cutting**



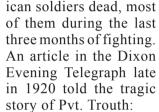
Mike Anderson, holding scissors on left, and Mary Anderson, fourth from left, recently cut the ribbon for Laundry on Main along with Amboy Mayor Frank Stenzel, holding scissors on right, and Amboy Aldermen. Photo contributed

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combat duty in France.

Born to Jacob and Susannah Trouth on July 14, 1888, Theodore spent his youth in Dixon, attending school there. When he registered for the draft in June of 1917, Theodore was unmarried and employed as a woodworker in Dixon at age 28. He later married Anna Maria Faulhaber in Chicago and the couple gave birth to one daughter.

On May 16, 1918, Pvt. Trouth left Hoboken, New Jersey with other soldiers of the 132nd Regiment aboard the transport ship Mt. Vernon, arriving in France within ten days. With the arrival of tens of thousands of U.S. soldiers that spring, the tide of war was about to turn in favor of the allies. Within months, the war in France came to an end with over 116,000 Amer-



"COMING HOME -Jacob Trouth, of Noble Avenue, has received notice from the War Department that the body of his son. Theodore L. Trouth, who passed away in France in June 25, 1918, as the result of illness, is being transported to the United States and is expected to arrive in New York next Tuesday. Upon its arrival in the States a military escort will accompany it to Dixon and tentative arrangements for a big military funeral are now being made by Dixon Post No. 12, American Legion, Further information concerning the time of the arrival of the body in Dixon will he sent by

war department officials, at which time funeral arrangements will be announced."

By the war's end, the 1918 Spanish Flu Pandemic had claimed the lives of over 43,000 U.S. soldiers either on the battlefield or at army camps back home. Pvt. Trouth's official cause of death was "pyemia", an infection of the blood. Whether this was secondary to the Spanish Flu is not clear. In most cases, when a person was infected with that particular flu virus, there was an immediate bacterial infection of the lungs causing severe pneumonia and almost certain death.

Pvt. Theodore LeRoy Trouth was the first Dixon boy to die overseas in World War I. Over two years after his death, his remains were returned to his family and buried at Oakwood Cemetery. His sacrifice for democracy is forever cherished and remembered. NOTE: If you know of other Lee County Soldiers who died in service during World War I, we urge you to share that information to demps60@ gmail.com so that those soldiers may be honored and remembered. Sources "War History of Lee County Illinois, 1917-1919". Dixon American Legion Post 12, 1919. Dixon Evening Telegraph, Dec. 11, 1920 & May 28, 1923. Find A Grave Memorial National Archives







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We are indebted to our afterschool volunteers: Bonny, Sandy P, Sandy D, Mary, Amber, Brian, Karen, Candy, Kathy Donna, Shannon, and our Impact Volunteers.

We could not make the decisions or hold events without our Board members: Brian, Barb, Mark, Shelli, Amber, Madison. Of course, our treasurer, Roxy

#### **Drive-Thru Fish Fry**

A full thank you will be in next week's paper.

#### 24th Annual Teen Turf Draw Down and Auction

Letters will be sent out to past participants this week. It will be a little different this year. The Drive-Thru will be held on Sunday, May 5th from 11a.m.-2 p.m. with Long Branch catering and we will have the drawing on Facebook live at 4p.m. Info on how-to pick-up food will be included with the ticket. Tickets still cost \$50, and we will have those shortly to purchase. We will be having our online auction on Airauctioneer.com again. It will start April 25th at noon and end at eight p.m. on May 2nd. If you would like to donate a basket or item to be auctioned off, we would need it the first week of April. More info to come later. Thank you for your support!

#### Needs

Kleenex and Toilet Paper

#### **Final Note**

Heavenly Father, you know the beginning from the end. You ordain all things to work out for our good. Even in this trial we are going through, Father, we take heart because Jesus has overcome the world. Help us to draw strength from You and endure until we get to be with You in glory. Amen



#### POSSESSION, CONSUMPTION **OF ALCOHOL BY MINOR**

Giovanni P. Gatza, 19, of LaMoille, was arrested at 12:53 a.m. Tuesday, March 9 at the intersection of S. Mason Ave. and Water St. in Amboy, and was issued an Amboy City Ordinance Citation for possession and consumption of alcohol by a minor.

#### EXPIRED VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Jacquelyn M. Burket, 38, of Paw Paw was issued a traffic citation at 5:50 p.m. Wednesday, March 10 at the 700 block of East Main St. to E. Sterling Rd. for expired vehicle registration.

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**DIXON**-The Lee County Health Department will have Immunization Clinics for Children and Adults by appointmentonly. Call 815-284-3371 to make an appointment or for information on other services available. You may also visit the website at www.lchd.com for a list of services available.

AMBOY- You are invited to join fellow senior citizens for a free exercise program at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US Highway 52, Amboy. Sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. Chairs are provided for an approximate 30-minute workout. For more information, call Chris at 815-857-3963.

MENDOTA-OSF HealthCare will host a community blood drive in March with ImpactLife. OSF Saint Paul Medical Center will host a blood drive on Friday, March 22, from noon to 5 p.m. in conference room C. ImpactLife is the only provider of blood and blood components to OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center, OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center, OSF HealthCare Saint Clare Medical Center, OSF Center for Health in Streator and the soon-to-open OSF Saint Elizabeth - Peru. To schedule an appointment for donation, call 800-747-5401 or schedule online at www.bloodcenter.org or via the Blood Center's mobile app.

DIXON- Join the Master Gardeners of Carroll, Lee, Ogle and Whiteside counties for this one-day event offering participants information about horticulture, backyard gardening, pest control and more. This event will be held from 8 a.m. - noon, on March 23, at the Loveland Community House, Dixon. Registration is online at go.illinois. edu/readysetgrow.

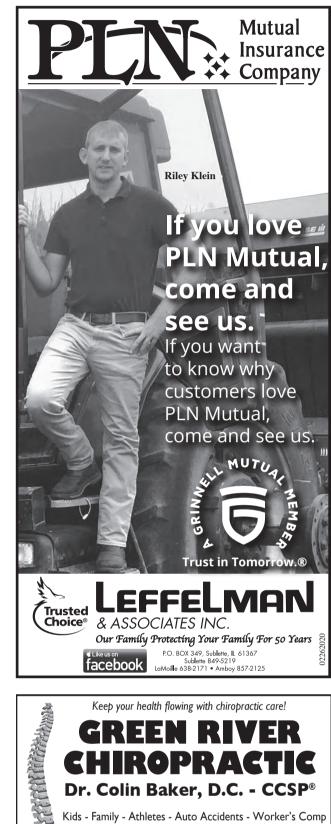
**DIXON-** This is a survey class that will introduce you to all facets of training including obedience, rally, agility, and showmanship. It is also designed to help your dog become a more integral part of your family. Open to youth ages 8-18 beginning Saturday, Feb. 10 and running select Saturdays through August. The next meeting is March 23, at Granny Rose K-9 Enrichment Center, Dixon. Beginners will take place at 11a.m. with advanced classes following at 1 p.m. The fee will be free for 4-H members and \$20 for non-4-H members. Register online by April 1 or until the classes or full at go.illinois.edu/kidsk9.

AMBOY- The Lee County Project Pool event will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m., on March 23, at the Lee County 4-H Center, Amboy. This morning workshop is designed to showcase some of the unique project options available in the 4-H program. Take advantage of this opportunity to explore something you have never considered before. Open to all youth ages 5-18; need not be a 4-H member to participate. Pre-registration is required by March 16. Registration fee is \$20 and can be done online at: go.illinois.edu/projectpool.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, March 25. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

DIXON- Through 4-H Mindful Mechanics, teens age 13-19 are encouraged to build positive relationships by expressing care, concern, and gratitude for others, build beliefs in themselves, practice self-discipline, self-control, and self-reflection, and serve others. This workshop will be held March 25, April 1 and 8, from 5-6 p.m., at Sauk Valley Community College. The overall program aims to promote mindful practices that lead to improvements in managing one's goals, developing a sense of self, time management, stress management, and emotional regulations. Supplies are included. Register online at go.illinois. edu/CommunityEdSVCC.

FRANKLIN GROVE- Wouldn't it be terrific for all ages to learn more about gardening? The Lee County Master Gardeners have started their gardening series again, ' Big and Small Gardening." This series will be held at the Winfred Knox Library in Franklin Grove the first Tuesday of each month, with alternating months offering a youth program at 4 p.m. or an adult program at 6 p.m. Join the Master Gardeners for an adult lesson on April 2 to learn about milk jug salsa gardening. One may register for these programs by calling the library at 815-456-2823.



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up the debate with the county previously and Lee County sent him a petition amendment from Chapter 5 in the to respect neighbor's Resident District, Section 6, Title 10 Zoning Regulations where it sates chickens are allowed in Lee County under regulations.

