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Quest Accomplished

BY GEORGE HOWE
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — For as long as all of us can remember when we were young, we probably changed our minds a dozen times over the years about what we wanted to be when we grow up. Perhaps a doctor, teacher, nurse, fireman, or a baseball player to name a few. Al Quest didn't have that problem. The first time that he put a wrench in his hands at the tender age of 11 his career path was decided. Now, after a 32-year distinguished career working for the Amboy School District, and Transportation Director for the last 21 years, Quest decided that it was time to retire. Quest grew up on a farm in Maytown just

outside of Amboy and learned the meaning of hard work from his parents. "My mom drove a school bus in Amboy for 50 years and my dad had an excavating business and became an Illinois State Policeman yet, when they got home, they farmed," he explained. "Like most kids who grow up farming, I baled hay, shelled corn and tended to the fields. It was tough at times." He never lost sight of his desire to be a mechanic and at 13 or 14 years old he was given the chance by his dad to start working on the farm equipment and word got out around the community that he had natural talent.

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Squeezing lemons into donations

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY – Happy. Happy is the word Rhue McCallister used to describe how helping people makes her feel. McCallister, 6, with the help of her parents James and Maranda McCallister, set up a lemonade stand in front of Amboy Food & Liquor. She was happy when she sold lemonade. She was happier when she donated half of her \$112.85 earnings to Teen Turf. "For probably close to a year, she bugged us about having a lemonade stand. We would go to the DMV in Dixon and she saw a lemonade stand across the street," said James McCallister, a 2004 Amboy graduate who has lived in the town since 1997. "We donated \$20 for one cookie. She thought it was really cool. We saw them several times after that and she repeatedly, almost weekly, asked when we could have a lemonade stand.

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Rhue McCallister, 6, was persistent about wanting to run a lemonade stand. After parents James and Maranda McCallister agreed, Rhue split her earnings 50/50 with Teen Turf as she was happy to help other children. Courtesy photo



2022 AHS HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN

The 2022 Amboy Homecoming King and Queen were crowned Thursday during the Amboy Skit Show. This year's King is Phillip Stewart and the Queen is Courtney Orgiesen. Brandon LaChance/Amboy News



2022 HOMECOMING PARADE

The 2022 AHS Homecoming Parade kicked off on Friday afternoon. More pictures will appear in Section B. Brandon LaChance /Amboy News



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.

The Jones Brothers of Amboy - one family's double sacrifice

When a soldier willingly dies in war for the life, liberty or well being of others, we think of this as the supreme sacrifice. For most of us, the weight of such pain and sorrow, carried forever



P.F.C. John A. Jones

Sgt. Carroll J. Jones

by that soldier's loved ones, is beyond our mind's grasp. By the end of World War II, the Jones Family of Amboy knew such grief in a way that few families could. The year 1900 brought the dawn of the 20th century, and the the first child born to Joseph and Elsie Hubbell Jones in Amboy. Mr. Jones owned a blacksmith shop in town, and in the years to come, ten children would be

born to this family, living at 215 Jones Avenue. On September 28th, 1909, John Alza Jones was born joining three older sisters. A younger brother Carroll Joseph Jones entered the world on September 14th, 1914, and by 1930, other siblings had filled out the family. As the Great Depression brought scarcity and struggle to Amboy, John and his brother Carroll did what



most young people did. They attended school as long as they could, and eventually ended their formal education to find any job that would help support the family. By 1940, John was employed with a W.P.A. Project (Works Progress Administration) while Carroll worked on road construction, and later at the Amboy Milk Factory after marriage to his new wife Clare. War had once again broken out in Europe, and all American men aged 18-45 were required to register for the draft.

