

Amboy Depot Days 2023

And the 2023 Miss Amboy is...



On Thursday, Aug. 24, Brianna Henkel was crowned the 2023 Miss Amboy. Henkel is pictured above in the red dress.

Brianna Henkel

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – There is a spot reserved in Brianna Henkel’s closet.

When trying to decide what dress she should wear for the 2023 Miss Amboy Pageant on Thursday, Aug. 24, she went to her closet and chose the dress she wore for her sophomore prom.

She may not wear the same dress to her junior prom this year at Amboy High School, but it will forever have a spot in the closet as she wore it when she was crowned as the 2023 Miss Amboy during the Amboy Depot Days.

“I’m going to keep that dress forever. I’m never getting rid of it,” Henkel said. “It has always been a childhood dream of mine since I was a little girl to become

Miss Amboy. I’m super excited for everything that comes along with it. It’s so surreal. It doesn’t feel real at all that I won Miss Amboy. It was an amazing moment for me. It was such a rush.

“I was surprised that I won because there was so many amazing, young girls that went out for the pageant. If I was a judge, I wouldn’t have been able to pick because it was such a hard choice.”

Henkel felt good about her speech, the way she presented herself, and the way she shared her love and appreciation for her community, but the Warehouse Boutique sponsored contestant was shocked they combined to help her win.

After initial photos, she was immediately bombarded on stage.

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The tumbler chose...

Angela Bowman

DEPOT DAYS

50/50 GIVES LIFE

CHANGING MONEY

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – One of largest 50/50 raffles in northern Illinois was drawn at Amboy’s Depot Days on Sunday, Aug 28.

The winner was Angela Bowman, a Sublette resident, who was handed a check of \$124,959.50 by first-year 50/50 Chairperson Sandy Wittenauer.

“Angela lives in Sublette and she had to make it through the cars leaving the car show. There was a traffic jam as she was going against traffic,” Wittenauer said. “She said, ‘I just want to get there.’ It took her twice as long, but she got here. She was smiling and shaking. She was very

much in need of a blessing; something to help her. That in itself was amazing.

“We could all use a little extra surprise check here or there, but she is a kind and generous person. I didn’t know her before Sunday, but I got the feeling that this is going to turn her life around.

“You can write the dollar amount on the check, but there still isn’t a name until you get up on the stage and you hold that little stub. That process was pretty exciting. To call that name out and verify who it is – so there is a little pause before you celebrate – hand it to them, and then they get to go home with that big check, it’s exciting.”

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Near perfect weather brought out the crowd on Sunday for the annual Depot Days car show.

Brandon LaChance/Amboy News



The annual Sylvan Shuffle kicked off Saturday morning activities. Runners and walkers wove their way through Amboy and finished to a crowd downtown.

Torja Greenfield/Amboy News



Five events planned in September in Sublette

SUBLETTE – The month of September will not be a quiet month in the Village of Sublette as five events will take place in the month.

The fun starts on Sept. 2 when Hops & Harmony takes over Sublette Centennial Park.

Hops & Harmony will start with beer tasting from 6 - 8 p.m. featuring a variety of brews from different breweries, and music by Adam & Mike, a duo from Byron.

Shane Profitt, who’s debut single “How it Oughta Be” is currently No. 20 on the country charts, will perform at 8 p.m.

The headliner, Drew Parker, will begin at roughly 9:30 p.m. Parker has tallied over 50 million global streams, is going on tour with Luke Combs in 2024, and has written No. 1 songs such as Luke Combs and Brooks & Dunn’s “1, 2 Many.”

Tickets for the over-21 event can be purchased in advance at www.sublette365.com (\$30 beer tasting and the

party pit and \$20 party pit concert tickets) or at the door for an additional \$5.

A free-will donation is asked of those who bring their own chair to the free-of-charge general admission area during the concert.

All proceeds will benefit the community of Sublette.

Also, on Sept. 2 is the Vendors & Craft Fair at Grace Fellowship Church in Sublette.

The fair featuring a bake sale and craft

vendors will run noon-4 p.m.

The annual Pullin in the Park will be on Sunday, Sept. 10 at Centennial Park. Check in for the tractor and truck pull is at 8 a.m. and the pull begins at 11 a.m.

There will be food vendors and activities for kids such as games and a bounce house. The entry fee is \$20, and pullers must be 16 to pull. Admission is \$10 while 12-under is free.

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Honoring those who served in World War I

Mead, Dempsey

putting together

a second Lee

County in war

book

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – In May, Jack Mead and Tom Dempsey paid tribute to Lee County natives who lost their lives in World War II.

Between the pride in honoring those who fought for the United States of America, representing Lee County, and selling 85 copies of “Ultimate Sacrifice: Lee County Soldiers Who Gave Their Lives in World War II”, the duo has decided to research, find stories, and tell World War I accounts about Lee County soldiers in a book (no current release date)

and newspaper articles published in the Amboy News beginning Sept. 6.

“I think we’re doing it the way it needs to be done,” said Mead, who has been the commander of the American Legion Post 453 in Amboy for the last 10 years. “Not to compare it to TV shows or movies, but there are a lot of prequels. We thought about starting with World War I, but there was John Joseph Fanelli (from Amboy, was the first reported death at D-Day because of a glider crash) and he was the catalyst for starting with World War II.

“Tom and I then decided we can’t leave out World War I. We knew we had to bring it out as well because the whole idea of World War I was to end wars. That’s why it was called, ‘The war to end all wars.’ They thought no one would ever want to fight



The Amboy Women’s Relief Corps bought a lot and a building for a memorial hall in Amboy to honor those who served, and fell in World War I. A fire happened in 1922 and a new building became a hall just for W.R.C. and the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.). The stone now lies in Amboy Veterans Park. The W.R.C. stone was moved and pleasantly placed in the park by City of Amboy employees. This story and more will be told in a book written by Jack Mead and Tom Dempsey through stories they’ve found about soldiers from Lee County who lost their lives in “The war to end all wars.”

Brandon LaChance/Amboy News

another war again. But, 3 ½ months after the Treaty of Versailles, Germany was already rebuilding its military.”

