

Golf for Education

BY GEORGE HOWE
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — If you haven't already, wipe off those golf shoes, bring plenty of balls and tees in your bag, gather your foursome, and sign up for the 28th annual Lyle Reuter Golf for Education event to take place on Friday, Aug. 4, at the Shady Oaks Country Club.

This is the second of three fundraising events put on by the Amboy Education Foundation. Since 1991, the school district has been fortunate enough to have a group of local businessman and farmers whose only intent has been to provide funding. First spearheaded by Sylvan Leffleman and Lyle Reuter who went canvassing for donations from residents and businesses to the present day efforts of the current board, led by President Mark Becker.

"We consistently get such a great response and participation for all of our events and this golf outing is no exception," he said.

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AUGUST 4, 2023

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Shady Oaks has been a fantastic partner since the inception of this affair and Becker remarked that "they take really good care of us." About 100 golfers have teed it up for the last 10 years and are treated

to a fun day and have the chance to win prizes like trips, golf accessories, and a once a year chance to show some skills on hole 17.

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Rep. Fritts helps the kids

Politician starting his first annual School Supply Drive

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – Illinois Representative Bradley Fritts is orchestrating community School Supply Drive to help those in need as we approach the beginning of the 2023-24 school year.

Fritts, a Republican from Dixon, began the drive on July 17 and will run it through July 31.

His website rep-fritts.com has a listing of 11 drop-off locations in Amboy, Dixon, Earlville, Ashton, Paw Paw, Polo, Rochelle, Morrison, Rock Falls, Sterling, and Waterman.

In a press release, Fritts spoke on his intent to help Illinois education.

"If we want to improve our education system, we need to ensure all students have access to the resources they need to excel in their studies," said Fritts. "Without the necessary supplies, it's incredibly challenging for any student to succeed. Let's come together as a community to provide these children with the tools they need to build a

brighter future."

The drop-off in Amboy is Amboy High School at 11 E. Hawley St.

Dixon has three drop-off locations as the Dixon Rural Fire Department at 1020 Palmyra St., Dixon High School at 300 Marks Dallas Way, and the Dixon School District Office at 101 W. 1st St., Suite 501, will be collecting school supplies.

Amboy Superintendent Joshua Nichols was impressed a state representative was willing to help an issue Amboy schools see every year.

"School drives are very helpful. You're getting supplies to kids and that's the single, biggest thing. There is definitely a need for help within the community. Anytime we can get any help like this, it's very appreciated," said Nichols, who is heading into his sixth year as the AHS superintendent and was a principal for five years previously. "School supplies are expensive. When you get them at the start of the year, you see the prices and realize how expensive supplies are. It's nice that people are willing to donate supplies."



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Illinois healthcare moving forward

OSF HIRED 320 FORMER ST. MARGARET'S EMPLOYEES

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter

MENDOTA – Dawn Trompeter has been in many meetings, on numerous phone calls, and has spoken in public forums.

In other words, the OSF Saint Paul president has been answering questions, giving justifications, reasonings, plans, and strategies for the future of both Mendota and OSF as a whole because of recent changes to Illinois Valley healthcare as St. Margaret's Hospitals in Peru and Spring Valley were both closed.

Trompeter, who has been the president of the hospital in Mendota since January 2018, is excited about the future and believes OSF's No. 1 priority of becoming an ecosystem of centers of excellence is

headed in the right direction.

"We haven't bought the building (former St. Margaret's Hospital) in Peru yet. We have an asset purchase agreement to buy the hospital building only, the smaller surrounding buildings, as well as, a few other ambulatory sights from St. Margaret's," Trompeter said. "The purchase agreement has been signed by both parties, but the closing hasn't happened yet. That will have to go through the process with St. Margaret's as they maneuver through their bankruptcy process and be approved by the bankruptcy judge before we can actually close on buying the building."

"The biggest question is always when are we going to open the Peru campus. There are several steps to the open. The first step is actually closing on the property. We're doing a lot of the other things in the background simultaneously with that, concurrently, so we can open it as

fast as possible.

"We are getting the application ready for Illinois Department of Public Health. We're tentatively on the Health Facilities Review Board. We have to wait for the official closing, but we are doing things in the background to be ready to open."

The meeting with the Health Facilities Review Board for change of ownership of the Peru hospital from St. Margaret's to OSF is scheduled for Thursday, July 27.

Since the closing, purchasing, and opening of the Peru hospital has traveled through the proper processes, OSF made sure potential patients still had care providers readily available through planning and strategic meetings, which took place months before Peru officially closed.

The LaSalle, Peru, and Spring Valley area are right in the middle of OSF facilities such as Mendota, Ottawa, Streator, and Princeton, which patients could go to.

Also, a phone number was set up for residents to call for multiple different healthcare services.

"Going through the closure, increased inpatient services weren't a concern because we could take it on at our existing facilities that surround that area," Trompeter said. "Really, the biggest concern was the primary care and urgent care within those areas because there was no way, once St. Margaret's closed, because everyone, even the providers, was employed by St. Margaret's until June 16."

"There was no way that we could have employed them and have them up and running June 19. First of all, we didn't own any of the buildings. We have opened other buildings and clinics (Midtown Health Center and Midtown Plaza in Peru and Granville Clinic) and had them up and running July 10."

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New attractions, fan favorites arrive with Lee County Fair & 4-H Show

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – In only a week, the farm animal smells will get a little stronger, the lights will get a little brighter, the pie tables a lot fuller, and smiles will reach ear-to-ear as ribbons are unpackaged and placed.

The Lee County Fair & 4-H Show on July 27-30 will hit the Lee County 4-H Center at 1196 Franklin Rd., in Amboy, with everything it has.

"We're very happy with our fair every year. We always want more people to come out and see it," said secretary of the Lee County Fair Association, Katie Pratt. "It's a small, little show and a small fair compared to others, but I think we pack a lot into the four days. There is something out there for everyone."

"County fairs are a season in themselves. Some people have their sports seasons and others have their county fair season. We not only see our Lee County 4-H members out there competing, but also area youth from neighboring counties such as LaSalle, Ogle, Bureau, Whiteside, and Carroll."

"They're bringing their livestock and projects into the fair to be judged. 4-H offers something different



for everyone. It doesn't matter what your interests are, you're going to find a project area for you that allows you to pursue a hobby and a passion and at the same time be recognized for the talent.

"I think that is part of the draw toward the Lee County Fair & 4-H Show."

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Sheriff's office releases Independence Day enforcement numbers

LEECOUNTY—The Lee County Sheriff's Office made zero impaired driving arrests and issued seven seat belt citations during the recent Independence Day "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over," "Drive High Get a DUI" and "Click It or Ticket" safety campaigns. The Sheriff's Office also issued;

- Four Distracted Driving Citations
- Two Speeding Citations
- One Suspended Driver Citations
- Two Wanted Person Arrest
- Three Other Moving Violation Citations
- Two Written Warnings

Lee County Sheriff's Office joined forces with more than 200 other state and local law enforcement agencies to get drunk and drugged drivers off our roads, encourage seat belt use, and enforce speeding and other traffic laws. The effort featured high-visibility enforcement combined with a variety of outreach activities including a media campaign titled, "It's Not a Game."

The enforcement period was funded by federal

traffic safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

AMBOY MINUTE

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James "Hubert" Selover

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Sublette board takes next step on projects

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – The Village of Sublette Board had familiar topics of discussion at its meeting July 10.

The gutters of the Ellice Dinges Center were cleaned, appraisers will be contacted about three different properties with ordinance violations, and a bicycle rack for the 109 W. Main St. property project has arrived.

During the Village President Report, president John Stenzel discussed tax audits and having Margie Hopkins look at the village books. He reached out to Illinois Department of Transportation about having the

sign entering village limits changed to Emma Dinges as the District 2 FFA president.

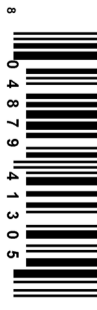
Stenzel also said he was elected as the Illinois Mayor Association President and will be welcomed in at the Aug. 17 meeting.

In other matters:

- Trustee Rick Klaser held a committee meeting about the 3-percent rise of Test fees and what step is next in the cleaning of the water tower. Klaser and the committee looked at what could be done about the fees and he spoke with a contractor about the water tower for cost.
- O'Brien Works Inc. sent Sublette

the contracts for the \$2,200 storm tile project on Rt. 52.

- Community meeting with community event groups to discuss scheduling is set for 6:30 p.m. July 26.
- Trustee Julie Kessel said she was looking into the Open Space Land Acquisition & Development Grant. The village would have to match for a 50/50 split for the grant as it would give money for possible park projects such as toddler park equipment, wheelchair accessible picnic table, ball park bleacher repairs.



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There are a few new aspects to this year's event including the Open Show, watermelon slices, and a circus.

