



CLIPPERS ARE STATE BOUND

Amboy players are all smiles after defeating Champaign St. Thomas More in the semifinals of the 8-Man Playoffs on Nov. 12 at the AHS field. The win propelled the Clippers into the state championship game on Friday, Nov. 12 at Monmouth College. Game time is 7 p.m. See more on the game in Section B.

Kip Cheek/Amboy News



Lee County turns up for General Election

LEE COUNTY — Lee County residents went to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 8 for the Illinois General Election. The unofficial results follows. A total of 12,247 ballots were cast out of 21,557 possible which is 56.8 percent of the eligible voters took part in the election.

For United States Senator, incumbent Tammy Duckworth won her seat back. But in Lee County, the voters preferred the Republican Kathy Salvi, earning 59.45 percent of the vote.

For Governor of the State of Illinois, incumbent JB Pritzker won the state-wide race. Lee County voters favored opponent Darren Bailey, earning 59.35 percent of the vote.

Incumbent Kwame Raoul ran for another term as Illinois Attorney General and won the state-wide vote. In Lee County, voters cast their vote for Republican Thomas DeVore, earning 62.28 percent of the vote.

The Secretary of State race saw Democrat Alexi Giannoulias winning the state-wide vote. In Lee County, voters backed Republican Dan Brady with 63.52 percent of the vote.

Incumbent State Comptroller Susana A. Mendoza won the state-wide vote. In Lee County, voters were behind Republican Shannon Teresi with 59.02 percent of the vote.

Illinois State Treasurer Michael W. Frerichs won another term in office. In Lee County, the voters preferred local candidate Republican Tom Demmer with 67.96 percent of the vote.

Incumbent Darin LaHood won the Lee County votes and statewide votes for U.S. House Illinois District 16. LaHood received 64.66 percent of the vote in Lee County.

For State Senator 37th Legislative District Win Stoller was unopposed and received 100 percent of the Lee County vote.

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Men, women, and children of all ages went to Amboy High School on Veterans Day for a special celebration to honor all military veterans. Flags were waved throughout the program's entirety.

Brandon LaChance/Amboy News

Coming together for Veterans Day

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – The town of Amboy came together Friday. Not for Depot Days. Not for food and drinks.

Young, old, women, children, men, and every other demographic, united for the celebration and honoring of Veterans Day.

It started with a presentation, open to the public, at the Amboy High School gymnasium put on by high school students, staff, and the Amboy American Legion Post 453 Poths-Lavelle.

“It’s really nice to see everyone here,” said Amboy senior Kelton Schwamberger. “I believe it’s the first year we have done a presentation like this in this gym. It’s nice to see everyone come out and that we can be united like this whether it’s all of the schools or members of the community.

“There is a high level of patriotism at our school and all of the students were excited to be part of Veterans Day.”

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Amboy High School senior Kelton Schwamberger gave a speech during the Veterans Day program held in the AHS gymnasium. Schwamberger, who had two great grandfathers and a grandfather serve in wars, not only gave a speech but he also played “Taps” on his trumpet.

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A Look Back At Amboy’s 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.

SGT. Adam G. Young

Adam Young was the first soldier from Sublette, to die in battle during World War II. Before the war’s end, four others from this village would join him, leaving behind the memory of this community’s sacrifice to be cherished for all who lived in the area during this time.

On Nov. 1, 1916, Adam George Young was born to

George W. and Christenia Koehler Young on their farm located just west of Sublette. One year later, an infant son died during his first year of life, leaving Adam as the only son of his parents. Adam’s cousin, Evelyn Radmacher, lived in the same household on into her adulthood. He attended St. Mary’s School in Sublette through the eight grade. At age 14, Adam lost his mother Christenia, and this may have led him to discontinue his formal education to help his father on the farm for most of the next decade.

On Aug. 21, 1940, Adam enlisted in the U.S. Army and left for Fort Ord, California for basic training, and then on to Fort Lewis, Washington. During the next two years, he would attend Quartermaster School at Fort Wayne, Mich., followed by Camp Pickett, Virginia, before returning to Fort Ord, achieving the rank of Sergeant, and assigned to



the 26th Infantry Regiment. A local news article announced his return home on Furlough in the fall of 1941.

As America entered the war in early 1942, the 26th Regiment was attached to the 1st Infantry Division for the remainder of the war. On Nov. 15, 1942, SGT. Young and the 1st Division left for overseas duty landing at Oran, Algeria to take part in the initial fighting there. It took part in the North African Campaign in the winter and spring of 1943, helping to secure Tunisia. SGT. Young and the 1st Division were the first ashore in the invasion

of Sicily in July of that year, fighting intense battles in difficult terrain. At the end of this battle, the division returned to England to train and prepare for what would later be known as “Operation Overlord,” or the D-Day Invasion.

On June 6, 1944, the 1st Division landed at Omaha Beach, with some units suffering a 30 percent casualty rate in the first hour. After securing the beachhead, the division took part in the Normandy “break-through” battle at St. Lo, then moving deeper into France in a continuous offensive against the

Nazi army. Moving across Belgium the 1st reached the German border in September, and would soon secure the City of Aachen. During fighting on the Belgian side of the border, SGT. Adam Young was reported “missing in action.” On Oct. 2, his father and cousin Evelyn received a telegram from the War Department confirming that Adam had been killed in action in Belgium.

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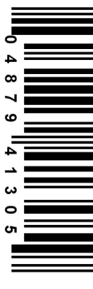
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LOCAL NEWS



The American Legion Post 453 Poths-Lavelle performed a rifle volley at Veterans Park in Amboy for all of their brothers at arms.

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The Amboy Legion Post 453 Poths-Lavelle sat front and center during the Veterans Day celebration at the Amboy High School.

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Schwamberger gave a speech, was part of the band which played the songs belonging to all branches of the military, and he played taps on his trumpet.

Taps can make Schwamberger emotional from time to time, but you couldn't tell

during his playing of Taps for this year's Veterans Day.

"Both of my great-grandfathers who are no longer with us—Edgar Kugel, served in Italy, and Ray Pohlman, who served in Germany, and my grandfather who is with us, George Schwam-

berger, battled in Korea—all served in the military," said Schwamberger, who played the trumpet for the first time during the fifth grade and learned Taps as a freshman. "It has always been really important to me. Having the opportunity to play Taps is al-

ways important because it can mean so much to so many different people. I always know it's honoring my grandfather and my great-grandfathers who served.

"It was hard to learn at first because your same fingers are down; It's just your lips are

doing all of the work. It can be hard getting to the high note, especially if you're emotional. Once you get it, it means a lot."

The AHS bleachers were full of students from Central Elementary, Amboy Junior High, and high school stu-

dents.

Little children waved flags and placed their hand on their hearts, while proud adults saluted and stood tall while the songs and words honored them or loved ones.

