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AJHS Scholastic Bowl wins regional, among leaders at sectional The Amboy Junior High scholastic bowl team comprised of seventh and eighth graders took first place at the IHSA Regional Tournament on April 24. At the IHSA Sectional Tournament on April 29, Amboy finished in a three-way tie for the second most points. The scholastic bowl team featured, front row, left to right, Blake Mumm, Charlie Schoenholz, and Abel Mumm, back row, left to right, coach Yvonne Hicks, Parker Zimmerly, Jason Hemmen, Tyler Mahar, Owen Dallam, and AJHS Principal Andrew Full.

Photo contributed

Sami's Law receives committee hearing

SPRINGFIELD – On May 8, the Senate Executive Committee held a subject matter hearing on State Senator Sue Rezin's (R-Morris) legislation, which would improve accessibility and inclusivity for individuals with disabilities and their caregivers in public spaces.

"Adult changing stations will help ensure that individual with severe disabilities and their caregivers are able to enjoy things that most people often take for granted," said Sen. Rezin. "Five states have successfully passed legislation that requires some form of adult changing station accessibility, and twelve more states have introduced similar types of bills."

Senate Bill 2908, also known as Sami's Law, as currently written, would require certain public buildings, the State Capitol building, and State rest stops to install at least one publicly accessible adult changing station if the building is constructed two or more years after the effective date of the Act or if a building is seeking altercations or additions that are valued at \$50,000 or more four or more years after the law takes effect. During the hearing, Sen. Rezin expressed her willingness to work with stakeholders to make amendments to the current version of Sami's Law to minimize concerns.

"This subject matter hearing is the first step in building a larger conversation about the necessity to provide desperately needed accessibility for individuals suffering from severe disabilities,"

continued Sen. Rezin. "I hope with Sami's Law, we can provide this vulnerable population with the dignity that they rightfully deserve.'

Sami's Law was created as an initiative of one of Sen. Rezin's district staffers, Renee Abraham. The bill is named after Renee's 26-year-old daughter, who suffers from Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Renee was granted the opportunity to testify during the hearing.

"Our family has faced many obstacles during Sami's life. Like many people with physical disabilities. Sami is incontinent." said Renee Abraham. "Over 8 million Americans need help with daily self-care, and over 20 million have limited mobility. But 100 percent of these individuals deserve inclusion, dignity, and respect."

Landmarks Illinois announces 2024 most endangered historic places in the state

CHICAGO - Landmarks Illinois has announced its 2024 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois, which calls attention to 10 culturally and architecturally significant sites across the state that are desperately in need of preservation resources.

"This year's 'Most Endangered' sites are not only incredibly important places in their communities, but many are large-scale buildings that sit prominently in highly visible areas near city centers, in historic districts or on state-owned land. Their neglect is seen and felt," said Bonnie Mc-Donald, President & CEO of Landmarks Illinois.

"Despite their current condition, these places tell important stories from our past — stories that should not be erased due to insufficient investment or general disregard for our collective histories. Landmarks Illinois stands ready and willing to help our partners find preservation resources and solutions for these threatened places, which are opportunities for sustainable reuse, job creation and providing spaces needed in their communities."

2024 Most Endangered sites

The 2024 Most Endangered sites are located in the following counties: Cook, Gallatin, Henry, Johnson, Macon, Madison, Pope and St. Clair. Visit our website to learn more about each site. A digital press packet, which includes local contacts for each endangered property, is also available on our website.

Bishop Hill Colony Church

Built in 1848, this Colony Church is among the surviving original buildings in the Village of Bishop Hill, one of the earliest settlements of Swedish immigrants in the United States. It is also one of three Illinois State Historic Sites included on our 2024 Endangered List. It is threatened since the Illinois Department of Natural Resources has not been provided with sufficient funding to properly maintain the site.

Buel House State Historic Site

The Alexander Buel House, constructed in 1840, is a state historic site with ties to the Trail of Tears. Like other Illinois State Historic Sites included on our 2024 Endangered List, the house suffers from deferred maintenance due to a lack of state resources. The state recently painted the exterior of the house, but other repairs are desperately needed, including urgent interior work.

Shawnee Town Bank State Historic Site

Shawneetown Bank State Historic Site is home to the former Bank of Illinois, the oldest bank building in the state. Landmarks Illinois previously listed the landmark structure on the 2009 Most Endangered list due to insufficient maintenance. Today, it has fallen into further disrepair. As is the case with other Illinois State Historic Sites included on the 2024 Most Endangered list, budgetary concerns place this property in danger of continued

neglect. See Landmarks page A5

Sublette Cruise 'n Show takes place May 18

SUBLETTE – The annual Sublette Cruise 'n Show will be held from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, May 18 in downtown Sublette.

Owners of antique, classic or special interest cars, trucks and motorcycles are invited to drive to Sublette to show your vehicle.

There is no judging and no registration fee – just a night of tire-kicking and car talk. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the old vehicles.

The restaurants and mall shops will be open during the show.

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.

Cpl. Herbert D. McDermott

Co. C, 58th Infantry Regiment This story was taken

from the "War History of Lee County Illinois 1917-1919", published by the Dixon American Legion Post in the year following the Great War. "Herbert D. McDermott

– Corporal, son of Martin and Mary McDermott, was born in Marion Township, Jan. 2, 1897 and resided in that vicinity until called to the colors – September, 1917, leaving Dixon for in France June 2. His



Camp Grant with the first contingent from Lee County for service in the world war. He was in training at Camp Grant, a member of Co. M, 342nd Infantry until March 6, 1918 when he was transferred to Camp Greene, Charlotte, S.C. where he joined Co. C 58th Infantry and was promoted to corporal and leaving Camp Greene with his regiment for over there, the boat sailing May 24 and landing in England the regiment parading in London and proceeding to France.

Corporal McDermott was attending gas school



on their way to the front, leaving Paris July 5 for the firing line. His regiment was part of the Fourth Division, First Army corps and was one of the first American divisions to take the line. Corporal McDermott entered the battle at Chateau Thierry, remaining in battle the first time up for about 18 days and being relieved because of the loss of men, his company having only 54 fighting men left out of the original 265, during battle a shell struck so close to him that a piece of it struck his rifle breaking it to pieces but he

got out without a scratch. On July 26 his regiment, having been filled up with

new men, went over the

top again and by the 7th of August had advanced to the Vesle River where the enemy fire was so hot that bridges could not be built, the doughboys were ordered to swim the river, which they did under the enemy artillery and machine gun fire. After advancing 40 rods from the river Corporal McDermott was hit on the hip by a piece of high explosive which knocked him down, stunned him but did not cut the hide. He went on and had advanced to 20 rods of the main road where the Germans were entrenched, when he was hit by a machine gun bullet striking him in the head over the right eye, going thru his steel helmet. He was senseless for a few minutes

and arousing seeing his comrades pressing forward and noting his vacant place in the line grabbed his rifle and went forward to join them. The enemy was routed and retreated under the American boys' fire. Corp. McDermott having fired his rifle 150 times after being wounded only pausing to wipe the blood out of his eye when his captain came up and seeing his wound told him to have his head bandaged and to dig in. While he was digging in a piece of shell came along and took a piece of his arm causing a light wound. When evening came he went back to the first aid station where a piece of steel helmet was removed.

