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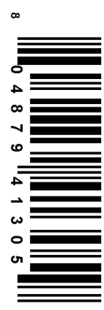


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Snoop Dogg scheduled for State Fair

SPRINGFIELD – American rapper, singer and songwriter Snoop Dogg will perform at the Illinois State Fair Grandstand on Wednesday, August 13.

Snoop Dogg has reigned for nearly three decades as an unparalleled force who has raised the bar as a globally recognized innovator. Along with being a rapper, Snoop is an actor, record producer, DJ, media personality, businessman and icon.

“We are excited to bring Snoop Dogg back to Springfield and the Illinois State Fair,” said Illinois Department of Agriculture Director Jerry Costello II. “We know from past experience that he is a crowd favorite with incredible energy.”

In addition to his extensive work in music, with hits like Gin & Juice and Drop it Like it’s Hot to his new album ‘Missionary,’ Snoop Dogg is a serial entrepreneur with endeavors in Web 3.0, tech, entertainment, lifestyle, global consumer brands, food/beverage and cannabis industries.

Tickets for Snoop Dogg are on sale via Ticketmaster. The cost is \$85 for Tier 3, \$90 for Tier 2, \$110 for Tier 1, \$125 for the track, and \$165 for Blue Ribbon Zone. A \$30 Pre-Show Party ticket is offered as an additional upgrade for all paid concerts.

Trump administration cuts funding for grants supporting Illinois farmers, food banks

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) announced the Local Food Purchase Assistance Program (LFPA) and the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program (RFSI) can no longer operate in Illinois due to the Trump Administration cutting funding for the programs.

Without explanation, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has informed states that it was ceasing reimbursements for any costs incurred after January 19, 2025.

The USDA established the LFPA program to strengthen statewide food

systems, using federal funds to buy food from growers and producers at fair market value that is distributed to communities in need at no cost. In Illinois, 883 community sites have distributed food from 176 farmers, 58% of whom meet the USDA definition for new farmers.

In addition, Illinois is the only state committed to sourcing 100% of products from socially disadvantaged farmers. Illinois was approved to distribute \$43 million under the course of the multi-year agreement and \$17.8 million remains outstanding from the federal government.

The purpose of the RFSI program is to expand the

middle of the food supply chain capacity for locally and regionally produced foods to offer better market opportunities and new streams of revenue to small and mid-sized agricultural producers. IDOA was in the process of selecting grantees for the RFSI program, which would have provided \$6.4 million in grant funding to entities.

Recently, states were notified by USDA that LFPA and RFSI invoices are being processed only for costs incurred on or prior to January 19, 2025. Reimbursement claims submitted for costs incurred after that date are being returned with no explanation or timeline for

reimbursements to resume.

“Cutting funds for these programs is a slap in the face to Illinois farmers and the communities they feed,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “The Trump Administration’s refusal to release grant funds doesn’t just hurt farmers in the program, it devastates our most vulnerable, food-insecure communities relying on meat, fresh produce and other nutritious donations.”

“This program requires Illinois farmers to invest in upfront input costs which is no longer possible given that the federal government has said they will no longer provide reimbursements,” said IDOA Director Jerry Costello II.

“Without federal funding, the program that has helped to create local food systems in Illinois is unfortunately no longer able to operate.”

“Agriculture drives so much of the economy and innovation in Illinois – this loss in support for our farmers, especially those from communities that have historically been disinvested in, is a loss for everyone in our state,” said IDHS Secretary Dulce M. Quintero. “Access to nutrition is a human right, and I join our Governor and State leaders in calling on the federal government to do the right thing and help sustain our food system with the grant funding that had been established.”



Food Truck Monday was thought to be a one-off event in 2023. However, great feed back to organizer Kirstyn Carter brought it back in 2024 for a spring and summer schedule. The third reinactment, second full year, will feature 13 different food trucks from April through October.

Brandon LaChance/Amboy News

Food Truck Monday set to return in April

By **BRANDON LaCHANCE**
Amboy News Editor

AMBOY – The spring and summer sensation known as Food Truck Monday is returning to the Amboy Depot Museum parking lot from April through October.

After a test run event three years ago and a full 2024 schedule, organizer Kirstyn Carter didn’t see any reason to not bring the different food options back to Amboy.

“It makes me happy to see everyone visit and enjoy some good food,” Carter said. “I didn’t think it was going to work. I actually thought it was going to flop and no one was going to enjoy it.”

“Through the warmer months, the crowd grows. We’re all busy but people enjoy having different food options they normally wouldn’t have, so they come out.”

So far, Carter has 13 different trucks scheduled throughout the seven-month schedule.

Taco Guzman, Philly Factory, The Press Box, The Bluesy Box (affiliated

with The Press Box offering different food items), and Main Squeeze will be accounted for during each of the dates.

The selected Mondays are April 28, May 12, June 16, July 14, August 4, September 15, and October 13.

Also available during the Food Truck Monday schedule is JYD’s, T D BBQ, Naiho’s Eggrolls & More, Cousins Main Lobster, Flo’s on Pulaskey, Bumble Bites, Little O’s Frozen Treats, and Kona Ice.

With the help of vender fees and all donations by patrons, funds are donated to different organizations and charities in Amboy.

To date, Carter and Food Truck Monday has donated a total of \$2,063 to Clipper Kiddies, Amboy Lions Club, Amboy Police Department, Amboy Fire Department, a can food drive, Teen Turf, Amboy High School, Amboy Park District, and Lee County Shop with a Sheriff.

Carter hopes to bring in larger donations this time around.



Katie Pratt, yellow sweater, Lee County Agriculture in the Classroom coordinator speaks during Cultivating Connections in Agriculture workshop on February 28 at Tetten’s Grain in Dixon.

Photo contributed

Agriculture, education comes together at Cultivating Connections in Agriculture

DIXON – Lee County Farm Bureau recently joined forces with Lee County Ag in the Classroom, Regional Office of Education #47, and Facilitating Coordination in Agriculture Education to highlight agriculture and educational opportunities during the 2025 Cultivating Connections in Agriculture workshop.

Around 50 local school representatives attended the Cultivating Connections in Agriculture symposium held Feb. 28 at Tetten’s Grain in Dixon to learn more about the value of agriculture education and hear strategies for creating comprehensive agriculture programs.

“Agriculture is Illinois’ No. 1 industry, yet often those crucial programs are some of the first on the budget line to be cut from a public school district offering,” said Ashleigh Erbes, Lee CFB

manager. “Cultivating Connections is intended to bring in administrators and local school leaders who don’t necessarily have an agricultural background or full understanding of the industry and provide them with an enriching experience that demonstrates the value of an agriculture education and why it is so important and impactful to highlight agriculture as a career pathway.”

During the event, attendees connected with John Heiser, District 1 Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education program advisor; Katie Pratt, Lee County Agriculture in the Classroom coordinator; Stacey Dinges, Pathways navigator and Regional Office of Education (ROE) #47; Dr. Jon Mandrell, vice president of Academics and Students Services at Sauk Valley Community College; and Erbes.

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LOCAL NEWS

Ligtenberg graduates IBA's Future Leaders Alliance Program

AMBOY—Courtney Ligtenberg, AVP of Private Banking at The First National Bank in Amboy, has graduated from the Future Leaders Alliance Program offered through the Illinois Bankers Association.

This 14-month leadership program is dedicated to enhancing the professional development of new and promising bank leaders

through three primary components: education, community service and networking.

Participants partake in comprehensive training, which involves attending educational sessions, completing an advancement strategy project and performing local community service teaching financial literacy. The education sessions

cover core topics such as Leadership and Influence, Team Building, Coaching, Service Leadership, Collaboration Skills, Financial Marketing, Personal Branding, Legislative Process, Presentation Skills, Accounting for Bankers, Asset Liability Management, Regulatory Hot Topics, Cyber Security and more.

Still time to reserve table at Best of Dixon Gala

DIXON – Come experience the feel-good community vibes and celebrate the winners of Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, 4 Under 40, and Volunteer of the Year at the annual Best of Dixon Awards Gala on Friday, April 4, 2025 at the Dixon Elks Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Road.

Dress to impress in formal or semi-formal attire. Basil Tree Ristorante will provide the evening's cuisine. Get ready to dance the night away after the ceremony, as an amazing DJ will be lighting up the room with all of our favorite hits!

Throughout the night, you'll have the opportunity to network with local business leaders and celebrate this incredible community! Don't miss out! It'll surely be a night to remember!

For Dixon Chamber of Commerce members, tickets are \$80 each, and \$575 per table of 8. For nonmembers, tickets are \$100 each.

Find "Best of Dixon" under the "Events" dropdown at the discoverdixon.com to secure tickets today.

