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Shirley and Barb Harrison pose for a picture next to the new street sign of Cecil Harrison Way.

Brandon LaChance/Amboy News

Cecil Harrison Way is official

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – “The Street” has officially been renamed.

Every year since 1997, the Amboy Civic Organization takes sealed bids starting at \$200 for the right to name the street behind Amboy Food & Liquor in the memory of a loved one. The money raised are given to the Pankhurst Memorial Library.

This year, the road will be named Cecil Harrison Way as Cecil Harrison’s daughter,

Barb Harrison, was the highest bidder.

“My mother didn’t know about it until today (Monday, May 1, the day the Cecil Harrison Way sign was installed),” Barb Harrison said. “I have five brothers and sisters, so I told them after I had won the street sign. It’s an honor to win it. It’s perfect timing because he passed away only a year ago and because the money goes to the Pankhurst Memorial Library, which is a good cause.

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Lee County Sheriff’s Office K9 Nemo to get donation of body armor

LEE COUNTY — Lee County Sheriff’s Office K9 Nemo will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. Delivery is expected within eight to ten weeks.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other

assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially life-saving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is U.S. made, custom fitted, and NIJ certified. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 5,043 vests to K9s in all 50 states at a value of \$6.9 million, made possible by both private and corporate donations.

The program is open to U.S. dogs that are at least 20 months old and actively employed and certified with law enforcement or related agencies. K9s with expired vests are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of

\$985 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of \$1,800, weighs an average of 4-5 lb., and comes with a five-year warranty. For more information, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts donations at www.vik9s.org, or you may mail your contribution to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.



Nemo

Photo submitted



Amboy had some special visitors on Monday, May 1 as three Ukrainian fire fighters stopped in Dinges Fire and the Amboy Fire Protection. Amboy Fire Chief Jeff Bryant Sr., his wife Tammy Bryant (first two on the left) as well as many Amboy firefighters and EMTs, and citizens listened to Roman Kachanov (second row), Sergiy Bilous (next to Tammy Bryant), and Oleksii Chernomorchenko speak about the conditions in Ukraine and the duties they perform on a daily basis as Russia invades Ukraine.

Photo submitted

Ukrainian firefighters visit Amboy

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – We’ve seen footage on CNN or read stories online.

Russia began invading Ukraine in February 2022 and is still sending armed soldiers and missiles into the desired territory.

Although not thought of in a word association game with war, the Ukrainian firefighters and fire departments are just as much involved as soldiers since they’re putting out fires and saving lives endangered by Russian bombs and missiles.

On Monday, May 1, Amboy was visited by three Ukrainian firefighters – Roman Kachanov, Sergiy Bilous, and Oleksii Cher-

nomorchenko – at Dinges Fire and the Amboy Fire Department as they told stories of the conditions of Ukraine and gave thanks for American donations.

Amboy Fire Chief Jeff Bryant Sr., his staff of firefighters and EMTs, other departments, and civilians gathered to meet the Ukrainians.

“It was pretty awesome to hear about what they have done on a daily basis since the war started,” Chief Bryant Sr. said. “The demands on fuel. The demands on water to fight fires. The demand on their equipment to do repeated structural collapse rescue and retrieving victims underneath rubble 8-10 times a day through constant bombing.

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The Amboy Fire Department served as a hub for fire stations to send equipment for donation to Ukraine. Once Amboy received materials, it was sent to Schiller Park, and then flown to Poland. The Amboy hub sent approximately \$5 million worth of equipment to Ukraine. Equipment has a shelf life of 10 years in the United States of America and has to be replaced once it expires. European agencies don’t have the same requirements or restrictions and can still use the equipment. Instead of sitting in warehouses in America, it can be helped to save people in war on the other side of the world.

Photo submitted

A Look Back At Amboy Area Heroes Who Served During World War II

Editor’s note: The Amboy News will be publishing a series of articles on veterans who served during World War II. These heroes are part of Amboy’s history and it is our honor to publish these articles so you can learn about their service to our country. This article was researched by Jack Mead and Tom Dempsey, and written by Dempsey.

P.F.C. William C. “Billy” Newman

William Collins Newman was born May 8, 1924 in Dixon, to Carl and Bessie Newman. William’s father was owner and operator of a garage and car agency during for decades while the family resided on 3rd Street. William graduated from



Dixon High School with the Class of 1942, and enrolled that same year at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. While attending Coe, he enlisted in the army reserves in Cedar Rapids before entering active duty in 1943 at Camp Roberts, California. Following his basic training, he was promoted to Private First Class assigned to the 37th Infantry Division, destined



for combat duty in the South Pacific.

In November 1943, the 37th Division relieved marines at Bougainville in the Solomon Islands, taking up defensive positions, building roads and bridges and patrolling the perimeter. By January 1945, the 37th landed in the Philippines at Lingayen gulf joining the Sixth Army push toward Manila.

At Clark Field, they encountered fierce enemy resistance before securing that airfield on Jan. 31. The Division continued its drive

to capture Manila arriving on the outskirts of that city in early February. After crossing the Pasig River, they encountered heavy Japanese opposition including street fighting in the city itself before Manila was secured by the first week of March.

During late February 1945, Mrs. Bessie Newman received official word that her son, P.F.C. William C. Newman had been wounded during battle on Feb. 18, and was awarded the Purple Heart on that day. He died of his wounds the next day.