See McDermott page A2

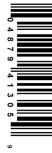


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City of Amboy Memorial Day Program

AMBOY – The annual City of Amboy Memorial Day Program will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 27 at Veteran's Park in Amboy.

The prelude speaker is Rear Admiral Jack Scorby, USN retired, who will be introduced by Amboy American Legion Pths/LaVelle Post #453 Commander Jack Mead after he hosts the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The American Legion will post colors, the Amboy High School Band will play the "Star Spangled Banner", an opening prayer will be given by Father Gow of St. Patrick Catholic Church, AHS senior Austin Shugars is reading the Gettysburg Address and General Logan's Orders, and the AHS band will conclude the service by playing each US military branch's service song and taps.

A day of free equestrian exploration

MILLEDGEVILLE-Saddle up for a brand-new adventure with Carroll County 4-H's inaugural Horse Camp 2024.

Designed to ignite a love for horses and riding, this one-day camp offers an exciting opportunity for young equestrians to learn, grow, and connect within the vibrant Carroll County community. Best of all, it's entirely free and open to all youth, age 8-plus. Set to take place from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, June 1 at the Carroll County Fairgrounds in Milledgeville, Horse Camp 2024 promises an immersive experience centered around horses and riders. Led by a team of dedicated volunteers, each with a wealth of experience in the equestrian world, the camp will feature engaging clinics covering a wide range of disciplines, including:

Halter/Showmanship

Western Pleasure

Hunter Over Fences

Barrel Racing/Pole Bending

Horsemanship

Equitation

English Pleasure

Whether your child is a complete novice or a seasoned rider, Horse Camp 2024 welcomes participants of all skill levels. It's the perfect opportunity for beginners to dip their toes into the world of horseback riding or for experienced riders to sharpen their skills and expand their horizons.

Participants are encouraged to bring a sack lunch and water bottles for the day's activities, while snacks will be provided. In adherence to safety standards, all horses attending must have a current coggins. Stallions will not be permitted at the camp, and proper riding attire is mandatory. For activities involving jumping, helmets are required, with safety vests being optional.

Registration for Horse Camp 2024 is now open and available online at go.illinois.edu/2024horsecamp. Spaces are limited, so be sure to secure your child's spot today.

For more information or inquiries, please contact Jane Shaw at 815-244-

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He stayed there two days and was sent to Augers, France base hospital No. 27 and remained there two weeks, was transferred [back to his unit 15 days later].

On the morning he was to leave, the wound in his head broke and he was sent to base hospital 72 for an operation where the bullet was removed and after staying there a short time he was notified he was to return to the states and in November arrived in Hoboken.

Corporal McDermott arrived home from Camp Grant Easter morning and stayed at home until his death which resulted from the wound received in the head, being sick a short time and passing away June 17, 1919. His funeral was held at Harmon and he was laid to rest in the Holy Cross cemetery at that place."

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.

"War History of Lee County Illinois 1917-1919." Dixon American Legion Post 12, 1919.

Woodside Cemetery Memorial Day Service

AMBOY – The Woodside Cemetery Committee and the Lee Center Congregational United Church of Christ will hold their annual Memorial Day weekend service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 26 at

the Woodside Cemetery in rural Lee Center.

The service will include hearing a message by Pastor Jack Briggs, signing of patriotic music, and the reading of the roll call of veterans. A free-will offering will be taken with all proceeds going to the Amboy American Legion. Please bring along your own lawn chair.

In case of rain, the service will be held in the Lee Center Church.

37th Annual Kid's Free Fishing Tournament

LaSALLE – For the 37th time, the Kid's Free Fishing Tournament will be awarding prizes to youngsters for catching fish in the I&M Canal in LaSalle.

The tournament which has two age groups, 4-12 and 13-15, is taking place from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, June 1 at the canal's Lock #14. Registration is at 8 a.m.

Young fishermen and fisherwomen are allowed one pole and one hook, and are asked to bring their own tackle. Bait will be provided as well as snacks

and drinks.

The 37th Annual Kid's Free Fishing Tournament is sponsored by Better Fishing Association of Northern Illinois and Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the Peru Rescue Station. The tournament is in association with the cities of LaSalle and Peru.

For more information, please call 815-223-2382 or 815-488-2035, check out www.better-fishing-assoc.org, or look at the Better Fishing Association Facebook page.

Last day to register for 4th annual John Crady Memorial 5K Run/Walk

PROPHETSTOWN

The 4th Annual John Crady Memorial 5K Run/ Walk will be held at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 1 in Prophetstown. Therace, which has a \$25

entry fee, begins and ends at Eclipse Square located on the corner of IL Hwy 78 and Railroad Street.

Medals will be given for all age groups and trophies to the wiining male and winning female, plus the winning masters male and female.

Commemorative T-shirts will be awarded to all registrants who sign up before May 16. Shirts of various sizes will be available on race day. Fresh fruits, cookies, and

beverages will be available after the race.

A silent auction table will be at the park. Gifts of Hope, an organ donor organization, will have information. John Crady was a donor and the family encourages others to sign up. His corneas were donated within days of his passing.

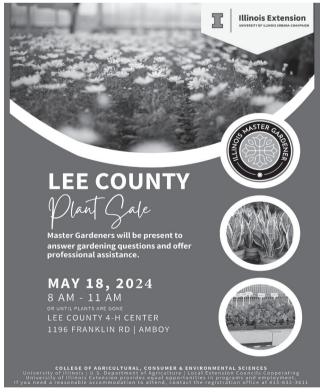
Race proceeds will be donated to Erie-Prophet-

stown High School golf and cross country teams and E-P Junior High cross country teams. In 2023, we were able to donate \$4,100 thanks to all of our generous Sign up on the website,

www.johncradymemorial.5K.run until May 16. Contact Carol Crady at sic-3crady@yahoo.com with any questions.