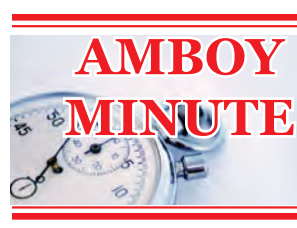
The process of the World War I articles and book will follow the same

as World War II as Mead does the research and gathering, and Dempsey writes the stories and paginates from his home in Boston.

Lee County had 50 men and one woman killed in World War I as the United

States entered the war on March 12, 1918 and helped end it on Armistice Day, the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month (11-11-1918).

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2023 Miss Amboy Brianna Henkel

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“I received so many hugs. My mom, Sarah Henkel, my grandparents, my aunts, and family close friends were there, and I had so many of my friends come support me from all over the place,” Henkel said. “I am the most excited to pick my favorite car at the Depot Days Car Show and to draw the winning 50/50 raffle ticket on Sunday. I grew up loving every car because my dad Cory (Henkel) has always been into cars. It was a thing for us to go to the car show every year. My dad even made a hot rod wagon for my siblings. It was always a fun and amazing experience for me.”

The first runner up was Emilie Dempsey and Miss Congeniality was Brooklyn Strub. Audree Schaefer was named Junior Miss, Addison Selover was Little Miss, and Waylan Klein was Little Mr.

First-year Miss Amboy Director Ashley Grim was thrilled with how the girls were on stage, how the full production gelled, how they battled the heat, and the support of the community.

“It was overwhelming but so rewarding. The smiles and happiness were beyond worth the heat,” Grim said. “I know a lot were nervous about it or didn’t want to come out

due to the heat but being on that stage gives all the feeling and emotion because it’s right in the center of Depot Days. I made sure to be prepared by bringing a giant fan for the stage and I packed coolers of water for people, too.

“I’m thankful for the crowd that came out and supported our contestants. The girls worked hard. I had a few get nervous and want to back out, but the fact that I could change their mind, keep them involved, and help them grow as a person made me feel amazing.

“I’m thankful year one went so well. I’m already working on year two with

changes and hope to bring just as many kids out if not more.”

Henkel was thankful, too.

Her support system helped calm her nerves and rise as the new Miss Amboy.

“I would thank everyone that was there for me and for the support for not only me but for all of the girls who went out for Miss Amboy,” Henkel said. “For me, I would like to thank my parents, my sponsor Warehouse Boutique, the three judges that came, and the whole town for coming out and supporting us girls.”

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Sheriff’s office looking for missing West Brooklyn man

WEST BROOKLYN — The Lee County Sheriff’s Office is asking for help in locating a West Brooklyn man last seen on Aug. 14.

Michael Widolff was last seen Aug. 14 at his residence in rural West Brooklyn. Michael is 64 years of age, 5 foot

9 inches tall, and weighs around 160 pounds. Michael is known to travel the area and is an outdoorsman, with a pilots license. If anyone has information regarding the whereabouts of Michael Widolff, please contact the Lee County Sheriff’s Office at 815-284-6631.

Email news items to tgreenfield@amboynews.com

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LOCAL NEWS

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Depot Days Parade

The parade was amazing and we thank Michael & Caleb Phillips for making our bus look great with a wash and wax. Thank you to Larry for driving and Addison Bump, Eileen, Brian, and Pam for throwing out candy. Special thanks to these folks for donating candy: Connie and Pete Kemp; Donna Unrath, and Cara Milewski.

Barnyard Bingo

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

Miss Amboy

Many folks and kids from Teen Turf cheered our Miss Brooklyn Strub on. We were excited to hear that our Miss Brooklyn Strub was chosen by her peers for Miss Congeniality. She does amazing work in the community as a volunteer.

Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: Tammy, Scott, and Brooklyn Strub for various items; Connie and Pete Kemp for the candy; Donna Unrath for the candy, Cara Milewski for the candy; Michael and Caleb Phillips for making our bus look great; Cindy Phillips for the various items; Jim and Jean Travi for the tomatoes; Ed and Sue Leffelman for snacks and monetary donation; Carolyn and Paul Lahman for monetary donation; Howard Shoemaker for the recliner and Matt Schingle for the vegetables.

Donation Drop off

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

Needs

New Reusable water bottles for the afterschool students and Kleenex.

Final Note

God, who is more than we can ever comprehend, help us to seek you, and you alone. Help us to stand before all that we could do and seek what you would do, and do that.

Lift from us our need to achieve all that we can be and instead, surrender to what you can be in us. Give us ways to refrain from the busyness that will put us on edge and off center, give us today your peace.

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Dempsey and Mead are both well educated, knowledgeable, and versed in World War I history such as President Woodrow Wilson not wanting to enter the war and trying to isolate the U.S. from anything European. Women's suffrage for voting rights for war matters as their sons were the ones doing the fighting was involved. German immigrants, which was a large portion of the

population didn't want to fight their cousins. Irish immigrants didn't want to help England because of what the UK had done to Ireland during wars.

Now, it's time to tell the stories and the history through letters, passages and stories told by the soldiers themselves or by loved ones.

"We have most of the research done. Tom has 11 or 12 of the articles written," Mead said. "We're excited

about the book and being able to tell the stories. The two men the Amboy American Legion Poths-Lavelle is named after — Harry Poths and Thomas (TJ) Lavelle — were killed in World War I.

"We are making sure to credit where we find our research and we're greatly expanding stories that we've found."

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The Country Car Show will be from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., on Saturday, Sept. 16 on Rt. 52 across from Vaesen Brothers Chevrolet.

The show will feature Kaiser-Frazer, Willys-Overland, and Hudson and Nash, but all makes of antique, classic and special interest cars, trucks, motorcycles are welcome.

Judges and trophies will not be

involved as the Country Car Show is a day for enjoying old vehicles. The emcee for the show will be 3-D Sound.

Tractors will be the main display for the Antique Power Days on Saturday, Sept. 24 and Sunday, Sept. 25 at Mendota Hills Campground located three miles northwest of Sublette on Rt. 52.

On Saturday the show will run 10

am.-5 p.m. and on Sunday the show will be from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be exhibits of steam, gas, garden tractors and farm implements, and some old cars and trucks on display. Food, produce, craft, and antique vendors will be available as well.

