



Volunteers of Teen Turf in Amboy received a special honor on Tuesday, Sept. 26 when Cecilla Maciel and Jacob Jenkins of the Serve Illinois Commission individually rewarded the volunteers with the Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service's Governor's Certification of Appreciation, which is signed by the Illinois Department of Human Services Secretary Grace B. Hou, Serve Illinois Board Chair Natalie Furett and the entire Serve Illinois Commission Board. The honored volunteers were Donna Wellman, Candy Robinson, Brian Wedekind, Sandy Draper, Bonny Faivre, Kathy Kessel, Kathy Gardner, Sandy Peterson, Sue Dextrim, Karen Stenzel, Shannon Nichols, Mary Graff, and Margaret Shaw.

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## Teen Turf volunteers recognized by Serve Illinois Commission

**BY BRANDON LACHANCE**  
Amboy News Reporter  
**AMBOY** – For the last 28 years, Teen Turf in Amboy has been making a difference. Children go to Teen Turf after school, for a program ran by director Eileen Piper and assistant director Pam Thomas that includes fun, food, reading, writing, thinking, and homework. Although Piper and Thomas have the behind the scenes of the program, both say they can't do it alone. Throughout the years, volunteers have been key to Teen Turf's success in being a safe, educational, fun-filled hang out. On Tuesday, Sept. 26 the volunteers were recognized by more than Piper and Thomas as Cecillia Maciel and Jacob Jenkins of the Serve Illinois Commission performed a ceremony honoring all Teen Turf volun-

teers with the Illinois Commission on Volunteerism & Community Service's Governor's Certification of Appreciation Award. "It was really cool and very nice for our volunteers. It was a beautiful presentation," Piper said. "They read what the award was for and presented each volunteer individually. I think it made them feel extra special and appreciated. "I try to tell all of our volunteers thank you as much as I can, but maybe sometimes it sounds like old hat or something. Hearing it from members of Serve Illinois Commission and being recognized by the state is different. Without them we can't do what we do. It was good for them to see it, hear it, and feel it. It's good to know that we're making a difference with the kids, for our community, and for our society."

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SanJay Desi, owner of Amboy Food and Liquor, left, accepts a certificate of appreciation from State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon).

Photo submitted

## Fritts honors Amboy Food and Liquor for September Local Business Highlight

**AMBOY** — For his September 2023 local business highlight, State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) chose to highlight Amboy Food and Liquor. Fritts spent time touring the business and presented the owner with a certificate of appreciation for his contributions to the community. "This month, I chose to honor Amboy Food and Liquor because of the positive impact this business has made on the local community," said Fritts. "Before this store opened, Amboy did not have a grocery store and some residents had to drive upwards of 30 minutes just to reach the nearest store. That is unacceptable, and this store fixed a massive problem for hundreds of people in the community."

See **AMBOY FOOD** page A2

## Sen. Rezin brings in experts to help restrict social media

### Schools such as Mendota and Amboy see the social media problem

**BY BRANDON LACHANCE**

Amboy News Reporter  
**AMBOY** - Through her position as an Illinois State Senator for the 38th Legislative District, Sen. Sue Rezin has advocated for children in classrooms. Along with being the spokesperson for four

other committees, Rezin is the Minority Spokesperson for the Senate Early Childhood Education Comity. On Tuesday, Sept. 19, the Illinois Deputy Minority Leader brought together social media experts to testify before the

Illinois Senate Judiciary Committee. Rezin brought the experts (Camille Carlton, the senior policy manager for center for humane technology, and Robert Weil, director of research, policy, and field services)

to the committee to further support her Senate Bill 1126, which she wants to pass to protect minors from potentially becoming addicted to social media. The bill supports the regulation of data management practices of online or

social media companies, products, or features by requiring an age-appropriate design cope, read a press release from the Rezin camp. "There are far too many children within our state and nation who have horrific stories about their time and experiences on social media platforms," said Rezin in the press release. "These children do not fully comprehend the real-world consequences of their use of social media."

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## A Tribute to the fallen of World War I

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

### PVT. Thomas Patrick Garland, Harmon

131st Infantry Regiment, 33rd Infantry Division  
As America entered the



Great War (later known as World War I) in the spring of 1917, tens of thousands of soldiers would need to be added to the armed forces quickly, and ships



would be needed to transport troops to the front in Europe. That same year after Germany attacked allied merchant ships in the Atlantic, the U.S. Government seized German war ships and cruise line vessels, converting them to military transport ships based at Hoboken, New Jersey. On July 21, 1918, Private Thomas P. Garland

left Hoboken on the Ship Plattsburg along with the 131st Infantry, 33rd Division bound for France. As he left New York Harbor, one of the last things he would have seen was America's beloved Statue of Liberty, a sight many would see on that day for the first and last time. Born on March 12, 1889, Thomas grew up

on a farm near Harmon. As he grew to adulthood, European troubles seemed too distant to be of much concern for Americans, but soon history would change course. When World War I entered its second year in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson ran for re-election on the slogan, "he kept us out of the war!"

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### Obituaries

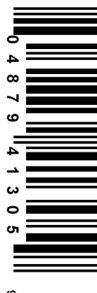
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The awarded volunteers were Donna Wellman, Candy Robinson, Brian Wedekind, Sandy Draper, Bonny Faivre, Kathy Kessel, Kathy Gardner, Sandy Peterson, Sue Dextrim,

Karen Stenzel, Shannon Nichols, Mary Graff, and Margaret Shaw.

Through the volunteers, Teen Turf kids learn more than just math and reading skills.

They see an importance in what the adults, the volunteers are doing for them.

"There was a gentleman who was there with Serve Illinois that said in the long haul, this is the creation

of life-long volunteers," Piper said. "Kids come to places like Teen Turf, get an understanding of the work put in, how it helped them in life, and then want to give back when they can."

"That's what we do here. That's why we do our summer program with all of the kids. If our country is going to survive, that's going to be why. Neighbors helping neighbors. Friends helping friends. Seeing everyone in a different light."

Put the directors, members, location, environ-

ment, and volunteers in a pot, and you have a winning formula for Teen Turf. But if you ask Piper, there is a force looking, managing over the pot.

"It's all gifts from God. We live in a wonderful community. Amboy is a wonderful community," Piper said. "It truly is prayers and God. It's not that we're better than anyone. It's not easy. You have to love it in order to do it. We're fortunate that we've found so many people that just love kids and want to see them succeed."

"The volunteers come in with their games and different ways to make the kids happy and want to keep coming back. They capture them. They don't want to do homework. They come for the food and the fun. I've known that since we started. But through the help of volunteers it gets done."

"Having all of the volunteers makes it much more fruitful because you can touch and relate to that many more kids."

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Amboy Food and Liquor was founded in 2016 by owner SanJay Desi. Following the success of his Amboy location, he chose to open up two more stores, one in Earlville and another in Hampshire.

Fritts continued, "SanJay not only ensured that local residents had access to groceries, but his

success led to economic development in downtown Amboy. His business has drawn others to open up in the area and that kind of contribution to the community is priceless."

