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Always unpredictable Amboy Fall Play

By George Howe Amboy News Reporter AMBOY - You can

always count on Amboy High School to perform a weird, whacky, and not your typical stage play. This year is no differ-

ent with "I Only Have Fangs For You" by Craig Sodaro, which will run at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10 and Saturday, Nov. 11, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12 at the Amboy High School Auditorium with \$5 tickets available at the door. Mr. Avery Kerley, the Amboy Junior High

band, choir director, and assistant play director found this hidden gem.

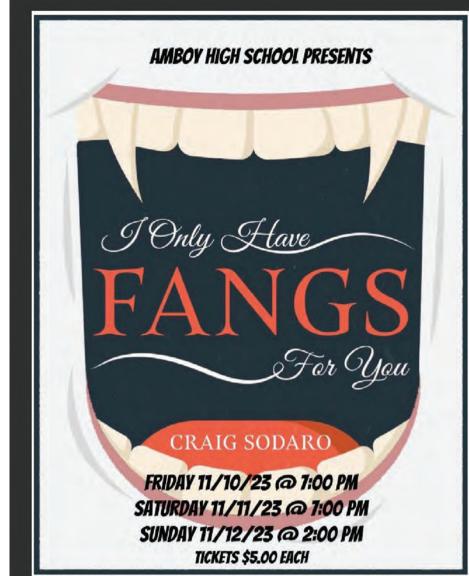
"We liked that it was a little spooky and we thought that it would be fun for the students to play the creepy characters," said longtime director and art teacher Deb Cleary. "The time period is the late 1800's with modern elements sprinkled in. The play is dramatic, comedic, and a bit of a farce."

According to Heuer Publishing, Vampire Count Fritz Fangful and his devoted assistant Igor

have lived comfortably in the cellar of Rattrap Manor awaiting the perfect beauty whose blood will enable Fangful to live forever.

When winsome Greta Belleneck arrives at the manor (her legacy from a long-lost Uncle), Aunt Chatterbit warns her to leave the old crumbling building at once. But Greta decides the rambling old mansion will make a perfect hotel where travelers can rest their weary bones.

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A little help for Christmas; The Christmas Tree fund raises almost \$3,000

By BRANDON LaCHANCE

Amboy News Editor

AMBOY – Haley Hanson had an idea. The Sublette resident who owns Better Bargains in Amboy wanted to set up something to help people in need during the holidays.

A phone call later to her friend and fellow business owner, Revolution Wellness' Allison Lahman, the Christmas List Fund was created and put into action.

"Allison is always organizing community events. I thought of the idea, and I really wanted to give back to the community," Hanson said. "I called Allison, told her my idea, and asked her if I was crazy because we'd have to have it ready in two weeks. She said I was crazy, but she agreed to help. Allison and I reached out to all of the businesses

and asked if they wanted to be a part of it. It was kind of a last-minute idea that we

The Christmas List AUCTION

brought to life.

"The idea came from being in a position myself where I was struggling over the holidays. Now, being in a position to organize a fund to help people out, especially during this time of the year when times can be rough, I wanted to help. The objective of the fund is to provide people a

chance to have less stress on the holidays." Businesses donated items such as gift cards or products and services from their business for a three-day auction with the funds going to the Christmas List. Other businesses and families donated monetary

Through the help of the community, Hanson and Lahman received just under

Another part of the process was 17 families and individuals were anonymously nominated by Oct. 28 to receive Christmas gifts purchased with the donated funds.

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Thanksgiving dinner with Teen Turf scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18

By BRANDON LaCHANCE

Amboy News Editor

AMBOY – It's that time of the year again where we sit down, pay thanks, and enjoy a huge turkey dinner for Thanksgiving.

Teen Turf, for the seventh year, is hosting a free community Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Teen Turf Building, Boehle Youth Center, at 235 West Main St., in Amboy.

There will be entertainment at noon and the dinner will begin at 1 p.m.

cause it's what we do all year. teers, and the Amboy community. We are always thankful, but this is the time of the year where we say it," said Teen Turf Executive Director Eileen Piper. "It gives people another opportunity to do something different. Generally, we do multi-generational all year long, but this is extra special.

"It's Thanksgiving and so many people put it all together to make it work."

The full Thanksgiving dinner is made possible by Walton Fest,

"I feel it's a big blessing be- Impact program, Teen Turf volun-

Teen Turf kids will be serving plates as guests walk through the

"We're thankful that God lets us have this place. It's been going for 28 years without state or federal monies," said Piper. "It's all the donations from our community. United Way is a big supporter, but it's mostly our community."

If there are any questions, Piper can be reached at 815-857-4800.

22-year-old female struck, killed by train in rural Lee County

LEE COUNTY — On Nov. 1, the Lee County Sheriff's Office responded to a call at the railroad crossing at Wadsworth Way and Nelson Road in rural Lee County. It was determined that a pedestrian had been struck by a train, just east of the railroad crossing. The pedestrian was identified as Cassie Cantrell, a 22-year-old female from Dixon. She was pronounced

deceased at the scene. This incident is still under investigation and there

are currently no further details. The Lee County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Dixon Rural Fire Department, Lee County Coroner's Office, and the Union Pacific Railroad.

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.

The Jensen **Brothers**

As America entered the Great War in 1917, Lee County families stepped forward to support the cause - some overseas in uniform, many in their home community. Facing both war and a deadly flu pandemic, exactly how each family would sacrifice was known only to God.

In the end, few American families suffered more grief and loss during the Great War than the Jensens of May Township. At the



dawn of the 20th century, the Jensen Family left Denmark arriving at Ellis Island in New York in 1899 seeking freedom and prosperity in a land that promised a government of laws, not kings. The middle western states were prosperous agricultural areas linked by rail lines connected to centers of world commerce, opening the possibility that ordi-

nary people could use their life skills and hard work to move their children out of poverty and into better

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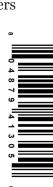
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After moving to Illinois, the family worked a farm in Ohio Township, just inside the Bureau County line, later moving to May Township in Lee

After the United States declared war on Germany, Christian and his older brother Carl registered for the first military draft on June 5, 1917. Soon afterward, Christian left for Camp Gordon, Georgia for training while his brother headed for Fort Terry, New York, leaving Jens Jensen their younger brother at home to help run the family farm. The Jensen brothers were among the 22 Maytown boys who entered the army for service during the Great War. During their absence, the citizens of May Township organized neighborhood committees to raise money for liberty loans, war stamps and the Red Cross. In the spring of 1918, as the first buds

of spring emerged in May Township, word was received that Carl Jensen had died of the flu upon arriving at his base in New York. It is unclear if Carl was to be stationed at Fort Terry, or sent on with thousands of other soldiers from nearby Fort Mills to the battle front in France. As his train neared its destination on Long Island, Pvt. Jensen became ill. He was taken

to a base hospital where he died of influenza on April 11.

After awaiting the end of war in Europe, the family was again visited by grief when Christian died of the flu in March of 1919 while serving in Europe four months after the war had ended. That same year Jens Jensen took ill at home in Maytown and died of the same affliction leaving the family forever bereft of their three eldest sons.

On Veterans Day and every day, we honor the memory of this family and many others in Lee County who asked so little of their country but sacrificed so much. The Jensen Brothers are buried at the Union Cemetery in Ohio, Illinois.

NOTE: If you know of other Lee County Soldiers who died in service during World War I, we urge you to share that information to demps60@ gmail.com so that those soldiers may be honored and remembered. Sources:

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

United States Census, Lee County Illinois, 1900, 1910.

National Archives Find A Grave Memorial

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The money will be distributed evenly to all 17 parties as long as they submitted their nomination acceptance form and Christmas lists for each member of the family that was mailed to them with a stamped envelope for return by Lahman and Hanson.

If the families and individuals don't respond, the money will be distributed in other ways. "We do have a few

families on a waiting list and we have a few ideas if we have money left over. There is a low-income housing in town, so we've thought about doing gift baskets," Hanson and Lahman both said. "Our deadline for the letters is Nov. 8. If we don't hear back from the 17 families and individuals. We're hoping to hear back from

all of them, but if we don't, we may also donate the money to Shopping with the Sheriff."

Although setting up The Christmas List Fund and talking to business owners was fun, they're impatiently waiting for the fun stuff. "How it was last minute

this year and has turned out to be successful, it gets us excited for next year," Lahman said. "It shows what Amboy is willing to do to help people. Business owners didn't even really know what they were donating to and they said yes and were willing to step up and help.

"I feel like the exciting part for us hasn't even started yet because the Christmas shopping is going to be a lot of fun. It's also going to be fun delivering the gifts and meeting the families."

Hanson also had help with the project from her husband, Josh Hanson, and their three children, while Lahman had a helping hand from her husband, Demetri.

