



Save the Steeple fundraising hits all avenues, grills

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY — St. Patrick Catholic Church's Save the Steeple fundraising began last July in efforts to repair the church's battered steeple and the damaged roof.

In a year's time, the donations are at \$239,674.69, which is 75 percent of the \$319,000 goal.

The fundraising began last

July with the Bike and Hike-Athon, which returns for its second year at 9 a.m. July 1.

"It went far beyond our expectations the first time, so we're hoping that it will be a fun and successful event once again this year," said St. Patrick's accountant Carol Prunty. "Last year, the Bike and Hike-Athon brought in almost \$14,000 and we had approximately 30-40 people participate."

All proceeds from the bike-er and the hiker pledges and sponsors goes toward Save the Steeple as they trek two miles for the cause.

Although it wasn't the same day as the Amboy Fire Department's Fourth of July celebration on last year, this year the church thought holding the Bike and Hike-Athon on the same day would be better for both parties as the bikers and hikers could enjoy

The Save the Steeple fundraising continued on Friday, June 23 as brats and hotdogs were offered by the St. Patrick Catholic Church at the Depot Museum parking lot in Amboy. There were also craft vendors and a lemonade stand.
Brandon LaChance/Amboy News



Independence Day celebration set for Saturday

AMBOY — The Amboy Independence Celebration will take place start at 4 p.m., on Saturday, July 1.

However, if you want to start the glorious day correctly, the Amboy Fire Department will be the host to an all you can eat breakfast at 7-11 a.m. on Saturday, July 1.

The donation only breakfast which was held during Depot Days but moved to the Independence Celebration, for the first time this year will feature pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee, juice, and milk. Besides good eats, the breakfast allows the community to check out the fire station.

Once you've had breakfast, come back to downtown Amboy for the rest of the Independence Celebration. The bounce houses, water slides, bubble making machine and face painting will start at 4 p.m. ZOWA Wrestling will take to the mat 4:30-6:15 p.m. Back Country Roads will take to the stage at 6:30 p.m. Fireworks will take to the sky at dusk.

Happy Independence Day from the Amboy Fire Department and the City of Amboy.



Pictured above are James Curl, Courtney Ortgiesen, Wesley Wilson and Kyler McNinch.

Photo submitted

Amboy Lions announce scholarship recipients

AMBOY — Over the past 30 years, the Amboy Lions Club has awarded over \$70,000 in scholarship money to Amboy graduates. The criteria used by the selection committee includes: citizenship, academic achievement, community and extracurricular involvement, and a desire to pursue a higher education beyond high school.

This year the club made available

\$3,000 to be given towards scholarships.

At the May 25 Honors Night at Amboy High School, four graduating seniors were recognized.

The 2023 recipients are James Curl, Kyler McNinch, Courtney Ortgiesen, and Wesley Wilson. Each recipient will receive \$750 at the completion of their first semester. The Amboy Lions will also honor the recipients and their

parents at the Club Scholarship Dinner on July 24 at the Amboy Community Center this year.

The Club meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the Community Center at 6 p.m.

If you are interested in finding more out about the Club or want to join, contact Jim Travi, membership chairperson, or any club member.

Vanguard Safety Wear and Dinges Fire Company present check to fallen FDNY 9/11 firefighter Michael Kiefer Fund

NEWYORK,N.Y.—Amboy, Illinois based Vanguard Safety Wear and Dinges Fire Company yet again made the trek to New York, New York to present a sizeable check to the family of fallen Fire Department of New York Sept. 11, 2001 Firefighter Michael Kiefer.

On June 21, Vanguard Safety Wear and its sister company Dinges Fire Company presented a \$25,000 and \$2,500 checks to the Michael Kiefer Fund, benefiting the FDNY Fire Family Transport Foundation and the NY Fire-fighter Burn Center. This is the third year both businesses have donated to the fund totaling \$38,500.

More than 20 years ago, on Sept. 11, 2001, the World Trade Center in New York City was viciously attacked by a hateful foreign enemy. That day the Kiefer family lost its only son and brother, 25 year old FDNY FF Michael Kiefer, who was assigned to Ladder 132 in Brooklyn, New York. To help celebrate Michael's life and keep his memory alive, his

family created the FDNY FF Michael Kiefer Fund with a goal to continue to help others the way Michael would if he was still here.

Vanguard Safety Wear and the Dinges Fire Company's donations will go directly towards purchasing a transport van, in Michael's name, that will carry sick and injured FDNY firefighters to doctor's appointments.

"I am forever grateful for the generosity of Dinges Fire Company and Vanguard Safety Wear for its donations and for always remembering Michael," said Michael's Sister Kerri Kiefer-Viverito. "From a very young age Michael always wanted to pass by the firehouse and then one day his dream came true. Dinges Fire Co. and Vanguard Safety Wear's donation truly makes me feel so proud to be Michael's sister. I know what an amazing person Michael was, but when I see others realizing that and continuing to honor his legacy, it makes me smile."

"For Vanguard Safety Wear, the effort is particu-



Pictured presenting the check are, left to right, Kim Vaessen (Vanguard Safety Wear), Andrew Shapiro (Vanguard Safety Wear), Nick Dinges (Dinges Fire Co.), Kerri Kiefer-Viverito (Michael's sister), Anthony Viverito (Kerri's husband and NY FF) and Ryan Pennington (Vanguard Safety Wear).

Photo submitted

larly personal as Michael's brother-in-law is a friend of mine and currently an FDNY member," said Vanguard Safety Wear President Andy Shapiro. "I, myself was in Manhattan on 9/11 while tragically, mine and

other surrounding suburban communities suffered many victims on that day. So, while the memories of 9/11 will no doubt remain vivid in our minds, we strive to maintain the awareness for others and continue to honor the memory

of the thousands that perished that day and particularly the truly heroic first responders.

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Not only battling fire

By BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — Jeff Bryant Sr. was distraught.

After lab work came back in July 2022 showing his body was making an immense number of antibodies, Leukemia was a real possibility of why he couldn't feel his right hand or right foot.

The symptoms of a numb right hand and right foot, falling down because he couldn't feel uneven surfaces such as gravel, sand, or patchy grass, and not being able to drive because he didn't know where his foot was, began in March 2020.

Three years later, March 2023, he was diagnosed with Lewis Sumner Syndrome (LSS).

"I was scared. Oh yeah. Oh yeah. Initially, it was wearing braces on both of my feet for 90 days and we'll get through this," Bryant Sr. said. "Now, I'll probably have to wear the braces for the rest of my life. But I can walk. And I don't have a tragic illness like ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) or MS (multiple sclerosis)."

"Originally, they were telling me I possibly had Leukemia and that was jaw dropping. That was because my body is producing all these antibodies just like Leukemia. We all know what the end looks like for Leukemia and all of the other diseases."