The American Legion were the color guard, held the flag, and made sure they demonstrated proper procedure in honoring all veterans.

After leading the end of the ceremony and the exit of the gymnasium, the legion welcomed all to Veteran's Park for a rifle volley.

The original plan was to perform a flag retirement ceremony, but with high winds, American Legion Commander Jack Mead decided to not properly burn flags and initiated the rifle firing.

"The flags are like another veteran. They're honored and when they are burned, their ashes are buried in ceremony," Mead said. "Unfortunately (Friday), it is too windy. I don't want a fire to break out in Amboy when we're trying to do good and represent all veterans."

AMBOY CUSD 272 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22

Conferences at Central School are on a scheduled basis only in-person (with classroom teachers) for both days: Monday, November 21, 12:00-8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, November 22, 8:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. Special teachers (Music & PE) will be available, as well. First Quarter Report Cards were sent home with each child on Fri. Oct. 21, 2022. Please contact your child's teacher to arrange a time.

Junior High will conduct in-person conferences by individual teacher:

Monday, November 21, 12:00-4:30 p.m. & 5:00-8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, November 22, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Teachers will be located in the AJHS main hallway and cafeteria for parents to meet with individually. Please contact the junior high office with any questions.

High School will conduct in-person conferences:

Monday, November 21, 12:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. & 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. teachers will be located in the AHS Gymnasium and Tuesday, November 22, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. teachers will be in their classrooms. Please contact the high school office with any questions. Report cards that are not picked up will be mailed out on Mon. November 28.

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LOCAL NEWS

TEEN TURF

Aerobics

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

Afterschool program

You must call 815-857-4800 to be put on. If you are not registered, please do not send your child without speaking with us.

FREE Thanksgiving Community Event

This Saturday, November 19, music will begin at noon and dinner will follow at 1 p.m., at the Teen Turf Building, Boehle Youth Center, 235 West Main in Amboy. All are welcome to attend, sorry no carry outs. Come for food and comradery. If you would like to help with a dish or a dessert, please call us at 815-857-4800. We can't wait to see you.

Thank You's

We are always grateful for those that assist Teen Turf in it's endeavor of helping people: Vicky and Fred Appleman for the snacks; Cindy and Michael Phillips; Martha Henley for the cookies; Donna Wellman for the candy and treats; George and Barb Spataro for the school items; Shelli Bump for the clothes; Barb Harrison for the turkey; Elaine Powers for the turkey and puzzles; Molly Ackert for the DVD's; Vicki Conderman for the bedding; Tena Sadewater for the treats and turkey delivery; Maggie Lowery for the school supplies and Sandy Draper for the clothes.

Needs

Paper plates and Kleenex

Final Word

God, the Lord is Peace, we come before you, asking for peace. Peace within our minds, bodies, and souls, so that the battle of the mind will be overcome. Peace within our homes, so we can live joyful lives. And peace within the world, so that the raging war ceases. We know that peace, like grace, comes through knowing you. Amen.

Flu season may impact Red Cross blood supply

Healthy donors needed to give now

LEE COUNTY — The American Red Cross urges blood and platelet donors to give now and help fight the potential impact of seasonal illnesses and a potentially severe flu season on the blood supply.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predicts a serious spread of flu this year and is already reporting an early spike in cases in several states. When seasonal illnesses increase, the number of healthy donors tends to decrease, leaving the Red Cross blood supply vulnerable to a potential shortage over the holidays.

Paired with busy holiday schedules, seasonal illnesses may make it harder to collect the blood hospital patients require this winter. Donors — especially those with type O blood and those giving platelets — can help bolster the blood supply now by making an appointment to give in the coming weeks.

There is no waiting period to donate blood or platelets after receiving a flu shot. Schedule an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Learn more about flu safety and prevention at redcross.org/flu-safety.

As a thank-you, the Red Cross is offering several opportunities to donors this month:

- All who come to give Nov. 1-22 will receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. Details are available at rcblood.org/perks.
- Those who come to give over the Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 23-27, will get a Red Cross knit beanie, while supplies last.
- All who come out to help Nov. 28-Dec. 15 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon. Details are available at rcblood.org/together.

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For State Representative 74th District, Bradley J. Fritts was unopposed and received 100 percent of the Lee County vote.

For Lee County Board District 1 voters were asked to vote for 5 people, the results are incumbent Michael Koppien 2086, Angie Shippert 1976, incumbent

Robert J. Olson 2077, incumbent James Schielein 1669, Ronald R. Gascoigne 1804, Emily Rose 1071, David Bingham 985 and David McCarver 929.

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Military memorial services were conducted at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette on Oct. 10, 1944 with the War Mothers of Sublette attending as a group. A military program was presented on the church grounds by the Poths-Lavelle Post of the Amboy

American Legion along with the Illinois Reserve Militia of Dixon.

For generations, SGT. Adam Young has been remembered for his courage and sacrifice in the name of freedom. He was the first Sublette youth to give his life for this cause, but he would not be

the last. His remains lie, and he is forever memorialized at the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Belgium.

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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.

REMINDER: No grave blankets allowed in St. Patrick's cemetery in Amboy. They will be removed, if necessary.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will meet Monday, Nov. 21, 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, Nov. 21, at

the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

DIXON- Sauk Valley Community College will close for fall break at the end of business day Tuesday, Nov. 22. Offices will reopen Monday, Nov. 28.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, Nov. 28. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

DIXON- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at Knights of Columbus Hall, 506 West Third, Dixon. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.

Red Cross recognizes service after service

LEE COUNTY — This Veterans Day, the American Red Cross is recognizing veterans who continue their service in local communities across the country.

As disasters roil communities across the country, veterans are donning the Red Cross vest and lending a hand to those in need in their local communities. At military bases and in local neighborhoods, veterans are rolling up their sleeves to donate blood and help give the critical gift of life. Whether teaching lifesaving skills or giving back to their own by volunteering to assist fellow veterans, they are making an impact through the teamwork and dedication that served them well during military service.

According to the census, there are more than 18 million U.S. military veterans around the world. When it's time to put the uniform away, some veterans encounter difficulty with the process. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 1/3 of all veterans report that they struggle with depression after military service. From difficulty navigating the culture of civilian life to finding a shared sense of purpose, 27% of veterans report difficulty integrating into the civilian workforce post service according to the Pew Research Center. Syracuse University's Institute for Veterans & Military Families (IVMF) reports that prior military service and civic participation are linked. IVMF concludes that military service helps overcome barriers to volunteering and provides positive outcomes for veterans.

"Whether it's helping fellow veterans at our VA Medical Centers or comforting a stranger who just survived a house fire, these veterans are again answering the call to duty. Many volunteer as a way to continue using the skills they learned through their service. Responding to disasters, coordinating life-saving blood drives, and providing emergency communications all utilize key skills learned in the military," stated Crystal Smith, Service to the Armed Forces/International Services Program Director.

