



# 2023 Amboy Depot Days kicks off on Thursday

**AMBOY** — The 2023 Annual Amboy Depot Days offers something for everyone. This year’s festival runs Aug. 24-27. The annual festival kicks off on Thursday night in downtown Amboy with the opening of the food stand and carnival. Thursday night is family night and arm

bands are \$30 for unlimited rides for this special night. The Depot Days Little Dancers will take the Main Stage at 6:30 p.m. The Miss Amboy and Little Miss Amboy pageant will begin at 7 p.m. with the crowing of the new Miss Amboy at 8:30 p.m.

On Friday at 8 a.m., the community wide garage sales and the vendor booths downtown open for business. The food stands open at 10 a.m. and the carnival will open at 6 p.m. The carnival special for Friday night is \$30 bands for unlimited rides. The free concert on the Main Stage

is Snapshot, sponsored by Shell Oil, from 7 – 9 p.m. The Knights of Columbus is again hosting a beer garden, where Class Trip will be performing from 9 p.m. – 1 a.m.

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## Miss Amboy Contestants are...

### INTRODUCING THE LAST THREE MISS AMBOY HOPEFULS

**BY BRANDON LACHANCE**  
Amboy News Reporter  
**AMBOY** — Depot Days is this weekend, Aug. 24-27. Carnival rides will light up the sky and the smiles of this year’s Miss Amboy contestants will light up the stage in the Amboy Depot Museum parking lot. This year new director Ashley Grim has eight high school students competing for the Miss Amboy tiara. There were nine con-

tants, but one pulled her name out of the contest due to other engagements. Starting two weeks ago, the Amboy News have showcased each Miss Amboy hopeful and what they’ll bring to the stage and to the community. Here are the last three Miss Amboy contestants:

#### Alexa Morris

The Amboy High School senior has had pageant experience before. Morris got on the stage in downtown Amboy once before and thought it was about time she did it once again.

“I was Little Miss Amboy in 2012 so I always wanted to be Miss Amboy. It’s been a huge thing for me,” Morris said. “I never had the courage and I wasn’t confident enough to go out for it, but it’s my senior year and the last chance I get. I figured I might as well do it. If I don’t win, at least I tried.” Morris, the daughter of Josie and David Morris, enjoys science class the most as she has taken high school biology, chemistry, and anatomy en route to working in the medical field when school is over. Outside of the class-



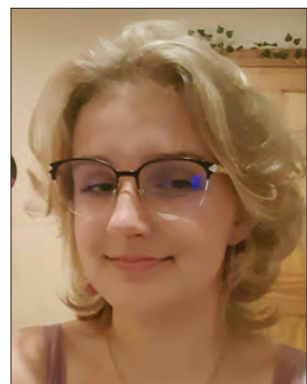
**Alexa Morris**

room, Morris plays volleyball for both the Lady Clippers and for a club team. She is excited about the experience of the Miss



**Emily Sachs**

Amboy pageant because it gives her an opportunity to connect with people. “It’s cool to be a bigger part of the community and helping the community



**Magdalena Keene**

and our town, and to do things for them,” Morris said. See **QUEEN** page A4

# Sublette Village Board approves six motions

### ADDRESSES CONCERNS BY SUBLETTE RESIDENTS

**By BRANDON LaCHANCE**  
Amboy News Reporter  
**SUBLETTE** – The Aug. 14 Sublette Village Board Meeting saw a little bit of everything including six motions being approved. A motion was made by Sublette Village Trustee Bob Bulfer to approve a tempo-

rary liquor license for Sublette 365 during the village event, Hops & Harmony, on Sept. 2 at the Sublette Centennial Park. Sublette Village Trustee Rick Klaser seconded the motion, and trustees Julie Kessel, Larry Ellis, and Scott Hanson approved. Bulfer made a motion to approve waiving the bidding and soliciting of prices for companies to complete water tower inspection and cleaning. Ellis seconded; all approved.

Hanson made a motion to approve a contractor to clean and inspect the water tower, interior and exterior. The cost will be \$7,300 for the interior and \$7,300 for the exterior, equaling a total price of \$14,600. The village’s budget for the project is \$12,000. Ellis and Klaser seconded; all approved. Kessel approved to solicit prices for repair or replace work to curb stops and/or water services. Bulfer seconded; all approved.

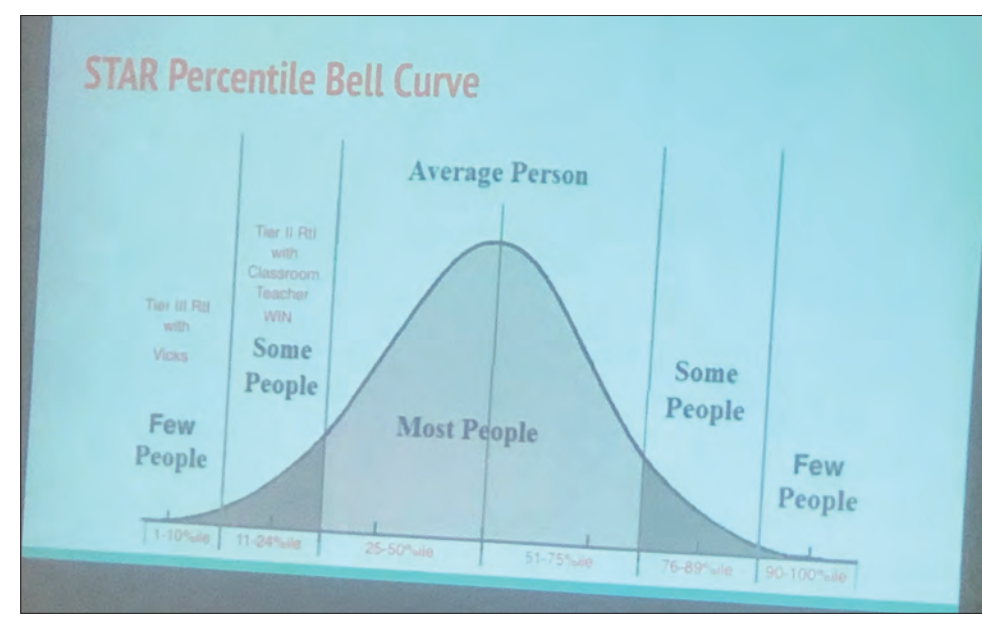
Kessel also made a motion to approve water and garbage billing costs for gWorks, which bought out UB Max, to run through TEST Inc. The contract for the program will run for four years and includes costs per month and for installation. The one-time installation price is \$1,080, the first-year costs \$1,380, the second year will be \$1,421.40, third year \$1,464, and the fourth year will be \$1,507.92. See **SUBLETTE** page A3

## School board convenes with students back in classroom

**BY GEORGE HOWE**  
Amboy News Reporter  
**AMBOY** — Amboy School Board President Katie Pratt officially welcomed back all board members at the first meeting now that school is in session on Thursday, Aug. 17.