On Aug. 16, 1940, John enlisted in the Army at age 30. After completing his basic training, he was assigned to the 533rd Engineers with the rank of Private. On April 28 of the following year, his brother Carroll enlisted in the Army at age 26 and was assigned to an infantry division in General Patton's 3rd Army. The destiny of these two brothers would take a sharp turn when Japanese Forces attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

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John's unit would be re-organized as part of the 3rd Engineer Special Brigade, and by 1943, he was serving in the South Pacific fighting the Imperial Forces of Japan island by island. These Army Corps of Engineers units specialized in transporting men and equipment in shore to shore operations, constructing pier and dock facilities, roads, landing strips, or other means of bringing American Forces on-shore.

After completing his basic training at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, Carroll was assigned to duty with the Military Police. For over two years, he served at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, Fort McClellan, Alabama, and Camp Sutton, North Carolina. In 1944, after achieving the rank of Sergeant, Carroll was assigned to the 359th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, United States 3rd Army, arriving at Omaha Beach one month after D-Day.

By late 1944, Allied Forces

had fought steadily across France, and into Belgium, pushing Nazi Divisions onto their heels and back toward Germany. With Allied success across Central Europe and the Mediterranean, it seemed hopeful the war might end soon in this part of the world. But Adolph Hitler had other plans. In December of 1944, German Forces launched a major counter-offensive in Belgium with the aim of splitting Allied Troops to encircle and destroy whole divisions. If successful, the German Army could shift to battling Soviet Troops on the eastern front. The battle that ensued became known as the Battle of the Bulge, still regarded as the Greatest American battle of the war.

Although the German Army had some initial success, General George Patton's 3rd Army, including Sgt. Carroll Jones, turned north to attack the German Flank. In a battle lasting over six weeks in snow drifts and record

freezing temperatures, American Forces prevailed but with devastating losses. The U.S. Army reported 15,000 cold injuries, 19,000 killed in action, 47,000 wounded, and over 23,000 missing. About 100,000 Germans were killed wounded or captured, making this the bloodiest battle of the war.

On Feb. 22, Mrs. Clare Jones received official word that her husband Carroll had been killed in action on Jan. 10, 1945 during the last days of the Battle of the Bulge. On Sept. 27 of that year, a month after the war had ended, the body of Sergeant Carroll Joseph Jones was returned home to Amboy. Following a memorial service, he was buried at Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy. It was only one week later when Mrs. Elsie Jones received word from the War Department that her son, John, had died of a heart attack while in transit back home aboard the U.S.S. Ernst. Private First Class John

A. Jones had recently served during the Battle of Mindanao Island, after previous action at New Guinea, New Britain, and Bougainville Island in the South Pacific. He is memorialized at the Honolulu Memorial in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

The Jones Brothers grew up in Amboy knowing hardship and struggle, and both

died for the cause of freedom from tyranny. In recognition of their valor, fellow veterans from Amboy organized the Amboy-Jones Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1946. Their home town is forever grateful to John and Carroll Jones and their family.

Medals Earned By The Jones Brothers:
Purple Heart

World War II Victory Medal
American Campaign Medal
Army Presidential Unit Citation
European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (Carroll)
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (John)
Army Good Conduct Medal

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"One weekend I finally had some time off of work. I asked her, 'Do you want to have a lemonade stand?' She said, 'Sure.' We live on Stroble Ave. and it's not a busy street, so I asked the owner of Amboy Food & Liquor if we could set up in front of the store. He was more than obliged to let us come up there.

"It turned out to be a great thing."
Rhue's persistence and ambition to have a lemonade stand impressed her parents.

Although their daughter used half of the money to buy toys, she also made sure she helped other children.

"It was very insightful to see her want to donate half of her money," said James. "It was a proud mother and father moment. Just the fact that she was willing to donate 50 percent of her profits to help the kids in the area and help them have something to do after school, it was a really good thing to see.

"She's always been one to help out other kids. She always donates her toys and clothes whenever she is done with them and ready for someone else to enjoy them."

At first, Rhue didn't know where to donate the

money.
She thought about sick children.

She thought about big causes.

Her father let her know the importance of local assistance and she decided Teen Turf would receive half of her earnings.

"When we talked about her donating her money, she thought of some cancer research or other organizations," said James. "She is going to have another lemonade stand in the future where she is going to donate to cancer research.