Bryant Sr., the Amboy fire chief, knew something was wrong in March 2020 but he couldn't go to the hospital because of COVID-19. In July 2020 he had pain in his right arm (ulna) and thought it may be a pinched nerve.

In February 2022, Bryant Sr. started falling for what he thought was no reason, which wasn't normal for him.

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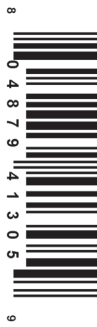
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This week, kids going into fifth grade, sixth, seventh, eighth, and high school, are working the community program. We are still accepting applications for the all day community program and it goes to July 26. You can still sign up. If you have any questions, please call Teen Turf building at 815-857-4800. Let's have a great summer. Check out our pictures on Facebook.

Happy Birthday To Mrs. Piper

It is her birthday today, so please say hello on Facebook or Text her. She will love it.

Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: Tammy, Scott, and Brooklyn Strub for the Sonic red shoes and Poptarts; Vickie and Bill Gerdes for the monetary donation; Martha Henley for the cookies; Anonymous donation of snacks; Cheryl Collum for the Poptarts; Kathy Zimmerly for the Poptarts; Larry and Rose Leffelman for their monetary donation in Dean Steffenitch's memory and Jim and Jean Travi for the household goods.

Needs

Fruit Snacks and packaged snacks like Goldfish.

Final Note

"O God, please help us to find rest and happiness within your plan. Make our lips smile longer as we think of moving to an amazing sunlit place. Let us awaken each morning with hope for everything that the world has to offer. Help us so that we can discover peace, prosperity, and happiness in our lives.

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He went to therapy, saw a foot and ankle specialist, and began wearing a brace to help pick up his foot.

The fire chief was referred to the University of Wisconsin in July 2022 and began taking tests to rule out nerve-affecting diseases such as ALS, MS, Leukemia, and Lou Gehrig Disease.

Diseases were ruled out, but Lewis-Sumner Syndrome couldn't be as Bryant Sr.'s was experiencing the symptoms of the asymmetric sensory-motor variant of Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP), mostly affecting the limbs distally, with electrophysiological evidence of multifocal motor conduction blocks.

With LSS confirmed, Bryant began the intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg) treatment in May as he went to the infusion lab at KSB Hospital for three days to get his body acclimated with the medicine.

He returned to KSB the week of June 19 for his second infusion, which was a one-day process. Bryant Sr. thinks he'll have monthly one-day infusions for the rest of his life as he hasn't been informed otherwise.

"I feel so far that it has been a success. I have feeling back in my toes and my foot. I'm walking better," Bryant Sr. said. "I'm walking without stepping backward to step forward, like a gated step. It's a very rare syndrome, but it's

similar to a lot of other diseases that are catastrophic.

"I'm glad that this is treatable. There is an 80-percent success rate and I'm hoping it's going to work for me."

Bryant Sr., who couldn't feel his right hand or right foot for 14-15 months, can finally feel all of his limbs. He said he is getting around better and other people are noticing as they've made comments to him about his better mobility.

When it comes to work, he never left the office and has been around the Amboy Fire Department staff throughout the entire process.

The paperwork and administrative role of his position has continued to be performed by him. However, the physical work hasn't, and is still limited.

"I can still do the chief executive office responsibilities of the job, but I've been restricted on how much ground action I can do," Bryant Sr. said. "I have been at the major accidents and fires, but as an EMT, I haven't been able to do those duties for the last few years.

"I'm going to try to do a trial run this month (June) as an EMT to see if I can do the work. I can't take care of a patient if I'm falling on my face. Before I began the treatment, I had decided that the treatment was going to be the deciding factor if I stay on as the fire chief or if I move on.

"Currently, with the success I've had

AMBOY- You are invited to join fellow senior citizens for a free chair exercise program. Bring your own chair, or one will be provided. They meet at The Amboy Sports Park, entrance located at West Main Street and Parkview Lane intersection, Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. Sessions usually run 30 minutes. For more information, call Chris at 815-857-3963.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will host its Kindergarten-First Grade Summer Reading on Wednesday, June 28, from 1-2 p.m.

DIXON- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., on Wednesday, June 28, at Sauk Valley Community College Student Government, 173 IL Route 2. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Crochet Club on Wednesday, June 28, from 5-6:15 p.m.

AMBOY- The Pankhurst Memorial Library will host its Second-Fourth Grade Summer Reading on Thursday, June 29, from 10-11 a.m.

PAW PAW- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1-6 p.m., on Thursday, June 29, at Paw Paw Elementary School, 511 Chapman. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

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in the beginning, I'm staying where I'm at."

There has not been a timetable given to Bryant Sr. of when he'll be back to 100 percent or if he is on the wrong side of the 80-percent success rate.

However, with the returned feeling to his limbs, the help of his new braces that are lighter, more comfortable, and pick his foot up when his knee moves so the foot isn't dragging, he is very optimistic.

"The braces have improved since the first braces I had. I don't just put on shoes and socks anymore, putting on the braces add 10 minutes to getting ready," said Bryant Sr., who has braces on both of his feet to keep them in repetition although only the right foot is affected with LSS. "They're a lot more comfortable.

"I have a trainer that I go to outside of normal treatment. We work on my balance and stepping up and stepping down. When you fall a few times, you have a fear of falling. Your body says, 'I've done this before, and it didn't end well.' I'm trying to climb up and down stairs, walk across wet grass, and walk across wet gravel."

Bryant Sr. will return to University of Wisconsin in August for an ultrasound to see the current state of his nerves after three infusions (May, June, July) at KSB.

www.fdnymichaelkieferrfund.com.

For more information on the Dinges Fire Company, visit www.DingesFire.com or follow us on LinkedIn, Facebook or Instagram. For more information on Vanguard Safety Wear, visit vanguard-safetywear.com.

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Each pair of Vanguard Safety Wear firefighting gloves bears the initials "MK," keeping Michael's name alive in the fire service serving as a reminder to "Never Forget."

"We couldn't be prouder and more honored to present a check to Kerri and her family in Michael's name," said Dinges Fire Company CEO Nick

Dinges. "As a firefighter myself, I always think about that awful day on September 11 and the sacrifices so many firefighter's and service men and women made on that day. Our donation to the Michael Kiefer Fund is the least we can do to simply say thank you."

To learn more about the Michael Kiefer Fund and to make a donation, visit

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Back Country Roads will perform from 6-9:30pm in the Depot Parking Lot followed by the Fireworks provided by the City of Amboy

AMBOY- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., on Saturday, July 1, at Amboy Fire Department, 25 N. E Ave. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

FRANKLIN GROVE- The Franklin Creek Conservation Association will present Music on the Porch, Teresa and Peter Storch Duo

live at the Grist Mill, from 6-9 p.m., on Saturday, July 8. Join them for an al fresco dinner and an evening of award winning tunes. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by live music. Cost is \$25 per ticket or \$20 per student. Bring your own chairs/blanket and BYOB. Reserve tickets by July 6, call the Mill at 814-456-2718 or email dixonmarge85@gmail.com.