Once the business side of things including last month’s minutes, financial reports, expenditures, and payroll were voted on and passed, sixth grade teacher and tier three reading coordinator Yvonne Vicks gave her annual Star reading and math scores and RTI (Response to Intervention) percentages using the Pyramid of Learning from last May. Her slide presentation included an informative bell curve to see where most students ranked. Vicks commented that she is encouraged by the up tick in some of the

numbers which are calculated for students in fifth to eighth grade. When it came time for the Principal’s Report, Pratt acknowledged new Central Elementary Principal Jessica Meusel. The first remarks by Meusel were to thank the custodians and summer crew for their hard work cleaning and refreshing the school. Pre-school is scheduled to begin Aug. 21. There are 40 preschoolers enrolled and there is a waiting list. “The Book It” committee met over the summer to prepare and plan for the “Sweet Success” theme. Students who meet their reading goal will get to participate in fun monthly activities beginning in September. A bus evacuation drill was held on Aug. 16. School Improvements included an Institute Day held on Aug. 11 for all staff



members to discuss needs of students and continued mandated training. Junior High Principal Andrew Full shared that throughout the summer, the School Improvement Team has met with Anji Garza from the regional office of education to discuss the topics of schedule,

discipline handbook, RtI Essentials, significant 72, goals, benchmarking tests, and special education. Full was happy to report that 60 girls have come out to play on the volleyball team. He said that additional jerseys will need to be purchased and the coaches will have a challenge trying to find

playing time for all who signed up. High School Principal Janet Crownhart said that there are three seniors and four juniors attending SVCC for four classes, two in WACC academy. See **SCHOOL** page A2

**AMBOY MINUTE**

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Janet E. Barlow

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# LOCAL NEWS

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She extended a welcome to the new School Counselor Michael Kolton, Spanish Teacher Reaine Wilson, Math Teacher Maddie Harvey, and Special Ed Teacher Bryan Underwood. On

Aug. 7, Crownhart and Mrs. Bulfer attended a Site Assessment training through the Illinois Principal Association. Fall sports are underway with football, volleyball, golf, and cross country maintaining their co-op agreements from last year. The marching band, cheer, flags, and dance have been practicing hard as well.

In his Superintendent's Report, Joshua Nichols said that new flag poles were put up outside of the junior and high schools. The junior high had a "Raise the Flag Pole" project that the students planned last year. New concrete work is almost complete at the bus garage. New cameras were installed for the central school playground.

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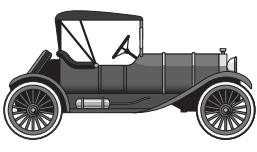
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# LOCAL NEWS

## TEEN TURF

### Depot Days Parade

We will see you in the parade this Saturday at 3 p.m. We will showing off our new bus. Please say Hi and wave when you see us. If you would like to drop off a bag a candy to the building that would be great. Be safe and have a great time during Depot Days.

### Barnyard Bingo

Tickets are going fast - Teen Turf is going to have Barnyard Bingo Saturday, Aug. 26 during Depot Days. How it works: a pen is set up with 100 squares marked out and people buy a square for \$10 with half the money going into the pot. The animal is let into the pen at 5 p.m. and whichever square the animal poops on first wins the pot of \$500. The other \$500 goes to Teen Turf to help the kids. The pen will be set up just east of the Sporting Goods store and across the street from Sensient Flavors on Main Street. The animal will make his debut at 5 p.m.

Eileen Piper, Pam Thomas, some volunteers, and Board members (Barb Harrison, Mark Grossman, Brian Wedekind, Trese McNinch, Shelli Bump, Janine and Scott Huffman, and Kimberly Watley) have tickets.

### Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: Frank and Karen Stenzel for the school supplies; Ben Schabacker donated a set of Depot Days 50/50 tickets in honor of Teen Turf; Kristy Willsted and family for books; Diane and Joe Stewart for the school supplies; Donna & Todd Dewey for the bicycles and clothing; Margaret Shaw for the cookies; Kathy and Kim Kromm for the supplies; Mary and Dan Schefromph for the bucket of peaches for our upcoming Pie Fundraiser; Barb, Frank and Maggie Lowery for the board games; Trisha and Jerad Zellhofer for the crib mattress.

### Needs

New Reusable water bottles for the afterschool students and Kleenex.

### Final Note

Lord Jesus Christ, we lift up the children and ourselves to You. We pray we do not work off our own strength in our healing and restoration. We pray we are reminded of the beauty of the Gospel every single morning. When we open our eyes in the morning, when we discuss difficult matters, when we deal with the aftermath of sin, and when we deal with each other in our home, school, and the community, we pray we are reminded of Your mercies in these matters. May we look to You for help in all the details of this season. Amen

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The total price tag for the four-year water and garbage program will be \$6,853.32. Klaser seconded; all approved.

Kessel's third and fourth motions at the meeting were on the Village Message Board. She made a motion for the committee to spend no more than \$500 on having the board repairs appraised. The second board motion was for the committee to make a decision on whether or not to repair the Village Message Board after prices for the board were gathered. Hanson said he contacted the Watch Fire Company, closest branch is in Rockford, about coming to look at the board. Sending an appraiser would cost \$400-500 to look at the board. The message board has been installed for 12 1/2 years. Parts for the board will be discontinued after 15 years. There was a \$1,000 donation made by the Sublette Business Association. Hanson seconded; all approved.

After motions and approvals took place, the meeting was open for concerns to be made.

Former Sublette Mayor Michael Vaessen voiced

his concern about the village's snow shovel removal program downtown. He owns a building, which is rented to a tenant. The tenant doesn't want to pay for the shoveling because of complaints with the service. Vaessen doesn't think the property owner should have to pay for the service.

During the meeting, it was discussed the village will discuss cancelling the service and having tenants or property owners shovel their own snow. Vaessen agreed that this would solve the problem. However, the board would have to make motions and the topic would have to be approved but it couldn't be done at the Aug. 14 meeting.

Sublette Village lawyer, Dana Considine, later told the board that the city ordinance states paying for shoveling snow removal, which is done by Rick's Lawn Service, is the responsibility of the property owner.

Another concern was addressed by Linda Klaser as she spoke on the village's property not being properly kept. She pointed out problems she sees with the Ellice Dinges Center

**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) 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.

**AMBOY-** The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Crochet Club on Wednesday, Aug. 23, from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.

**LEE COUNTY-** Horticulture in Northwest Illinois is for anyone interested in learning more about gardening, growing food in a home or community garden, or looking for ideas for the upcoming growing season. The fourth session will be on Aug. 24, from 3:30-4:30 p.m., where we will learn some simple ways of storing produce for longer shelf life. Register for one or more of the sessions at [go.illinois.edu/LeeGrowingHort](http://go.illinois.edu/LeeGrowingHort)

**AMBOY-** The Pankhurst Memorial Li-

## DEPOT DAYS continued from page A1

Saturday morning kicks off bright and early at 8 a.m., when the annual Amboy Education Foundation Sylvan Shuffle Adult 5K Run/Walk begins. The Amboy Farm Tractor Show and Semi Big Rig Show will be held in downtown Amboy from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Also open in downtown Amboy at 8 a.m. will be the vendor booths. The community wide garage sales will open at 8 a.m. The food stands open at 11 a.m. and the KC Beer Garden opens at 11 a.m.

Kids will have a chance to meet and greet LOL Doll and Mario Luigi at the Pankhurst Memorial Library from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The carnival opens at noon on Saturday and from noon to 3 p.m., they will offer an arm band special of \$30 for unlimited rides. A dinosaur show will be held on the Main Stage in the Depot Museum parking lot from at 1 p.m. Whimsey Face Painting will be on hand in the Depot Parking lot decorating faces

brary will hold a Meet and Greet during Amboy Depot Days on Saturday, Aug. 26.

**AMBOY-** The Pankhurst Memorial Library will host its book club on Monday, Aug. 28, from 5 - 6 p.m.

**AMBOY-**The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, Aug. 28. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

**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.

**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/CLWmgtraining](http://go.illinois.edu/CLWmgtraining). For questions, contact Bruce Black at 815-632-3611.

for free from 2 - 4 p.m.