Email news items to **Amboy News Editor** Brandon LaChance blachance@mendotareporter.com







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Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: Donald Duck for the chocolate chip bars, Teresa & Mark Machen for the monetary donation; Mike & Patti Kessel for the monetary donation; Douglas Yocum for the monetary donation; Tina & Dale Eller for the monetary donation; Brian Wedekind for the cups; Bump family for the books from the auction; National Labs for their monetary donation and donating money won from the Draw Down back to Teen Turf; Julie & Todd Morgan donating money won from the Draw Down back to Teen Turf; Tom & Kathy McLaughlin donating money won from the Draw Down back to Teen Turf; Karen & Frank Stenzel donating money won from the Draw Down back to Teen Turf; Mary Graff donating money won from the Draw Down back to Teen Turf to be used for a treat for the kids; Cheshire Clan for donating clothes and decorations; Sandy Draper donating money won from the Draw Down back to Teen Turf; Candy Robinson donating money won from the Draw Down back to Teen Turf; Donna Wellman for the cookies; Trisha & Jared Zellhofer from ZBest for helping families in need; Nichole & AJ Fisher for the chips; Barb & George Spataro for the winter gear, cereal, and other goodies; Casey's of Franklin Grove and Dawn for dropping off gloves and various items; Colleen & Glenn Robison for the clothes; Kathy & Steve Gardner for the coats; Renee Seloover for the pack and play; Stan & Becky Welchel donating money won from the Draw Down back to Teen Turf: Tim & Deb Hopkins donating money won from the Draw Down back to Teen Turf; Sandy Schamberger and Longbranch Saloon for donating containers for the Teen Turf Drive-Thru Draw Down. We are indebted to our afterschool volunteers: Bonny,

Sandy P, Sandy D, Mary, Amber, Brian, Karen, Candy, Kathy G, Kathy K, Donna, Shannon, and our Impact Volunteers. We could not make the decisions or hold events without our Board members: Brian, Barb, Mark, Shelli, Amber, Joshua, Madison. Of course, our treasurer, Roxy

24th Annual Teen Turf Draw Down Drive Thru **Dinner Thank you**

Another round of Thank you's for those that you may have seen or not seen during or before the Teen Turf Drive Thru Draw Down and the Facebook live drawing of the 50/50. These folks deserve amazing praise: Brooklyn Strub, Carter Rutherford, Brooklyn Rutherford, Tammy & Scott Strub, Mark Grossman, Liam Rieskamp, Lila Rieskamp, Jim Travi, Barb Harrison, Shelli Bump, Larry Piper, Brian Wedekind, Jillian Rieskamp, Roxy Stenzel, Bev Halsey, Carol Prunty, Dowd Family, Emma Richardson, Kai Vaupel, Julie Morgan, Amber Horner, Madison Thomas, and Josh Gordon.

Super thank you to the staff Longbranch Saloon for helping us pull off this endeavor. We received many compliments that the food was excellent.

Last Day of Teen Turf Afterschool Program for 2023-2024

The last day is Tuesday, May 21st. Please make arrangements for after-school care until school ends.

End of School Celebration Dance

This Friday, May 17th, from 7-9 p.m. we will be having our last dance until school starts again in the Fall. This is only for 5th graders and up. We want to congratulate all the 8th graders on a job well done, so they get in free for this dance. All other grades must pay \$5 to get in, unless they have a parent or caregiver chaperone. We will have games, food, music, and of course fun.

Summer Programs

"Places you go" will be our theme for 6 weeks. It begins, June 10th and will end July 17th for

pre-k to 4th grade. Pre-K and K will be on Mondays, 1st and 2nd are on Tuesdays, and 3rd and 4th will be on Wednesdays. Application are in our 24/7 hallway and were sent to Amboy Central School to distribute.

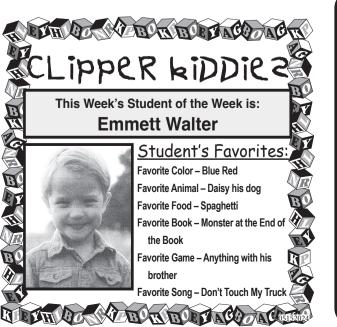
Kids going into 5th grade, 6th, 7th, 8th, and High school will begin their summer program on June 3rd. They go from 9a.m.-4 p.m on Mondays and Tuesdays and go from 9a.m.-9p.m.on Wednesdays (They go to Woodhaven for a swim treat on Wednesdays) We are accepting applications for the all day community program and it goes to July 26th. Applications are in the Teen Turf Hallway and are in school as well. If you have any questions, please call Teen Turf building at 815-857-4800. Let's have a great summer!

Needs

Fruit Snacks, Fruit Granola Bars, Pop Tarts, and Toilet Paper

Final Note

Jesus, who empathizes with the neediness of our human condition, help us recognize our needs as part of God's good design. Creator God, who gave us limits to remind us to love and help others by your strength and not our own, help us make space for self-care because you desire for us to find rest and rejuvenation. Teach us the difference between striving to help others, and letting you lead us to help when, where, and how you see fit. Amen.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

AMBOY - Plan Commison Meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15 at Amboy City Hall. The meeting will address audience concerns and approve, discuss Z Best Property, 215 E. Bluff St., zoning change from residential to light industry.

AMBOY – The Amboy City Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 20 at the Amboy Community Center, 290 W. Wasson Road.

DIXON – 4-H Junior Gardener teaches children about the wonderful world of gardening through hands-on investigation of growing their own vegetables and flowers and learning to use the harvest. The 4-H Junior Gardener SPIN Club is meeting from 4-5:30 p.m. every Tuesday from May 21-July 30 at the Immanual Lutheran Church in Dixon. The club is for youth ages 8-18 and the cost is \$30 for non-4-H members and \$10 for 4-H members. For more information contact the Lee County Extensiion Office at 815-857-3525. Register online at go.illinois.edu/

AMBOY – The Amboy Lions Club May meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, May 27 at the Amboy Community Center, located at 280 W. Wasson Rd. The Lions Club meetings take place the second and fourth Monday of every month.

MILLEDGEVILLE – 4-H Botts N Spurs Horse Camp, a free one-day camp centered around horses and riders, is happening from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 1 at the Carroll County Fairgrounds. All lessons are centered around classes that may be offered at the 4-H Horse Show at both the county and state levels. This camp is acceptable for all skill levels, from beginner to experienced. A great option if your child wants to try something new or expand on current skills. Register online at go.illinois.edu/2024horsecamp.

MILLEDGEVILLE – Why did the chicken cross the road? To get to the 4-H Poultry Workshop taking place from 1-3 p.m. on Sundays June 2 at the Carroll County Farigrounds. Attendees will learn about poultry nutrition, as well as poultry diseases and illnesses. This workshop is being led by Jen Geerts. Registration is due on May 31. Register online at go.illinois.edu/2024poultryworkshop.

