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# 'Time to get closer to my daughter'

## celebrated for 28 vears in National Guard

BY BRANDON*LACHANCE* 

Amboy News Reporter AMBOY — Johnny O'Brien's decision was tough.

Sort of.

The 1994 Amboy High School graduate has spent 28 years in the National Guard and he knew retirement was coming eventually, although he loves the people he works with and his position of Command Sgt. Major for Recruiting and Retention gave him the opportunity to help people make positive changes in their lives.

He could stay in the National Guard and work with people he loves and work a job he loves.

But, then he doesn't get to see his daughter, Samantha Nauman, as much as he'd

With time passing rapidly and Samantha already a sophomore at AHS, O'Brien put in for retirement.

"It was time to get closer to my daughter," said O'Brien. "The National Guard has been a family. The comradery is what keeps people in and I loved it. There were people at the ceremony that I worked with 20 years ago. I told them, it's all about my kid. It's time for me to spend time with Samantha.

"She is in cross country, basketball, and track and field. I've missed all that stuff because I was always a couple of hours away. Luckily, it was only a couple of hours, but it made it hard to be a part of her life. That is the biggest reason why I stepped away from the



Johnny O'Brien has been in the National Guard since August 1995. Although the 1994 Amboy High School graduate loved the service and his job as a recruiter that helps enlist more into the National Guard, he decided to retire after 28 years so he could spend more time with his daughter, Samantha Nauman, who is entering her sophomore year at AHS. A retirement service for O'Brien was held Friday, June 9 at the Dixon Armory and a celebration took place at the Dixon VFW afterward.

Brandon LaChance/Amboy News

"The National Guard can move on without me. But you can't get the time back with your daughter."

The Dixon Armory held a retirement ceremony and the after celebration took place at the Dixon VFW on Friday,

last day is Aug. 31, but the paperwork is processed and he is on terminal work leave until his first day of retirement on Sept. 1.

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Children enjoyed the bubble machine at the 2022 Independence Day celebration.

# AFD is ready for some fun

#### **Join the Amboy Fire Department for its** Independence celebration

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY—Christmas may be called "The most magical time of the year."

But Independence Day celebrations should be called "The most exciting time of the year." Especially in Amboy.

"We raise money every year so the Fourth of July celebration can be free for everyone," said Amboy Fire Department Chief Jeff Bryant Sr. "We'll have bounce houses, music, a bubble making machine, water slides, face painting, and wrestling. It's a fun day for evervone. "This is one of our proudest moments that

our community. Anything we can do to bring the hometown enjoyment, we want to do it. Every year we see a lot of families and kids. That means a lot because we want them here to be a part of Amboy."

we can raise funds so there isn't a cost for

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.

"We usually have a good turnout and hopefully this year's breakfast is heavily attended also," said Kim Stram, EMS Captain who has

been with the AFD for nine years. "We'll get there very early in the morning and get the food started. It's a fun time. We enjoy doing it. It's worth it to see everyone's smiles and them having a great day."

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.

"It's a great thing to open up the department, let the community come in, enjoy a nice breakfast, and be able to see what kind of equipment we have, the updates we've made, and the new trucks and medical equipment," Stram said. "With this being an open house, we can have different displays like our Lucas Device that can do compressions better than any manual compression. They save lives. We can have it on display and if anyone wants to see it in action, we can demonstrate it for them.

"If people are interested, we're always looking for new fire fighters and EMTs. We need them badly. If people are interested, we can show them around and show them

what we do.' 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.

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# Pritzker signs anti-book ban legislation

#### **First-in-the**nation law ties state funding to open access policies

BY PETER HANCOCK Capitol News Illinois

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**SPRINGFIELD** – Gov. JB Pritzker signed legislation Monday that seeks to protect public and school libraries from pressure to ban, remove or restrict access to books based on "partisan or doctrinal disapproval."

Speaking at the Harold

Washington Library Center in downtown Chicago, Pritzker said there were 67 attempts in 2022 to have various books removed from library shelves in Illinois, including books about LGBTQ-plus youths, the Black experience and racism.

"The argument for banning books always begins with the claim that it's about protecting the children, and yes, of course, we all want to protect our children so they're reading age-appropriate material," he said. "But banning books from libraries isn't about that at all. Book bans are about censorship, marginalizing people, marginalizing ideas and facts. Regimes ban books, not democracies.'

House Bill 2789 declares it to be the policy of Illinois to "encourage and protect the freedom of libraries and library systems to acquire materials without external limitation and to be protected against attempts to ban, remove, or otherwise restrict access to books or other materials."

It also requires that, as a condition for being eligible for state grants, libraries and library systems must adopt either the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights or some other written statement prohibiting the practice of banning books or other materials.

Tracie Hall, executive director of the Chicago-based ALA, called the bill signing a historic event.

"I could not be prouder that the American Library Association, founded in 1876, and based for much of its 147 years right here in Chicago, makes its home in a state that is first in the nation to create a law that stands up to censorship and calls it what it is - a threat to education, to libraries, to our individual freedoms, and a threat to our democracy," she said.

The bill was an initiative of Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias, who serves as the state librarian and whose office administers grant programs for local public libraries and school libraries. He described it as the first of its kind in the United States and a needed response to a growing wave of antagonism toward libraries.