It also said there will be a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 1 in the County Board Room in Dixon to further discuss the matter.

Stenzel ended the discussion by stating what he views as the

Stenzel had brought two rules, that if put in place and adhered to, would void all other rules from being made.

> First, residents have property.

> Second, people don't have to like their neighbor, but they need to be sociable and understanding of their neighbor.

> All present trustees (Larry Ellis, Julie Kessel, Bob Bulfer, Scott Hanson, Rich Klaser, and MacKenzie Belan) agreed with Stenzel and said he should send the letter to Lee County.



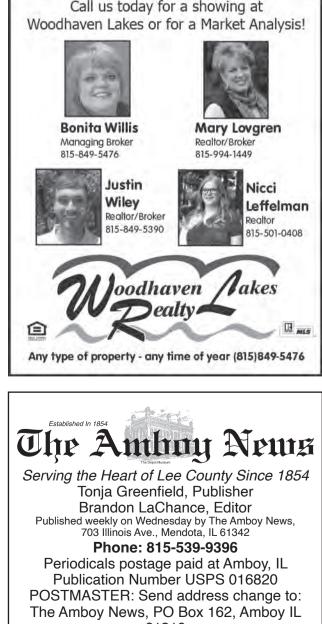


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# **OBITUARIES**

## OBITUARIES

### **Colleen A. Koch** April 17, 1940 - March 17, 2024

#### SHOREWOOD —

Colleen A. Koch, 83, of Shorewood, passed away on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at the home of her daughter.

She is born on April 17, 1940, in Amboy the daughter of William and Aileen (Brady) Morrissey. Colleen worked for ComEd, Fantasy Flavors, and also cleaned houses, and baby satchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Douglas Koch; son in law, Dave Borgens; siblings, Robert Morrissey in infancy, John "Tiny" (Corrine) Morrissey, Rev. William "Buddy"Morrissey, Joseph (Josephine)Morrissey,Rosemary (George) Hawks, Elizabeth 'Bette" (Louie) Wilhelm, Barb (LeRoy) Goy, brothers in law, Alvin Glenn, Gene Carroll, Lloyd Considine, Jack Scorby; and sisters in

law, Linda Morrissey, and Carol Foglesong.

She is also preceded in death by her niece and nephews Brian Goy, Tim Considine, Jay Hawks, and Stephanie Mastrogiovanni.

Colleen is survived by her children, Mary Borgens, of Shorewood, Keith (Tonya) Koch, of Lee Center, Monica (Dave) Ruckman, Mesa, Ariz.; seven grandchildren, Tyler (Anissa) Borgens, Connor Borgens, William (Sammie) Koch, Megan Koch, Danielle (Danny) Medina, Mackenzie Ruckman, Cole Ruckman; great-grandchildren, Grace, Zailey, Addalynn, Liam, Millie, Brooklynn, Chase; and siblings, Rita Glenn, Lois Considine, Frances Carroll, Monica Scorby, and Larry Morrissey.

Funeral services will be at



11 a.m., on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy. Burial will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation will be from 9 to 10:45 a.m., on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy.

A memorial has been established to Lightways Hospice in Joliet.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

### **Lennard Miles** Oct. 23, 1938 - Feb. 24, 2024

AMBOY — Lennard Miles passed away on Feb. 24, 2024. He was the oldest son of Harold and Dorothy (Ansteth) Miles born Oct. 23, 1938, at their home in Lee Center.

Lennard graduated from Amboy High School. He continued his education in many trade fields including auto mechanics, surveying, and airplane flight school.

He met his beloved wife Marie when he was in high school. They spent weekends together with their friends from Sublette, Amboy and Maytown. They were married on June 6, 1959.

Lennard was a dedicated husband and remained by Marie's side through thick and thin. Marie suffered from Alzheimer's and her last couple months were difficult. Lennard never complained and never considered separate accommodations. He remained by her side until she took her last breath.

Lennard and Marie had four children: Kathryn, Harold, Donna and Carol. Lennard loved being a dad and was very active in their lives. He attended all their horse shows, sports activities and band concerts. He was a 4-H leader for the Ambitious Aggies and enjoyed teaching them about farming. He encouraged 4-Hers to focus on academics and financed their college education.

He was very close to all his grandchildren. He played a special role in guiding his grandchildren, Melissa and Josh Dewey. Along with Marie, they attended their grandchildren's sporting events, gymnastics and dance competitions. Years later they returned to the bleachers to watch their great-grandchildren, Tucker and Hudson Ikens participate in sports. Lennard was very proud of Terry, Charlie, Spring and Luke Miles and looked forward

to their visits. Lennard worked at Henry Pratt as a machinist for 45 years. He also worked many hours raising hay and oats for his horses and sheep. Lennard's favorite past times were working on his cars, trucks and tractors. For several years, Lennard and Marie participated in 5k running races. They enjoyed riding bikes with friends along the Hennepin Canal Trail. Lennard and Marie also liked to go to the Casino. They both enjoyed traveling and spent many winters in Arizona.

Lennard was a family man and had a strong connection to his parents and siblings throughout life. He enjoyed working with them on various projects and was available for support when needed. He enjoyed interacting with his nieces and nephews and remained active in their lives in his later years.

He was kind to people of all walks of life, especially people in need. He had a great sense of humor and didn't take life too seriously. He would often say he was "Living the life of Riley", while relaxing in the sunshine or enjoying a root beer float. He had a few other catch phrases such as



"Now wait a minute" and "That will get us by for now"; both telling of his easy-going nature. He truly enjoyed his day on earth.

Lennard was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; grandson, Terry; three brothers, Ronnie, Bob and John Miles; nephews, Terry Miles and Tommy Miles; and sister-in-law, Nancy Miles.

He is survived by his son, Harold Miles (Cheryl); daughters, Donna Miles, Kathryn Miles (Doug), and Carol Gensheimer (Rick); grandchildren, Charlie Miles (Abi), Spring Miles (Adil), Luke Miles (Asya), JoshDewey(Danielle), Melissa Ikens (Travis), Kelly Gensheimer, and Grant Gensheimer (Nikki); six great-grandchildren; sister, Pat Spratt (Bill); sister-inlaw, Jane Miles; and many nieces, nephews and great nieces and great nephews.

The Miles family invite friends and family to attend a Celebration of Life honoring Marie and Lennard Miles from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, at Maria's Pizza,110 E Main St., Amboy.

In lieu of flowers or condolence gifts, the family encourages a donation to the Amboy Education Fund.



## Feb. 23, 1927 - March 14, 2024

EAST GROVE — Hazel Lorraine Reuter, 97, formerly of East Grove, passed away on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at Heritage Square, in Dixon, where she resided the last 12 years. She worked for the Lee County Soil & Water District, retiring in 1994.

Hazel was born on Feb. 23, 1927, in East Grove, the daughter of Henry and Myrtle (Chandler) Reuter. She was a lifelong member of East Grove Union Church, inAmboy. Hazel spent most of her life farming and was instrumental in the preservation of the historic "Stevens Cemetery." She also proudly preserved prairies and wetlands, even traveling to Washington D.C. in 1988 to receive an award from President Ronald Reagan. Above all, Hazel was a dedicated and faithful Christian and a second mother to her nieces and nephews, whom she adored.

Carey; one sister-in-law, Jane Reuter; her eight beloved nieces and nephews, Pam Carey, Deb Carey, David (Mary) Reuter, Micheal (Jackie) Reuter, AngelaO'Malley, Lisa Reuter, Sandy (Michael) Forbes, Kenda (Steve) Bailey; and numerous great nieces and nephews, as well as greatgreat nieces and nephews.

Hazel was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Myrtle Reuter; four siblings, Dale (Roberta) Reuter, Lyle (Phyllis) Reuter, Kenneth Reuter, Doris Carey; and one nephew, Micky O'Malley.

Private Family Services





are to be held. Burial will take place at Prairie Repose Cemetery, in Amboy.

Memorials may be directed to the East Grove Union Church, 449 Union Road, Amboy, IL 61310.

Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home, in Dixon.

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## **OBITUARIES/SOCIAL NEWS**

**By Pastor Rick Wulf** East Grove Union Church

of Rural Amboy

Hello, Friends,

Happy Spring, everyone. Isn't funny how the seasons are identified? Officially, the first day of spring 2024, as you're reading this article, was Tuesday, March 19. Meteorologists recognize a different date, though. The meteorological first day of spring is the same every year and occurs on March 1. And it has been quite some spring so far, hasn't? Actually, we had near summer weather the end of February. I was wondering if there have ever been tornadoes spotted in Northern Illinois before in February. According to Google, the tornado this year is only the third time one was sighted in this area since 1950. Many believe that it is Mark Twain who is credited with saying, "If you don't like the weather, wait a while it will change." This year the fact continues with the rollercoaster temps that we have had.