Antique Power Days' admission is \$2 per person or \$5 per car load.

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 American Legion will not meet again until the third Monday in October.

FRANKLINGROVE- Wouldn't it be terrific for all ages to learn more about gardening? The Lee County Master Gardeners have started their gardening series again, "Big and Small Gardening." This

series will be held at the Winfred Knox Library in Franklin Grove the first Tuesday of each month with alternating months offering a youth program at 4 p.m. or an Adult program at 6 p.m. The first program will be Potpourri on Sept. 5 at 4 p.m. where youth will learn how to make potpourri using dried flowers and herbs. One may register for these programs by calling the library at 815-456-2823.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, 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, Sept. 11. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

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. The September session will be held from 1-2:30 p.m., on Monday, Sept. 11, at the Edward Murphy Room at KSB Town Square, 101 W Second St.; new participants are welcome to join at any time.

LEE COUNTY- Take your love for gardening to

the next level by joining the Master Gardeners of Carroll, Lee, and Whiteside counties. Training begins Sept. 12. Find complete details and how to register by Sept. 1 at go.illinois.edu/CLWmg-training. For questions, contact Bruce Black at 815-632-3611.

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9/11 anniversary ceremony planned in Dixon on Sept. 9

DIXON — The Blackhawk Firefighters Association (BFFA) is hosting Community Together in Unity, Remembering the 22nd Anniversary of 9/11. The ceremony will take place on Saturday Sept. 9, at 10 a.m., at the Sauk Valley College, 173 Illinois Route 2, Dixon. The ceremony will honor the heroes of 9/11 and members of the BFFA who served their communities and have since recently passed away.

The BFFA includes over 80 departments throughout Northern Illinois.

The public is invited to attend the memorial service; however, seating will be limited, so please plan accordingly.

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Theresa J. Maltbey

April 25, 1952 - Aug. 23, 2023

AMBOY — Theresa J. Maltbey, 71, of Amboy, died Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023 at her home surrounded by family.

On a beautiful day in April 25, 1952 William and Helen (Lenihan) McCaffrey received a present from God of a beautiful little daughter they named Theresa Jane McCaffrey. She was the pride of her mother's eye.

As she grew several boys seemed to gravitate towards her but there was one in particular named John Maltbey who one day in October 1971 convinced her to be his bride forever. They were happily married for 52 years.

Theresa had two siblings who preceded her in death. They were Marilyn O'Connor and Richard "Bud" McCaffrey.

She is survived by siblings, Judy (Jim) Lindstedt, Mike McCaffrey, Tim (Patty) McCaffrey, and several nieces and nephews.

John and Theresa's children are Chris Maltbey, Jeremy Maltbey, Julie Maltbey, and a daughter who passed several years ago named Katie Maltbey.

They are also survived by three grandchildren, Cody Maltbey, Carli Grennan, and Silas Grennan.

John and Theresa spent a short time living in Tonica, Il., after their marriage then moved to the real home they shared with their children in Amboy. They remained lifelong residents here.

A visitation period was held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., on Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, at the Mihm-Jones



Funeral Home in Amboy. Funeral Services followed at 1 p.m., with the Pastor Charles Jeanblanc Officiating. Burial was held at the Woodside Cemetery in Lee Center. A fellowship luncheon was held immediately following the burial at St. Patrick's Hall in Amboy. Everyone was welcome.

Online condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

11 organizations receive Natural Areas Stewardship Grants from IDNR

SPRINGFIELD — Eleven grants totaling nearly \$750,000 have been awarded to Illinois land trusts to support stewardship on land protected by the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources announced.

The goal of the Natural Areas Stewardship Grant program is to increase the delivery of much needed stewardship activities to natural areas that are permanently protected within the nature preserves system. Stewardship needs on natural areas throughout Illinois have continued to outpace the ability to deliver these services by individuals, volunteers, organizations, and government agencies.

This grant program is designed to fund projects that address this deficiency by increasing the stewardship capacity of conservation land trusts through grants that will expand their staff and equipment for these activities. Local land trusts receiving 2023 grants and their stewardship action are:

Illinois Audubon Society, \$52,000 for work in Lee County. Enlist contractual services to perform ecological restoration through invasive species removal at Gremel Nature Preserve.

The Conservation Foundation, \$51,282 for work in LaSalle County. Enlist contractual services, purchase equipment,

and support staff to perform ecological restoration through prescribed fire implementation and invasive species removal at Dayton Bluffs Land and Water Reserve.

The Nature Conservancy, Nachusa, \$54,327 for work in Lee and Ogle counties. Purchase a knife-style brush mower attachment for a skid steer to thin invasive woody plants at Nachusa Grasslands Nature Preserve and Nachusa Grasslands Land and Water Reserve.

Funding for IDNR's Natural Area Stewardship Grant program is derived from a portion of the Illinois Natural Areas Acquisition Fund. The fund must be used by the IDNR for the acquisition and stewardship of natural areas, including habitats for endangered and threatened species (Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development Act, 525 ILCS 35/14).

Eligible applicants under the grant program are conservation land trusts exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code whose originating documents include in the purpose of restoration, stewardship, or conservation of land for the preservation of native plants or animals, biotic communities, geologic formations, or archaeological sites of significance.

For more information, visit <https://dnr.illinois.gov/grants/stewardshipgrants.html>.

BBB alert: Driveway scammers pounding the pavement final weeks of hot weather turn up the heat for repairs

ROCKFORD—Driveway pavement/repair scams heat up at the end of summer, so the Better Business Bureau is cautioning homeowners to

be on alert for con artists coming to their door or calling them with promises of fast, low-cost services.

"Driveways take the heat all summer so wear,

and tear is now at its peak," says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau. "The warm summer season is slowly winding down so there's more pressure to get driveways fixed before the freezing temperatures, which can hit here as early as October."

Horton notes, "Fake or substandard contractors jump at the chance to make a quick deal and steal your money."

How the scam works

A contractor leaves a pamphlet in your mailbox or shows up at the door. They claim they've been doing work in the area and just happened to notice the condition of your driveway or sidewalk. Since they're already working nearby, they can give you a significant discount. If the price is agreeable, they will ask for a large percentage of the fee

upfront. That's the first red flag. They might hesitate to respond if you request details about the price, the business, or their address. That's the second red flag.