For more information, call 815-284-3361 or go to discoverdixon.com.

IDOA director testifies at Illinois General Assembly on federal funding cuts

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) Director Jerry Costello II, along with key stakeholders representing farmers, research institutions, and food banks, appeared before the General Assembly's House Agriculture & Conservation Committee

hearing to discuss federal funding cuts and tariffs, which amount to taxes on working farmers.

Costello's testimony in Springfield focused on several agreements between USDA and IDOA, including the Local Food Purchase Assistance Program (LFPA) and the

Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program (RFSI).

Illinois was the only state in the nation to prioritize socially disadvantaged farmers. These same farmers will lose over tens of millions of dollars in fair market value payments for crops and livestock they

are currently raising as well as the ability to invest in infrastructure for growth and sustainability.

The purpose of the LFPA program is to "maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency."

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Pankhurst Memorial Library

March programs

AMBOY – There are plenty of events happening at the Pankhurst Memorial Library in Amboy during the month of March.

Diamond Painting –
4-6 p.m. March 31

Book Club –
5-6 p.m. March 24

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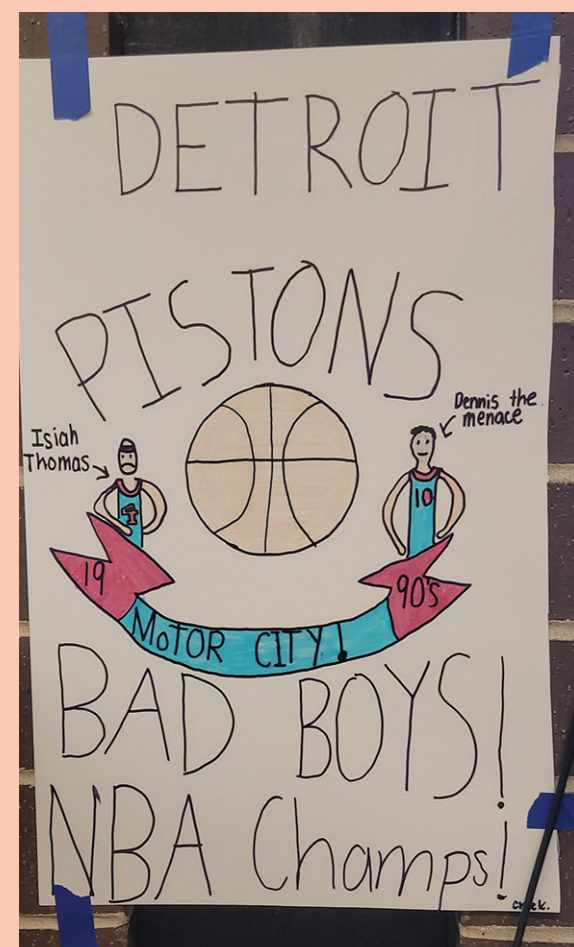
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Amboy High School Report

Janet Crownhart, Principal



End of the third quarter is upon us, and we are entering the final stretch.

At the end of the year, we try to do a Community Service Day. A day that we take students to numerous places in the Amboy area to help out with different activities.

If there is any organization in town that could use the assistance of 15-20 high school students, for an hour or two, please contact the Amboy High School office to get on our list. We hope to have students able to work from about 9:30-11 a.m. on projects around the community to help those who support us.


This week in sports history class, students studied the rivalries between the Bulls and Pistons in the 1980's and 1990's when the tide turned and the players were physical with each other.

The Detroit Pistons were nicknamed the "Bad Boys" because of their physical style of play and aggressive defense. The team embraced the nickname and made it part of their identity.

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LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community; Thank you Kathy Kessel for Rice Krispy treats; Steve & Kathy Klein for frozen treats; Donna Wellman for homemade cookies and pie, Martha Henley for homemade cookies and brownies; Nancy Leffelman for stuffed animals; George & Barb Spataro for supplies; Luke & Jolinda Christoferson for prizes.

Upcoming Events:

Friday March 21st, Dance 7-9
Friday April 11th, Fish Fry
Sunday May 4th, Draw Down

Homework Club

We have applications ready in the Teen Turf hallway and at each of the schools. You can drop applications off into our mailbox in the hall, to us in person, or into the school office. If you have a 3rd grader or above, they may be able to attend. They will ride the bus, have a hot meal, a fun place to play, and of course complete homework.

Volunteers

We welcome all volunteers for our after-school program, which runs normally Monday through Thursday from 3:15 to 5 p.m. Volunteers help serve lunch, supervise kids, and help with various homework tasks. If interested, please call us at 815-857-4800. You can volunteer whatever time you have. We even have volunteers come in the morning to help with other prep tasks.

Donations

We always feel so thankful and blessed for what our community does for us. Please bring donations inside the building during the day while we are here. If you have a large donation, drop-off, please do not leave it outdoors. We would like you to call Teen Turf to set up a time to drop it off, as we do not want items to go unseen and to sit out in the elements. Thank you for thinking of us and we appreciate your support!!

Final Note:

“Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.” – William James

Women Inspired Network holds kickoff event in Utica

UTICA—Speakers at the Women Inspired Network 2025 Kickoff event Tuesday, March 11 in Utica noted the organization’s growing influence and impact.

About 40 women attended “Time to Give, Gather and Grow,” at August Hill Winery Tasting Room. WIN, a component fund of the Starved Rock Country Community Foundation, is a charitable giving circle of local, philanthropic women.

Scholarship Committee Chair Jane Goetz said establishment of the Young Women Leaders Scholarship in 2021 was “a testament to WIN’s commitment to empower the next generation of women leaders.”

For the first time this spring, WIN will award two \$3,000 scholarships. A record 40 students applied for the fall 2025 awards.

“Thanks to the generosity of our donors and the success of the WIN golf outing ... we have made a profound impact on the lives of young women in our community,” said Goetz, who credited Carol Kuzmich of Ottawa for leading the golf fundraisers. “WIN is more than just a scholarship program,

it’s a movement to put the power in the hands of the women in our community – a movement to ensure better opportunities, both in the workforce and in our personal lives.

“Together we can stand for change, advocate for equality, and lift up the voices and futures of women who are ready to make their mark.”

Other speakers included Cherie Reynolds, WIN co-chair and co-founder, Debbie Buffington, grants and events chair, and LaSalle County Sheriff’s Chaplain Dave Van Laar.

Van Laar thanked WIN for making the first significant investment in his program when it granted it \$4,500 to strengthen its ability to assist individuals in crisis by addressing urgent needs such as food, clothing, and transportation. WIN “validated” the work his program is doing, he said.

Guest speakers were Jennifer and Stephanie Bias of Camp Aramoni, the boutique campground in Lowell.

For more information, visit <https://srcf.org/fund/women-inspired-network-win/>.

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 – The Amboy/Lee Center Multi-Township meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 at the Amboy Township building, located at 106 South Prospect Ave.

AMBOY – The Amboy Lions Club meeting will be at 6 p.m. Monday, March 24 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.

AMBOY – The Board of Trustees of The Amboy Township will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 26 for the continued, end of the fiscal year meeting at the Amboy Township Building, located at 106 South Prospect St. in Amboy.

FREEPORT—Stateline Music Foundation of Freeport has scheduled scholarship aid auditions for high school seniors graduating in 2025 who will enroll in a music major curriculum in a junior college or a four-year college or university. Auditions will be held Saturday, April 5 in the Freeport Arts Center, 121 N. Harlem Ave. in Freeport, and are open to high school seniors who reside or attend high school or

home school in one of the following counties: Jo Daviess, Carroll, Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, Ogle, DeKalb, Whiteside, and Lee in Illinois, or Lafayette, Green and Rock counties in Wisconsin. Application forms and repertoire requirements are available by writing Kenneth Drake at keosdrake@gmail.com.

AMBOY – The City of Amboy committee meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, April 7 at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. The meetings take place the first Monday of every month.

EAST GROVE – East Grove Township is holding its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8 at the East Grove Township Hall.

LEE CENTER – The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 8.

PAW PAW – The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Paw Paw will commence at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 9 at the Paw Paw Village Hall.

SUBLETTE – The next Village of Sublette meeting is at 7 p.m. Monday, April 14 at the Ellice Dinges Center at 202 S. West Street in Sublette.

AMBOY – The Amboy City Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, April 21 at the Amboy Community Center, 290 W. Wasson Road. The council meets every third Monday each month.

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AMBOY POLICE

OUTSTANDING WARRANTS

Brian L. Albee, 37, of Amboy, was picked up on Tuesday, March 11 for outstanding warrants out of Ogle County, Whiteside County, and Winnebago County. Albee was taken to Lee County Jail.