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Due to the Fourth of July holiday, the Amboy News will have an early deadline for the issue of July 5th.

All advertising must be received by noon on Thursday, June 29.

OBITUARIES

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Carol Widolff

May 9, 1934 - June 22, 2023

WEST BROOKLYN — Carol Widolff, 89, of West Brooklyn, passed away surrounded by her family on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at her home.

She was born on May 3, 1934 in Mendota, the daughter of Raymond and Eva (Fahler) Mann. Carol was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in West Brooklyn, and Altar and Rosary Society. She married Joseph Widolff on Nov. 26, 1955 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Mendota.

Carol is preceded in death by her husband on Feb. 14, 2019; six brothers, George, Oren, Cecil, Carleton, Wayne, Glenn Mann; and three sisters, Catherine Mann, Ina Garland, Lela Rich.

She is survived by her

children, Diane (James) Devine, of Dixon, Michael (Janet) Widolff, of West Brooklyn, Lois (Brian) Donovan, of Winter Haven, Fla., Randy (Shelley Mink) Widolff, of West Brooklyn, Steven (Paula) Widolff, of Amboy; 15 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; and one brother-in-law, William Widolff, of Sterling.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. Lunch will follow at the Holloway Center. Burial will be at St. Mary Cemetery in West Brooklyn at 3 p.m. Visitations will be on Monday, June 26, 2023 from 4 to 7 p.m., with scripture service at 6:30 p.m. at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Visitation will also be from 10 to 10:45



a.m., at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon on Tuesday, June 27, 2023.

A memorial has been established to Serenity Hospice and Home.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

Dorothy M. Kozlowski

July 18, 1950 - June 22, 2023

AMBOY — Dorothy M. Kozlowski, 72, of Amboy, passed away on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

She was born on July 18, 1950, in Cambridge, Mass., the daughter of Eugene and Jennie (Bochenek) Laskowski.

She graduated with a Bachelors Degree in History from St. Marys in Winona, Minn. Dorothy worked as a probation officer in DuPage County for over 20 years prior to her retirement. She also worked for the Amboy Depot Museum and County Market. Dorothy enjoyed cross stitching, crocheting, reading, and was a history buff.

She married Edward Kozlowski on March 13, 1976 in Wheaton.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband; children, Jennifer (Dale) Hartmann, of Maple Park, John (Kristy) Kozlowski, of Rock Falls, Stephanie (Kenneth) Armstrong, of Milledgeville, Cindi Kozlowski, of Platville, Wis.; eight grandchildren, Emma Hartmann, Nathan Townson, Jazmine Kozlowski, Sophia Armstrong, Khloe Armstrong, Sawyer Armstrong, McKenna Kozlowski, Grayson Kozlowski; and one brother, Eugene Laskowski, of Holiday, Fla.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A visitation will be held on Friday, June 30, 2023, from 1 to 2 p.m., at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy with burial of



cremains to follow at Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy.

A memorial has been established to the Pankhurst Memorial Library in Amboy.

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

Marilyn J. Barnes

Nov. 9, 1931 - June 21, 2023

AMBOY — Marilyn J. Barnes, 91, of Amboy, passed away on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born on Nov. 9, 1931, in Amboy the daughter of Ernest and Klea (Plume) Spade. Marilyn was a beautician for over 60 years. She married Richard Barnes on July 6, 1952 in Amboy.

Marilyn is preceded in death by her husband on Dec.

23, 2001, her parents, and half brother John "Mike" Liggett.

She is survived by her children, Mark S. (Mary Sheridan) Barnes, of Amboy, Neil A. Barnes, of Amboy; grandchildren, Jillian Barnes and Reed Barnes.

Cremation rites have been accorded with a burial of cremains to be held at a later date at Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy.



Elizabeth (Theiss) Henkel

June 4, 1925 - June 24, 2023

SUBLETTE — Elizabeth (Theiss) Henkel, born on June 4, 1925, died peacefully at her home in Sublette, on June 24, 2023.

Known as Betty, she recently celebrated her 98th birthday with a large gathering of family and friends. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family.

Betty was a lifelong resident of Sublette, married Cletus F. Henkel on April 27, 1943, and enjoyed 58 years of marriage before he died. She was the mother of 1 children who blessed her with 19 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Betty is survived by nine of her children, Judith Henkel, Sublette, Stan (Susan) Henkel, Oak Creek Wis., Michael (Karen) Henkel, Sublette, Martin (Janda) Henkel, Dixon, Paul (Susan) Henkel, Sublette, Sheryl (Keith Gray) Joel, Longmont, Colo., Edward (Barbara) Henkel, Sublette, Joan Henkel, Darien, and Jane (Joseph) Schmidt, Tonica. Betty was the oldest of six and is survived by her sisters, Sr. Joan Theiss OSF, Clinton, Iowa, Ellen (Jim) Flores, Santee Calif., and Janet (Galen) Wright, Madera

Calif., a brother, Dr. Edward Theiss, Boulder Colo., and sister-in-law, Elaine (Gilbert) Theiss, Riverside, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gilbert P. and Ruth Theiss; her husband, Cletus; her son, David; her brother, Gilbert L. Theiss; her granddaughter, Catharine Henkel; and her grandson, Mathew Henkel.

Faith, family, and hard work were the central tenets of Betty's life. She was a life-long parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Sublette, and, with her husband, raised a large loving family and farmed for a living.

Hard work was her brand, and she couldn't stay idle even in her spare time. Over the many years of her long life she enjoyed many past times, including playing ball on the Sublette Cublets women's softball team, playing cards, fishing, gardening, bee keeping, making apple cider and canning and preserving the fruits and bounty of her many gardens and orchards. She was a member of OLP church St. Anne's Society and an activist on local community issues. She was a



quintessential farm wife and homemaker and a faithful prayer warrior on behalf of others. Betty relished the life she lived.

She was well loved and will be dearly missed. Peace be with you, Betty, Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma, Big Sister, Aunt, Neighbor, Friend.

Funeral services will be arranged at a later date. The family will be making memorial contributions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (mass intentions), OSF Hospice of Ottawa, Mercy Home for Boys and Girls of Chicago and Sublette 365. Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

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"There is almost one every month. "We appreciate everyone's help to save the steeple. The people who are at the fundraisers usually get something. We had a flower sale where people received flowers. We had a cookie sale where they took home treats. A brat and hotdog fundraiser where they received a meal. "We're not having them drop \$20 in a bucket and that's all. We're making sure the

fundraising gives them something in return."