Once the transaction is complete, the scam contractor may disappear altogether. In other cases, the work is shoddy and unprofessional, but if you protest, the contractor may use intimidation tactics, such as threatening a lawsuit, to convince you to pay.

The third scenario is the work is now complete, and you are not satisfied with the results, but the full payment has been made. Reaching the company, the contractor allegedly represented is impossible, or another company was impersonated. In any of these scenarios, the chances of getting a refund or the work fixed are slim.

Don't trust just anyone to do the job if your

driveway needs paving or repairs. BBB Scam Tracker has numerous reports of unscrupulous contractors who trick homeowners with supposedly good deals.

BBB Tips on how to avoid contractor scams

- Be wary of unsolicited offers. Most scams involving contractors begin when a random contractor makes an effort to offer an estimate that was never requested.

- Research companies and contractors before you hire. Start with BBB.org to check ratings and reviews. A simple internet search often reveals companies or individuals involved in fraudulent activities or provided unsatisfactory work to previous clients.

- Get everything in writing. Ask for an estimate in writing before any payment.

- Don't let a contractor start working on a project until a written, signed

contract outlining start and complete dates, a detailed description of the work, material costs, payment arrangements, and warranty information is provided.

- Stagger payments.

Most contractors will require a percentage of the total price upfront, but it should never be the full price before the work has begun. Instead, agree to stagger payments so that work can be inspected at various project stages.

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SOCIAL NEWS

University of Illinois Extension News

Brain Health Classes offered at Thomson, Mt. Carroll, Sterling, and Dixon This Fall

Engage in interactive activities designed to enhance cognitive function and memory in Wits Fitness Brain Exercises offered by University of Illinois Extension. The monthly classes are being held in four communities this fall.

Thursdays at the York Township Public Library, 1005 W Main St, Thomson, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Class dates for 2023 are Sept. 7, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7. Registration is not required but is appreciated by calling 815-259-2480.

Mondays at KSB Town Square Centre- The Edward Murphy Room, 101 W Second St, Dixon, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Class dates for 2023 are Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11. No registration is needed

Mondays at the Whiteside County Extension Office, 12923 Lawrence Road, Sterling, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Class dates for 2023 are Oct. 16, Nov. 13, and Dec. 11. Registration is not required but is appreciated online at go.illinois.edu/witsfitness

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Lee County 4-H Kids with Heart Exhibition

4-H, America's largest youth development organization, empowers young people with the skills to learn for a lifetime. Leaders in Lee County's 4-H Visual Arts project area were selected to display their efforts on October 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.



Local nature and history

By Jim "Mazie" Long



The Instant City

Thanks to a railroad, Amboy was the city built "overnight".

Amboy has come a long way from the primitive conditions that existed here when the Illinois Central Railroad first transected the area. The history of most railroad towns began with the establishment of a depot, followed by years of development. Amboy was a town created "overnight."



Jim "Mazie" Long

struction of a business district near the depot. Many were employed in the construction of houses and hotels and restaurants and general stores. The downtown was not elaborate. There was no time to build roads to side-walks. There was no water system, except for the town wells. There was no sewer. And all of the houses were constructed of wood. All of the houses the railroad built were small; only one or two rooms. Many of these small houses were occupied when I was a boy. The original town was one mile square.

Amboy was booming — No one worried about tomorrow. There was no time for that. The trains ran day and night. Amboy reached the status of a city faster than Chicago, suddenly appearing on the prairie like a "phoenix from the ashes." Only later, did the fine homes of Amboy appear. The business district expanding with much grander buildings. The original railroad town of Amboy drifting into the past.

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 published.

The depot — The railroad brought hundreds of laborers to build a railroad town as fast as possible. The town was to become a railroad headquarters, complete with shops to manufacture locomotives and other rolling stock. And to build the town, the railroad brought sleeping cars and dining cars. Along with all the lumber and bricks to build a new depot, and a new town: Livery stables, blacksmith shops, a tavern, and a general store.

One crew began building the depot, another the roundhouse, another the foundry. A large coal chute was constructed. Railroad tracks were laid to every building. The roundhouse — was to have six compartments. From the turntable, six pairs of rails spread like the ribs of a fan. A train engine or car could be backed out of one compartment to the turntable and then rotated to line up with the rails that ran to a different compartment. Each compartment was to have two large doors.

The foundry — was to have a very large and tall concrete smokestack, the building equipped with large ovens. The upper walls were all glass. Large cranes lowered chains from steel beams overhead, acting like block and tackle. All of this had to be built with all possible haste; the railroad was in a hurry.

Businesses — Many professionals came to Amboy. They began con-

THE PASTOR'S PEN

BY PASTOR RICK WULF

The East Grove Union Church of Rural Amboy

Hello, Friends, Well, our Youth are back in school now, Depot Days activities are going on as I am writing this article. As I usually do with the busyness of the end of the month and the fact that I subbed at Central Elementary School a couple of times last week, the thought hit me as I heard the young ones this week talk excitedly about what they were planning on doing this weekend at the carnival. Trying to think back when our boys were young, and we would take them to the local carnivals or even take them to actual amusement parks and watch them get the thrills of riding on the rides and getting their "brains scrambled" was a lot of fun to watch them and especially getting off the rides and hearing their reactions to the experience. It is interesting to think about what excites us physically. Of course, we are all created differently and what may excite one person has no interest to another. Being different is what

ALL IN THE FUN IN LIFE

makes the world go round. As we are all well aware these feelings are all temporary, and depending upon what it is that gives us these feelings of "euphoria," sometimes it may take more than before the next to get the same experience as before. Now I am not saying that there is anything wrong in seeking these adrenaline rushes, but knowing that they are just temporary, we know that there has to be more in life, than riding on amusement rides all day.