Veterans are joining the American Red Cross and to help others. When Hurricane Ian caused devastation across Florida veterans from across the country were among the first to be among our recovery and response efforts. Over 20,000 Red Cross volunteers are veterans — making up 14% of our workforce. Veterans hold many positions at the Red Cross from nurses to logisticians, emergency management experts, project managers and preparedness experts, as well as a number of veterans in leadership roles at local Red Cross chapters across the country.

Volunteer to help veterans or to work alongside them to make our communities stronger. To learn more about how you can give back in your community, visit redcross.org/volunteer.

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OBITUARIES

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Michael V. Sutton

Feb. 19, 1974 - Nov. 8, 2022

DIXON — Michael V. Sutton, 48, of Dixon, died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.

He was born Feb. 19, 1974, in LaSalle the son of Robert and Patricia (Miller) Sutton.

Mike had worked in manufacturing most recently at Raynor Garage Doors in Dixon. He was a member of Carpenters Local 790. He was a "professional" darts player and enjoyed playing softball, hunting, fishing and was a Chicago Bears and Cubs fan.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Scott Sutton, and cousin, Gifford

"Bugs" Fordham.

Mike is survived by several cousins, including Larry Fordham, Linda Hess, Suzy Fordham, Jared Fordham, Colby Fordham, Drew Fordham, Amy Hicks, and Tricia Hiebing. Mike is also survived by special friends, including Julie Donovan and Kylie, Brian, Brenda and Bryson Deery, Derek Rapp and Brayden Phalen-Rapp, and Ricky Pertell.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of life will be held from 5 - 7 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.



Casual attire, camo or Cubs preferred. A memorial has been established.

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

Francis "Frank" Joseph Mekeel

Dec. 31, 1953 - Nov. 10, 2022

AMBOY — Francis "Frank" Joseph Mekeel, 68, of Amboy, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022 at Serenity Hospice and Home in Oregon, with his loving wife, Kathy, by his side.

He was born on Dec. 31, 1953 in Amboy, the son of Arthur "Joe" and Margaret (Merlo) Mekeel. He married the love of his life, Kathleen "Kathy" Hochstatter on July 31, 1981 at St. Patrick's Church in Amboy.

Frank spent the majority of his life working in the lumber business. He started his early years working at Patterson Lumber in Franklin Grove. Then, from 1990 to 2017, he was co-owner of Dixon Builders Supply with Bob Dimmig. After his retirement, he enjoyed working at Home Depot in Peru and then at Jones Berry Lumber in Amboy. Frank enjoyed his time working on the Amboy City Council. He was an alderman from 2001-2007, and was the Amboy City Mayor

from 2007-2013.

Together, Frank and Kathy have two daughters, Ashley (Keith Leffelman) and Jennifer (Dustin Seeley), and four grandchildren, Genevieve, Deacon, Abram, and Marlow Seeley. He is also survived by his siblings, Kathy (Steve) Gardner, of Amboy, Don (Diane) Mekeel, of Sterling, Mary (Roland) Derksen, of Zeeland, Mich., John Mekeel, of Dixon, Theresa Mekeel, of Dixon, Patrick (Brigitte) Mekeel, of Sterling, Mike Mekeel, of Somers, Penn., Tommy Mekeel, of Dixon; his aunt, Ann Rios, of Freeport; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Paul Mekeel, his aunt, Lena Merlo, and aunt, Alice Finn.

Frank was a volunteer firefighter in Franklin Grove in the early 1980s, a member of the Elks Club in Dixon, and a member of St. Patrick's Church.

Visitation was held at St. Patrick's Church in Amboy



on Sunday, Nov. 13 from 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. and from 9:30-10:30 a.m., on Monday, Nov. 14. The rosary was said from 3-3:30 p.m., on Sunday in the church. Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, Nov. 14 at 10:30 a.m., at St. Patrick's Church. Burial followed at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Amboy.

Arrangements have been made through Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

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

Joan Demeris Keen

June 2, 1934 - Nov. 5, 2022

AMBOY — Joan Demeris Keen, 88, of Amboy, went to be with the Lord on Nov. 5, 2022, at Katherine Shaw Betha Hospital, after a long illness. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend.

Joan was born June 2, 1934, in Wayne City, the daughter of Harry B. and Virgie Lee (Austin) Draper. She married Bernard E. Keen on Feb. 12, 1961, in Corinth, Miss.

Joan worked as a C.N.A. at Franklin Grove Nursing and Retirement Center for many years, and was a member of Northside Baptist Church in Dixon. Joan lived a life rich in love and friendship, due to her loving and giving nature. She was the most amazing woman who loved her family and was very proud to be the mother of her five children. Joan was the ultimate caregiver; always giving to family, friends, and neighbors. She led by example and believed strongly in

her faith. Joan was loved by all and will be dearly missed.

Joan is survived by her husband of 61 years, Bernard; two daughters, Deborah Keen of Ohio, IL, and Pamela (Brian) Krone, of Sterling; three sons, Dave (Kate) Thomason, of Montrose, Jeffrey Keen of Ferndale, Wash., and Edward Keen, of Dixon; one sister, Kay Austin of Channahon; one sister-in-law, Vivian Carlough, of LaBelle, Fla.; one brother-in-law, Billy (Cena) Keen, of Alabama; nine grandchildren, Pat (Emily) Esker, Eric (Micki) Esker, Teesha Keen, Danielle (Kevin) Tschirhart, Kathleen Hille, Samantha (Jamie) Harris, Stephanie (Bruce) Haarmann, Chad Keen, Logan Keen; and 16 great-grandchildren, Tristin (Desire), Mitchell, Morgan, Chloe, Lauren, Ayden, Dominic, Jaxson, Cooper, Nessa, Anna, Brody, Wade, Lincoln, Elias, and Liam.

Joan was preceded in death by her mother and dad; four brothers, George, Ace,



Bill, John; and four sisters, Beulah, Margaret, Lorene, and Maxine.

Visitation was held from 11 a.m. - noon, on Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, at Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon, followed by a funeral service at noon, with Pastor Daniel Bentz, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Dixon, officiating. Burial followed at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Dixon. A luncheon followed the burial at Northside Baptist Church.

A memorial has been established.

Ned R. Ely

Oct. 17, 1939 - Nov. 8, 2022

AMBOY — Ned R. Ely, 83, of Amboy, died Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022 at Rock River Hospice and Home in Sterling.

He was born Oct. 17, 1939 in Henry, the son of Olen and Hilda (Neuhalfan) Ely. Ned was a machinist at Henry Pratt Co. in Dixon for 43 years prior to his retirement in 2005. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy, Amboy Lions Club, and the Mendota and Dixon Elks Clubs.

Ned married Carol O'Sadnick Oct. 5, 1963 at St. Mary Catholic Church in West Brooklyn.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Gordon and Richard Ely, and sisters, Marjorie (Melvin)

Leffelman and Mary Helen (Hubert) Leffelman.