The annual Amboy Lions Depot Days parade will step off at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

The annual Teen Turf Donkey Drop will be held at 5 p.m., near Amboy Sporting Goods.

Journey Tribute Band will take the Main Stage for a free concert from 7-9 p.m., sponsored by KSB Hospital. The final act of the evening is live music of Kirkland in the KC Beer Garden from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Sunday morning begins at 6 a.m. with the opening of registration for the 32nd annual Depot Days Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast from 6:30 - 10 a.m., at the beer garden.

At 8 a.m., the downtown vendors and community wide garage sales open for business. The food stands open at 11 a.m.

Judging for the annual car show begins at 11:30 a.m. At noon, the KC Beer Garden opens and the carnival will offer an arm band special of \$30 for unlimited rides from noon to 4 p.m.

The Depot Days car show awards will be presented at 3 p.m., followed by the 50/50 raffle winner drawn.

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# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

## OBITUARIES

### Janet E. Barlow

**Feb. 12, 1951 - Aug. 15, 2023**

**BEEVILLE, Texas** — Janet E. Barlow, 72, of Beeville, Texas, died at her home on Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2023.

She was born on Feb. 12, 1951, in Amboy, the daughter of Franklin and Doris (Stouffer) Barlow. Janet was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and after retirement from the Navy she worked as a contractor for the Navy.

She is preceded in death by her parents brothers

Dana Barlow, and Ralph Barlow.

Janet is survived by her brother, Dale (Shirley) Barlow, of Amboy; sisters in law, Bev Barlow, of Eldena, Susan Barlow, of Erie; and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation rites have been accorded with no services planned at this time. Burial will be at a later date at Woodside Cemetery in Lee Center.

Arrangements by the



Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Condolences can be left at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com).

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## Red Cross offers extreme heat safety tips

**LEE COUNTY** — Extreme heat is expected throughout much of the state this week and it is important to take action and be prepared to protect yourself and your loved ones. The Red Cross offers the following reminders that help us stay safe when the temperatures soar.

1. Hot cars can be deadly. Never leave children or pets in your vehicle. The inside temperature of the car can quickly reach 120 degrees.

2. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.

3. Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.

4. If you don't have air conditioning, seek relief from the heat during the warmest part of the day in places like schools, libraries, theaters, malls, etc.

5. Avoid extreme temperature changes.

6. Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays.

7. Slow down, stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.

8. Postpone outdoor games and activities.

9. Take frequent breaks and use a buddy system when working outdoors.

10. Check on animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat. Make sure they have plenty of cool water and shade.

Excessive heat can lead to sunburn, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. If someone is experiencing heat cramps in the legs or abdomen, get them to a cooler place, have them rest, lightly stretch the affected muscle, and replenish their fluids with a half a glass (about 4 ounces) of cool water every 15 minutes.



Pictured left to right: Arianna Heersink, Jennifer Horton, Isabella Pena, and Alva Valle.

Photo submitted

## Tri-County Opportunities Council 2023 Scholarships awarded

**LEE COUNTY** — Tri-County Opportunities Council announced the recipients of the CSBG Scholarship Awards for the 2023-2024 school year.

Kaylee Dowda and Ayize Martin from Bureau County, Isabella Pena from Carroll County, Arianna Heersink, Jen-

nifer Horton and Jazzmyn DeFord from LaSalle County, Nour Alsramah, Janda Hicks, Jack Johnson, and Anna Logan from Lee County, and Zalak Patel and Alva Valle from Ogle County are the 2023-24 scholarship winners.

## QUEEN continued from page A1

### Emily Sachs

Cooking isn't what Sachs wants to do professionally.

Instead she is taking culinary arts classes at the Whiteside Area Career Center (WACC) in Sterling because she knows it will be an important life skill to know as she gets older.

The daughter of Faith and Charles Sachs actually wants to get into the medical or agricultural field.

But before Sachs worries about graduating high school, college, and a career, the Amboy High School junior is playing basketball, cheerleading for the football team, and in student council, 4-H, and FFA.

"It puts me into the community and it helps people see who I am instead of just, 'Oh, she's just a student at the high school, she's not that important,'" Sachs said. "I'm everywhere, all of the time, so everyone sees my face whether it's on stage at the 4-H fair hanging out awards or it's on the court playing basketball."

Not only is she involved in sports, groups, and learning how to cook edible food, but she is well connected to her family.

"My sister Hope (Sachs) ran for Miss Amboy in 2019 and was second runner-up. I've always looked up to her with it and she's pushed me to do this," Sachs said. "I feel like the entire process will be fun. I've always wanted to do this, but I didn't have the courage. I feel like getting out and meeting new people and showing people you don't have to be the standard person to run in Miss Amboy is kind of my objective."

### Magdalena Keene

The name Magdalena Keene may ring a bell as Keene was part of last year's Miss Amboy, in which, she was runner up.

The Amboy High School freshman liked the pageant so much as an eighth grader that she thought she would try it again.

"I was in Miss Amboy

last year and got first runner-up. I really liked how I put myself out there and I was representing my community," Keene said. "It was a great time. I had a blast doing it, so I wanted to do it again. I liked how I got to go to different places and meet different people. I met a lot of different groups of people. I want to put myself out there even more and meet even more new people. I like that through Miss Amboy, you get to meet a whole other bunch of girls. You really meet a lot of new friends through the process."

"I 100-percent recommend being in Miss Amboy to other girls. It's not a beauty contest. It's about you being you and expressing your true self, which is a really good time."

The daughter of Clinton and Megan Keene enjoys science class and plays the bass and soprano clarinet. She hasn't made it official yet, but she wants to play a sport. Basketball is at the top of the list.

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## SOCIAL NEWS

## The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

## THE CONQUERED

The English novelist Pat Barker has written some of the finest books on war. Her “Regeneration Trilogy” about the First World War has become a classic since its publication in the nineteen-nineties. With “The Silence of the Girls” in 2018, Barker, perhaps inevitably, turned to the most famous of all wars, the mythic clash between the Achaeans (Ancient Greeks) and Trojans in Homer’s “The Iliad.” Barker’s version is told from the victim’s point of view, Briseis, the captured princess at the center of the dispute between Agamemnon, the commander of the Greek army, and Achilles, the Greek’s greatest warrior.

“The Women of Troy” (2021) is the sequel to “The Silence of the Girls.” It too is narrated by Briseis and also by Pyrrhus, the long dead Achilles’s sixteen-year-old son who takes his place. Pyrrhus is a bully whose cruelty barely masks his pervasive anxiety. In the novel’s masterful opening chapter, Pyrrhus is sitting inside the Greeks’ famous gift: the Trojan horse. He is sweating, terrified, ready to scream. After ten years of warfare, trickery may give the Greeks victory. The city is breached, the slaughter is unimaginable, Pyrrhus hacks his way to elderly King Priam. In his moment of glory, he fumbles. After three clumsy tries, Pyrrhus manages to kill Priam, but not before being shamed and teased by the old king.

Days before he was killed, Achilles gave the pregnant Briseis to his trusted friend Alcimus in marriage. She is a free woman. In the aftermath of the sacking of Troy in which every boy and every pregnant woman are slaughtered, Briseis visits the cramped huts of the enslaved Trojan girls waiting to be parceled out to the Greek warriors. She also visits Helen, who is the source of another outrage: Her husband Menelaus does not kill her for her treachery. Queen Hecuba, despite her frailty, is by far the liveliest character; imperious, coarse, and fearless, she always commands the room. Her daughter-in-law Andromache is inconsolable: Pyrrhus had hurled her little boy to his death from the battlements of Troy.