In the Gospel of John, 10:9, 10, Jesus is quoted as saying, "I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." The devil wants the worst for you and me. God only wants the absolute best!! Jesus' purpose as God the Son in leaving His eternal state in Heaven through the incarnation, was to live as the perfect God-man, to die and to rise again from the dead to offer salvation to the lost human race as a free gift. This is such an amazing

expression of God's love to His lost creation that He gave the greatest gift ever to humanity, forgiveness of sin and eternal life. While we may experience temporary thrills in this life from physical stimuli, which can be "fun", the spiritual sense of belonging to God and living for Him today here on Earth and then forever in Heaven far surpasses anything that this world has to offer us. A "rich and meaningful life" is so great!! Even though we may try to imagine what eternity in Heaven will be like, we really can't begin to fully grasp what it will be like. The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 2:9-10, "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard,

and what no human mind has conceived" - the things God has prepared for those who love him—these are the things God has revealed to us by His Spirit." God certainly is a good and great God. It is my prayer for us all that we can have that continued experience of being under the full control of God the Holy Spirit.

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Opinion

Even the heat shows societal changes

As the Industrial Era left and we moved into the Technology Era, society has changed in more ways than simply how people earn a paycheck or what type of business is or isn't in a commercial building.

At one point, there were thousands, maybe millions, of people outside playing games (baseball, basketball, frisbee, etc.), working on their yard, or getting paid as they were chopping down trees, tending a farm, walking a dog, or delivering a newspaper on a 95-degree summer day. Maybe it was because there wasn't Facebook to hash out grievances with Mother Nature.

Maybe it was because not everyone had air conditioners. When they walked outside their body didn't go into shock as they left their house, set at 62 degrees, to go outside at 95 degrees. The 32-degree difference will sucker punch anybody.

Maybe it was because a job in the industrial era meant in a 95-110-degree factory where there was only a fan and sodas that you had to drink in 15 minutes every three hours.

There wasn't such a thing as a too-hot-for-school day. Football practices were twice a day, sometimes three. They weren't being moved inside to a gym or being cut to half practices without pads.

Kids were delivering the paper on their bikes, not an elder rolling down their window on their air-conditioned car to throw the paper into the yard.

People seemed to be able to live their lives just like they did from October-April. Maybe a little sweatie. Maybe a little redder faced. Maybe they had to drink more water.

But they survived.

And the chatter was minimal. You'd hear things like, 'Oh it's a hot one' or 'We're feeling Satan today' (I heard this line fairly often as a kid), but then people got back to their sweaty activities.

Things have changed...drastically. And I'm not the one to judge whether they've changed for the good or for the bad.

Column

By Brandon LaChance



But I am the one to point them out. That's the job of a journalist in any era.

Maybe the chatter wasn't minimal but just couldn't travel as far as it can now in the technology era.

Facebook, Twitter, Gmail, Yelp, Instagram, Snap Chat, Tik Tok, YouTube, Reddit, LinkedIn, and I shouldn't have started listing because now I feel like someone who just won an award and can't remember everyone who should be thanked and then feel bad because someone was left out.

Is it crazy that the online, social, viral websites outnumber the brick and mortar businesses in your town?

But those platforms (figuratively not physically) help the people, all people, have a voice in any matter. Everyone, I mean everyone, has the right and the capability of being heard and voicing an opinion.

Who is the greatest basketball player of all-time? We no longer simply rely on ESPN or Sports Illustrated.

Why are gas prices raising? We no longer only rely on Time Magazine or New York Times.

Are the new Dolly Parton, Taylor Swift, Wilco, Nas, or James Blake albums any good? We don't use the Rolling Stone Magazine or The Source as our only sources.

Although the national references or a local resource, such as The Mendota Reporter and Amboy News, may have training, experience, and inside insight covering the topics, all are allowed to state what they think whether complaints, agreements or disagreements, and can take something someone else said or thought and make it their own.

The same thing goes for heat.

Although we've had a pretty mild summer in terms of 100-degree days, once the air conditioning starts chugging a little harder, and the temperature moves past

88 degrees, social media overflows with meteorologist and weather personnel.

It's usually of the complaining kind.

The games of baseball, basketball, and frisbee have moved from the courts and the yard to a video game system in the front room.

The factory jobs have moved to a keyboard and monitor in the home office.

Electric companies and electricians have perfected, supported the wiring and systems to keep ACs running in every home and business.

Coaches have practice plans for inside the gym and efficient drills to run if a practice is cut in half and no pads can be worn.

Kids throw newspapers all over yards anyway. Now an adult can drive directly to the mailbox or close enough to put it in the spot the reader wishes to pick up the paper without spilling their coffee.

So, when an individual complains about the heat, is he or she being a baby?

Does complaining about the heat mean we're pampered?

Or does complaining about the heat and everyone knowing we don't like it a sign of societal evolvement and everyone having a voice?



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago Aug. 24, 1923

A pearl estimated to be worth at least \$3,000 was discovered in the Rock River in Ogle County. Old "clammers" say this is the largest pearl ever found in Illinois. Jewelers who examined it say it weighted 40 grams and is nearly flawless.

Walton was defeated in a great game Sunday by the team of the Chicago Enterprise Athletic Association.

Dickeyville, Wis. 500-foot hill climb, which is one of the largest and best attended in the Midwest. Other riders from this area were Ronald and Robin Seen of Amboy and Larry Owens of Sublette.

District 272 announced a total enrollment of 1,525 students on the first day of school.

25 Years Ago Aug. 27, 1998

If football attitude means anything, look for

Amboy to have a pretty good season. "Our team attitude is so much better than it was at this time last year," said Clippers' coach Gary Jones. "This team has shown me that in as much as not one player has quit since we started practice. Things have not been easy for them. I went back to the early 80s practice schedules and some plays and decided to implement them into these players. So far, they have responded well."

Ken Novack, organizer of the Lions Club Parade,

announced that Bob Dickinson will be the parade marshal for this year's Depot Days Parade. Mr. Dickinson is a lifetime resident of Amboy and has been a strong supporter of youth athletics in the community.

The First National Bank in Amboy announces the appointment of John M. Bowser as commercial and agricultural loan officer. John has worked at the main bank for the past year doing his internship in the loan department.