According to Pratt, the Open Show is different than the 4-H or Junior Show because it is open to anyone. Age and where you're from are thrown out the window as everyone is judged the same no matter the demographics.

Since this is the first time Lee County is holding an Open Show, there will be a few projects – foods, arts, and gardening – this year, but more will be added based on success.

Thursday and Saturday, Wyffels Hybrids is chopping up watermelons and handing out slices to fair goers.

The Cincinnati Circus Company will perform a mini circus at 4 p.m. Saturday, while there will be the big circus, thrill show at 1 p.m. Sunday in the grandstand.

"I was told a wheel of death will be involved," Pratt said. "I don't know what that means, but it sounds exciting. I'm sure there will be fire or air acrobatics of some kind."

Although the new attractions offer different variety, the fan favorites and reasons 4-H fair lovers attend fairs are also available.

There will be competitions for the best rabbits, horses, goats, cats, swine, beef, sheep, crops, floriculture, horticulture, creative arts, visual arts, photography,

communication, woodworking, animal science, poultry, dairy, farm scene set up, environmental sciences, global civic engagement, career and leadership, and mechanical sciences.

Thursday and Friday will host the tractor and truck pulls and the grandstand will hold T and A Bucking Bulls, a new rodeo experience that offers a sheep scramble and mutton bustin.

"The four-day fair is managed and coordinated by the Lee County Fair Association. The Lee County 4-H program staff members run the judging portions of the general projects area and some of the livestock shows," Pratt said. "All of the entertainment, food vendors, the Open Show, the Junior Show, and everything else is through the Lee County Fair Association."

"We are blessed with a dedicated group of volunteers. Our Volunteer Board of Directors of the Lee County Fair Association step up to the plate. Whatever has to get done, they get it done. That's the attitude the board has always had."

"At the same time, I get nervous when we're trying to staff the front gate or different areas on the grounds. I'll put out a call and all of a sudden people just come out of the woodwork."

"We're blessed that we have people who show up every year whether we ask or not. A lot of them have been in the same



spot for more than a decade.”

For times and dates of all of the Lee County Fair & 4-H Show attractions, check out leecountyfun.com or the Lee County Fair & 4-H Show Facebook page.

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CALENDAR

DIXON-The Lee County Health Department will have Immunization Clinics for Children and Adults by appointment only. Call 815-284-3371 to make an appointment or for information on other services available. You may also visit the website at www.lchd.com for a list of services available.

AMBOY- You are invited to join fellow senior citizens for a free exercise program. The program has moved from The Amboy Sports Park to indoors at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 960 US Highway 52, Amboy. Sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. Chairs are provided for an approximate 30-minute workout. For more information, call Chris at 815-857-3963.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will not meet again until the third Monday in October.

AMBOY-The Amboy CUSD School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 20, at Amboy Junior High School.

LEE COUNTY-The goat club from Lee County 4-H is hosting a goat clinic at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 20, at the Lee County 4-H Center & Fairgrounds, near Amboy, to help kids learn more about showing goats. 4-H membership is not necessary and goats are welcome if you would like to bring them. One may register at go.illinois.edu/LeeGoatClinic. For more information, contact Katie McBride at 815-857-3525.

AMBOY-The theme for the music on Saturday, July 22, in downtown Amboy, at the city band shelter, will be variety. Show times are 7-9 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs for this free concert. This is the final concert of the season. There is no concert on July 29 due to the Lee County Fair.

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in July" Craft & Vendor Show will be held from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., on Saturday, July 22, at the Waltham Presbyterian Church, 809 N 3450th Rd. Utica (Rt. 178). Use North Entrance (basement). Free Entry - multiple vendors and crafters. Women of the Church will be selling homemade BBQ.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 - 6 p.m., on Monday, July 24, at Elks Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd., Dixon. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, July 24. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

DIXON-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, July 25, at Elks Lodge, Knights of Columbus Hall, 506 West Third, Dixon. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY-Lacking a large landscape and love homegrown fruits? Join the extension for this program on Container Gardening from 3:30-4:30 p.m., on Aug. 3, at the Lee County Extension. Look to container gardening: fruit edition. 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. Register for one or more of the sessions at go.illinois.edu/LeeGrowingHort

TEEN TURF

Summer Camp

This is our last week in our Video game Splash camp. It began June 12 and will end today July 17 for pre-k to fourth grade. This week's theme is Minecraft. We hope everyone has had a blast.

Last week our older kids went to volunteer at The Kitchen Table in Rochelle. It is a pay whatever you have in your pocket type of restaurant. They did phenomenal and this week we will be packing food for Feed My Starving Children in Aurora.

4-H Pie Sale

We will be holding a pie sale on Friday, July 28 at the Lee County Fairgrounds 4H Fair. We are in need of pies to sell. If you are interested in baking one or want to donate money to get some, please message us on Facebook or call us at 815-857-4800. Unfortunately due to other obligations, we will not be able to do the 4-H breakfast this year.

Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community:

Dorine and Carl Ackert for Halloween decorations; Wes and Kerry Shaw for the vegetables, pancake mix, and dog food; Anonymous for the granola bars; Anonymous for the rolled craft paper; Tammy, Scott, and Brooklyn Strub for the pop tarts; Eileen and Irene Ramsdell for the fruit snacks; Char Beaumont for the monetary donation for the smores feast; Vicki and Bill Schauer for the breakfast bars.

Needs

Plastic Forks

Final Note

Dear God, we know that You can open doors that no man can ever shut. It's not always easy for us to see and sense the direction we need to take. And so today, we trust and ask You to lead us to open doors of opportunity that you have prepared for us. Help us make sense of the options that lay before us and help us see and make the right choices today. Amen.

Amboy Police

Disorderly Conduct

On July 12, at 5:45 p.m., John W. Pierce, 66, of Amboy, was issued an ordinance citation for disorderly conduct.

Vandalism

On July 10, at 2:50 p.m., a 15 year old male juvenile, was issued an ordinance citation for vandalism \$100. He was released to parents.

Criminal Damage to State Supported Property

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James “Hubert” Seloover March 15, 1945 - July 16, 2023

AMBOY — James “Hubert” Seloover, 78, of Amboy, passed away on Sunday, July 16, 2023 at Rock River Hospice and Home in Sterling.

He was born on March 15, 1945, in Amboy the son of James F. and Elsie (Shuld) Seloover. Hubert worked for Illinois Forge for over 36 years, Sensient Flavors for over 10 years and retired from Erie Foods in Rochelle. He married Patricia Talbot in 1968 and later married Patricia Boyle in 1983. They both survive him. Hubert enjoyed being outdoors especially deer hunting with his friends at his cabin Deer Run.

James is preceded in death by his parents; and brothers, Grant Wilson, Lester Wilson, Richard (Tuffy) Wilson, Bobby Wilson, Kenneth Wilson, and Jerry Seloover.

Hubert is survived by his children, Adam (Renee) Seloover, of Amboy, Stephanie (Todd) Hoffstatter, of Moline, Mandy Fuller, of Amboy, Sherilyn (Jason Wilhite) Hoyle, of Amboy; proud papa of seven grandchildren, Lauryn Hoffstatter, Davis Hoffstatter, Tori Welch, Gabby Fuller, Eriannah Wade, Aurora Wilhite, Addison Seloover; siblings, Jane Lovgren, and Gene (Jeannie) Seloover; and



many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4–6 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 4, 2023, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. A memorial has been established to Rock River Hospice and Home in Sterling. Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

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“With not being able to open the Peru hospital, our OSF On Call, our medical group, and the hospital really worked together to help the residents by setting up one number to call for Illinois Valley residents. They can call the number for care whether it was a virtual visit with an advanced provider, need to be sent to urgent care, medicine refills, or if they needed to be connected to a provider not via teller.”

Staffing wise, OSF invited former St. Margaret’s Hospital employees to apply and interview and attend career days.

Throughout the entirety of the Interstate 80 collection of hospitals – Mendota, Ottawa, Streator, and Princeton, as well as the three clinics – 320 former St. Margaret’s employees are now OSF mission partners.

“OSF has seen increases and we’ve made adjustments. We’ve seen increases in inpatient, outpatient, and emergency services across the board for the zip codes or the towns that would have been affected by the closures,” Trompeter said. “We’ve been able to handle those because of the planning. Throughout all of OSF, not just Mendota, we’ve upstaffed and hired 320 former St. Margaret’s employees. They are now our mission partners. We’ve also hired over 50 different providers between physicians and advanced practice providers.

“They’ve been a great complement to our staff of mission partners and being able to care for those communities because they’re very invested into their own communities and providing care.”

Backlash of the Peru and Spring Valley closings has run rampant at both water coolers throughout every place of employment in the Illinois Valley and on social media.

OSF attempting to purchase the Peru branch and what was going to happen with Illinois Valley health care also stemmed a ton of conversations.