The businesses who donated auction items were Better Bargains, Revolution Wellness, Amboy Fire Department, Uncommon Reigns, Suds Yer Duds, Brittany Moore Photography, The Long Branch Saloon, Inspired Home Décor & Gifts, Ali Eddy, Gold Key Boutique, Emerald Beauty Bar, and Ellie Rays.

Monetary donations were brought in by B. Bish Underground, Fox Hollow Gift Company, Dinges Farms, Becker Detailing, Hanson Excavating & Trucking, as well as from 10 families.

Happy November!!







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Volunteers

We welcome all volunteers for our afterschool 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.

Halloween Dance/Hayride & Costume Contest Thank you

It definitely takes a village to put on a three hour dance/ hayride, which was held on Friday, Oct. 27. Mark Grossman and his crew definitely put the scare in for the hayride. We had a costume contest: third place McKenna and Leah, second place to Kodie, and first place went to Aliyah. Jaxon guessed right amount of candy in the jar. We had a bubble blowing contest. Then we had a Halloween body part touch station. The kids screamed when they touched the heart and the brain... Ask them about it (it was boiled cauliflower and peeled tomatoes). We danced the night away. Now to thank everyone who made it: Lisa and Gary Mason, Will, Mari, Shannon, Laura, Sandy P., Linda, Kara, Brian, Maddy, Sid, Christine, Trina, Samantha, Jennifer, Sandy M, Paisley, Shelli, Evalyn, Gabby, Daniel, Chuck, Trisha, Colleen, Donna, Mechelle, Israel, Katie, Matt, and Angie. Sorry if we missed anyone. Special thanks to Payton who worked for SVCC Impact Program. He did amazing. And of course, Mr. and Mrs. Piper. If they didn't have this vision of Teen Turf, we wouldn't have so much fun.

FREE Thanksgiving Community Event

Saturday, Nov. 18 is the Free Thanksgiving Community Event. Music will begin at noon and dinner will follow at 1 p.m., at the Teen Turf Building, Boehle Youth Center-235 West Main in Amboy. All are welcome to attend, sorry no carry outs. Come for food and comradery. If you would like to help with a dish or a dessert, please call us at 815-857-4800. We can't wait to see you.

Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: Donna Wellman for the cookies; Martha Henley for the cookies; Nichole and AJF isher for the clothes and items; Barb and Nancy Anderson for the treats; 4H Federation for the cans of cheese; Sandy Pederson for the pumpkin bars; Coleen Robison for the candy and clothes; Mary Jane Shaw for the freeze dried apple snacks; Karen and Frank Stenzel for the candy; Anonymous donation of popcorn and cups; Anna Mainhart for the cupcakes; Peddy and Jim Hortsman for the chips; Mark and Veronica Grossman for various items; Bugs Bunny for the green beans; Pete Ayling for the candy and Kimberly and John Stenzel for the monetary donation.

Donation Drop off

We kindly ask not to drop items outside, please bring them in our 24/7 hallway.

Needs

None at this time.

Final Note

Dear Lord, we praise You and we love being in Your presence. Thank You for the sacrifice you made for us on the cross. Thank You for helping our hearts to rest in Your presence. In a busy world, it is here that we find truth, grace, and mercy. Our hearts are overwhelmingly grateful. As it overflows with gratitude, may You present opportunities for us to serve. In Jesus' Name, we pray, Amen.

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Many more antics occur with a failed romance by Fangful, while Belleneck falls for the handy-man Able Abe.

Rehearsals have been going on for a couple of months from 6-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The six characters in-

clude Greta Belleneck played by Natalie Pratt, Aunt Chatterbit played by Brooklyn Strub, Count Fritz Fangful by Austin Shugars, Igor is Aaron Costner, Lotta Payne, and Jay Lauzon.

"The cast seems to be

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enjoying themselves, all are great in their roles," added Cleary.

"I like that the play is funny and has a twist at the end which we don't want to give away," said Pratt. "I was very excited when I received the lead role and I think that I give my character Greta Belleneck some spunk."

The play is approximately two hours long including intermission with two acts. Act one has three scenes. Act two has two scenes all of which take place in Rattrap Manor.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

AMBOY- You are invited to join fellow senior citizens for a free exercise program. The program has moved from The Amboy Sports Park to indoors 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 Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

PAW PAW- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1-6p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9, at Paw Paw Elementary School, 511 Chapman, Paw Paw. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

HARMON- The Harmon United Methodist Church will hold a soup supper on Thursday, Nov. 9, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Bring your family to enjoy homemade soups - vegetable, ham and bean - and sandwiches, desserts and drinks. Free will offering. This is a fundraiser for the siding for the church.

LEE CENTER TWP-

The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 9, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

AMBOY- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1-6p.m., Friday, Nov. 10, at Amboy Community Building, 280 W. Wasson Rd., Amboy. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will be closed in honor of Veterans Day on Saturday, Nov. 11.

STERLING- University of Illinois Extension Whiteside Master Gardeners offers Saturday

with a Master Gardener Series. Explore gardening on the second Saturday of each month at the Whiteside Extension office, 12923 Lawrence Rd. Sterling, from 10 a.m. to noon. The next event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11. Discover the Elizabethan Garden revealed in Shakespeare's plays. Registration is required and can be completed at go.illinois.edu/whitesidesaturdays

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold for adults its Diamond Painting Club program on Monday, Nov. 13, from 4 - 6 p.m.

DIXON- Join University of Illinois Extension Educator Kara Schweitzer each month as she leads participants through interactive activities designed to exercise the brain to maintain and enhance cognitive function and memory with Wits Fitness. We will be offering this program at the Edward Murphy Room at KSB Town Square, 101 W Second St., Dixon, on Nov. 13, from 1-2:30 p.m. New participants are welcome to join at any time.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St., Sublette.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, Nov. 13. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

AMBOY-Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Mommy and Me program on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 10-10:45 a.m.

AMBOY- The Amboy CUSD School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14, at Amboy Junior High School.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Crochet Club on Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

MENDOTA- OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center will host a community blood drive with ImpactLife Blood Center on Friday, Nov. 17, from noon - 5 p.m. in conference room C. ImpactLife is the provider of blood and blood components to OSF Saint Paul and many other communities in our region. To schedule an appointment for donation, call 800-747-5401 or schedule online at www.bloodcenter.org, or via the Blood Center's mobile app.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its School Age program on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10 - 10:45

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will meet on Monday, Nov. 20, at 6 p.m., at the Old NAPA Building, 399 N Metcalf, Amboy.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Book Club on Monday, Nov. 20, from 5-6 p.m.

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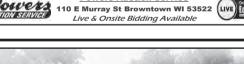
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Sylvia E. Montavon

Sept. 17, 1940 - Nov. 3, 2023

the year in 2004. She was

also the Amboy City Clerk from 1965 to 1973, a Lee

County Master Gardner,

and was a member and

past president of the KSB Board of Directors.

death by her parents; sis-

ter, Angela (Jim) Leibold;

brother, Alvin (Joanne)

Montavon; and one neph-

Montavon; nieces and

nephews, Karen (Mon-

tavon) Henkel, Janice

(Montavon) Bennett, Mar-

ty Montavon, Bill Mon-

tavon, Mary (Montavon)

Parla, Scott Montavon,

Rob Montavon, Jay Lei-

bold, Anne Leibold, Rob

Leibold, Liz (Leibold)

Schnackenberg; and many

great nieces and nephews.

be on Wednesday, Nov.

8, 2023 starting at the

funeral home at 10 a.m.

Funeral services will

She is survived by her brother, Virgil (Sue)

ew Michael Montavon.

Sylvia is preceded in

OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS



Fritts honors Kozmic Salon for October Local Business Highlight find their own unique style.

DIXON — For his October 2023 local business highlight, State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) chose to highlight Kozmic Salon in Ashton. Fritts spent time touring the business and presented the owner with a certificate of appreciation for her contributions to the

"I chose to honor Kozmic Salon because of their dedication to being active within the Ashton community," said Rep Fritts. "They participate in the Ashton Fall Festival and Ashton Christmas Walk, as well as giving discounts on haircuts to children when they go back to school

Kozmic Salon was founded by Kelsey Kutz in 2020. A South Dakota native, Kelsey specializes in hair color and enjoys being creative while helping customers

blend veggies, diced peaches

wgr wheat bread-1, apricots

beans, wgr dinner roll, fruit cocktail

Fritts continued, "Kelsey is also known for her excellent customer service and positive attitude. I really appreciate that she brings positivity and kindness to the Ashton community because that's something we could all use a little more

Kozmic Salon is located at 813 Main Street in Ashton. The salon is open Wednesday through Friday 10am to 4pm and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and in the evenings by appointment. For more information or to book an appointment, email KozmicSalon@gmail.com or call 815-414-6620.

To nominate a local business in District 74 for a future highlight, visit RepFritts. com and select Local Business Highlight Submission Form under Resources.