Ned is survived by his wife, Carol; children, Lori (Doug) Schrock, of Amboy, Douglas (Deanne) Ely, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Brian Ely, of Amboy, Renee (Curt) O'Rourke, of Amboy, Gary (Tina) Ely, of Washington, IL; nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; sister in law, Karen Ely, of Amboy; and many nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, Nov. 12, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy with Rev. John Gow officiating. Burial followed at St. Patrick Cemetery in Maytown. Visitation was held from 4 - 7 p.m., on



Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. A memorial has been established.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

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The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

A WOMAN'S STORY

This year's Nobel Prize in Literature was awarded to French writer Annie Ernaux. In congratulating her, French President Emmanuel Macron said she was the voice "of the freedom of women and of the forgotten." Ernaux was born in 1940 in Normandy and grew up in the town of Yvetot, where her parents owned a grocery store and cafe in a working-class neighborhood. In "A Woman's Story," she writes that her mother "knew all the household tips that lessened the strain of poverty."

Ernaux begins "A Woman's Story" with an announcement: "My mother died on Monday 7 April in the old people's home attached to the hospital at Pontoise, where I had installed her two years previously." There follows a remarkable memoir of less than a hundred pages of the life of her mother. (Ernaux's twenty books are small, clear, and rarely exceed a hundred pages.) In a spare prose style, Ernaux recalls her mother leading "the full outdoor life of a little country girl, displaying the same knowledge as the boys: sawing wood, shaking the fruit off apple trees, and killing hens by plunging a pair of scissors down their throat." One could miss school — her mother left at age twelve — but not mass. "Even if one stood at the back of the church, one could share in the beauty, the opulence, and the spirit of the ceremony — gold chalices, embroidered chasubles, hymns — and get the impression one didn't live in total poverty."

Her mother had "a proud, violent temper." She resented her lower class status and so enjoyed the sense of power of helping families survive by giving them credit. Everything she did was done noisily. But "books were the only things she handled with care. She washed her hands before touching them." During her adolescence, Ernaux broke away from her mother "and there remained only the struggle between us." After her father suddenly died in 1967, her mother moved in with Ernaux and her two sons.

In 1983, her mother's story stops. "She was slowly turning insane. She was suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, the name given by the doctors to a form of senile dementia. Over the past few days, I have found it more and more difficult to write, possibly because I would like never to reach this point. And yet I know I shall have no peace of mind until I find the words that will reunite the demented woman she had become with the strong, radiant woman she once was."

In prose that is precise and unsentimental, Ernaux's description of her mother's rapid decline is harrowing. In the end, her mother "slowly slipped into a world without seasons, warm, gentle, and sweet-smelling, where there was no notion of time, just the inevitable routine of eating and going to bed."

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SOCIAL NEWS

Have a safe Thanksgiving - Red Cross offers cooking safety tips

LEE COUNTY – Thanksgiving is just around the corner, along with the holiday feast that goes with it. Because cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires, the American Red Cross has some steps everyone can follow to have a safe holiday.

Most cooking fires are caused by unattended cooking. To help keep you and your loved ones safe, the Red Cross offers these safety tips:

- When cooking a turkey or other items in the oven, stay in your home and check on it regularly.
- Keep an eye on what you fry. Never leave cooking food unattended. If you must leave the kitchen, even for a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Move items that can burn away from the stove. This includes dishtowels, bags, boxes, paper and curtains. Also keep children and pets at least three feet away.
- Avoid wearing loose clothing or dangling sleeves while cooking.
- When frying food, turn the burner off if you see smoke or if the grease starts to boil. Carefully remove the pan from the burner.
- Keep a pan lid or a cookie sheet nearby. Use it to cover the pan if it catches on fire. This will put out the fire. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- Turn pot handles to the back of the stove, so no one bumps them or pulls them over.

Use a timer to remind yourself that the stove or oven is on. Check the kitchen before going to bed or leaving home to ensure all stoves, ovens and small appliances are turned off.

You can also help keep your family safe by testing your smoke alarms monthly and practicing your home fire escape plan until everyone can get out in less than two minutes — the amount of time you may have to get out of a burning home before it's too late.

Visit redcross.org/fire for more information, including an escape plan to practice with your family. You can also download our free Emergency app and free Red Cross First Aid app for instant access on how to control bleeding, help someone who is choking and other scenarios. Search "American Red Cross" in app stores.

I would like to thank my family for the surprise birthday party, and to all the people that came. I would also like to thank all those that sent cards or messages. It was greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,
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Opinion

Save a child's life – lock up guns in the home

Every day in America, 13 kids die from gun-related injuries. Every day, eight kids are shot by accident.

Firearm-related injuries are now the leading cause of death in kids ages 1 to 19, surpassing for the first time, motor vehicle accidents, according to the most recent statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As an attending emergency room physician for OSF HealthCare, I've seen the aftermath of accidental shootings involving children – the physical injuries, the emotional impact on all involved and the loss of life.

I can't forget two instances when boys ages 9 and 7 were brought into the emergency room just six days apart. Both boys were at the homes of a relative or friend and were asked by another young boy, "Do you want to see my daddy's shotgun?" The gun accidentally went off in both incidents, inflicting gunshot wounds to the abdomen. Very graphic, very severe traumas. One boy recovered and went home. The other boy was in surgery for hours, receiving 30-40 pints of blood. He died despite efforts to save his life. Both of these accidental shootings could have been prevented.

A Journal of the American Medical Association survey estimates 4.6 million kids in the U.S. live with unlocked, loaded guns in the home. We take steps to protect our children

Guest Column

By E. John Wipfler III



from all kinds of harm, making sure they wear seatbelts or are placed in car seats, wear life jackets or floatables while in the water ... so, why are we not making sure guns in the home are locked up? When we drop our children off at a play date or a friend's birthday party, why aren't we asking about potential dangers in the home they are visiting—including whether there are unsecured, unlocked firearms in the house?

I'm a certified firearms instructor who's taught firearms safety for decades. I'm also a father. After the incidents with the two young boys, I made it my mission to educate the world on how to better store and child-proof firearms. It's my passion to teach parents why doing this is so important to keep their kids safe. My own experience and the experience of others shows it's necessary to not only teach our children about gun safety in the home, but to understand the importance of practicing safe

storage of guns.

Many Americans own firearms for sporting purposes and also for their family's protection. There are important, safe ways to store firearms securely, yet still keep them accessible for self-defense and family safety. Locking up guns and ammo properly can reduce the risk of self-inflicted or unintentional injury to kids by 85%. Having conversations parent to parent about whether guns in the home are locked and secure is a

crucial step.

To encourage parents to take action by asking about guns in the home, OSF HealthCare has joined more than 170 other health care organizations representing thousands of hospitals and health systems in a nationwide public awareness and education campaign, called "Doesn't Kill to Ask."