The plot of “The Women of Troy” is quite simple. The army has been waiting a long time for the powerful winds to abate so it can go home. In this atmosphere, Pyrrhus announces that anyone who tries to bury King Priam will be executed. Briseis’s companion Amina disobeys the decree and draws Briseis into her scheme to give Priam a proper burial.

“The Women of Troy” does not measure up to “The Silence of the Girls,” much less to the great Euripides’s magnificent play “The Trojan Women” of 415 BCE. So the question is, how can a novelist bring something fresh and innovative to a classic that has stood the test of time for the past 2,500 years?

## Lee County Master Gardeners to present series at Winfred Knox Memorial Library

**FRANKLIN GROVE** - Want to enjoy exploring gardening all year long? Are you interested in how vanilla beans are used in ice cream? Or ever wondered about using old milk jugs as a greenhouse? How about finding out about sundials?

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Topics include potpourri, ice cream, sundials, and seed starting. Adult lessons are in the months of October, December, February, and April on the first Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. Adults will learn about potpourri, ice cream, African Violets, and milk jug salsa gardens.

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BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH  
The Refuge Church

Before his conversion (and subsequent name change) the Apostle Paul was what we would probably consider a real “Bad Dude.” As Saul of Tarsus, he had a zeal for his faith and described himself as “a Hebrew of Hebrews”; and “concerning the law, a Pharisee.” Philippians 3:5b. He lived at the time when Christianity was still in its infancy and made it his own personal goal to try and stop it before it could spread.

He even consented to the death of Stephen – the first Christian martyr, and he then, “made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison.” Acts 8:3. And as if this wasn’t enough, the Bible says, “Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jeru-

salem.” Acts 9:1-2. He already had innocent blood on his hands, and if he hadn’t been stopped, many more innocent people would suffer at his hand. To reiterate, Saul of Tarsus was a real bad dude!

But it was while he was enroute to Damascus that Saul had his conversion experience. He realized that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And this changed everything. Now he took the same zeal with which he once persecuted the church to now boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He took missionary journeys in order to proclaim the Gospel where it had never been preached before.

God even performed miracles through Paul. And, through inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul wrote over half of the New Testament using his previous knowledge of Scripture as a Pharisee to demonstrate and confirm that Jesus is the Christ. Many people over the centuries cite their favorite verses as ones which Paul wrote, and many people have come to faith as a result of Paul’s ministry. His life story is still a true inspiration to us even today, some 2000 years

after he lived.

And this is why I take the time (and column space) to share his story. Perhaps you are reading this and thinking that you have done some terrible, awful things and that because of this, God doesn’t want a relationship with you. Nothing could be farther from the truth. God still loves you and wants you to be in His family. Look at how bad Paul was. If God can forgive a person like Saul of Tarsus, and transform his life, He can do the same things for you. Or someone you may know who needs to read this.

It’s only a matter of admitting your sins and failures to Him and receiving the forgiveness and Lordship of Jesus Christ into your lives. This is even a good thing for longtime Christians to do again as we have a tendency to become complacent and compromising in our walk with God. I invite you to open your heart and mind and let the loving power of God come in and transform you... as He did the Apostle Paul.

Until next time, God Bless you.

## Wittenauer family hosts annual reunion

**AMBOY** — We met, we ate, we enjoyed the day.

It was a beautiful weather day for a family reunion at Amboy City Park on Sunday, Aug. 13. The Wittenauer family members gathered from far and near and ate plenty of yummy food and desserts. Not sure how it always works out, but it does. We never have too many entrée’s or desserts and just the right number of salads and sides. Those Wittenauer’s sure can cook.

Roger and Sandy Wittenauer hosted this year’s annual reunion

(the 19th annual) and plan to host next years also. Mark your calendars now for the second Sunday in August (Aug. 11, 2024) at Amboy City Park. If you didn’t make it this year, we understand, but we hope you can come next year.

Along with the usual picture taking, mingling and conversation, Roger kept an open ear to hear of any updates to the massive amounts of family history information he keeps a record of. Please continue to send him family details of births, deaths, marriages, dissolutions, etc. He has

been compiling Wittenauer ancestry details for years.

This year, all attendees were “local.” We came from Amboy, Birmingham, Cherry Valley, Plano, Rock Falls, Lee Center, Dixon, Franklin Grove, and Sterling. Thank you all for the extra efforts to attend the reunion. It was great seeing everyone.

The annual family reunion will continue as long as family members care to participate.

Please consider coming next year on Sunday, Aug. 11, 2024.

## Harrison family gathered for annual reunion

**AMBOY** – Members of the late Cecil Harrison and Catherine Harrison met on Sunday, Aug. 13, at Amboy City Park, at the Sheridan Shelter for their annual family picnic. A large crowd enjoyed the food and fellowship of the day. Mark you calendars for Aug. 11, 2024 for the next meeting a the same location. Those present to enjoy the day were:

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Curtis Harrison  
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Jack Leffelman  
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Mike and Caitlyn See-  
ley, and Landon, Eleanor  
and Sophia  
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Deborah Cheshier  
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kins, and Alexis and Avery  
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## AHS Class of 2008 to host reunion

**AMBOY** — The Amboy High School Class of 2008 will be gathering for their 15-Year Class Reunion Saturday, Sept. 16 at 5 p.m., in Sublette at the Ellice Dinges Center. A light supper will be provided. Bring your own beverage. Please RSVP to Jessica 440-8379 or Bethany 757-2836.

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# Opinion

## On the other side

I was that kid, teenager, and young adult.

When it came to the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival or most other fairs and carnivals, I tried to stay away as much as I could, but would talk all the smack my lungs could handle every summer.

Probably in the fall, winter, and spring as well.

I didn't want to see people I didn't like. Carnies, as my friends and I called them, making weird comments or yelling some selling slang to make us play a game as we walked by.

Too many people.

Those are all of the rides?

This is awful, let's go to Six Flags.

All of these thoughts were in my head and came out of my mouth at some point from the time I was 11 until 25-ish.

Slowly but surely, my opinions changed.

I still might not have wanted to see some people but wanting to see other individuals I haven't chatted with in years ranked higher on the priority list.

The carny talk moved from being weird to entertaining and could be added as a college business course, Carny Sales 101.

In the time it takes to wait in line for one ride at Six Flags, a Sweet Corn Fest goer could ride 10 attractions, easily.

Maybe it's age.

Maybe when you leave the town you call home to go to others and it's different, you appreciate what you had.

### Column

By Brandon LaChance



In my late 20s and 30s (currently 37), I have enjoyed the good ole SCF.

I went to my 15th high school reunion after vowing to never go to any reunion and, now, I plan to go to the 20th next August. I'm sure I've rode every ride with a niece, nephew, or loved one. I'm positive I swayed through the craft vendors. And for the last 10 years, have either walked or watched others hit the Mendota streets for the parade.

Beer gardens, bands, Elks, South Shore Drill Team, Jesse White Tumblers, and anything and everything else.

Except, waiting in line for free corn on Sunday. Thank you, friends and family for giving me a piece out of your stash.

This year, my appreciate and respect for the Sweet Corn Festival and everyone involved ballooned to a level near, not exactly at the same level but close, of the journalism/media profession.

Wow, I mean wow.

The hours compiled into the SCF by the Mendota Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Mendota, every organization in town and from surrounding areas, all of the businesses, the sponsors, the vendors, the Mendota athletic teams, the policemen, the fire fighters, and the volunteers.