"Most of the premise of this bill and our inspiration for this bill was hearing from librarians throughout the state who have never seen a level of intimidation, threats to violence and job insecurity

like they have across the state, whether it's in the western suburbs or whether it's in downstate Illinois. So that's been really troubling," he said. "We should be applauding them, and they've never felt this harassed. So hopefully this shows librarians across the state that we

support them. The bill passed through both chambers of the General Assembly with only Democratic support. Republicans argued that it undercut the authority of local library boards and school boards.

See **BOOKS** page A4

# Rep. Fritts to host summer tour around the district

**DIXON** - State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) has officially begun his 2023 Summer

The tour consists of traveling office hours and coffee & conversation events held on alternating

weeks from June 7 to Aug. 30. Coffee & Conversa-

shops and restaurants. Fritts will also be traveling to local businesses and municipal governments to better understand their state needs.

The events scheduled for the month of June

include the following: Traveling Office Hours:

June 21 at the Paw Paw Village Hall, located at repfritts.com/summertour.

362 Chicago Road from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Coffee & Conversation:

June 14 at the Mason Restaurant located at 118 W. Mason Street, Polo from 8 to 10 a.m.

For more information about the 2023 Summer Tour, including the full schedule of events, visit

## tion events will all be held at locally-owned coffee Illinois National Guard veteran bids farewell after 32 years of service Army Commendation Medal with C Device, Army **SPRINGFIELD** – Master Sgt. Ian Spangler

of Franklin Grove, Illinois, retired after 32 years of service in the Illinois National Guard during a retirement ceremony held June 3, at the Illinois Military Academy in Springfield. Spangler enlisted in the Illinois National Guard

in 1991 as a Single Channel Radio Operator and

concludes his career as the Support Operations Master Sergeant with the 232nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion. During his 30-year career, Spangler served in many roles with the 232 CSSB, the 106th Calvary Squadron, the 202nd Air Defense Artillery Battalion and with the Recruiting and

Spangler deployed twice. First, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2008 and again in 2020 to support Operation Inherent Resolve. Some of the decorated veteran's awards include the

Commendation Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters and the Meritorious Service Medal. "He's been a lot of places and done a lot of

things," said Lt. Col. Michael Barton, the commander of the 232 CSSB. "He's a guy who has done just about everything in his career and has done them well to say the least."

Barton continued his praise by depicting Spangler's reliability.

"We have a saying, fire and forget NCO," said Barton. "That is talking about a leader who you can tell, 'Hey I need this done.' After you tell them that, you can forget because you know you don't have to think about it anymore because you know it's going to get done. That's the kind of leader that

Spangler has been throughout his entire career.' Spangler encouraged his fellow soldiers to lead

with a humble heart, humility and compassion toward everyone around.

'With this job, don't take anything too serious," said Spangler. "There's ups and downs with what we do. You can't let the things that go wrong keep you down." Spangler thanked all of his fellow service mem-

bers as he bid farewell and expressed his gratitude as he prepares for his next chapter in life.

With his military career ending, Spangler looks forward to spending time with his significant other, Danielle and his daughters, Sophia and Ella without the call to duty from the military. Spangler will continue serving his community in his civilian capacity with the Illinois Department of Transportation.



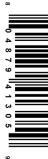
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#### DAR GOOD CITIZEN

Marie Shaw, who has plans to serve as a mechanic in the US Air Force after graduation, was recently recognized as the DAR Good Citizen for Amboy High School by the Rochelle Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Shaw was chosen through a process that involves both the teachers and the members of the senior class and was selected because she exemplifies the traits of a Good Citizen which are: Dependability, Service, Leadership and Patriotism. Shown left to right, are chapter member Susan Coers, Shaw and Lydia Roberts, DAR Good Citizen committee chairman.

Photo submitted



#### TRAVI FAMILY AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Travi family recently announced the recipients of their 5th annual Travi Family Scholarship at Amboy High School's Honors Night on May 25. This year's recipients were Olivia Costner and Kelton Schwamberger. Costner completed her associate degree (4.0 GPA) at Sauk Valley Community College a week before graduating from high school. She will enter Western Illinois University as a Junior pursuing a career in accounting. Schwamberger was very active during his four years in high school. His honors and activities include track, cross country, president of the following: his Class, Student Council, Leo Club, FFA Chapter, IL FFA Section 2, and many other school activities. Schwamberger will attend Carroll University in Wisconsin in animal behavior with a focus on pre-veterinary medicine. The Travi family wishes both recipients the best of luck as they take the next step toward their educational goals.



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# **TEEN TURF**

#### **Summer Camp**

Let's play video games will be our theme for six weeks. It began this week, June 12 and will end July 17 for pre-k to 4th grade. Pre-K and K will be on Mondays, first and second are on Tuesdays, and third and fourth will be on Wednesdays. Information packets are in our 24/7 hallway and were sent to Amboy Central School to distribute.

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 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.

#### Thank You's

We are always grateful to those that help us in our endeavor to help the community: Mark and Veronica Grossman for the items; Kathy Kessel for the containers; All the employees at Dairy Delite for accommodating us; Crystal, Shannon, and Candy for volunteering this week; Laura Palmer for the puzzles; Anonymous for the Granola Bars; Laura Miller Hudson for the craft items and monetary donation for the snacks; Holli Rapp for the monetary donation for snacks and Lisa Bickett for the monetary donation for the snacks.