The campaign is not intended to shame or embarrass gun owners, or remove weapons from people's homes. Its goal is to reduce risk, by putting the danger of unlocked guns front and center while stressing the importance of educating our communities about proper gun safety and talking with friends, family and neighbors about gun access.

Get educated, learn the facts and keep our children safe from firearms. Holding each other accountable and asking simple questions regarding guns in the home and whether they're locked up can save a life. It most definitely "Doesn't Kill to Ask." I urge you to visit hospitalsunited.com for tips on getting the conversation started.

E. John Wipfler III, MD, is an attending emergency department physician at OSF HealthCare, clinical professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Illinois College of Medicine Peoria, served in the U.S. Armed Forces, is a certified firearms safety instructor and co-author of the book, "Keeping Your Family Safe - The Responsibilities of Firearm Ownership." He and his wife, Diane, a certified NRA firearms instructor and Illinois State Police certified concealed carry instructor, have taught multiple firearms safety classes together.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago Nov. 10, 1922

Leonard Woodyatt was sent to Joliet Penitentiary after being found guilty of manslaughter in the case of Herbert Long, a Harmon man, killed at the carnival grounds near Dixon on July 29.

Last year the President declared Armistice Day a national holiday. He has taken no such action this year, but in Illinois it is a state holiday with bank's closed, but post offices will be open as usual.

75 Years Ago Nov. 13, 1947

A total of 120 tuberculosis tests were given at Amboy Township High School by local physicians, Dr. Gene Sullivan, Dr. Clifford Hartman and Dr. J.P. Walsh,

assisted by Marion Thomas RN, Lee County Public Health Nurse.

First snow flurries of the season were seen on Friday afternoon when the mercury took a nose dive and the wind shipped making people dig out their winter coats. But the first real snowfall came on Monday evening.

50 Years Ago Nov. 16, 1972

Michael Mihm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mihm, was elected state's attorney for Peoria County. He is a 1960 graduate of Amboy High School.

Amboy High School chess team placed third in a team tournament held at Roanoke-Benson High School. Eight teams entered the varsity division, with 10 in the frosh-soph division. Dudley Shoemaker is the chess coach.

Poppin' Fresh, the Pillsbury Doll advertised on TV, is sale priced at the Ben Franklin Store for \$1.37.

25 Years Ago Nov. 13, 1997

Rocky Sensenig received a certificate from Amboy Masonic Lodge in recognition of Sensenig being a member of the lodge for 30 years.

As harvest winds down, Jerald Quinton, County Executive director of the Lee County Farm Service Agency (FSA) is reminding the Lee County farmers of the Commodity Loan Program. The program serves as an important financial marketing tool that provides the farmer with operating cash in order to hold the grain off the market and benefit from future price increases.

That age where you talk about your parent's frailties

The long goodbye
As I sat in the barber's chair Friday, the old man came up to me and extended his hand and introduced himself.

As the fellow left the shop, my barber said it was nice of him to introduce himself.

I nodded and explained I've known him for more than 20 years. And it is the sixth or seventh time in the last two years that he has introduced himself to me.

He was once a man of influence and power. Supplicants came to his office daily asking for favors. If one looked up the word "shrewd" in the dictionary, I swear his mug would run beside it.

Today, when he extends his hand, I smile, look him in the eye, repeat my name and tell him it's nice to meet him.

I don't correct him. I don't remind him of the times I've interviewed him for stories or try to nudge his memory by naming mutual friends. I just smile and say, "It's nice to meet you."

The encounter brought back sad memories of visiting my maternal grandmother in a Rushville nursing home. She looked at me blankly. Her blue eyes traced my face. Finally, she said, "Who are you?"

I said, "I'm your youngest grandson, Scott." She shook her head and said, "I don't have a grandson named Scott." Oh, yes you do.

I tried to remind her of things we had done together over the previous 38 years. She eyed me suspiciously, as if I were a con man trying to trick her into believing the preposterous.

Before she entered the nursing home, she'd wander

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



the house and complain to my aunt, "Daddy didn't come home again last night." My Aunt Barb would take her to the bedroom closet and open the door.

She'd say, "Look, Daddy's clothes aren't in the closet. He died 20 years ago." She gave my saintly aunt the same look of suspicion that she gave me when I insisted that I was her grandson.

It was clear that grandma was worried about her husband of 49 years and 364 days stepping out on her – even 20 years after his death. It's strange, but unwarranted fears of adultery seem a persistent theme of those suffering from dementia.

At least that's my observation from comparing notes with others about my age who have cared for loved ones as tender strands of memory come unmoored from reality.

Being over 50 puts me in that spot in life where when I get together with friends we talk about our children's accomplishments and our parent's frailties.

I lost my mother in 2013 and my father two years later. During his final two years, his

memory began to slip. He'd get lost driving home from church. Never mind, that he had attended the same church and lived in the same small town for 53 years.

When a family member's cat was injured by a wild animal, my dad, the retired veterinarian, jumped into action. Despite the dementia he remembered a normal feline temperature was between 101.5 and 102.5 degrees, just what antibiotic dosage to give and just how to bandage up its wounds.

But he couldn't remember to stick checks in the mail or whether a close friend, who had died the year before, was still alive. The birthdays of his kids were particularly problematic. ("No, it's not June 6, Dad. That was D-Day.")

In 2015, my family took him on a road trip to see the mountains of Colorado and California.

As we would drive by miles of pastureland, he'd comment on how there were more Angus cows than Herefords grazing. We'd then talk about his clients who raised cattle and the merits of different breeds.

A few hours later he would look out the car window and make the same observation and we'd have the same conversation – word for word. One day driving across Nevada cow country we had that same conversation six separate times.

My wife, who was driving, could nod her head to the anticipated beat of the conversation.

The week after we returned from that trip, Dad had trouble breathing and visited a free-standing clinic. They

sent him home that Saturday night.

He called me later and said clinic staff had called and they had found something on his chest x-ray. He said they told him he needed to see his primary care physician first thing Monday morning.

He asked me to remind him to make that call Monday. I told him I would.

Sadly, I didn't get to give that reminder. He was found dead on the floor of his home Sunday morning. I don't know how my father died. After his death, the clinic refused to give me his x-ray or medical records. (Even after I had received clearance from their corporate headquarters and had driven two hours to pick them up.)

The reporter in me wants to scream, "coverup."

But there may be other explanations.

I'm left wondering if whatever was detected that night killed him? Or if he wasn't hospitalized because his dementia made his life seem more dispensable in the eyes of clinic staff? And for the life of me, why on earth would a medical office leave an important message with someone with dementia rather than their next of kin?

Those are questions I'll never have answers to. But they are common ones asked by family members of those caring for parents with dementia.

When a patient can no longer advocate for themselves do they just fall through the cracks?