Amboy Food and Liquor is located at 242 E. Main St., Amboy, and is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thurs-

day, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

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

## AMBOY POLICE

### POSSESSION OF TOBACCO

A juvenile female was issued an ordinance citation for possession of tobacco and a vape smoking device at 10 a.m. Sept. 13 at Amboy High School.

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## TEEN TURF

### After school program

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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.

### Dance

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

### Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: Carol Ely for the fruit snacks, Anonymous donation of items; Maddy Thomas for the books; Margaret Shaw for the cookies and brownies; Karen Stenzel for the cookies; Katie and Matt Draper for the baby items; Alexis Echebarria for the bicycle; Our family for the watermelon; Alice and Leroy Dukes for the desserts; Sharon and Delbert Yocum for the various items; Joe and Diane Stewart for the rhubarb; Judi (Soul Farms) for the food; Knights of Columbus for the box of Tootsie Rolls; and Jim Travi for delivering them; Amboy Lion's Club for the potato salad and Jim Travi for delivering them, and Rose and Larry Leffelman for the monetary donation in memory of Delmer Dinges.

### Donation Drop off

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

### Needs

Any flavor Pop Tarts.

### Final Note

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your children who suffer with mental illnesses the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our concern into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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But in 1917 during his second term, most Americans supported a war declaration after Germany had sunk the Lusitania and continued to attack American shipping interests. In April of that year, America declared war on Germany.

At age 28, Thomas registered for the first scheduled military draft in June of 1917, and left for service the following year at Camp Gordon, Georgia. After arriving on the war front in July 1918, he served with the 33rd Infantry Division, comprised entirely of Illinois National Guard Units. The 33rd Division, known as the "prairie division" fought in Le Hamel, the Somme Offensive, St. Mihiel, and the Meuse-Argonne Offensive suffering 691 killed in action, and over 6,000 wounded.

While Thomas was serving in

the trenches of France, the people of Harmon were busy supporting the war on the home front. Citizen committees organized four Liberty Bond drives to raise money for the war, organized a Red Cross Committee, organized efforts to buy War Savings Stamps, and the Women's Committee led support for Belgian children who were orphaned by the war. The effort to support America and win the war was viewed as a basic responsibility of citizens in every town in Lee County.

Beginning on Sept. 26, Garland's 33rd Division joined over a million Allied troops in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive which broke through the German Hindenburg Line and forced the Central Powers to agree to an Armistice on the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh

hour. On Oct. 22, 1918, just weeks before the guns were silenced, Private Thomas P. Garland was killed in action. In the months to follow, his remains were returned home where he was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Harmon. He is forever remembered as one of Lee County's heroes.

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

National Archives

Illinois Digital Archives

**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](http://www.lchd.com).

**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.

**DIXON-** The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from noon - 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 5, at First Baptist Church, Seventh and Blondeau, Dixon. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

**HARMON-** Harmon Methodist Church, 202 N.

Grove St., will hold their church bazaar on Oct. 7, from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the church. They will serve free rolls and coffee until 11 a.m. There will be a bake sale with pies, homemade bread, cookies, cakes, etc. They will have a quilt raffle and silent auction on Cubs and Bears quilted throws. The drawing will be at 1:30 p.m. You do not have to be present to win. Door prizes will be awarded. Other items available include wreaths, fleece quilt, fall and Christmas items, and white elephant booth. All proceeds will go toward siding which is much needed. Everyone is welcome.

**LEE COUNTY-** On Monday, Oct. 9, from 9 a.m. to noon, 4-Hers will participate in activities to further their leadership skills and understanding of their officer roles. Lunch will be provided at noon during this free event held at the University of Illinois Extension, 12923 Lawrence Road, Sterling. Registration is requested by Monday, Oct. 2, at [go.il-linois.edu/clwofficer23](http://go.il-linois.edu/clwofficer23)

**SUBLETTE-**The Sublette Village Board will

meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 9, 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, Oct. 9. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

**AMBOY-** The Lee County Health Department will offer a flu shot clinic from 9-11 a.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 10, in the Amboy Fire Department. No appointment is necessary - walk-ins welcome. Please bring your insurance card, or be prepared to pay a small fee. High dose is available for those who are over age 65.

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## North Central Bank to offer monetary award to local seniors for essay

**LADD** — North Central Bank announces a competition that enables Illinois high-school seniors to enter a statewide essay-writing contest. It is all part of a program sponsored by Illinois community banks and the CBAI Foundation for Community Banking to increase public awareness of locally-owned banks and their contributions to the community.

North Central Bank is a member of the Community Bankers Association of Illinois (CBAI), which formed the Foundation in 1996. A monetary award in the amount of \$1,000 a year for up to four years of higher education will be given to the author of the best essay submitted to the CBAI Foundation by a participating Illinois high school senior. Up to 11 additional first-place \$1,000 awards and 12 second-place \$500 awards are available throughout the state. An additional \$500 will be awarded to the high school of the overall winner.

North Central Bank is also offering monetary awards. The same essays sent to the state competition will be judged locally.

The bank is working with local high schools to invite

seniors to submit a one-page essay on the theme: What is a community bank and how does it affect the economy?

The length of the essay is not to exceed one page; double-spaced, using Times New Roman font, and 10-12-point size.

Information on the contest is available at the bank, [www.northcentralbank.com](http://www.northcentralbank.com) and the school; essays must be submitted to the bank by Feb. 15, 2024. The bank will then submit selected essays to the CBAI Foundation to be eligible for statewide competition.

Based in Springfield, CBAI is a professional association that represents nearly 300 Illinois-chartered banks and thrifts throughout Illinois.

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# OBITUARIES

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### Sharon K. Kellen

May 2, 1942 - Sept. 24, 2023

**SUBLETTE** – Sharon Kay Kellen, 81, of Sublette, passed away in the early morning of Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, at Allure of Mendota.

Funeral services will be Friday, Sept. 29, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Compton with Rev. Jeff Schlesinger officiating. Burial will be at Restland Cemetery, Mendota. Visitation will be Friday from 9 a.m. until time of services.

Sharon was born May 2, 1942, in Mendota, the daughter of Delphan and Arlene (Pierce) Schlesinger. She was married to Gaylon Ehlers for 20 years and they had two sons, Brent and Brad. On Sept. 21, 1985, Sharon married Robert "Buck" Kellen of Sublette and was married to Robert until his death in 2018.

Sharon is survived by her two sons, Brent Ehlers of Omaha, Neb., and Brad (Mary) Ehlers, of Sublette; two brothers, Gale (Jeanne) Schlesinger of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Randy (Mark Lamkins) Schlesinger of Sublette;

brother-in-law Kevin (Kathy) Kellen of Rhineland, Wis.; sister-in-law Karen (Dina) Kellen of Lakewood, Colo.; three grandchildren, Brock (Erika) Ehlers of Munster, Ind., Caitlin (Ryan Elmendorf) Ehlers of Dixon, and Dylan (Brittany Alleman) Ehlers of Sublette; three great-grandchildren, Bay Machuca and Cameron Ehlers of Munster, Ind., and Liam Elmendorf of Dixon; and many nieces and nephews. Sharon is also survived by Gaylon Ehlers, the father of her sons, Brent and Brad.