#### Needs

Juice Boxes and snacks for kids

#### **Final Note**

Oh Lord, send us rain for the plants, crops, and flowers. Open the windows of heaven we pray with the sweet rainfall that we so desperately need, and water our land we pray, and we will give You all the praise and glory due to Your holy

## Ice cream social planned at Harmon church

**HARMON**—Harmon Methodist Church will hold an ice cream social and bbq on Thursday, June 22, from 4:30 – 6 p.m. Menu will be bbq sandwich, hot dogs, baked beans, desserts, chips and drinks.

Free will offering will be accepted. All donations will go to the Siding Fund, which is much needed.

# Blood drive held at Sublette church

**SUBLETTE** — A blood drive was held on June 6, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. A total of 37 units were collected. The Sublette Indians 4-H Club donated the ice cream cups. The next blood drive will be on Aug. 8, from 1 -6 p.m. at

Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

ROCKFORD - Daniel O'Donnell's

remarkable career has moved on to a new

level with his success as a TV presenter,

just another facet to his ever-expanding

list of entertainment achievements. See him live at the Coronado Performing

Arts Center in Rockford, on Friday,

on Ticketmaster.com, in-person at the

Coronado Performing Arts Center box office (M-F 10 a.m. -2 p.m.), or by

The Donegal based singer, who is

one of the most prolific and successful

recording artists in the UK charts, is the

only artist in the world to score a hit in the

UK album charts every year since 1988, an unprecedented and unbroken 35-year

span, and in doing so, he has outshone

everyone from Michael Jackson and Madonna, to U2 and the Rolling Stones.

Daniel's latest "I Wish You Well'

**MALTA** — The Kishwaukee Col-

lege's Continuing Education department

is offering the Veterinary Assistant pro-

gram July 23-Dec. 22, in a hybrid format.

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try-level position in an animal hospital.

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veterinary medicine before committing

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component.

The Veterinary Assistant program

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Sept. 29, at 7 p.m.

calling 815-968-5222.

Daniel O'Donnell to perform in Rockford released on Nov. 4, 2022, entered the

official UK Album Charts at #16, a great

achievement in itself In a very competi-

tive week, especially when you take into

account that the main chart is collated

from CD, Vinyl and Digital/Streaming

sales, but not only that, in the CD-only

Chart, Daniel entered at #5, ahead of

Taylor Swift and The Beatles and en-

tered the Independent Albums chart at

#2. Including this latest release, Daniel

has now amassed 48 Top 75 albums,

including 42 Top 40 albums, 30 Top

30 & 20 Top 10 albums, with 18 of the

latter being this century, a feat that has

not been achieved by any other recording

artist, and has now sold well more than

in the USA and Canada back in 2002

with his first ever PBS special - The

Daniel O'Donnell Show. That began a

special relationship between Daniel and

Kishwaukee College Veterinary Assistant

role in veterinary staff, providing

support to veterinarians and veterinary

technicians during medical procedures

for sick and injured animals. They are

also trained in examination techniques,

customer relations, and veterinary hos-

via Zoom on Tuesdays (3 - 6 p.m.).

Lecture will be delivered online/live

Labs will be conducted on Thursdays

The cost of the class is \$2,250 and

(5 - 8 p.m.) at Ashton Animal Clinic in

pital office procedures.

Daniel also burst into superstardom

15 million worldwide.

program will use a hybrid format

# COMMUNITY 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 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. Hope to see you there. 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 14, from 10 - 11

**AMBOY-** The Pankhurst

Memorial Library will hold

its Crochet Club on Wednesday, June 14, from 5 - 6:15AMBOY-The Amboy Township meeting will be

held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday,

June 14, at the township

building, 106 S. Prospect.

**AMBOY-** The Pankhurst Memorial Library will host its Second-Fourth Grade Summer Reading on Thursday, June 15, from 1-2 p.m.

AMBOY- New Vocal Blend, a gospel group, will

be the featured music on Saturday, June 17, in downtown Amboy, at the city band shelter. Show times are 7-9 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs for this free concert.

AMBOY- East Grove Union Church will hosts its Community Vacation Bible School on June 19-23 from 9:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Join them for Stompers and Chompers: Dino-sized faith and fun this summer. For more information contact Jennifer Vaessen, 815-719-4017 to pre-register your child text child's name and grade completed to the same phone number.

Memorial Library will host its book club on Monday, June 19, from 5 - 6 p.m. AMBOY-The Amboy

American Legion will meet

Monday, June 19, at 6 p.m.,

AMBOY- The Pankhurst

at the Old NAPA Building, 399 N Metcalf, Amboy. AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 19, at

W. Wasson Rd. **AMBOY-** The Pankhurst Memorial Library will host its Preschool Summer Reading on Tuesday, June 20, from

10 - 11 a.m.

the Community Center, 280

**DIXON-** The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., and 1:30–6 p.m., on Tuesday, June 20, at Elks Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to

PBS that has now lasted some 20 years.

Since that first airing, Daniel has had 15

more specials, with 'Daniel O'Donnell

& Special Guests' being his record

breaking sixteenth, which was filmed

at the Millennium Forum in Derry and

which is currently still airing on many

PBS channels throughout the USA.