AMBOY – The City of Amboy committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, June 3 at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

STERLING – The Sterling Public Library is hosting a Youth Sewing Workshop from 1-3 p..m. on every Month through June (3, 10, 17, and 24). The workshop allows you to explore the sweing world and bring your imagination to life. All sewing machines and basic supplies will be provided registration fee, \$20 for 4-H members, \$30 for non-4-H members. Secure your spot by registering on Z Suites at go.illinois.edu/SewingSterling. Non-4-Hers, please contact the office to register at 815-632-3611.

AMBOY - The Amboy Civic Organization currently meets the first Tuesday evening of each month at 4:30 p.m. at Maria's Pizza in Amboy, 110 E. Main Street. Please note, the A.C.O no longer gathers at 4 p.m. but instead will gather at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, June 4. Sharing dinner will provide a great opportunity for socializing and sharing community news.

SUBLETTE – The next Village of Sublette meeting is at 7 p.m. Monday, June 10 at the Ellice Dinges Center at 202 S. West Street in Sublette.

STERLING – The monthly workshop held by Wits Fitness is from 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, June 11 at the CGH Health Foundation Community Room in Sterling. Experience a monthly journey with Kara Schweitzer, an educator from University of Illinois Extension, as she leads participants through interactive activities crafted to stimulate the brain and enhance cognitive function and memory. We will be offering this porgram at the CGH Health Foundation Community Room. New participants are welcome to join at anytime. Registration is not required but



whole grain wheat bread-1, chilled pineapple **Wednesday** - Cheeseburger on whole grain bun, tater tots,

baked beans, fruit cocktail **Thursday** – A – Lemon pepper chix, wild rice, broccoli, whole

grain dinner roll, applesauce; B - Ham/vegetable Friday - outhwest salad (w/blk beans, corn, cheese, chicken, §

Meals served Mon.-Fri. at 11:30 am **Amboy Community Center**

tomato, onion), whole grain dinner roll, fruit juice

appreciated by calling Beth Sterk at 815-625-4790 EXT. 3977 or by emailing beth.sterk@cghmc.com.

EAST GROVE - East Grove Township is holding its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 11 at the East Grove Township Hall.

AMBOY – The Board of Trustees of The Amboy

Township will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 12 at the Amboy Township Building, located at 106 South Prospect St. in Amboy.

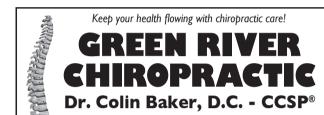
PAW PAW – The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Paw Paw will commence at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 12 at the Paw Paw Village Hall.

LEE CENTER – The Lee Center Township meet-

ing will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 13. AMBOY - The Amboy/Lee Center Multi-Town-

ship meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 19 at the Amboy Township building, located at 106 South Prospect Ave. **DIXON** – The Lee County Health Department will

have Immunization Clinics for Children and Adults by appointment only. 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.



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AMBOY POLICE

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

Clint M. Laethem, 41, of Princeton, was issued two traffic citations at 9:21 p.m. Monday, April 29 on Wasson Road in Amboy for no rear/taillights and no valid trailer registration.

UNLAWFUL USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

Kaylee M. Scanland, 18, of Princeton, was issued a traffic citation for unlawful use of electronic communication device-cell phone during a traffic stop at 4:40 p.m. Wednesday, May 1 at the intersection of N. Mason Avenue and Bacon Street in Amboy.

WARRANT

A 17-year-old male juvenile of Amboy was arrested Friday, May 3 at 424 East Bluff Street in Amboy on a warrant in the state of Georgia for probation violation/ run away. He was transported to the Kane County Juvenile Detention Center.

OSF Healthcare unveils rehabilitation center at Ottawa YMCA

OTTAWA – Patients needing rehabilitation services in Ottawa and surrounding communities will benefit greatly when OSF HealthCare opens a 7,500 square-foot healthcare rehabilitation center in the newly constructed Ottawa YMCA, 411 Canal St., located alongside the Illinois River in

This facility, known as OSF Rehabilitation at the Ottawa YMCA, will provide specialized care, including physical, speech and occupational therapies, creating a stronger sense of community health and overall well-being. Outpatient pulmonary and cardiac rehabilitation services and pediatric services will continue to be available at OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center and will not be relocated to the Ottawa YMCA.

The media is invited to see the new rehabilitation center during a blessing and dedication on Thursday, May 9, at the Ottawa YMCA, 411 Canal St., starting at noon. There will be interviews and b-rollopportunities available to the media.

In addition to state-ofthe-art exercise equipment, the facility's design will be enhanced by the innovative addition of a Solo Step — a ceiling-mounted harness that will help therapists engage patients in more advanced activities while maintaining safety measures. The space will also include aquatic therapy that will benefit patients who need pool-based therapy.

Relocating the rehabilitation services to the YMCA from OSF Saint Elizabeth will allow patients to become acquainted with both equipment and staff, which could give community members added incentive to join the YMCA and pursue healthier lifestyles.

Dominican Sisters of Springfield set direction for coming years

SPRINGFIELD —During a week of prayerful conversation and contemplative deliberation, the Dominican Sisters of Springfield affirmed a chapter statement in which they agreed to respond to the needs of the Church and the world by committing to intercultural living and participative Dominican governance as they look toward the next five years.

"Rooted in our prayer for the life of the world, and in our care for our common home, we are strengthened by our Associates and partners-in-mission to walk together into a future of authentic intercultural living," the statement says.

To reach their goal, the sisters said "Together, we will" strengthen relationships within the congregation, welcome and support new members to the congregation and Dominican life, and build intercultural relationships "through study, engagement, and interaction."

The hallmarks of the congregation's ministry for the past two decades have been their commitment to antiracism and their response to the "Cry of the Earth and the Cry of the Poor" through their efforts to live sustainably and encourage others in the care of Earth and her inhabitants.

"These efforts will continue and will be strengthened by this evolution in our thinking,' explained Sister Rebecca Ann Gemma, OP, the current prioress general of the congregation. "We want witness to the good news of Jesus in our countries of origin—the United States and Peru—both burdened with cultural and political divisiveness, threats to democracy, and threats to the peace, tranquility, and flourishing of the human and the other-than-human beings with whom we share our homelands. Our desire to live interculturally—within our own community as Dominican Sisters who are Peruvian and U.S. citizens, and with the many diverse cultures in our countries—is a natural outgrowth of our antiracism work and, we believe, a powerful intercultural—and countercultural—gospel witness.

"It is for these reasons we say we want to 'walk together into a future of authentic intercultural living'," Sister Rebecca Ann said, referencing a line from the chapter direction statement. The second major theme of

their chapter deliberations was the future of Dominican governance within the Dominican family.