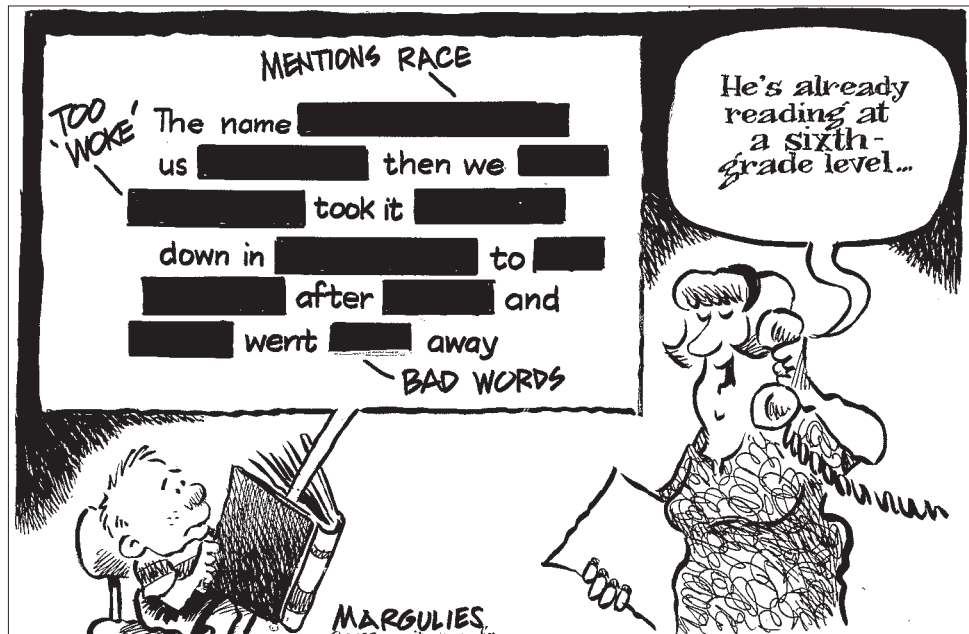
75 Years Ago Aug. 26, 1948

Miss Dorothy Stephenitch and Eugene Koehler exchanged wedding vows in St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Fr. Robert Troy performing the ceremony.

Draft registration will be held at the American Legion Hall under the First National Bank in Amboy.

50 Years Ago Aug. 30, 1973

Daniel Senn of Amboy took second place at the



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LOCAL NEWS

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

SPELLBOUND

Pet” (2023) by New Zealand author Catherine Chidgey is a terrific thriller about a motherless 12-year-old girl who, along with her classmates, falls under the spell of a glamorous new teacher who calls her favorites “my sweetheart” and “my darling.” “Pet” takes place at St. Michael’s, a stifling Catholic primary school in a Wellington suburb in 1984, alternating with events taking place 30 years later in Auckland in 2014. Chidgey, who is a very fine writer, constructs a psychological thriller propelled by an underlying current of uncertainty and doubt.

Justine Crieve, our narrator, lost her mother to breast cancer a year ago and her father, an antiques dealer, subsequently to whisky. Moreover, after her mother died, Justine began to suffer from seizures in moments of intense stress. Her memory is shaky before she passes out and fogged over when she awakes. She is unpopular at St. Michael’s, apart from her friendship with Amy Fong, whose immigrant Chinese parents are often subjected to racist narrow-mindedness.

Enter Mrs. Price: “She was new to town and new to St. Michael’s that year, and younger than our parents, and prettier than our mothers, who wore fawn slacks and plastic rain bonnets. She made us feel special just by the way she looked at us, as if we had something important to say and she couldn’t wait to hear it... She wore her wavy blond hair with a deep fringe like Rebecca De Mornay in Risky Business – not that we’d been allowed to see the film, because it wasn’t suitable. Around her neck a gold crucifix, with a tiny gold figure of Jesus, all ribs and thorns.”

Mrs. Price chooses Justine as her new pet. Justine is thrilled. She revels in the power of a favorite and quietly joins in when Amy becomes the object of her classmates’ scorn. When Mrs. Price invites four of her favorites to a Saturday afternoon party at her opulent house, they are ecstatic. Mrs. Price and the girls play dress-up and they even shave their idol’s legs: “Hitching up her gown, she sat on the edge of the bath while we soaped her legs and ran the razor over them. We’d never used one, and we were terrified and thrilled. She closed her eyes and let out a long, delicious breath.”

Small objects that only have meaning for their owners begin to disappear from the classroom. Mrs. Price manipulates her students into naming the thief on a secret ballot. Everyone chooses Amy, including Justine who knows better. The plot begins to accelerate, as do Justine’s seizures. She becomes an increasingly unreliable narrator when her memory fails her at crucial moments. Leaving us with a wholly unanticipated ending.

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BARBIE MANIA

Barbie Mania has hit the Meadows of Franklin Grove Assisted Living. They enjoyed delicious pink waffles made fresh to order with delicious toppings of fruit n cream and laughs as we take a photo in our Best Barbie Pink. Who has a Grandma Barbie or Grandpa Ken? We do and they all are ‘special editions’ to us, some still in their boxes. “Anything is possible.” Seniors and staff enjoyed and shared their memories of the doll back in our day. “Come on Grandma Barbie, let’s go party!” More pictures on the Meadows’ Facebook page.

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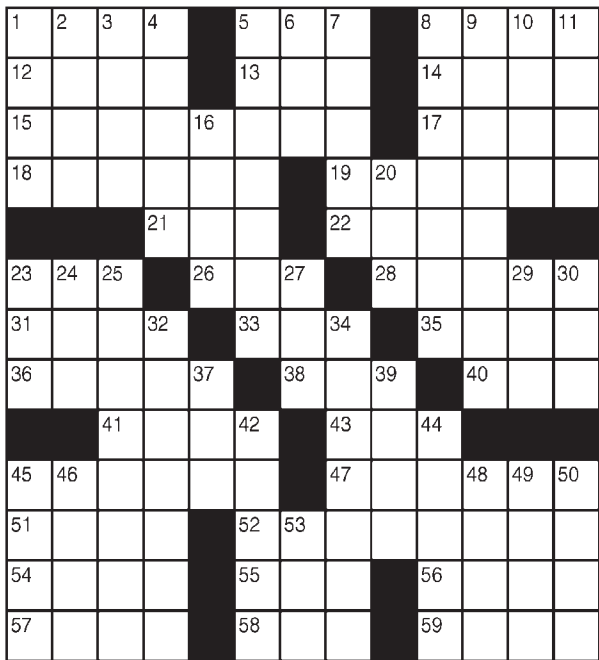
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5 Director Craven
8 Kilt wearer
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14 Ginormous
15 Baltimore seafood treat
17 Congers
18 "— Little" (film)
19 Sweet-sounding
21 Toe count
22 Jazzy Fitzgerald
23 Lobbying org.
26 Stir-fry pan
28 Succinct
31 "American —"
33 Peruke
35 June 6, 1944
36 Casual shirts
38 Ran into
40 Fr. holy woman
41 Unhappy destiny
43 Arrest
45 Yell, "You're not funny!"
47 Believes (in)
51 Regrettably
52 Unambiguous
54 Marathon fraction
55 Bee follower



