

# **The Road to Success**

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## THE MAIN FLOWER SHOP

Cindy and Jeff Shaw have owned and operated The Main Flower Shop for the last 20 years. The Main Flower Shop is located at 232 E. Main St. in Amboy and be contacted by calling 815-857-3545. Check out themainflowershop.com or The Main Flower Shop Facebook page.

## The Main Flower Shop

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Family owned and operated, Vaessen Brothers Chevrolet has been a staple in Sublette for more than 95 years.

Photo submitted

## Vaessen Brothers – 97 years strong

VAESSEN Brothers Chevrolet, Inc. was started in 1926 by Paul and Ralph Vaessen as an auto repair shop. In 1933, the Vaessens obtained the franchise with Chevrolet. In 1953, the dealership expanded. While repairs were still being made at the first location, the new building (currently known as Rt. 52 Roadhouse) consisted of a showroom, office and a three-bay service station.

By 1976, the dealership was ready for expansion again to where they are currently located. In 1977, Ralph Vaessen retired and his son, Neal joined the business.

When Paul retired, Neal and his wife, Donna, became full owners of the business. Their three sons, Greg (Fixed Operations Manager), Jeff (Parts Manager) and Nick (Sales Manager) have all joined the business. In 1998, the business underwent a remodel in the current building. Greg's daughter, Kourtney joined the business as the Internet Manager and is the first of the 4th generation to join the business. In the year of 2012, the dealership underwent a full remodel of their building and expanded the showroom

by adding a new-car delivery stall and two more sales offices. The remodel was fully finished in 2014.

Today the second, third and fourth generation all work together to help provide the customers with the best car buying experience in the area.

"We are a family owned and operated business providing the best in the area service department, a great parts department and wide selection of new Chevrolets and used vehicles."

This year, Vaessen Brothers Chevrolet, Inc. will be celebrating 96 years of business. Their most recent remodel in 2012 changed the front of the building and the inside from top to bottom. Come see how great their building looks for yourself.

In the sales department, they have sales consultants who have received the Mark of Excellence Award for their outstanding work, and in the service department they have ASE and GM Certified technicians.

They are family owned and operated – let them treat you like family too!

## Giving back to the community is important to The Last Alarm

AMBOY — Written in different colors on the front window of The Last Alarm "firehouse pub" are numbers. As the Wednesdays go by, the numbers get bigger as the possible winnings of the only Queen of Hearts drawing in Amboy grow.

"I have a Queen of Hearts drawing on Wednesday nights. I started the drawing a couple of years ago," said Barb Harrison, the owner of The Last Alarm. "It's an extra incentive for customers to come in, have a drink, buy some tickets, and having a chance of winning some money."

"My last jackpot was over \$85,000. I was able to give \$34,000 to the Amboy Lions Club, the winner won \$42,000, and 10 percent rolled over into the next drawing. It's something different."

The proceeds of the current Queen of Hearts drawing at The Last Alarm, located at 43 S. East Ave., in Amboy, will go to the Amboy Fire Department.

The first Queen of Heats funds were donated to Teen Turf.

"It's awesome to be able to give back to the community. I've always been volunteer oriented and I enjoy giving back to the community," Harrison said. "I don't make a penny off of the Queen of Hearts. The funds either go to the winner, the organization I'm giving it to, or it goes to the next game."



Outdoor seating was added to The Last Alarm in 2020.

"My only perk is the customers that come in to have a beer, eat a pizza, or gamble while they're here."

Harrison and The Last Alarm have been in business since April 1, 2004.

Throughout the years, the firehouse pub has not only been able to give back to the community, but every night its open, it offers a good time to its patrons.

Beers, mixed drinks, and sodas are cold. Pizzas are warm. Pool table and dart board are competitive. Gaming machines are hot. The juke box is loud.

And for the last two years, you can enjoy The Last Alarm indoor or outdoor.

"I put the outdoor seating area in the back shortly after

the pandemic," Harrison said. "During COVID-19, I had a lot of outdoor seating because I had a big tent outside. We couldn't open up The Last Alarm but the mayor, John Schamberger, allowed us to have outdoor seating."

"My contractor, Dreams-capes by Dennis, worked with me hand in hand. He showed me samples and drew me some drawings. This is our vision put together. It worked real well. I'm in love with it."

Harrison, a flouriest by trade, hosts DIY (do it yourself) nights for the ladies, has drink specials every day, Happy Hour specials every day, and will have a band or a DJ occasionally.

For more information, call 815-857-3483.



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\*Owner Barbara Harrison\*

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Customers are invited to check out the website, where they will also find details about the product lines Jones-Berry carries and a convenient link to e-mail questions or submit an order.

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years serving Amboy and the surrounding area, the Jones-Berry Lumber Company is pleased offer this technology while staying true to their commitment of customer service, which has been their mission right from the start.

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Over the years construction products and techniques have changed but the commitment to customer service remains the same at Jones-Berry. They offer personal, friendly, courteous and honorable service.

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First State Bank has three locations in Mendota - the main facility, above, at 706 Washington St., the driveup ATM, at 800 Illinois Ave., and Plaza North at 1403 13th Ave.

First State Bank is celebrating over 80 years of community banking in the Mendota area. Founded in 1940, First State Bank has transformed over the last eight decades from a small single-location facility on Washington Street into a 19-branch strong \$1.5 billion financial institution with a presence from Champaign to St. Charles.

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