DOMESTIC BATTERY

Jamie T. Bruns, 23, of Amboy, was arrested Thursday, March 13 at the intersection of Jones Avenue and Division Street on a domestic battery charge. Bruns was taken to Lee County Jail.

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Local school districts (16 of them), promoting and showcasing their FFA chapter also attended the event. Additionally, State Representative Brad Fritts (Dixon) and State Senator Li Arellano (Dixon) stopped by to share legislation in support of agriculture education promotion.

“Providing support, at all levels, to an agriculture education program, is essential for student success and teacher retention,” said Dinges. “The Cultivating Connections in Agriculture event brings together all the local lifelines that are easily accessible for an aged program to thrive.”

Pratt shared similar

sentiments on the event.

“Cultivating Connections is an avenue to connect all the parts of the Ag Ed family—schools, industry, alumni and community supporters,” said Pratt. “My hope is that each person left with purposeful information that changes how they see and interact with their school’s ag ed program and FFA Chapter.”

About Lee County Farm Bureau

Lee County Farm Bureau’s mission is to be a positive voice for agriculture through leadership and education to improve the quality of life and economic well-being of our members and community.

Email news items to
Amboy News Editor
Brandon LaChance
at
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OBITUARIES

Connie A. Broderick April 14, 1939 - March 13, 2025

DIXON — Connie A. Broderick, 85, of Dixon and formerly of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, passed away peacefully at Morningside of Sterling on March 13, 2025.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to VITAS Hospice, 1040 4th St., Peru, IL 61354. Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Broderick was born on April 14, 1939 in Natchusa, the daughter of Jess and Fellipa (Moya) Melendrez. Connie was married to Thomas R. Broderick for 58 years. He preceded her in death on February 24, 2021. Connie attended Newman Central Catholic High School in Sterling. She spent many years being a hostess at Parkway Restaurant and the Brandywine

Restaurant.

The Brodericks loved snowmobiling with their friends. Connie was a member of the Dixon Elks Club and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. They moved to Bonners Ferry in 2000. She belonged to Well Armed Women and was a pretty good shot.

Mrs. Broderick also loved working in the polls at election time, attending the Annual Wine Walk and musical and theater events in Spokane. She loved decorating her beautiful home to entertain many friends at Christmas and New Years. She enjoyed the car shows and parades that showed off their beautiful antique cars. Connie is survived by her sister-in-law Elsa Dietz of Princeton, many nieces and nephews and



very special friends Brad and Ann Apple of Dixon, and David and Jenny Erickson of Bonners Ferry. She is also preceded in death by her parents and siblings Mary Steele, Philip Melendrez, Alice Rodriguez, Joe Melendres, Julia Klostermann, Helen Clayton, Jesse Melendrez, Ben Melendrez, Steve Melendrez, Dolly Biggerstaff, and Donnie Melendrez. Rest in peace Connie, you will be missed.

OSF Saint Elizabeth recognized by Chartis as Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital

OTTAWA — OSF HealthCare Saint Elizabeth Medical Center in Ottawa has been named among the 2025 Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals by The Chartis Center for Rural Health.

Chartis' annual Top 100 award program honors outstanding performance among the nation's rural hospitals based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX®.

"This award recognizes our Mission Partners' commitment to serving the region with the greatest care and love," says Dawn Trompeter, president of

OSF Saint Elizabeth. "Our Mission Partners strive each day to provide compassionate high-quality care, and we are proud of the work we do in the communities we serve."

"The Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals award program elevates the very best performers and helps create a roadmap for those seeking to improve financial and operational performance while continuing to care for the communities they serve," says Michael Topchik, executive director, The Chartis Center for Rural Health. "This is our

10th year recognizing the Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals and we're thrilled to be able to celebrate this milestone with this year's winners."

The INDEX is the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Leveraging publicly available data, the INDEX is utilized nationwide by rural hospitals, health systems with rural affiliates, hospital associations and state offices of rural health to measure and monitor performance across a variety of areas impacting hospital operations and finance.

ICC encourages house-hold water conservation during Fix-a-Leak Week

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) is encouraging Illinoisans to check their household plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems for leaks as a part of national Fix-a-Leak Week this March 17-23.

"Household leaks waste approximately 1 trillion gallons of water in the US each year. That's enough to fill 1.5 million Olympic swimming pools or supply water to 11 million homes," said ICC Chairman Doug Scott. "With minor fixes, Illinoisans can easily conserve water and save as much as 10 percent on their utility bills."

EPA's WaterSense® program has several tips to help detect and fix leaks:

Look at your winter water bills. If your water usage exceeds 12,000 gallons/month for a family of four or less or you see spikes on your water bill, you likely have a serious leak.

Read your water meter before and

after a two-hour period when no water is being used. Any changes to the meter mean you have a leak.

Place a few drops of food coloring into the tank of your toilet. If after ten minutes the color shows up in the bowl, you have a leak.

Replace worn-out toilet flappers to stop a running toilet.

Make sure there is a tight connection between your showerhead and pipe stem to stop leaks. Pipe or Teflon tape is an easy fix to control minor leaks. For serious showerhead leaks, contact a licensed plumber.

Replace worn-out faucet washers and gaskets to stop faucet leaks.

Always be sure to turn off the water line before starting repairs. Unsure about how to start? EPA WaterSense® has a list tutorials to fix minor leaks or call a licensed plumber.

ICC 2024 Supplier Diversity Report shows steady investment growth from "Big 6 utilities"

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Commerce Commission's Office of Diversity and Community Affairs' 2024 Annual Report shows that diverse spending by the state's largest investor-owned utilities has grown steadily for the fourth year in a row at over \$2 billion.

Some utilities reported a nearly 45 percent share of their total spending with diverse suppliers, including minority, women, veteran, and small business enterprises.

"The ICC's supplier diversity outreach and inclusion efforts are having a positive impact on Illinois' women-, veteran- and minority-owned small businesses," said ICC Chairman Doug Scott. "While challenges remain, we are committed to ensuring minority-owned business groups have the opportunity to compete in Illinois' energy market."

The report provides a summary and analysis of data from nine years of reports submitted by Illinois' "Big 6" public utilities, Ameren Illinois,

Aqua Illinois, Commonwealth Edison (ComEd), Illinois American Water, Nicor Gas Company, and Peoples Gas /North Shore Gas Company.

Illinois law requires the Big 6 utility companies to report their annual supplier diversity outreach and inclusion efforts to the ICC. Statistical data demonstrates this reporting requirement has resulted in the state's largest utilities growing their diverse spend from an average of 15 to nearly 45 percent of all procurement spending. Supplier diversity reports now include each utility company's future buying plan for goods and services. This change alerts diverse suppliers and assist agencies about upcoming procurement opportunities.

"The Office of Diversity and Community Affairs is pleased with the growth in diverse spend, but our work is far from over," said ICC Director of Diversity and Community Affairs, Jeanine V. Robinson. "We have identified areas where there is room for improvement by the utilities

in 2025, including fleet services, information technology outsourcing, and software maintenance."

ODCA works to bring together utilities, non-profits, and diverse suppliers to foster relationships and nurture mentoring programs to build a pipeline of diverse suppliers.

Diverse businesses interested in assistance and one-on-one support are encouraged to participate in the Office of Minority Economic Empowerment's initiatives run through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. OMEE is committed to providing minority-, women-, persons with disabilities, and veteran-owned small businesses and entrepreneurs across the state with equitable access to opportunities and resources. Individuals and diverse businesses interested in upcoming energy programs born from the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act are encouraged to explore the CEJA Implementation program, also administered through DCEO.

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LOCAL/STATE NEWS

Senator Arellano, Jr connects high school students with state government

SPRINGFIELD – High school students from across the 37th Senate District traveled to Springfield on Wednesday, March 12 to participate in State Senator Li Arellano, Jr’s (R-Dixon) inaugural Youth Advisory Council.

“It was a great day having our future leaders here at the State Capitol and giving them a glimpse into state government,” said Senator Arellano, Jr. “The law-making process is incredibly important, and providing students the opportunity to see the work we do as legislators is a key part of our civic duty. Educating our youth is the first step in energizing constituents and giving these young citizens a voice--especially since they will be inheriting the results of our work.”

Nearly 50 students from 12 high schools attended the spring council meeting. The YAC is a two-part series that begins in the fall with a district meeting and concludes in the spring at the State Capitol.

“I like meeting all of the other kids from different schools. I come

from a really small school, and we really only talk to people who are in our school district or who are really close to us,” said Allie Peterson of Indian Creek High School. “It’s fun to meet new people who I haven’t spoken to before and talk about something that’s academic.”