Sharon was preceded in death by both parents and her husband, Robert "Buck" Kellen in 2018.

Sharon was a graduate of Amboy High School class of 1960. Sharon held several jobs in her lifetime including the First State Bank of Mendota, Sunrise Nursing Home in Mendota, and the Farmer's State Bank of Sublette before retiring from Woodhaven Lakes General Store in Sublette. In life, Sharon enjoyed spending her time with family and



friends, and involved herself with many hobbies including reading, baking, cross-stitching, ceramics, gardening, and listening to her favorite band, The Statler Brothers. Amongst family and friends, Sharon was also known for her avid love for the U.S.A., displaying red, white, and blue and/or flag decorations throughout the house in various fashions year-round along with her countless pieces of patriotic jewelry.

Memorials may be addressed to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Compton, IL. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittff.com](http://www.merrittff.com).

### Lynda S. Auchstetter

June 11, 1942 - Sept. 24, 2023

**MENDOTA** – Lynda S. Auchstetter, 81, of Mendota passed away Sept. 24, 2023, at Allure of Mendota surrounded by her loved ones.

A private family only service will be held at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota with Father Jeff Windy officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Mendota.

Lynda was born on June 11, 1942, to Henry and Pearl (Jones) Billings. She married Robert Auchstetter on May 7, 1960, in Sublette. She had one brother, Donald Billings.

Lynda will be greatly missed by her children, Larry (Laura) of Charleston, Terry (Alma) of Lake in the Hills, Lori (Tom) Valenta of Kenosha, Wis., Amy (Peter) McCall of Niles, Bill (Kim) of New Lenox, Michael (LeeAnn) of Winnabow, N.C., and Marilyn (Eric) Worsley of LaSalle; and 11 grandchildren, Amelia, Elena, Lucas, Zachary, Hailey, Dylan, Kyle, Kara, Jack, Eric and Rohan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her brother Donald.

For most of her married life she tended the Auchstetter family farm with her husband. She could be seen mowing the large lawn or working in the gardens or fields. Family members have fond memories of helping her with the garden or with preparing the meals in the kitchen.

Lynda was an animal lover all her life. She especially enjoyed watching deer and birds. From growing up on the Billings farm to living on the Auchstetter farm she took care of all sorts of animals including raccoons, chickens, and calves. Later on she enjoyed watching the birds and squirrels at the feeders she kept.

Gardening and growing things was another one of Lynda's passions. She and Robert frequented the area's nurseries searching for new plants to add to their orchards and gardens. Family members enjoyed joining them on those excursions and ones to botanical gardens.

After Robert's passing, Lynda moved into Mendota where she enjoyed visiting with her



friends at Mendota Area Senior Services. Some of her favorite activities were playing Wii bowling, making puzzles, and playing dominoes. Lynda also visited friends in the nursing homes where she would lead the rosary for the residents.

Her greatest joy though was her children and grandchildren. She loved visiting them and hearing about their latest endeavors. She could be seen and sometimes heard at their sporting events, concerts, performances, and other important events.

Memorials may be directed to Mendota Area Senior Services or Illinois Valley Animal Rescue. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittff.com](http://www.merrittff.com).

### Joseph T. Morrissey

July 21, 1934 - Sept. 29, 2023

**AMBOY** — Joseph T. Morrissey, 89, of Amboy, died on Friday, Sept. 29, 2023 at Dixon Health Care and Rehab.

He was born on July 21, 1934, in Amboy, the son of James and Marie (Doran) Morrissey.

Joseph was a life long farmer and graduated from Auctioneer School. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Walton and enjoyed bowling.

Joseph is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, W. Charles Morrissey, Steve Morrissey; and one sister, Mary Margaret Bauer.

He is survived by his

siblings, Eleanor Hodges, of Rockford, James (Rita) Morrissey, of Palm City Fla., Daniel Morrissey, of Moline; many nieces and nephews; and great nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his long time companion and care giver, Carl Gann.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, at St. Mary Church in Walton. Visitation was held from 5 – 8 p.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023, at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon with a saying of the rosary at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will also be on Wednesday from 9 a.m. until the time



of service at 10 a.m., at St. Mary Church in Walton. A memorial has been established to Serenity Hospice and Home.

Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

Online condolences can be left at [www.the-jonesfh.com](http://www.the-jonesfh.com).

## Chicken! Chicken! Chicken!

**AMBOY** — St. Patrick Church in Amboy is continuing its "Save the Steeple" fundraising with a chicken dinner served by The Long Branch Saloon from 3-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22.

Tickets are \$12 and offer either quarter dark chicken, quarter light chicken, or chicken strips. All meals come with French fries.

St. Patrick Church will sell the tickets at Masses, they can be purchased from any parishioner, or tickets are available

at the parish office.

The meals can be for dine-in at Long Branch or carry-out with pick up outside of the restaurant.

Ticket holders need to call the Long Branch on Sunday, Oct. 22 between noon-7 p.m. to order the meals and give a heads up if they will be for dine-in or carry-out.

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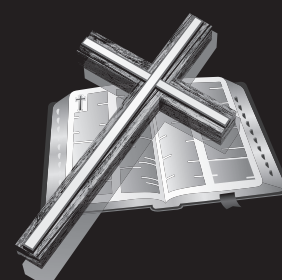
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## SOCIAL NEWS

## The Book Nook

By:  
Tatjana Kazan

## FRAUDS

**Z**adie Smith was dead set against writing a historical novel.

"I retained a prejudice against the form, dating back to student days, when we were inclined to think of historical novels as aesthetically and politically conservative." But "around 2012 I stumbled upon a story from the nineteenth century that I knew at once had my name all over it." It was a court battle from 1873 in which Arthur Orton, a cockney-speaking butcher, claimed he was Sir Roger Tichborne, the missing, presumed-drowned heir to the great Doughty-Tichborne fortune. Smith hesitated: "I said to myself: Zadie, your novels are long enough when they're about nothing! What's going to happen when actual facts are involved?" It took her ten years to write her magnificent historical novel, "The Fraud."

"The Fraud" is an exuberant comedy and also, remarkably, a bitter condemnation of colonial slavery. At the center of the novel is the widow Eliza Touchet, intelligent, spiky, questing, watchful, and very funny. For 40 years, she is housekeeper and editor for her cousin, the real-life novelist William Ainsworth, author of 41 forgotten novels. Eliza finds them unreadable. She is Catholic, a feminist and an abolitionist, and she thinks about becoming a writer. She attends the Tichborne trial with William's much young, barely literate second wife Sarah, who is crazy about the Claimant Arthur Orton. Eliza is astonished by the great crowd that is so fervently behind one of their own. She begins taking copious notes. The Claimant and his star witness, the former slave Andrew Bogle, become national heroes.