Now, this year in March, we are blessed with the celebration of our Lord's resurrection! This amazing truth is what sets us apart as Christians, from all of the rest of the "religious" people of the world. Jesus, who claimed to be God while living in a real, physical and perfect body, showed that He is God by dying and arising back to life on the third day, just as He said many times before He was crucified on the cross for the sins of the whole world! It really is quite amazing to think about the Creator of our universe leaving the splendor and glory of Heaven and willingly and lovingly, limiting Himself and taking upon Himself a physical body. He lived the perfect life among sinful people, pointing the way to Heaven through Himself. As we know His entrance into this world literally did change the world, spiritually and politically.

#### **Spring has sprang**

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The Apostle Paul in his writing to the Corinthian Christians in the 15th chapter of his first letter wrote: "Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed. But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive."

Paul writes so much more in this chapter about the meaning of Christ's resurrection. If you haven't read this passage in a while, I would encourage you to read the whole 15th chapter for yourself and be blessed by God.

I am amused by God's timing in all of this, the way that God worked through mankind's history and that most of the events of the Bible occurred in the Northern Hemisphere. When Jesus died and rose again, it was spring. Spring, being the time that we see the Earth "come back to life," is like a beautiful picture of the resurrection of Christ. The only difference of course is that perennials go through this yearly cycle.

If you haven't discovered for yourself this great blessing of a personal relationship with God, read about it for yourself. The Bible is considered God's "love letter" to humanity. To get help understanding it, you are invited to come to our church at 449 Reuter Rd., in rural Amboy. We teach it as our sole authority for living the Christian life. We would be glad to show you how you can find a relationship with Christ and to grow in your faith in Jesus. May you be blessed by God as you celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on the 31st! Join us for our worship at 9 a.m.

May God continue to bless and sustain you.

to a landscape painter, William Henry Teale. His letters to his famous friend hint at feelings that exceed the constraints of acceptability, ending in excruciating disappointment. A traveling Boston gentleman opines that New England country homes "out here, no one tears down - one just adds upon, agglutinates, house to house, shed to shed, like some monstrous German noun." A man traveling north by railroad is on "Southern business" hunting a young runaway slave, who, with her baby, has taken refuge in the yellow house. The man doesn't like his job, but the law is the law and he hopes Northerners who share his view will lead him to the runaway. Not until the end of the book do we find out their fate. In our time, human progress has increasingly darkened the natural world. But the yellow house, virtually uninhabitable, survives.

### OBITUARY Sharon L. Yocum Feb. 6, 1948 -March 11, 2024

**FRANKLIN GROVE** — Sharon L. Yocum, 76, of Franklin Grove, passed away suddenly on Monday, March 11, 2024 at her home.

She was born on Feb. 6,1948, in Dixon, the daughter of Lester and Evalyn (Killian) Hardy.

Sharon married the love of her life Delbert Yocum on Sept. 4, 1966, at the First Baptist Church, Amboy, happily married 57 years later. They built a life together in Franklin Grove raising four children, raising livestock, and farming.

Sharon was a gifted Beautician owning her own business; The Golden Touch Beauty Shop in Amboy from 1968-1978. After having children, she moved her Beauty Shop to her home and continued making people beautiful for many years after.

She also worked at KSB ER admission for 15 years where she made many friends. Family and friends were her whole world and there was nothing she wouldn't do for any of them. She was an excellent cook, baker and decorated fabulous cakes throughout the years, she could make old furniture beautiful again, she could sew and paint to create beautiful masterpieces, she took great pride in her home and yard, she was the best problem-solver, listener, counselor, adviser, above all loved spending time with her friends and



family. Sharon was the heart of her family. She will be forever loved and profoundly missed.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Charles Hardy, Neil Hardy, Dale Hardy, Squire "John" Hardy, and sister, Rita Hardy Coleman.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Delbert; children, Angela (Jerry) Newman, of Oregon, Daniel Yocum, of Franklin Grove, Melissa (Dan Luepkes), of Oregon, and Douglas (Maren Reid) Yocum, of Amboy; nine grandchildren, and three great grandchildren; sisters, Carol Ann Johnson, of Burlington Wis., and Nettie Poulos, of Dixon.

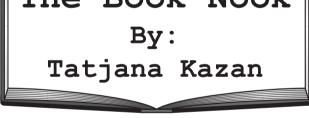
Visitation will be from 10 a.m. – noon, on Monday, March 18, 2024, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Funeral services will be at noon, on Monday, March 18, 2024, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Burial will follow at Franklin Grove Cemetery in Franklin Grove. A memorial has been established.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

City of Amboy regulations regarding non highway vehicles –for utvs, golf carts within the city limits Sec. 74-188. - Regulation of non-highway vehicles. (a) Non-highway vehicles shall be permitted to operate daily from 7:00 a.m. to one-half hour after sunset each day.

The Book Nook



#### **North Woods**

Daniel Mason's "North Woods" is an exhilarating novel that captures both the homespun realism of life in colonial America and the enchantments of timeless myth. Spanning over three centuries, with an overflowing cast of characters who often meet terrible ends, but repeatedly manage to reappear as ghosts, the story is impossible to summarize. It includes poems, song lyrics, diary entries, letters, medical case notes, paintings, music scores, a true-crime detective story, and an address to a historical society. Many of the artifacts such as a Bible belonging to a Black family in Canada, a box of home movies, and old bones surfacing in the Spring mud reach across centuries to unravel accumulated mysteries.

It is the story of a "remote station of the north woods" in western Massachusetts with a yellow house and a black door built in this "hilly, snow-dusted country." A pair of young lovers fleeing the wrath of their Puritan village arrive in the north woods: "Mica dusted her heels like silver. Damselflies upon her neck. Flying squirrels in the trees above them, and in the silty sand the great tracks of cats." He lays down a stone and it becomes the foundation stone for the yellow house. The man who built the house is Charles Osgood, a Revolution-era Loyalist whose memoirs, subtitled "Reminiscences of an Apple-Man," chart his obsession with apples. "No pampered English import, no effete Continental still reeking of the paws of some French fruitier. Mine would be wild, American!" He starts his apple orchard with a seed which "gently parts the fifth and sixth ribs" of a dead English soldier. His great success is a delicious apple he christens Osgood's Wonder.

The house passes to his twin daughters, Alice and Mary, whose lifelong jealousies and resentments ending in tragedy usher in the decline and fall of the house. Betrayals and appalling transgressions play out, as well as a calamitous infatuation when in the 1830's the house passes



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(h) No non-highway vehicle shall be operated on any city sidewalks or other surfaces other than city streets.

Sec. 74-189. - Insurance requirements.

Any person who operates a non-highway vehicle on a street, highway, or roadway of the city shall be subject to the mandatory insurance requirements under article VI of chapter 7 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

(Ord. No. 4-17-17, § 1, 4-17-17)

Sec. 74-190. - Violations.

A violation of any provision of this chapter shall be punishable by payment of a fine of not less than \$100.00 and not more than \$750.00 and the city's enforcement costs incurred, including its attorney fees, for each offense. To the extent that any violation of this chapter may also constitute a violation of a criminal statute of the State of Illinois, the violator shall also be subject to criminal prosecution and all other penalties as permitted by law. (Ord. No. 4-17-17, § 1, 4-17-17)



Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances ~ The First Amendment

## The Fields jersey will be gone by August

I've been contemplating what I would do with my Justin Fields jersey if he was no longer on the Chicago Bears come the 2024-25 season.

The brainstorming became a reality on Saturday,

March 16 when he was traded to the Pittsburgh Steelers for a sixth-round draft pick, which could become a fourth-round selection depending on playing time.

Although the decision is still undecided, it is a fact, the Justin Fields jersey I bought at Soldier Field during his rookie season in 2021, which I only bought because the vendors didn't have Eddie Jackson jerseys.

However, even if I bought a Jackson jersey, I'd still be Bears' jersey-less for the next season as he was released in February and hasn't signed with a team, yet. I erroneously thought he was still with the Bears until last week.

There are many NFL experts saying Jackson is a "trap" and teams should stay

away. He may have a productive season or two left, but not worth representing with an expensive jersey.

I digress and return to Fields.

The jersey may be given to a nephew. But they're both into football and would probably fight each other over who gets to wear Uncle B's jersey.

#### There is Lily Pads, Salvation Army, Nightengales, and media posts. other locations where the donation would be a worthy cause. On the other hand, what if a Green Bay Packer fan or a Minnesota Viking fan bought the jersey for a

low price in order to burn, damage, ridicule or mock the Chicago Bears? I'm not having it.