When Trompeter is asked or addressed, she states OSF wants to create one, united ecosystem for all hospitals to thrive and for all patients to be provided with quality health care.

“We can’t continue to duplicate services at every facility. One of the first delivery system redesigns that we’re looking at is with wound care,” Trompeter said. “We provide wound care at Princeton, Ottawa, Streator, Mendota, and Peru had a wound care clinic. Instead of duplicating, how do we create a center of excellence that wound care is their specialty and that’s all that they’re doing? We have high quality because of the volume that we’re seeing. Maybe we can expand some services within that. What does that all look like through all of the OSF facilities on I-80?”

“We’re going to be doing that with a lot of different services over the next year. We really want to create high quality care at all of our centers of excellence throughout the entire I-80 market.”

Another concern Trompeter has fielded at almost every speaking engagement, is medical records.

“Everyone thinks that we are getting their medical records. We are not. If you haven’t been to OSF yet and you need to see us, make sure you get your medical records from St. Margaret’s,” Trompeter said. “We also ask patients to please be patient and supportive of the new mission partners. Even though a patient has gone to their provider for 20-30 years, when you walk into OSF, they have to get all of the information again because they don’t have the medical records.

“I know it’s frustrating because we have to ask patients questions they’ve been asked before, but we don’t have the answers that were previously provided. We ask for patience because we really want to do a good job and care for our patients.”

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“We’ve had people donate supplies before, but never from a politician. We’ve had donations from Teen Turf, many churches, the Lions Club, and a lot more. A lot of people and organizations will help kids. It’s always needed.”

Depending on store, brands, size, quantity, and quality, school supply costs could range from \$150-300.

The School Supply Drive list of requested school items includes backpacks, 3-ring binders, colored pencils, crayons, disinfecting wipes, pink erasers, tissues, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, headphones, yellow highlighters, sticky notes, index cards, wide-ruled loose leaf notebook paper, dry erase markers, washable color markers, No. 2 pencils, pencil boxes, pens (black, blue, red), pocket folders, water bottle, ruler, scissors, wide-ruled notebooks, white glue, Ziplock bags, and a 3-hole zippered pouch.

Nichols and school staff know obtaining all

of the supplies isn’t cheap or easy.

The school can help as much as possible, but the student having a vast majority, or all of the supplies, makes life easier for everyone at the beginning of the year.

AHS Principal Janet Crownhart knows the American society is moving to technology, but old-fashioned school supplies are still a necessity.

“High school kids try to hide it more than anybody. They’ll walk in on the first day with maybe a pen or pencil stuck in their pocket. They try to act cool like they don’t need supplies because everything is done on a Chromebook,” Crownhart said. “But let’s face it, although a lot of their stuff is done on a Chromebook, having a place to take notes, or having folders and binders to put written assignments in is huge.

“Some students really do try how to figure out life without asking for help. It’s really hard from a school’s standpoint when

we have stuff waiting for someone to use, but the items are used. We might have a binder that’s in really good shape, but the kids don’t want to use it because it was someone else’s first. They want something new.”

Crownhart added that AHS teachers and aides do remind students that there are supplies they can use if they don’t have them and need them.

With Fritts’ School Supply Drive, maybe the occurrences of students not having what they need are decreased.

“Our district has the community qualification for free and reduced lunches next year. Everyone will have that, and it tells you there is definitely a need for help in the community,” Nichols said. “I really appreciate Representative Bradley Fritts for doing this. It’s the first time I’ve had a politician do something like this. It’s nice to have a local, elected official do this type of stuff and help out kids.”

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“The Vaessen Brother’s Chevrolet of Sublette, have been wonderful and sponsors a package of 3 holes with the ‘Hole in One on the 17th if made for \$25,000 toward a car,” added Becker.

Currently, there are 70 sponsors and according to Co-Chairman Kelly Klein who is responsible for coordinating the event there is always room for more.

“We gladly welcome any and all who would like to sponsor,” she said. “Everyone that does gets their name at the tee boxes throughout the course. We are blown away by the community’s willingness to get involved and they understand that the monies raised goes for a variety of things including school supplies and enrichment.”

This golf event generates between \$14,000-15,000. The AEF has already allocated \$30,000 for the upcoming year

with \$18,000 to be split by the elementary, middle and high schools. The rest goes to the school district and the one to one chrome book initiative.

“The foundation has and continues to do a fantastic job and we are extremely grateful for their ongoing support,” said Amboy CUSD Superintendent Joshua Nichols.

There is a lot of appreciation to what AEF puts back into the schools. “We put a very high value on providing the best opportunities for a quality education to all of the children of our community,” Becker proudly explained.

One important announcement is the time change. In years past, the registration was at 11 a.m. with a noon start. This year registration is at 9 a.m. with a Shotgun start at 10 a.m.

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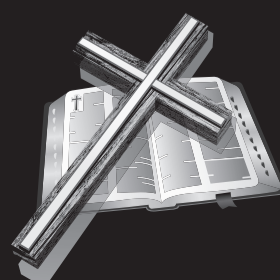
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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook

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Tatjana Kazan

BERLIN DIARY

Soon only diaries and memories, files and pictures, ashes and dust will tell the tales of their city." That was to be the fate of Berlin on the eve of the Soviet invasion in April 1945. One of the very best diaries of the Soviet conquest of Berlin was kept by a German woman. "A Woman in Berlin: Eight Weeks in the Conquered City" by Anonymous is a riveting daily account of when the Red Army, two and a half million men strong, entered the city on April 20, 1945. It was Hitler's 56th birthday and the day Anonymous began her diary.

"This chronicle was begun on the day when Berlin first saw the face of war.... Our fate is rolling in from the East, and it will transform the entire climate, like a new ice age." So begins Anonymous. For obvious reasons, the author chose to remain anonymous, though from the diary we can tell that she was an experienced journalist who had traveled widely, including to Moscow, where she learned rudimentary Russian. Two million people lived in Berlin, including Hitler in his subterranean bunker, where he killed himself 10 days later when the red flag flew over the Reichstag, the German parliament. There were no newspapers, radios, or phones, so rumors were the only source of news. Berliners knew very little of the atrocities their soldiers had committed in the East.

Anonymous called them the cave dwellers, the people in the apartment buildings who spent hours every day and night in the cellars during the Allied bombing raids. Their first encounter with the Russians occurred when a group of soldiers crashed into the cellar and she stepped forward to talk to them. She was relieved by their friendly chitchat, but that didn't keep them from raping her and the other women multiple times that first night. Devoid of self-pity and clear-eyed, Anonymous took it in stride, but subsequently looked for a Soviet officer to protect her and her neighbors. Survival was all that mattered.

When Anonymous wrote about the rape of German women by Russian soldiers – there were well over 100,000 rapes in Berlin alone – she broke one of the biggest taboos in amnesiac post-war Germany. When the diary was published again in 1959 in Switzerland, the public reaction in Germany was so hostile, that Anonymous, who was "accused of besmirching the honour of German women," decided never to publish it again in her lifetime. It was republished in 2003, two years after Anonymous's death, to wide critical and popular acclaim. Its publisher, the noted writer Hans Magnus Enzensberger, said of Anonymous, "She managed to keep her nerve, as well as her dignity, intact. She never abandoned her fundamental sense of decency, a trait too rarely found amid the ruins of her time."

Coronado Performing Arts announces upcoming season

ROCKFORD – The Coronado Performing Arts Center and Nederlander National Markets are thrilled to announce the 2023-2024 Broadway in Rockford season, presented by Savant Wealth Management. This three-show season features the Rockford premiere of the seven-time Tony-Award-nominated musical, *Come From Away*. The season also features the 50th anniversary of the seminal rock opera, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and the classic rom-com-turned-stage musical, *Pretty Woman: The Musical*. In addition, you can add the holiday spectacular only *Cirque du Soleil* could imagine, *Cirque Dreams Holidaze*, to your season.

Sales for new and renewing subscriptions have begun. Individual tickets for each show will go on sale at a later date. Please visit coronadopac.org/broadway for details or sign up for the Coronado's newsletter to be the first to know.



Myrtle Hitchins

97th birthday card shower for Hitchins

BLOOMINGTON — Myrtle Hitchins, of Bloomington, formerly of rural Mendota and Peru, will be celebrating her 97th birthday on Sunday, July 30, 2023.

Myrtle Harriett Setchell was born July 30, 1926, in Mendota to her parents, Clifford and Ethel Setchell. Myrtle married Joseph Wayne Hitchins of Mendota on April 2, 1949.

They raised four children, Nancy Luke, of Hoopes-ton; Stanley (Leslie) Hitchins, of Bloomington; Joseph (Debbie) Hitchins, of Eureka; and Gary (Cathy) Hitchins, of Peru. Myrtle has 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Please share a birthday wish with Myrtle while her family is celebrating her 97th birthday in 2023.