Habitat for Humanity, Lee County 4-H, Lee County Young Democrats, the Amboy Evening Womens Club, Amboy Catholic Womens Club, and was named Dixon Citizen of

two sisters, Gertrude (Donald) Dickey, of Oklahoma, Ruth Beebe, of Waldport, Oregon; and several nieces and

nephews and his friends

at Kreider Services. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Burial will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy. Visitation will be held on Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m., at the funeral home.

be left at www.thejonesfh. com

and processing to church for a funeral mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon. Burial will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Maytown. Visitation will be from 4 – 6 p.m., on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in

Amemorial has been established to Dixon Habitat for Humanity.

Gene A. Daniels May 8, 1938 - Nov. 1, 2023

AMBOY — Gene A. Daniels, 85, formerly of Amboy, died Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023 at Oregon Living and Rehab Center. He was born May

DIXON — Sylvia E.

Montavon, 83, of Dixon,

passed away on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023 at Liberty

She was born on Sept.

17, 1940, in Amboy, the

daughter of Albert and

Agnes (Walter) Montavon. Sylvia worked as the ac-

tivity director at Colonial

Village in Princeton and

was the administrator at the

Village Inn, Lee County

Nursing Home, Heritage

Square all in Dixon and

also taught school at St.

Mary Catholic School in

Sterling. She was a mem-

ber of St. Anne Catholic

Church in Dixon, Dixon

Rotary Club where she was

the first female member

and first female president,

Court in Dixon.

8, 1938, in Amboy the son of Carl and Margaret (Keys) Daniels. He worked on the family farm and at Kreider Ser-

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Rita Parker and Mary Daniels.

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Senior Dining Menu

Nov. 13 - 17

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> St. Mary Church Fr. John Gow 912 Walton Rd., Walton 815-857-2670 Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm

St. Flannen Church Fr. John Gow 213 S Second St., Harmon 815-857-2670 Mass: Sunday, 8:30 am

United First Church of Amboy Pastor Mark Glenn East Main & Jefferson 815-440-0745 Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center Pastor Jack M. Briggs 1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center www.LeeCenter-UCC.org Phone 815-732-7032 Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.

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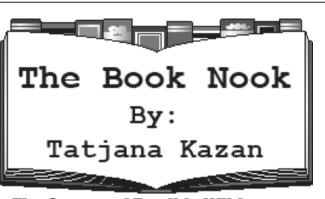
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SOCIAL NEWS



The Great and Terrible Wilderness

Lauren Groff's brilliant new novel, "The Vaster Wilds," opens with an escape on a bitter winter night: "In the tall black wall of the palisade, through a slit too seeming thin for human passage, the girl climbed into the great and terrible wilderness." The girl does not have a name. Born of a prostitute, she grew up in a London poorhouse run by nuns who called her Lamentations. When she was four, she became a servant in a wealthy household, and at about sixteen, she was brought to Jamestown in 1609 during the "Starving Time."

Jamestown is not identified in the novel, but there are clues, such as the siege of Fort James by the Powhatan Indians, as well as the starvation and the pestilence that killed all but 60 of the 300 colonists. The girl knew someone would hunt her down and return her to the fort where "her body would have been trussed nude and hanged upon the high palisade as warning to others." The terror of capture kept her running: "Into the night the girl ran and ran, and the cold and the dark and the wilderness and her fear and the depth of her losses, all things together, dwindled the self she had once known down to nothing. A nothing is no thing, a nothing is a thing with no past. It was also true that with no past, the girl thought, a nothing could be free."

Her possessions are meager: A stolen hatchet, flint, a stolen warm cape, boots from a boy who died from smallpox, and her prize possession, a pewter cup. Without a notion of what it would take to walk 700 miles, the girl intends to make it to the French colonies in Canada, where she plans to marry a fur trapper who can take her to France.

Groff's wilderness is brutish and violent. Incessant hunger stalks the girl. She feeds herself on fish and dried berries, and wood grubs when there is nothing else. We are relieved when she delights in the cuteness of a group of baby squirrels, just before she roasts them on a spit. But there are also moments of sublime grace: "The trees wore coats of ice so thick that they seemed glazed over with glass, and the stars shone so bright upon the world that the world shone back at the stars in stupid dazzlement." And after years in this great wilderness, "she knew she must be contented by living alone; for though she was sick unto her soul for want of love and human conversation, she was still a stranger here; she had imposed herself upon this place, and their acceptance of the fact of her was a gift of grace enough."

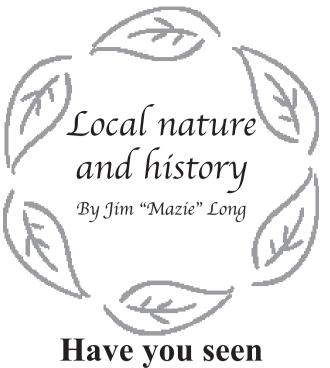
CGH Auxiliary Maquerade Jewelry and Accessories Fundraising Sale, Nov. 17 & 18

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> For more information, please contact the CGH Auxiliary, 815-625-0400, ext. 5727.



the tree? The Shingle Oak is hiding around

In Lee County, I have found four oaks that shells. The Red Oak acorn

group, but I have found only two representing the Red Oak group: The Red Oak and the Black Oak. The Shingle Oak, also a member of the Red Oak group, has alluded me. Red Oaks:

The Red Oak is almost restricted to our oldest woods: A large tree with a tendency to have smooth bark on the upper branches. The Red Oaks have bristle tips on every tooth of their leaves and their acorns are felted on



Jim "Mazie" Long

half inch long in a deep as that of the Red Oak.

The elusive Shingle

the inner surface of their belong in the White Oak is about an inch long in a very shallow

> bowl. Black Oaks:

> The Black Oak is our most common oak and is found in almost every woods. Often, it is the only oak in many woods. The acorn of a Black Oak is about a

cup. It is only half as large

The Shingle Oak was

known to the pioneers long before any profes-



A tree once prized by our pioneers, the shingle oak now eludes detection around here. Its leaves are very unlike our familiar oaks, as shown in this field sketch.

sional botanist gave it a Latin name. The leaf of the Shingle Oak is very different from the leaves of our other oaks. It is shaped like a Peach or Choke-cherry leaf, but differs in being stiff and shiny with a bristle tip. The grain of the wood in their trunks is so straight and true that it was simple to saw the trunk in shingle length blocks and then split off perfect shingles. Many early cabins were covered in Shingle Oak. Any replica today of a pioneer cabin must be covered with Shingle Oak shingles. Cedar shingles wouldn't do. I have found six dif-

ferent kinds of oak trees in Lee County, but I have been unable to add the shingle oak. I believe it will be found here someday...

Editor's Note: James

Brady Long was born in Amboy on June 12, 1926. Known by many as "Mazie", he grew up in Amboy, served in the army during World War II, then studied forestry at the Michigan College of Mining and Technology. His studies in botany and forest protection continued as he ventured into farming here. A beloved story-teller, his farm became a place of learning and adventure for relatives and friends. In his later years, he contributed a series of local nature articles to The Amboy News. Upon his death in 2000, his many hand-written drafts were gathered and initially curated by Brenda Boyle. The present, renewed series draws from those drafts, both unpublished and previously pub-

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Happy 75th Birthday to Tom Mead

AMBOY — Tom Mead, of Amboy, will celebrate his 75th birthday with an open house on Nov. 15, at the Sheridan Walton Tap, from 6 - 10 p.m. Food will be served from 6:30 – 8 p.m. and music by Eileen Quest will be performed from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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Coliseum Museum Events in November

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Dick Cholke, of Pecatonica, will be the feature artist during November with his display of watercolor paintings. Instructor and oil painter Stuart Roddy from Coleta will display his work in the Lowden Gallery, Nov. 1 – Dec. 31.

On Friday, Nov. 10, CMAAA will highlight these exhibits and others with an Artist Reception from 6 - 8 p.m., with music by Dixon based Acoustic Circus. The band plays electrical/acoustic rock in the vein of jam and festival music with solid rhythm, impressive leads, and great vocals. More than 20 authors from across northern Illinois as well as Wiscon-

sin and Kansas will be offering a wide variety of books for sale at the CMAAA Book Fair on Saturday, Nov. 18, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. On Nov. 25, the Coliseum Museum will present a special program in-

cluding performances by the Byron Dance Academy, Oregon High School Jazz Band, and Oregon High School Madrigals.

The CMAAA mission is to present Art, Antiques, Americana and history through permanent and rotating exhibits, workshops, music, theater and more. Additional information can be found on the website, www.cmaaa. org and Facebook page, www.facebook.com/ColiseumMuseum.



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The worst World Series ever?

Believe it or not, I wasn't alive for the first Major League Baseball World Series in 1903.

Or for any Fall Classic until 1985 when I was born on the same day as Game 2 of the World Series (Oct. 20) between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Kansas City Royals.

The Cardinals won Game 2, 4-2, after winning Game 1 the day before, but lost the series in Game 7 on Oct. 27, 1985.