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LOCAL NEWS

Community invited to have Thanksgiving with Teen Turf

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY—It's that time of the year again where we sit down, pay thanks, and enjoy a huge turkey dinner for Thanksgiving.

Teen Turf, for the seventh year, is hosting a free community Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Teen Turf Building, Boehle Youth Center, at 235 West Main St., in Amboy.

There will be entertainment at noon and the dinner will begin at 1 p.m.

"I feel it's a big blessing because it's what we do all year. We are always thankful, but this is the time of the year where we say it," said Teen Turf Executive Director Eileen Piper. "It gives people another opportunity to do something different. Generally, we do multi-generational all year long, but this is extra special."

"It's Thanksgiving and so many people put it all together to make it work."

The full Thanksgiving dinner is made possible by the Impact program, Teen Turf volunteers, and the Amboy community.

Teen Turf kids will be serving plates as guests walk through the feast line.

"We're thankful that God lets us have this place. It's



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been going for 28 years without state or federal

monies," said Piper. "It's all the donations from our

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If there are any questions,

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SPORTS

CLIPPERS HEAD TO 8-MAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

AMBOY – Being the lone senior on their teams, either Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio quarterback Tucker Lindenmeyer or Champaign St. Thomas More signal-caller Matt DeLorenzo was going to be playing in his last high school football game. Fortunately for Lindenmeyer, he will get another week of practice in helmet and pads, and he will play in one more game. That game will be for all the marbles in Illinois 8-Man Football as the fifth-seeded Clippers earned a trip to the state championship game by rolling over the eighth-seeded Sabers, 54-22, in the semifinal-round of the 8-Man Playoffs on Nov. 12 at the AHS field.

Amboy (10-2) will face off against Biggsville West Central (12-0) in the state championship game on Friday, Nov. 18 at Monmouth College in Monmouth. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. The Clippers and the Heat battled in the regular season finale on Oct. 21, with the victory going to West Central, 68-30.

While the Clippers took advantage of St. Thomas More turnovers and penalties, it was quite clear from the beginning that Amboy was the superior team. Amboy received the game's opening kick, and starting at its own 30-yard line, marched 70 yards in a little over two minutes to claim a speedy 8-0 lead. Landon Whelchel capped off the long drive with an 8-yard touchdown run, followed by a Lindenmeyer two-point conversion run for an 8-0 Amboy lead.

After each team exchanged punts on their next offensive possessions, the Sabers committed their first turnover of the game and the Clippers parlayed that into another score. After taking a snap from center, DeLorenzo turned and pitched the ball into the St. Thomas More backfield, but there was no one there to receive the toss, and Amboy's Quinn Leffelman pounced on the ball at the Saber 38-yard line.

The Clippers quickly turned that miscue into a touchdown when Whelchel raced 28 yards to the end zone at the 2:56 mark of the opening stanza. The two-point pass was incomplete and Amboy owned a 14-0 lead.

St. Thomas More showed a little life when Ben Horn took the ensuing kickoff back 80 yards for a touchdown, and then DeLorenzo ran in the two-point try, but it was all Clippers after that.

Amboy had to punt on its next series, and then the Clippers forced the Sabers into a punt, which sailed 53 yards down to the Amboy 5-yard line to finish out the first quarter.

Amboy wasn't daunted by its poor field possession as it proceeded to go 95 yards for a TD, the final 57 yards covered by Whelchel on a scamper to paydirt with 9:56 left in the half. The two-point pass was incomplete. In addition to Whelchel's run, the other big play of the drive was a long pass from Lindenmeyer to Vincent Zembrzusi that helped get the Clippers out of the hole.

St. Thomas More managed to move the ball into Amboy territory on its next possession, but the Clipper defense stiffened and held the Sabers on downs, taking over at their own 31-yard line.

Facing a third-and-12 from its own 29, Lindenmeyer flung a short screen pass to Brennan Blaine, who managed to elude



Amboy's Brody Christoffersen, left, goes horizontal while teammate Landon Montavon stands up Champaign St. Thomas More running back Peace Bumba during action from the playoff semifinals on Nov. 12 at the AHS field.

Kip Cheek/Amboy News

several Saber defenders on his way to a 71-yard touchdown at the 6:35 mark of the second period. Lindenmeyer's successful two-point run made it 28-8.

St. Thomas More's second turnover of the contest once again resulted in an Amboy score. On Amboy's kickoff back to the Sabers, the ball bounded off of a St. Thomas More player and was recovered by the Clippers' Caleb Yanos. On the play, the Sabers were whistled for an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty, which moved the ball all the way to the St.

Thomas More 22-yard line. From there, Amboy tallied again when Leffelman bulled his way into the end zone from 6 yards out. The two-point pass was no good, and Amboy led 34-8.

While only 4:43 remained on the first-half clock, each team managed to score twice before intermission. St. Thomas More needed only 25 seconds to find the end zone when DeLorenzo scrambled 37 yards to the end zone, followed by a Peace Bumba two-point run.

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Amboy quarterback Tucker Lindenmeyer tries to break free from the grasp of Champaign St. Thomas More defender Brody Cuppernell during a semifinal-round playoff game on Nov. 12 at the AHS field.

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Amboy's Quinn Leffelman, right, tugs on the jersey of Champaign St. Thomas More quarterback Matt DeLorenzo as Landon Whelchel moves in for assistance in the playoff semifinals on Nov. 12 at the AHS field.

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Wednesday, Nov. 23

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SPORTS

There is a new ship in town

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY — A new ship has anchored in Amboy next to the Clipper.

Flagship The Foundation, founded by Wes and Spencer Morrissey, is officially ready to help the community.

If a child's parents can't afford a sports fee, cleats, a band instrument, or more, Flagship plans to be the source to help obtain materials for community involvement.

Meghan Schamberger has been appointed the president of the Flagship Board and is ready to help those in need.

"I am good friends with Spencer and Wes. My husband, John Schamberger (Amboy mayor), and Wes are very, very good friends. They go way back. Spencer and Wes went to school with John. They had this idea and it snowballed," Schamberger said. "They reached out to a handful of us to see if we'd



be interested in being on the board for their non-profit organization.

"We had a few meetings before positions were picked. I'm actually born in Polo. I know a lot about the 4 U Charity that they have. It's kind of the same thing that we're trying to do here."

Schamberger was initially interested in just being a part of the board and helping her

community.

She wasn't trying to take leadership or become president, but Wes and Spencer felt she was perfect for the responsibility.

"Coming from a small community, marrying someone from a small community, living here, and raising my children here, I see the importance of sports in the community," Schamberger

said. "Especially when it's a small community. There isn't a lot for kids to do here. Without sports, band, plays, and other extracurricular activities, these kids wouldn't have a lot to do.