"I informed her that there is a local organization called Teen Turf in Amboy that not only was there for me when I was growing up but it's there for all of the kids in the town. I told her Teen Turf's sole existence is based on monetary donations.

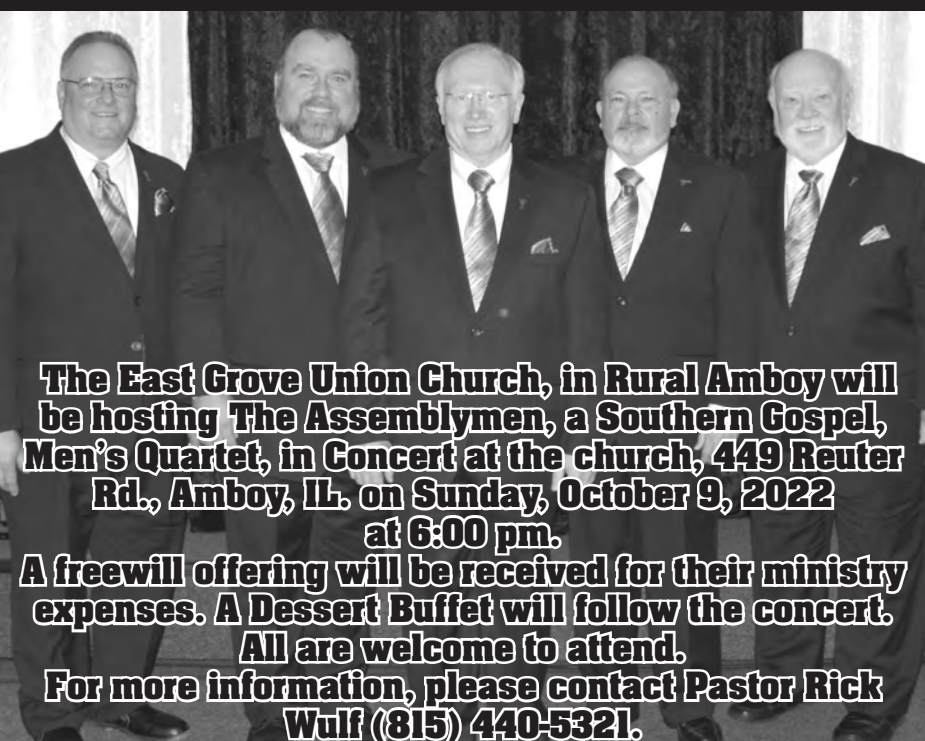
"I explained to her how it works, and she said, 'Yes, I'd like to donate there.'"

Helping people made Rhue happy.

So does the idea of having another lemonade stand so she can do it again.

THE ASSEMBLYMEN

Sunday, October 9, 2022 at 6:00 PM
The East Grove Union Church, 449 Reuter Rd., Amboy, IL.



The East Grove Union Church, in Rural Amboy will be hosting The Assemblymen, a Southern Gospel, Men's Quartet, in Concert at the church, 449 Reuter Rd., Amboy, IL. on Sunday, October 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm.
A freewill offering will be received for their ministry expenses. A Dessert Buffet will follow the concert. All are welcome to attend.
For more information, please contact Pastor Rick Wulf (815) 440-5321.

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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

Our program has started. Attendance has been tremendous. At this time, we will be having a waiting list. 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.

Volunteers

We have 66 kids signed up and we could use your help. "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Gandhi. Please consider helping us help children during our afterschool program. It runs from 3:30 till 5 p.m. We need people to listen to children read, do basic math, and other small tasks. Give one hour or give a little bit more. Contact us at 815-857-4800 if interested.

Dance and Hayride

Thank you to the people who made our first, official dance and hayride a great success: Mark Grossman, Larry Piper, Evalyn and Shelli Bump, Patrick and Steven Jones, Myla Davis, Jen Federick, Chris and Ron Noble, Will Thomas, Barb Harrison, and Rebecca and James Bonnell.