Another believe it or not, I'm not a huge, game-in and game-out baseball fan as it currently sits third on my top sport's list behind basketball and football but has been outside of the Top 5 in previous year's rankings as boxing, MMA, hockey, track and field, and high school volleyball has surpassed.

May sound crazy to you, but to someone who watches sports for action, baseball fails in comparison sometimes.

Like this year's World Series between the Texas Rangers and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Before I discuss my reasons why, I'll state my claim: the 2023 World Series was the worst, most uninteresting World Series of all-time.

Not being alive until 1985 and footage not always being stored or available of every pitch or every hit in a baseball game, this claim is biased toward age, technology, TV/ESPN, records, area (always been 1 ½ hours or less away from Chicago), and love for sports in general and not just baseball.

When the 2023 MLB Playoff bracket was constructed, the Texas Rangers were the No. 5-seed in the American League, and the Arizona Diamondbacks were No. 6 in the National League.

Although it had a David vs. Goliath feel that two high seeded Wild Card teams made it to the World Series, it also means that five lower-seeded teams in the NL and four lower-seeded teams in the AL, who played better baseball during a 162game season were not in the final series.

Column

By Brandon LaChance



Whether it was bad luck, bad remember those teams and players. calls, or baseball gods favoring the Rangers and the D-backs, the best baseball of the season wasn't an opportunity for the World Series.

Does that sound mean?

Well, look at the scores outside of Game 1. The Rangers took the first game

6-5 with a walk-off homerun by American League Championship Series MVP Adolis Garcia. Actually, after Game 1, I was

optimistic that the level of baseball and the series would be good if you start the first contest by going 11 innings and a major player having to make a major hit.

Then...we get back to my point.

Game 2 was a 9-1 thumping by the Diamondbacks to give them their lone win of the series.

The Rangers won Game 3, 3-1, Game 4, 11-7, and Game 5 (which was last night as I write this on Nov. 2), 5-0.

In other words, three blowout games, one game, Game 3, that was fairly boring besides Texas scoring all three of its runs in the third inning, and one awesome, walk-off homerun game. This was the World Series? This was fun to

When speaking to people about sports, the NFL, the NBA, UFC, and the University of Michigan football team video recording signs were spoke about before the World Series.

Maybe, it's because I'm in the Midwest and the Rangers and the Diamondbacks are not.

But when the New York Yankees, the Philadelphia Phillies, the Boston Red Sox, the Los Angeles Dodgers, the Pittsburgh Pirates, the Atlanta Braves and the New York Mets have been in the World Series, the talk spread through the Midwest.

And still does to this day.

People who were alive to see those World Series

And if you weren't, ESPN, TV, YouTube, inter-

net, technology remind us and offer us showcases to dive into baseball history. Besides the Rangers winning their first ever

World Series, no one is going to remember this World Series.

The games were boring.

The teams were boring.

Besides Arizona's Corbin Carroll who is NL Rookie of the Year and Texas' Garcia and Corey Seager, who won the World Series MVP, his second, to become the first player to win the award as an AL and NL player, the players were boring. Hardcore baseball fans may disagree.

But to a person like me who lives, breathes, makes a living covering sports, my friend who fell asleep watching three of the games, the group of 10 people I just spoke with who couldn't tell me the two teams in the World Series, or it was over, or who won, and many others who may have similar stories, the 2023 World Series was the worst, most uninteresting cap of a MLB season ever.



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago Nov. 2, 1923

The State Bank of Ohio was robbed in broad daylight by two armed men. They got away with \$1,400 in currency.

A.L. Goodenough of Union Grove is gathering a large crop of apples and believes he will have around 1,100 bushels when the job is complete.

75 Years Ago Nov. 4, 1948

Swinging back to the Democratic side after a Republican administration for eight years, Illinois elected Adlai E. Stevenson as its governor. Lee County attorney Sherwood Dixon was lieutenant governor.

A.D. Neis purchased the Green Building on the corner of Jones Avenue and Main Street.

Robert Shafer of Freeport purchased the Branigan Motor Sales in Amboy and will continue to operate the Ford sales and service.

50 Years Ago

Nov. 8, 1973
The Amboy High School football team fell to Harvard 15-12. Harvard led 15-0 at halftime and 15-0 after the third quarter as the Clippers held Harvard to 17 yards in the third frame. Amboy scored two touchdowns in the fourth as Greg Bontz picked up a blocked punt and ran it in 10 yards for the probation office by

a score and Joe Welty returned a punt on the next Harvard possession 75 yards for a touchdown.

25 Years Ago Nov. 5, 1998

Lee County Sheriff Tim Bivins advised that 20-year-old Brandon Cain of Chicago was arrested at the Lee County Courts Building for possession of a controlled substance. At approximately 2:45 p.m. Cain entered the courts building for an appointment with a Lee County Probation Officer. At this time, a Lee County Sherriff's Bailiff detected a strong odor of cannabis about the person of Cain. Cain was confronted in the Bailiff and two Dixon police officers, at which time a struggle ensured as Cain tried to swallow rock cocaine he had in his possession.

Earlier this season, a plaque dedicated to the memory of Kenton Koppien was donated to the Amboy Junior Tackle Program to establish the Kenton Koppien Memorial Sportsmanship Award. At the annual postseason banquet the plaque was presented to Aaron Harrison.

Beggs' Certified Foods has golden ripe bananas at 24 cents per lb., Pet Ritz peach or apple cobblers at \$1.97, Welch's grape jelly at 99 cents, frozen ground beef patties at 89 cents per lb., 12-piece broasted chicken for \$6.99.

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HCE member makes new banner for county clubs to use

What is HCE? Through the years, the organization has changed to continue/progress with the current times, trends or needs. It was first known as Home Bureau Federation for farm wives. Today, they are Home & Community Education with the goal being education for home and community. They work to promote social and economic wellbeing in homes and neighborhoods. They are not their Mother's Home Bureau anymore. Carroll County has three HCE units that meet monthly. Monthly lessons are provided by University of Illinois Extension Offices and members share this information with each other.

Charlotte Tarrant, a member of the Freedom HCE unit made a new banner for the clubs to use at state and county events. The Freedom unit meets at the Carroll County Extension Office the first Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. March-December. To

learn more about HCE contact the Carroll County Extension Office at 815-244-9444.

ounty Extension Office at 815-244-9444. 12 days of giving campaign starts December 1

Join Carroll-Lee-Whiteside Extension in giving back this holiday season through the 12 Days of Giving. Favorite foods are an important part of the holiday season, often connected to comfort and memories. During this season of giving, you can make a positive impact on the life of our neighbors in need by donating items that warm and nourish families through our 12 Days of Giving campaign.

The campaign is planned with the goal

of encouraging people to donate items that will support the health and well-being of families accessing our local food pantries, as well as providing education on the importance of healthy food donations. The food we eat plays a large role in health and impacts whether families can lead an active, healthy life. Communities with higher rates

of food insecurity have been shown to have higher rates of diet related chronic diseases when compared to national rates. Chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease cause seven out of ten deaths in the U.S. We all have a role to play in getting food to our neighbors in need by supplying healthier food options this season to our food pantries. Education to encourage people to donate healthy food items to local pantries will also be shared on social media.

To participate, you can add each of the 12 daily items and deliver it to a pantry near you. Visit go.illinois.edu/clwfoodpantries for the daily items and a list of food pantries. For more information contact Marcia Cruse at 815-632-3611.

4-H educator ignites passion for dance at upcoming teen summit

4-H Educator for Carroll, Lee, and Whiteside counties, Danielle Gapinski, will share her passion for dance in Washington D.C. as part of the Ignite by 4-H teen summit.

Through a submission process, Gapinski's Get Up and Dance! session proposal was selected to be a part of the summit, taking place March 13-17, 2024.

The workshop session will be part of the Healthy Living category, where participants will explore stretching, mindfulness, and hip-hop dance styles in an approachable and inviting environment.

Youth wishing to partake in this opportunity are encouraged to apply to be one of fifteen Illinois delegates whose travel and summit expenses will be covered with support from the IL 4-H Foundation. Applications are due by December 9th. The four-day experience is open to high-schoolaged teens to connect, make memories, and find their sparks by exploring the best 4-H has to offer in STEM, Agriscience, Healthy Living, Career Readiness, and Emotional Well-being. If interested and wish to learn more about how to apply, contact Danielle at des85@illinois.edu or 815-632-3611.





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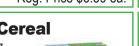
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Clippers slide past F-C-W, 62-7

Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio sets up Illinois 8-Man Football Playoffs Semifinal matchup with Polo

By KIP CHEEK
Mendota Reporter Editor

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AMBOY — Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio took
one punch from Flanagan-Cornell-Woodland
and decided enough was
enough.

After F-C-W came out swinging on its opening drive of the game, the Falcons delivered nary a blow the rest of the way. All of the remaining hits came from the Clippers, and they struck hard and with a vengeance. A-L-O battered F-C-W with such force that it supplied the knockout punch before halftime ever arrived.