Her mailing address is: Myrtle Hitchins, Holly Brook, Apt. AL 48, 1815 N. Towanda-Barnes Road, Bloomington, IL 61705.

Educational Briefs

ISU ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

BLOOMINGTON — Illinois State University has announced its Dean's List for Spring 2023.

Local students named to the list include:

Brittany Barlow, Lee County, School of Teaching and Learning, College of Education

Emma Bickett, Lee County, School of Teaching and Learning, College of Education

Emma Blackbourn, Lee County, Special Education, College of Education

Maddie Bland, Lee County, School of Teaching and Learning, College of Education

Ethan Larson, Lee County, Politics and Government, College of Arts and Sciences

Jenna Pitman, Lee County, Communication Sciences and Disorders, College of Arts and Sciences

Corinne Smith, Lee County, School of Teaching and Learning, College of Education

Eligible students must complete 12 or more semester hours. Courses completed after the offi-

cial end of the semester and courses taken with a Credit/No Credit option will not be counted for this purpose. The Dean's List for the Colleges of Applied Science and Technology, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Fine Arts, and Mennonite College of Nursing will include those students whose grade point average places them among the top ten percent of those students majoring within the College based on their semester GPA.

Students whose major does not place them in one of the six colleges that offer degrees and whose semester grade point average is within the top ten percent of the University are identified on the List of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost.



Celeste Schmitt

Schmitt to celebrate 95th birthday

MENDOTA — Celeste (Hochstatter) Schmitt will celebrate her 95th birthday on July 31, 2023.

Schmitt married James "Stymie" Schmitt and has three children, Jim (Wendy), Dan (Jenny Bumba), and Lisa (John) Corcoran; and four grandchildren, Kelsey, Lauren, Austin and Alexis.

Those who would like to send her birthday wishes, can address cards to 4219 E. Fourth Rd., Mendota, IL 61342.

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Attention to ALL Parents/Guardians/Students of the Amboy CUSD 272:

Online registration opens Tuesday, July 25, 2023. There will be an in-house registration on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 from 9:00-5:00 p.m. for those that need to use a device or need assistance. This is in the District Office located in the High School, 11 E. Hawley Street, Amboy. Although online registration begins on July 25, you will not see your student's schedule until the registration is viewed and completed on our end. With the many changes in staff, your student's schedule may not be complete so bear with us and check periodically.

NEW THIS YEAR: Online registration added to TeacherEase Android App and the ability to upload a document.

Preschool students are not part of this registration. Contact Central School (815-857-3619) for the Preschool For All program.

Parents/Guardians with **returning students** (preregistered kindergarten through 12th): Log in to your www.teacherease.com account. If you are not immediately directed to the Online Registration page, access it by going to Miscellaneous > Online Registration. Follow the steps to complete registration and make sure to click **Submit Student Data**. Otherwise, registration is not complete and we will not see it on our end. If you've had a change in your email address, please contact us as this is what is linked to your account. For any changes to your student's schedule, contact the school they'll attend.

Parents/Guardians with **new students** (K-12): Go to www.amboy.net > Parent/Student Resources > Registration > New Family Registration. **Do not use this link if you already have a TeacherEase/Common Goal account through us or another district. You must contact us if this is the case.** We will be notified upon completion of the request so we can review the information submitted and approve or deny the request. After approval, the student's TeacherEase account is automatically created, and an email with the link to create a password for TeacherEase will be sent to custodial guardians. Once you complete this process, you do registration steps like a returning student (shown above). Contact the school that your child will attend for teacher and schedule information.

You do not have to pay the registration fees at the time you register in order for you to be registered but you can pay for fees with a debit/credit card through TeacherEase, come in with cash or check, or by mail (Amboy CUSD 272, 11 E. Hawley Street, Amboy). A bill will not be sent until all class fees, etc. are assessed.

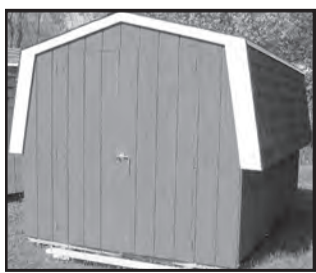
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Opinion

Race still divides us as a nation

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



When I was in high school, my Grandma Wanda fought a battle with the American Legion to have a veteran's marker placed on the grave of her husband's grandfather. Eventually, the Legion post relented and put a veteran's stone over John Beckerdite's earthly remains. What gave the veteran's organization pause is that John hadn't served in any branch of the United States Armed Forces. He fought for the Confederacy. "Although he fought for the South, he fought for his country," Grandma wrote in a family history.

When she wrote that, I was about 14 years old. I thought it was nonsense then. And I think it even more so today. My forbear didn't fight for his country, he betrayed it. And, no, he didn't battle for freedom, he fought for slavery.

When I made these points to Grandma, she wouldn't hear of it. She had bought into the myth of the Lost Cause. I was thinking of that long ago argument this past week, as the U.S. armed forces began renaming military bases that had been named after Confederate generals. For example, Fort Bragg will become Fort Liberty. Fort Hood will become Fort Cavazos. Fort Benning will become Fort Moore. And Fort Gordon will become Fort Eisenhower.

Some traditionalists are hopping mad about the change. They say the Biden administration is erasing history. Baloney.

The administration is eradicating the remnants of a fable.

It's the myth that the Southerners fought a noble fight for independence. They will tell you – with a straight face – the Civil War was fought not over slavery but state's rights.

It's just not true. All 11 Southern states said in their individual articles of secession that they were departing the Union over the issue of slavery.

One Southern friend concedes that the South may have left the Union over slavery. But he adds the North didn't fight the war to end slavery.

Well, I guess you can ignore the Emancipation Proclamation or Abraham Lincoln's moral opposition

to slavery, but what about this line from the "Battle of the Republic" that Union soldiers sang marching into battle: "As Christ died to make men holy, let us die to make men free?"

Whose freedom do you think they were dying for?

No one wants to believe their ancestors died and sacrificed for something as reprehensible as the right to own another human being. But men like Braxton Bragg, John Bell Hood, Henry Benning and John Brown Gordon did just that.

It's shameful that our nation named its military bases after these and other traitors. And make no mistake about it, these men betrayed their country. They took up arms against a nation that they once pledged to serve.

Worse yet, they did it in support of an issue as abhorrent as slavery.

My father spent a miserable few months at Fort Gordon, where he went through Army basic training during the Korean War. He never spoke well of his time as a draftee. There was no nostalgia directed toward his time in the service.

But I can't help but think he would be pleased that the base where he suffered is now named after the first person he supported for president – Eisenhower.

Unlike, Gordon, who is believed to have headed the Georgia Ku Klux Klan, Ike fought for individual liberty. He and his troops defeated Nazism and liberated concentration camps. While president, he sent the 101st Airborne to Little Rock, Ark., to force the integration of public schools.

Those are actions worthy of praise.

And no, Eisenhower wasn't perfect. He made mistakes. But the thrust of his life's work was moving the nation in the right direction.

Some will say that renaming the bases is rewriting history. That's silly. What we are rewriting is who we choose to honor in our history.

The bases got their names as part of a political compromise. As the Army was expanding during World War I, it wanted to establish training bases in the South. To get local buy in, it allowed state legislatures to choose the names of the bases. Lawmakers – just 49 years after

the Civil War – chose to name the bases after Confederate generals.

Please note, Southern African Americans couldn't vote during this era. They had no say over who was honored.

Illinoisans should be proud of our heritage. The two individuals most responsible for defeating secession and slavery – Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant – both hailed from the Prairie State.

So why does the Civil War still divide us? The best answer is that we haven't come to terms with its causes. Race still divides our nation.

In 2017, we saw the deep divisions of the Civil War manifest themselves in Charlottesville, Va. where riots ensued after a statue of Robert E. Lee was to be taken down. Those who supported the statue remaining said it wasn't about race, but their heritage, which they contended was being marginalized.

But if it wasn't about race, why would neo-Nazis, Ku Klux Klan members and other white supremacists be there rioting?

We should be proud that our military has expunged the names of secessionists from their places of honor.

Scott Reeder, a staff writer for Illinois Times, can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Lee County is richly blessed with a treasure trove of historical places to visit, rejoice in, and appreciate. Our County's historic "Crown Jewel" is the Whitney Mansion, the only Lee County rural property listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Since the petition to surround this Historic Treasure with 30 acres of solar panels was denied by our county's Zoning Board of Appeals, it will be up to the Lee County Board to pass it or deny it.