Thank You's

We are always grateful for those that help us: Sandy Schamberger for the money for the dance; Jeremy Wolf for the roasters; Pete and Eileen O'Rourke fruit snacks; Jim and Jean Travi for the snacks; Colleen and Glenn Robison for the cupcakes; Donna Wellman for the cookies and City of Amboy for the cookies.

Needs

Hot Chocolate

Final Word

Dear Heavenly Father, This our one word prayer: peace. We can't see ahead. We don't know what to do.

We want to experience your perfect peace. Let it be with us. Just as you say.

Hold us, God, so we can hear you whisper to us, "You don't have to know the way. I do." In Jesus name, Amen

QUEST

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He never lost sight of his desire to be a mechanic and at 13 or 14 years old he was given the chance by his dad to start working on the farm equipment and word got out around the community that he had natural talent.

"I had helped local farmers with their crops, and they gave me the chance to learn how to repair tractors and trucks which I appreciated," he said.

He eventually ventured out on his own and got his first job working at the local Shell station. From there he bounced around a bunch of garages including a couple of Ford dealerships and eventually was promoted to Service Manager at R and R Ford in Mendota for 10 years.

In February of 1990, the school district was looking for a bus mechanic and Quest threw his wrench into the ring and was hired from a pool of 17 candidates.

"My primary duties were to keep the buses clean and in good working order," he said.

Then one morning in October of 2001, the current director Jim Grady had come in and put in his retirement papers in order to tend to his health.

"About an hour after Jim announced his intentions the Superintendent asked me if I would take over and that's how it happened," he said with a laugh.

He never stopped "twisting wrenches" in the garage but also assumed administrative duties like discipline problems on the buses, writing schedules and mapping out all of the bus routes which included nine regular and four special ed routes. The winter weather was always a challenge and over the years Quest and current School Superintendent Joshua Nichols would be up and out at 4 a.m. after a snowfall.

"We would both go out

in our cars and inspect the routes and talk back and forth about whether or not the schools should close for the day," shared Nichols. "Al is a genuine and honest guy. You always knew where he was coming from and the safety of the buses and children were his top priority and I appreciated that from him."

Over the years, Quest got the chance to keep an eye on his children, grandchildren and nieces and nephews as they grew up.

"I would fill-in and drive the buses some days and had all of them at one time or another," he said. "I got a kick out of it when they would say hi dad or Uncle Al. That made it even more special."

As Quest made his decision to wipe the grease off his hands and hang up his tools, he mentored his eventual replacement Rob Riley who sings his praises.

"He is a very good teacher and not only taught me the proper maintenance needed for the buses but, also all of the paperwork that goes with the job," said Riley. "He took real good care of his drivers. He was more like one of the guys than the boss. He's a good guy and will be missed."

Quest was given a nice retirement party right in the garage where he spent so much time.

All of the principals, secretaries, and maintenance people gathered for a proper sendoff.

"I worked with so many good people over the years," he said. "We had a common goal for the betterment of the schools and the kids."

Quest plans on doing a little hunting, traveling and spending time with his faithful Golden Retriever dogs.

"I'll keep myself busy," he said. "I enjoy driving around town with my dogs in the truck with me. 'I'm kind of a 'homebody' which suits me fine."

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- Please remove spring and summer items by Oct. 15 from the Amboy St. Patrick's cemetery. Fall items will not be removed.

AMBOY- The Amboy Lions and the Amboy Fire Department will host a Community Health, Wellness and Fire Prevention Fair from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Amboy Community Center. Lions of Illinois Foundation Mobile Unit will provide: Diabetic Retinopathy/Macular Degeneration Screenings and Hearing Checks. AFD will provide CPR demonstrations, goodie bags, refreshments and fire prevention education information and hands-on experiences. Other organizations will be participating in the event. For more information, see the story on page 1 of today's paper.