Nearly three years after the war ended, William’s body was returned home to Dixon for burial at Oakwood Cemetery with military rites presented at graveside. His small marker reminds us forever of his supreme sacrifice at age 20.

Citations:
Purple Heart
World War II Victory Medal
American Campaign Medal
Army Presidential Unit Citation
Army Good Conduct Medal



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Cynthia M. Engle

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Alexzandra Vaessen

Vaessen named May Student of the Month

AMBOY — Alexzandra Vaessen, daughter of Jeff and Jennifer Vaessen, has been named the Amboy High School Student of the Month for May.

GPA: 3.88

Memberships and Involvement: My memberships and involvements at Amboy are being a two-year member of National Honor Society, Art Club, and a two year member of the Football Cheerleading team.

Awards and Honors: I have had Highest Honors and High Honors all four years, I am in the top 5 students of my class, I received the Shirley Wolf WACC Scholarship, and the Sauk Scholarship Award.

Best Memories of AHS: During my time at the high school I was able to make many great memories but some of my favorites are being chosen as Freshman and Senior Homecoming Attendent, participating in Homecoming Skit Night, acting in Clue for the Fall Play, and Spirit Weeks, and Art Field Trips.

Future Plans: My future plans after AHS are to attend Sauk Valley Community College, Working in phlebotomy, and hopefully attending Wheaton College or going to an Ultrasound Tech School.

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"It's really neat. Although he has been gone a year, sometimes it's out of sight, out of mind. If people see his name on the sign, they may say, 'Oh, I remember Cecil.'"

Cecil Harrison left his friends, family, the community of Amboy on June 2, 2022 at 88.

The Amboy native was a 1953 Amboy High School graduate, a lifelong farmer, a member of the Amboy Lions Club and the American Legion Poths-Lavelle Post 453, and was married to Shirley Harrison for 65 years.

"Barb asked if I'd go take a picture with her," Shirley Harrison said. "We have been taking pictures at the church. I said, 'No, I'm not having my picture taken.' It was all news to me that this was happening."

"It is really special. I'm glad we have something like this to remember people."

Amboy Junior High to host VIPs

AMBOY — On May 19, from 2:15 - 3:10 p.m., Amboy Junior High students will host a day where they will be able to invite a VIP (Very Important Person for example, parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin or other special adult) to school. Students will take their VIP on a tour of the school and discuss what happens in the day of a life of a middle school student. The cafeteria will also serve cookies and juice.

Thin Mint Sprint

FOX RIVER GROVE — Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) will host its 19th Annual Thin Mint Sprint fundraising 5K fun run/walk on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 8:30 a.m. - noon in partnership with the Fox River Grove Memorial Library Running Club. Register online at www.girlscoutsnl.org/tms.

This message was funded by the Illinois Department of Public Health through funds received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).



LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

Aerobics

We will be having Aerobics on Tuesday and Thursday. Everyone is invited to gather at Teen Turf these days at 10 a.m. for group chair exercises and walking. They have a great time together.

Draw Down Online Auction Info and Thank You's

Thank you to everyone who placed a bid, we made over \$5,000. We are truly appreciated with our community's support.

Please consider supporting these businesses who generously donated to our Auction:

Revolution Wellness; The Last Alarm "firehouse Pub"; The Bike Place Princeton Illinois; Meddling Sheep Mushrooms; Local Cup & Cake; The Main Flower Shop; Stenzel Insurance; Woodhaven Lakes; Woodhaven Lakes Realty Inc; Theresa Pillar gift baskets; Amboy Garden Shop; Erbes Realty, LLC; The Illinois Farm Girl (Bubba-Bug Popcorn); Folsom's Bakery; La Fiesta; Johnson Tractor; Country Village Meats - Sublette; Amboy Community Unit School District #272; Pioneer Seeds; Rip's Tavern; Creative Wolfe; Amboy Dental Group and Creative Wood Makers and Knick Knacks LLC.

These individuals or families were amazing with their donations to our Auction: Stepenitch family; Thomas family; Bump family; Nichols family; Strub Family; Bev Halsey; Lisa Goy; Bonita Willis; Laura Nettleton; Barb Harrison; Theresa Pillar; Lonnie and Dan Schafer; Kathy Kessel and Susan Erisman.

Full Thank you for the Draw Down helpers will be next week.

Thank You's

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

Donna Wellman for the gifts; Mike and Patty Kessel for the books; Mark and Veronica Grossman for the various items; Katey Dickinson for finding a stove and Tom and Karen Dinges for donating it; Cinco de Mayo for food; Kathy Kessel for the cookies and pencils/pens; Jan Mason for the shirts and bars; Anonymous for the granola bars; Sandy and Roger Wittenauer for the food and Julie and Todd Morgan for the treats.

Needs

Granola Bars

Final Note

Dear God, we lost ourselves for a while. We saw ourselves in the mirror and it's time to get back up. These past couple of months have tested our mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual health. It's been a lot. We refuse to become what happened to us. Help us put back our lives together. Heal our heart and restore the dream You gave us. Help us to see ourselves through Your eyes. We know Your plans for us are good but they only work if we use our faith and work them. So we are going to get up, lay what happened down. And we are going to keep walking to the places we talk about.

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"They have lost first responders also. They don't have digital radios, only USSR technology. When they are dispatched, Russians are listening and are able to pinpoint where the Ukrainian first responders were going and send a secondary barrage of missiles and bombs to those areas."