Lee County law is very clear: Its ZESA laws not only forbid solar panels from being installed on prime

farmable soil; it also prohibits them from blocking the view field of a historic landmark. Legislating that it's okay to obscure the beautiful views of Whitney Mansion would be akin to the Dixon City Council voting to surround the Historic Log Cabin on the North bank of the Rock River and President Ronald Reagan's iconic statue on the south bank, with 13-foot-tall solar panels. Loyal history loving and Honorable Dixon officials would never support such actions; and Lee County board members should feel the same way about the Whitney Mansion.

I believe that true "Friends of Lee

County"; which most likely includes the vast majority of its voting inhabitants, support and treasure its rich history; and that they do not desire to have its Nationally Registered Historic Whitney Mansion disrespected by having its beautiful views blocked on three sides by 13-foot-high solar panels.

Let us hope and pray that the Lee County Board supports the wishes and desires of its constituents concerning this matter.

Jim Timble
Franklin Grove

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago July 13, 1923

Amboy suffered the loss of two outstanding citizens: E.C. Gridley was a member of the business community for more than 60 years. J.H. Ayres was the son of a prominent pioneer farmer and proved himself a capable businessman, assisting W.F. Graves in the hardware business.

The Baptist Church accepted plans for the building of a new church at a cost of approximately \$17,000. Negotiations are underway and plans will be completed in the near future.

75 Years Ago July 15, 1948

Midshipman Jack Berga completed his first year at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD and was a member of the new third (sophomore) class at the Academy.

Showing at the Amboy Theater – "The Return of Rin Tin Tin."

50 Years Ago July 19, 1973

David Brown of Mendota, a camper at Green River Oaks Camping Resort, caught an 8-1/4-pound catfish while fishing in the Green River at the campground. The big cat measured 25-1/2 inches in length.

Amboy merchants were wheeling and dealing during their annual Summer Sidewalk Sales.

Lee FS Inc. offered a full line of Whirlpool appliances with Jim Palmer as their appliance specialist.

Born and raised in Amboy, Dr. L.B. Hussey was honored by the residents of Savanna, where he had practiced in medicine and surgery since 1932.

Dr. Hussey was also the Carroll County Coroner for 20 years.

25 Years Ago July 16, 1998

Lee County Deputies responded to a report of a missing 3-year-old girl in Harmon early Tuesday morning, according to the Lee County Sheriff's Department. The child apparently walked out of her mother's apartment during the night. Deputies were joined in the search by Illinois State Police, a State Police helicopter, members of the Harmon Fire Department and several citizens of the village. At approximately 5 a.m.,

a citizen summoned officers to her home after discovering the missing girl sleeping on her front porch.

The extensive renovation of the Amboy Depot has been completed and the interior of the building, after exposure to the elements for several years of construction, has been cleaned and is once again ready to open to the public.

Over the Fourth of July weekend, someone removed a section of fencing from the high school east baseball diamond. It is used in the baseball program and the Little League Tournament as a home run fence. It is orange plastic fencing.



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LOCAL NEWS

Kish College to offer seven short-term training programs in Fall

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Continuing Education department will offer seven short-term training programs during the Fall 2023 semester. Kish short-term programs provide students with the skills and training needed to meet local workforce demands. The programs range from 11-20 weeks, allowing students to immediately start a career or build upon their skills with additional training.

Fall 2023 classes will be offered in online, in-person and hybrid formats. Participants will need access to a computer and the internet to participate in programs with an online component. Some programs include an externship/clinical.

The short-term training programs offered in Fall 2023 are:

Appliance Repair Technician: Sept. 11-Dec. 6 (In-Person)

Appliance repair technicians are skilled professionals trained to assist clients with household appliance installation, troubleshooting and repairs. In-person instruction will take place from 5:30-9 p.m. on Mondays at Kishwaukee College and 5:30-9 p.m. on Wednesdays at Knodle's Appliance Repair Services, Inc.

Dental Assistant: Aug. 28-Nov. 18 (Online Lecture/In-Person Practice)

Dental assistants are health care professionals who work closely with dentists and dental hygienists to provide quality preventive and corrective dental care and administrative support in dental offices. In-person practice will be conducted from 6-9 p.m. on three Tuesdays in a local dental office.

Pharmacy Technician: Aug. 28-Dec. 9 (Online)

Pharmacy technicians assist pharmacists with dispensing prescription medication while performing various other duties in a pharmacy setting. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding is available to those who qualify.

Phlebotomy Technician: Aug. 28-

Nov. 18 (In-Person)

Phlebotomists are skilled health care professionals trained to collect, transport, handle, and process blood and other specimens for laboratory analysis using venipuncture and micro-collection techniques. Instruction and in-person practice will be conducted from 6-8:30 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Kishwaukee College. A clinical experience will be offered in a local hospital from Oct. 31-Nov. 18.

Real Estate Broker Pre-License:

Sept. 5-Nov. 16 (Online)

Real estate brokers perform many duties in real estate transactions, including marketing homes, establishing escrow accounts, and working to ensure transactions are fair and legal. Online instruction takes place 6-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Sterile Processing Technician:

Aug. 28-Dec. 2 (Online)

Sterile processing technicians support all patient care services in a health care facility. Technicians are responsible for decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing and distributing the medical devices and supplies needed in patient care, especially during surgery.

Veterinary Assistant: July 23-Dec. 22 (Online Lecture/In-Person Practice)

Veterinary assistants are critical members of a veterinary staff trained to assist veterinarians and veterinary technicians with medical procedures on sick and injured animals. Online/live lectures will take place 6:30-9 p.m. on Tuesdays, and in-person labs will be conducted from 5-8 p.m. on Thursdays at Ashton Animal Clinic in Ashton. A clinical experience will be offered at a local animal hospital from Nov. 20-Dec. 22.

To learn more or register for Kishwaukee College Short-Term programs, visit kish.edu/shortterm.



THE PASTOR'S PEN

SEEK TO UNDERSTAND THINGS FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

The Gospel of Matthew records a monumental moment in the lives of Jesus' disciples... and in the history of the church, as well. This is when Peter declared to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God" (16:16). It is upon this statement of faith that the Church has existed for 2000 years. And Peter was the first to declare it. The others may have thought it, but only Peter was bold enough to say it. Well done, Peter! Yet only moments after Peter's bold and true confession of faith, we find him being "rebuked" by Jesus for telling Him that He must not be crucified as Jesus (and Scripture) predicted would happen. Jesus justified this rebuke by explaining, "...for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." (16:23). And even though Peter was the one who got rebuked for saying it... the others were probably thinking it also. And I truly believe that we would have probably agreed with Peter also. A crucified Messiah did not fit into anyone's perspective. It did not make sense... at the time. And it wasn't until after Christ's crucifixion and resurrection that it finally did make sense. Even though it was always part of God's plan.

This difference of opinion and perspective with God has plagued humanity pretty much from the beginning. In the Old Testament God said, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8-9). Examples of these differences are found in the Old Testament as our holy and

righteous God interacts with sinful and fallen humanity.

And though we currently live in a time after the resurrection of Christ, the New Testament consistently warns Christians not to draw our opinions and perspectives from a worldly point of view as Peter and so many others did. Our Lord knew this would be a very real struggle for His followers. He prayed, "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." (John 17:16-17).

Thus is the plight of all the followers of Christ from the time He walked this earth until now. So the ongoing goal, and challenge, for every believer is that our minds... our way of thinking, be transformed through learning the Scriptures and the help of the Holy Spirit. This is truly a lifelong process... but it's well worth the effort. As Christians, we cannot experience the joy and peace that God desires us to know in real and life-changing ways if we allow the unchristian, worldly perspectives that are all around us as the source of our understanding and perspectives. "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God..." (1 Corinthians 3:19a).

Nothing in our Christian life will really make sense to us if we do not seek to understand things from God's perspective. But through our conscientious decision to change our thinking (with His help) our understanding of His "ways" will be more complete. And so will our joy and peace as we proceed forward in the wonderful life He gives us to live - for Him, and with Him.

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LEE COUNTY
BUDGET HEARING
FOR SOCIAL
SERVICES FOR
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Lee County will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 31, 2023, in the Old Lee County Courthouse, 3rd Floor, 112 E Second St., Dixon, Illinois, for the purpose of hearing comments concerning the use of funds for Senior Citizen social services. For more information or to submit a funding request go to: www.lee-county-il.com (Government/County Board/Social Services for Senior Citizens).
No. 0701
(July 19, 2023)

**SUPERVISOR'S
STATEMENT OF
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**
GENERAL ASSISTANCE
I, Laura Morgan, Supervisor of May Township, Lee County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023.