Daniel's 17th special is in the planning

stages and should be aired sometime in

viewership ratings in pledge drives

across the USA for public service tele-

vision, and as a result of this and his

many other activities in America, his

popularity there has grown substantial-

ly over the years. It is Daniel's belief

that fans, throughout his time on PBS,

have brought him to where he is today,

standing beside him making his career a

success, and he will be forever grateful

includes textbook and all lab supplies,

and coordination of the externship.

Kishwaukee College also offers a

payment plan option to assist students

with managing the cost. Due to limited

availability, interested individuals are encouraged to secure their spot early.

and to learn more about the Veterinary

Assistant program, please visit the

Kishwaukee College website at: https:// kish.edu/academics/programs/veteri-

For detailed registration information

Daniel has always had very high

the spring of 2023.

to each one of them.

donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

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**AMBOY-**The Amboy/ Lee Center Multi-Township meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 21, at 7 p.m., at the Amboy Town-

ship Building, 106 South Prospect, Amboy.

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#### 2023 Independence Celebration Starting at 4 pm



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condense, revise or reject any submissions.

# **OBITUARIES**

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# John C. Tompkins Aug. 2, 1953 - June 2, 2023

TUCSON, Ariz. — John C. Tompkins, 69, of Tucson, Ariz., passed on June 2, 2023. Born Aug. 2, 1953 in

Greensboro, N.C., John attended Culver Military Academy, Illiana Christian High School, and Calvin College. John grew up in a newspaper family and at the young age of 21 purchased The Rochelle News-Leader in 1975. For the next 48 years John grew News Media Corporation to over 75 publications spanning across nine states.

John was not only a newspaperman, he was a visionary entrepreneur and gifted strategist who was not afraid to take risks. John loved his "business family" and the unique communities that NMC serves. Anyone who knew John would concur that he was larger than life and an extremely generous man.

John was also a man of great faith and spent many years teaching Sunday School at City First Church and mentoring young men. He was a voracious reader with a wealth of knowledge on copious topics. If you ever met with John you likely left with a book in hand. John had many hobbies; he loved rodeo, Kung Fu, sailing, and his beloved dog, Roscoe.

John spent his final years "Out West"—where he felt most at home. John taught his children God's Word, to walk in faith, and to trust in the finished work of the cross—this is his greatest legacy.

John is survived by his children, Trina (Stephen) McNeilly, J.J. (Lindsay) Tompkins, and Amy Tompkins; former wife and lifelong friend, Cindy Tompkins; grandchildren, Ella, Luke, Liam, and Rocco McNeilly, Grace Wolfe, Hope and Lily Tompkins; sister, Patricia (Bob) VanTil; brother, Michael (Mary) Tompkins; cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He is pre-deceased by his parents, John Edward



Tompkins and Hilda Tompkins, and nephew, David Tompkins.

A memorial service will be at held at 11 a.m., on Thursday, June 15, 2023, in the City First Church Chapel, 5950 Spring Creek Rd., with Pastor Dan Qualls officiating. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the start of the service on Thursday at

To express condolences online, please visit: www. fitzgeraldfh.com.

# Carol A. Wittenauer Nov. 19, 1945 - June 8, 2023

LEE CENTER — Carol A. Wittenauer, 77, of Lee Center, passed away on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at KSB Hospital in Dixon.

She was born on Nov. 19, 1945, in Capron, the daughter of Andrew and Ruby (Friemuth) Janssen. Carol owned and operated Tom's Restaurant in Oregon, was a farmer, and worked at Sunset Inn in Amboy for several years. She loved her dogs every one of them. She also enjoyed gardening, and family outings and get togethers. Carol married Ronald

Wittenauer on May 19, 1991, in Dixon.

She is preceded in death by her parents, one granddaughter, Tiffany, and her siblings, Harry Janssen, Lorraine Klein, and Andrea

Carol is survived by her husband, Ronald; children, Susan Bodmer, of Oglesby, Sherry (James) Burhenn, of Rochelle, Steve Swartz, of Amboy, David (Jackie) Thompson, of Amboy, Jerry (Alicia) Thompson, of Dixon, and Derek (Angela) Thompson, of Marshfield Wis., step children, Jason (Alison) Wittenauer, of Amboy, Jeramey (Holly) Wittenauer, of Amboy, Josh (Heather) Wittenauer, of Dixon, and Jessica (Henry) Wittenauer, of Amboy; and 11 grandchildren, 12 step grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 3 step great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Russell (Deb) Janssen, of Oregon, and Joyce Yoakum, of Paoli, Okla.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. and from 6-8 p.m., on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., on Thursday, June 15, 2023 at the Mihm-Jones Funeral



Home in Amboy. Cremation rites will follow with burial of cremated remains to take place at a later date at White Rock Cemetery in Kings.

A memorial has been established to Granny Rose Animal Shelter.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Ambov.

Condolences can be left at www.thejonesfh.com.

# Fritts Honors Huffman's Carwash for June Local Business Highlight

**DIXON** — For his June 2023 local business highlight, State Representative Bradley Fritts (R-Dixon) chose to highlight Huffman's Car Wash in Dixon. Fritts spent time touring the business and presented the owners with a certificate of appreciation for their contributions to the community.