The brat and hotdog fundraiser was held Friday, June 23 at the Depot Museum parking lot and featured a lemonade stand and vendors selling different items. The church will also be part of the Lee County 4-H Fair July 27-30 as it will have a pie sale featuring delicious desserts made by members of the parish.

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Local nature and history

By Jim "Mazie" Long



Crows are wise to the transgressions and trickery of humans.

Not Just Another Birdbrain

This smart survivor is worth crowing about

The crow is certainly the most intelligent bird we have. It has changed its life-style many times in the past 100 years. In the mid 1900s, crows would gather in large roosting flocks during the winter. On remote hedgerows, two or three thousand would settle in every night. Crows were considered bad for the local wildlife. I never understood why. But it became popular for sportsman's clubs to wire the birds' roosts with explosives that would be set off after dark. The crows quickly adapted. They stopped gathering in large groups to roost. The sportsman's clubs soon forgot about the crows. Even today, crows no longer gather in large groups to spend the night. They learned not to.

Crows can be considered noisy, but here too, they have learned to change their habits. It is amazing how quiet the crows can be in spring when they are nesting. The only thing that can arouse a crow at this time is the appearance of a large owl. When this happens, you will see crows suddenly appear to mob an owl, when you were completely unaware that there was a single crow in the area. More recently, I was surprised to see for the first time in decades – crows returning to town. It seems that the crow is adjusting again, this time to the human race becoming more civilized.

Other changes on the wing

I participated in a 1957 checklist of the birds of Illinois for the Illinois State



Jim "Mazie" Long

Museum. Until that time, I had never seen a turkey vulture in Lee County. It is not unusual today to see fifteen sitting in a single tree.

In 1957, the Canada goose was regarded as a migratory bird. Over 100,000 wintered in southern Illinois, before nesting to the far north. Now it is a year-round resident, especially of our several hundred ponds.

Turkeys (not turkey vultures), were all but extinct in Illinois in 1957. Today I often see hens darting through the woods during spring nesting. One hen can raise 12 to 15 at a single nesting. The bald eagle, osprey, and mute swan can also now be seen more often in Lee County.

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

BY PASTOR RICK WULF,

The East Grove Union Church of Rural Amboy

Hello, Friends, Isn't always good to hear "Good Reports?" Well, for our little church out at the intersection of Reuter and Union Rds., we are glad to report that we had 26 youth, three year old through seventh Grade attend our Vacation Bible School last week. I, as the Pastor want to express my sincere appreciation once again to you parents and/or grandparents who were able to bring or send your children to be with us this year. We

were very excited to see that amount for a morning school.

It is encouraging that Christian publishers are still producing quality curriculum that interests our Young People and that is faithful to the Word of God. Our particular curriculum if you didn't see our ad last week was called "Stompers & Chompers: Building Dino-Sized Faith in God's Big Plan." The dinosaur theme was fun, because most kids love thinking and talking about dinosaurs. The Bible lessons were from the Book of Genesis and dealt with the Creation account, Adam and Eve, Noah and the Flood, and

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finally Abraham, the Father of Faith. The music was also creatively put together using new thematic songs and also some older choruses as well as some traditional hymns that fit well with the message. The kids also had fun making interesting crafts.

The eight adults who worked in the school this year all agreed that God used the excellent leadership that Jennifer Vaessen once gave again this year to make our school successful. We are already looking forward to planning for next year. This is one of our major ministry events. The experience that a young person has at a Vacation Bible School can be life changing. We believe that God did work in many of their lives.

It is our prayer for our school-aged youth that they will have a fun and safe

summer and will be ready to return to school in five or six weeks. We really do care for our young people here at our church and pray for them all of the time. There are so many more challenges that our kids are facing today than we of the "older" generation had to face.

I trust that as you are continuing with the plans that you have made that you will have a great summer. I saw a church sign recently that said to some effect, "have a great Summer, save some time for God."

Might I suggest, spend time with God at the beginning of your week, and He will make the rest of your week go well. Don't give God Him your leftovers. Give Him your best, seeing that He gave us His best in His Jesus.

May God continue to bless and sustain you.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago June 22, 1923

Clark Butler is acquiring fame as a raiser of strawberries. He has an unusually fine patch this year and the fruit is very large. One berry measured 4 1/4 inches in circumference.

A good crowd was in town on Wednesday night to enjoy the first band concert of the season. After the concert, the boys proceeded to entertain at the ice cream social at the Baptist Church.

75 Years Ago June 24, 1948

After having been closed for several summers, Banta's Ice Cream Store will re-open in the Graves Building. Mrs. Howard Shaw will be the manager.

William Hubbard of Amboy was one of the 127 employees honored by the Illinois Northern Utilities Company for 25 years or more of service.

Elmer Sensenig was named commander of the newly organized Amvet Post; Clarence Sullivan was adjutant and Alvin Glenn finance officer.

50 Years Ago June 28, 1973

Amboy's Driver Examining Station, that has operated here for a number of years; will close. Frank Hiatt, driver examiner, was notified that his position has been eliminated as of June 30.

By order of the City Council, bicycles are not to be ridden on the sidewalks in the business district.

25 Years Ago June 25, 1998

Sgt. Dion Snyder, son of David and Kay Snyder of Amboy and Jeannie Snyder

of Dixon, and Don Wells, son of Don and Anne Wells of Amboy, are serving together at the United States Embassy in Moscow, Russia. Sgt. Snyder is a 1992 graduate of Amboy High School; Don Wells graduated from AHS in 1964.

Governor Jim Edgar congratulated winners of the 17th annual Governor's Home Town Awards last week for their many contributions to improving the quality of life for people throughout the state. Earning the second-place award in the area of Economic Development was the Village of Sublette. The award noted that Sublette, which has a population of 450, annually hosts a Farm Toy Show which attracts about 4,000 visitors.



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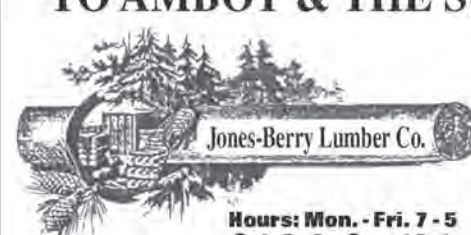


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Wisconsin wrestler Dean Hamiti helps Clippers

AMBOY SENDS FOUR TO NWO CAMP IN SHERIDAN

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – Wrestling may be a winter sport in the Illinois High School Association calendar, but it's never too early or too late to sharpen mat skills.

Amboy High School wrestling coach Brent Montavon has a large portion of his team in summer camps, including a camp held at the NWO Wrestling Club in Sheridan with University of Wisconsin wrestler Dean Hamiti.