BEGINNING BALANCE
April 1, 2022
\$37,623.03
TOTAL REVENUES
\$68.95
TOTAL EXPENDITURES
\$0.00
ENDING BALANCE
March 31, 2023
\$37,691.98
The amount of tax levied the preceding year: 0
The amount of property tax collected: 0
The amount paid out on town indebtedness: Principal: 0
Interest: 0
The amount of unpaid liabilities due: 0
The amount of unpaid liabilities not yet due: 0
Maturity Date: Subscribed and sworn to this 11th day of April, 2023

Laura L. Morgan
**General Assistance
Account Balances -
As of 3/31/2023**
Account
Bank Accounts
General Assistance CD
20,000.00
General Assistance
Checking
17,691.98
TOTAL Bank Accounts
37,691.98
OVERALL TOTAL
37,691.98
General Assistance
4/1/2022 through
3/31/2023
Category
INFLOWS
Interest Inc
68.95
TOTAL INFLOWS
68.95
OVERALL TOTAL
68.95

**ROAD DISTRICT
TREASURER'S
ANNUAL REPORT
ROAD AND BRIDGE
FUND**
To the Highway Commissioner, May Township Road District, Lee County, Illinois.

I, Laura Morgan, Treasurer of May Township Road District, Lee County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023.

BEGINNING BALANCE
April 1, 2022
\$541,857.19
TOTAL REVENUES
\$1,294,596.82
TOTAL EXPENDITURES
\$131,347.60
ENDING BALANCE
March 31, 2023
\$1,705,106.41
The amount of tax levied the preceding year: (2021): \$116,296.00
The amount of property tax collected:

\$113,827.16
The amount paid out on indebtedness:
Principal: 0
Interest: 0
The amount of unpaid liabilities due: 0
The amount of unpaid liabilities not yet due: 0
Maturity Date: Subscribed and sworn to this 11th day of April 2023

Laura L Morgan
**Road & Bridge
Account Balances -
As of 3/31/2023**
Account Balance
Bank Accounts
R&B Capital Equip
Fund: \$250,325.15
Road & Bridge Checking: \$1,454,781.26
TOTAL Bank Accounts: \$1,705,106.41
OVERALL TOTAL:
\$1,705,106.41
Road & Bridge
4/1/2022 through
3/31/2023
INFLOWS
Uncategorized: 20.00
Dividends: 489.00
Interest Inc: 478.93
Other Inc: 1,174,472.00
Tax, Property: 119,136.89
TOTAL INFLOWS: 1,294,596.82
OUTFLOWS
Uncategorized: 48,810.00
Building Maintenance: 20,467.00
Electricity: 608.00
Equipment Maintenance: 13,917.83
Fuel: 6,291.97
Insurance: 3,422.00
Insurance, Unemployment: 105.30
Machine Hire: 1,567.50
Misc.: 140.54
Propane: 4,612.91
Publishing: 274.61
Road Maintenance: 27,130.48
Tax Deposit: 483.14
Tools & Supplies: 683.51
Wages: 2,832.81
TOTAL OUTFLOWS: 131,347.60
OVERALL TOTAL:
1,163,249.22
Road & Bridge-Spending by Payee
4/1/2022 through
3/31/2023
Payee (4/1/2022-3/31/2023)
Ag View FS: 99.57
Beck Tech: 270.67
Blunier Builders: 48,810.00
Bonnell Industries: 435.30
Brian Russell: 140.54
ComEd: 608.00
Helm Materials: 562.95
IDES: 105.30
Jacob Bickett: 584.11
JD Belcher Electric: 175.00
Jones & Berry: 184.00
Kevin Shaw: 1,400.00
LaSalle Publishing: 112.11
Lee County Highway: 5,331.96
Monroe Truck Equipment: 968.28
Napa: 499.51
Nick Zimmerlein: 1,567.50
Northern Partners: 6,291.97
Prairie State Tractor: 4,600.00
Quality Spot Repair: 5,187.50
R.C. Service: 250.00
Raynor Door: 20,292.00
Renner Quarries: 7,652.17
Sam Russell: 2,248.70
Shaw Media: 162.50
Sublette Farmers Elevator: 1,945.90
Thompson Truck & Trailer: 274.56
Timber Industries: 9,200.00
Toirma: 3,422.00
Transfer Money: 0.00
Treasury Dept: 483.14
Untz Truck Repair: 494.88
Vaessen Implement Repair: 2,374.57
Woody True Value: 4,612.91
OVERALL TOTAL:
131,347.60

**SUPERVISOR'S
STATEMENT OF
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS
TOWN FUND**
I, Laura Morgan, Supervisor of May Township, Lee County, Illinois, being duly sworn, depose and say that the following statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023.

BEGINNING BALANCE
April 1, 2022
\$116,296.00
TOTAL REVENUES
\$59,838.76
TOTAL EXPENDITURES
\$59,838.76
ENDING BALANCE
March 31, 2023
\$116,296.00
The amount of tax levied the preceding year: (2021): \$116,296.00
The amount of property tax collected:

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\$59,838.76
TOTAL EXPENDITURES
\$59,838.76
ENDING BALANCE
March 31, 2023
\$116,296.00
The amount of tax levied the preceding year: (2021): \$116,296.00
The amount of property tax collected:

BEGINNING BALANCE
April 1, 2022:
116,575.47
TOTAL REVENUES:
62,004.05
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:
43,435.67
ENDING BALANCE
March 31, 2023:
135,143.85
The amount of tax levied the preceding year (2021): 59,345.00
The amount of property tax collected: 59,324.06
The amount paid out on town indebtedness: Principal: 0
Interest: 0
The amount of unpaid liabilities due: 0
The amount of unpaid liabilities not yet due: 0
Maturity date: Subscribed and sworn to this 11th day of April, 2023

Laura L Morgan
**Town Fund Account
Balances - As of
3/31/2023**
Account: Balance
Bank Accounts
Town CD: 40,000.00
Town Checking: 91,603.91
Town Passbook: 3,539.94
TOTAL Bank Accounts: 135,143.85
OVERALL TOTAL:
135,143.85
**Town Fund
4/1/2022 through
3/31/2023**
Category
INFLOWS
Automatic Renewal: 99.51
Dividends: 417.00
Election Set Up: 35.00
Interest Inc: 127.04
Tax, Property: 61,325.50
TOTAL INFLOWS: 62,004.05
OUTFLOWS
Accounting Service: 473.50
Building Maintenance: 334.42
Dues: 229.86
Expense, Clerk: 300.00
Expense, Supervisor: 300.00
Insurance: 3,290.00
Payroll: 32,202.36
Publishing: 340.43
Shopping
Electronics & Software: 109.66
TOTAL Shopping: 109.66
Tax Deposit: 5,335.44
Township Maintenance: 520.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS: 43,435.67
OVERALL TOTAL:
18,568.38
**Town Fund-Spending
by Payee
4/1/2022 through
3/31/2023**
Allied Benefit Systems, Inc.: 375.00
Amboy News: 340.43
Brian Russell: 20,723.28
Erbes Electric: 74.42
Jason Leffelman: 761.88
Jason Streit: 685.70
Jim McLaughlin: 838.06
Laura Morgan: 4,980.94
Lisa Bickett: 4,160.28
M.J.B. CPA & Assoc., Ltd.: 473.50
Marty Montavon: 761.88
Sam Russell: 520.00
Thompson Gas: 260.00
Toirma: 2,915.00
Township Officials of Illinois: 229.86
Treasury Dept.: 5,335.44
OVERALL TOTAL:
43,435.67
No. 0702
(July 19, 2023)