"This month, I chose to honor Huffman's Car Wash because they are a true pillar of our community," said Fritts. "From their contributions to the Dixon High School Athletic Boosters and Marching Band to the countless raffle baskets they offer up for local organizations and charities, Huffman's truly exemplifies what it means to be a local

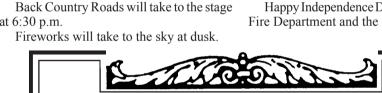
Huffman's was originally founded in 1940 as a gas station by Harold Huffman.

The business evolved into a car wash in 1968 and is now owned by Brad Huffman and Joe Rodriguez. This 3rd generation owned family business is well known for being included in various historical photos and records around Dixon, as well as their witty signs and sayings in front of the establishment.

Fritts continued, "It's such a welcome sight to see this thriving family business that truly gives back to the community. I also appreciate that they often hire local high school students and keep them employed through their continued education at Sauk Valley Community College. Huffman's does so much for our community, highlighting them this month is just one way we can show our appreciation.'

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#### **BOOKS** continued from page A1 Some also argued that it do with this legislation,"

could lead to unintended consequences such as libraries being forced to carry books espousing racism or providing instructions in how to make a bomb.

"That's got nothing to

Giannoulias said when asked about this criticism on Monday. "That will not be the case, it will continue not to be the case. Again, what we're saying simply is a book cannot be removed O'BRIEN continued from page A1-

that's already currently in circulation for partisan or doctrinal beliefs. It's very simple, straightforward, and our librarians have begged for this legislation. I could not be more proud of it."

O'Brien's memory was vividly flashing back to his enlistment with the Dixon National Guard in August 1995, starting his full-time recruitment position in 2001, his being stationed in the Quad Cities, Machesney Park,

month ago when he moved to Dixon. He called his tour in 2013 in Afghanistan a vacation compared to the day-to-day grind

Joliet, and Springfield, where he lived until a

of being a recruiter. There are also fond memories of being one of the first instructors of the National Guard's Recruitment Sustainable Program. When it started there were three RSP locations in Illinois. Now there are 11.

And last year, O'Brien was part of the No. 1 RSP company in the entire nation.

"I stayed in for as long as I did because I was able to help others. I had a purpose," O'Brien said. "Young men and women are always trying to find ways to advance their lives whether it's going to school, the service, or whatever fits them best. Seeing people change from the day they walked into the office to the day they got back from boot camp - the growth, maturity - that was the rewarding part for me.

"Parents say kind things. Kids say positive things. It had meaning. I didn't want to pass the opportunity to help people."

But if you would have asked a young O'Brien what he was going to be when he grew up, a member of the military was not it.

It wasn't a thing until it became a thing. "I had no clue when I was in high school that I'd be in the military. The military was the

farthest thing from my mind," O'Brien said. "I never looked into it until I spoke with a friend and he said I should join. I said, 'What's that?' A recruiter came out to our house and I was enlisted two days later." "Being in the military has been everything.

It starts with a sense of pride to say I was in

the United States of America's military. But also, the interaction with people. I worked with people from all different walks of life. It has been nice to learn from people from different parts of the state, the country, and the world. "The best take away is I can understand, read, and identify how people operate because

I've had the opportunity to be around different kinds of people. I was fortunate to use my position to better understand people." O'Brien doesn't know what's next work

wise. He is currently applying for positions that allow him to do what he loves and does best, help people.

Wherever O'Brien lands next, it will be in the Dixon area and he will have time to spend with his daughter.

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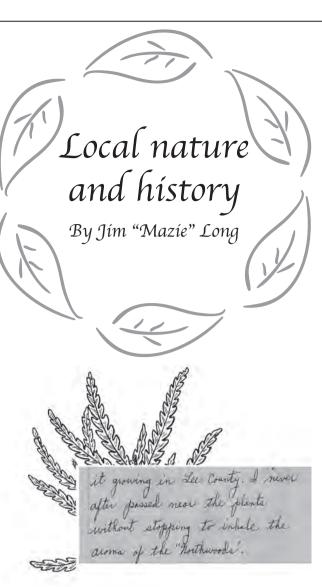


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The author was a young man when he first encountered the Sweetfern plant while studying forestry at college.

# A Northwoods Memory The allure of the Sweetfern

Jim "Mazie"

Long

quaintance with the Sweetfern (Comptonia peregrina), was in the sandy woods on the south shore of Lake Superior in upper Michigan. I will always remember the odor of the

plant's leaves as one of the great aromas of the "Northwoods". If someone could incorporate the sweet, spicy, fresh-air aroma of Sweetfern in an after-shave lotion, it would out-sell all other such

products. This plant is not a fern; it is a small woody shrub that grows in patches and is about two feet tall. It has leaves that are scalloped and bluntlobed like some ferns. The Sweetfern is a member of the

fragrant Wax-Myrtle family.

The only known locations of the species in Illinois were in Cook and Will Counties, until I found it growing in Lee County. I first found the plant growing in the Woodhaven Lakes area of today's Section One. I afterwards never passed near the plant without stopping to inhale the aroma of the Northwoods.

#### Did you know?

Here are a few more facts about the Sweetfern. -- Editor The Sweetfern's aroma is spicy and sweet. The scent

grows with the fullness of summer, which was when early settlers dried the plant's leaves for use in sachets and potpourris. Sources report Native Americans and Europeans used the plant to make fragrant teas and topical antidotes for toothaches and poison ivy. The leaves of the Sweetfern are being used for culinary seasonings, much as you would use a bayleaf for sautés, stews, and braises.