Captivated by Bogle's poise amid the uproar, Eliza induces him to tell her his life story. Even though Britain abolished slavery in 1807, it had "a venal dependence on slavery, indentured labour and other forms of colonial exploitation." Bogle recounts in 100 harrowing pages the abominations on a Jamaican sugar estate owned by the Duke of Buckingham. Bogle's family went from being "high-born men" in an African village to captive overseers on the sugar estate. In 1826 Bogle is "taken off the country by Edw. Tichborne Esq." In England he acts as valet to Edward Tichborne, and in his dignified old age becomes the witness for Orton at the Tichborne trial in 1873. When he dies in 1877, he is given a pauper's burial. "Mrs. Touchet fell to her knees and wept."

As Eliza grows old, her views, rather than calcify, become more capacious. She has a theory: "England was not a real place at all. England was an elaborate alibi. Nothing real happened in England...everything the English really did and really wanted, everything they desired and took and used and discarded, all of that, they did elsewhere." As a writer, Eliza hopes for "stories of human beings, struggling, suffering, deluding others and themselves, being cruel to each other and kind. Usually both."

Annual church bazaar  
in Harmon

**HARMON** — Harmon Methodist Church, 202 N. Grove St., will hold their church bazaar on Oct. 7, from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the church. They will serve free rolls and coffee until 11 a.m.

There will be a bake sale with pies, homemade bread, cookies, cakes, etc.

They will have a quilt raffle and silent auction on Cubs and Bears quilted throws. The drawing will be at 1:30 p.m. You do not have to be present to win.

Door prizes will be awarded.

Other items available include wreaths, fleece quilt, fall and Christmas items, and white elephant booth.

All proceeds will go toward siding which is much needed.

Everyone is welcome.

Haye named  
to SNHU  
President's  
List

**MANCHESTER, N.H.** — Chelsey Haye of Amboy has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's (SNHU) Summer 2023 President's List.

The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List.

Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Carroll-Lee-Whiteside 4-H youth program  
offers a place where kids can belong, lead, learn

Carroll-Lee-Whiteside 4-H youth program offers a place where kids can belong, lead, learn 4-H members in Illinois will join the 6 million youth across the country in celebrating National 4-H Week Oct. 1-7. Clubs around Illinois celebrate this week by highlighting the remarkable 4 H youth in their communities and showcasing the incredible experiences that 4 H offers young people.

Illinois 4-H is the flagship youth program for the University of Illinois Extension and the largest out-of-school youth organization in Illinois. 4-H youth development programs challenge youth to "learn by doing" with fun, hands-on activities.

In 4-H, members learn about topics that interest them through projects. That could be anything from learning how to cook, build a robot, or care for the environment. Members can explore these topics through 4-H experiences such as community clubs, special interest clubs, workshops, and more.

Illinois 4-H members range in age from 8 to 18. Youth aged 5 to 7 years may join 4-H as a Cloverbud member. The cost to join 4-H for the year is \$20. New

members can get more information by contacting their county Extension office.

Contact your local 4-H office for more information:

- Carroll County 815-244-9444
- Lee County 815-857-3525
- Whiteside County 815-632-3611

## Lee County 4-H Kids with Heart Exhibition

4-H, America's largest youth development organization, empowers young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime. Leaders in Lee County's 4-H Visual Arts project area were selected to display their efforts on Oct. 20-27 during the Lee County 4-H Kids with Heart exhibition at the Next Picture Show in Dixon. Projects include chalk/carbon/pigment, clay, fiber, food decorating, heritage arts, leather, nature, scrapbooking, and wood. Come out during this week in October to see all the beautiful projects the 4-H youth in Lee County have on exhibit. To learn more about Lee County 4-H, visit [extension.illinois.edu/clw](http://extension.illinois.edu/clw) or contact Katie Baker at 815-857-3525.

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## September 2023

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Sept. 1 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation,

Sept. 2 - Emily Lopez-Perez, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 3 - Mandi Morris, Rochelle, \$50

Sept. 4 - Brittany Olszewski, Rochelle, \$1,000

Sept. 5 - Ben Heck, Chana, \$25

Sept. 6 - Mariah Wyrobek, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 7 - Linda Schreiber, Leaf River, \$25

Sept. 8 - Jason Burdin, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 9 - Zekelman Employee, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 10 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$50

Sept. 11 - Alexis Barbosa, Newark, \$25

Sept. 12 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

Sept. 13 - Zekelman Employee, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 14 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

Sept. 15 - Katherine Slattengren, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 16 - David Bills, Port Byron, \$25

Sept. 17 - Norna Seaworth, Lindenwood, \$50

Sept. 18 - Therese Fenwick, Winchester, VA, \$25

Sept. 19 - Elizabeth Bontz, Amboy, \$25

Sept. 20 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

Sept. 21 - The Kitchen Table, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 22 - Teresa Schlesinger, Compton, \$25

Sept. 23 - Mark - Meyers Furniture, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 24 - Thelma Geske, Steward, \$50

Sept. 25 - Brenda Bickerman, McNabb, \$25

Sept. 26 - Dave Pest, Rochelle, \$25

Sept. 27 - Steve Howell, Dixon, \$25

Sept. 28 - Jodi Jacobs, Panama City, Fla., \$25

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# Opinion

## Make trades like ball players

As a society, we compare everything to sports.

Such as, if a human is 38, they're too old to play professional sports (not true in my book, there are many exceptions) which means they're old in everyday life.

I'm a few weeks shy of the mark and anyone younger than 30 looks at me like I just walked out of an almanac (partially joking).

The pros are wearing the new Jordans. The guy walking down the street in a rural town in the middle of Nebraska is also, although financial situations are much different.

Salaries in every association are in a different galaxy. Questions are asked such as, "Why isn't the monies of teachers in the same orbit?"

The list could go on forever.

But why is one could-be common denominator missing...trades?

Basketball, football, baseball, hockey, and soccer players can be traded.

In some form or fashion, whether it be from one team to another via a player exchange, monetary considerations for a player, or a player(s) for draft picks, trades happen.

Why doesn't this happen in the world outside of sports?

The way it works currently is if someone gets another job, they quit the old one and move on to the next one.

If someone flips a table, says "%#&#\* @&@(@& (no real word encrypted here) to their boss and walks out, they're no longer employed and need to find another one.

There are promotions within.

Situations happen where someone is pushed out, suckered out, or forced out by retirement for a new, younger, peppier version.

We've all seen these happen.

We've all witnessed these happen.

We've all wished for some of these to happen.

I'm laughing out loud, real LOL, as I'm picturing

### Column

By Brandon LaChance



tables being thrown to the wall, right... now. If only newspaper columns in 2023 had the power they did in the 1970s.

But none of us have seen trades.

Hypothetically, what if said department store had an employee that was a solid worker but something in their personality didn't gel well with the customer base on that side of town.

But another department store on the other side of town had an equally motivated, equally skilled worker who didn't like to be at that location.

Couldn't the two businesses call for a trade?

What if a pizza delivery driver with great skills behind the wheel brings cold za to valued customers ordered from Homegrown Pizza (fictional)? There are no openings in the kitchen, or the dining room and it may be a possible firing.

A driver for SPU (read backwards) doesn't like the route they've been assigned to and is threatening to quit or has shown signs of the potential table flip. I'd say truck flip, but we're not comparing delivery driver strength to athlete strength.

Why can't Homegrown Pizza and SPU make a trade?