- 56 Judicial garb
57 Shopper's delight
58 Be sick
59 "Closer" actor Clive
for one
8 Like ready-to-eat walnuts
9 Actor's visual aids
10 Leer at
11 Try out
16 Ship's staff
20 Last (Abbr.)
23 "Great Expectations" lad
24 Fuss
25 Telemarketer's tactic
27 Kipling hero
29 Perched
30 Needle hole
32 Quick glance
34 Refined
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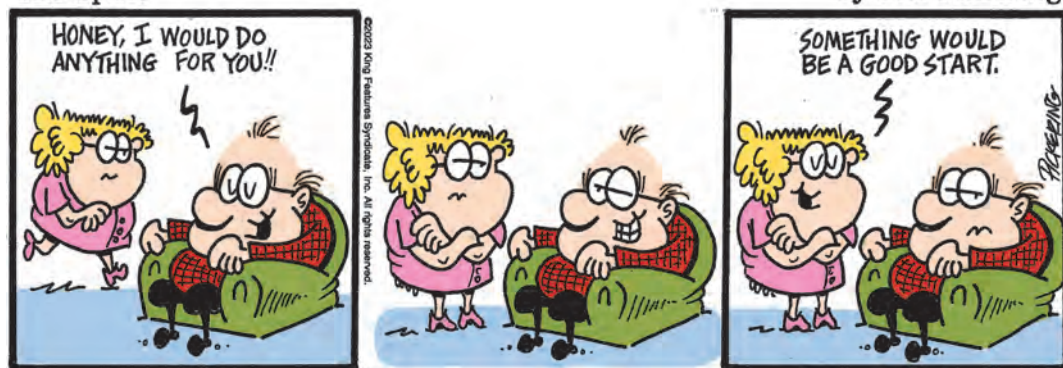
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by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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MVKP V WPKCO GQPVHYUIW?

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TODAY'S WORD

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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WORD LADDERS

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: What are the small bones that make up the human backbone?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is made up of about 7,000 islands?
3. MOVIES: What native language is spoken in the movie "Avatar"?
4. BUSINESS: When did the first Apple computer go on sale?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male swan called?
6. FOOD & DRINK: Which nut is used in a Waldorf salad?
7. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in arithmophobia?
8. TELEVISION: Who played the lead in the series "Buffy the Vampire Killer"?
9. AD SLOGANS: Which restaurant chain advertises itself as "no rules, just right"?
10. SCIENCE: Which science fiction author wrote the three laws of robotics?

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- Answers
1. Vertebrae.
 2. The Philippines.
 3. Na'vi.
 4. 1976.
 5. A cob.
 6. Walnuts.
 7. Fear of numbers.
 8. Sarah Michelle Gellar.
 9. Outback Steakhouse.
 10. Isaac Asimov.

SHOCK

Today's Word

1. Close 2. Sneak;
3. Anchor 4. Secure

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Close 2. Sneak;
3. Anchor 4. Secure

Answer

BOXER, BOXES, BONES

BARES, HARES, HATES

WORD LADDER

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SPORTS

Clippers cross country runners start season in Rock Falls

ROCK FALLS – The Amboy cross country runners began the 2023 season by racing in the Rocket Run on Aug. 21 at Rock Falls.

In the girls’ competition, four Lady Clippers completed the three-mile course. Samantha Nauman led the pack with a 34th-place finish in a time of 25:16. Addison Pertell was close behind in 35th with a clocking of 25:20, while Natalie Pratt was 42nd in 28:06 and Anna Carlson was 44th in 29:16.

50/50 continued from page A1

There were also four \$2,500 winners as Ron Panera from Dixon, Jennifer Lally from Woosung, Matt Hilliker from Byron, and Robert Young from Rock Falls were

Email news items to
tgreenfield@amboynews.com

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Volleyball

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Caleb Shugars

Cross Country

Samantha Nauman
Brysen Full



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Sherrard claimed first place in the team competition with 52 points, edging second-place Rock Falls by four points. Rockford Christian came in third with 75 points, followed by Cambridge (76), Genoa-Kingston (112) and Orion (115).

Two runners competed for the Clipper boys. Brysen Full was 50th in 22:00 and Jhett Cowser was 61st in 24:54.

rewarded on Sunday.

“It was a mad rush on Sunday. It was like you were giving it away,” Wittenauer said. “People came to the window and asked for tickets because they knew it was their last chance to get in on it.

“I can’t thank the volunteers enough. They were selling tickets; I was just in the background. It takes a village. It sounds so simple to say it takes a village, but it really does. I’m still smiling. Volunteering is very rewarding.

“We need more volunteers. I can’t stress that enough. If you can do a two-hour shift in any of the trailers, you’re going to be more than welcomed. If you want to park cars or pass out flyers, we have a job for you.”

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Tuesday, Sept. 5

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AHS Golf @ Durand-Pecatonica (West Lake)-4 pm
AHS Volleyball (H) Indian Creek-5 pm
AJHS 6th/5th Volleyball (H) Rock Falls-5/6 pm
AJHS 7th/8th Volleyball @ LaMoille-4:30/5:30 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 6

AHS Fall Play Practice- Auditorium-6-8 pm

Thursday, Sept. 7

AHS Fall Play Practice-

Auditorium-6-8 pm

AHS Volleyball (H) Eastland-5 pm
AJHS 6th/5th Volleyball (H) East Coloma-5/6 pm
AJHS 8th/7th Volleyball @ East Coloma-5/6 pm

Friday, Sept. 8

AJHS 7th/8th Volleyball @ Montmorency Tournament-TBA
AHS Volleyball @ Kirkland Hiawatha-Soph-5/Varsity-6

Saturday, Sept. 9

AJHS 7th/8th Volleyball @ Montmorency Tournament-TBA
AHS Golf @ Baker Park (Kewanee Tournament)-TBA
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Dixon man

arrested

DIXON — On Saturday, Aug. 19, Lee County Sheriff’s Deputies arrested 46-year-old William H. Westmorland of Dixon, after conducting a traffic stop for a traffic violation.