The Clippers scored a pair of touchdowns in the first quarter and found the end zone five more times in the second stanza on their way to a 62-7 rout of the Falcons in a quarter-final-round game of the Illinois 8-Man Football Playoffs on Nov. 4 at the AHS field.

"It's a good accomplishment for the kids to win the quarterfinal and advance into the semifinal," said Clippers' coach Scott Payne. "They played a good game Saturday and it's always a great thing to get into the semifinals. The players know we have a lot of work ahead of us and the journey isn't done yet."

The win kept A-L-O undefeated at 11-0 and propelled it into the 8-Man semifinals where it will travel to Polo (9-2) to face the Marcos at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11. The two teams met in the regular season finale on Oct. 20 and A-L-O whipped Polo, 52-6. F-C-W ended its season with an 8-3 mark.

The Falcons started the contest liked they meant business, accepting the opening kick and chewing through the Clipper defense. A long pass play advanced the ball into A-L-O territory, and then the pounding running of Kesler Collins set up a 4-yard touchdown run by Collins at the 7:24 mark of the opening quarter. Connor Decker booted the extra point for a quick 7-0

"On the first drive, Flanagan came out and took it to us. They drove right down the field," said Payne. "They completed a long pass and then ran it on us, drove the field, and scored. I told the kids, 'We have to relax. Play your positions, do your job, and everything is going to be fine.

Falcon lead.



Amboy senior Brennan Blaine, No. 85 in photo above, wraps up Flanagan running back Kesler Collins as Clipper teammate Evan Flanagan moves in for assistance in the quarterfinals of the 8-Man Playoffs on Nov. 4 at Amboy. Amboy defensive back Brayden Kleink, No. 25 in photo on right, leaps and breaks up a pass intended for Flanagan's Payton Quaintance. Amboy News/Kip Cheek

"Our defensive coordinator made a couple of adjustments. After that, the defense started playing better football."

But F-C-W was able to enjoy its lead for a grand total of 12 seconds. The Clippers, starting at their own 20-yard line, needed just one play to find the end zone when quarterback Eddie Jones connected with tight end Brennan Blaine on a beautifully thrown ball down the middle of the field, hitting Blaine in stride, who took it 80 yards to paydirt. Landon Whelchel ran in the two-point conversion and A-L-O never looked back.

The Falcons went three-and-out on their next possession and punted the ball back to the Clippers, who took over at their own 40-yard line. A-L-O was back in the end zone six plays later on a 21-yard TD pass from Jones to Vincent Zembrzuski, followed by a Whelchel two-point run for a 16-7 Clipper lead.

The Clippers continued their assault in the second quarter, scoring five touchdowns, three of which took just one play to accomplish. A-L-O was equally as dominant on defense, sacking Falcon quarterback Seth Jones in the end zone for a safety and intercepting a Jones pass to set up a Clipper TD

A-L-O's Jones, after passing for a pair of touchdowns, did the work himself with his legs when he scampered 11 yards to

the end zone to cap off a nine-play, 69-yard drive with 8:49 left before intermission. Jones hit a wide-open Blaine for the two-point conversion and a 24-7 lead.

On F-C-W's ensuing possession, Seth Jones found himself retreating from a hard-charging Clippers rush and he was ultimately taken down in the end zone by Quinn Leffelman for a safety to make it 26-7.

The Falcons punted the ball back to the Clippers after the safety and A-L-O began its series at the F-C-W 39-yard line. One play later, Blaine gathered in a screen pass from Jones and the big senior rambled his way 39 yards to the end zone. The two-point run came up short.

Back on defense, Clipper defensive back Cody Winn intercepted a Falcon pass and returned it 25 yards to the F-C-W 29-yard line. Again, the Clippers needed just one play to cross the goal line as Blaine went from receiver to running back and raced 29 yards for a TD. Whelchel gathered in a pass from Jones for the two-pointer.

The Falcons ran just three plays on their next possession and gave up the ball on a punt, and incredibly, the Clippers scored their third straight touchdown needing just one play to do it. Whelchel broke through the line and went untouched for a 41yard touchdown gallop, and Leffelman bulled his way in for the twopoint conversion run to increase the lead to 48-7 with 4:53 still to play in the first half.

Once again, the F-C-W offense went nowhere

against the stout Clipper defense and punted for the fourth time in the half. A-L-O's string of one-play scoring drives was snapped, but it did change the scoreboard one more time before intermission. The Clippers embarked on a 10-play, 70-yard drive that culminated in a 4-yard TD run by Leffelman. Brayden Klein did the honors on the two-point run and A-L-O took a

commanding 56-7 lead to

the locker room.

The second half was played with a running clock and only one touchdown was scored, that on a 31-yard run by Whelchel with 8:30 left in the third period. That finalized a six-play, 52-yard drive.

The Falcons were able to get inside the Clipper red zone early in the fourth frame, the first time they had advanced the ball that far since their opening drive of the day, but they eventually turned the ball over on downs.

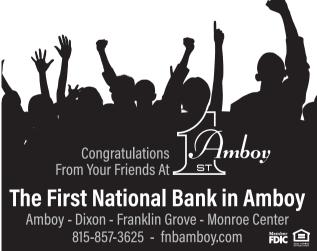
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Football

Brennan Blaine







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The Clipper defense thwarted F-C-W's final possession when Gio Gatza pounced on a Falcon fumble.

Now A-L-O gets ready for Polo and their star player, Brock Soltow. "I told my players

after the game since we already knew Polo beat tempts for 244 yards Milledgeville, 'Guys, let's enjoy this win

now, but get this in your head now, it's going to be a different Polo team than we saw three weeks ago. Polo has won the 8-man championship twice. They play great football in the playoffs.

"Soltow had 28 atagainst Milledgeville. I've always said that

he is a very, very, good football player who is a triple threat because he can run, throw, and catch. He's also a good defensive player. We're going to have our work cut out for us this Saturday because Polo coach Ted Alston and his coaching staff do a phenomenal job every year."

Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio 62, Flanagan-Cornell-Woodland 7

Flanagan-Cornell-Woodland Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio

Scoring Plays

F-C-W - Kesler Collins 4 run (Connor Decker kick), 7:24 1Q

A-L-O - Brennan Blaine 80 pass from Eddie Jones (Landon Whelchel run), 7:12 1Q A-L-O - Vincent Zembrzuski 21 pass from Eddie Jones (Landon Whelchel run),

A-L-O - Eddie Jones 11 run (Brennan Blaine pass from Eddie Jones), 8:49 2Q

A-L-O - Safety, Seth Jones tackled in end zone, 8:22 2Q A-L-O - Brennan Blaine 39 pass from Eddie Jones (run failed), 8:06 2Q

A-L-O - Brennan Blaine 29 run (Landon Whelchel pass from Eddie Jones), 6:13 2Q

A-L-O - Landon Whelchel 41 run (Quinn Leffelman run), 4:53 2Q

A-L-O - Quinn Leffelman 4 run (Brayden Klein run), 1:50 2Q

A-L-O - Landon Whelchel 31 run (run failed), 8:30 3Q

John Mellencamp to perform at Rockford's Coronado Performing Arts Center March 27, 2024

ROCKFORD - Fresh off the heels of his soldout "Live and In Person 2023" North American tour, John Mellencamp confirms its continuation with "Live and In Person 2024." Mellencamp will perform for one night only in 27 new cities, including Rockford's Coronado Performing Arts Center on March 27, 2024.

Presented by longtime promoter AEG Presents, the tour will begin in Rochester, NY on March 8 and conclude in Savannah, GA on April 23. Mellencamp will also perform in Newark, NJ, Hartford, CT, Birmingham, AL, Green Bay, WI, Washington, D.C. and more. Complete list of dates below.

Tickets went on sale on Friday, Nov. 3. Tickets will be available for purchase on AXS.com, in-person at the Coronado Performing Arts Center box office, the BMO Center box office, or by calling 815-968-5222.

The new dates celebrate Mellencamp's most recent album, Orpheus Descending, released to widespread critical acclaim this June on Republic Records.

He will continue to perform songs from the new LP, Orpheus Descending, during his live set. The Chicago Tribune says "Awash in death, 'Hey God' functioned as a plea for deliverance from senseless gun violence. Preceded by a story about his encounter with a 20-something homeless woman, the solo acoustic 'The Eyes of Portland' took aim at the empty "thoughts and prayers" condolences offered as a solution to major tragedies and dilemmas."

Orpheus Descending, produced by Mellencamp and recorded at his own Belmont Mall Studio, marks Mellencamp's twenty fifth studio album. One of his most personal records to date, standout tracks "Hey God" and "The Eyes of Portland" focus on social issues Mellencamp continues to passionately advocate for.