"Dean does a really good job with the kids. He comes and runs the camp for three days," Montavon said. "Nate Martinez (the owner of NWO Wrestling Club) and I kind of sit back and just have

fun with the kids. Dean shows them a lot of chain wrestling and technique. It's perfecting technique more than anything.

"The kids have fun. They all have their air mattresses and they camp out. We play games and they enjoy it."

Hamiti is a 165-pound wrestler for the Badgers who, as a soon-to-be junior, is a two-time NCAA All-American, placed sixth at the 2023 NCAA Championships, won the Big Ten Championship, and was named the 2022 Big Ten Freshman of the Year.

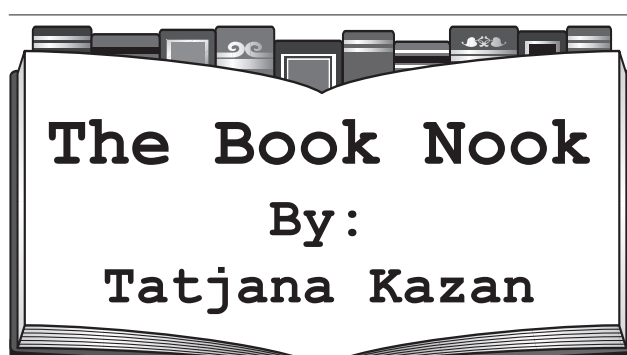
Montavon had three high school wrestlers attend Hamiti's camp from June 20-22 in upcoming junior Josh McKendry, sophomore Chase Montavon, and freshman Jose Lopez. Coach Montavon's youngest son, Blake Montavon (7-years old), also took to

the mats.

"We stayed the night for two nights and came home on Thursday," Brent Montavon said. "It's an awesome camp for my wrestlers because of the knowledge they're getting. They're getting knowledge from other wrestlers and from other coaches. It's only beneficial. During the summer a lot of kids don't wrestle, so this gets them in the gym for a week and gets wrestling back in their head."

"Come October when we start again, it's not as foreign as it would be without the camp."

Senior Lucas Blanton and sophomore Landon Blanton, who advanced to state as a freshman, have been wrestling at Alber Athletics in Freeport throughout the summer and were at a camp in Iowa during Hamiti's camp.



THE BOOK SPY

Having enjoyed Alan Hlad's novel "The Long Flight Home" about pigeons who served in the British National Pigeon Service during World War Two, I looked forward to Hlad's latest historical fiction "The Book Spy" (2023). It too is based on real events. It is a terrific, though rather overblown story. But the writing is awful. Unlike pigeons who don't give a toss for the complexities of emotions, the heroine of this novel is steeped in the perils of the spy game. Thus, embarrassment unvaryingly brings on a warming head for both men and women. Even the curious substitution of fear with the German word 'Angst' – as in, "an Angst grew inside her" – does not improve Hlad's writing skill. And when they drink Portuguese wine, which is often, it is always described as "full-bodied with notes of chocolate and blackberry."

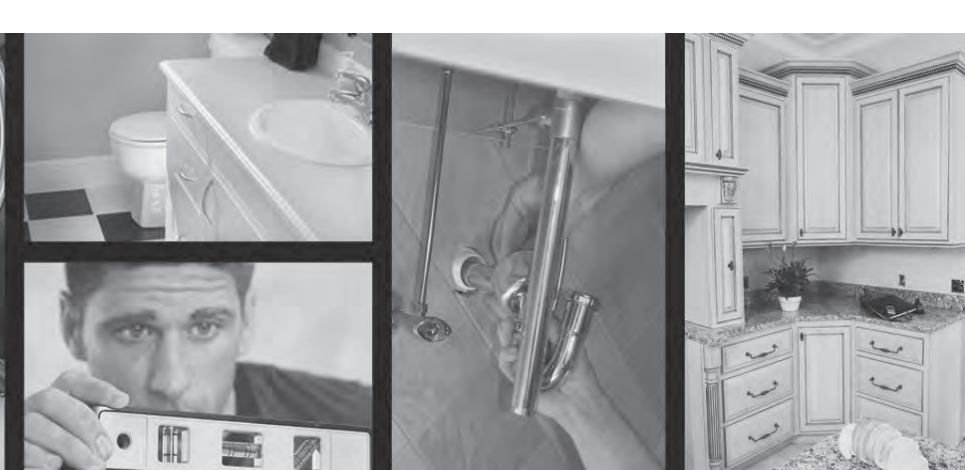
In 1942, Colonel Bill Donovan, head of the OSS, the precursor of the CIA, recruited Harvard Librarian Frederick Kilgour to organize an overseas program to acquire enemy

publications. Librarians and microfilm specialists were deployed to neutral cities throughout Europe. They microfilmed hundreds of books, newspapers, and journals and sent the microfilm to American and British analysts. Enter Maria Alves, a microfilm expert at the New York Public Library. Kilgour refuses to hire her, but she persists. She crashes a party at the Astor mansion where Donovan is guest speaker. When Maria elbows her way to Donovan, he is so impressed by her gumption he hires her on the spot. Weeks later, Maria boards the Yankee Clipper, a PanAm seaplane, to Lisbon. It crashes into the Tagus River outside Lisbon. Maria barely survives, but she is soon scouting out Lisbon, which, Hlad repeats constantly, smells of grilled sardines.

Tiago Soares, a Portuguese bookstore owner, has just lost his Jewish grandparents in France in a Gestapo roundup. Tiago works tirelessly to forge passports and visas for Jewish refugees pouring into Lisbon. Maria, for her part, quickly acquires vital information, such as a directory of arms factories in Germany. But she is destined for greater glory. At a posh casino, Maria meets Swiss Banker Lars Steiger. He makes his millions supplying the Germans with Wolfram (tungsten), a crucial material used in anti-tank weapons. Lars takes to the fresh, young American librarian, and full of trust, he soon suggests she should work for the Germans.

Maria instantly becomes a star double agent. Tiago forges Royal Navy Operations Pink Lists, showing the locations and movements of Royal and Allied ships. Ludicrously, Admiral Canaris, chief of German military intelligence, is thrilled. Maria is showered with money and German gold bricks. Indeed, Lars flies Maria to a wedding at Hitler's Berghof, where she spots Himmler, the SS executioner of millions. But the party was so festive and everybody was so nice.

