

POLICE BRIEFS

Arrests

The following persons were arrested or taken into custody by law enforcement agencies in Livingston County and taken to the Livingston County Jail. These persons were either released after posting bond, remain in jail or are serving a sentence imposed by the court.

Mark Bisciotti, 51, Downers Grove, was charged by Illinois State Police with driving while under the influence, improper transportation of alcohol and obstruction of justice. He was taken into custody in Livingston County.

Danielle R. Seifrit, 33, Chatsworth, was charged by Livingston County Sheriff's Police with driving on a suspended license and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. She was taken into custody near Fairbury.

Associate court

Shyenne L. Lagrange, 20, Pontiac, driving on a suspended license, \$835, 12 months supervision; operating an uninsured motor vehicle, \$210; improper lane usage, dismissed, Pontiac Police arrest.

Grain prices

Closing bids — March 21
Corn/Cash \$3.37
Beans/Cash \$9.78

Grain prices courtesy of Graymont Co-op

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Chamber recognizes students achievements



Students from area schools that feed into Pontiac Township High School were recently honored at the Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce banquet. In front from left are Daniela Frauli, Grace Mund, Lydia Grampp, Samuel Fogarty and Callie Dalton. In back row are Anna Stevenson, Ava Nollen, Ali Barton and Mason Christianson. JOY BUTLER/DAILY LEADER

DIALECTIC SOCIETY

Town's history, shapers delved into by group

The Dialectic Society held its monthly meeting on March 12, at the home of Marilyn Headley. There were 10 active and five associate members present. Pat Johnson installed the following officers for 2018-19: president, Kay Birch; treasurer, Kathy Sancken; secretary, Karen Wahls. Penny Dye will be installed as vice-president, and Vera Wahls will be installed as parliamentarian at the next meeting.

After installation, each officer was presented with gifts from Johnson. She also presented gifts for perfect attendance to Birch, Diane Lucas, Laura Wallace, and Eleanor Winters. A standing ovation was given to Johnson for serving as president for the past year.

After a short business meeting, Johnson presented the program "The Camp Family," about her family ties to Pontiac.

Johnson's grandmother, Ella Camp Power Mears, was born in Esmen Township on Oct. 4, 1903, to George Camp and Mary Donohoe Camp. She graduated Pontiac Township High School in 1921 and was the first to have her hair "bobbed," which resulted in her nickname "Bob" for the entirety of her 92 years. She attended Illinois State Normal and later taught

school in Esmen Township. She married Charles Power and they lived in Chenoa. He passed away in 1951.

Johnson's great-grandfather, George Camp, was the eldest son of Abner Camp and nephew of Apollos Camp, who was the father of Harriet Camp Humiston. Apollos was born in 1806, in Plymouth, Conn. to parents of modest means. He worked on the famous clockmaker Seth Thomas' farm and at the age of 22 became the foreman of the farm and superintendent of materials in the clockmaker's shop. He married the boss's niece, Nancy Thomas, in 1833. They had two children, Harriet and Edward.

Because of health reasons for Apollos, in 1852, they decided to head west in search of a better climate and stopped in Livingston County. He bought 320 acres in Sunbury township. He returned to the East, but his health declined again, so he returned to Illinois.

His friend, Bennet Humiston, who was 24 years his junior, accompanied him to Illinois. He liked what he saw and decided to stay.

The two men bought a section of raw unplowed land in Esmen Township. This area would eventually become Pontiac. Gradually,

they acquired 1,000 more acres of land which included livestock.

Harriet Camp remained in the East until her education was complete. She then moved to Illinois, where she and Bennet became fond of each other and married on May 22, 1856.

Meanwhile, the little town of Pontiac was beginning to take shape. Bennet and Apollos were reputed to have a thorough knowledge of real estate and their investments showed it. Bennet and Camp were among the original stockholders and later directors of the National Bank of Pontiac. They accumulated more than 1,600 acres of land and city property.

In 1874, Bennet and Harriet Humiston purchased the home that now belongs to Al Lindsey at 908 N. Main St. Bennet died in 1883 and Apollos Camp died in 1892. Harriet lived in the home for the next 28 years and she managed the family estates. She was the original stockholder and director of Pontiac State Bank. She donated more than \$25,000 to build a YMCA building in 1905. The building stood where the Leader office now stands.

The couple never had children and on September 4, 1920, Mrs. Humiston drafted her last will

and testament which read in part: "I have witnessed Livingston County change from a sparsely settled prairie to a prosperous and well cultivated farming country, and the Town of Pontiac grow from a small village to a prosperous city. I am not unmindful that this development has done much to aid me in accumulating the wealth I now possess. I feel also that I owe a debt of gratitude to the community in which my father and my husband were pioneers. Neither am I forgetful of the responsibility of the stewardship entrusted to me by these two men, nor of my promise to my father to devote a portion of the estate which I inherited from him for the benefit of the community.

"It is my desire to create something which will be a lasting memorial to them. It will give me great satisfaction when I shall come to leave this community, which has been kind to me these many years, to know that I have created a memorial which I shall call "The Apollos Camp and Bennet Humiston Trust."

After the presentation, refreshments were served by Marilyn Headley, assisted by Nicki Rosenbaum. The next meeting will be held on April 9, at the home of Kathy Sancken.

AROUND THE AREA

THURSDAY

March 22

PONTIAC
 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.— **Pontiac Circle of Christ Child Society of Central Illinois** will meet at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 501 N. Chicago St. to make items for layettes that are donated to area hospitals, including OSF Saint James-John W. Albrecht Medical Center, for newborns of needy families. Anybody looking to sew these items or donate in other ways can contact Shari Paris at 815-419-8620.

PONTIAC
 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.— **First United Methodist Church** will host a senior drop-in center with games, cards and socializing. Free lunch is available. Call the church at 815-842-1157 by 9:30 a.m. if a ride is needed or by 10:30 a.m. for lunch.

PONTIAC
 7 p.m.— **Livingston County Historical Society** will meet at Pontiac City Hall for a program on the Chenoa Historical Society. The public is invited.

FRIDAY

March 23

EMINGTON
 5 - 7 p.m.— **Emington Boy Scout Troop 87** will have a fish fry in the Emington Congregational Church basement. Adult tickets are \$8, under 12 are \$5 and under 6 get in free.

CORNELL
 5:30 p.m.— **United Methodist Church** will have a free dinner and concert with "Soul'd Out Quartet." Entertainment starts at 7 p.m. A free will offering will be taken to support the performance. For more information, call 815-358-2347.

SATURDAY
March 24
FORREST
 6 - 10 a.m.— **Forrest Legion Hall** will host a pancakes, sausage and eggs breakfast.

CORNELL
 7 - 10 a.m.— **Community Lutheran Church** will hold its annual pancakes and sausage breakfast and bake sale to benefit Relay For Life at the Cornell

American Legion. The Easter Bunny will be there from 8 to 10 a.m. for photos.

PONTIAC
 10 a.m.— **Accolade Healthcare** will host its annual Easter egg hunt for children 10 and under. Rain date is March 31.

PONTIAC
 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.— **We're Here** will sponsor a rally in support of the #NeverAgain march in Washington D.C. The group and anyone who wants to join them will meet on the sidewalk

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SUNDAY
March 25

SAUNEMIN
 7 p.m.— **United Methodist Church** will host the Community Chord Chorale performing the Easter cantata "Amazing Grace."

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