"Seeing the need and seeing how sports have shaped my life and my husband's life, it really spoke to me in wanting to give back to the community and give others an opportunity to participate in a sport that maybe was out of their reach."

The Morrisseys are Amboy natives as Wes graduated from Amboy High School in 2006 and Spencer received his diploma in 2009.

Although they no longer live in Amboy, as Spencer is in Byron and Wes is in Dixon, they remember where they grew up and how important it was to be involved in sports, band, and all activities.

The board will include the Morrisseys, but they are viewing themselves more as overseers, while Schamberger

is the president, Britainy Kaleel is the vice president, Jeremy Wolf is the treasurer, Paige Nauman is the secretary, and Dean Powers and Dr. Brandon Klein are members.

Every cent raised or donated by Flagship will go to the Amboy community. It's not only designated for youth sports, but youth is the main focus.

"This is where we can step in and help aid whatever experience there may be," Schamberger said. "Maybe the school can't afford it. Or there is a kid that wants to play on the travel softball team the Amboy Rage and the fee is out of reach. That's where we can step in and help do that.

"These kids and having something to do in our community will help shape the rest of their lives. It gives them something to do and a person to be that they will use later on in life. There is a need for that. I want to help our community in whatever way I can and I think this is

a great way to help."

Flagship was founded in January 2022, but all of the 501(c)3 documentation and licensing didn't clear until November.

"The community has been very receptive to Flagship. They're excited to see these kids in the community given a chance to participate in something that they might not be able to otherwise," Schamberger said. "Everyone wants to help everyone in town, but sometimes you just don't know how to help. You don't know where to donate or what to do.

"This is a way for people to donate. We can take the applications, spread it around, and help those who need it. I've heard nothing but great things from the community. There are alumni who want to give back to their hometown. They don't want to see sports, drama, band, plays, or anything else go away."

WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW: Developing Amboy wrestling program

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY — When Brent Montavon signed on to become the Amboy wrestling coach before last season he had missions on his mind, improving area wrestling and developing the Clipper program.

Montavon, an Amboy native and Amboy High School graduate, has always been involved in wrestling as he grappled and played football for the Clippers, and helped

found the Clippers Wrestling Club eight years ago with four others.

In his second year with AHS, he is seeing improvement and the love for the sport of wrestling growing.

"We're trying to gain some kids for the program. It has been a downward spiral for the sport of wrestling in general," said Montavon. "It's not just us. It's everywhere. It's just a dying sport right now. We're trying to grow the sport, not just here, but everywhere.

"This year we have about the same numbers, but I have a new kid in junior Austin Heath. He's a first-year wrestler, who likes football, but doesn't play basketball. He figured he would join the wrestling team to help him."

Montavon has eight wrestlers on the roster this year.

Senior Levi Near returns after advancing to sectionals a year ago.

Senior Jacob Doege, Junior Lucas Blanton and sophomores Josh McKendry and Kole Beckham are also

returning from last winter.

Chase Montavon and Landon Blanton may be new to high school wrestling, but they're no stranger to the mat.

Landon Blanton qualified for the IKWF (Illinois Kids Wrestling Foundation) state competition last year, while Montavon qualified for the IKWF sectional.

"We are practicing hard and as we go on our guys are only going to improve," Montavon said. "They're excited every time they step on the mat."



Levi Near wrestling in January 2022.

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SPORTS

WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW: Returning to the hardwood

Clippers look to improve on nine-win season

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY — At the moment, the Amboy boys basketball team doesn't have its full roster since more than half of the team is also on the football team, which is playing for a state title on Friday.

Even though they've only had eight or nine of the projected 20-24 members of the team, Clippers coach Brad Dunlap is excited by what he's seen at practice.

"We want to be competitive. We're competing everyday in practice. These guys have the heart. They want to be here," said Dunlap, who has been the AHS coach for three years, part of the staff for four, and coached

previously at Warren and Riverdale. "They're excited for practice. They're excited for the games. They're very coachable and doing all the right things.

"It's just being competitive and competing against every team, no matter who we are playing. I think they really want to win and be successful. It really goes a long way. We have to get better everyday with having some faith, courage, and enthusiasm.

"They've been doing well so far."

The Clippers finished last season 9-20.

Per usual with graduation, the squad lost some seniors.

But to Dunlap's grin, he's comfortable with the guys he has coming back.

"We lost seven seniors last year. But, we only started two seniors, so we bring back three starters," Dunlap said.

"This year, we really don't

know who the starters are going to be yet. It depends on who we have, especially right now because we're missing some guys because they're playing football. We only have eight or nine guys at practice, which is great, but we're not able to scrimmage or practice 5-on-5."

Senior Kyler McNinch was a starter last year and is projected to be a starting guard this season. Seniors Wes Wilson and Garrett Pertell are back after receiving large minutes as juniors.

Moving up from last year's freshman-sophomore lineup to this season's varsity lineup are juniors Troy Anderson and Eliseo Vazquez, and sophomore Eddie Jones.

Dunlap also has a couple of sophomores he may call up to varsity.

"The expectations are always high. That's what we strive for. We're going to work hard and play hard



every day," Dunlap said. "No matter what the scoreboard says, whoever we are playing, we're going to play as hard as we possibly can.

"With the youth and in-

experience we have, we may struggle in the beginning. There will be growing pains. We'll fight through it. I have no worries we'll be where I want to be by the end of the

season."

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No. 1103
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On November 3, 2022, Mike and Mary Anderson, whose mailing address is 670 US Rt. 52, Amboy, Illinois 61310, as owners of certain real property located in Lee Center Township, Lee County, Illinois, referenced as PIN: 11-16-31-100-015, filed a Petition for Special Use Permit ("Petition") with the Lee County Zoning Office requesting they be granted a special use for the Property, which is zoned Ag-1 Rural/Agricultural District, to allow outdoor storage for campers, boats, trailers, and recreational vehicles. The Petitioners, Mike and Mary Anderson, are acting for and on behalf of themselves.

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the Petition at 6:00pm, on Thursday, December 1, 2022, in the Judge James E. Bales Courtroom located at the Lee County Old Courthouse Building, 112 East Second Street, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

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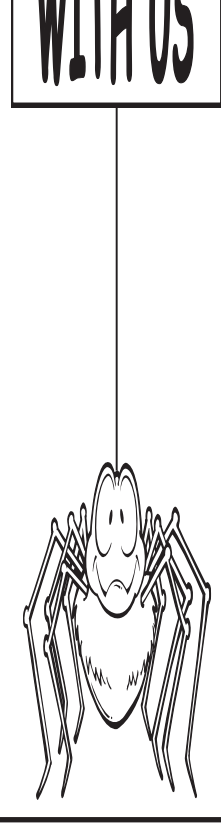
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WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW:

Create your legacy

BY GEORGE HOWE
Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY—Amboy Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach Mike McCracken walked into the gym at a recent practice wearing a tee-shirt that said 'create your own legacy.' After 52 years coaching, the last 16 for the Lady Clippers, his footprint has been firmly cemented. Now, with the help of his coaching staff, he hopes to guide this season's squad to make their own history.