After the trade, the SPU driver has a different route and the Homegrown driver doesn't have anything hot that can turn cold. If the temperature problem was because of super-slow-itis, another trade can happen down the road if need be.

The pros do it every day until the trade deadline.

There are negotiations, a trade block, agents, and deals every single day with very minimal restrictions, no restrictions, or little care of restrictions.

Why can't there be a city-wide meeting where CEOs and owners of different businesses meet and strategize what they need?

They could each have a white board, a projector that has a list of needs and a list of what they have to offer another business.

This place needs a faster baker, while another business (same industry or not) needs an eloquent librarian.

The accountant can organize but doesn't have common sense for ample report production. The food pantry assistant produces at a great clip, but leaves the workstation is a mess.

Sounds like a great trade.

I mean, if we compare everything to athletes and think professional sports should be similar to the normal every day for the majority of humans, why not implement one of sport's major cogs, trades?

Everyone would have a job.

A manager would have to trade before firing.

A disgruntled employee would have to put himself/herself on the trade block. The idea of being able to change without too much issue, nowhere the near of the full-time angst of finding a new job, would stray from table leg displacement.

I didn't touch every detail or every example.

I'm sure some readers are shaking their heads in dismay or disbelief.

But if it's not a real thought or idea to entertain trades for every day "normal" jobs, why are we comparing everything else we do including what we wear, the car we want to drive, the house we want to live in, the lifestyle we want to live, and how much we make to those of professional athletes and the sports world?



## ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

### 100 Years Ago Sept. 28, 1923

President Coolidge proclaimed Oct. 9, the anniversary of the great Chicago fire, as National Fire Prevention Day.

Mrs. John Mead contracted to purchase the Baptist parsonage property on Mason Street and planned to move there after making improvements to the house.

### 75 Years Ago Sept. 30, 1948

About \$8,000 was cleared last week during Sublette's Hospital Day. Funds will be used to repair the building and get it back into operation.

Banta's is now serving hot dogs, hamburgers, coffee, malted milk, milk shakes, and all kinds of ice cream.

### 50 Years Ago Oct. 4, 1973

The Sublette firemen hosted the Miss Blackhawk Pageant with 21 contestants representing

fire departments from throughout Northern Illinois. Nigal Rod, Sublette's Miss Flame, was the reigning Miss Blackhawk.

### 25 Years Ago Oct. 1, 1998

Lee County Sheriff Tim Bivins announced that four people were arrested early Tuesday following a burglary to two businesses and the theft of an automobile in Franklin Grove.

A presentation was

made by Max and Joan Hobbs in memory of their friend, Kenton Koppinen. To honor their fallen friend, the Kenton Koppinen Memorial Sportsmanship Award has been established. This award will be presented each year at the Amboy Junior Tackle awards banquet to the eighth-grade player who best displays the characteristics of a good sport.

Elizabeth A. Shapiro, DDS was presented the William J. Greek Memo-

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Award during the Illinois State Dental Society Annual Session at Hotel Pere Marquette in Peoria.

Otus the screech owl visited Mrs. Gilmore's fourth-grade class. Phil Johnson of the Dixon Park District, Lowell Park Nature Center, brought Otus and a stuffed, great horned owl when he spoke to the students about care of orphaned or endangered animals.



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## LOCAL NEWS

## SOCIAL continued from page A1

“Meanwhile, we know from various different sources that these social media giants know about the harm they may be inflicting and instead of preventing it from occurring, it appears to be a cornerstone of their business model.”

An attorney of Social Media Victims Law Center, Matthew Bergman, testified pointing to research showing that excessive social media use can result in negative effects on mental health such as depression, anxiety, and loneliness.

Social media influences all, including students at Amboy High School and Mendota High School.

Amboy Community Unit School District #272 Superintendent Joshua Nichols agrees with Rezin and thinks the committee hearing is justifiable.

“We have seen an impact from social media in the schools and it has not been for the positive,” Nichols said. “We have some lessons about properly using social media and being online. I think putting in additional guard rails or seat belts is a great idea. Personally, if they were to ban it altogether, I think would be even better.”

MHS has had restrictions, blocks, and talks installed in their classrooms since the original social media boom

as Myspace was introduced in 2003 and Facebook (Meta) in 2004.

Since then the list of social media platforms has ballooned to a hard to track number. The Data Reportal website states 15 social media platforms have at least 400 million active users (July 2023) with Facebook tallying 2.989 billion monthly users, while YouTube’s advertising reaches 2.527 billion, and WhatsApp has approximately 2 billion monthly users.

Instagram is also in the billions with 2.35 billion monthly users, while Snapchat is counted for as many as 383 million users in a 30-day period.

“The high school blocks as much as possible, but students’ personal devices provide access,” Mendota High School Superintendent Denise Aughenbaugh said. “Teachers integrate technology and social media into their lessons. Our coaches also often remind students about the benefits and dangers of social media. Our student handbook includes multiple policies that extend to social media and the negative issues with it and bullying or harassment. For example, page 12 of our handbook also specifies cyberbullying and what it is.”

The school has its guideline, plan, in motion.

However, the negative impact of social media needs everyone’s attention.

“As the owners of the cell phones/devices, it is the best support if/when parents monitor their child’s social media use and abuse,” Aughenbaugh said. “The school has filtering software on devices owned by the district. On school-owned devices between 8 a.m.-3 p.m., the vast majority of content is blocked. Kids are ingenious and eventually can find a way around structured security and filtering applications. It takes continuous, adult monitoring.”

The testimonies from the experts and Rezin to the committee are not the last step in trying to pass Senate Bill 1126.

According to the press release, Rezin’s legislation seeks to address that online and social media companies can no longer prey on children to benefit financially.

Rezin, the experts, and other stakeholders plan to work together to prepare the legislative proposal in the best fashion to ensure Illinois takes action to prevent harm or wrongdoing brought on by social media to unsuspecting children within Illinois.

## Lee County Sheriff’s office investigating cause of explosion

LEE COUNTY — On Sept. 28 at approximately 9:09 a.m., the Lee County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) received a call regarding a fully involved vehicle fire. The location of the incident was in the Boat Trailer Park Lot at Lowell Park, located at 2114 Lowell Park Road in Dixon. The Lee County Sheriff’s Office, Dixon Rural Fire Department, and Dixon Police Department responded to the scene.

When Dixon Rural Fire arrived at the scene, they began to extinguish the fire and the body of a male subject was observed in the driver’s seat of the vehicle. Due to evidence at the scene, investigators believed that the fire originated from an explosion in the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The Illinois State Fire Marshal’s Office and the Illinois State Police – Crime Scene Services were subsequently contacted to assist

with the investigation. Special Agents from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were also called in to aid at the scene. Once the scene was processed, the Lee County Coroner’s Office removed the body of the male decedent.

On the afternoon of Sept. 29, an autopsy was conducted at the Peoria County Coroner’s Office on the male body removed from a vehicle fire the previous day at Lowell Park. The deceased male was positively identified through dental records as Joseph A. Dukes, Jr., 20, of Dixon. Dukes was also the registered owner of the vehicle at the scene. The investigation into the cause of the explosion is continuing, but the death was

self-inflicted.