Mellencamp is a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, a recipient of the John Steinbeck Award, ASCAP Founda-

tion's Champion Award, The Woody Guthrie Award and Americana Music Association's Lifetime Achievement Award and more recently, the Founders Award, the top honor assigned by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and a member of the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Last year, he released a deluxe edition reissue of his beloved seminal album, Scarecrow, which features a massive collection of bonus tracks, rarities and more never

previously shared before. Listen HERE. His critically acclaimed studio LP, Strictly A One-Eyed Jack, was released early last year to praise from The New York Times, NPR Music, Associated Press, The Wall Street Journal, Forbes and more.

Mellencamp has continued to focus on another facet of his artistic expression: painting. Last year, he released a self-curated book of his work, John Mellencamp: Paintings and Assemblages, which is out now on Rizzoli New York.

Lee County Sheriff releases fall enforcement campaign numbers; seven seat belt tickets, zero impaired driving arrests

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Sheriff's Office made zero (0) impaired driving arrests and issued seven seat belt and child safety seat citations during the recent Halloween enforcement effort. In addition, one speeding citation, three distracted driving citations and one driving while license suspended citations were

issued. Two warrant arrests were also made.

Law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois participated in this effort to save lives by getting impaired drivers off the roads and more people buckled up. The fall enforcement campaign took place from Oct. 14 through Nov. 1.

Extra emphasis was

placed on enforcement during late-night hours, when statistics show the most unbuckled and impaired driving fatalities

The recent law enforcement campaign was made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Books By the Bushel Grant Application Available

AMBOY — The Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation is excited to announce that they are once again giving away Books by the Bushel grants to organizations in the county that can benefit from a bushel basket of agricultural themed children's books. Books by the Bushel is a program that is designed to help increase agricultural awareness among children.

Applications to apply for "Books by the Bushel" are available one the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation website, www.lcfbfoundation.org. Applications are open to all organizations in Lee County.

For questions or more information, contact the Lee County Farm Bureau, 815-857-3531 or leecfb@comcast.net. Completed applications are due by Feb. 1, 2024.

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AJHS 7th/8th Boys Basketball (H) East Coloma-8th-5 pm/7th-6 pm School Board Meeting-AJHS

Cafeteria-6:30 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 15

AHS Art Club-3:30-4:30 pm AHS Girls Basketball @ Oregon

Tournament-TBA

AJHS 5th/6th Boys Basketball (H) Dixon Catholic-6th-5 pm/5th-6 pm

AJHS 7th/8th Boys Basketball @ Dixon Catholic-8th-5 pm/7th-6 pm School Board Members Day

Thursday, Nov. 16

AHS Girls Basketball @ Oregon Tournament-TBA AJHS 5th/6th Boys Basketball @

Montmorency-6th-5:00/5th-6:00

Friday, Nov. 17

AHS Girls Basketball @ Oregon Tournament-TBA

Saturday, Nov. 18

AHS Girls Basketball @ Oregon Tournament-TBA

Peak Apartment Rental Demand sets the perfect stage for scammers

ROCKFORD – Late summer and early fall are peak times for apartment seekers leading into October, one of the busiest moving months of the year. With interest rates at their highest levels in over 20 years, keeping thousands of potential homebuyers out of the market, the intense competition will create a perfect storm to make apartment rental scams very lucrative for con artists this year.

"Scammers feed on situations where people feel pressured to make decisions fast without doing their due diligence," says Dennis Horton, director of the Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau. "With a hot job market and people moving to new cities, plus the time pressures to avoid the winter months, apartment shoppers must be cautious because rental scams can be very costly. Along with finding another residence, renters should also be concerned with identity theft."

The Better Business Bureau warns anyone looking to rent an apartment to be on high alert for fake websites, fraudulent apartment ads, and scam emails and texts. New technology, coupled with social media platforms, provide scammers with precise tools to trick people.

Victims can find themselves responding to online rental listings that tout a beautiful home, low rent, and great amenities. Con artists often use real photos and steal apartment descriptions from other websites, so it looks legitimate. The scammer "landlord" will reply to your inquiry that they are unable to show the property because they are out of town, in the hospital, or some other excuse.

Fraudsters also create a false sense of urgency, telling you that

others are interested, so you must act immediately. They will ask for a security deposit and/or the first month's rent to reserve the property. The scammer may claim that you can see the property through a rental agent, but only after you pay the deposit.

In some versions of the scam, the "landlord" will require prospective tenants to complete an application form, which asks for personal details like your Social Security number and bank account information.

Victims may pay application fees, deposits, credit check fees, and sometimes advance rent before they realize they are dealing with fraud. No matter the details, the result is the same once you send the money. The "landlord" will stop responding to messages and disappear.

BBB Tips to avoid apartment

- · There are many great and trustworthy rental firms and agents. You can start your research at BBB.
- Watch out for deals that are too good. Scammers lure you in by promising low rents, extra amenities, and a great location. If the price seems much better than elsewhere, it could be a scam.

•Search online for similar properties. Do a search for the listing, scammer's email address, or phone number. Also do an image search of the property. If you find the same ad listed in other cities, that's a huge red flag.

· See the property in person. Don't send money to someone you've never met for an apartment you haven't seen. If you can't visit an apartment or house yourself, ask someone you trust to go and con-

firm that it is what was advertised.

 Don't pay a stranger with cash transfer apps. Many scammers now ask for payments through peer-to-peer (P2P) apps instead of wired funds or prepaid debit/gift cards. Only use these apps with people you know. It's ok to pay a landlord you trust with Venmo, Zelle, or another P2P app, but don't use this payment method to secure an apartment or pay a deposit.

If you've been the victim of a rental scam, even if you didn't lose money, use your experience to help others avoid falling prey by reporting it at BBB.org/ScamTracker.

For more information check BBB.org for business reviews and ratings and look for the BBB Seal, The Sign of a Better Business. Sign up for BBB's free consumer newsletter, BBB Edge, at BBB. org/ChicagoBuzz. Follow us @ ChicagoBBB on social media.

Reminder to check credit report; even children's identities can be compromised

ROCKFORD-When we fall back and change our clocks this weekend, the Better Business Bureau recommends that people check their credit. It's free and easy.

"Don't assume your credit is safe, even if you pay your bills on time," says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau. "Your credit report significantly impacts all aspects of everyday life. It will determine your mortgage rate, whether or not you get that job you applied for, or if you succeed in renting an apartment. "

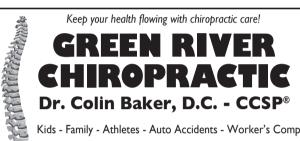
Identity theft is so serious and so prevalent, it's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when your identity will be stolen. "Even children's identities can be compromised," adds Horton, "so monitor everyone in the family."

The last thing you need is for a scammer to steal your identity and money. Horton notes, "A con artist could apply for a credit card in your name, take money out of your bank account or run up fraudulent charges using your identity. That will show up on your credit report."

Recently, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC.gov) announced it was now making at no charge, the ability for consumers to check their credit report every week if they need it.

Identity theft remains

in the top 10 of the local annual BBB scam report. Stealing information is also a key component of many of the other top reported scams. With all the personal information on the internet, people must now be extra careful.



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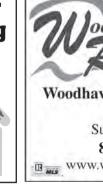
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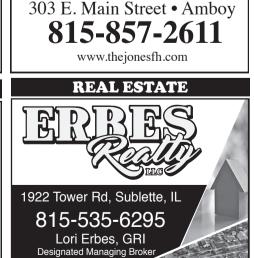
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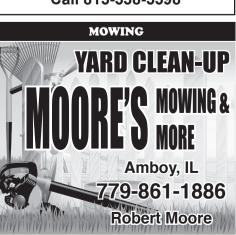
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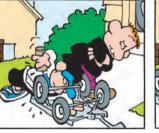


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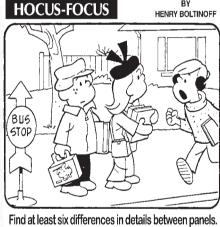






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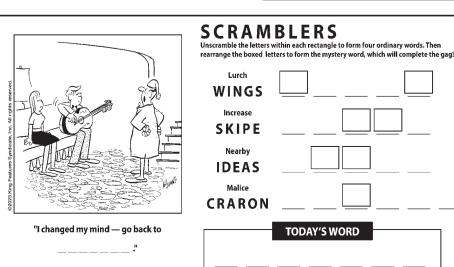
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Angelic ring 5 Little rascal
- 8 Burlap fiber 12 Switchboard worker

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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY!

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WORD LADDERS

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

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SLITS

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Answers

- King Crossword —

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ond-largest country in South America? 2. COMICS: What is Dennis the Men-

ace's last name? 3. SCIENCE: Who established the uni-

- versal laws of motion in the 17th century? 4. MOVIES: What is the name of Marlon Brando's character in "A Streetcar Named Desire"?
- 5. FOOD & DRINK: What is The Dude's favorite beverage in "The Big Lebowski" 6. TELEVISION: Which long-running
- TV comedy features a character named Diane Chambers? 7. AD SLOGANS: What item did this
- ad slogan say you should not leave home without?
- 8 LANGUAGE: What is chiaroscuro? 9. HISTORY: What was the name of the building where the former Beatle
- John Lennon was shot to death in 1980? 10. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system is covered in sulphuric acid clouds?