Column



By Brandon

#### I could sell it. However, if I'm getting rid of the jersey for maybe nothing, who is going to buy it since Fields isn't a Bear anymore and not thought of very highly after a disappointing 10-28 record in three seasons? The jersey is not autographed, but in great shape since worn less than 10 times.

Maybe I should burn it as a disgruntled believer in Fields who has been let down. The 11<sup>th</sup> overall draft pick showed signs of athletic greatness and made a few Bears fans truly believe he could be the guy to right the wrong that has always been the Chicago quarterback with a few exceptions in Jim McMahon (who I was recently told

I look like by Tom Thayer, also a member of the 1985 championship squad) and Jay Cutler.

Neither of them great or an all-time legend, just one won the lone Chicago Super Bowl and the other put up good box score numbers and quotes and facial expressions for ultimate entertainment memes and social

I could let it sit in my closet. This is probably the worst idea because I would see it every day, get mad, and ponder the bonfire idea.

The whole thought process and conversation stinks. We, or maybe just I, wanted Fields to be the guy.

Through a different offensive coordinator each year of his young career, the 25-year old QB gave us a glimmer of hope the offense could move the ball down the field even though he had very few weapons at his disposal, especially when every running back was hurt and defenses were keyed in on wide receiver DJ Moore and tight end Cole Kmet, who I think were the only valuable ball catchers the Bears had during Fields' tenure.

Sorry Darnell Mooney, you didn't make the list.

The impending 2024 NFL draft will take place April 25-27 and the odds are at 100 percent the Bears are going to select Caleb Williams, the highly touted QB from USC.

In my opinion, the franchise is going to go through the same growing pains with this new QB as it did for the last three years with Fields.

This time, I'm not buying a jersey just to battle internally of what to do with it when he isn't there in a few seasons.



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## SOMETHING TO SAY?

The Amboy News encourages responsible letters to the editor on subjects of interest to our readers. Editing may be necessary for space, clarity or to avoid obscenity or libel, but ideas will not be altered.

The limit is 300 words. Letters exceeding this will either be edited to fit or not published. The deadline for letters is noon on Friday.

Letter writers may only have two letters published per month,





## **ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY**

## 100 Years Ago March 21, 1924 Ray LaPlant, one of the gang that

robbed the First State Bank of Ohio last October, reportedly escaped from the Champaign County Jail, where he was waiting to be transferred to the penitentiary in Joliet. He apparently sawed through the bars and made his escape.

The Boynton Richards Company with stores in Amboy, Dixon, Sterling, and Morrison ran a full page ad for Dollar Days Bargains on men's and boy's clothing and shoes.

# 75 Years Ago March 17, 1949 Howard Leffelman was elected

president and Charlie Welty was named secretary at the organizational

meeting of the new Unit District School Board.

Johnnie Kaye's Orchestra played at the Shamrock Dance held at St. Patrick's Hall. Colorful plaid ginghams and chambrays in plain colors, stripes, and checks priced at 79 and 89 cents per yard.

50 Years Ago March 21, 1974 Tim McCaffrey of the Amboy

High School Clipper basketball team was a unanimous choice for the Shark Conference All-Conference Team. Jerry Fitzpatrick was named to the second team and Greg Koch was given honorable mention.

25 Years Ago March 17, 1999

Legionnaires and Auxiliary members celebrated the 80th birthday of the American Legion Organization at the Long Branch. There were 44 people in attendance.

The City of Amboy will be changing the way it does business with a natural gas company. The city council voted to change the agreement which it had previously signed with Nicor Gas, in which the city would receive a cash payment for the franchise service, to now receiving free units of natural gas to be used by municipal buildings.

Amboy was represented by nine wrestlers at a wrestling tournament held in Byron. Programs involved were from Amboy, Byron, Oregon, Sterling, Rockford, Stillman Valley, Dixon, Ashton, Rock Falls, and Chana. Sean Scully, a sixth grader, won the 70-pound weight class.

and the letters will be published on non-consecutive weeks. Letters are printed on a space-available basis.

All letters must bear the handwritten signature of the writer and include address and phone number or e-mail address for verification purposes. Neither the street address nor phone number will be printed. Letters should be typed or legibly handwritten, and no anonymous letters will be published.

Any comments of public officials should be limited to issues related strictly to their position or actions made in office, as personal attacks will not be published. Letters involving private disputes between the writer and a business or individual will not be published.

Political endorsements will be published, however letters from candidates endorsing themselves will not be printed.

Letters may be dropped at the Amboy News office, 703 Illinois Ave., Mendota, IL 61342, mailed to the Amboy News at PO Box 162, Amboy, IL 61310, or emailed to tgreenfield@ ambovnews.com

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### **Depot Stove Gang Model Railroad Club to hold** 34th Annual Model Railroad Show & Swap Meet

LENA – The Depot Stove Gang Model Railroad Club proudly announces its 34th Annual Model Railroad Show and Swap Meet on March 23-24.

Show hours are 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 23 and 10:00 am- 4:00 pm on Sunday, March 24th, 2024.

The club will have approximately 26,000 sq. ft. of operating displays, railroad memorabilia and model railroad merchandise spread through three gymnasiums: Lena-Winslow Elementary, Junior High and High School gymnasiums and cafeterias. Lunch is

available both days in the Elementary Cafeteria.

Lena is located one mile north of U.S. Rt. 20 on Hwy 73. Directional signs will be posted to guide you to 401 Fremont Street in Lena. Lena is approximately two hours west of Chicago, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours south of Madison, Wisconsin, and one-hour east of Dubuque, Iowa. Lena is easy to find, but hard to forget.

The Depot Stove Gang Show is rated as one of the nicest and largest shows in the Midwest. The 2023 show was another great year for exhibits, vendors, and operating displays. Rain, sleet, ice, or snow,

the show will still be a go.

The show and parking are free, but we depend upon your donations to bring you this show. Free will donations are greatly appreciated at the Elementary entrance. The Depot Stove Gang is an Illinois non-profit organization registered with the Illinois Secretary of State.

For further information, as well as, other area information and attractions including lodging, please contact the Greater Freeport Partnership at 815-233-1350. There is room for a few additional vendors and exhibitors.

#### Christ Lutheran School to host Spring Sterling Mom2Momm Market April 6

**STERLING** – Christ Lutheran School Boosters is happy to announce that it will be hosting the Spring Sterling Mom 2 Mom Market from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 6 at Christ Lutheran School, located at 2000 18th Ave. in Sterling.

The sale is an indoor garage sale for families who want to get rid of their gently used kids clothing, (sizes depend on vendors, but usually newborn through grade school) maternity clothing, children's books, games, toys, DVDs and/or children's furniture.

Booth registration is available now through April 4 or until spaces sell out. The cost is \$30 for a single booth  $(10 \times 10)$  or \$60 for a double booth (10 x 20). Tables and chairs are provided. Sellers price and sell their own items.

The sale is targeted to moms or families who are shopping for kids or family items. On Saturday, April 6, the sale will open at 8 am with a \$1 suggested donation until 1 pm. Concessions (cinnamon rolls, coffee, hot dogs, nachos and pop) will also be available.

"We are having the Spring Sale," said Megan Shannon and Abigail Prothero, Sterling Mom-2Mom Market Spring Cochairs. "We were getting a ton of calls about the sale. and it is on April 6th. This is such a great opportunity to sell your spring/summer items as well as purchase them for your kids (or grandkids) and it supports a great school!"

Christ Lutheran School is a private school whose mission is: Christ Lutheran School guided by the Holy Spirit, aspires to nurture, educate, and witness to God's children the Gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed in God's word.

For more information on the Sterling Mom2Mom Market event on Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 8 am to 1 pm, at Christ Lutheran School, 2000 18th Avenue, Sterling, IL, please contact Christ Lutheran School at (815) 625-3800 or visit the Facebook page, https:// www.facebook.com/sterlingmom2mommarket/

For more information about Christ Lutheran School, please visit their website at https://christlutheranschool.com/

#### OSFM reminds Illinoisans to test, inspect, and replace broken or expired smoke/carbon monoxide alarms while changing clocks

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM) reminds Illinoisans to test, inspect, and replace broken or expired smoke/CO alarms in their homes with new 10effect on January 1, 2023, now requires ten-year sealed smoke alarms be installed in all homes built before 1988 or that do not have hardwired smoke detectors.

"In 2023, 68% of pre-exyear sealed battery alarms isting smoke alarms in while they change the clocks homes that received new this weekend as Daylight 10-year sealed battery Saving Time begins at 2AM smoke alarms from our "Be Alarmed!" Program Sunday, March 10. Also, if you still have functional were non-functional or were alarms with removable expired. With escape times batteries, now is good time down to 3 minutes or less, that early warning from a to change those batteries. An Illinois law that took smokealarmiskeytosaving

Marshal James A. Rivera.