The Lee County Sheriff’s Office wishes to thank the Dixon Rural Fire Department, the Dixon Park District, the Lee County Coroner’s Office, the Lee County State’s Attorney’s Office, the Illinois State Police, and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for everyone’s assistance with this investigation. Anyone with information on this investigation or any other criminal activity is encouraged to call the Lee County Sheriff’s Office at (815) 284-6631 or Crime Stoppers at 1-888-Caught-U. Callers can remain anonymous and receive rewards of up to \$1,000 if their information leads to an arrest.

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# SPORTS



## Clippers' defense holds Missiles to season low

Stay undefeated with 32-30 victory

By BRANDON LaCHANCE  
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – Looking at the Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio football team's schedule, Week 6 at Milledgeville was viewed as one of the toughest games of the season.

Knowing the mission, the Clippers accepted and played the Missiles to a 32-20 submission.

"We got three turnovers with two interceptions and a fumble recovery. The defense did a great job," Clippers head coach Scott Payne said. "They improved a lot from the previous week giving up 42 to Ridgewood. To turn around and play the way they did against Milledgeville was great to see the improvement they made as a unit.

"Once again, it was all up front. We got really good pressure on Connor Nye, their star quarterback, when he went back to throw. Both defensive ends, Brennan Blaine and Quinn Leffelman, did a great job of not letting him break the pocket and take off running. When you get great pass rush, it makes your pass defense a lot easier on the defensive backs. Landon Montavon played an outstanding game at defensive tackle. He was all over the place."

Milledgeville hadn't scored less than 48 points in a game this season as they kicked off Week 1 with 48 against River

Ridge, then scored 64, 58, 50, and 74 in the next four weeks.

The Clippers (still undefeated at 6-0) held them to 28 points, lower than any other Milledgeville opponent.

"We gave up a couple of big pass plays, which that happens every game. Milledgeville did a good job of running play action and got us to bite," Payne said. "That happens every game and you're going to have a couple of break downs. Other than that, I thought we had really good pass coverage.

"The first drive, they drove into the red zone, ran a bootleg, and Troy Anderson intercepted the pass. That was a big game changer for us to start the game. Anderson stopped them from getting any points and gave us the ball. Anderson had a great game for us, he had that interception and he scored a receiving touchdown."

Whether it's the offense, defense, or special teams, coach knows someone is hungry to show they can make a big play.

"Somebody steps up and makes a play. It was scoreless after the first quarter. In the second quarter, we held them on downs, they went to punt, and we blocked it where it went out of the endzone for a safety," Payne said. "It's little things like that that help you win big ballgames. It



In the previous five weeks of high school football, Milledgeville had scored 48, 64, 58, 50, and 74 points, respectively, against their opponents. Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio held the Missiles to 28-points fewer than the other teams as the Clippers stay undefeated, 6-0, with a 32-20 victory on Friday, Sept. 29 in Milledgeville. Senior running back Landon Whelchel, middle No. 5, runs for one of his three touchdowns and a few of his 231 yards on 16 carries. Junior quarterback Eddie Jones, bottom No. 2, threw for 76 yards and one TD. (Photos courtesy of Brenda Merriman)

was Vincent Zembruski who blocked it.

"Our special teams did a great job. We had a couple of good kick returns that got us past the 50-yard line. It's things like that that go unnoticed because everyone looks at all the big runs and scoring plays.

"As a coach, you really appreciate that the special teams were able to contribute in big ways."

The offense did what they have all season as well, move the chains and find the end zone.

Senior running back Landon Whelchel topped the 200-yard marker on the ground and crossing the end zone pylon was a

repeat occurrence.

"Landon Whelchel had an outstanding game. He had 231 yards rushing and three touchdowns (on 16 carries). Milledgeville played a 6-man front to take away our fullback trap game," Payne said. Fullback Quinn Leffelman didn't have as many yards, but he had 55 (eight carries).

"Whelchel had one run he broke on the sideline where he broke three tackles. I thought he was going down and the next minute, he was taking off for a 44-yard touchdown. It's one of the best runs I've seen in a long time.

"Landon is a patient



runner. He waits for the hole to open up. Once it opens up, he's going through it at 100 miles an hour. It's great when you have a tailback that is able to do that."

With the Missiles defused, next on the schedule for the Clippers is the Ashton-Franklin Center Raiders.

AFC is 1-5 on the year as they've scored 104 points and have allowed 277. A-L-O has scored 267 and has allowed 78.

"AFC has a pretty good passing game behind a

pretty good quarterback. I know he didn't play last week, but we're preparing for him to be in the lineup this week," Payne said. "We're so close, 10-miles apart, so I'm sure the kids know each other and have been texting each other back and forth. It's a little bit of a rivalry game between us this Friday.

"We just have to improve this week on the things we need to improve on. We need to continue to play well and go their house and play our brand of football."



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# SPORTS

## Amboy boys, girls golf seasons come to end at IHSA Regionals

**PORT BYRON** – The Amboy boys' golf team had its season come to a close in the Port Byron Riverdale Class 1A Boys' Regional on Sept. 27 at Port Byron.

Five Clipper golfers participated in the regional, with Carson Barlow turning in the team's low score with a 91. Gage Mumm was next with a 106, followed by Michael Ackert (111), Jason Dickinson (121) and Hayden Wilstead (189).

Aidan Dorathy of Riverdale was

the regional medalist with a sizzling round of 69.

Dorathy helped his Rams to the regional team title with a 298. They will advance to the sectional round along with Fulton (311) and Bureau Valley (328). Amboy's team score was 429.

Other schools participating in the regional were Newman (336), Oregon (350), Eastland (367), Erie-Prophetstown (377), Earlville (378), Rock Island Alleman (390),

Indian Creek (427) and West Carroll (465).

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Amboy's Emma Dinges and Gracie Holmgren competed in the Byron Class 1A Girls' Regional on Sept. 28. Dinges carded a 127 and Holmgren shot a 166, and did not advance to the sectional round.

Katie Drew (77) of Dixon was the medalist, while advancing teams were Byron (395), Dixon (406) and River Ridge (429).

## Lady Clippers volleyball searching for win column after tough week

**AMBOY** – The Amboy volleyball team had a tough week as it couldn't find the win column during the last part of September.

The Lady Clippers fell to Polo 27-25, 25-13

on Tuesday, Sept. 16 at home.

On Wednesday, Amboy kept it close in the first set but couldn't hang on and lost 25-20, 25-10 to Pearl City in a Northwest Upstate Illini Conference

matchup in Amboy.

An away match Saturday, Sept. 30 against Somonauk ended in a 25-22, 25-17 defeat.

The junior varsity team fell to Polo 25-22, 25-21, lost to Pearl City 25-19,

25-21, and beat Somonauk in a nail-biting three sets, 26-24, 27-29, 28-26.

The freshmen were 2-0 on the week as they defeated Polo 25-12, 25-11 and Pearl City 25-10, 25-12.