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10. Venus. 9. The Dakota apartment building. drawing and painting.

8. Distribution of light and dark in 7. The American Express card. 6. "Cheers."

5. White Russian. 4. Stanley Kowalski. 3. Isaac Newton. 2. Mitchell. 1. Argentina.

Answers

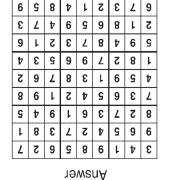
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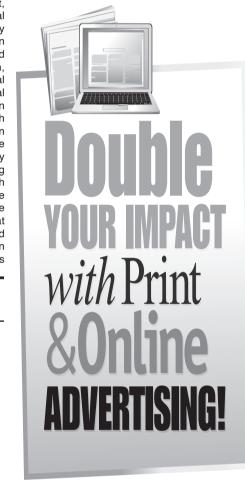
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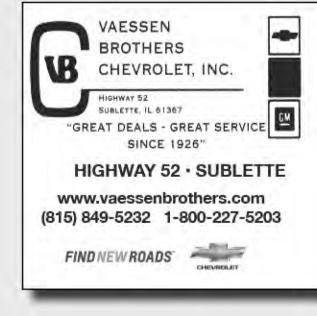


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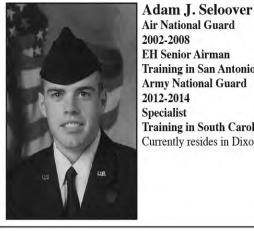
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Air National Guard 2002-2008 **EH Senior Airman** Training in San Antonio, Texas **Army National Guard** 2012-2014 Specialist **Training in South Carolina** Currently resides in Dixon.



Keith R. Noble U.S. Air Force - Staff Sergeant Dec. 7, 1948 - Sept. 2, 1952



Floyd W. Noble, Jr. U.S. Army-Special Military Aug. 1957 - Aug. 1960 Served in Germany



Richard Noble U.S. Army - Pvt. **Special Military Police** June 27, 1957 - June 26, 1960 Korea



E. Steven Jeanblanc U.S. Army 1970 - 1972Served in Germany



William R. Boyle Deceased 1982 **Army Staff Sergeant** Fort Sheridan 1943-1945 Tours of duty in Southern Philippines-Luzon He received the Purple Heart after being wounded in Luzon-Pacific Theatre.



Howard Jeanblanc U.S. Army - 1st Lieutenant **Tank Corps** 1952-1956 Reserves 1956-1958



Ferdinand A. Jeanblanc U.S. Army WW II



U.S. Army; Sergeant Basic Training - Ft. McClellan, Alabama, Advanced Individual Training - Ft. Gordon, Georgia Permeant Duty Station - 101st Airborne Division, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky Completed Air Assault Training. Received the Army Commendation Medal and two Army Achievement Medals among many other medals. Proudly served from Nov. 1, 1983 -Nov. 1, 1989



James J. Braida Deceased 9-9-2018 Branch - U.S. Army P.F.C. **Location of Training: Camp** Chafee, Ark.1954 - 1956 **Dates in Service:** Tours of Duty: In Panama. Was a radio operator and served in Panama guarding the Panama Canal.



Arthur A. Brown, **Deceased 4-25-08** U.S. Navy 1943-1946



Robert Jones Air Force **European Theatre** 1944-1945



Harold Leland Harmon Deceased U.S. Navy - WW II Gunner's Mate 3 V-6 Trained: San Diego, Calif. May 1943 - Feb. 1946 **USS Sullivan-DD537** Philippines, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Japan, crossed Equador. Asiatic-Pacific-9 stars Philippine Liberation-2 stars Protecting withdraw of severely damaged ships with saving 66 survivors; received Meritorious Mast Award given to the crew.

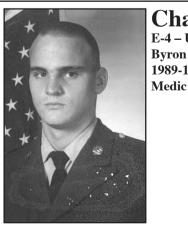


Harold Laverne Harmon Deceased U.S. Army-SP4 Trained: Fort Campbell, Ky. October 1970 - September Vietnam - Infantry. Marksman Badge-Vietnam Service Medal-Campaign Star-2 overseas

Bar - Bronze Star (Combat)



L. Harold Glessner, Deceased U.S. Army - Corporal - 1st **Armored Division** Trained: Ft. Knox, Ky 1941 - 1945Northern Africa and Italy Enlisted November 1941 at Camp Grant. Sent to Ft. Knox; then sent to Northern Ireland in May 1942; then to Northern Africa and landed there on Nov. 8, 1942 (his 25th birthday); was at Anzio battle and on to Rome.



Chad Callison E-4 – US Army **Byron** 1989-1991



Kade Callison Senior Airman -**US Air Force Stationed in Guam** June 2019-present Kade and his wife, Adeline, will return to the states in December where he will be stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota.



Kayla Callison A1C/Ě3 – US Air Force Stationed at Travis Air Force Base in California Aug. 2020 - present Medical Lab Technician



Mark Callison E-4 Specialist – US Army Dixon 1987-1990 **Power Equipment Generation Repair**



Tyler Callison Petty Officer 2nd Class – US Navy **Stationed at Naval Base** Coronado January 2019-present **Tour of Duty – Germany** Received Junior Sailor of the Year at his Command for 2020 and 2021



Fred W. Schmidt 1950-1054 Air Force Staff Sergeant Korean War Trained in San Antonio and Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska

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John Branigan Miller

MA1 – US Navy
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Texas
Trained in Great Lakes, Ill.
Feb. 22, 2011 – Present
He is Harold and Helen
Glessner's grandson.



U.S. Air Force – Sergeant Trained: Lackland AFB and Chanute AFB June 21, 1972 – June 20, 1976 Minot, ND Missile Maintenance Technician on ICBM Minuteman Missiles.

Louis L. Sari, Sublette



Kevin Sporleder, Sublette U.S. Air Force – Sergeant Trained: Lackland AFB, Sheppard AFB June 1977 – June 1981 Scott AFB Two years orthopedic ward; two years orthopedic clinic



Erich Biester U.S. Army – Pvt. 1942-1944 China, India, Burma



Richard J. Wagner,
Deceased 10-9-08
U.S. Army – Corporal
Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood,
Mo.
1952-1954
Served in Germany during
Korean War



Gerald H. Eisenberg U.S. Army 1959-1961 Deceased



Charles Keith Jeanblanc
U.S. Air Force – Second
Lieutenant
Aug. 13, 1940 – March 3, 1945
Served in Iceland and England
Killed at Isle of Skye, Scotland
in plane crash
Buried at Cambridge,
England



Earl Hubbell Army WW I Age 16 in 1916



Fred G. Appleman National Guard 1959-1961 Army SP4 1961-1963



Dr. Brandon Klein,
Amboy
Air Force
E-5 Staff Sergeant
Trained: Lackland Air Force
Base, San Antonio, Texas
2000-2004
Operation Iraqi Freedom,
United Arab Emirates Feb.
through Sept. 2003.



Cecil E. Harrison,
Amboy
U.S. Army-Guided missiles
Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood,
Mo., Ft. Bliss, Texas, and
Vashon, Wash.
1955-1957



John Fanelli U.S. Air Force WW II Died in Action June 6, 1944



Russell Eugene Wittenauer US Army TEC 5 War: World War 2 Birth Date: 5-13-1920 Death Date: 2-22-2003



Ron Wittenauer Army Vietnam 69-70 Rank - SPC 5 Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri



Joshua Earl Wittenauer
Ashton
Marine Corp - Corporal
Trained: Camp Leguine,
North Carolina
Served in Okinawa, Japan and Iraq from
1999-2003
Josh received numerous awards during his
service period. Family members are
honored to have an award named after him
at Romeoville High School. It is the Joshua
Wittenauer Memorial Freshmen
Leadership Award and is given to an
outstanding MC JROTC freshman yearly.