“I have never been to Springfield and so this is my first experience,” said Norah Schultz of Princeton High School. “I really enjoyed seeing the Senate, the House of Representatives and seeing how everything comes together.”

During the spring visit, students hear from guest speakers, tour the House and Senate floors, and participate in a mock committee meeting — giving them hands-on experience of the legislative process.

“I got picked to be the sponsor for the bill so I have been researching to get what I know down about the bill so I can answer questions,” said Ian Gillespie of Illinois Valley Central High School. “It’s just more knowledge about how to pass a bill and gain some greater experience,

only being in high school and learning more about what I want to do in the future.”

Students had the opportunity to hear from Representative Ryan Spain and Representative Bradley Fritts. The Illinois Senate Republican Events and Engagement Director, Lori Yates, also gave a presentation on her path to public service.

“In school I have always loved learning about government and history and coming here has taken it to the next level,” said Alayna Young of Polo Community High School. “A lot of kids don’t have the opportunity to learn about this at a young age and I think it is important to learn about the government process just to understand how everything works, when you go out into the world and will be able to vote.”

Senator Arellano, Jr looks forward to welcoming high school students once again to his fall council meeting. Lunch for this year’s YAC was provided by Meridian Health.

Kish College enrollment increases for eighth consecutive semester

MALTA – Kishwaukee College is continuing its trend of increasing enrollment with spring 2025 students up approximately 15% compared to spring 2024.

Kish’s upward enrollment trend began in Fall 2022 and has continued each semester.

“Kish is pleased to report spring enrollment is now exceeding pre-pandemic levels. We believe the decisions the College has made are positively impacting enrollment, including the elimination of all student fees which started this fiscal year,” said Dr. Laurie Borowicz, President of Kishwaukee College.

Enrollment increases are spread evenly across college programs. Specifically, online enrollments continue to go

up, with a significant increase for spring 2025.

“The College works incredibly hard to provide our community members with the education and support they need to meet their goals. Through thoughtful planning, Kish responds and adapts to the changing needs of our community. The continued enrollment increases are a positive signal we are providing the best opportunities for our students,” said Bob Johnson, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Kishwaukee College serves approximately 4,000 students annually, offering transfer programs, career-ready degrees and certificates, fast-track programs and more.

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The cooperative agreements between USDA and states allow states “to procure and distribute local and regional foods and beverages that are healthy, nutritious ... and meet the needs of the population.” The program was intended to serve “food banks and organizations that reach underserved communities” and would help “build and expand economic opportunity for local and underserved producers.”[1] The intent of the program is to target socially disadvantaged farmers.[2]

“LFPA was designed to support both ends of the food chain – farmers and those they feed. Cutting the funding leaves farmers on the hook for expenses they incurred believing they would be reimbursed and leaves our most vulnerable, food-insecure communities without meat, fresh produce and other nutritious donations they were promised,” said IDOA Director Jerry Costello II. “The federal government broke its promise, and the people of Illinois are paying the price.”

IDOA announced on January 17, 2025, an additional \$14.7 million was awarded by the federal government for this program. The USDA recently announced the funds were terminated.

The purpose of the RFSI program is “to build resilience in the middle of the food supply chain, to provide more and

better markets to small farms and food businesses. The RFSI program requires farmers to make upfront investments in input costs with the promise of grant dollars to reimburse them. Without those federal funds, the program is unable to operate.

The RFSI program would have provided \$6.4 million in grant funds to build resilience in the middle of the food supply chain, supporting activities that happen after harvest and prior to retail such as processing, storing and transporting Illinois products. In recent surveys of Illinois farmers, infrastructure and equipment were identified as the greatest obstacle to creating local food systems.

“Governor Pritzker called the move ‘a slap in the face to Illinois farmers and the communities they feed’ and I couldn’t agree more,” Costello said. “These are federal funds that were passed by Congress, a coequal branch of government, signed into law, and promised to Illinois farmers. They have been cut with no explanation or timeline, and farmers are left to deal with the consequences.”

Other federal funding sources of concern are the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Regional Conservation Partnership Program

(RCPP) which launched the successful Conservation Planner program creating a talent pipeline attracting a workforce to implement boots on the ground conservation measures; Specialty Crop Block Grants which funded research to increase the state’s competitiveness in the industry; the I-COVER program, a three-state initiative to encourage cover crop adoption and technology advances; and the agreement for state inspectors to ensure food safety at more than 190 meat and poultry processing plants in Illinois.

In addition to federal funding cuts, Costello explained to the committee the impact of Trump’s tariffs on Illinois farmers before testimony from industry groups and others.

Three countries – Canada, China and Mexico – account for 48% of all US agricultural exports, \$91 billion of the total \$191 billion exported annually.

Illinois is the third largest exporter of agricultural products in the nation. Illinois farmers export \$2 billion in products to Canada; \$2.9 billion to Mexico and \$1.9 billion to China.

“These tariffs are an attack on Illinois farmers. Countries forced to pay them may

simply find new trade partners beyond the U.S.,” Costello said. “Illinois farmers are then left to struggle with shrinking markets on top of rising costs and declining crop prices.”

In attendance:

- Illinois Department of Agriculture
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- University of Illinois Extension
- Association of Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts
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- Illinois Stewardship Alliance
- Illinois Soybean Association
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Opinion

Thank you Pam Herrera, rest in peace

If I were to write a pros and cons list of being a journalist in your hometown, the pros would outweigh the cons in terms of number of items on the list, but there is a con which may hit home the hardest.

We receive the obituaries for people who pass away whether they still live in Mendota and the surrounding area or not. There is no warning when they are coming or who the obituary is going to be about, they just randomly show up in your email.

When I saw the obituary for Pamela (Pam) Herrera (Dec. 16, 1950 to March 8, 2025), I instantly saddened although I hadn't seen her or talked to her in over 20 years.

Before I met all three of her sons throughout the years (Tony, Jose, Nick), I learned who Pam was when I was new to Mendota as a 12 or 13 year old who transferred from bigger, urban cities to a rural area with two stop lights, no arcade, no movie theater and a misunderstanding of someone dressed in too big of clothes who talked and acted different than everyone.

It took a year or two before I had friends or at least close friends. There were many days I left school early because I was either being bullied or I was the bully because I simply didn't fit in, and in my head, didn't belong. I was actually expelled from Northbrook School for fighting when I was in the eighth grade and had to finish the year in an alternative school in Streator just to get into high school.

There were a few people from 1997 when I moved to Mendota to now, who helped bridge the transition to making a place I didn't want to be at eventually become my home I've come back to after college or taking jobs and touring other parts of the country.

I can't say if Herrera was the first of these positive influencers who I came across, but she is one I never forgot and when I saw her photo in the obituary, streams of memories cruised through my mind.

Don't judge, but in the late 1990s coming from an area where family members of mine were in gangs (some still are) and they were my only role models or people in front of me, I copied them in terms of clothing. I came to Mendota in Fubu jeans (my nickname from a group of Mendota kids who became my lifelong friends, turned family, is Fubu) and bandanas neatly folded around my head with a stocking cap over them in the winter.

The Y.O.U. program, a youth program formed to assist youngsters through all transitions including the one I was going through, used to host dances at Northbrook. I'll never forget walking to the door with my bandana under my skully and meeting Herrera for the first time. She took one look at me, shook her head no, and used her hand to gesture me to come toward her.

With a smile on her face, she said, 'I know you're a new kid and I want you to enjoy yourself at the dance, but I can't have anyone wearing bandanas in because we want this to be a safe place. I think you want this to be a safe place for you. I think you're a safe kid. So, why don't we pocket the bandana and all of us have a good time.'

This was over 25 years ago and I remember what she said verbatim.

She didn't yell.

She didn't look at me in disgust.

I didn't feel judged.

My normal defensive mechanisms I usually had up every day of my early Mendota days were untriggered.

Over the next few years as I went through junior high and high school, I saw Herrera on a normal basis since her office was next to where my mother worked. She would always say hello and was always friendly.

I got into legal trouble because of boneheaded decisions I made. Instead of not wanting to talk to me or be around me after I'd return from the detention home, she actually addressed my situation and asked me why such a good kid wanted to be so bad. More words and

Column

By Brandon LaChance



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 years ago March 20, 1925

Coach Charles Gipson, formerly of Amboy, and who is now coaching the Williamsville High School north of Springfield, has won additional honor for himself and his basketball team through the fact that three of his men were chosen for the all-star team in the Lincoln District.

Amboy receives mention in The American City Magazine for March in a table compiled showing the water-supply statistics for municipalities of less than 5,000 population.