Another trait of the Sweetfern is one you can see, rather than smell or taste. The plant has the ability to keep its leaves late into the growing season. Even in the middle of winter, you can find its

leaves clinging to the stems of the plant. Henry David Thoreau described this feature in a journal entry for January 14, 1860:

"Those little groves of sweet-fern still thickly leafed, whose tops now rise above the snow, are an interesting warm brown-red now, like the reddest oak leaves. Even this is an agreeable sight to the walker over snowy fields and hillsides. It had a wild and jagged leaf, alternately serrated. A warm reddish color revealed by the snow."

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.

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Book Nook By: Tatjana Kazan

#### LOCKDOWN

n "Lucy by the Sea, (2022), Elizabeth Strout's fourth novel of her Amgash, Illinois series, Lucy's ex-husband William – they've been apart for as long as they were married, about 20 years each – calls her in early March of 2020 to tell her he wants her to get out of New York City immediately. He proposes they drive up to an empty summer home in Maine "just for a few weeks." She is baffled, but agrees. As she gets into the car, she is mystified to see surgical masks and rubber gloves on the backseat.

Unlike in New York, spring in Maine is still winter, the landscape is a dull variation of brown on brown. The house on a cliff is horribly drafty and frigid, but once Lucy sees the ocean from a window, she reconciles herself to the hardship to come. Strout's plainspoken style is well suited for describing daily life in lockdown during our pandemic. An accomplished writer, Lucy can neither read nor write. She is in her late 60s and has recently lost her beloved second husband, David, a cellist with the New York Philharmonic. She is still grieving. William's third wife Estelle recently dumped him, taking their daughter Bridget with her. He too is grieving.

William has managed to get their daughters Becka and Chrissy and their husbands to Connecticut where they quickly settle into life on Zoom. Before their escape from New York, William had learned he has a half-sister in Maine, and once he makes contact, he is thrilled to have a new family to care about. But he is still William: irritable, distant, secretive. Yet he buys Lucy warm winter clothes from L.L. Bean, as well as a magnificent eiderdown comforter to get her through their miserable spring. And when she asks why he brought her to Maine, he replies, "Yours is the life I wanted to save."

Though Lucy is well aware of the self-regard of elitist New Yorkers at a time when sacrifice is necessary, she also has to cope with hostile locals as when at a grocery store, a woman shouts at her: "You goddamn New Yorkers! Get the hell out of our state!" But Bob Burgess, a neighbor, (from Strout's earlier novel "The Burgess Boys") befriends Lucy and their talks during their walks along the shore sustain her. Lucy comes to realize that "the childhood isolation of fear and loneliness would never leave me. My childhood had been a lockdown." When her daughters call her less and less, she feels abandoned, but takes the long view: "We all live with people – and places – and things – that we have given great weight to, but we are all weightless, in the end." That seems to me the sum and substance of our plague years.

#### **100 Years Ago June 8, 1923**

A record number of 1,623 students graduated from the University of Illinois, 225 more than last year. Those graduating from the Amboy area were Geraldine Hegert and Charles Gipson.

Between 85-90 men's suits and a number4 of straw hats were taken from Roland M. Moore's Clothing Store in Ashton' a loss of about \$2,000. Similar robberies have occurred in Ohio, Franklin Grove and Tampico.

Washington Fenstemaker, one of the early pioneers and businessmen in this vicinity, died in his home. He came to Amboy from Pennsylvania in 1857, at the age of 21.

#### **75 Years ago June 10. 1948**

Firemen from Sublette, Amboy and Mendota battled a blaze that practically wiped out the Henkel elevator property along the Illinois Central Railroad right of way south of Sublette. High winds spread the flames throughout the ancient structure. Five buildings were destroyed. Joe Hammond started repair work

on the second story front of the Opera

House block. The front will be cleaned, and the brick will be pointed. Similar work will be done on the Green Building. which is occupied by C. Aschenbrenner Pharmacy.

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#### **50 Years Ago June 14. 1973**

State Senator Dr. David Shapiro of Amboy was grand marshal of the Rodeo Parade. His daughter, Betsy, accompanied him in the convertible driven by Mrs. Howard Shaw. Governor Dan Walker was expected to be grand marshal, but due to the postponement of the parade, was unable to attend.

Seven girls were entered in the Sublette Miss Flame Contest: Jean Full, Cheryl Setchell, Heidi Palmer, Clare Faivre, Barbara Bonnell, Laura Leffelman and Jeannine McInerney.

#### **25 Years Ago June 11, 1998**

Father Raymond J. Ross, C.M., is one of four Vincentian priests from St. Patrick Parish in Amboy. Father Ross was ordained a priest in the Congregation of the Mission (C.M.) May 30, 1948 in Perryville, MO, by the Most Revered Joseph Ritter, then Archbishop Thanks to the Amboy School District

Foundation, students at Central School have a lot more access to computers without buying any more computers. The Foundation has purchased 40 portable word processors, AlphaSmart 2000s, that students can use to write with at their own desks, in the library, or even Beggs' Certified Foods items on sale:

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Godzilla, Horse Whisperer, The Truman Show, City of Angels and Deep Impact are playing at Plaza Cinemas in Dixon.