The three visitors are from Kharkiv, the second largest city in Ukraine, which reported a population of 1,421,125 in 2022.

Kachanov is the chief of the 11th fire station in Kharkiv. Bilous is the commander of the guard No. 8 in Kharkiv's fire and rescue division. Chernomorchenko is the deputy in charge of telecom systems and technical information protection.

The three left the United States on Monday, May 8 after spending two weeks in the states. The first week had them in Indianapolis frequently as they attended a fire department and structure conference with a crowd of approximately 39,000.

Bryant Sr. said Kachanov, Bilous, and Chernomorchenko were recognized in the opening ceremony and received a standing ovation from approximately

10,000 firefighters.

They also toured Chicago, New York, and Washington D.C. Before flying to Poland and receiving grand transport to Ukraine.

Amboy received the visit due to its donation effort.

"We were a hub to gather supplies. We put out the word that we were collecting materials. If departments in Illinois had stuff, it came to Amboy, we sent it to Schiller Park, and Schiller Park shipped it to Poland. The Amboy hub sent \$5 million worth of supplies to Ukraine."

"The firefighters from Ukraine who were here are pretty young. Roman spoke really good English, the other two did not. They had visas through the World War II 501©3."

The equipment sent was invaluable to Ukraine as it is used many times a day until damaged.

In the USA, the equipment has a shelf life of 10 years. Once it is expired, it can't be used any more. It sits in a warehouse or a basement without use.

Until, it is donated to a country under siege.

"We as a world should be held accountable. We are letting this happen,"

Amboy Police

Aggravated Fleeing

On March 17, at 4:40 p.m., Brian A. Archaga-Chirinos, 26, of Acworth, Ga., was arrested in LaSalle County for aggravated fleeing to elude or attempting to elude police, reckless driving, speeding 35 mph or more over the posted speed limit, speeding in a school zone, improper lane usage-multiple violations, improper passing at intersection,

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-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

MAY TWP-The May Township meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, at the township maintenance building.

LEE CENTER TWP-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its School Age program on Saturday, May 13, from 10 - 11 a.m.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold for adults its Diamond Painting Club program on Monday May 15, from 4 - 6 p.m.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will meet Monday, May 15, at 6 p.m., at the Old NAPA Building, 399 N Metcalf, Amboy.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 15, at the Community Center, 280

W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Mommy and Me program on Tuesday, May 16, from 10-10:45 a.m.

AMBOY-Lee County 4-H offers horse clinics in May. Classes will be held on May 16, 23 and 30 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lee County 4-H Center in Amboy. Youth will learn more about showmanship, horsemanship, pleasure, and driving. If you are unable to bring your horse, please call the Lee County Extension Office at least 24 hours prior to the class. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information contact Katie McBride at 815-857-3525. Register for these events at go.illinois.edu/LeeHorseClinic

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Tales for Tots program on Saturday, May 20, from 10-11 a.m.

FRANKLIN GROVE-Franklin Creek Conservation Association will present Dandelion Wine and Wild Fermentation from 2-4 p.m., on Saturday, May 20, at the Franklin Creek Grist Mill, 1893 Twist Rd., Franklin Grove. This is a brewing class where participants will explore the art of crafting exquisite wines and beers using foraged ingredients. Class fee is \$20 and must be 21 years or older to participate. Register online at donorbox.org/events/437935 or call the Grist Mill at 815-456-2718.

Chief Bryant Sr. said. "I don't think we should go to war, but I think this is a scab situation. It's like pulling a scab off a wound and it never heals right. You put a bandage and some Neosporin, treat it right."

"I think we're giving them enough weapons and support for the war to continue, where I think we should give them enough weapons to finish it."

The Amboy Chief will never forget the visit.

He'll remember the stories, the situations the Ukrainian firefighters are going through, and the gift they gave him.

"They each gave me a patch off of the uniforms they were wearing. That's one of the best gifts I've ever received in my life," Chief Bryant Sr. said. "They were wearing their dress uniforms and each one of them gave me a different patch. That was pretty awesome."

"The coolest thing is, Amboy Fire Department and Dinges Fire, in a little town, are doing big world stuff. We never intended to get any publicity out of it and we didn't intend to meet them. But, I'm sure glad we did."

and no valid driver's license. He was arrested and taken to the LaSalle County Jail.

Disorderly Conduct

On May 4, at 3:08 p.m., a 16-year-old juvenile was issued an ordinance citation for disorderly conduct/loud noise from vehicle. The juvenile was given an ordinance citation.

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AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Junior Craft Club on Monday, May 22, from 4:30 - 6 p.m.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, May 22. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Mommy and Me program on Tuesday, May 23, from 10-10:45 a.m.

AMBOY-The Pankhurst Memorial Library will hold its Mommy and Me program on Tuesday, May 30, from 10-10:45 a.m.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Cynthia M. Engle

Aug. 17, 1970 - April 29, 2023

DIXON — Cynthia M. Engle, 52, of Dixon, passed away on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford.

She was born on Aug. 17, 1970, in Dixon, the daughter of James and Elaine (Fane) Gorman. Cynthia worked for Shaw Media for many years and KSB Hospital for the past six years. She was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon. Her children were

the love of her life and she always put them first.

Cynthia is preceded in death by her father and brother, Michael Gorman.