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To enter the contest, you must send one email to [bjones@amboy.net](mailto:bjones@amboy.net) the Wednesday before the game between 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. In your email subject line you must put CLIPPERS. Please also include in your email, your name and phone number where you can be reached. Betsy will put all names in a hat and draw. She will reply to the winner's email on Thursday or call and set up a time where the winner can pick up their lanyards with tickets for admission, concession stand and the autographed football.

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This year's Home games are:

Oct. 14 VS Orangeville - Emails due Oct. 11

Oct. 20 VS Polo - Emails due Oct. 18

## Amboy cross country prepares for Class 1A Seneca Regional

**SENECA** – The Amboy cross country teams will participate in the Class 1A Seneca Regional to be held Saturday, Oct. 21 at Seneca Ag Farm, 2667 E. 28th Road, Marseilles. The girls' race starts at 9 a.m. and the boys will compete at 10 a.m.

Other schools in the regional include Aurora (A. Christian), Aurora (Central Catholic), DePue, Dwight [Coop], Granville (Putnam County), Henry (H.-Senachwine) [Coop], Hinckley (H.-Big Rock), Mendota, Ottawa (Marquette), Peru (St. Bede), Princeton, Seneca [Coop], Somonauk [Coop], Spring Valley (Hall), Toulon (Stark

County) and Yorkville (Y. Christian).

The first seven placing teams and the first five runners who are not members of the advancing teams in each regional will advance to sectional competition. In addition, in the event the 6th, 7th or 8th place overall individual finisher in the regional is not on a qualifying team, such 6th, 7th or 8th place overall finisher in the individual race shall advance from the regional to the sectional meet.

The sectional will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28 at Oregon Park West in Oregon. The girls will race at 10 a.m., followed by the boys at 11 a.m.

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Race starts promptly at 1 p.m. at the Grist Mill. Some road running and mowed trails along the beautiful Franklin Creek. Flat course with one hill. Chili and live music at the mill after until 4 p.m.

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Signup online, or mail entry form in with fee or drop off at Grist Mill Saturday and Sunday 12-4 p.m., or drop off at Stone Bridge Running Store Dixon/Sterling. This is limited to 300 participants. Cut off is Nov. 1.

Mailing address for entry form is FCCA, 1893 Twist Road, Franklin Grove, IL 61031.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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by Gary Kopervas



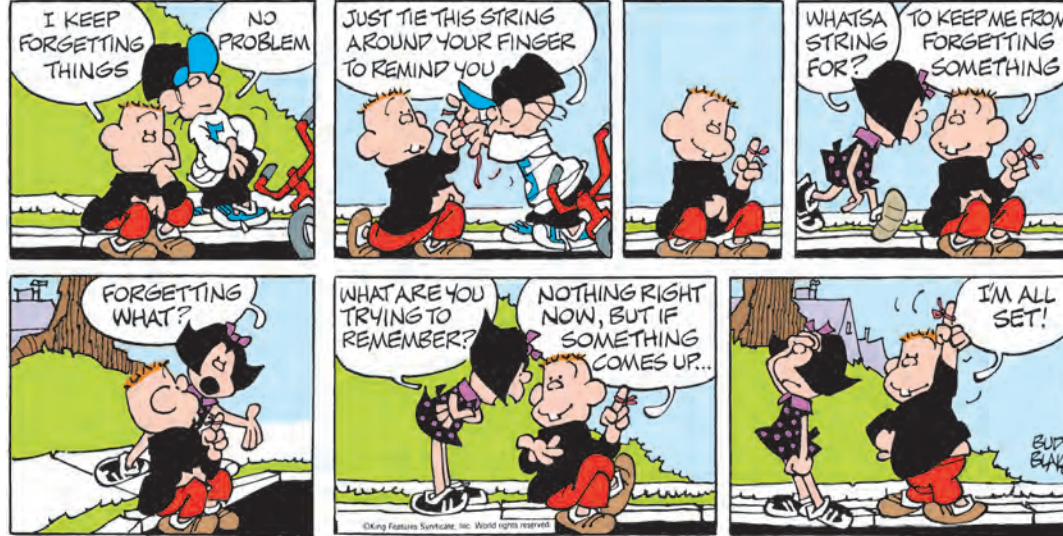
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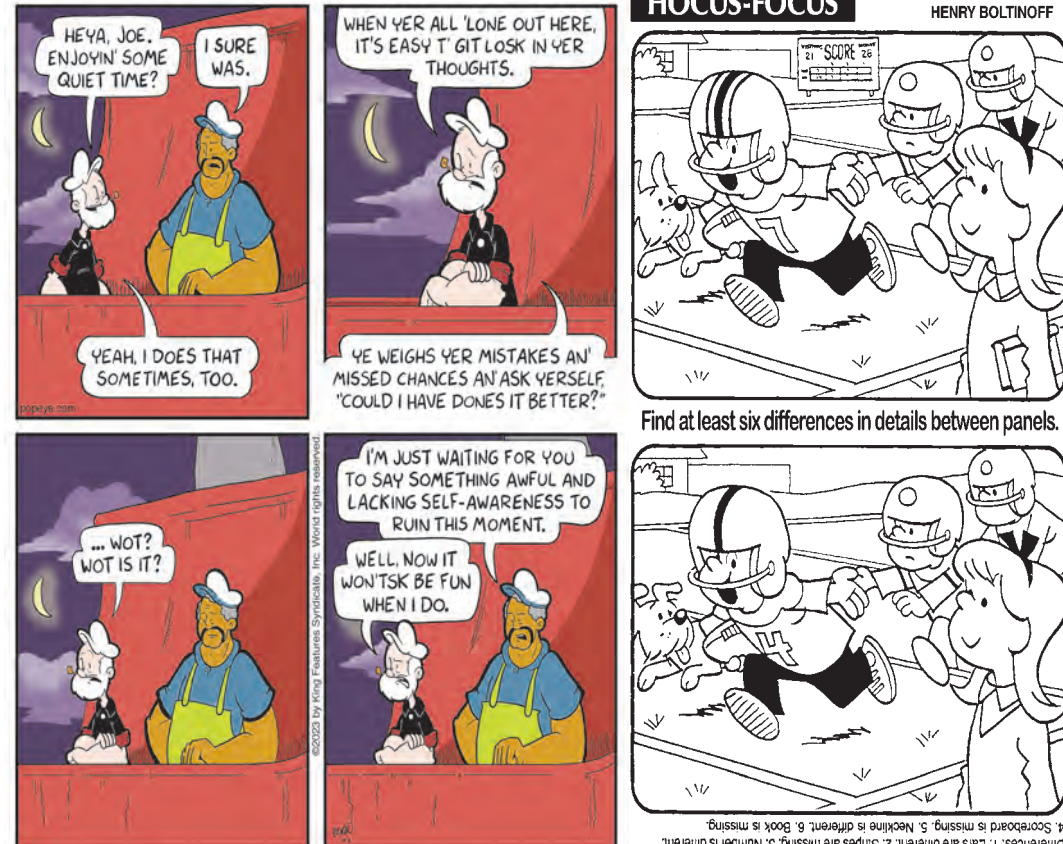
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## OLIVE

## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



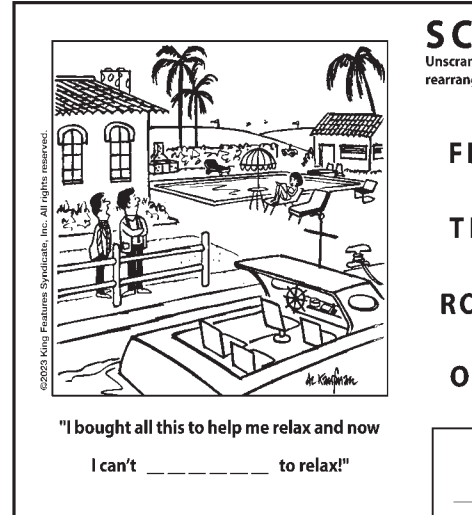
### CryptoQuip

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

Clue: P equals D

TPP VFHJRQVY CZDARQVY BZT  
BRWW TYWD VQQHCS CVDFHYS  
RY RAJVHWR MVVNYTSHA:  
PTQSTJ AZHNNHW.