After a brief investigation, Deputies found probable cause to believe that Westmorland was driving under the influence of Cannabis. Westmorland was charged with the following: Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (Class A Misdemeanor); Possession of Cannabis (Class A Misdemeanor); Speeding 26-34 MPH Over (Class B Misdemeanor; Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle (Business Offense).

Westmorland was taken to the Lee County Jail, and released to appear in court at a later date. It was further learned that this is Westmorland’s third arrest for Driving Under the Influence. All charges are merely an allegation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

SPORTS

Clippers start new campaign with 46-0 victory

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY - The Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio Clippers started the 2023 season just the way they like to, victoriously, as the Clippers defeated Decatur Unity Christian 46-0 on Friday, Aug. 25 in Amboy.

"It was nice to get the Week 1 victory and start the season off on the right note," said Amboy coach Scott Payne. "You can't ask for a better way to start the season. There are obviously some things we need to improve on, and we will after we watched the film on Saturday."

"Our goal every week is to hold the other team to zero. I told the kids, 'If we hold them to zero, we'll have a pretty good chance of winning the game. The defense played well. I think we held them to zero or negative 2-yards rushing, which is always nice when you can hold a team to a few yards.'"

Payne attributes the defensive line to shutting out Unity Christian as defensive tackles Landon Montavon and Austin

Heath controlled the running game and defensive ends Brennan Blaine and Quinn Leffelman put pressure on the quarterback.

Blaine recorded three sacks and Leffelman had two QB takedowns.

However, Payne knows it wasn't just the line, as every defensive player made some noise.

"We have some good players on our defense. It's not just the front four, our two linebackers are pretty good and we have a couple of corners that played well on Friday," Payne said. "Cody Winn made his first varsity start as a sophomore and he got an interception and returned it about 30 yards. It was good to see that and give him some more confidence."

"Defensive back Troy Anderson is a solid player that you can put at any position and know he is going to play the position well."

Offensively the Clippers used their versatile offense as junior quarterback Eddie Jones and tight end Blaine connected for two touchdowns, Landon Whelchel rushed for two



HERE COME THE CLIPPERS

The Amboy Clippers varsity football team opened their season with a 46-0 win at home on Friday night against Decatur Unity Christian. The Clippers will hit the road for Week 2 against River Ridge.

Photo courtesy of Brenda Merriman

touchdowns, Josh McKendry ran for one touchdown, and junior lineman Caleb Sugars scored his first touchdown of his career on a 25-yard blocked punt return.

"Eddie Jones did a good job. We only threw

the ball twice and he was 2-for-2 for 46 yards and two touchdowns to Brennan Blaine," Payne said. "He also did a very good job of running the option for us. He had a very long run on an option play. He did a very good job of running our offense on Friday night."

With the defense holding Christian Unity to little to zero offense and the offense getting short fields, the stats are not impressive.

However, Whelchel's four carries for 66 yards and Leffelman's four carries for 52 yards transformed into a 46-0 blow-out victory.

The Clippers led 40-0 at halftime and McKendry's touchdown on the first play of the second half on a 64-yard run secured the 46-0 final.

Now, it's on to Week 2 where the Clippers will be on the road to play River

Ridge in Hanover. River Ridge lost their Week 1 game to Milledgeville, 48-0.

"We need to stay on our own blocks longer. Sometimes we just went out there, hit them, and just let them go," Payne said. "Once we play really good opponents, we're not going to be able to do that and get away with it. That's one thing that we're really going to concentrate

on, better run blocking up front."

"Also, we're going to focus on execution. We made a few mental mistakes like blocking the wrong guy or running the wrong way. You expect first game, Week 1 mistakes like those. We have a list of things to work on, we'll work on them, and we'll be better against River Ridge."



#5 Landon Whelchel rushed for two touchdowns on Friday night against Decatur Unity Christian.

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The Clippers defense held Decatur Christian Unity to little to zero offense.

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Reg. Price \$5.59/ea.

Kraft Miracle Whip

30 oz



\$3.99/ea.
Reg. Price \$7.79/ea.

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Johnsonville Brats

19 oz Asst.



\$4.49 ea.
Reg. Price \$5.89/ea.

Oscar Mayer Deli Meat

7 to 9 oz



\$4.99 ea.
Reg. Price \$6.99 ea.

Rosina Meatballs

18 to 26 oz



\$6.99 ea.
Reg. Price \$8.99/ea.

Oscar Mayer Bacon

16 oz



\$4.99 ea.
Reg. Price \$6.99/ea.

Velveeta Cheese Loaf

32 oz



\$7.99 ea.
Reg. Price \$8.49 ea.

Ice Mountain Spring Water

24 pack



\$4.99 ea.
Reg. Price \$6.99 ea.

A1 Steak Sauce

10 oz



\$4.99 ea.
Reg. Price \$7.19 ea.

Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ Sauce

14 to 18 oz



\$1.99 ea.
Reg. Price \$2.79 ea.

Honey Maid Graham Crackers

14 oz



\$4.49 ea.
Reg. Price \$5.79 ea.

Hawaiian Punch Juice

128 oz Select Variety



\$2.99 ea.
Reg. Price \$3.99 ea

Gatorade

8 pack Asst.



\$6.99/ea.
Reg. Price \$9.99/ea.

Heinz Mustard

20 oz



\$1.99 ea.
Reg. Price \$2.99/ea.

Daisy Sour Cream

16 oz



\$2.29 ea.
Reg. Price \$2.99/ea.

Charmin Essentials Bath Tissue

6 Mega Rolls



\$5.49 ea.
Reg. Price \$6.99 ea.