"We take the next steps into our congregational future, grounded in the freedom offered in our Constitutions. We are energized by participating in the emerging movements of governance within the Dominican family," the statement says.

To fulfill their commitment to themselves, the broader Dominican family, and the People of God, the Dominican Sisters of Springfield have committed to the necessary study to move toward a collaborative form of Dominican governance.

'Creative conversations about how collaboration can reshape and renew the future of Dominican life have been going on for years," said Sister Rose Miriam Schulte, OP, vicaress general. "We are now at a point in our journey when it is time to animate our words with actions that move us forward into the future together."

The week-long general chapter consisted of two parts. During the five-day chapter of life and mission the sisters synthesized an 18-month-long period of study, prayer, and contemplative dialogue into the 2024 General Chapter Direction Statement. The complete statement is here.

of Springfield, guided by the Holy Spirit, join with others to reimagine a future of promise and hope.

Rooted in our prayer for the life of the world, and in our care for our common home, we are strengthened by our Associates and partners-in-mission to walk together into a future of authentic intercultural living. Trusting in the transformation already at work within us, we step into the challenges, riches, and grace of the unknown.

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communal study in our effort to move toward a collaborative form of governance. Together, we will embrace individual and shared responsibil-

ity for participative Dominican governance. Compelled by our passion for mission, we respond, in Christ,

for the life of the world. During the two-day chapter of elections, the sisters elected a team of four leaders who will assume leadership on June 15, 2024. They are Sisters Mary Paul McCaughey, OP, prioress

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The former canning and bottling factory was built in 1918 for the Libby, McNeill and Libby company, the second-largest producer of canned foods in the country at the time. For decades, the factory was an economic engine for the community, employing hundreds of local residents and migrant workers, until it closed in 1968. The building is currently vacant and is beginning to decay due to a lack of reuse and proper maintenance.

PORTAGE THEATER

The prominent theater, completed in 1920 near Portage Park's popular "Six Corners" area, has been an important cultural institution for the local community.

However, it has suffered from the deferred maintenance since fully closing in 2018. While the current owner has demonstrated interest in revitalizing the designated Chicago landmark, long-term plans remain unclear and securing financing has been a challenge.

Sears Administration Building

Constructed in two phases in 1905 and 1914, the Administration Building served as office headquarters for the former retail giant, Sears, Roebuck and Co., until the 1970s. It is part of the company's sprawling campus in the city's North Lawndale neighborhood, a complex that is designated National Historic Landmark and is a Chicago landmark district.

The building has been on the market since the spring of 2023. And, unlike other buildings on the Sears campus that have been rehabilitated and adaptively reused, this one sits vacant and underutilized despite its potential.

Former Collinsville Township High School

The former Collinsville Township High School welcomed generations of students between 1908 and 1982 and has had various uses since, but today sits empty and deteriorating in a prominent part of the Southern Illinois city. The current owner has plans to develop the building into affordable housing and has identified funding and tax incentives to do so. Local officials, however, oppose the project, which means that the school may continue to sit vacant indefinitely.

Decatur Masonic Temple

The Decatur Masonic Temple has served as an important community center in Decatur's historic district since it was built in 1929. Throughout the past nearly 100 years, it has hosted cultural events and famous speakers like Eleanor Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy Jr. The building has suffered deterioration and does not generate enough income today to pay for proper maintenance, leading to expensive damages.

Former Lincoln School

East St. Louis, St. Clair County Built in 1886 as a school for Black students, the historically significant building has survived the 1917 East St. Louis Race Riots and the widespread demolition seen in the Southern Illinois city during the mid-20th century. Despite its local importance and proximity to the city's historic district, without a new use and proper investment, the school faces demolition.

Johnson County Courthouse

Built in 1871, the Johnson County Courthouse was the oldest continually operating courthouse in Illinois before it closed in 2023. While a new county complex is being constructed to house county offices, the nationally landmarked courthouse was supposed to be repurposed for local businesses and other governmental work. However, it has sat vacant since September 2023 when a roof truss fractured. Until funding for permanent stabilization is secured, the future of the building remains uncertain.

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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

Every May, women across the world are celebrated The suspension led to an expulsion. for being mothers on Mother's Day.

Usually, for the most part, it's for the mothers who raise and help their own children through life and all its obstacles.

Sometimes, definitely more times than not, the women who guide children, who they did not conceive, are left out or forgotten. If praised, just not enough.

Let's face it, it takes a special kind of person to not only raise their own children but then to assist others.

I'm thinking of a special woman who not only raised her own three children, but then took on the responsibility of another child. Not just a child, but a problematic teenage boy who was in and out of trouble every other day.

There wasn't a Saturday he wasn't in school.

There wasn't an in-school suspension without his name on the list. He knew the staff at the detention home, and they

knew him. Many counselors had them in their chairs, whether

at school or a clinic. During a seventh-grade dance, he was banned

from all others after knocking down a kid with a swift jab and then dropping a flying elbow on his head in "Macho Man" Randy Savage style.

He was kicked out of eighth grade after punching a kid in the stomach and driving his head into a locker after a comment was made about his biological mom.

Without acceptance to public school, the teenager had to ride in a chauffeured van to a school 45 minutes away to learn, study, and take tests on a computer during alternative school hours.

After finishing the program and receiving the junior high diploma, it wasn't long before he was back in the correctional system as the kid joined an older family member he looked at as a role model to steal. The list of stolen property was long, and so was the sentence in juvenile prison as he went to three different institutions throughout the state during his time. By time he got out of prison, his

freshman year had come and gone.

Thankfully, he took tests and was picked on by others in jumpsuits because he studied, but he was allowed back in public school as a sophomore, and although there were a few rough patches, he was able to graduate and was accepted

into four different colleges.

There were adult pains with a summer in county jail eight hours after freshman year in college ended, DUIs and alcoholic behavior, messy relationship breakups, job firings and quitting, and a car accident.

Throughout everything, absolutely everything described above and way beyond, this woman was

She talked to him. Told him he was wrong. Gave him examples of what could have been done different or different ways he could have thought about certain situations or actions. Let him know there were different options or paths than the ones he was taking.

There was always a seat at the table for him.

There was always a seat in the car for a fun trip, vacation, or just to ride around.

There was always the warm, welcome embrace of a hug or smile to let him know things would be alright if he wanted them to be.

He always knew he was loved.

He joined the National Guard. He graduated college. He began his journalism career in February 2005 and it hasn't stopped since. He has won eight writing awards. He has been a public speaker for both his career and to young kids to not make the same mistakes he has. He officiates baseball, softball, basketball, and volleyball games to give back to the kids, community, and sports.

The now 30-something man is part of community nonprofit organizations and for-profit associations which help the community grow.