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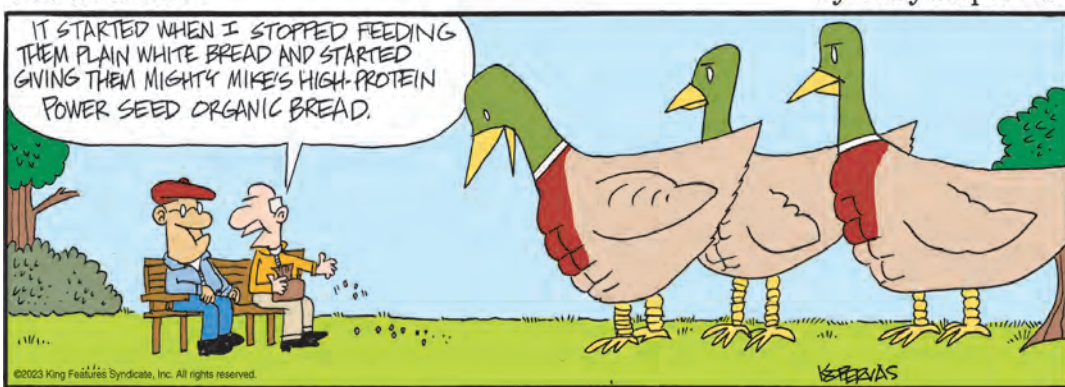
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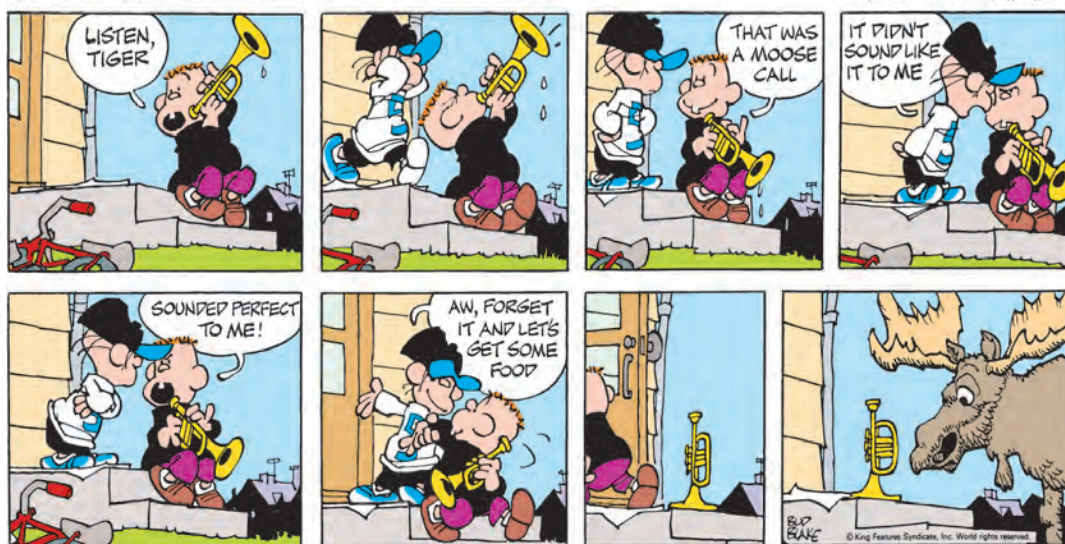
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by Fifi Rodriguez

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- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does HTTP stand for in a website address?
- LITERATURE: Which kind of animals are featured in the novel "Water-ship Down"?
- HISTORY: When was the first iPhone released?
- MOVIES: What kind of fish is Nemo in "Finding Nemo"?
- GAMES: What is the final course on Mario Kart video games?
- ASTRONOMY: How many planets in our solar system have moons?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was licensed as a bartender?
- MEDICAL: What is a more common term for somnolence?
- TELEVISION: How many castaways are on "Gilligan's Island"?

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FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
LEE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS**

CASE NO. 2023TX21
To: Christopher Red-
cliff; Spouse of Chris-
topher Redcliff; Nancy
Petersen, Lee County
Clerk; Persons in oc-
cupancy or actual pos-
session of said prop-
erty, unknown owners
or parties claiming any
right, interest or title in
the described real es-
tate:

Property located at:
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Property Index No.
05-17-11-154-004
Tax Sale Certificate No.
2020-00048
This property was sold
on October 28, 2020 for

delinquent general tax-
es for the year of 2019.
A Petition for Tax Deed
for this property was
filed on April 18, 2023.
Your right to redeem
the property from the
sale will expire on Octo-
ber 17, 2023. If you fail
to redeem by that date,
the court may enter a
judgment granting peti-
tioner a tax deed.
This matter is set for
hearing in the Circuit
Court of this county in
Dixon, Illinois on Octo-
ber 30, 2023 at 9 AM
before Judge Lee via
Zoom (Meeting ID: 827
2801 2324; Passcode:
694825), or whomever
may be sitting in his or
her stead.
JICTB, Inc., Petitioner
Angela L. Tucker, Esq.
JICTB, Inc.
1701 Broadmoor Dr.
Ste 100
Champaign, IL 61821
No. 0602
(June 21, 28 and July 5,
2023)

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CIRCUIT
LEE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS**

CASE NO. 2023TX22
To: Cordell Mace;
Spouse of Cordell
Mace; Tax Lien Invest-
ments; Nancy Peters-

en, Lee County Clerk;
Persons in occupancy
or actual possession of
said property, unknown
owners or parties claim-
ing any right, interest or
title in the described
real estate:
Property located at:
136 N 3rd St, Compton,
IL
Property Index No.
05-17-11-180-020
Tax Sale Certificate No.
2020-00055
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on October 28, 2020 for
delinquent general tax-
es for the year of 2019.
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for this property was
filed on April 18, 2023.
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No. 0603
(June 21, 28 and July 5,
2023)

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LEE COUNTY,
ILLINOIS**

CASE NO. 2023TX23
To: Estate of Lucille
Wright, deceased; Un-
known Heirs/Devises
of Lucille Wright; Es-
tate of Vern Wright,
deceased; Unknown
Heirs/Devises of Vern
Wright, deceased; Es-
tate of Carl Branche,
deceased; Unknown
Heirs/Devises of Carl
Branch, deceased; Es-
tate of Junior Branche,
deceased; Unknown
Heirs/Devises of Ju-
nior Branch, deceased;
Estate of Betty Levan,
deceased; Unknown
Heirs/Devises of Mel-
vin Levan, deceased;
Estate of Karolyn Sher-
idan, deceased; Thom-
as Sheridan; Tara Sheri-
dan; Unknown Heirs/
Devises of Karolyn
Sheridan, deceased;
Cody Thomas; Amy
Wernick; Nancy Peters-
en, Lee County Clerk;
Persons in occupancy
or actual possession of
said property, unknown
owners or parties claim-
ing any right, interest
or title in the described
real estate:

Property located at:
220 Sheridan Ave, Dix-
on, IL
Property Index No.
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Tax Sale Certificate No.
2020-00154
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LEGAL NOTICE**PUBLIC NOTICE
WEST BROOKLYN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2024
ORDINANCE 23-01**

An Ordinance setting for the budget and making appropriations of sums of money for all necessary expenditures of the West Brooklyn Fire Protection District of Lee County, Illinois for corporate and ambulance purposes beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024.