The time change serves as a bi-annual reminder to test all smoke and CO alarms in your home. If you find an alarm that is not working or is expired, replace the alarm immediately with a new 10-year sealed battery alarm. Review your fire-escape plan with your family and hold a drill to practice your plan.



Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce CEO/President Sam Setchell, center, was honored by State Rep. Bradley Fritts for being a strong leader. Photo contributed

### **Rep.** Fritts honors local women at **Emerging Women Leaders event**

SPRINGFIELD – Yesterday, State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) welcomed Haley Brill and Sam Setchell to the Emerging Women Leaders Event in Springfield. The event consisted of a brunch, listening session, and informational seminars from other women in leadership roles. "I was thrilled to welcome Haley Brill and Sam Setchell to the Emerging Women Leaders Event today," said Rep. Fritts. "Both Haley and Sam have accomplished extraordinary things in their work that make our community a better place." Haley Brill is one of the owners of Midwestern Clothing Company - a small, local business located in Rochelle.

Sam Setchell is the current CEO of the Mendota Chamber of Commerce. Rep. Fritts concluded, "This event was a great way for Haley, Sam, and dozens of other women from across Illinois to network and learn more from other women who have succeeded in their roles as leaders. I look forward to seeing the future successes of the women who attended today's event." Haley and Sam were two of nearly 60 women from across the state that attended this event. The contributions of these women were also honored by House Republican Leader Tony McCombie. For more information about Representative Fritts, visit RepFritts.com.



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**Tuesday, March 26** No School AHS Fresh/Soph Baseball @ Morrison-4:30 pm AHS Varsity Baseball (H) Morrison-4:30 pm AHS Varsity Boys Track @ Westwood-4:30 pm

Wednesday, March 27 No School

AHS Varsity Baseball @ Hinckley Big Rock-4:30 pm AHS Varsity Girls Track @ Westwood-4:30 pm

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## **Senior throwers** lead boys track

#### By BRANDON LaCHANCE Amboy News Editor

AMBOY - The Amboy boys track and field team has a lot of positives coming into the 2024 season.

There is senior leadership coming from throwers Ian Sundberg and Zach Dunne, the only two seniors on the squad. There are nine juniors in Joel Billhorn, Caleb Yanos,

Tyler Huggins, Kabe Daniels, Josh Mckendry, Michael Shoemaker, Trent Ellis, Jack Heinzeroth, and Ed Fry who have shown talent in the past are being asked to step up.

"We're looking at 24 kids on this year's team. The numbers are up a little bit and I'm happy about it," Clippers coach Jeramey Wittenauer said. "Ian has the potential to be one of the best discus throwers in the Northern Upstate Illini Conference. He's been close to qualifying for state the last two years, but it just didn't materialize in sectionals. I hope he can overcome this year and make it.

"Joel Billhorn will be strong this year and I'm hoping he has a breakout year in the 400-meter dash. He could be a potential state qualifier. He'll be mixed in some relays with other juniors. We had our 4x4 relay advance to state last year. We lost two of the four runners, but we have Joel and Caleb Yanos still with us. We will mix and match some of the other juniors with Joel and Caleb to fill the other two spots."

There is power in numbers and youth as sophomore Landon Roth is joined by 11 freshmen (Westin Wittenauer, Jose Lopez, Jack Thomas, Gavin Nichols, Henry Nichols, Michael Ackert, Lucas Gascoigne, Caden Hermeyer, Wyatt File, Logan Ketchum, and Jhett Cowser to strengthen the underclassmen ranks.

"We ended last year as the freshman/sophomore NUIC champions," Wittenauer said. "We're excited to see what we can evolve the lower-level conference championship into at the next level."

Coach is looking to plug athletes into field positions behind Sundberg and Dunne in throws, Billhorn in the long jump, and Frey in the high jump.

The triple jump is currently void of a Clipper contestant, but Wittenauer knows he has guys he can try in the event.

Actually, he has guys he can shuffle around until he finds the right fit for every event.

"Early on, the excitement is we're going to be able to cover every event except pole vault because we don't have pole vault," Wittenauer. "I have some kids who are willing to jump hurdles. I haven't had a hurdler in a few years. I'm excited to fill the events with the numbers we have.

"It's probably going to take a few meets in the outdoor meets to see what we have and where I can mix and match the kids to see who is going to step up in what event."

### Impressive numbers spark girls track high hopes

#### **BRANDON LaCHANCE** Amboy News Editor

AMBOY – Michael Robinson can map out each of his five seasons as the Amboy girls track and field coach by the number of mores on the squad in Bella

we lost we replaced in a bunch of freshmen. What we lost, we replaced with numbers in different events. That's a helping hand as well."

Amboy has seven sopho-Yanos, Stephanie Nave, Samantha Nauman, Alex Palmer, Emilie Dempsey, Grace Althaus, and Kayla Oury.

Amboy Boys Track & Field 2024 Schedule March 22 – at Sterling F-S Invite – 4:30 March 26 – at Sterling Varsity Invite – 4:30 April 2 – at Kewanee – 4:00 April 6 – at Mendota Invite – 10:00 April 9 – at Fulton Invite – 4:15 April 12 – Home meet TBA – 4:30 April 13 - at Spring Valley Hall Invite - 9:30 April 15 – at Forreston – TBA April 19 – at Rock Falls Invite – 4:00 April 22 – at Bureau Valley – 4:30 April 26 – at Oregon Invite – 4:00 April 30 – at Pecatonica – TBA May 15, 16 or 17 – Sectional

Amboy Girls Track & Field 2024 Schedule March 22 – at Sterling F-S Invite – 4:30 March 27 – at Sterling Varsity Invite – 4:30 April 4 – at Forreston Invite – TBA April 6 – at Mendota Invite – 10:00 April 8 – at Bureau Valley Invite – 4:30 April 9 – at Hall – TBA April 12 – Home meet TBA – 4:30 April 13 – at Spring Valley Hall Invite – 10:00 April 16 – at Fulton Invite – 4:15 April 19 – at Oregon Invite – 4:15 April 22 – at Bureau Valley – 4:30 April 25 – at Pecatonica – TBA May 8, 9 or 10 – Sectional

Amboy Varsity Baseball 2024 Schedule March 20 – Ottawa Marquette – 4:30 March 21 - at Oregon -4:30March 23 - at Orangeville (DH) - 1:00March 26 – Morrison – 4:30 March 27 – at Hinckley-Big Rock – 4:30 April 2 – at Forreston – 4:30April 4 – Forreston – 4:30 April 6 – River Ridge – 11:00 April 9 – Polo – 4:30 April 11 – at Polo – 4:30 April 13 – Lena-Winslow – 11:00 April 16 – at Eastland – 4:30 April 18 – Eastland – 4:30 April 23 – at Milledgeville – 4:30 April 25 – Milledgeville – 4:30 April 27 – vs. Orangeville @ Pearl City – noon April 27 – at Pearl City – 2:00 April 30 – Ashton-Franklin Center – 4:30 May 2 – at Ashton-Franklin Center – 4:30 May 6 - at Newman - 4:30May 9 – Somonauk – 4:30 May 10 – Rock Island Alleman – 4:30 May 13-18 – Regional

Amboy Sophomore Baseball 2024 Schedule March 21 - Oregon - 4:30April 26 – at Morrison – 4:30 April 1 – Forreston – 4:30 April 6 – River Ridge – 1:00 April 9 – Polo – 6:30 April 11 – at Polo – 6:30 April 13 – Lena-Winslow – 1:00 April 16 – Eastland – 4:30 April 18 – at Eastland – 4:00 April 23 – at Milledgeville – 6:30 April 25 – Milledgeville – 6:30 April 30 – at Ashton-Franklin Center – 4:30

## SPORTS **AHS** baseball gets in win column

AMBOY – After being shut out by Mendota in the first game of the season, the bats of the Amboy baseball team have come alive.

The Clippers blew out Newark, 17-3, on Wednesday, March 13 in Newark and snuck past Bureau Valley, 6-5, on Friday, March 15.

In the Newark rout, AHS lead-off hitter Landon Whelchel scored four runs and was 3-of-4 at the plate with a double, two singles, and a walk.

The senior wasn't the only Clipper to score multiple runs as junior Brody Christoffersen scored three runs on 3-of-4 hitting with a triple, two singles, and a walk, junior Eddie Jones scored three runs with a single and two walks, while senior Austin Shugars and junior Carson Barlow scored two runs apiece.

In Friday's tight squeeze victory over the Storm, the Clippers scored behind Whelchel's three runs, and Christoffersen, Jones, and sophomore Rylan McNinch scored one apiece.