And although it takes something inside an individual to push past demons and to change surroundings and associates, they can't do it without support.

That someone to make them realize they matter, and they can do good things.

From that 12-year-old pain in the butt to the grown man who is determined to do all the good he can in any way possible, thank you. The biggest thank you EVER.

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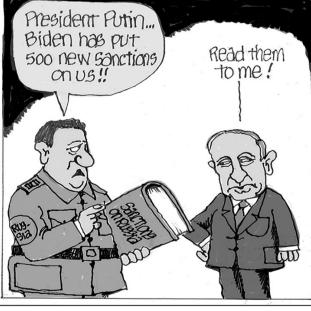
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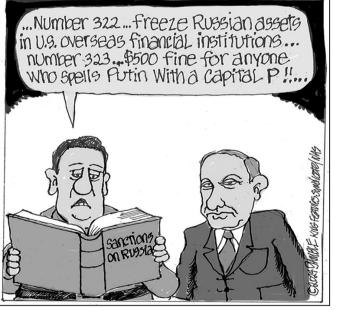


Column

By Brandon

LaChance





ON THIS DAY IN

100 years ago May 16, 1924 The Ku Klux Klan burned the

fiery cross Wednesday in Wittenauer's pasture along Green River just east of Binghampton. An immense crowd of spectators gathered to see the ceremonial.

Corn planters were clicking busily all around the country this past week, and farmers generally have their work pretty well along for this time of year.

75 years ago May 12, 1949

Dean Gray of Amboy Central Grade School won the state championship in the lightweight shot at the state grade school finals held at Illinois State Normal University.

Rev. Robert Myers celebrated his First Solemn High Mass in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Sublette. Father Myers is the son of Mr. Mrs. Frank Myers of Sublette.

The Chamber of Commerce announced that the Jay Gould Million Dollar Circus would be the main attraction of Amboy's

annual Fall Festival.

50 years ago May 16, 1974 Beth Nusbaum and Dave Garland

were crowned queen and king of the Amboy High School Junior-Senior

Amboy's third annual rodeo will be held at the Green River Mobile Home Park on Wasson Road. The rodeo is sponsored by three non-profit organizations, the Amboy Chamber of Commerce, the Amboy Volunteer Fire Department, and the Amboy Lions Club.

25 years ago May 13, 1999 Amboy High School Spanish

student Aaron Krager took a swing at a pinata during festivities to celebrate Cinco de Mauyo in Tina Reimer's Spanish Class. Reimer said all students in her classes had a chance to sing at the pinata, a traditional Spanish party favor. The pinata was filled with goodies which the students gathered after the pinata was shattered with one

really good whack.

What would inspire someone to hop on a bike and ride 4,000 miles across North America? Or how about taking a kayaking trip in the Bay of Fundy with its 40foot tides? Or ride in-line skates across 400 miles of Holland? The motivation? Allen Johnson, 64, just wants to do it. Johnson, a retired engineer and Air Force veteran, started his journey to ride a bike to the Arctic Circle from his home in Dayton Ohio on May 5 and plans to be at the Arctic Circle, north of Fairbanks, Alaska, by the Fourth of July. Johnson stopped in to see long-time friends Hank and Nancy

Leopold in Troy Grove. Brian Shippert is named the Amboy High School's Student of the Month for April Shippert is extremely involved with AHS programs such as being the president of the Drama Club, vice-president of the National Honor Society, Senior Class treasurer, and Speech Team captain. He's also been involved in football, track, Student Council, FFA, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Muder Mystery Dessert Theater, boys' state counselor, and

4-H Federation.

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DIXON—The Do it Best Foundation announces the awarding of a \$5,000 grant to Rock River Hospice and Home. Rock River Hospice and Home in Sterling is focused on providing care for individuals transitioning through serious illness, death, and grief.

"Rock River is a regional leader in providing end-of-life care," said Rich Jordan, general manager at the Do it Best warehouse in nearby Dixon. "No one is ever turned away from their services for their inability to pay which is why donations and grants are so important. We're honored to support their efforts to treat every patient and their families with dignity and respect."

The Foundation grant was directly funded by donations and pledges from the Do it Best warehouse team in Dixon. Their grant advisory committee offered unanimous support to apply their local grant dollars to Rock River Hospice and

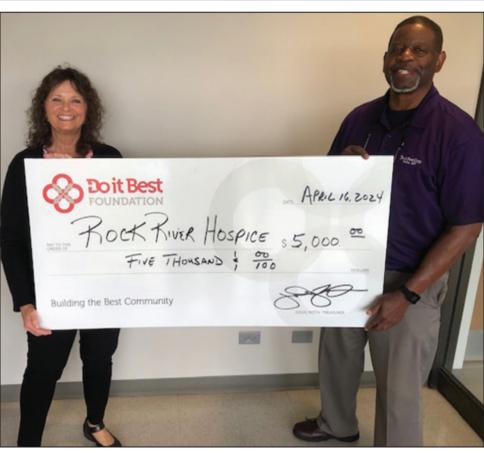
"Our Rock River Hospice and Home family is honored to accept this generous

donation from our friends at the Do it Best Foundation," said Jacqueline Donaldson, executive director for Rock River Hospice and Home. "We are blessed with so many great supporters. Unity in the face of heartache and grief is what brings people together. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

The next grant application cycle for the Do it Best Foundation runs through May 31.

About the Do it Best Foundation

The Do it Best Foundation supports not-for-profit community organizations that focus on serving the needs of others. Rooted in servant leadership, the Foundation awards grants to agencies that can make big impacts in four key areas: health & wellness, youth enrichment, the arts, and the community. Nonprofit organizations located in or near cities where Do it Best has business operations are given priority consideration. To learn how you can support the work of the Do it Best Foundation, follow us on Instagram and visit doitbestfoundation.org.





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Small business scams are big business for fraudsters

ROCKFORD – There are more than 31 million small businesses in the United States. Each year they are recognized for their contributions to innovation, job creation, and the overall health of the economy. BBB always urges customers to support small businesses when possible.

These businesses are also the targets of scammers who seek to line their pockets off the efforts of small business owners. The Better Business Bureau warns that millions of dollars are lost to fraudsters each year.

"We have identified a list of scams that small businesses often encounter," says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the BBB. "The scammers often succeed in defrauding these smaller businesses because they lack the resources of bigger companies to protect themselves.''

Horton notes, "Knowing the red flags is a key to avoiding the traps laid by scammers.''

Common small business scams identified by the BBB include:

("BEC"). Business email compromise fraud is an email phishing scam that typically targets people who pay bills in businesses, government, and nonprofit organizations. According to the F.B.I., it has resulted in more losses than any other type of fraud in the U.S.