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL
STATEMENT OF THE
COMPTON
COMMUNITY FIRE
PROTECTION
DISTRICT, LEE
COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING APRIL
30, 2023**
RECEIPTS:
Cash Balance, General Fund, May 1, 2022: \$630,919.07
Cash Balance, Equipment Sinking Fund, May 1, 2022: \$204,454.43
Cash Balance, Insurance Fund, May 1, 2022: \$68,187.00
Cash Balance, Ambulance Service Fund, May 1, 2022: \$59,838.76
Treasurer, Lee County, Illinois, portion of taxes, General Fund: \$137,130.95
Treasurer, Lee County, Illinois, portion of taxes, Equipment Sinking Fund: \$20,000.00
Treasurer, Lee County, Illinois, portion of taxes, Insurance Fund: \$14,589.35
Treasurer, Lee County, Illinois, portion of taxes, Ambulance Fund: \$15,733.56
First State Bank, West Brooklyn, Illinois, Interest of Deposits, General Fund: \$7,459.76
First State Bank, West Brooklyn, Illinois, Interest of Deposits, Equipment Sinking Fund: \$1,788.52
First State Bank, West Brooklyn, Illinois, Interest of Deposits, Insurance Fund: \$676.86
First State Bank, West Brooklyn, Illinois, Interest on Deposits, Ambulance Fund: \$235.00
2% Fire Insurance Tax, General Fund: \$1,530.44
Miscellaneous Income, General Fund: \$42,784.51
West Brooklyn Fire Protection District (EMT Services): \$5,000.00
Replacement Tax, General Fund: \$7,816.93
Insurance Refunds and Claims, Insurance Fund: \$1,270.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS:
\$1,219,416.07
DISBURSEMENTS:
Administrative Expenses, General Fund: Bank Service Fees: 20.00
Attorney Fees: 1,500.00
Auditing & Accounting Fees: 1,503.01
Dues, Memberships and Fees: 1,328.00
Miscellaneous Expenses: 149.00
Office and Postage: 462.14
Publishing and Printing: 2,119.58
Trustee & Officer Salaries: 2,900.00
Reimburse Miscellaneous: 162.75
Reimburse Office & Postage: 272.39
Total: \$10,416.87
Administrative Expenses, Ambulance Fund: Dues, Memberships & Fees: 63.00
TOTAL: 63.00
Public Safety Expense, General Fund: Materials & Supplies: 1,876.40
Reimburse Repairs/Parts: 353.55
Repairs & Maintenance, Bldgs & Equip: 11,748.37
Training & Seminars: 240.00
Trustee & Officer Salaries: 1,500.00
Utilities: 4,776.00
Volunteer Expense: 12,711.43
Reimburse Training/Seminars: 461.95
Reimburse Materials & Supplies: 942.58
Fuel, Gas & Oil: 4,072.51
Total: 38,682.79
Public Safety Expense, Ambulance Fund: Intergovernmental Agreements - Other Depts.: 25,000.00
Reimburse Repair/Parts: 206.12
Materials & Supplies: 1,346.22
Per Call Payments: 5,225.00
Training & Seminars: 2,183.23
Repairs & Maintenance: 6,336.77
Total: 40,297.34
Insurance Fund: Insurance Premiums & Fees: 12,606.00
Total: 12,606.00
Equipment Sinking Fund: Capital Outlay: 36,000.00
Total: 36,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:
138,066.00
RECAPITULATION:
TOTAL RECEIPTS: \$1,219,416.07
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS: (138,066.00)
BALANCE ON HAND: \$1,081,350.07
which said balance consists of the following fund accounts, to wit:
GENERAL FUND: \$786,243.31
SINKING FUND:

\$188,454.43
INSURANCE FUND:
\$71,440.35
AMBULANCE FUND:
\$35,211.98
TOTAL: \$1,081,350.07
Henry Orzech, Treasurer, Compton Community Fire Protection District, Lee County, IL
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COUNTY OF LEE
HENRY ORZECZ, being first duly sworn on his oath, deposes and says that he is the Treasurer of the COMPTON COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, Lee County, Illinois; that he has read the above and foregoing Annual Financial Statement, by him subscribed; and that the same is a true and correct account of all monies received and disbursed by him for and on behalf of said Fire Protection District, beginning on May 1, 2022, and ending on April 30, 2023.
Henry Orzech
SUBSCRIBED and SWORN TO before me this 12th day of July, A.D., 2023
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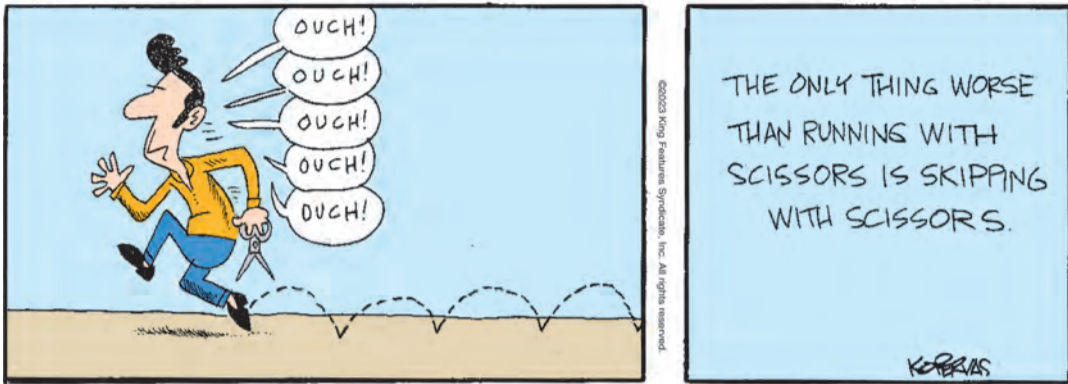
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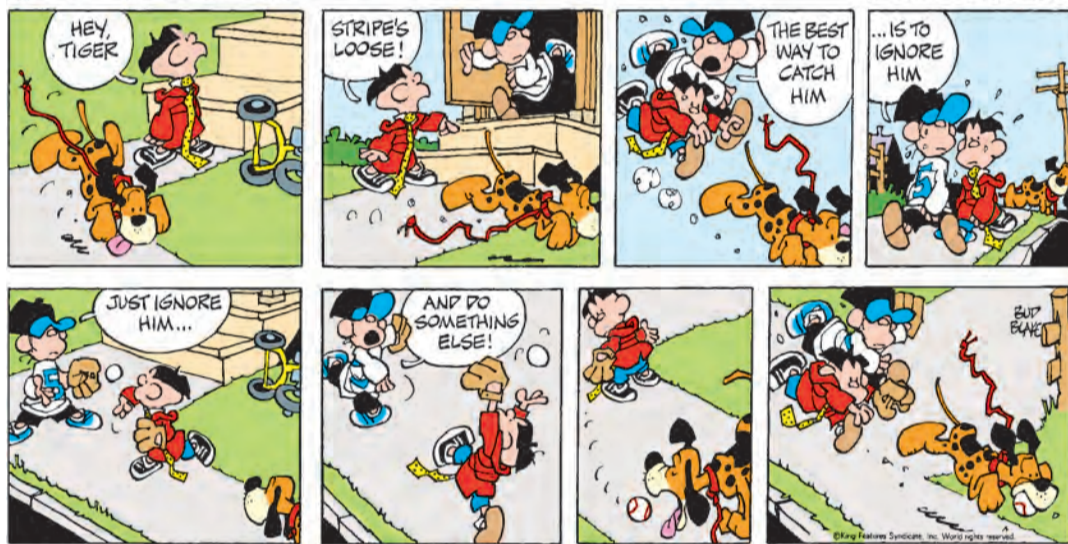
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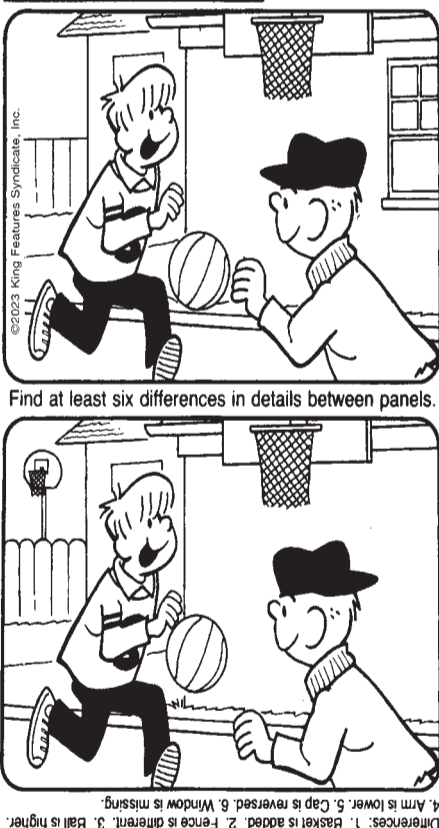


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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Q equals R

KRDH WH DBWYB KBP QROCZ
OQP YRLSVKPVPT KPPLWHX DWKB
KWQP-ZHOXXWHX CPSQPZZWRHZ:
KBP BRVPT YWKT.

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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!

Source SAUCE
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Wound GAMEAD
Crowd BARBEL

TODAY'S WORD

With or without _____ ?