# Walnut run for ALS set for July 1

WALNUT — The Walnut 5K Run/Walk for ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) will be Saturday, July 1, 2023. This is the same weekend as Walnut Days Celebration.

The run/walk starts at 8 a.m. in front of the Bureau Valley Elementary Walnut Campus. Check in at park tent south of the school. Entry fee is \$20 if received by June 23. T-shirts guaranteed to all who register by June 23. A \$25 entry fees for race day registration will be from 6:45-7:45 a.m. prior to race.

Trophies awarded to first, second, and third place overall male and female, and medals to top three in age groups (male & female); 13 age groups including a stroller/wheelchair group. Trophies to first male and female Walnut finishers. Walkers are encouraged to participate.

Join us for our 12th year in support of raising money for ALS research. Contact Brad Monier, Co-Race Director, to request an entry form or link to online registration/donation page at 815-303-9346 or email walnut5kals@gmail.com. This race gets approximately 400 participants.

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# **EDUCATIONAL BRIEFS**

#### **WIU Graduation Spring 2023**

MACOMB/MOLINE - A total of 1,024 students earned academic degrees or post-baccalaureate certificates after the Spring 2023 semester at Western Illinois University.

Bachelor's degrees were awarded to 578 graduates. Local students graduating include:

**Amboy** 

Noelle E Jones, Bachelor of Business, Human Resource Management

Nastasja N Vaessen, Bachelor of Business, Accountancy Dixon

Wayne C Hoy, Bachelor of Arts, Broadcast Production Academic distinction was awarded to baccalaureate graduates who achieved high grade point averages. This includes: Summa Cum Laude, 3.90 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale; Magna Cum Laude, 3.75-3.89 GPA; and Cum Laude, 3.6-3.74 GPA.

Master's and doctoral degrees were earned by 446 graduates, including eight doctoral (Ed.D.) graduates.

#### **SIU announces Dean's List and Spring Graduates**

CARBONDALE — Southern Illinois University Carbondale announces its 2023 spring semester degree candidates and deans' lists. Commencement ceremonies were held May 13, 2023, at SIU's Banterra Center. Dean's List

LaMoille

Mariah K. Quest, Mariah K., senior Thomas Stamberger, senior

West Brooklyn Pearl A. Taylor, Pearl A., senior

**Graduates** 

LaMoille

Thomas Stamberger, BS Crop, Soil, and Environmental Management

#### **University of Dubuque Spring Semester 2023 Academic Dean's List**

DUBUQUE, Iowa - The University of Dubuque congratulates the following students on being appointed to the Spring Semester 2023 Academic Dean's List.

Full-time students in good academic standing (registered for and having earned 12 or more letter grade credits for the term) who earn a term grade point average of 3.5 or above and who do not have any grades of Incomplete for the term are named to the Dean's List. Once grades have been submitted for any Incompletes, the Office of Academic Affairs

will review eligibility again for possible placement on the Dean's List for the given term.

Ashley Wierman

Dean's List is awarded for the fall and spring semesters only and may be awarded retroactively

The University of Dubuque (UD) is a private, coed university founded in 1852 that offers undergraduate, graduate, and theological seminary degrees as well as other educational opportunities with the intention of educating and forming the whole person. https://www.dbq.edu/

#### **Kishwaukee College announces Spring 2023 Part-Time Student Honors List**

MALTA — Kishwaukee College has announced the students named to the Spring 2023 Part-Time Student Honors List. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have completed a minimum of six (but less than 12) semester hours of college-level courses at Kish with a grade point average

The following students have been named to the Kishwaukee College Spring 2023 Part-Time Student Honors List: **Amboy** 

Calvin Seier

Dixon

Asucena Alvares, Sydney Gwin, William Miller Lee

Emily Frazier, Lenna Hulthen, Audrey Witte **Paw Paw** 

Reagan Gibson, Natalie Hollenback, Kennedy Kern, Shayne Prodzenski, Jessica Solis **Steward** 

Rachel McCormick

#### **Joseph Quest is Honored on 2023 Spring Dean's List**

**ROMEOVILLE**—Joseph Quest of La Moille, is among the 1,300 students honored on the Lewis University Dean's List for the 2023 Spring Semester. Quest is studying Aviation Administration at Lewis Uni-

versity College of Aviation Science Technology. To be eligible for this honor, students must have completed

a minimum of 12 credit hours during the semester with a grade point average of at least 3.5 and with no "D" or "F" grades. Lewis University is an innovative Catholic university offer-

ing market-relevant undergraduate and graduate programs to 6,500 students. Visit www.lewisu.edu for further information.

#### **Jaynee Prestegaard Graduates from St. Ambrose University**

**DAVENPORT, Iowa** — Jaynee Prestegaard of Amboy graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Sales from St. Ambrose University during the May 20, 2023, commencement ceremonies at The Vibrant Arena at The MARK.

About St. Ambrose University

Founded in 1882 by the Diocese of Davenport, St. Ambrose University's commitment to academic excellence, the liberal arts, social justice and service is rooted in its Catholic intellectual tradition. To learn more about St. Ambrose University, visit www. sau.edu.