She is survived by her son, Nicholas Engle; daughter, Grace Drew; mother and step father, Elaine and Larry Berkenpas, of Dixon; her special dog, Stella; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., on Saturday,

May 6, 2023, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. A luncheon followed at the Dixon Knights of Columbus Hall in Dixon. Cremation will follow. Visitation was held from 2 – 4 p.m. and from 6 – 8 p.m., on Friday, May 5, 2023, at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

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



OSF HeathCare Saint Paul announces Sunflower Award Winner

MENDOTA – OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center is pleased to announce that the Sunflower Award was presented to Connie Falcon, a respiratory therapist in the Cardiopulmonary Services Department. Connie has been with OSF HealthCare for nearly 16 years and resides in Mendota.

“The Sunflower Award recognizes care team members outside of nursing for the extraordinary care they

provide to those we serve, and Connie is certainly deserving,” said Heather Bomstad, vice president/chief nursing officer for OSF Saint Paul Medical Center.

Falcon’s nominations included, “We had a patient that showed up over an hour early as they traveled from quite a distance. Upon arrival, the patient asked for some oxygen as he was feeling very short of breath. Connie came to our department, assessed

the patient, whose oxygen level was appropriate, and told him that his heart rate was a bit high, which may be causing the sensation of difficulty breathing. Realizing the patient had a long wait before their test, she volunteered to take the patient down to her department until we were ready for them so that he had someone nearby in case his

symptoms worsened. Connie focused on this patient, attended to his needs and served with compassion.”

OSF HealthCare encourages patients, family members, and fellow staff to recognize caregivers who have provided exceptional care and service by nominating them for an award to honor their dedication.



Pictured left to right, Jennifer Taylor, director of Cardiopulmonary Services, Connie Falcon and Heather Bomstad, vice president/chief nursing.

Photo submitted

CGH celebrates nurses: you make a difference

STERLING — CGH Medical Center is proud to honor all of our nurses during National Nurses Week, May 6-12, an annual celebration to recognize the care and dedication these caregivers show every day in our hospital, clinics, and in our communities.

The week is celebrated annually to coincide with the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, on May 12.

“All year long, our nurses go above and beyond to care for patients and families and improve the delivery of health care,” said Amy Berentes, DNP, RN, CGH Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer. “From helping with crises in the

emergency room, to easing a child’s fear in an exam room, to holding a patient’s hand who’s in pain, nurses make a difference throughout each patient’s healthcare experience. They deserve special recognition for their efforts to lead, excel and innovate, and we thank them for their unwavering devotion to those we serve.”

CGH has nearly 700 nurses in many different roles – staff nurse, nursing leader, educator, certified nurses aides, infection preventionist, nurse practitioner, medical assistant and more – and they serve these roles with a passion for the profession and a strong commitment to patient safety. “We are grateful to all of our nurses

and inspired by the work they do every day as they embrace new technologies, resolve emerging issues and accept ever-changing roles in their profession,” said Dr. Paul Steinke, CGH President and CEO. “National Nurses Week is about paying tribute to them and their caring attitude, integrity, teamwork, and commitment to excellence. It is their contributions to the health and well-being of the patients we serve throughout the area that we are truly proud of.”

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Thursday – Italian chicken salad with greens, carrots, eggs, cukes, tomatoes, cheese, wgr dinner roll w/ butter, fruit juice

Friday – Cheesy beef taco, wgr flour tortilla, lettuce/tomato, Spanish rice/beans, fresh fruit, taco sauce

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SOCIAL NEWS

Local
nature and
history

By Jim "Mazie" Long



*Lilac blooms
bring fleeting
signs of renewed
opportunity.*

Lilacs, Lincoln and longing for summer

This shrub's flowers have deeply rooted meaning

There is an old poem called, "When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd." Early settlers must have been familiar with that poem. No new home in the country was complete until lilacs were planted in the dooryard.



Jim "Mazie" Long

It seems that lilacs were an essential part of a successful farm. You can drive down almost any old road in the country today and see lilacs growing along fence lines. In every case, the lilacs mark the location of a former home. The house is gone, the barn is gone, the family is gone. But the lilacs are still there.

I have never seen a lilac growing wild. Their seeds must be especially fertile in America; as their natural home is in Europe. A friend of mine insisted that the first sign of spring was when the lilacs bloomed. The lilac's flowers are born in large panicles near the ends of branches. They are tubular with a flaring limb like our phlox, but with four petals instead of five. Their greatest appeal is the delightful aroma they give off when a bouquet is brought into the house.

Every farmer's wife must have loved the lilacs in May.

It meant the return of summertime when "the living is easy".

Did you know?

"When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd" is a poem written by American poet Walt Whitman. He wrote the poem in the summer of 1865 to express the national

mourning being felt over the death of Abraham Lincoln in April of that year. Lilacs originated in Eastern Europe and Asia. They were brought to America by colonists in the 17th century. Many lilac shrubs live to be more than 100 years old,

which is why you can find them marking long-gone country homesteads. While lilacs traditionally represent renewal and optimism, each color is said to have a specific meaning. White lilacs signify purity and innocence. Purple lilacs symbolize spirituality. Blooms on the blue side represent happiness and tranquility. -- Editor

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.



Larry and Eileen Piper now and on wedding day

Couple to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

AMBOY — Larry and Eileen (Stenzel) Piper, of Amboy, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 21, 2023.

They were married at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Amboy on May 4,

1973.