In BEC fraud, the scammer poses as a vendor or other trusted source who emails an accountant or chief financial officer. The email asks them to wire money, buy gift cards or send personal information, often for a plausible reason. If money is sent, it goes into an account controlled by the con artists.

Stolen identity. Scammers often pretend to be legitimate companies to trick consumers. Scammers set up fake websites and "hijack" your company name and address. They may also use brand hijacking - blatant copying and misusing company logos and website content - to impersonate a business and deceive unsuspecting

visitors. Phishing scams. Phishing scams attempt to steal sensitive information about your business. These scams often appear to be legitimate emails or text messages. However, when you click on the link, you

download a virus that captures personal information or loads a form that asks for bank account or credit card details. Be leery of unsolicited messages.

Overpayment scams. In this scam, the person you are doing business with sends you a check for more than the amount they owe you. Then, they instruct you to wire the balance back to them. The check eventually bounces, and you're stuck, responsible for the full amount, including what you wired to the scammers.

Other scams that are common attempted attacks on businesses are being sold fake directory ads, phony requests for charity donations, charging money for vanity awards that can have little to no meaning, fake invoices, or being pitched discounted office supplies that don't

BBB offers these tips to help small businesses protect themselves:

o Keep good records. Keep documentation of all orders and purchases. This will help you to detect bogus accounts and invoices.

o Be extra careful with payment procedures. Establish payment authorization procedures, including a multi-person approval process for transactions.

o Avoid some payment methods when possible. Wire transfers, pre-paid debit cards, and gift cards are scammers' preferred payment methods. Also, pay with a written company check so a paper trail is created.

o Double-check vendors. Make sure that the business billing you is a business you're familiar with and normally do business with.

o Be careful what information you share. Do not give out information about your business unless you know the person asking and how the information will be used.

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Spread the word. If your employees know about the scam, they'll be more likely to spot it. Tell your colleagues, too.

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- The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God's heavenly glory.
- Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with
- Though out of sight, you'll forever be in my heart and mind. The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always
- 9. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
- 10. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
- You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
- May God's graces shine over you for all time. You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.
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Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps OH, I KNOW I'M A KID. I'M WHAT'S WRONG, SON? I WAS THINKING ABOUT YOU'VE GOT NOTHING GETTING OLDER AND ABOUT DYING SOMEDAY. TO WORRY ABOUT. YOU'RE YOUNG, THAT'S WAY OFF. MORE WORRIED ABOUT YOU YOU LOOK SO WORRIED

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by Jeff Pickering MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE COOKED IT ON "ALOHA" TEMPERATURE.

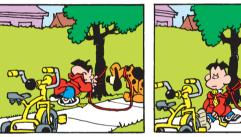








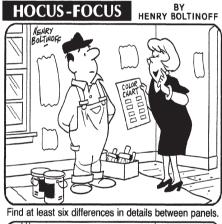


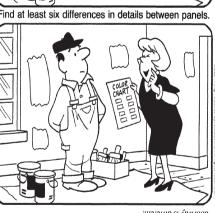












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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Y equals T

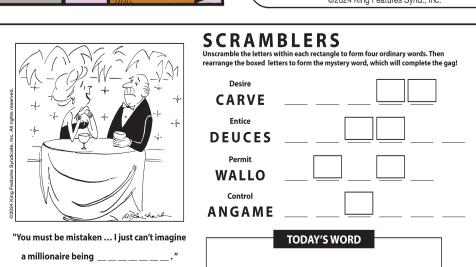
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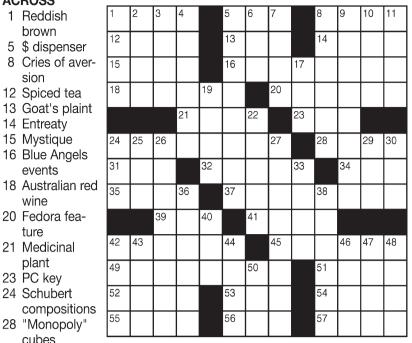
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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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WORD LADDERS

Can you go from RACER to WAFER in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

RACER

WAFER

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Solution time: 22 mins.

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— **King** Crossword —



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tures a character named Ron Swanson? 3. SCIENCE: What are the three layers

of the Earth? 4. MOVIES: Which 2001 movie has a

famous "bend and snap" scene? 5. MONEY: What is a modern U.S. penny made of mostly?

6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a common name for an animal in the Leporidae family? 7. LITERATURE: Which children's

book contains the line, "Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast"?

8. ANATOMY: Where is the pinna located in the human body?

9. HISTORY: Who was the fourth president of the United States? 10. BUSINESS: What did Amazon sell

exclusively when it started business in 1994?

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10. Books. 9. James Madison. 7. "Alice in Wonderland." 6. Rabbit or hare.

4. "Legally Blonde." 3. Crust, mantle and core. 2. "Parks and Recreation." I. Russia. Answers

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Τοday's Word

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Off to State...

Amboy girls track qualifies three individuals, relay team

By KIP CHEEK, **BRANDON LaCHANCE** Amboy News

MANLIUS – The Amboy girls' track team qualified five girls in four events for the IHSA Class 1A State Track & Field Meet after the Lady Clippers participated in the Bureau Valley Class 1A Sectional on May 8.

Senior Elly Jones will be going out in style as she will compete in three events at state. Jones finished in third place in the 100-meter hurdles (16.56) and the triple jump (33-10.75) at the sectional meet. While the top two placers in each event earn automatic bids to state, Jones ran under the state qualifying standard (16.86) in the hurdles and leaped past the state qualifying mark (33-5) in the triple jump.

Sophomore Jillian Anderson had the best finish on the day for Amboy, taking second place in the high jump at 5-0.25 and earning a trip to state.

"This is my first time going to state. I'm super excited," Anderson said. "I always knew that I was capable of getting over the bar to go to state. At our first outdoor meet I jumped 5-2. I knew I could do it, but it was about being able to pull it out on the right day.

It was exciting to be able to do that at the sectional.

"I wasn't sure I cleared the bar at first, so once I landed, I had to double check. Once I realized I made it, I was so ecstatic. I started jumping up and down. I jumped off the mat and hugged coach Michael Robinson and all of my friends. I was hugging everyone I saw."

The Lady Clippers 4x100-meter relay team, which even though finishing in sixth place with a time of 52.05, ran faster than the state qualifying standard of 52.12. Running the legs for Amboy were Jones, freshmen Maddie Althaus and Alexa McKendry, and sophomore Bella Yanos.

Yanos is also competing at state in the long jump after leaping 16-5 in Manlius.