Junior Quinn Leffelman couldn't get around the bases, but he was 3-of-4 at the plate with two singles and a double.

Amboy is now 2-1 on the young season.

#### Lady Clippers softball sit at 2-2

AMBOY – After winning the first two games of the season, the Amboy softball team dropped its last two to start the season at .500 with a 2-2 record.

On Tuesday, March 12, Amboy picked up its second win of the campaign with a 6-4 victory over non-conference foe, Oregon.

Sophomore Alyvia Whelchel was the winning pitcher as she struck out four allowing four walks, eight hits, and four runs in the circle.

At the plate, sophomore Kiera Karlson hit a triple and sophomore Peyton Payne notched a double.

The Lady Clippers lost its first and second games of the season against Orangeville on Saturday, March 16 on the road.

In a 10-3 defeat in the second game, Whelchel recorded the defeat in the circle although the bats were lively with sophomore Ellie Mclaughlin going 2-of-3 with a double and a single, junior Haleigh Stenzel hitting 2-of-3 for two singles, junior Tyrah Vaessen recording a triple, and both Whelchel and senior Addison Shaw tallying a hit each.

**Amboy Softball 2024 Schedule** March 20 – Ottawa Marquette – 4:30 March 23 - Dakota V/JV (DH) - 1:00March 26 – Morrison – 4:30 March 28 - at Dixon - 4:30April 2 – at Forreston V/JV (DH) – 4:30 April 4 – Forreston JV – 4:30 April 6 – at Indian Creek – TBA April 9 – Polo JV – 4:30 April 11 – at Polo JV – 4:30 April 13 – Lena-Winslow JV (DH) – 11:00

athletes he had on each team.

His first year was 2020 and COVID-19 wiped out the season. The next year, postpandemic, brought seven or eight girls to the team. Robinson's third campaign was the first year of the coop with AFC and there were 12-13 team members.

Last year, the coach's fourth year, didn't have any AFC athletes, but 16-17 came out.

This year, the AFC co-op is no more, and 23 girls are on the track team with five seniors, two juniors, 10 sophomores, and five freshmen.

"We have 23 girls this year. It's the most I've had in my coaching career. A couple of years ago when Bob Halberg was still the head coach, we had 22. We've eclipsed it this year," said Robinson. "The numbers are pretty strong and I'm pretty happy about that. We'll be able to fill every event this year, which has been a struggle for us over the last couple of years.

"It'll be nice having a full event and putting an athlete in every event. You don't haveashotofwinningifyou can't fill the events. I think we have a good chance with a lot of people this year."

The five seniors are Elly Jones, who is a threetime state qualifier, Lexi Ketchum, Kimber Zitelman, Skylar Ware, and Natalie Wamhoff (from LaMoille).

The other two upperclassmen are juniors Alexis Cheever and Jenna Pinter (LaMoille).

We have a lot of returners. We only lost three athletes from last year's team. What

There are three more sophomores as Abigail Micahel comes from LaMoille, and Jillian Anderson and Mazey Sterling are from Ohio.

The freshman ranks include Alexa McKendry, Aurbrey Wells, and Maddie Althaus who won the eighthgrade4x1-meterrelay IESA State Championship. Morgan Kreiser and Lainey Davis are also freshmen with unlimited potential.

"The goal is to always compete but having the numbers to put the events and be good at them, not just throwing bodies in there, we're going to able to compete in the throws, the jumps, and all the running events," said Robinson."They'regoing to be good and right in the area to be able to do something.

We want our best results to come at the end of the season. Whatever happens at the beginning is nice, but it comes down to the end. We have some good experience in our seniors and in the freshmen and sophomores that are coming in. They have experience at the lower levels and we'll see how it translates.

"People are starting to see that we're trying to put together a respectable program, not in just one or two athletes, but the entire program," said Robinson. "We want people to compete and get better. Not everyone is going to have a chance to win state, but if they can improve from the beginning of the year until the end, that is the most important thing."

May 2 – Ashton Franklin Center – 4:30 May 6 – at Newman JV – TBA May 10 - Rock Island Alleman - 6:30

#### **Amboy girls** hoopers named to **All-NUIC** South Team

#### By BRANDON LaCHANCE

Amboy News Editor

AMBOY – After a 25-8 record and playing for a regional championship, four Amboy girls basketball players were named to the All-Northern Upstate Illini Conference South Team.

Senior Maeve Larson was named to the NUIC South First Team, senior Elly Jones and junior Addison Pertell were named to the second team, and junior Tyrah Vaessen was honorable mention.

"I feel great about Maeve Larson getting first team all-conference," said Lady Clippers coach Mike McCracken. "She did a great job of rebounding for us this year. Maeve stepped up and averaged 10 points and 7.7 rebounds per game.

"I thought Elly was one of the six best players in the conference because of her overall play. She averaged 8.9 points, 3.1 assists per game and was one of four players to get 2.5 to 3.8 assists per game in the conference. She did a great job of running our offense. I was disappointed she didn't make the first team."

Larson and Jones were the only seniors on the Amboy squad this season.

Heading into next year, McCracken will bring back talented players included Pertell and Vaessen who had All-NUIC South numbers and play on the court.

"Addison led us in scoring with 10.1 points per game. She can create her own shot as well as anyone in the conference. For that reason, I was disappointed she didn't make the first team also," McCracken said. "She also had a lot of steals and averaged 2.3 assists per game.

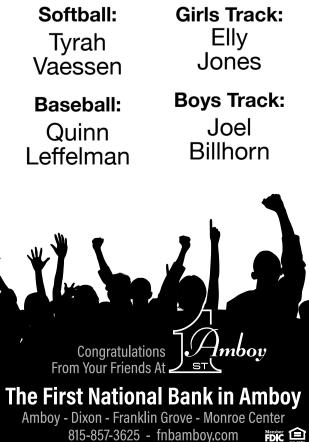
"Tyrah led us in assists and steals. She also was second in rebounds with 6.4 a game. She was a great leader and defensive player. I know she should have been second team."

McCracken added he thought junior Emily Sachs should have been given recognition with an honorable mention nod, but he was overall happy the Lady Clippers were honored by being named to the NUIC South Team.

April 16 – at Eastland – 4:00 April 18 – Eastland – 4:00 April 22 – St. Bede JV – 4:30 April 23 – at Milledgeville – 4:30 April 25 – Milledgeville – 4:30 April 27 – St. Bede (DH) – 10:00 April 30 – Ashton-Franklin Center – 4:30 May 2 – at Ashton-Franklin Center – 4:30 May 6 – at Newman – 4:30 May 9 – Somonauk – 4:30 May 10 – Bureau Valley – 4:30 May 13-18 – Regional

#### Go Clippers/Lady Clippers!!!!!!!





## Nicor Gas supports customers during, after winter, spring storms

**NAPERVILLE** – During the three coldest days of winter storm Gerri, when wind chills dipped below -30°F, Nicor Gas employees worked around the clock to ensure there were no major service outages during the weather event. During this time, Nicor Gas delivered 12.41 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of natural gas to its 2.3 million customers in Northern Illinois. Approximately 40% of this natural gas was delivered from Nicor Gas' underground storage.

"Natural gas remains the clean, safe, reliable and affordable energy choice for our customers in Illinois," said Wendell Dallas, president and CEO of Nicor Gas. "Utilizing our storage facilities can help ensure the price of natural gas is less affected by market variability, since we procure it before the heating season and store it for later use."

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, heating homes using natural gas is estimated to cut down energy costs by more than 40% compared to electricity. The EIA also forecasts residential natural gas prices this winter will be about 21% lower than 2022.

To further assist customers when their personal energy use may be up, Nicor Gas offers bill payment assistance and bill management options, as well as energy efficiency tools to help lower their annual energy costs. Current available options to assist qualified customers, include:

LIHEAP – The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program is a federally funded bill payment assistance program that helps low- and fixed-income families meet their energy needs.

available in the states of CA, IN, PA and MI. Expires 3/31/24.

For eligibility and to apply, visit www.LIHEAPIllinois.com or call 877-411-9276 (WARM).

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Sharing Program – One-time annual grants of up to \$500 are given, with no requirement to be paid back, to qualified residential customers who meet the required income guidelines. Seniors and veterans approved for the program are provided an additional \$150 grant. These funds are administered by The Salvation Army and are funded through direct contributions from Nicor Gas' customers and employees.

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To learn more about bill payment assistance programs, visit nicorgas.com/energyassistance.

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Nicor Gas is one of four natural gas distribution companies of Southern Company Gas, a wholly owned subsidiary of Southern Company (NYSE: SO). Nicor Gas serves more than 2.3 million customers in a service territory that encompasses most of the northern third of Illinois, excluding the city of Chicago. For more information, visit nicorgas.com.