They are the parents of four children: Julie (Todd) Morgan, Joshua (Rosemarie) Piper, Nathan (Jillian) Piper, Katie (Matt) Vaupel. They have 13 grandchildren: Zachary, Lexi; Kayla, Alyssa,

Brenden; Dakota, Maddie, Caden, Liam, Lila; Chloe, Kylie, and Vivian.

They will have an open house from noon – 3 p.m., on Sunday, May 21, at Teen Turf after 10:30 a.m. mass at St. Patrick's Church.

The Next Picture Show to host fundraising gala

DIXON — The Next Picture Show (TNPS) has announced a wine-tasting fundraiser gala, "Art in a Bottle," in the gallery located in Dixon, at 113 W. 1st St., Friday, May 19, at 7 p.m., with doors opening at 6 p.m. The event is an evening of tasting six fine wines and supporting the arts in Dixon. The dress is cocktail attire. Tickets are limited and on sale now for \$75 a person online through the gallery's website. Patrons may also purchase by phone at 815-285-4924 or stop by the gallery during business hours, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Light refreshments, raffles, giveaways, and music by jazz artists Al and Jeannie Brown are part of the night's activities.

Guests can order any of the wines tasted during the event. A special price from Winebow allows orders of 3-bottle, 6-bottle, and 12-bottle (case) increments.

Proceeds from ticket sales, auction items, raffles, and wine sales benefit future arts programming, classes, class instructors, and operations.

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Andrews, David C.
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(SAMPLE)**

(actual size)

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3. Forever missed, never forgotten. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
4. Thank you for the wonderful days we shared together. My prayers will be with you until we meet again.
5. The days we shared were sweet. I long to see you again in God's heavenly glory.
6. Your courage and bravery still inspire us all, and the memory of your smile fills us with joy and laughter.
7. Though out of sight, you'll forever be in my heart and mind.
8. The days may come and go, but the times we shared will always remain.
9. May the light of peace shine on your face for eternity.
10. May God's angels guide you and protect you throughout time.
11. You were a light in our life that burns forever in our hearts.
12. May God's graces shine over you for all time.
13. You are in our thoughts and prayers from morning to night and from year to year.
14. We send this message with a loving kiss for eternal rest and happiness.
15. May the Lord bless you with His graces and warm, loving heart.

To remember your loved one in this special way, send \$10.00 per listing. Your special tribute will become a permanent memorial record in our paper.

Deadline - Thursday, May 18, at noon

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Opinion

The pressure to censor comes from both the left and the right

I like to read things that I disagree with. Doing so not only gives me greater empathy for those with whom I differ, but every once in a while it changes my own viewpoint.

A movement is afoot to censor what books libraries and schools can offer.

Such efforts are pernicious malignancies that metastasize from community to community, from state to state.

Dr. Sarah Bonner, who until last month taught in Heyworth school district, learned about this evil firsthand.

The English teacher in the rural McLean County, Illinois, school district became the subject of a school board meeting because of one of the books offered in her class.

The tome in question is titled "This Book Is Gay." It explores topics teenagers encounter as they navigate through adolescence: dating, sex and safe sex practices.

And, no, it wasn't required reading. It was one of more than 100 books that students in her class could choose from.

According to the reporting of my friend Edith Brady-Lunny the debate went viral after a pupil published images of certain pages on social media.

More than 80 people attended the next school board meeting. They didn't come bearing pitchforks and torches, but they certainly wanted Bonner's head. And before the meeting was over, she was forced to quit.

"Our kids deserve learning experiences that prepare them

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



for our world and not just our town," she told the school board.

Ironically, Bonner quit the same week Illinois legislators voted to withhold funding from public schools and libraries that ban books. The bill has passed the House and is pending in the Senate.

Unfortunately, pressure to censor comes from both the left and the right.

Last year, my own daughter's class was reading "To Kill a Mockingbird" in a Springfield school when a parent complained about a racial epithet used in the book. A school administrator ordered the class to discontinue studying the classic. Some of the youngsters never learned how the anti-racist tome ended.

Increasingly, our society is losing any sense of nuance.

In the book the lawyer Atticus Finch tells his young daughter, "Don't say n-----er, Scout. That's common." She responds that everyone at school says it. He retorts, "From now on it'll be everybody less one."

In the context of the book, a life lesson is being taught – that even though a particular slur is common, it shouldn't be said. Isn't that the lesson we want our youngsters to learn, in this age where that racial vulgarity increasingly finds its way into music and popular culture?

According to the American Library Association these are some of the most banned books:

- "To Kill a Mockingbird," by Harper Lee
- "The Catcher in the Rye," by JD Salinger



ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago May 11, 1923

Amboy mourned one of its most distinguished citizens, Mr. John M. Egan, a native of this city, who rose to national prominence in the railroad industry. Mr. Egan was a participant in the commencement exercises at the high school and after finishing his part, returned to his seat at the rear of the platform and fell dead.

A bill was recently introduced into both branches of the State Legislature to make 25 miles per hour the maximum speed for automobiles.

Two Central freight trains ran into each other Wednesday night near LaSalle and both were badly demolished. One of them rolled off the track into the ditch.

75 Years Ago May 6, 1948

Ronnie Ellis, one of Amboy Township High School's outstanding athletes, established a new Class B Gateway Classic pole vault record when he cleared 11 feet, 8-7/8 inches to easily win the event.

Notice to residents – The 1947-48 vehicle tax stickers must be purchased before May 15 or a warrant will be issued and a fine will be assessed plus the price of the sticker.