I'm sure I missed someone, my apologies, but even the fact that someone could be left out shows the range of how many people and the level of commitment that is put into this thing that I used to discredit as much as possible.

The planning and strategizing starts months before August.

The individual schedule planner maneuvering done by everyone involved starts the day after the SCF is complete. As an ambassador for the chamber, I wrote everything I did on a note card with times and dates and put it in the little pocket of the back of the 2023 planner, so I remember to add it to the one I purchase for 2024.

Teamwork, communication, kindness, patience was used to its finest degree even when some of the festival's goers were not the most communicative, kind, or patient.

It was truly amazing to see how one weekend is put together for months, features so many activities from a Thursday to a Sunday, and by Monday morning someone walking or driving through Mendota would never know 20,000-40,000 people had an amazing time at that very location.

Hats off to those who were involved this year.

Thank you to those who have been in the past.

And personally, all negative thoughts about the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival are replaced with positive vibes, amazing moments and city unity.

Now, as a journalist, it's time for the Amboy Depot Days and all the fun, excitement, and corn dogs it has to bring.



## ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

**100 Years Ago**  
**Aug. 17, 1923**

Fr. Schumacher, pastor of St. Mary's Church of Sublette, has been transferred to St. Nicholas in Aurora, the largest parish in the diocese. Fr. Schumacher has been in Sublette for 10 years.

Jack McGrath gave up one hit in 10 innings to help the Amboy Shamrock's beat the Paw Paw Bluejays 3-2.

A stalk of corn with eight ears growing on it came from a field on the George Ikens farm.

cil Harrison's team 10-8 to win the championship. Both teams had been undefeated.

St. Patrick's Parish held a two-week summer CCD program for those 4-years-old to third grade, with 60 children in attendance.

destrians and bicyclists under the age of 16 are injured or killed by motor vehicles each year. And because the new school year signals more children walking to and from school, motor clubs are reminding motorists to drive with extra care, particularly near schools.

The old Fogarty feed shed, and barn were destroyed by a fire that threatened the entire neighborhood. The property belonged to Mrs. Ella Zimmerly.

Good weather and large crowds every day made the Lee County Fair very successful.

**50 Years Ago**  
**Aug. 23, 1973**

Don Schamberger received a Merchandising Award from Super Valu Stores for sales during the recent Wild West Spectacular. During the sale, the store was decorated, and the clerks were attired Western style. Don's was one of 20 winners out of a possible 700 stores.

Bob Machen's Pee Wee League team defeated Ce-

**25 Years Ago**  
**Aug. 20, 1998**

At the regular monthly meeting of the Amboy City Council Monday, Mayor Hank Gerdes proposed a new water and sewer utility tax to replace monies currently generated by vehicle registration and dog and cat licensing fees. The new tax will be further discussed and possibly acted on at next month's City Council meeting.

More than 61,000 pe-

The Gordon and Joy Meyer family was recently named the 1998 Lee County "Great American Family" by the Lee County Homemakers Education Association. The Meyers recently moved to Dixon, but for many years lived near Amboy in the home where Gordon lived since a child. The family includes three sons, Rex, Don, and Alan, and a daughter Robin, two daughters-in-law and four grandchildren.

John Atherton lost a valuable cow, due to the animal having swallowed a nail which gradually worked its way through to the heart.

An assembly of over 3,000 attended a memorial service for the late President William Harding was held by the Ku Klux Klan at a farm near Ottawa.

**75 Years Ago**  
**Aug. 19, 1948**

Nearly \$1 million worth of damage was caused to crops in southwestern Lee County and Bureau County Monday by the worst hailstorm to strike this area in years. Corn and soybeans were riddled by hail the size of walnuts.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center golf play day benefits I-80 Innovation Hub

**MENDOTA** – The Mendota community came together on August 18 to support OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center during the 20th annual ‘Fore the Hospital’ golf play day, held at Mendota Golf Club.

More than 100 golfers turned out for the 9-hole afternoon scramble, which was hosted by the OSF HealthCare Foundation. Last year’s event raised more than \$17,000.

“This is a fun, laidback event that raises money to support the communities OSF Saint Paul serves in the I-80 market,” says Cherie Reynolds, OSF HealthCare Foundation director of development for the I-80 market.

“In the past, for example, this event has benefitted our community gardens program, which provides thousands of pounds of food for local residents. We couldn’t be as successful as we are without the support of our sponsors, participants, the Mendota community and our Mission Partners (employees).”

Proceeds from this year’s event will benefit the I-80 Innovation Hub. Located at OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, the Innovation Hub was launched in 2022 with phase one focusing on education and training opportunities for OSF HealthCare Mission Partners and the development of innovative health care solutions.

“We are proud of what our Innovation Hub has achieved so far and look forward to continuing to engage our Mission Partners, patients and communities in this work,” says Dawn Trompeter, president of OSF Saint Paul Medical Center.

This year’s golf play day featured prizes, raffles and silent auction items that were donated by OSF Mission Partners.

Golfers enjoyed preparing their own steaks and pork chops for dinner and each golfer received a complimentary gift recognizing the 20th anniversary.

Email news items to [tgreenfield@amboynews.com](mailto:tgreenfield@amboynews.com)

## Educator helps youth discover passions through 4-H experiences

**STERLING** - After serving as a 4-H program coordinator in Bureau County, Danielle Gapinski transitioned to the 4-H youth development educator role, serving Carroll, Lee, and Whiteside counties earlier this year. Previous positions in event marketing, graphic design, and dance direction all positioned Danielle to gain invaluable experience coordinating, marketing, and executing youth programming. Her participation in 4-H during her youth helped her recognize the program’s value

and cultivate a passion for helping others learn about the opportunities offered.

“I hope to provide new and diverse opportunities, in a safe and nurturing environment, for youth throughout the counties where I serve,” says Gapinski. “I hope that through these offerings, youth will be able to explore new subjects and find their own passions that could turn into new hobbies or even career pathways.”

Gapinski has a Bachelor of

Science in graphic design with a minor in business management and administration from Bradley University and a Master of Science in agricultural leadership, education, and communications from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She has served on the Princeton Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission, Bureau Valley Brainstorm Advisory Sustainability Committee and is a member of the University of Illinois Extension 4-H Professional Development Committee.

## Better Business Bureau urges families to create a Codeword to combat alarming new AI Scams

**ROCKFORD** – To combat imposter “emergency” scams, the Better Business Bureau recommends families create a codeword to be used in such situations to ensure the person contacting you really is your relative.

“With major advancements in technology, scammers now can replicate a person’s voice so realistically that fake phone calls sound exactly like your relative,” says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau. “Or you might receive a fake email or text.”

Artificial intelligence (AI) and deepfake technology pose serious threats to the public. Your “grandmother” might call to say she lost her wallet, or your “grandson” could text he was arrested or had a serious accident. The con artist sounds so much like your relative that you wire money.

Horton notes, “The danger is you react immediately, without

thinking, because you want to do everything possible for your loved one. That’s what scammers want you to do.”

If you respond, the result can be identity theft and financial disaster. Fraudulent emails and texts will have links that contain malware. Family members must create a codeword if there are emergencies, so the scammers won’t be able to get to them.

Con artists only need 3 seconds of the sound of your voice to create counterfeit recordings that sound like you but are not you. In fact, AI enables fraudsters to create words that you never said.

“Without a doubt, this is the scariest type of scam that I have seen in my 36-year career at the Better Business Bureau,” says Horton. “It has the potential to reach millions more people and be the most effective scam of all time. Because of the problems that we are encountering now with these scams,

we want consumers to make certain that they protect their families.”