"Often times my players don't realize the traditions and memories that they are creating while they are playing and I like to make them aware of that," he said. "I hope that it gives them a little extra motivation."



Courtney Ortgiesen



Elly Jones

With the upcoming campaign nearly ready to tip-off in the Northwest Upstate Illini South Conference, McCracken and his staff led by his daughter Shauna, who has by his side for the last 15 years, are helping to mold a very young team that features one senior, two juniors, five sophomores, and seven freshmen. Despite returning three starters from last season's 10-2 and 23-9 overall records, which left them one game short of a title to Eastland, there is still some uncertainty about depth.

"We are going to start two sophomores out of necessity," explained McCracken. "We are six deep at the moment but would like to have seven to nine ready to come off the bench and contribute."

McCracken is counting on his lone senior, 6 foot post player Courtney Ortgiesen, to provide leadership, more scoring, and rebounding inside to help fill the void left by graduating star forward Olivia Dinges. So far, Ortgiesen has been up to the challenge.

"I've been working on my shooting and inside post moves to be in good position for rebounds and second chance shots," she explained. "I'm trying to help the younger players with their confidence to know when to shoot or pass. It can be a little nerve wracking at times, but it should benefit us throughout the season."



Under the watchful eye of Coach McCracken

Junior point guard 5'8 Elly Jones will run the offense for the second straight year and will be joined in the Clipper's three guard offense by sophomores 5'9 Tyrah Vaessen and 5'8 Addison Pertell, who McCracken has been happy with how they are fitting in. Returning forward 5'10 Maeve Larson completes the starting five. Emily Sachs, a strong 6'1 sophomore center, will be the first player off the bench. McCracken feels that the team's strengths are decent team speed and a solid 2-3 defense, although he isn't afraid to play man to man if necessary.

"We work on our defense quite a bit and prefer to play zone to stay out of foul trouble," he said.

Defending conference champion Eastland always is a tough opponent but according to McCracken he has realistic expectations.

"With a young team we can look smooth at times and also rough around the edges," he said. "We will play through our inexperience and if our shooting percentages improve we should be near the top and competing for a conference title and beyond."



Amboy running back Landon Whelchel cradles the football as he crosses the goal line ahead of Champaign St. Thomas More's Matt DeLorenzo, right, in semifinal round playoff action on Nov. 12 at the AHS field.

Kip Cheek/Amboy News

CLIPPERS continued from page B2

Amboy answered when it put together a 52-yard scoring drive, the final play being a Leffelman 5-yard TD run. Zembruski hauled in a Lindenmeyer pass for the two-pointer.

St. Thomas More countered with a 68-yard scoring drive that took just under a minute and a half to complete. DeLorenzo's 18-yard run sealed the deal with 14 seconds left in the half to make it 42-22.

Miraculously, the Clippers tallied yet another touchdown before intermission. Whelchel ran the kickoff back to the Saber 35-yard line with 5 seconds

remaining, then Lindenmeyer lofted a pass toward the left side of the end zone that Blaine somehow came down with as time expired. After the two-point attempt was unsuccessful, Amboy carried a 48-22 lead to the locker room.

There was no scoring in the third quarter, with each team getting an interception. Reid Craddock picked off a Lindenmeyer pass in the end zone, while Eddie Jones returned the favor when he swiped a DeLorenzo offering at the Amboy 30-yard line.

Both teams lost fumbles to start the fourth frame. Blaine fell on a DeLorenzo

miscue at the Amboy 48, and the Clippers took advantage of that turnover to tack on the final touchdown of the game. Leffelman completed the 52-yard drive with an 8-yard run to the end zone with 6:56 left. The two-point run came up short.

St. Thomas More had one last chance at a score when it drove inside the Amboy 10-yard line, but the Clipper defense denied the opportunity. Amboy's offense was able to keep the ball the final five minutes of the game.

Clippers set sail to championship

Amboy is ready for rematch with West Central

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY — In Week 9 of the regular season, Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio fell to West Central 68-30.

There is only one game left in the season, the 8-Man Football Championship, and there is nothing the Clippers would like more than to avenge the loss while winning a state title.

"We couldn't ask for a better situation. West Central beat us a month ago," said Amboy coach Scott Payne. "But, that was a month ago. Now, it's a different time and a different type of game. The kids know that, and the kids want a second chance at West Central. They can't wait for Friday to get here. We wouldn't want any other opponent besides West Central in the title game."

"In the previous game, we tried to play a different style of defense than we usually play. This time we're not going to do that. We're going to play the defense we know how to play. Before, we tried to move a couple of kids around to try a few different things. It just didn't work out."

This time they'll be in their normal spots and we're going to play our normal defense.

"We're going to lineup against them and see what happens."

The rematch, better known as the Illinois 8-Man Football Championship is at 7 p.m. Friday at Monmouth College.

Getting ready for the game, Payne has had plenty of inspiration words for his team.

He has also watched the Heat's game-winning 25-yard run with five seconds left on the clock that propelled West Central past Polo, 50-48, in the semifinals.

"I watched the tape yesterday. I rewound that play about four or five times to make sure I saw it right," Payne said. "It was a tough way for Polo to lose. I feel bad for them. It was a great win for West Central."

"They ran that play a lot against Polo. It's a sweep to the outside. They're trying to get their all-state, really fast

running back to the outside. That's something we're going to have to shut down."

Besides being enthusiastic toward a rematch with West Central, the Clippers are ready to add to the program's tenured history.

Amboy won an 11-man IHSA Class 2A state title in 1984 and has two runner-up finishes in 1979 and 1982.

Although the Amboy gymnasium will already hold a banner for the 2022 season, the Clippers want it to be a championship banner, not second place.

"The kids are really excited. It has been 38 years since Amboy football has played for a state championship," Payne said. "These kids have worked really hard with the weightlifting, conditioning, double practices in the summer, and practices all season long to get to this point."

"After the semifinal there were a few guys from the 1984 team on the field congratulating them. My assis-

tant coach, Sam Jones, was on the 1984 team, so he was a little emotional about it after the game. It's great for the kids. It's great for the parents. It's great for the community. It's great for the high school. "It's an exciting time for Amboy."

Payne isn't worried about his players having nerves.

The coach who hasn't coached or played in a state title game isn't worried about his nerves either. He knows how to work past them.

"Right now, I'm fine. I'm pretty sure on Friday when I wake up at 3 in the morning, I think I'll get a little nervous as the day goes on," said Payne, who's only personal state experience is watching his brother Chris Payne coach the Mount Carroll basketball team at state 20 years ago. "Once that opening kickoff is in the air, the nerves will go away and I'll focus on coaching the game and following through with our game plan."

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