Amboy Grade School classes moved back into their own repaired and re-conditioned building after spending eight months in temporary quarters. Classes have been held in the First Baptist Church, the First Congregational Church and

at Pankhurst Memorial Library.

50 Years Ago May 10, 1973

Darrell John was the winner of the John Phillip Sousa Award at Amboy High School for musical excellence.

Mary Elliott and Tom McLaughlin were crowned Pro queen and king.

New officers of the Amboy Public Hospital Auxiliary were Jean Glenn, president; Kai Conway, vice president; Sarah Hinrichs, treasurer; and Judy Stamp, secretary.

A large ad announced the Grand Opening of John Arthurs' in Sublette, serving fine food and cocktails Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Also offering daily noon lunches.

25 Years Ago May 7, 1998

The members of 1998 Amboy High School Prom Court are Tim Christofferson, Amanda Novak, Dave Crosby, Katie Partington, Dean Dinges, Andrea Quest, Nick Fassler, Jenny Setchell, Greg Noble, Erica Weidman, Jeremy Yanke and Lori Welker. The prom will take place Saturday, May 9.

Thousands of students in 50 states and 12 countries competed April 22 in the 30th Knowledge Master Open academic competition. A team of 11 students at Amboy High School scored 1,281 out of 2,000 possible points. This score resulted in their placing 33rd in a field of 260 schools in the enrollment bracket of

201 to 500 students. Out of the total 1,211 schools around the world that participated, AHS ranked 436th.

While five student council members attended Chicago Senn High School, Ms. Reimer, with the help of Ms. Piatchek, took six other members to the IASC state convention held at the Ramada Congress Hotel in downtown Chicago. Over 1,100 students attended the convention with representatives from school all over the state. Amboy High School's pop tabs were turned in, and the grand total that was collected and tabulated was over 5,500,000 pop tabs. The Amboy High School Student Council would like to thank everyone in the community who saved pop tabs.



Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances ~ The First Amendment

- "The Grapes of Wrath," by John Steinbeck
- "The Color Purple," by Alice Walker
- "1984," by George Orwell
- "Brave New World," by Aldous Huxley
- "Native Son," by Richard Wright
- "Slaughterhouse-Five," by Kurt Vonnegut
- "A Separate Peace," by John Knowles
- "The Lord of the Flies," by William Golding

The Illinois legislation would prohibit libraries from banning books or other material because of partisan or doctrinal pressure.

House Bill 2789 is being pushed by Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias, whose office oversees the Illinois State Library and administers grants for public and school libraries.

It's a measure whose time has come.

Most of the opposition to the bill came from Republican lawmakers who said it takes control away from local library and school boards.

But my prediction is that in coming years if this bill becomes law, folks on the left as well as the right will be frustrated because they won't be able to remove books they don't agree with from library shelves.

It is commendable that parents are monitoring what their children are reading. But it's deplorable that some adults believe they can use government to keep other people's children from reading something they disagree with.

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SPORTS

Clippers to compete in Taylor Ridge Sectional

EDGINGTON – The Amboy-LaMoille boys’ track team will participate in the Taylor Ridge (Rockridge) Class 1A Sectional to be held Friday, May 19 at Rockridge High School in Edgington. The field events will start at 4 p.m. and the running events will kick off at 6 p.m.

Other schools in the sectional are Erie [Coop], Forreston [Coop], Fulton (H.S.) [Coop], Lena (L.-Winslow), Manlius (Bureau Valley), Milledgeville [Coop], Morrison, Orion, Pearl City, Port Byron (Riverdale), Rock Island (Alleman), Savanna (West Carroll), Sherrard, Sterling (Newman Central Catholic), Stockton [Coop] and Taylor Ridge (Rockridge).

First- and second-place winners and those who meet or exceed the qualifying standard in each event, including relay teams, will advance to the State final meet.

The IHSA State Meet is scheduled for Thursday, May 25 through Saturday, May 27 at O’Brien Stadium on the campus of Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

Lady Clippers to compete in Sterling Newman Regional

STERLING – The Amboy Lady Clippers will compete in the Sterling Newman Class 1A Regional Softball Tournament to be played May 15, 16, 17, 20.

Amboy will begin action with a play-in game at Henry-Senachwine on Monday, May 15 at 4:30 p.m. The winner of that game will move on to meet Morrison in the semifinals at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16 in Sterling. The championship game is slated for Saturday, May 20 at 10:30 a.m.

The winner of the Newman Regional will advance to the Peru St. Bede Sectional to face the champion of the Williams-field Regional on Wednesday, May 24 at 5 p.m. Other teams in the sectional will come from the Kewanee Wethersfield and Sciota West Prairie regionals.

Sterling Newman Class 1A Regional Softball Tournament

Monday, May 15

1 – (8) Amboy [Coop] at (6) Henry (H.-Senachwine) – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16

2 – (2) Morrison vs. Winner Game 1 – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17

3 – (3) Sterling (Newman Central Catholic) vs. (5) Granville (Putnam County) – 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 20

4 – Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3 – 10:30 a.m. (championship)



HEADING TO STATE

Amboy Junior High Track students participated in Sectionals this past weekend. The following students qualified for IESA State Track Meet this weekend in Peoria. From left to right: Morgan Kreiser, Aubrey Wells, Alexa McKendry, Lili Leffelman, Madison Althaus, and Karona Gall

Photo submitted



JV CLIPPERS BEAT MILLEDGEVILLE

The JV Clippers beat Milledgeville on May 2. Pictured left, Dillon Merriman tags for the out at first base. Pictured right, Eddie Jones at catcher for the Clippers.