BBB Codeword Tips:

- Create a codeword or “safe word” that each family member knows and keeps private to themselves. Use the codeword to confirm in strange situations that it’s really who they say they are.

- Lock down your social media sites; don’t make them so open-ended. Scammers can pull sound clips off your social media posts.

- If you have experienced this type of scam, even if you didn’t lose money, report it to BBB Scam Tracker.

Visit BBB’s scam tips page to stay updated on the latest alerts. Sign up for BBB’s free consumer newsletter, BBB Edge, at [BBB.org/ChicagoBuzz](http://BBB.org/ChicagoBuzz). Visit [BBB.org](http://BBB.org) or follow us @ChicagoBBB on social media. Look for the BBB seal, The Sign of a Better Business.

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### NOTICE

Plan Commission Meeting  
Amboy Community Building  
September 14, 2023

6:00 pm  
Audience Concerns  
Approve/Discuss Biogas Zoning Change – Heavy Industrial  
Approve /Discuss Windmill Ordinance  
Approve /Discuss Z Best Zoning Change-Light Industry  
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Adjourn  
No. 0803  
(Aug. 23 and 30, 2023)

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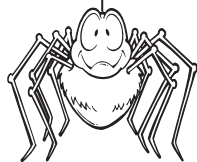
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Expenditures	(46,458)	(88,272)	(134,730)
Ending Balance as 03/31/23	122,763	356,186	478,949
Revenues:			
Property Tax			132,600
Personal Property Replacement Tax			28,983
Interest Income			1,972
Misc. Income/Transfer			0
TOIRMA Dividend			1,126
Total Revenues			164,680
Bills in Excess of \$2,500			Elected Officials/Employees Under \$25,000
Bonnell Industries Inc.	5,007		Bernardin, Michael
Conserv FS	5,010		Bresson, Mark
Environmental Road Solutions	6,363		Cheeseman, Linda
Higgs Welding	22,738		Haub, Gary
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MJKS Transport LLC	13,396		Schmidt, Joan
Rochell RTC	21,368		Schmidt, John
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Thompson Gas	3,492		Grinka, Roger
TOIRMA	7,559		
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I, Joan Schmidt, Viola Township Supervisor, certify this to be a true statement. August 16, 2023.

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Joan Schmidt - Viola Township Supervisor

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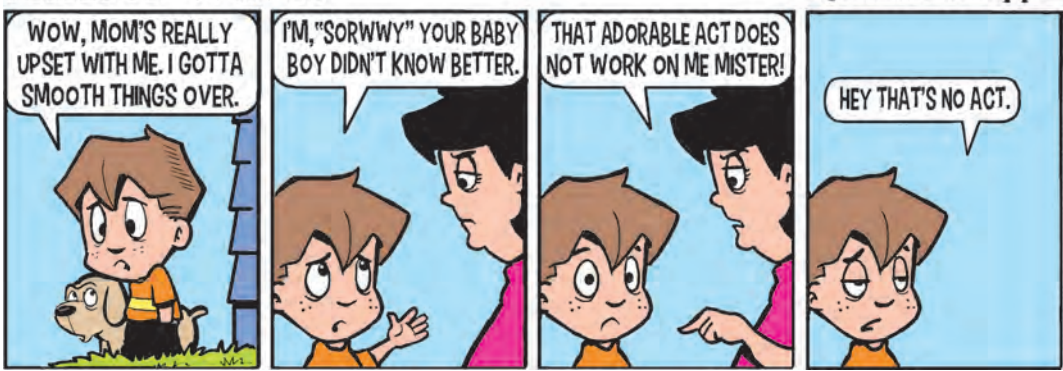
When Mark Twain was editing a newspaper in Missouri, one of his subscribers wrote in, saying that he had found a spider in his newspaper and wondered whether it was a sign of good or bad luck. Twain's response: "Finding a spider is neither good luck nor bad. The spider was merely looking over our newspaper 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

## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



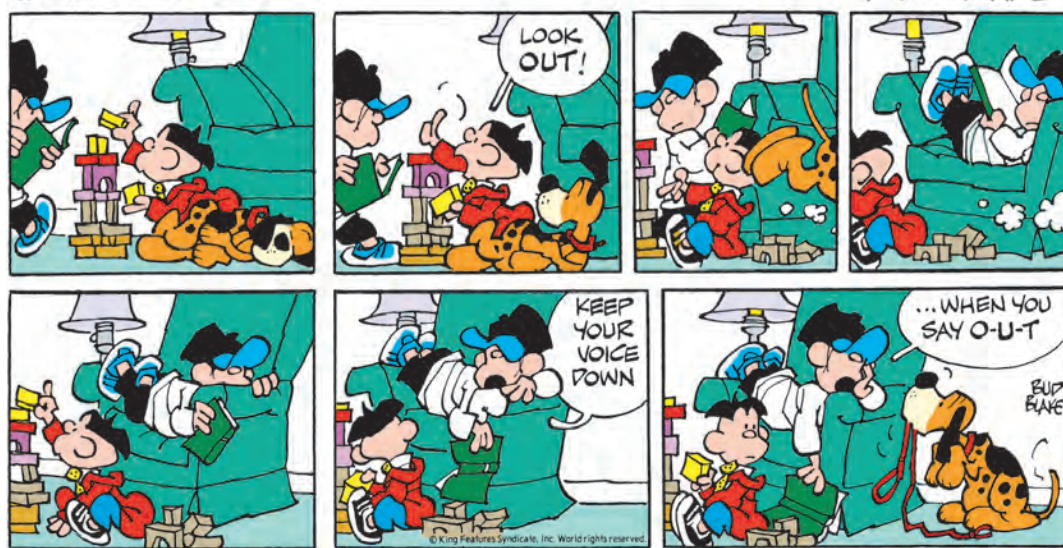
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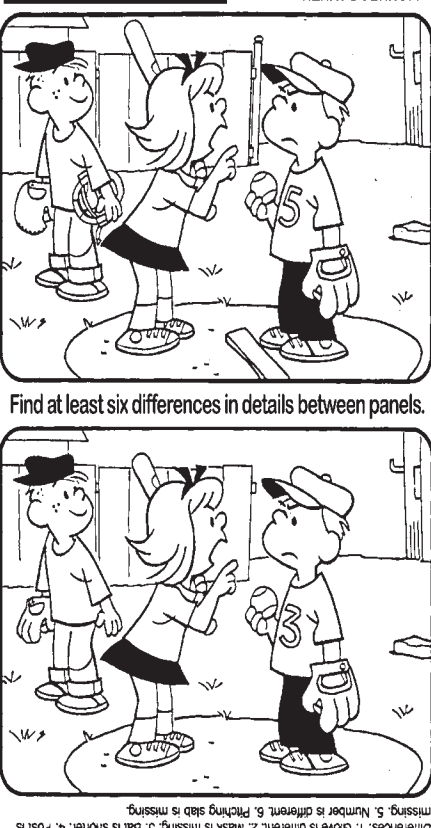


## OLIVE



## HOCUS-FOCUS

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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: F equals N

XG QAM XFJRZBRS H NXPP  
SRDXLBXFJ HNR PXFLAPF, OCHB  
OAMPS BCHB DIAUXSR QAM OXBC?  
SXRBIHQ GXURI.

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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!

Laud  
MERIDA  
Mourn  
MANTLE  
Quiet  
TODEMS  
Falter  
CUHRL

TODAY'S WORD

"Honey, I found out what keeps my budget from working. Your \_\_\_\_\_."