The Shadows Theatre will be the scene of several feature attractions next week including two exceptional pictures, "Learning to Love," and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." Eichler Brothers' Style Show will be a special attraction.

75 years ago March 23, 1950

Bishop J. Ralph Magee is coming next Sunday to help the First Methodist Church celebrate its 87th anniversary. This will be Bishop Magee's first visit to the Amboy church since he was appointed Bishop of the Chicago area.

Thieves, whose methods of entrance has not been discovered, ransacked Delmar Cleaners and

Spitz Sheet Metal Shop in the Entorf building on Short Street in Amboy.

Kauffman's Drug Store in Wheaton has been purchased by Floyd D. Searls, pharmacist, who has been associated with the concern for many years.

Pvt. Walter E. Girton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Girton, and Pvt. William Eller, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Eller, have reported to Lackland AFB to begin the Air Force basic indoctrination course.

50 years ago March 20, 1975

Greg Koch, Amboy Clipper guard, was named to the Shark All-Conference basketball team. Joe Bothe, Amboy center, won a place on the All-Conference Second Team and "Buck" Fenwick of Amboy received honorable mention.

Casting has been completed for the Amboy High School production of "Annie Get Your Gun." Annie Oakley will be portrayed by Janet Murphy and Frank Butler will be played by Greg Koch on Friday and Sunday. Becky Donna and Tom Welty will portray Oakley and Butler on Saturday.

The reconstruction of "Old Fort Dixon" on the banks of Rock River was suggested as a horizon project by Diwght Young, Heritage Committee co-chairman at the March 10 meeting of the Lee County Bicenten-

nial Commission. Young termed the project as one which would serve as a permanent attraction for visitors to the county for years to come.

Valarie Gray, eighth grade student at Amboy Junior High School, is again the champion speller of Amboy Community Unit School District No. 272 elementary schools. She was the winner in 1974 and won the championship again at this weeks spelling bee finals held at AJHS.

25 years ago March 15, 2000

The Amboy Junior High School Scholastic Bowl team won first place at the fourth annual

Groundhog Scholastic Invitational held March 4 and co-hosted by Reagan Middle School and Amboy Junior High School. Five area schools competed in four rounds of competition. DeKalb Huntley won second place, Tampico was third, and Dixon took fourth.

The Depot Tap is offering corned beef and cabbage on St. Patrick's Day for \$5.25.

Amboy Junior High School wrestlers competed in the Byron Middle School Tournament featuring 10 other schools in Byron, Sterling, Harlem, Polo, Winnebago, Oregon, Dixon, Freeport, Stillman Valley, and Ashton. Amboy brought home six individual trophies on the team's route to finishing fifth place.

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a conversation I've never forgotten.

Herrera never bought me anything, bribed me to change my behavior or lied to me. She told me I was making the wrong decisions and helped me realize why I was acting out. Pam gave me advise on how to change and what I needed to do to move forward progressively and change the perception, stigma I had created as a bad kid.

When I enrolled in the National Guard, when I graduated high school, and when I was accepted to college, she told me congratulations. If I remembered right, I think she gave me a hug.

I graduated high school in 2004 and I can't recall if I saw or spoke to Pam since, but I don't think so.

If you can word-for-word write a quote from conversations more than 25 years ago, or state how they helped you, or why they were different than others around you, it means they were a special person, a good one.

When I went to her services on Friday, March 14 at Community United Methodist Church in LaMoille, there were others replaying similar stories of similar memories.

I can't speak for everyone, but I think there was a consensus of deep appreciation for the way Herrera treated people, how she interacted, and how much she cared about the youth.

I'm hoping I said this to her when I was younger, but if I didn't, she deserves a huge, the most sincere as possible, thank you.

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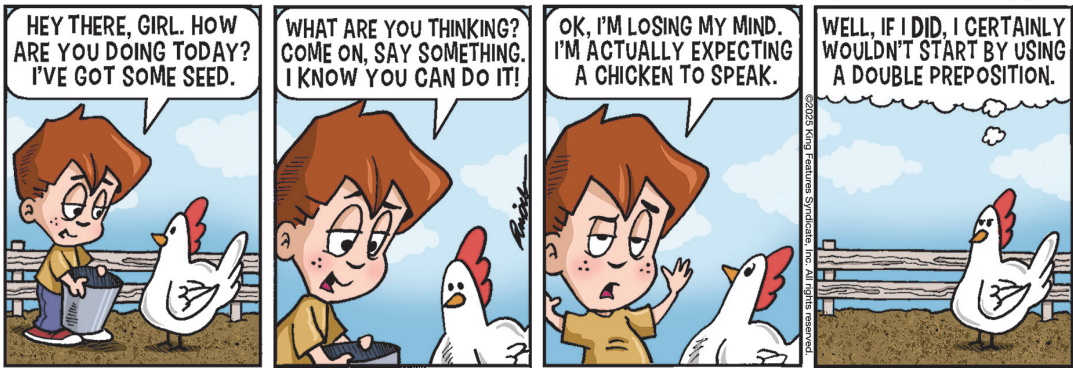
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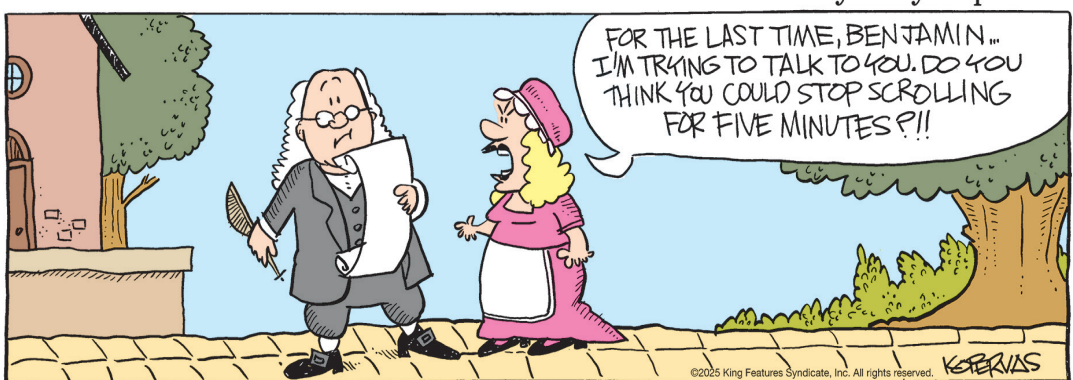
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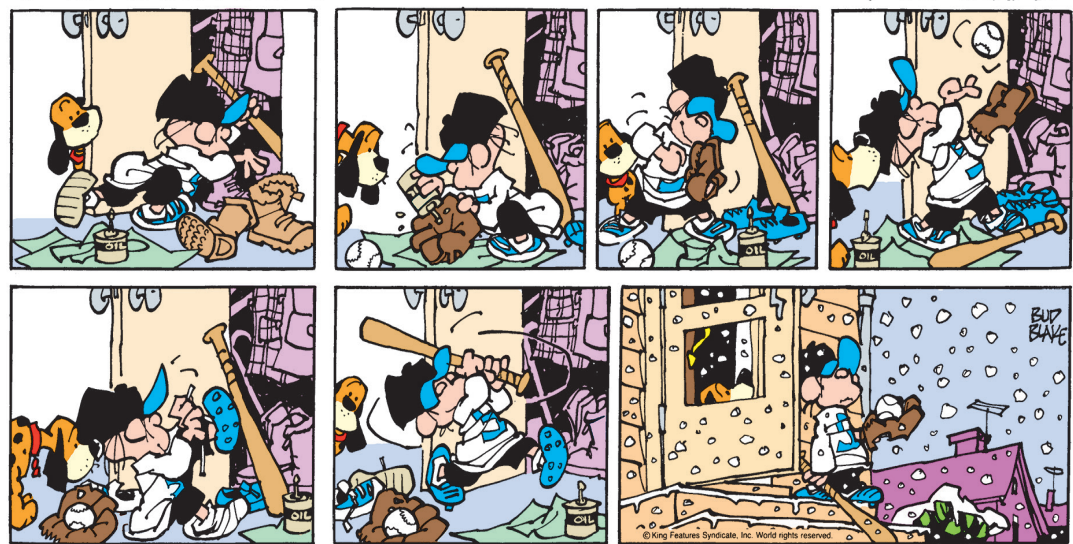
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Clue: H equals M