"It feels really good to be going to state in two events," Yanos said. "I've worked really hard all season. From the start of the season, I knew I had a very good chance of making the state meet. Having coach Robinson and all of my teammates beside me throughout practices and my meets helped me realize I could do it. I'm really happy for the chance."

The IHSAClass 1 A State Track & Field Meet will be held Thursday, May 16 through Saturday, May 18

at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Amboy finished in the top five in four other events at the sectional meet. Maddie Althaus turned in a fourth-place performance in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:03.83.

Individual fifth-place finishes for the Lady Clippers were by Lexi Ketchum in the high jump (4-7.75) and the 4x200-meter relay team posted a time of 1:53.69 to take fifth. Runners were Stephanie Nave, Anderson, Ketchum and Yanos.

Amboy placed sixth in the team standings with 56.5 points. Fulton easily won the sectional championship with 126 points.

May 8 – Bureau Valley Sectional

Fulton 126, Bureau Valley 88.5, Riverdale 81, Erie-Prophetstown 76.5, Henry-Senachwine 64, Amboy 56.5, Sterling Newman 54.5, St. Bede 48, Indian Creek 31, Rock Island Alleman 17, Milledgeville 15, Ottawa Marquette 15, Morrison 12, Earlville 10

Amboy 2nd place: *Jillian Anderson, high jump, 5-0.25

Amboy 3rd place: *Elly Jones, 100m hurdles, 16.56; *Jones, triple jump, 33-10.75

Amboy 4th place: Mad-

Maddie Althaus, left, gets ready to hand off the baton in the 4x100-meter relay at the Class 1 Bureau Valley Sectional to sophomore Jillian Anderson. The relay team, also including freshman Alexa McKendry and sophomore Bella Yanos, ran a state-qualifying time of 52.12 seconds. Anderson also qualified in the high jump. Right photo: Sophomore Bella Yanos leaped 16-feet-5 to advance to the state meet on May 16-18 in the long jump.

Photos/Tina Anderson



Amboy senior Elly Jones, center, qualified for the IHSA Class 1A State Meet for the fourth time. She finished third in 100-meter hurdles at the Class 1A Bureau Valley Sectional. Photo courtesy/Tina Anderson

die Althaus, 400m dash, 1:03.83

Amboy 5th place: 4x200m relay (Stephanie Nave, Anderson, Lexi Ketchum, Bella Yanos), 1:53.69; Ketchum, high jump, 4-7.75; Yanos, long jump, 16-4.75

Amboy 6th place: Grace Althaus, 400m dash, 1:06.41; Alexa McKendry, 300m hurdles, 50.73; *4x100m relay (Jones, M. Althaus, McKendry, Yanos), 52.12; 4x400m relay (M. Althaus, G. Althaus, Ketchum, Nave), 4:29.21

Amboy 7th place: Kimber Zitelman, discus, 88-2.5; Jones, long jump, 16-2; Nave, triple jump, 31-9 Amboy 8th place: M. Al-

thaus, 100m dash, 13.22; Anderson, 200m dash,

Amboy 9th place: Aubrey Wells, 800m run, 2:50.47; McKendry, 100m hurdles, 17.75; Lainey Davis, shot put, 30-5.75 Amboy 10th place: Ya-

nos, 100m dash, 13.51 (* indicates state qual-

"This was the best sectional we've had since COVID-19," said Robinson. "A lot of it was a surprise. We had thoughts on a couple of the athletes being able to make it to state, but to get the 4x1 to

state after having to drop a

second, they were able to

do it. They are all freshmen

and sophomores.

"Elly getting out for the fourth time in the hurdles and the triple jump is what I was expecting and it's pretty amazing. You don't see that very often. Jillian and Bella are only sophomores and it's exciting for them this year and moving

forward for the next two

"I want to give props to Bureau Valley athletic director Brad Bickett and his crew for running a great, smooth sectional. I also want to give props to Hall coaches Nick Hanck, Kaelyn Hamel, and Matt Hassler for helping Elly in the triple jump. Her first two jumps were kind of all over the place with a foul and then not attempting because her steps were off. She made it on her third one, but it was with the help of the three Hall coaches and me trying to do what we could to get her over the mark.

"It's not very often four coaches from two schools are helping an athlete. I know Elly appreciated the help from the Hall coaches. Without their help, it's scary to think of what could of happened."





Matt Long hired as Kishwaukee College men's basketball coach

MALTA – Kishwaukee College hired Matt Long as the next head coach for the Men's Basketball team. Long will take over the role in Spring 2024 as the 11th head coach in program history.

Previously, Long served as an assistant coach for the Illinois Central College (ICC) men's basketball program for six years. In his assistant role under Tony Wysinger, Long focused on running the team's offense, practices, and weight program, among other extra duties. Additionally, he has served as a coach for the Midwest Prospect Academy and assisted with basketball camps for Nike/ USA, Marquette University and Shaun Livingston's Pride of Peoria camps. Through the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC), Long has learned from established college coaches like Roy Williams and Porter Moser. Before coaching, Long played for ICC for three

seasons before completing his bachelor's degree from Southern New Hampshire University.

One of Long's initial goals as head coach is to establish a strong culture for the program and the community.

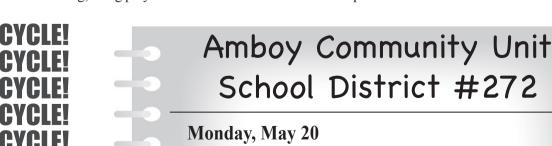
"I am coming in ready to win games and bring a winning culture to Kish. I want people to enjoy coming to our games and to pack the gymnasium," Long said. "We can create something here for the community through fun, joy and effort. I want this team to be a staple for the area and remembered for what we do both on and off the court."

The Kish Men's Basketball program is coming off a winning season with a 17-14 record and multiple players earning all-conference and all-region honors. With an extensive background in recruiting, Long expects to build on the previous season's success.

"I would love to continue the great season they had last year. Our goal is to win games, and we still have room to grow and hit our goals," Long said. "We'll set the bar very high. But with a positive outlook, I think

any goal is attainable with hard work." With a focus on education, Long emphasized the importance of academics for the program's student-athletes.

"Understanding the importance of the classroom is vital to our success," Long said. "I expect our student-athletes to hold themselves to a high standard at all times and be the best person they can be."



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Tuesday, May 21

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Thursday, May 23

• 8th Grade Night

Friday, May 24

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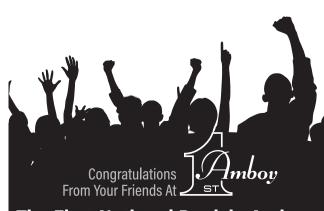
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Girls Track: Elly Jones, Jillian Anderson, Bella Yanos, Maddie Althaus & Alexa McKendry



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