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### SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Reset  
FINEST  
Accept  
TIMAD  
Protect  
ROBAHR  
Remote  
OFOAL

"I bought all this to help me relax and now I can't \_\_\_\_\_ to relax!"

TODAY'S WORD

October 2, 2023 Posting Date

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Sketch
- 5 Shock part-ner
- 8 Verdi heroine
- 12 Ms. McEntire
- 13 Scale note
- 14 Mosque VIP
- 15 Shakespeare title starter
- 16 Centennial State
- 18 Man's youth
- 20 San Francisco griddy
- 21 Newt
- 22 Take to court
- 23 Give a leg up
- 26 Madrid museum
- 30 Klutz
- 31 Author Tan
- 32 Have a bug
- 33 Swagger
- 36 Open-mouthed
- 38 Mornings (Abbr.)
- 39 A Gabor
- 40 Painting of a scene
- 43 Public speakers
- 47 16th-century Spanish explorer
- 49 Loafer, for one
- 50 Scent
- 51 Nourished

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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53										

- 10 Miami-County
- 11 Latin love
- 17 "Movin' -" ("The Jeffersons" theme)
- 19 Frequently
- 22 Devious
- 23 Short 'do
- 24 Galley item
- 25 Son-gun link
- 26 Comic Philips
- 27 Small battery
- 28 Quick swim
- 29 Flamenco cheer
- 31 Billboards
- 34 Mists
- 35 Prayer ender
- 36 "Selma" director
- 37 Fitzgerald title character
- 39 Wear down
- 40 Garbage barge
- 41 Morse -
- 42 Yankee nickname
- 43 Praiseful pieces
- 44 Wheeling's river
- 45 Bakery buy
- 46 Hunt for
- 48 Sternward

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	7			3			2
9				6			4
		4	1			5	
3				9			5
	8			1	4		
		5	6				1
7			4			9	
		1			8		6
	3			2			7

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

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## WORD LADDERS

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

### MALES

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### TIGER

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: How many noble houses are mentioned in "Game of Thrones"?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the high school in the musical film "Grease"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which southeast Asian country's monetary unit is the ringgit?
- MUSIC: The song "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" is from which musical?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to be impeached?
- ANATOMY: What is considered the "master gland" of the human body?
- PHYSICS: What does a newton measure?
- HISTORY: Which founding father wanted the turkey to be the national symbol of America rather than the eagle?
- SCIENCE: What is studied in mycology?
- U.S. STATES: What is Alaska's state animal?

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### SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Infest 2. Admire 3. Harbor 4. Aloof

MALES, TIGER, TIGER, TIGER, TIGER, TIGER

WORD LADDER

1	7	6	5	4	3	8	9	2
8	2	4	1	7	9	5	6	3
3	1	7	2	9	4	6	8	5
6	8	9	3	5	1	4	2	7
2	4	5	6	8	7	3	1	9
7	6	2	4	1	5	9	3	8
4	9	1	7	3	8	2	5	6
5	3	8	9	2	6	1	7	4

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Odd American physicians who will only accept payments in Israeli banknotes: Doctor Shekel.

## King Crossword

Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers



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LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
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**JAMES ARTHUR  
THOMPSON, De-**  
**ceased. 2023-PR-**  
**00037**

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the  
death of **JAMES AR-**  
**THUR THOMPSON,**  
of 719 N. Brinton Ave.,  
Dixon,  
Illinois on September 9,  
2022. Letters of Office  
were issued on Sep-  
tember 14, 2023, by  
the 15th Judicial Circuit  
Court of Lee County to  
the representative and  
Independent Executor,  
**ROBERT J. THOMP-**  
**SON, 916 Myrtle Ave.,**  
Dixon, Illinois.

The attorney for the  
representative and In-  
dependent Executor of  
the estate is Robert J.  
Thompson, 119 West  
First Street, Ste. 200,  
P.O. Box 1016, Dixon,  
Illinois 61021.

Claims against the es-  
tate may be filed in the  
office of the Clerk of the  
Circuit Court at the Lee  
County Services build-  
ing, 309 South Gale-  
na Avenue, Dixon, IL  
61021, or with the  
representative, **ROB-**  
**ERT J. THOMPSON,**  
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within that time period  
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sentative and/or to the  
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days after the claim has  
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BY: **ROBERT J.  
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tion. Average no. cop-  
ies each issue during  
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er classes through the  
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mail: Average no. cop-  
ies each issue during  
preceding 12 months:  
None. No. copies of  
single issue published  
nearest to filing date:  
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E. Total free or nominal  
rate distribution. Aver-  
age no. copies each  
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12 months: 15. No. cop-  
ies of single issue pub-  
lished nearest to fil-  
ing date: 13

F. Total distribution. Av-  
erage no. copies each  
issue during preceding  
12 months: 585. No.  
copies of single issue  
published nearest to fil-  
ing date: 597.

G. Copies not distribut-  
ed: Average no. copies  
each issue during pre-  
ceding  
12 months: 215. No.  
copies of single issue  
published nearest to fil-  
ing date: 216

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copies each issue  
during preceding 12  
months: 800. No. cop-  
ies of single issue pub-  
lished nearest to filing  
date: 800.

I. Percent paid. Aver-  
age no. copies each  
issue during preceding  
12 months: 97. No. cop-  
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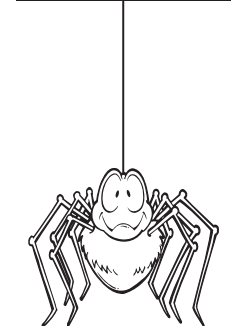
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Miles, Silver.....\$28,900  
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Miles, Maroon.....\$27,900  
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luck nor bad. The  
spider was  
merely looking  
over our  
newspaper to see  
which merchant  
was not  
advertising, so  
that he could go  
to that store, spin  
his web across  
the door, and  
lead a life of  
undisturbed  
peace ever  
afterward."



## LOCAL NEWS

## NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 1-7, 2023

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AREA 4-H MEMBERS AND THEIR LEADERS!

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Young Seekers Cloverbuds  
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