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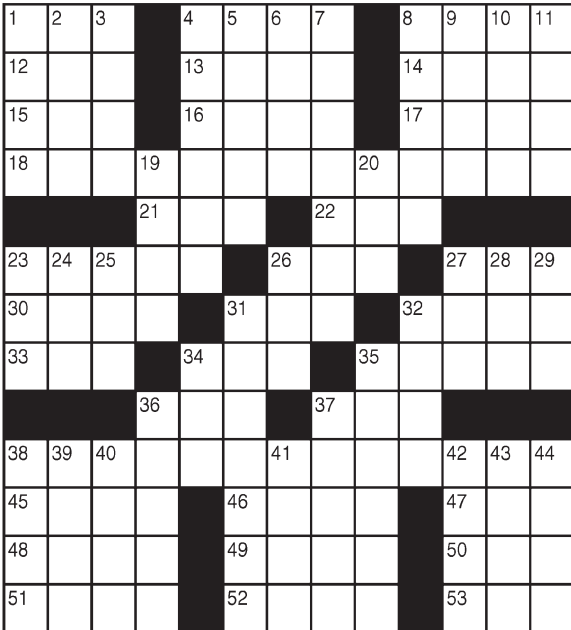
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23 "Taste!"
26 Chaps
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45 Latin love
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52 Dance move
53 Tourist's chart
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44 Bath bar

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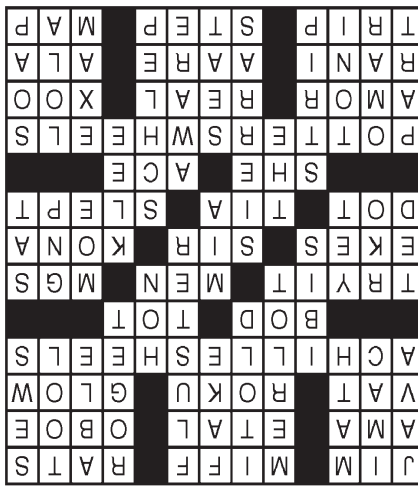
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Solution time: 21 mins.

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King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who was Time Magazine's First Man of the Year in 1927?
- MOVIES: Who was the male lead in the film "Risky Business"?
- LITERATURE: In which novel does the character of Emma Woodhouse appear?
- LANGUAGE: What does the acronym "sonar" stand for?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of the Dukes' car on the show "The Dukes of Hazzard"?
- HISTORY: The first atomic submarine was built in which decade?
- GEOGRAPHY: What modern-day country is in the area known in ancient times as Lusitania?
- MEDICINE: What disease is caused by a deficiency of Vitamin A?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which U.S. president's image appeared on a dollar coin in 1971?
- MATH: What does the symbol "r" stand for in geometry?

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10. Radius
9. Dwight D. Eisenhower
8. Night blindness
7. Portugal
6. 1950s
5. The General Lee
4. Sound navigation and ranging
3. "Emma" by Jane Austen
2. Tom Cruise
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PUBLIC NOTICE

East Grove Township Board Meetings for 2025-2026 will meet on the set dates at 7:30 PM at the East Grove Township Hall. April 08, 2025 May 13, 2025 June 10, 2025 July 08, 2025 Aug 12, 2025 Sept 09, 2025 Oct 14, 2025 Nov 11, 2025 Dec 09, 2025 Jan 13, 2026 Feb 10, 2026 Mar 10, 2026 Charlie Gonigam Clerk, East Grove Township No. 0307 (March 19, 2025)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET
Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Lee Center Road District, Lee County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2026 will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Lee Center Township Building located at 2202 Shaw Road, Amboy, Illinois from and after 7:00 p.m. on April 08, 2025. Notice is further given hereby that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 08, 2025 at the Lee Center Township Building located at 2202 Shaw Road, Amboy, Illinois and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at the public hearing. Dated this 13th day of March, 2025. Janice Bonnell Lee Center Township Clerk No. 0310 (March 19, 2025)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of Lee Center, Lee County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2026 will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Lee Center Township Building located at 2202 Shaw Road, Amboy, Illinois from and after 7:00 p.m. on April 08, 2025.

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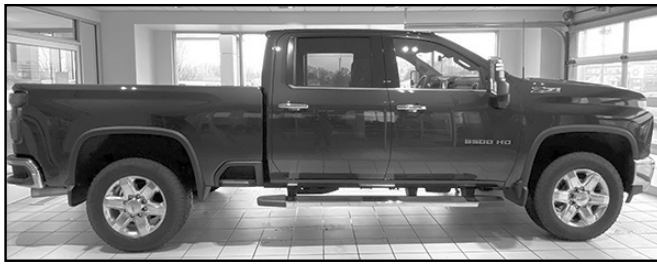
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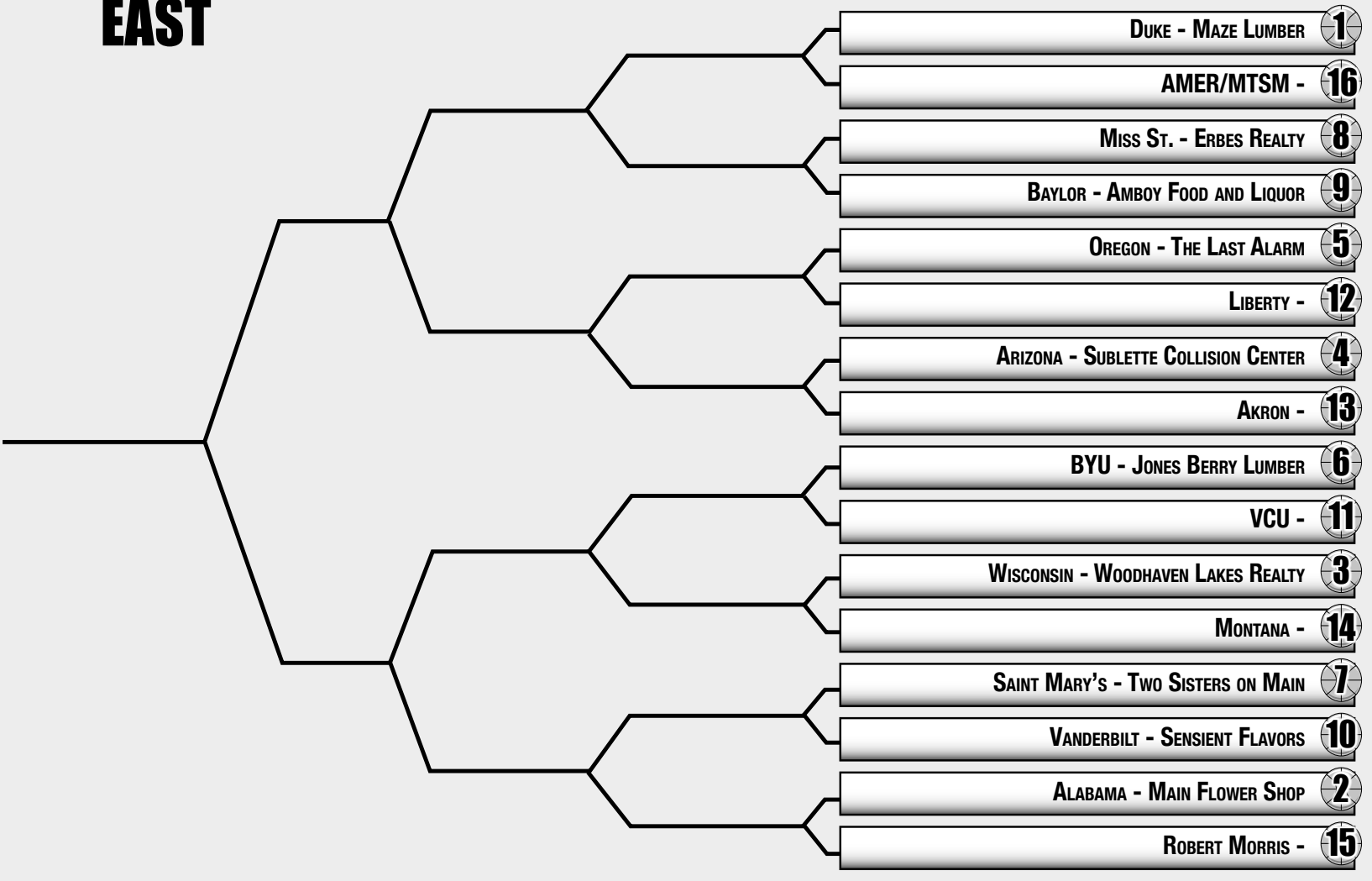