August 21, 2023 Posting Date

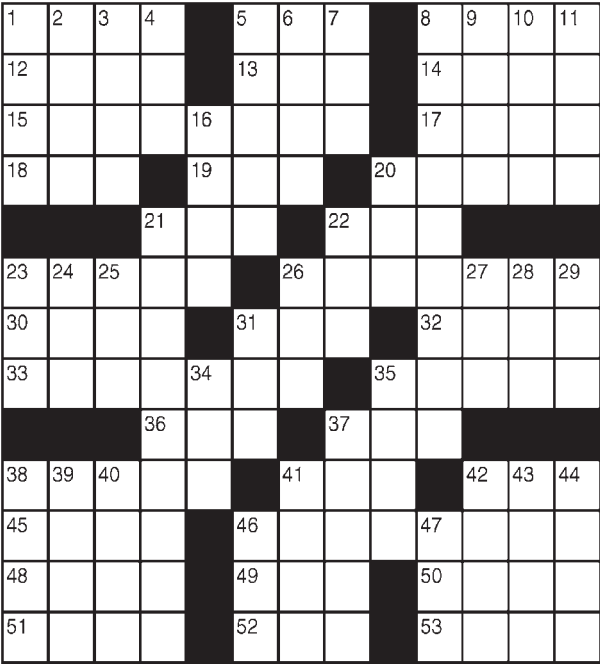
## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Rescue
- 5 Ozone, for one
- 8 Protracted
- 12 Carolina college
- 13 Roswell sighting
- 14 Falco of "The Sopranos"
- 15 "Game on!"
- 17 Snitch
- 18 Service charge
- 19 Rowing need
- 20 Road curves
- 21 Schlep
- 22 Deity
- 23 Everglades wader
- 26 Cure-all
- 30 Bump into
- 31 "Terrif!"
- 32 Astronaut Armstrong
- 33 Tennis tactic
- 35 Tea biscuit
- 36 Present location?
- 37 Expected
- 38 Thesaurus compiler
- 41 Drone
- 42 Airline to Sweden
- 45 Awestruck
- 46 "We should discuss this"
- 48 Actress Gilpin

### DOWN

- 1 Narcissist's love
- 2 Sheltered
- 3 Cast a ballot
- 4 Em halves
- 5 Soviet labor camp
- 6 Miles away
- 7 Tofu source
- 8 #1 hit by

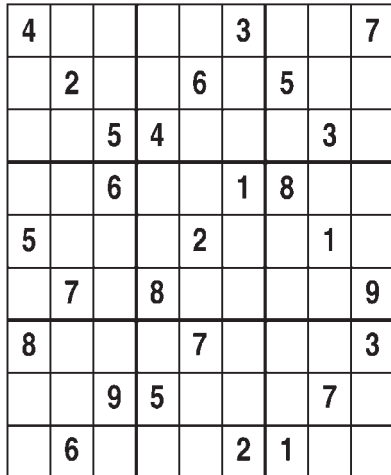


- 49 Env. insert
- 50 Hybrid fruit
- 51 Adolescent
- 52 Bonfire residue
- 53 Inlets
- David Bowie
- 9 Rhyming tributes
- 10 Egyptian river
- 11 Hair goops
- 16 Sulk
- 20 A billion years
- 21 Words at the start of a lesson
- 22 Talk on and on
- 23 Ambulance VIP
- 24 Earth (Pref.)
- 25 Gym unit
- 26 Skillet
- 27 Biz bigwig
- 28 Aachen article
- 29 Pub pint
- 31 Repair
- 34 Cauldron
- 35 Totals
- 37 Hollanders
- 38 Engrossed
- 39 Curved molding
- 40 Impale
- 41 Coop group
- 42 Long tale
- 43 Friend
- 44 Aspen gear
- 46 Meadow
- 47 Vat

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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 APACE to SHARK in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

APACE

SHARK

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. MOVIES: In which U.S. state does the movie "Field of Dreams" take place?
- 2. FOOD & DRINK: What is sauerkraut?
- 3. ACRONYMS: What phrase does the acronym GPS stand for?
- 4. GEOGRAPHY: The country of Guyana lies on which continent?
- 5. TELEVISION: What is the pub where characters in "The Office" gather after work?
- 6. SCIENCE: How many karats are in pure gold?
- 7. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented by autophobia?
- 8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How big is a newborn kangaroo?
- 9. AD SLOGANS: What product is advertised as "the snack that smiles back"?
- 10. LITERATURE: Who wrote "The Canterbury Tales"?

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- 10. Geoffrey Chaucer.
- 9. Goldfish.
- 8. About 1 inch or less.
- 7. Fear of being alone.
- 6. 24.
- 5. Poor Richard's.
- 4. South America.
- 3. Global positioning system.
- 2. Pickled cabbage.
- 1. Iowa.

Answers

## SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word  
1. Admire 2. Lament  
3. Modest 4. Lunch

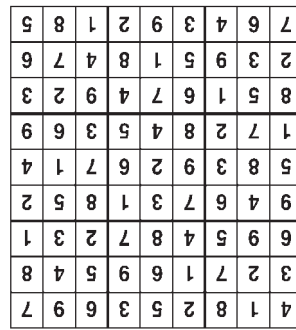
INCOME

APACE, SPACE, SPARE

SNARE, SNARK, SHARK

Answer

WORD LADDER



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Cryptoquip  
If you ingested a bill depicting Abe Lincoln, what would that provide you with?  
Dietary fiber.



# LOCAL NEWS

## Lee County Sheriff's Office to conduct Labor Day campaign

**LEE COUNTY** – The Lee County Sheriff's Office today announced it is partnering with the Illinois State Police and law enforcement across the state to step up efforts to stop impaired driving and help save lives as we near the end of summer and the busy Labor Day weekend. No matter how you plan to celebrate summer's end, make sure you do it safely. "Our first priority is to keep people

safe, so we're asking everyone to plan ahead for a sober ride home if they'll be drinking or using another impairing substance," said Chief Deputy Derek Ranken. "Let's make this a partnership between law enforcement and motorists: Help us protect the community and put an end to the dangers of impaired driving."

The high-visibility "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" enforcement campaign runs

from Aug. 18 through the early-morning hours of Sept. 5. During this period, motorists can expect to see roadside safety checks, more officers on the road and increased messaging about the dangers of impaired driving.

In addition to looking for drunk drivers, the Lee County Sheriff's Office will be stepping up seat belt enforcement, particularly at night when seat belt usage

rates are at their lowest. Speeders and distracted drivers should also be aware.

The Labor Day "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and "Drive High. Get a DUI." enforcement efforts are made possible by federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

## BBB Investigation: failing consumers, leaving them deeper in debt

**ROCKFORD** – The Better Business Bureau has over 11,000 complaints and negative reviews about debt and credit assistance that reveal a pattern of misleading and sometimes fraudulent claims. Those were the findings of the 2023 study, Credit Repair and Debt Relief. The BBB® study shows some companies fail to deliver on big promises. It examines the debt relief, debt consolidation, and credit repair industries, finding a pattern of high fees and overstated promises from predatory companies.

"Although these companies claim to help consumers reduce/eliminate their debt or fix their credit score, the BBB study indicates some companies make big promises but rarely deliver, leaving people further in debt," says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau.

Horton notes, "This year, debt is expected to rise amid climbing interest rates and with the national pause on student

loan payments expiration. Consumers facing tough financial situations may turn to debt relief, consolidation, and credit repair companies, unaware that predatory companies could cost them thousands of dollars for little or no benefit."

BBB's Scam Tracker has 1,607 reports with losses of \$2.4 million. Consumers reported to BBB that their dedication to plans proposed by these companies to boost their credit scores or reduce crushing debt left them worse off.