Photos courtesy of Brenda Merriman

Lindenmeyer recognized on Kish softball Sophomore Day

MALTA – The Kishwaukee College softball team held Sophomore Day on May 6 at the Kougar field.

Kishwaukee Athletics recognized eight softball student-athletes including: Reese Ward (Sycamore HS), Samantha Koper (Oregon HS) , Katie Taylor (DeKalb HS), Kendal

Ansteth (Rochelle HS), Mia Richards (Sycamore HS), Eden Lindenmeyer (Amboy HS), Kayla Wiedemann (Farmington Central HS) and Kya Logston (Byron HS) in a ceremony with their families ahead of game one of their double-header.

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The acceptance of the school photography proposal will not be final until approved by Amboy Community Unit District No. 272. This approval is anticipated in the scheduled meeting of the Board on June 15, 2023. Sealed proposals must be mailed to or dropped off at:

Joshua Nichols
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Approved: Michael Toman, President of the Board of Trustees

Attest: Mary Dodaro, Village Clerk
No. 0503
(May 10, 2023)

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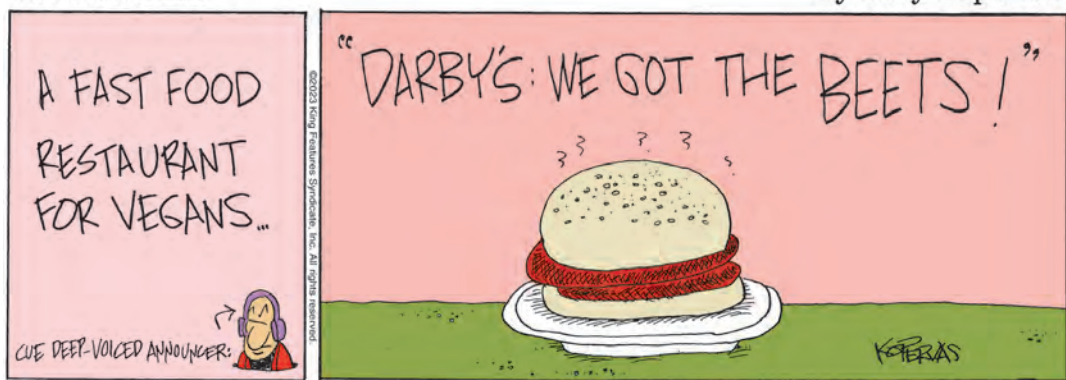
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SPORTS

Clippers finish second at Du-Pec Invitational

PECATONICA — Amboy-LaMoille's boys' track team put together a strong effort in finishing second in the eight-team Du-Pec Invitational on May 2 at Pecatonica.

The Clippers took top honors in six events, which helped them pile up 145.5 points, placing behind only team winner North Boone (201).

Kyler McNinch and Ian Sundberg were both double-winners for A-L. McNinch raced to first in the 1600-meter run (5:03.71) and the 3200-meter run (11:03.73), while Sundberg took charge in the shot put (41-8) and discus (134-8).

Joel Billhorn also claimed an individual

first in the 400-meter dash with a time of 55.9, while the 4x400-meter relay team topped the competition in 3:51.31. Toting the baton were Billhorn, Zane Murphy, Caleb Yanos and McNinch.

May 2 — DuPec Invite

A-L 1st place: Joel Billhorn, 400m dash, 55.9; Kyler McNinch, 1600m run, 5:03.71; McNinch, 3200m run, 11:03.73; 4x400m relay (Billhorn, Zane Murphy, Caleb Yanos, McNinch), 3:51.31; Ian Sundberg, shot put, 41-8; Sundberg, discus, 134-8

A-L 2nd place: Atticus Horner, 800m run, 2:24.56; 4x100m relay (Yanos, Billhorn, Kelton Schwamberger, Murphy), 47.4;

4x200m relay (Yanos, Ed Fry, Schwamberger, Murphy), 1:40.57; 4x800m relay (Horner, Michael Shoemaker, Jaden Haley, Conner Deering), 10:33.15

A-L 3rd place: Murphy, 100m dash, 11.52; Horner, 1600m run, 5:28; Fry, high jump, 5-3; Billhorn, long jump, 18-4

A-L 4th place: Yanos, 100m dash, 11.81; Kydreel Green, shot put, 38-4; Zach Dunne,

discus, 103-3

A-L 5th place: Schwamberger, 200m dash, 25.25; Haley, 800m run, 2:51.33; Deering, 1600 run, 5:42.79; Adrian Marquez, 3200m run, 14:04.10; Brayden Klein, discus, 95-4

A-L 6th place: Marquez, 800m run, 2:52.93

A-L 7th place: Fry, triple jump, 32-4

A-L 8th place: Klein, 100m dash, 12.25

Lady Clippers compete in Northwest Upstate Illini Conference meet

PECATONICA — The Amboy-LaMoille girls' track team competed in the Northwest Upstate Illini Conference Meet on May 4 at Pecatonica.

The Lady Clippers placed seventh in the team standings with 39 points. Ten teams participated. Galena was the overall champion with 116 points.

Amboy-LaMoille's best finish was third place in two events. Bella Yanos was third in the long jump with a measurement of 15-4, while the 4x200-meter relay took third in a time of 1:54.09. Carrying the baton were Jillian Ander-

son, Stephanie Nave, Lexi Ketchum and Yanos.