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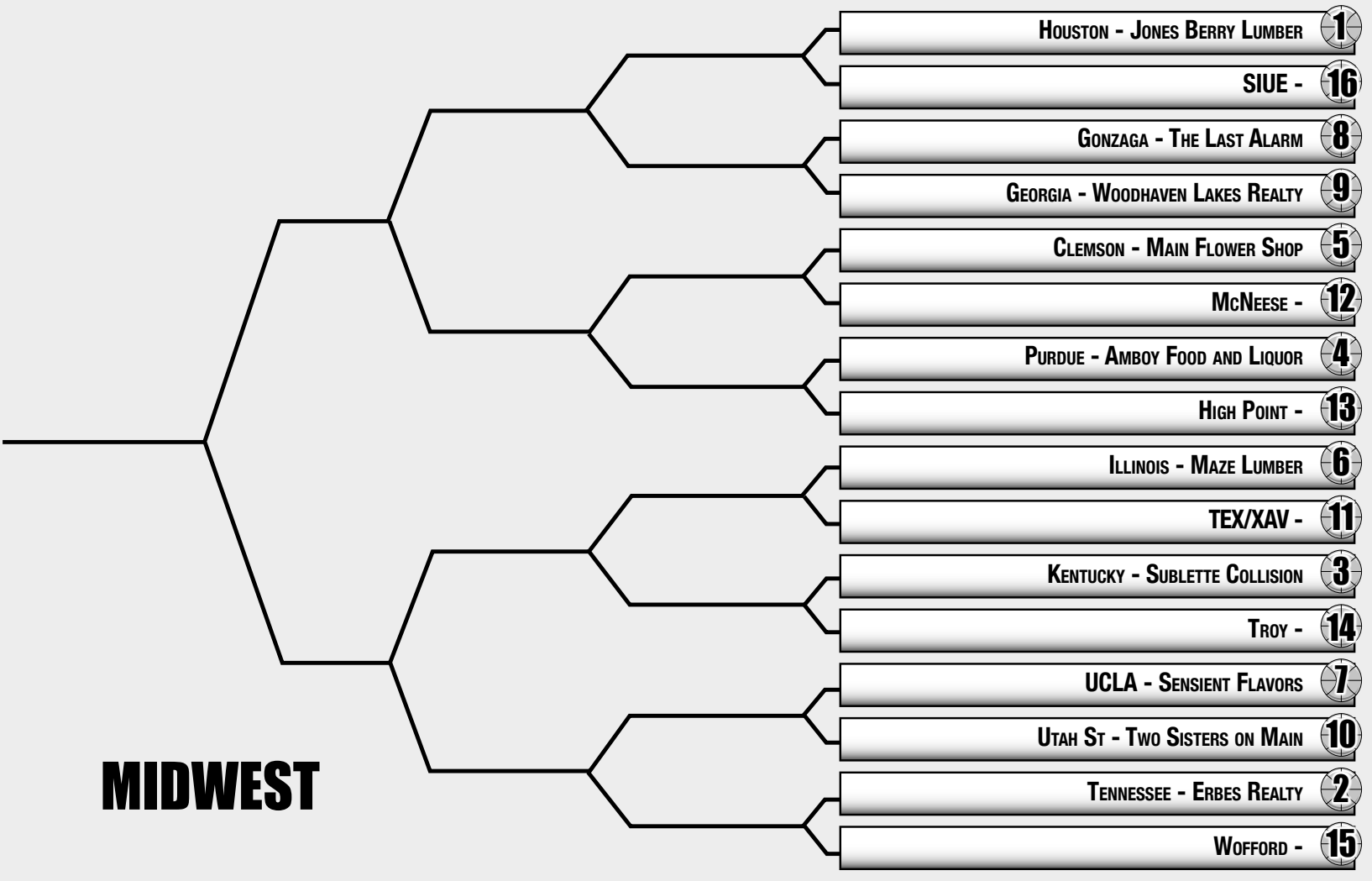
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LOCAL/STATE NEWS

Mallory Powers makes Wesleyan's Dean's List

BLOOMINGTON – Illinois Wesleyan University's Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2024-25 academic year consisted of 827 students from 31 states and 28 countries, including Mallory Powers of Amboy and Bella Pinter of LaMoille.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a GPA of 3.50 or better during the semester, based on 4.0 for straight As.

Founded in 1850, Illi-

nois Wesleyan is a nationally recognized, highly selective liberal arts university. The University is exclusively undergraduate and enrolls approximately 1,700 students from across the nation and around the globe. Illinois Wesleyan prides itself on producing graduates who are well-rounded, broadly educated individuals with a spirit of inquiry who can successfully adapt to the demands of a rapidly changing, complex world.

UW-Platteville announces graduates

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. – The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to approximately 400 undergraduate students in its winter commencement ceremony held December 14, 2024.

Among the graduates were:

Amboy: Kathryn Noble, elementary education

Dixon: Lucas Ely, engineering technology management; Jonathan Rhodes, civil engineering

Noble, Verdick named to UW-Platteville Dean's List

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. – The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Dean's List, honoring those full-time students who earned a grade-point average of 3.75 and above in the fall 2024 semester.

This semester's Dean's List includes Kathryn Noble, from Amboy, studying elementary education, and Maddy Verdick, from Dixon, studying supply chain management.

Kathryn Noble earns spot on UW-Platteville Chancellor's List

PLATTEVILLE, Wis. – The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announced its Chancellor's List, honoring those with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average for the fall 2024 semester.

Amboy High School graduate Kathryn Noble, who is studying elementary education at Platteville, finished the fall semester with a 4.0 GPA to make the Chancellor's List.

Kimber Zitelman recognized by Aurora University

AURORA – Aurora University has named Kimber Zitelman of Amboy to the Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester.

Zitelman, majoring in criminal justice, fit the Dean's List requirement of being a full-time undergraduate student who has earned a 3.6 grade-point average or higher.

Founded in 1893, Aurora University is a four-year, private, nonprofit, accredited higher education institution located on a 39-acre campus in Aurora, the second

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Emma Jones makes Twin Cities Dean's List

MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL, Minn. – The following students have been named to the 2024 fall semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

Emma Jones, a sophomore from Dixon, made

the Dean's List with her studies in the College of Liberal Arts.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

Dixon, Lee alums make Iowa State's Dean's List

AMES, Iowa – More than 11,500 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2024 Dean's List.

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

This semester's Dean's List includes students from Dixon and Lee.

Dixon: Ana Jungerman, freshman, human development and family studies; Marcus Williams, junior, communication studies; Quinten Williams, freshman, business exploratory undergraduate.

Lee: Lucas Woodbury, senior, biological systems engineering.

Amboy's Dinwiddie named to Drake University President's List; Dixon's Tourtillott makes Dean's List

DES MOINES, Iowa – The following local students have been named to the President's and Dean's Lists at Drake University.

To be eligible for the President's List, students must have earned a perfect 4.0 GPA during the Fall 2024 semester at Drake.

Matthew Dinwiddie, from Amboy, made the President's List for his studies in the College of Business.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher during the Fall 2024 semester at Drake.

Samantha Tourtillott, from Dixon, who is studying arts and sciences, earned her name on the Dean's List.

Drake University is recognized as one of the finest national liberal arts universities. A distinctive and distinguished pri-

vate university in Des Moines, Iowa, Drake enrolls nearly 3,000 undergraduate and more than 1,800 graduate students. Students choose from more than 70 majors, minors, and concentrations and 20 graduate degrees offered through seven colleges and schools.

In addition, Drake offers a range of continuing education programs serving working professionals, community members, and area businesses. Drake recognizes the importance of its location in Iowa's capital city and seeks to connect its teaching and learning to the wealth of cultural, recreational, and business resources it provides. At the same time, it weaves global thinking and intercultural learning into everything it does, preparing students to lead in an increasingly interconnected world.

Brody Willstead graduates from University of Wisconsin

MADISON, Wis. – Just over 2,000 students received degrees during the University of Wisconsin-Madison Winter 2024 Commencement at the Kohl Center on December 15, 2024.

Brody Willstead, of Franklin Grove, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics.

Nearly 1,400 of the graduates took part in the ceremony at the Kohl Center, where commencement speaker and "Top Chef: Wisconsin" finalist Dan Jacobs donned a Badgers apron and demonstrated on stage how to spatchcock and roast a chicken during the ceremony.

"[This] might be one of the most important lessons you ever learn," Jacobs told a chuckling audience. "Everyone should be able to make a good roast chicken."

While the tutorial offered a light-hearted nugget of useful advice, Jacobs made sure to also pepper the graduates with guidance they could apply to their careers and relationships following graduation: remain curious and open to new experiences.

"The thing I love most about cooking is that the learning never stops; as chefs, we're constantly evolving, experimenting, and refining our style," said Jacobs. "That endless curiosity is what keeps us inspired. Take that same thirst for knowledge and apply it to whatever you're passionate about."