Garrett Newman
US Air Force
Captain
2013-present

Abigail Newman
US Army National Guard
2nd Lieutenant
2019-present

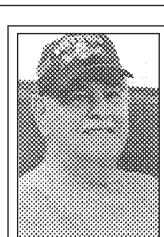
Jerry Newman
US Army National Guard
Colonel (retired)
1985-2020



Squire Hardy
Sgt E4 Air Force
1964-1968
Trained at Lackland Air
Force, San Antonio, Served
in Vietnam
Passed Nov. 3, 2009



Dale O. Hardy Sgt E4 Air Force 1964-1968 Trained at Lackland Air Force, San Antonio, Served in Vietnam and Guam Passed June 28, 1998



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E5 Army
1960-1963 and
1996-1970
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Donald E. Antoine Korean War



Ted Etheridge, Amboy Air Force Staff Sergeant Trained: Edwards AFB, Los Angeles 1953-1957 Formosa, Japan, Korea, Philippines



Curtis J. Latta, Corpus Christi, Texas
U.S. Army Sergeant First Class
Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., Ft. Rucker, Ala., Ft. Eustis, Va.
Dec. 1987-April 2010
Honduras, Germany, Ft. Hood, Texas, Korea, Alaska, Ft. Rucker, Ala., and 8 tours in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan.
1986 Amboy High School graduate. Son of Joyce Green and Dick Latta. Resides in Texas with Vanda Larken and four children Cody, Andrew, Tori, Daniel.
Employed by the Dept. of Defense under Aviation Missile Command in Redstone, Ala., and is deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan.



Amboy
Army Signal Corps-Corporal
Trained: Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.
May 27, 1953 to May 27, 1955
Stateside duty with the fixed
division of the Army Signal
School as a ballistic
meteorologist and air traffic
controller. He received Good
Conduct Medal and National
Defense Service Medal.

Donald H. Schamberger,



John G. Carlson, Deceased U.S. Navy Seabees 1944-1946 Philippines, Okinawa



William C. Kessel 859 Morgan Road, Amboy, IL Army Corporal Trained: Fort Riley, Kansas dates in Service: 1952-1954



Amboy Air Force Airman First Class Trained: George AFB, Victorville, Cal. 1951-1955

Donald C. Wittenauer,



Lester C. Underhile,
Dixon
U.S. Army Specialist 4th Class
Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood,
Mo.
1968-1970 Vietnam
Amboy High School Class of
1966
Retired letter carrier 30 years
USPS, Wife Laura, 3 children,
7 grandchildren.



Russell A. Smeltz, Amboy U.S. Army-Corporal Trained: Ft. Gordon, Ga. 1953-1955 Member of 65 M.P. Co. He was stationed with Four Power (American, British, French, and Russian) Occupation Forces in Vienna, Austria. Retired from R.R. Donnelley, Chicago. After 38 years. Married 55 years.



Camden Z. Ross, Amboy Army National Guard – SPC Trained: Ft. Jackson, SC, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., and Gowen Field, Idaho June 2005 to June 2012 Operation Enduring Freedom



Carson D. Ross. Amboy Army National Guard – SPC Trained: Ft. Benning, Ga., and Ft. Bragg, NC July 2007 to Present Operation Enduring Freedom



LeRoy Klein, LaMoille U.S. Army – PFC Trained: Ft. Sill, Ok. 1945-1946 Pacific Theater Trained in field artillery. Also had five brothers in the service



Nathan E. Klein National Guard 2003-2009 Iraq 2006-2007



Valery R. Klein National Guard 2005-2011 Afghanistan 2008-2009



Alexandra R. Klein National Guard 2007-2013



Nathan Olson Schamberger Second Lieutenant Air National Guard #182 Airlift Peoria Base since 2000



John Edward Schamberger Senior Airman Air National Guard #182 Airlift Peoria Base since 2004



Ralph Whisenand
491 Dry Gulch Rd., Amboy
Army Sgt.
Trained: Fort Riley, KY
1950-1953
Korea & Japan
3rd Infantry Division, 7th Reg.
D Company, 30 day combat
training in Japan, combat at
Pork Chop Ridge and Hill 105
Korea



James McLindsay Jr.,
Deceased 6-15-89
U.S. Army – Private
Trained: Camp Breckenridge,
Ky.
1952-1954 Korean War
Wounded March 17, 1953



Joshua A. Jeanblanc U.S. Marines-Cpl. 1993 – 1997 Deployed on U.S.S. Saipan to Iraq Son of Chuck Jeanblanc and Gail Jeanblanc



Jason Wittenauer
Amboy
U.S. Army National GuardSFC
Trained: Ft. Leonard Wood,
Mo.
March 21, 1996 – Present
Operation Enduring Freedom
October 2003 - March 2005
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Floyd W. Noble Sr. Army - Pvt. Co.A. 129th Infantry 33rd Division 1st Batt. Camp Grant, IL



Cpl. W. Gail Glenn Deceased U.S. Army Location of training: Ft. Leonard Wood, MO Dates in service: 6/25/52-6/25/54 Tours of duty: Korean Conflict Crane Shovel Operation 159th Field Artillery Div. Retired from IL Dept. of Transportation as supervisor at the Silvis Garage. Wife; Carol. Three Children; Larry, Cinda, Debra. Ten grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren.



Don Wellman U.S. NAVY 1952-1956 Passed away Jan. 14, 2015. He was a mechanic who loved his family, fishing, gardening and AFC basketball games.



Raliegh Herrald Sr. **US Army** WWII **Pacific Amphitheater** 1925-2003



Larry Truckenbrod US Army - Pvt. 1st Class 1953-1955 Fort Smith, Ark.



Andrew L. Conderman US Army Reserves, Army National Guard - E-7 1971-2011 Ft. Knox, Ky. and Ft. Dixon,



Raliegh David Herrald Jr. **US Army** Wounded in Vietnam 1967 1947-2013



Major Nathan A. Truckenbrod Currently serving in South Korea Tours of Duty in Iraq, Germany, Alaska and South Korea Nate has been serving our country for years. He has made it his career to protect our country.



Donald R. Gascoigne US Army - SP3 1954-1956 Korean War **Presently Lives In The Veterans Home In Lasalle**



James Mead Spc National Guard 1997-2003



Winnebago **US Air Force Sgt** Location of Training: Lackland Air Base, San Antonio, Texas Dates in Service: Dec. 27, 1961 - Dec. 15, 1965 Tours of Duty: RAF Wethersfield -England, 20th Transportation Squadron Driver's school instructor, VIP driver for Base Commander, chosen to transport VIP's at Sir Jinston Churchill's fungral Fighter Wing plaque for meritorious service from March 1962 to November 1965, awarded USAF Good Conduct Medal and Safe Driving Plaque Award for tour in England. Born in Amboy, graduated Amboy High School class of 1957

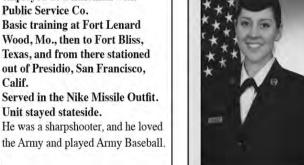
Richard G. Koch



Gary Conderman U.S. Air Force E-4 **Location of Training: Lackland** Dates in Service: October 1965 - October 1969 **Tours of Duty: Vietnam**



James T. Hauenstein Joined the US Army in 1955 while employed as a Lineman with Public Service Co. Basic training at Fort Lenard Wood, Mo., then to Fort Bliss, Texas, and from there stationed out of Presidio, San Francisco, Calif. Served in the Nike Missile Outfit. Unit stayed stateside.



Brittany Nicole Jeanblanc U.S. Air Force Trained: Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Texas 2008 - 2013She is the daughter of James Jeanblanc and Anne Jeanblanc



Lawrence P. Marchesi **US Army Specialist 4th Class** Fort Leonardwood, Mo. 1961-1964 Tours of Duty in Korea, Germany, Fort Riley, Kansas **Retired from the Illinois Department of Corrections. Amboy High School graduate of** Currently lives in Morris with his wife, Nancy. The couple has a daughter, Lynn, who lives in

Antioch.



James D. Donoho Served June 1956-April 1958 Trained at Camp Pendleton, 101 Promenade Avenue #209 Wayzata, MN 55391 1956 graduated Amboy High School Married Jane Young in 1957



Sgt/Major Richard L Wiser **USMC Retired** Served 1955/1985 Viet Nam Vet (1967/1968) 424 Joy Ct Jacksonville NC 28540 1955 graduate Amboy HS Married Judy Young in 1957



Colonel Timothy L. LaPlaunt **USMC** Retired Served 1964-1992 Viet Nam 1967-1968 **Dessert Storm 1990-1991** 148 Shaelah Court St. Charles, MO 63304 Married Mary Lou Young 1965



Louis Vaessen



Joseph H. Vaessen Private US Army 6th Armored Division Basic Infantry at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.



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Michael R. Wadsworth U.S. Marine Corp. - Captain Vietnam War



Robert M. Wadsworth Lieutenant - WWII January 1945



Joseph Hoyle U.S. Army - Vietnam 1967-1969



Lyle A. Dierdorff, Deceased U.S. Navy 1946-1948



Wayne Hoyle U.S. Army - Spec. 4 1943-1945 Okinawa



Robert Emmert, Deceased U.S. Navy - Radioman for 6 years 1940-1946 Casablanca



Ronald F. Williams Amboy U.S. Army-SP4 **Medic Cadreman** Ft. Benning, Ga. Sept. 10, 1958 - Sept. 10, 1960



Carroll "Casey" Jones **Third Army Sergeant** April 1941-Jan. 10, 1945 **Killed in Action** Luxembourg



John A. Jones U.S. Army - Pvt. Died at Sea Sept. 22, 1945



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