Rep. Fritts honors Lincolnway Cafe for February Local Business Highlight

**DIXON** – For his February 2024 local was opened nearly business highlight, State Representative ers Muda and Joe. Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) chose to highlight the restaurant indus-Lincolnway Cafe in Franklin Grove.

Rep. Fritts spent time touring the business and presented the owners with a certificate of appreciation for their contributions to the community.

"This month, I chose to honor Lincolnway Cafe because they are an excellent, family-owned restaurant that gives back to our community," said Rep. Fritts. "Not only is the customer service and food top-notch, but they also support the local women's club, Ashton and Franklin Grove sports, as well as many other area events."

Lincolnway Cafe 18 years ago by own-Muda was raised in try and followed in her father's footsteps, who also owned a family restaurant. Rep. Fritts concluded,

"It's not an easy time to own a local family restaurant. I applaud Muda and Joe on their dedication to Lincolnway Cafe and the entire Franklin Grove community."

Lincolnway Cafe is located at 137 North Elm St in Franklin Grove. To nominate a local business in District 74 for a future highlight, visit RepFritts. com and select Local Business Highlight Submission Form under Resources.









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### Keith Urban last music act on State Fair stage Friday, April 9

SPRINGFIELD-Twotime, Country Music Awards Entertainer of the Year Keith Urban will perform at the Illinois State Fair on Fri., Aug. 9 with special guest MacKenzie Porter.

Urban has won four GRAMMY© Awards, thirteen CMAs, fifteen ACMs, three AMAs, two People's Choice Awards and celebrated nine consecutive gold, platinum or multi-platinum albums.

Inducted into the Nashville Songwriter's Hall of Fame in 2023 by Dolly Parton, Urban made a return to the American Idol stage as both a mentor and performer, performed on the finale of NBC's The Voice and closed his critically hailed Las Vegas residency at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino.

Even more exciting for fans of Keith Urban is the upcoming release of new music, including an as of yet unnamed album to be release later this year.

The new music joins a litany of chart-topping songs including "Blue Ain't Your Color", "Wasted Time", "Somebody Like You", "Long Hot Summer" and "One Too Many", his duet with P!nk, his 43rd Top 10 single, that garnered over 100 million Spotify streams.

Urban consistently reminds music lovers around the globe why he is one of the world's best live performers. His concerts have become legendary - as unpredictable as they are explosive through an electric combination of emotion, musical texture, energy and showmanship.

"Keith Urban is a country music legend, and we are delighted to bring him to the Illinois State Fair Grandstand," said Illinois State Fair Manager Rebecca Clark. "His music spans decades and appeals to generations of fans."

MacKenzie Porter, who rose to fame with her critically acclaimed, sixweek U.S. No. 1 Dustin Lynch duet "Thinking 'Bout You," returns with a full-length debut, Nobody's Born With A Broken Heart, set for release April 26. Making her mark with standout hits like "Pickup," which earned her a 2023 CMT Music Awards nomination for Breakthrough Female Video of the Year, and best-known head-bobber "These Days," her "mesmerizing vocals and hook-driven songs" (Billboard) continue to earn accolades. Porter has toured the globe opening for Blake Shelton, Kenny Chesney, Walker Hayes, Jordan Davis, Brad Paisley, Dallas Smith, and Rascal Flatts, and recently wrapped her own debut Canadian headline tour.

Ticket sales for Keith Urban go on sale Feb. 24 at 10 a.m. on Ticketmaster. Tickets for all other announced show are on sale via Ticketmaster.

Tier 3 - \$85 / Tier 2 -\$90 / Tier 1 - \$95 / SRO Track - \$95 / Blue Ribbon Zone - \$150

A \$30 Pre-Show Party ticket is offered as an additional upgrade for all paid concerts.

Mark your calendars for the 2024 Illinois State Fair, running August 8-18 in Springfield. Stay up to date with all the latest news and announcements from the Illinois State Fair by connecting with us via Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Email news items, story ideas to Amboy News Editor Brandon LaChance at blachance@mendotareporter.com

## Motley Crue to headline the Illinois State Fair Grandstand

**SPRINGFIELD** – Mötley Crüe will rock the Grandstand at the Illinois State Fair on Sat., Aug. 10.

Hailing from Los Angeles, CA, Mötley Crüe has commandeered the rock pantheon for 40+ years. The iconic band has sold over 100 million albums worldwide, garnered 7 USA platinum and multi-platinum albums, 22 Top 40 mainstream rock hits, 6 Top 20 pop singles, 3 Grammy nominations, 5 New York Times best-selling books, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and a Netflix hit movie. Mötley Crüe continues touring with John 5 on guitar as they push the limits of live performance and have recently concluded a two-year stadium tour around the world.

"Fans have been waiting for a rock addition to the Illinois State Fair Grandstand lineup," said Illinois State Fair Manager Rebecca Clark. "Mötley Crüe puts on a legendary live performance, and we are so excited to bring these rock icons to Springfield." The quartet has amassed over 5 billion streams across digital platforms, and the band has over 8 million followers on social media. Known for their live performances, the band has sold out countless tours across the globe in front of millions of fans.

Ticket sales for Mötley Crüe go on sale March 2 at 10 a.m. on Ticketmaster. Tickets for all other announced show are on sale via Ticketmaster.

Tier 3 - \$88 / Tier 2 - \$98 / Tier 1 -\$110 / SRO Track - \$110 / Blue Ribbon Zone - \$165

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#### Exciting gardening workshop returns to Dixon

**DIXON** — Calling all gardening enthusiasts! University of Illinois Extension MasterGardenersarethrilled to announce the return of Ready...Set...Grow..., an engaging gardening workshop set to take place on March 23, 2024, at the LovelandCommunityHouse in Dixon.

This year, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in the Veggie Visions breakout session, led by Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator, Bruce Black. Embark on a culinary adventure as Bruce unveils the exciting lineup of new vegetables for the 2024 season. Learn about the unique characteristics, growing tips, and delectable uses of these firesh additions. Be among the first to discover the latest in vegetable gardening trends and get ready to transform your kitchen with a harvest of vibrant and enticing produce.

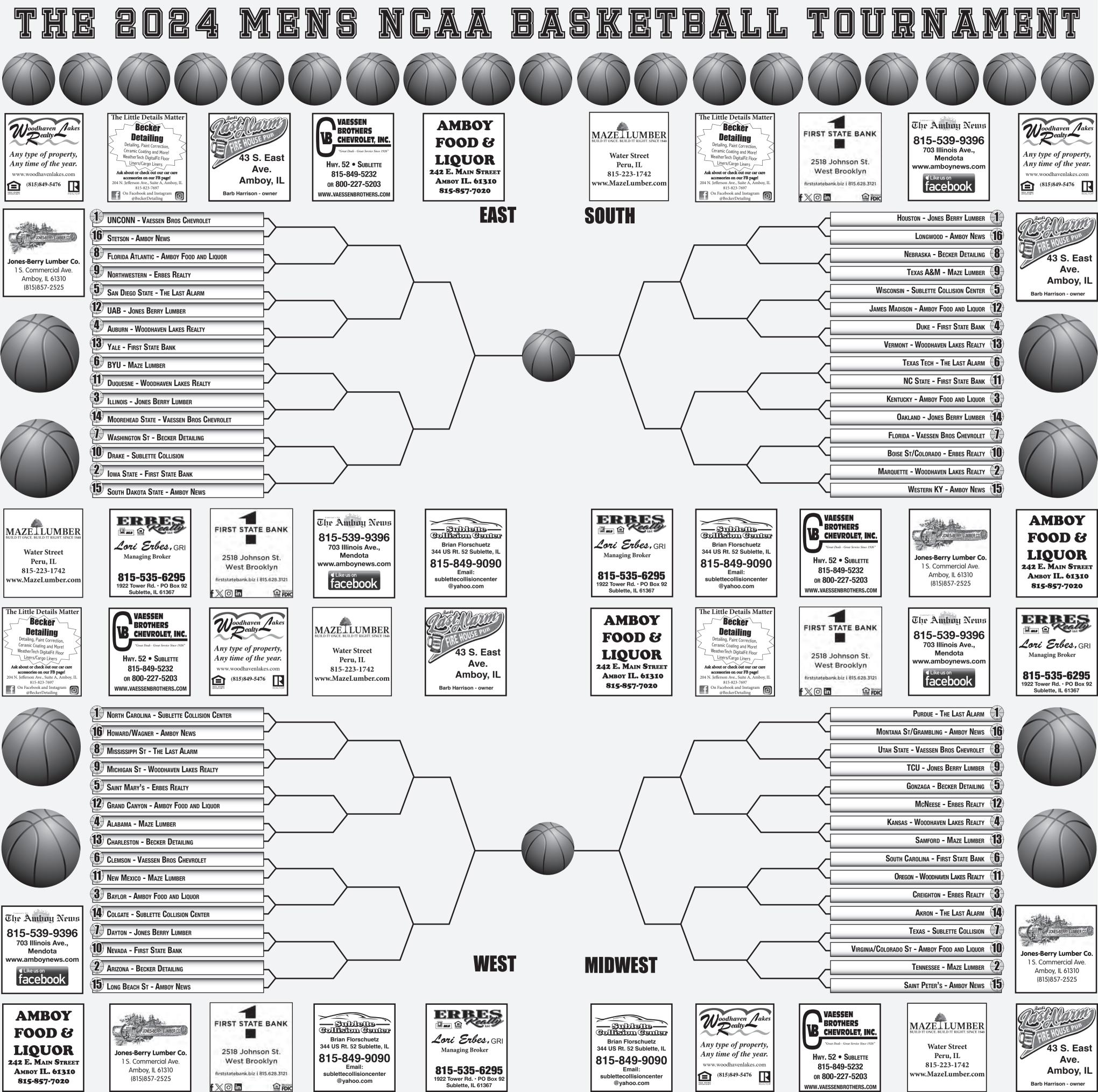
In addition to the Veggie Visions breakout session, participants can choose from a variety of other topics to customize their workshop experience, including xeriscaping for water-efficient gardening, next level seed starting, growing unique crops, compact orchard delights, and hydrangeas.