WHEREAS, there has been prepared in tentative from a Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the West Brooklyn Fire Protection District of Lee County, Illinois for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2024 and the Secretary of said Fire Protection district has made said Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereof: and WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on the 19th day of June, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. notice of which hearing was given by publication as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with:

NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST BROOKLYN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:

SECTION 1: The fiscal year of this Fire Protection District be and the same is hereby fixed and declared to be from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024

SECTION 2: That the following Corporate Fire Fund budget containing an estimate of the cash expected to be received by said Fire Protection District during such fiscal year from all sources, and a statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be and the same as hereby adopted as the budget of said fire protection district for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date.

GENERAL CORPORATE FIRE FUND
Beginning cash on hand May 1, 2023 \$459,431
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS CORPORATE FUND
Property Tax Corporate Fire Fund \$70,295
Replacement Tax 16,000
2% Fire Insurance Tax 1,300
Interest Revenue 850
Insurance Refunds 0
Contributions
Other Income
Total Receipts Corporation \$88,445

SECTION 3: That the following sums of money by and the same are hereby appropriated for the general corporate fire fund purposes of said West Brooklyn Fire Protection District herein specified. for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2024;

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES CORPORATE FIRE FUND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:

a. Trustee salaries (1/2 of \$2,400) \$1,200
b. Legal services (1/2 of \$2,500) \$1,250
c. Bookkeeping services (1/2 of \$2,000) \$1,000
d. Social Security and Medicare \$200
e. Liability Insurance (1/2 of \$12,000) 6,000
f. Workers Compensation Insurance (1/2 of \$4,200) \$2,100
g. Compilation/Financial Report (1/2 of \$1,750) \$875
h. Publishing and Printing \$1,200
i. Office and Postage \$250
j. Dues, Memberships and Fees \$350
k. Miscellaneous \$6,750
l. Transfers Out 0

PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES:

m. Volunteer Fire Department (1/2 of \$6,000) \$3,000
n. Emergency Services Training \$300
o. Repairs and Fuel \$5,400
p. Utilities and Telephone \$2,300
q. Material and Supplies \$2,800
r. Capital Equipment Outlay \$37,000
s. Debt Retirement (Tanker payment 8 of 20) \$12,500
t. Building Maintenance and Repair (Reserve) \$30,000
u. New Equipment -
Total Estimated Expenses General Fund \$114,475.00

TOTAL CASH ON HAND MAY 1, 2024 \$433,401

SECTION 4: That the following Ambulance Fund budget, containing an estimate of cash expected to be received by said Fire Protection District during such fiscal year from all sources, and a statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of said Fire Protection District for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date.

Beginning cash on Hand May 1, 2023 \$45,443
ESTIMATED RECEIPTS CORPORATE FUND
Propery Tax Ambulance Fund \$58,098

Insurance Refunds 0
Interest Income 0
Other income
Transfers In 0
Total Receipts Ambulance \$58,098
SECTION 5: That the following sums of money be and the same are hereby appropriated for the General Ambulance Fund purposes of said West Brooklyn Fire Protection District herein specified, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2024:
ESTIMATED EXPENSES AMBULANCE FUND:
v. Intergovernmental agreements \$25,500
w. Liability Insurance (1/2 of \$12,000) \$6,000
x. Worker's Compensation Insurance (1/2 of \$4,200) \$2,100
y. Trustee Salaries (1/2 of \$2,400) \$1,200
z. Legal Services (1/2 of \$2,500) \$1,250
aa. Bookkeeping Services (1/2 of \$2,000) \$1,000
bb. Compilation/Financial Report (1/2 of \$1,750) \$875
cc. Volunteer Fire Department (1/2 of \$6,000) \$3,000
dd. Rescue per call fees \$1,000
ee. Utilities and Telephone \$2,300
ff. Materials and Supplies \$2,800
gg. Repairs and Fuel \$5,400
hh. Capital Equipment Outlay \$10,000
ii. Building Maintenance Repair (reserve) \$5,000
dd* Transfer Out \$. -
Total Estimated Expenses Ambulance Fund \$67,425

TOTAL ESTIMATED CASH ON HAND MAY 1, 2024: \$36,116

SECTION 6: That the funds derived from sources other than the 2023 tax levy (payable 2024) may be allocated by the Board of Trustees to such appropriation and in such amounts, respectively. as said board may determine. within the limits of said appropriations. respectively and pursuant to statute.

SECTION 7: That the unexpended balance as to any item appropriated may be allocated to the payment of a deficiency as to any other item of appropriation.

SECTION 8: That if any part of this ordinance shall be determined to be invalid. the determination shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance.

SECTION 9: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage by the trustees and publication in accordance with state statute.

Approved: June 19, 2023

WEST BROOKLYN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ATTEST:

Richard Studebaker, President/Trustee

Donna Jungels, Trustee/Treasurer

STATE OF ILLINOIS

ss.

COUNTY OF LEE**CERTIFIED COPY OF ORDINANCE OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WEST BROOKLYN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the West Brooklyn Fire Protection District Budget and Appropriation Ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees of the WEST BROOKLYN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, Lee County, Illinois, at its regular meeting, which meeting was held on the 19th day of June 2023.

Secretary

I, Donna Jungels, am the duly authorized, appointed and acting Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the WEST BROOKLYN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, Lee County.

Illinois and as such Secretary, I am charged with the keeping of all the books and records of the meetings of the said Board.

PRESIDENTS CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED REVENUES FOR THE WEST BROOKLYN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

I, Richard Studebaker, President, do hereby certify as follows:

1. I am the President of the West Brooklyn Fire Protection District, Lee County, Illinois.

2. I estimate the revenue, by source, of the said West Brooklyn Fire Protection District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024.

SOURCE AMOUNT

Estimated Receipts

Property Tax - Current Levy (2023-2024) \$128,393

Illinois Replacement Tax \$16,000

Interest Income \$850

Other Income \$1,300

Estimated Receipt During Current Fiscal Year -

TOTAL \$146,543

Richard Studebaker, President/Trustee

No. 0611 (June 28)

SPORTS

Annual Amboy girls basketball camp held

AMBOY – The annual Amboy Girls' Basketball Camp was held May 30-June 2 and June 5-8.

The camp was divided into two sessions. Session One included third- through sixth-graders and Session Two included seventh- through ninth-graders.