#### **Kishwaukee College announces Spring 2023 Dean's List**

MALTA — Kishwaukee College has announced the students named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List. To be eligible for Dean's List honors, a student must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours (at the 100/200 level) during an academic term at Kishwaukee College with a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.0 scale. The following Kishwaukee College students have been

named to the official Spring 2023 Dean's List:

**Ashton** 

Ireland Bradfield, Carrie Powers Dixon

Imanol Aburto

Lee

Riley Johnson

Paw Paw Dawson Brooks, Nicole Faber, Brennen McNally, David

### **Heidelberg University announces** spring semester Dean's List

**TIFFIN, Ohio** — Heidelberg University has announced the names of 406 students who have earned academic recognition on the spring semester dean's list. Included on the list is Avery Shaw, a junior from Amboy. According to Provost Dr. Bryan D. Smith, students must

be enrolled full time and meet academic criteria set forth by the university to be named to the dean's list. For more information visit the website at www.heidel-

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by Dave T. Phipps

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by Dave T. Phipps

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AND YOU'RE SENDING

ME A FRIEND REQUEST?

by Gary Kopervas

INTERNATIONAL SPACE

WERE ON STRIKE!

by Jeff Pickering

by BUD BLAKE

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

TIGER?

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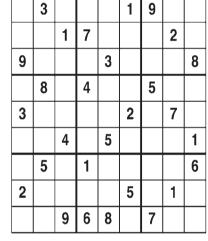
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by Linda Thistle



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

#### **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦◆

♦ Moderate ♦ ♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**WORD LADDERS** 

Can you go from BLADES to SPIDER in 6 words?

Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

**BLADES** 

**SPIDER** 

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

— **King** Crossword —

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# -Roďriguez 1. TELEVISION: When did "Sesame

Street" debut on PBS? 2. MOVIES: What is the name of the

- moon where "Avatar" takes place?
- 3. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to a tall rock structure called the Finger of God?
- 4. HISTORY: What was Babe Ruth's real first name? 5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How
- many of Snow White's seven dwarfs have names ending in "y"? 6. MUSIC: Which country did the band
- AC/DC come from?
- 7. LITERATURE: How many books are in the primary Harry Potter novel 8. GOVERNMENT: How many
- national parks are in the United States? 9. FOOD & DRINK: In which country was the Caesar salad invented?
- 10. ANATOMY: Where is the uvula in the human body

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10. Throat. 9. Mexico. 8.63. 7. Seven.

6. Australia.

and Grumpy. The other two are Doc and 5. Five: Happy, Sleepy, Dopey, Sneezy

4. George. 3. Brazil. 2. Pandora.

.1969. Answers

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SCRAMBLERS

SCIDES, SLIDER, SPIDER BLADES, GLADES, GLIDES,

— WORD LADDER

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Answer

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"This tooth shall pass." pretty sore. I told him The young child's loose CryptoQuip

# CryptoQuip

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

Clue: F equals N

UQS ZLVFA EQCBW'G BLLGS CFECGLN HXWS QCG AVHG

JNSUUZ GLNS. C ULBW QCH

"UQCG ULLUQ GQXBB JXGG."

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(June 14, 2023)

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# Amboy Education Foundation announces scholarship recipients

**AMBOY** — The Amboy Education Foundation is proud to announce the 2023 recipients of the Shirley M Rolf, William and Betty Kidd, Sylvan and Virginia Leffelman and Jason J Bonnell Scholarships.

Through the generosity of these individuals the Foundation was able to allocate \$16,500 in scholarships to graduating seniors, \$41,000 to prior recipients and \$1,750 to AHS students planning to attend the Whiteside Area Career Center (WACC) or Sauk Valley Community College (SVCC) next year.

The 2023 Shirley M Rolf Scholarship recipients are: Ana Lopez-Belmontes (graduating senior) and



Maeve Larson, Tyra Vaessen and Kenley Wilson (AHS students attending WACC or SVCC next year).

The 2023 William and Betty Kidd Scholarship recipients are: Tyler Stewart (2020 scholarship recipient);



Brianna Blaine, Madelyn McLaughlin and Nicholas Tarr (2021 recipients), Lauren Althaus, Ian Eller, Andruw Jones, Alexis Morgan and Lauren Tarr (2022 recipients), Sidney Lewis, Kyler McNinch, Courtney

spring at the annual Illinois

Conservation Foundation

Outdoor Hall of Fame Gala.

Nominations must be sub-

mitted on the official Hall



Wesley Wilson (graduating seniors) and Emma Dinges, Caden Hummel, Maeve Larson and Addison Shaw (AHS students attending WACC or SVCC next year).

The 2023 Sylvan and Vir-

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ginia Leffelman Scholarship recipients are Dana Merriman (2022 recipient) and Ethan Pratt (2023 recipient)

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Since 2002, the foundation has recognized individuals who have records of exemplary service in and commitments to improving conservation efforts and outdoor recreation opportunities in Illinois.

Some inductees touched the lives of thousands of youths and adults by promoting fishing, hunting, conservation, and safety education. Others spearheaded efforts to preserve or enhance fish and wildlife habitat and protect and restore Illinois' lakes and rivers. Some inductees are national and international leaders in conservation or advocates for outdoor heritage traditions. All have led by personal example and serve as role models for future generations of conservationists and outdoor enthusiasts.

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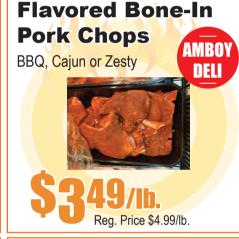
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