While some consumers did report positive experiences with the credit and debt assistance industry, this study shows consumers report negative patterns to BBB about companies in the industry and outright scams designed to deceive and take money from consumers.

Debt is not inherently bad, but millions of North Americans can find themselves underwater as monthly payments and interest stack up. When emergencies strike, or monthly paychecks don't add

up, missed payments result in late fees, plummeting credit scores, and further economic distress.

Key findings

Predatory debt relief, consolidation, and credit repair companies advertise quick and extensive fixes for low credit scores and defaulted debt, but the ability to enact change is often much more limited than implied.

Consumers report to BBB they have lost thousands of dollars and they are worse off because of mounting fees for debt relief programs and lackluster results from credit repair businesses.

Many of the services offered by credit and debt assistance companies can be done by consumers themselves. However, difficulty in understanding their options, lack of know-how or a time crunch, and other issues can lead some consumers to seek assistance.

BBB tips for consumers considering debt relief or credit repair:

- Use AnnualCreditReport.com to get a free credit report.

- Don't pay or provide payment information until service is rendered.

- Critically examine any guarantee made. Few, if any, companies can ensure a credit or debit company will agree to negotiate with them or adjust reports.

- If you are in default, call debt holders and attempt to negotiate a lower debt payment.
- Check monthly bank statements to avoid recurring charges from companies.

- Search online for free information.

- Don't be rushed. Unscrupulous businesses and scammers both use high-pressure tactics.

- Avoid giving away personal banking information until you are 100% certain a company is legitimate.

- Refuse to work with companies that won't tell you your rights regarding credit repair or debt relief.

- Be wary of anyone claiming to be associated with a government agency.

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For the 2022-23 school year, the Illinois High School Association distributed approximately 18,000 licenses to over 11,000 individuals, representing a significant increase from the previous year. However, retaining officials is just as important as recruiting them, and helping all officials experience success in the space leads to the retention needed. In a survey to all IHSA licensed officials in early 2023, 45% percent of the respondents indicated the primary reason they most enjoy officiating is the opportunity to "give back." In the same survey, though, 62% percent said "sportsmanship of participants/fan behavior" is the greatest challenge officials face.

"Officials are humans too, and I think people lose sight of that sometimes," said

IHSA Associate Executive Director Kurt Gibson, who oversees the IHSA Officials Department. "Officials have careers, live in the same communities, attend the same churches, shop at the same stores, and eat at the same restaurants as others. Treating officials with the same respect, whether out in the community or on the court, field, pitch, pool, track, diamond, etc., as any other community member is something we should all be able to do. This elevation of respect towards officials can, and needs to, start at the individual level."

As the IHSA officiating survey results show, officials, by nature, are giving individuals, but they feel the increasing negative behavior exhibited at high school sporting events is not worth remaining in the officiating community. 'Elevating

Respect' by both players, coaches, fans – and officials – is necessary, and Officially Human has a number of available resources all those groups would benefit from viewing at [www.officiallyhuman.com](http://www.officiallyhuman.com).

"Officially Human is committed to restoring respect to game officials, and we are proud to partner with them," said Gibson. "Together, I believe we can 'elevate respect' in the athletic space and bring about greater synergy in the high school athletic community."

The IHSA plans a number of action items surrounding its partnership with Officially Human. IHSA Officials and member schools will be granted access to the "Elevate Respect" program at no cost, and member schools will be encouraged

to share the program with students and fans alike each season. IHSA and Officially Human will also work together to recognize and support officials during the regular and post season on social media and at IHSA state finals events and look to recognize teams and fan bases that exhibit the highest levels of behavior and sportsmanship throughout the year.

"Everyone has a part to play in making interscholastic athletics the successful laboratory it is," said Anderson. "High school sports teach untold skills that participants use throughout life, and it's the lessons learned while participating with peers that shape lives. Victory and defeat are two of those lessons, but learning how to handle both of those outcomes is the greater goal."



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## SPORTS

## IHSA announces partnership with Officially Human

**BLOOMINGTON**—The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) is proud to announce a new partnership with Officially Human, an organization whose mission is to “restore respect to game officials and recognize them as authorities on the fields and courts.”

“We are excited to be partnering with Officially Human,” said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. “A survey of IHSA Officials in 2023 showed that the prevailing reason officials leave the vocation is due to the poor sportsmanship shown to officials. To ensure there are enough officials to cover the games that over 400,000 high school students in Illinois annually participate in, it’s obvious that more needs to be done. It’s our hope that this partnership with Officially Human will be a key component in this turnaround.”

Officially Human was founded by Brenda Hilton, who has spent over 23 years in college athletics working with sports officials from the mid-majors to the highest level of Division I. The Lombard-based organization was founded in 2019 to restore respect to, and positive treatment of, sport officials through increased education and communication to all stakeholders (administrators, coaches, athletes, and fans). Officially Human is the leader in addressing the growing crisis in officiating that touches every sport, official, and level of competition. Officially Human offers tailored solutions to athletic host organizations of all sizes that improve the stakeholder experience at each of their sporting competitions. The comprehensive solutions package includes digital education, awareness building, event host communication strategies, and organizational support in addressing poor fan behavior.

“I am thrilled with this partnership for many reasons, one being that Illinois is my home state,” said Hilton.

“Having the opportunity for Officially Human to work side-by-side with the IHSA is very meaningful. Together, we are stronger, and we will continue to lead the charge both in Illinois and nationally, raising awareness and

improving the treatment of sports officials. We appreciate the IHSA showing the officiating community that they care about them and want to help solve this crisis.”

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## Girls’ numbers up, boys’ numbers down

## LADY CLIPPERS RECORDING TEAM SCORES

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter

**AMBOY** — The Amboy-LaMoille-AFC girls cross country team is excited.

Last season, there were only four runners, so a team score couldn’t be kept.

This year, all four runners — juniors Natalie Pratt and Addison Pertell, and sophomores Anna Carlson and Sam Nauman — have returned and there is a plus one, sophomore Bella Yanos, to make the Lady Clippers a score recording team.

“The four that we had last season are going to be a nice, solid core,” said Amboy coach Michael Robinson. “They have the experience. Last year only having four, we couldn’t score as a team. If we would have had a fifth runner, it’s more than likely that we would have won the Northwest Upstate Illini Conference.

“If they continue to do what they did last year, hopefully, we can do something conference wise and the postseason. They’d be excited to make a long post-season push.”

Yanos is new to cross country, but not to running as she was part of the track and field team as a freshman.

Robinson said Yanos is motivated to getting stronger and improving her times during every practice run.

“The four returning girls have really accepted her. They know with her joining the team that they have an opportunity to do something more than just run individually,” Robinson said. “Running as an individual and running as a team are two different things. It gives you a little more incentive as a team because you don’t want to let the team down as well.”

Where the girls can record a team score, the boy’s team cannot as there are only two runners because of graduation, moving to a new town, and switching sports.

The two runners are junior Brysen Full and freshman Jhett Cowser, who lives in LaMoille.

Neither have ran at a high school cross country meet as Full is on the team for the first time.

“That’s kind of the way it goes sometimes with the ebb and flow of how things are going to work out and happen,” Robinson said. “We had such a strong grouping on the boy’s side the last couple of years. The tide has kind of shifted and the girl’s side is getting stronger. I guess it’s time to switch back around where the girls come to the team side and the boys are rebuilding.

“With not having a full team, I’m hoping we can compete at the individual level and get some good times in at the beginning of the season.”

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