Games and contests were held with the following award-winners:

SESSION ONE

Free Throws (5th & 6th): 1st-Kendyll Whitney, 37; 2nd-Cozy Schoenholz, 29; 3rd-Taylry McNinch, 27; 4th-Eme Miller & Reagan Miller, 24; 5th-Avery Wittenauer, 21; Free Throws (3rd & 4th) – 1st-Ellie Henkel, 22; 2nd-Emery Williams, Azlynn Martinson & Annelise Considine, 21; 3rd-Dilynn Whitney, 20

Hot Spots (5th & 6th): 1st-Cozy Schoenholz, 106; 2nd-Taylry McNinch, 97; 3rd-Kendyll Whitney, 90; Hot Spots (3rd & 4th): 1st-Savannah Hufford, 89; 2nd-Ellie Henkel, 61; 3rd-Azlynn Martinson, 57

Most Improved: 1st-Lily Peterson; 2nd-Emery Williams, Annelise Considine, Alexis White, Teagan Moore, Abigail Parker

Hustle: 1st-Ali Althaus & Alexis White; 2nd-Taylry McNinch, Dilynn Whitney, Annelise Considine, Eme Miller

Best Defense: 1st-Kaiya Kaleel; 2nd-Reagan Miller, Kendyll Whitney, Paisley

Kant, Leah Bonnell

Best Rebounder: 1st-Cozy Schoenholz & Leah Bonnell; 2nd-Eme Miller, Alexis White, Avery Wittenauer, Reagan Miller

MVP: Kendyll Whitney
League Champions: Tinley Helms, Leah Bonnell, Reagan Miller, Eme Miller, Emery Williams, Kendall Helms

Campers of the Day: May 30-Ali Althaus; May 31-Alexis White; June 1-Kendyll Whitney, Eme Miller, Azlynn Martinson; June 2-Leah Bonnell, Annelise Considine, Cozy Schoenholz; June 5-Amelia Kant & Tinley Helms; June 6-Teagan Moore, Savannah Hufford, Cheyenne Hufford; June 7-Avery Wittenauer, Taylry McNinch, Emery Williams; June 8-Annabelle Leffelman, Kaiya Kaleel, Reagan Miller

SESSION TWO

Free Throws: 1st-Maddie Althaus, 33; 2nd-Aubrey Wells, 29; 3rd-Callan Christoffersen, 26; 4th-Tinley Whitney, 25

Hot Spots: 1st-Leighton Gulley, 101; 2nd-Aubrey Wells, 98; 3rd-Callan Christoffersen, 90

Most Improved: 1st-Karona Gall & Madi Heath; 2nd-Laci Daniels & Gabby Miller

Hustle: 1st-Addi Blaine; 2nd-Sydney Whelchel, Laci Daniels, Gabby Miller, Madi Heath

Best Defense: 1st-Alexa



SESSION ONE

Girls in third through sixth grade attending the Amboy Girls' Basketball Camp, front row, left to right, are Paisley Kant, Abigail Parker, Emery Williams, Savannah Hufford, Azlynn Martinson, Dilynn Whitney, Annelise Considine, Taylry McNinch, Ellie Henkel, Raegan Peterson and Kendall Helms. Back row, Cheyenne Hufford, Teagan Moore, Ali Althaus, Alexis White, Leah Bonnell, Cozy Schoenholz, Annabelle Leffelman, Tinley Helms, Kendyll Whitney, Avery Wittenauer, Reagan Miller, Eme Miller, Kaiya Kaleel and Amelia Kant. Not pictured: Caitlyn Hummel and Lily Peterson.

Photo submitted

SESSION TWO

Girls in seventh through ninth grade attending the Amboy Girls' Basketball Camp, front row, left to right, are Alexa McKendry, Leighton Gulley, Laci Daniels and Karona Gall. Back row, Maddie Althaus, Lili Leffelman, Aubrey Wells, Madi Heath, Gabby Miller, Addi Blaine and Tinley Whitney. Not pictured: Callan Christoffersen and Sydney Whelchel.

Photo submitted



McKendry; 2nd-Leighton Gulley & Maddie Althaus

Best Rebounder: 1st-Aubrey Wells & Callan Christoffersen; 2nd-Leighton Gul-

ley & Tinley Whitney

MVP: Maddie Althaus & Aubrey Wells

Campers of the Day: May 30-Lili Leffelman;

May 31-Aubrey Wells; June

1-Sydney Whelchel; June

2-Leighton Gulley & Maddie Althaus; June 5-Alexa McKendry & Madi Heath;

June 6-Callan Christoffers-

en & Tinley Whitney; June

7-Karona Gall & Laci Daniels; June 8-Gabby Miller & Addi Blaine

Boys basketball players awarded for camp improvements

AMBOY – Amboy boys basketball coach Brad Dunlap has a lot to be proud and excited about after the Clippers summer basketball camps.

The high school camp ran from May 29-June 1, while the youth and junior high camp was June 5-8.

Awards were handed out to the youth and junior high campers who excelled in different competitions.

Youth Camp Free Throw Champions

3rd grade: Cash Schoenholz

4th grade: Everett Walter

5th grade: Ethan Farster

Hot Shot Champions

3rd grade: Carson Dinges

4th grade: Kainan Con-



The Amboy boys basketball team held camps for youth, junior high, and high school basketball players. The high school camp ran May 29-June 1 and the youth and junior high camp was June 5-8. For the youth and junior high camps, champions were crowned in free throw and hot shot competitions, and an Attitude Award and a Hustle Award were awarded.

Photo submitted

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5th grade: Ethan Farster

Attitude Award: Michael Dallam

Hustle Award: Greyson

Henkel

Junior High Camp Free Throw

Champions

6th grade: Mason Heath

7th grade: Connor Hansen

8th grade: Charlie Wilson

Hot Shot Champion

6th grade: Mason Heath

7th grade: Parker Williams

8th grade: Aarav Patel

Attitude Award: Owen

Dallam

Hustle Award: Damian

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\$5.59 ea.

Reg. Price \$6.59 ea.

Dean's Dip

16 oz Asst.



\$2.39 ea.

Reg. Price \$2.99 ea.

Johnsonville Brats
or Sausage

16-19 oz Asst.



\$4.69 ea.

Reg. Price \$5.99 ea.

Sunny D Juice

64 oz



\$1.69 ea.

Reg. Price \$2.39 ea.

Philadelphia
Cream Cheese

8 oz brick



\$3.49 ea.

Reg. Price \$4.29 ea.

Heinz Ketchup

38 oz Frozen



\$4.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$5.99 ea

Bomb Pops

Assorted 12 pack



\$3.49 ea.

Reg. Price \$4.89 ea.

Bush's Best
Baked or Grillin'
Beans

21-28 oz. Asst.



2/\$5

Reg. Price \$3.09 ea.

Oscar Mayer
Weiners or
Smokies

16 oz.

Excludes Beef



\$2.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.

Pringles

Assorted 4-5.5 oz



\$2.29 ea.

Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.

Sale goes through July 4, 2023