Student speaker Sawyer Getschman was one of 1,545 bachelor's degree recipients following the fall 2024 semes-

ter. An additional 373 students earned master's degrees and 116 students were awarded doctoral degrees, for a total of 2,034 graduates. Getschman, who earned her bachelor's in East Asian languages and cultures, said she nearly left UW-Madison after a freshman year marred by the pandemic.

"A hundred little reasons made me stay, but the main one was the people," said Getschman. "We have encountered so much uncertainty and oddity in our college careers, but we have come out on the other side, stronger and with better stories to tell because of it."

One powerful source of strength that Chancellor Jennifer L. Mnookin highlighted in her remarks before the audience of more than 7,500 graduates, friends and relatives centered on "the incredible variety of people" that the graduates met, lived with and worked alongside every day during their time in Madison.

Mnookin implored the graduates to hold onto that cooperative spirit as they entered their next chapter, whether it be a new career, continuing education or something else.

"You are ready," said Mnookin. "You have had experiences here that you will be able to draw upon in whatever comes next for you. You are prepared, not only by your academic experiences here but also by your many engagements with our community and one another."

Kishwaukee College goes live on Ellucian

MALTA – Ellucian, the leading higher education technology solutions provider, announced Kishwaukee College has gone live with Colleague SaaS, a cloud-based Student Information System and Enterprise Resource Planning, suite leveraging an AI-powered platform that delivers solutions for comprehensive student, human resources, and finance management.

Integrated across departments and systems, the new platform scales resources to drive student success. As an Ellucian customer for nearly 20 years, Kish's migration to Colleague SaaS unlocks improved user experiences and optimizes workflows for its community of 4,000-plus students and 320-plus staff in northern Illinois.

"We are thrilled to see Kishwaukee College now running their operations in the cloud with Colleague SaaS," said Ellucian Chief Product and Technology Officer, Mike Wulff. "This migration marks a significant milestone in Kish's digital transformation journey, enabling the college to serve its students more effectively. This modernization streamlines the college's technology operations and empowers the institution to innovate and adapt as the higher education landscape evolves."

The successful implementation of Colleague SaaS aligns with Kishwaukee College's strategic plan, supporting initiatives to drive student success, institutional effectiveness, and resource management. By centralizing resources and integrating systems, the new ERP and SIS enhance student lifecycle management from admissions

to graduation by creating more efficient processing and user experiences for staff.

This transformation positions the College for the future, ensuring continued excellence and advancing its mission to improve lives through equitable, student-centered education.

"The power of Colleague SaaS has been transformative for our institution," said Robert McGarry, executive director of campus operations and technology at Kish. "The smooth implementation process ensured we could seamlessly transition to the new system without disrupting our operations. This platform empowers our faculty and staff with intuitive tools and centralized information, allowing us to support our students better and remain responsive to the priorities of our community."

All Ellucian officers are excited about the union.

"Congratulations to Kishwaukee College, a remarkably impactful and mission-driven community college, on successfully going live with Colleague SaaS," said Kelly Rogan, chief operating officer at Ellucian. "This achievement highlights the strong collaboration between Ellucian and Kishwaukee teams. With this new SaaS SIS and ERP, the college is well-prepared to support their students now and in the future."

For more information on Ellucian solutions, visit: <https://www.ellucian.com/solutions/all-products>.

ABOUT KISHWAUKEE COLLEGE

Since 1968, Kishwaukee College has served students and community members through programs and services that help improve lives by providing equitable, student-centered education. Located in rural Malta, IL, Kishwaukee College offers five transfer degrees and more than 65 career/occupational degrees and certificates.

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SPORTS

Jones makes NUIC South First Team; Leffelman, Parker honorable mention

AMBOY – Senior Eddie Jones not only set a milestone of scoring 1,000-plus career points by finishing fifth in Amboy boys basketball history with 1,192 points, but he also made some noise in the conference. Jones was named to the Northwest Upstate Illini Conference South Division First Team for his excellence throughout the duration of the season. Also representing Amboy on the all-conference team were senior Quinn Leffelman and junior Ezra Parker, who were both honorable mention.

Heath places fourth at IWCOA State Championships

SPRINGFIELD – Amboy sophomore Caiden Heath and freshman Aden Spinelli had the opportunity to wrestle Saturday and Sunday, March 15-16 at the Bank of Springfield Center in downtown of the state capital in part of the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association. Heath finished fourth in the 138-pound bracket, while Spinelli fell in the third round of the 101-pound consolation bracket. Both grapplers won IWCOA regional championships, Heath won a sectional and Spinelli took fourth at sectional.

Are you happy with the Chicago Bears offseason moves?

Lady Clippers land four on All-NUIC South Team

AMBOY – Enroute to a trip to the IHSA Class 1A Hinckley-Big Rock Sectional Championship, the Amboy girls basketball team received four bids on the All-Northwest Upstate Illini Conference South Division Team. Seniors Tyrah Vaessen and Addison Pertell were named to the first team, junior Bella Yanos joined the second team, and senior Emily Sachs was honorable mention. Accompanying Vaessen and Pertell on the first team were Eastland's Olivia Klinefelter (senior) and Morgan McCullough (junior), Polo junior Camrynn Jones, and Morrison senior Camryn Veltrop. Also on the second team was Fulton junior Haley Smither, Morrison senior Kaylee Pruis, Ashton-Franklin Center senior Audree Dorn, Eastland junior Sienna Peterson, and Polo junior Carlee Grobe. The honorable mentions featured AFC's Reese Polk (junior) and Cameryn Winterland (senior), Eastland junior Tatum Grim, Fulton senior Kylie Smithers, Milledgeville juniors Loren Meiners and Addison Janssen, and Polo junior Laynie Mandrell.

Illinois spring trout season opens April 5 at 58 locations statewide

SPRINGFIELD – The 2025 Illinois spring trout fishing season will open Saturday, April 5 at 58 ponds, lakes, and streams throughout the state. An early opportunity at select trout sites – the spring catch-and-release fishing season – will open Saturday, March 22. No trout may be kept during the catch-and-release period, but anglers can keep trout after the opening of the regular season beginning April 5. The daily harvest limit for each angler is five trout. The Illinois Catchable Trout Program receives funding support by those who use the program through the sale of inland trout stamps. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources stocks more than 80,000 rainbow trout each year in bodies of water where trout fishing is permitted during the spring season. An additional 80,000 trout will be stocked for the fall trout season, which begins in October. **New for 2025:** In McHenry County, spring trout will be stocked into Rush Creek Pond in Harvard due to ongoing construction that will prohibit stocking at Lake Atwood in McHenry County. In Macon County, spring and fall trout will continue to be stocked in Cattail Pond at Rock Springs Nature Center for the foreseeable future and not at Sportsmans Club Pond. In Wayne County, spring trout will be stocked at Turkey Run Shelter Pond at Sam Dale Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area because the trout pond continues to undergo rehabilitation. Signs directing anglers to the temporary site will be posted. For the 2025 spring trout season, no trout may be taken from any stocked sites between March 15 and the season opening at 5 a.m. April 5. Anyone attempting to harvest trout before the legal harvest season opening will be issued citations. For information about all site regulations, anglers should contact individual sites that will be stocked with catchable-size trout. Not all sites are open for trout catch-and-release season and not all sites open at 5 a.m. opening day. The spring trout season offers opportunities for families to get outdoors and enjoy fishing. Resources are available online for taking youth fishing. All anglers, including those who intend to release fish caught before April 5, must have a fishing license and an inland trout stamp unless they are younger than 16, blind or disabled, or are an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. Fishing licenses and trout stamps can be purchased by using a credit card online. Visit ifishillinois.org for more information on trout seasons and other Illinois fishing opportunities.

Fall archery season yields record harvest of 1,045 wild turkeys; Lee County increased from nine to 22

SPRINGFIELD - Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary record statewide total of 1,045 wild turkeys during the 2024-2025 fall archery turkey season. The total compares last year's harvest of 803 and the 5-year average of 763 birds harvested. The previous record total for fall archery season was in 2015 when 851 turkeys were taken. This season 27,422 permits were sold (excluding land-

owner permits) compared to 25,741 for the 2023-2024 season. The season dates were Oct. 1, 2024 through Jan. 19, 2025 and all 102 counties were open for hunting. Harvest reports were 51% male and 49% female compared to 54% males and 46% hens last year. A total of 62% of hunters reported using crossbows versus 37% using compound bows and 1% using traditional bows.

The top five counties for fall archery wild turkey harvest this season were Fayette, 37; Jefferson, 28; Pike, 25; Marion, 24; and Jo Daviess, 23. Lee County had a harvest of 22 wild turkeys in 2024-25, which is an increase from last season's nine. La Salle County had an increase as well rising from nine in 2023-24 to 15 this year. Whiteside County rose from 11 to 18.

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