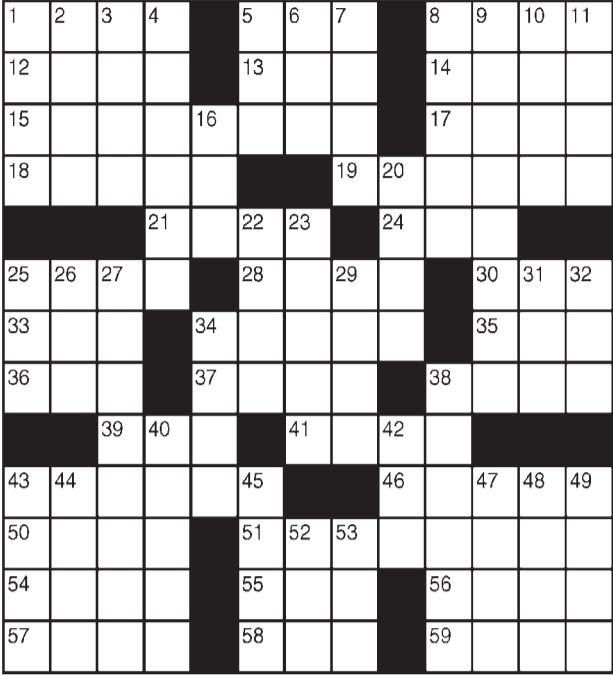
King Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Artist Chagall
- 5 Witty one
- 8 Infatuated
- 12 — about (roughly)
- 13 Copper head?
- 14 Arkin or Alda
- 15 Famed circus impresario
- 17 A deadly sin
- 18 Tuscan city
- 19 Rapsallions
- 21 Craving
- 24 " — was saying ..."
- 25 Pocket bread
- 28 Chart toppers
- 30 Cagers' gp.
- 33 Author Tan
- 34 Highway divisions

- 35 City area, for short
- 36 LP speed
- 37 Staffer
- 38 College VIP
- 39 Luau bowlful
- 41 Cold War initials
- 43 Chin covers
- 46 Old hat
- 50 Forearm bone
- 51 Every year
- 54 Blue material?
- 55 Swiss canton
- 56 Campus digs



- 57 Hefty volume
- 58 Cotillion celeb
- 59 Follow orders
- DOWN
- 1 Floor cleaners
- 2 Con
- 3 Judicial garb
- 4 Brain protectors
- 5 Pallid
- 6 — Dhabi
- 7 Jewels
- 8 Grand parties
- 9 Kitchen foil type

- 10 React in horror
- 11 Picnic invaders
- 16 Squealer
- 20 Mama Elliot
- 22 Spiced tea
- 23 Brahmanist
- 25 Standard
- 26 Little rascal
- 27 Ear membrane
- 29 Casual tops
- 31 Buddy
- 32 "Shark Tank" network

- 34 Set down
- 38 "The Godfather" star
- 40 Emulate Lincoln
- 42 Resort
- 43 Small statue
- 44 Ticklish
- 45 Muppet
- 47 Tater
- 48 Uppity sort
- 49 Foolproof
- 49 TV trophy
- 52 Before
- 53 Tease

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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 READS to DIALS in 6 words? Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

READS

DIALS

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. WEATHER: What is the name of the hot wind that blows from the Sahara Desert to the southern coast of Europe?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of the condition of seeing human faces in random or ambiguous objects or patterns?
3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country that borders the United Kingdom?
4. THEATER: Which Broadway play features a helicopter on stage?
5. LITERATURE: Who wrote the novel "One Hundred Years of Solitude"?
6. MEDICAL: What is the common name for the ailment called epistaxis?
7. TELEVISION: Which TV comedy popularized the phrase "Yabba Dabba Do"?
8. MOVIES: What is the nickname that Steven Spielberg gave the mechanical shark in the movie "Jaws"?
9. HISTORY: When did the Boxer Rebellion take place in China?
10. MATH: Which number doesn't have a corresponding Roman numeral?

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- Answers
1. Sirocco.
 2. Pareidolia.
 3. Republic of Ireland.
 4. "Miss Saigon."
 5. Gabriel Garcia Marquez.
 6. Nosebleed.
 7. "The Flintstones."
 8. Bruce.
 9. 1900.
 10. Zero.

MUSTARD

Today's Word

1. Cause 2. Dither.
3. Damage 4. Rabbie

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

HEADS, DEALS, DIALS, READS, REAPS, HEAPS,

HEADS, DEALS, DIALS

WORD LADDER

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

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

Solution time: 24 mins.

Answers

King Crossword

Cryptoquip
Town in which the roads are completely leaming with life-snagging depressions: The Holy City.

LOCAL NEWS

OSF HealthCare welcomes additional Illinois Valley providers to its Ministry

PERU – OSF HealthCare is pleased to welcome providers in gastroenterology and primary care to better serve communities in the Illinois Valley.

The addition of Geetha Dodda, MD, and Jenny Gaworski, APRN, will ensure continued access for patients in need of gastroenterology services. Location to be determined. Deb Herz, APRN, a

primary care provider, will be joining the Ministry to provide high-quality patient care at OSF Medical Group – Primary Care located at 1650 Midtown Road in Peru.

Illinois Valley residents seeking information regarding their care can call 844-673-2778. This line is available 24/7 and will offer individuals a direct connection to the information

they need during this time. Additionally, patients may seek care at OSF OnCall Urgent Care in Ottawa and OSF PromptCare locations in Princeton, Streator, Mendota and Ottawa. Individuals can also get 24/7 virtual visits through OSF OnCall. Learn more at osfoncall.org/virtualvisit.

Former St. Margaret's patients should request a copy of their medical re-

cords from St. Margaret's Health (SMH), which has partnered with a vendor to assist patients with this process.

Visit aboutsmh.org/medical-records-request and complete the Authorization for Use and Disclosure of Health Information form.

When filling out the form, please be sure to list the reason for the re-

quest and where to send the records. Complete the form and fax it to (815) 664-1169 or mail it to:

SMH, Medical Records Requests, 600 E. First St., Spring Valley, IL 61362
SMH will no longer

accept requests over the phone or by message, but if you have a question related to your records, call 815-664-1583.

Due to volume, please expect at least 30 days to receive your records.

IDOA announces poultry shows return for 2023 fair season

SPRINGFIELD - The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) has announced the return of poultry shows for the 2023 fair season. The influx of highly pathogenic avian influenza cases forced the cancellation of in-person junior and open poultry shows at Illinois county fairs and the Illinois State Fair in 2022, with only virtual poultry shows being held.

"We have seen a decline in highly pathogenic avian influenza cases over the last several months prompting the Department to lift the ban of poultry shows at our

fairs," said Dr. Mark Ernst, IDOA State Veterinarian. "We still want to remind our exhibitors to practice good biosecurity on your farm and monitor your flock for signs of disease, especially the birds you plan to exhibit for 14 days prior to the show."

The Illinois country fair season kicked off on May 30 in Greene County. The Illinois State Fair runs Aug. 10-20. The 2023 Illinois State Fair Premium Book is available here: <https://statefair.illinois.gov/competitions/premium-books.html>

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SPORTS

Volleyball camp held

AMBOY — The Amboy High School Lady Clippers Volleyball program hosted a volleyball camp for young girls interested in volleyball this past week. There were two sessions for three days; the first session was second-fifth grades. The second session was sixth-eighth grades. There were over 90 campers and high school players participate. Campers came from Amboy, Ohio, and AFC schools. The girls worked on the fundamentals of volleyball including serving, passing, setting, hitting and the rotations. Overall, there was a lot of learning and fun had by all. The girls also played games such as, Blanket Volley, Hot Dog, and Duck Duck Goose. It was a great three days of volleyball.

Thank you to the high school players for helping and being wonderful “buddies” to the younger campers. They are: Elly Jones, Lexi Ketchum, Addison Shaw, Madison O’Malley, Liz Clarida, Alexa Morris, Tyrah Vaessen, Emersyn Noble, Ha-leigh Stenzel, Gloria Parker, Jillian Anderson, Grace Althaus, Kiera Karlson, Ellie McLaughlin, Peyton Payne, Brittlyn Whitman, Alyvia Whelchel, Jadyn Whelchel, Madison Althaus, Callen Christoffer-son, Lexi, Davis, Lainey Davis, Leighton Gully, Morgan Kreiser, Lilly Lef-felman, Alexa McKendry, Aubrey Wells. Also, many thanks to Coach Lindsey Kaleel.

The second-grade campers were: Annie Henkel, Clare Considine, Paisley Payne, Audrey Hanson, Raelynn Evans

The third-grade campers were: Ella Loomis, Grayson Montavon, Ava Riley, Ella Jackson, Olivia Henkel, Kendall Hopper, Micaela Lopez, Madisyn Britton

The fourth-grade campers were: Katie Wittenau-er, Mandi Ritter, Paisley Kant, Emy Moore, Re-becca May, Adisyn Latta, Annelise Considine, Au-breyanne Kimball, McK-enzie Warner, Emmerson Benson, Ellie Henkel, Brooklyn Pratt

The fifth-grade campers were: Cozy Schoen-holz, Gillian Schneider, Leah Bell, Kaiya Kaleel, Mackenna Alletto, Alice Klein, Taylir McNinch, Austyn Britton, Leah Bodmer

The sixth-grade campers were: Bailey Wittenau-er, Elizabeth Goldsberry, Avery Wittenauer, Amelia Kant, Annabelle Leffel-man, Alexis White, Vanes-sa Gross, Amelia Nichols, Teagan Moore, Mya Near

The seventh-grade campers were: Mackenzie Alletto, Jasmine Rhoden-baugh, Sophya Fonderoli, Isabelle Klein, Quinnley Piper, Addy Kreiser, Mal-lory Bodmer

The eighth-grade campers were: Kylee Grotzinger, Teagan Payne, Aubrey Gobbard, Addi Blaine, Sydney Whelchel, Korona Gall



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