The program promises to be an enriching experience for all gardening enthusiasts, offering a platform for connection, learning, and growth within a vibrant gardening community.

Registration for Ready... Set...Grow...is now open at go.illinois.edu/readysetgrow. The registration fee is \$25 per attendee. Don't miss out on this opportunity to customize your workshop experience and connect with fellow gardening enthusiasts!



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#### NOTICE **ANNUAL TOWN** MEETING **NOTICE IS HEREBY** GIVEN

To the legal voters, residents of the Town of Sublette in the County of Lee and the State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7 o'clock p.m. at Sublette Twp. Bldg. for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: Dated March 12, 2024

No. 0302 (March 20, 2024)

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Bid documents may be obtained from Joshua Nichols, Superintendent, at the District Office, 11 E. Hawley Street, Amboy, IL 61310, telephone (815) 857-2164 or online at amboy.net.

7:00 p.m. on April 09, Bids will be received at 2024. the District Office until Notice is further given 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3,2024. hearing on said Bud-

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Notice is hereby given to the legal voters, residents of the Town of Lee Center in the County of Lee and the State of Illinois, the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 09, 2024 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7 o'clock p.m. at the Lee Center Township Building located at 2202 Shaw Road, Amboy Illinois for the

transaction of miscellaneous business of the said town: and after a moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to decide the following: set meeting dates and times for May 2024 through March 2025, approve The Town Budget, approve the Road District Budget, declare any possible surplus and possible transfer of funds. consider and approve donations to charities. Dated March 14, 2024 Janice Bonnell Lee Center Township Clerk No. 0307 (March 20, 2024)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

that action and on this ordinance will be taken at the public hearing. Dated this 14th day of March, 2024 Jan Bonnell Lee Center Township Clerk

No. 0309 (March 20, 2024)

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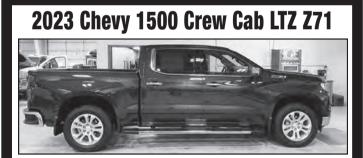
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2022 Ram 2500 Crew Cab, 4x4, Diesel Laramie, 73K Miles, Red\$47,900	2018 Chevy Equinox FWD, LT, 36K Miles, Maroon\$18,900
	2017 Chevy 1500 Suburban, 4x4, SLT, One Owner, Sunroof, DVD, 40K miles\$36,900
2021 Chevy Equinox FWDLT, Sunroof, Navigation, 78K Miles, Black\$17,900	2017 Chevy K-1500 Crew LT, 4x4 66K Miles, Maroon\$28,900
	2016 GMC K-2500, Crew Cab, Denali, 4x4, Sunroof, Diesel, 76K Miles, Black\$44,900
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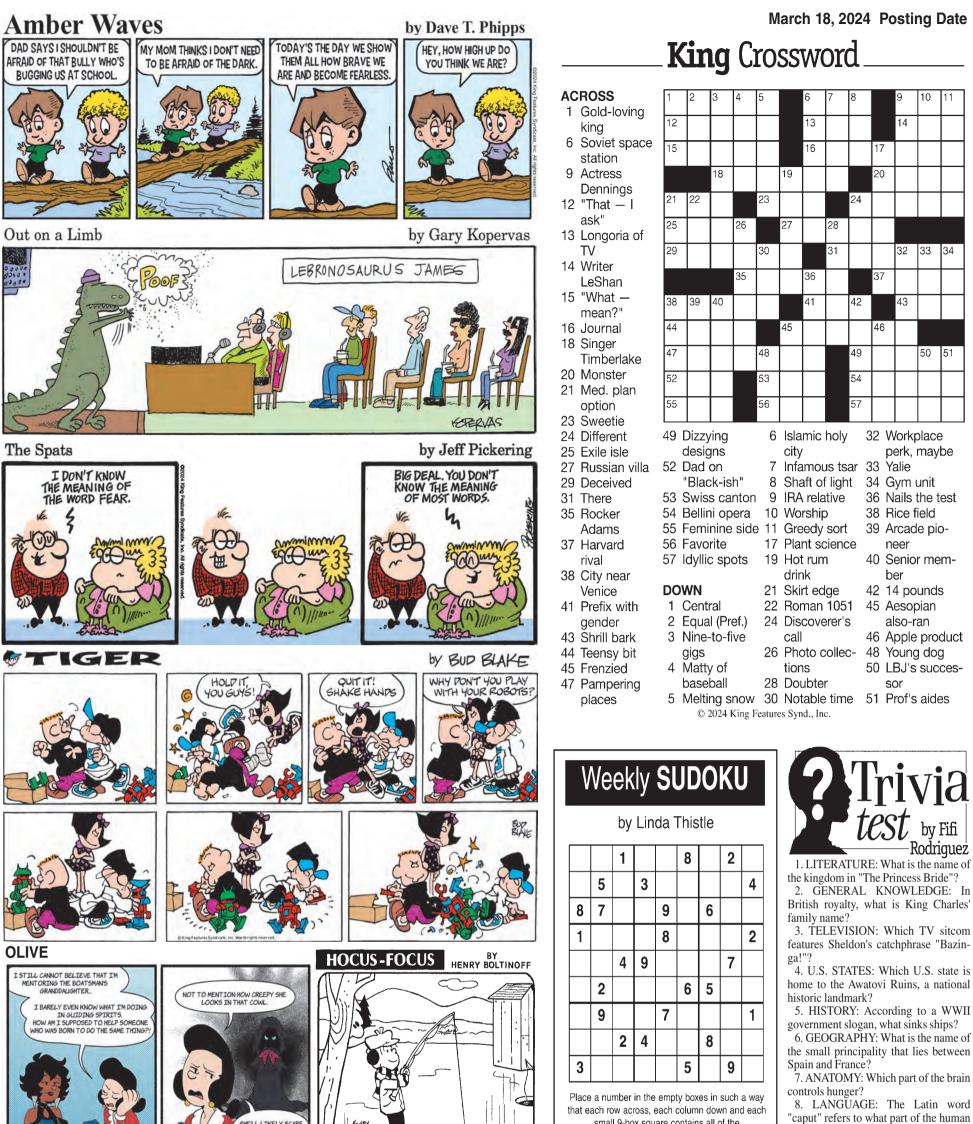




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# LOCAL NEWS



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VO TEACH SORRY I'M LATE VINION ATTITUDE ASIDE, I THINK I'M REALLY GONN LIKE THISK KID	♦ Moderate ♦ Challenging ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY! © 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.	mary alcohol used in margaritas? © 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.
	Feedures Syndicate, Inc.	6. Andorra. 7. Hypothalamus. 8. The head. 9. Red. 10. Tequila.
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t Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps	ra CROWD	<b></b> ]
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AND IT ONLY LAST THIRTY MINUTES. This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands		1. Crease 2. Debate; 3. Denial; 4. Cheat
for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error. Clue: F equals H		S C R A M B L E R S
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SPORTS Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearcange the based letters to four the mystery word which will complete the gard	I     Y     Z     I     O     A     O     A	6     5     1     4     6     2     3     8       2     8     4     6     3     5     1     2     6
rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!	A       A	1       3       6       2       8       1       6       4       5         8       1       3       5       6       4       6       1       2
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"That's funny. Nobody else ever thought I TODAY'S WORD was the type. "	Answers	answer When you pack tons of fluffy duck feathers onto
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