May 4 - NUIC Meet

Galena 141, Fulton 116, Forreston 98.5, Milledgeville 96.5, Dakota 55, Lena-Winslow 53, West Carroll 45, Amboy-LaMoille 39, Stockton 25, Pecatonica 12

A-L 3rd place: 4x200m relay (Jillian Anderson, Stephanie Nave, Lexi Ketchum, Bella Yanos), 1:54.09; Yanos, long jump, 15-4

A-L 4th place: Yanos, 200m dash, 28.47

A-L 6th place: Kimber Zitelman, discus, 86-6; Ketchum, high jump, 4-6

A-L 7th place: 4x400m

relay (Skyler Ware, Nave, Ketchum, Angela Bejarano), 4:53.03

A-L 8th place: Yanos, 100m dash, 13.69; Samantha Nauman, 800m run, 2:51.39; Anna Carlson, 3200m run, 17:02.42; Nauman, 300m hurdles, 58.44; 4x800m relay (Nauman, Ketchum, Carlson, Mazey Sterling), 12:41.5; Zitelman, shot put, 27-1

A-L 10th place: Nauman, 100m hurdles, 19.83; 4x100m relay (Alexis Cheever, Bejarano, Taylor Wamhoff, Ware), 1:02.79; Nave, triple jump, 28-9

Clippers to compete in Sterling Newman Class 1A Regional

STERLING — The Amboy Clippers have been assigned to the Sterling Newman Class 1A Regional Baseball Tournament to be played May 15, 17, 18, 20.

Amboy's first action will be at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 18 against Newman. The winner of that game will advance to the championship game on Saturday, May 20 at 11 a.m.

The Newman Regional champion will move on to the Pearl City Sectional to battle the winner of the

Alden-Hebron Regional at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 24. Other teams in the sectional will come from the Forreston and East Dubuque regionals.

Sterling Newman Class 1A

Regional Baseball Tournament

Monday, May 15
1 — (8) Milledgeville at (7) Morrison — 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17
2 — (2) Ashton (A.-Franklin Center) vs. Winner Game 1 — 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 18

3 — (3) Sterling (Newman Central Catholic) vs. (6) Amboy [Coop] — 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 20
4 — Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3 — 11 a.m. (championship)

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Lady Clippers defeat Milledgeville twice in a week

AMBOY — Amboy's varsity softball team managed to overcome a late Milledgeville rally to down the Lady Missiles, 9-8, on May 2 at the AHS field.

The Lady Clippers led 8-3 entering the sixth inning when Milledgeville scored five runs to tie the game. Amboy responded with a run in the bottom of the frame to take the lead and then held Milledgeville scoreless in the seventh.

Ellie McLaughlin had two singles for the Lady Clippers, while Kiera Karlson, Tyrah Vaessen and Payton Payne had one hit apiece.

Alyvia Whelchel was the winning pitcher, allowing three hits.

The two teams met again on May 4 in

Milledgeville and Amboy escaped with 16-14 victory.

Amboy trailed 10-7 after three innings, but forged in front with seven runs in the fourth to take a 14-10 lead. Milledgeville climbed to within a run with three tallies in the fifth, but the Lady Clippers put two on the board in the seventh and then the home team got just one run in the bottom of the seventh.

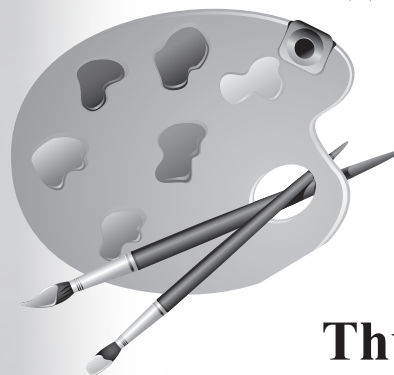
Karlson picked up a single and a triple for the winners, while Vaessen added a pair of singles. Collecting one hit were McLaughlin, Payne, Whelchel, Jersey Thomas and Haleigh Stenzel.

Whelchel was back in the circle and got the victory.

Amboy Community Unit School District #272

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SPORTS



Pictured left, Amboy's Quinn Leffelman slides into home against Milledgeville on May 2. The Clippers won the game 12-2. Pictured below, Garrett Pertell tries to steal third base

Photos courtesy of Brenda Merriman

Clippers earn two wins over Milledgeville

AMBOY — Amboy disposed of Milledgeville, 12-2, in a conference baseball match-up on May 2 at Parker Field. The game was called in the bottom of the sixth by the 10-run rule.

Amboy did a bulk of its damage in the first three innings, plating four runs in the first and three each in the second and third frames. Milledgeville put up single tallies in the first and third innings. The Clippers put the game away with two runs in

the bottom of the sixth.

Quinn Leffelman had three singles and two RBI to pace the offense. Picking up two hits apiece were Brody Christoffersen, Landon Montavon and Ryan Dickinson. Montavon drove in a pair of runs.

Christoffersen earned the win for Amboy. He struck out seven Missile batters.

Amboy got another win over Milledgeville, this time a 4-0 road triumph on May 4.



Tucker Lindenmeyer was brilliant on the mound for the Clippers, allowing just three hits and striking out 13 in the shutout victory.

Amboy scored single runs

in the first, fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

Lindenmeyer helped his own cause with a pair of singles.

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