LEE COUNTY- Professional caregivers in long-term care environments face unique challenges which may impact their personal health and wellbeing. A workshop series, Learn. Think. Care., offered by University of Illinois Extension, helps caregivers build personal resiliency, knowledge, and strategies for meeting the needs of clients in long-term care environments. Three free one-hour workshops will be held online beginning at 2 p.m. on Oct. 8. Register at go.illinois.edu/LTCwebinars at least one week prior to each workshop to receive all access information. CEUs and CPDUs are available for a fee. Happy Hacks for more Positivity and Increased Well-Being will be offered on Oct. 6.

LEE COUNTY- Gardening in the Air is a virtual nine-session series held seasonally and co-hosted by University of Illinois Extension and Iowa State University Extension. The online sessions begin at 9 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. CDT on Oct. 8. Participants may register for a single session or the entire series. Register at go.illinois.edu/GIA2022Fall using a valid email address; access links and handouts will be emailed to participants during the week before the event date. If you will need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please email Tracy Mulliken tmully@illinois.edu.

AMBOY- The Gospel Quartet, The Assemblymen from Rockford, will present a concert on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 6 p.m. at the East Grove Union Church, 449 Reuter Rd. at the corner of Union Rd., in Amboy. A free-will offering will be taken for the group to cover their ministry expenses. A dessert buffet

will follow the concert. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Pastor Rick Wulf at 815-440-5321.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, Oct. 10. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10 at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St., Sublette.

AMBOY-The Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. at the Fire Station, 25 N. East Ave., on Monday, Oct. 10.

AMBOY- The Amboy Civic Organization will gather at 4 p.m., on Oct. 11, the second Tuesday of October, at Maria's. We are unable to meet on our usual first-Tuesday-of-the-month as Maria's will be temporarily closed. ACO members may participate in any or all of evening's activities: ordering dinner at 4 p.m., conducting business meeting and socializing while playing Bunco. New members are welcome. Drop-in for more information.

AMBOY-The Lee County Health Department will hold a flu clinic from 9 - 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the Amboy Fire Department. Walk-ins are welcomed. No appointment necessary. Please bring insurance card or be prepared to pay a fee. Hi-Dose available for those 65 and older. For more information, please contact 815-284-3371, ext. 2100.

DIXON- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 7 a.m. - noon, on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Do It Best Corporation, 816 W. Progress Dr., Dixon. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

LEE COUNTY- Youth grades fourth and up will have the opportunity to learn from the Lee County Master Gardeners on how to cook produce that was grown in the garden. This club will meet the second Tuesday of the month from October to April at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dixon from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Class size will be limited for this special interest club so register soon at go.illinois.edu/Lee4HKitchen. The first meeting will be on Oct. 11. For more information contact Katie at 815-857-3525.

DIXON- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 - 6 p.m., on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Dixon Home of Hope, 1637 Plock Rd., Dixon. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

EAST GROVE TWP- The East Grove Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the East Grove Township Hall.

AMBOY-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday,

Oct. 12, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

MAY TWP-The May Township meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at the township maintenance building.

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VOTE BY MAIL~ signed applications will be accepted through Thursday, November 3, 2022, and is available for properly registered Lee County voters. Applications are available on the website or by contacting the Election Department of her office.

EARLY VOTING~ must be conducted in person Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. and Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Closed legal holidays.

The votes cast during this time will not be counted until the polls close on Election Day. Once a ballot has been cast it cannot be rescinded.

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Nancy Petersen
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Thursday - Beefaroni, green beans, corn muffin, apricots.

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OBITUARIES

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Barbara Ann (Welty) West Sept. 6, 1945 - Sept. 5, 2022

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Barbara Ann West, 76, passed away peacefully in her sleep on the morning of Sept. 5, 2022 in Vancouver, Wash. She was surrounded by her husband, Dave, her son Brandon and Daughter-in-Law Jami.

Barbe, as she liked to be called, was born in Amboy, Illinois to John and Doris Welty on Sept. 6, 1945. She married David West on Aug. 17, 1968.

Barbe spent her life helping other people. She began her career as a hospital administrator for Kaiser Permanente Health Plan where she was employed for 30 years attaining the position as President of Kaiser's Northwest Region. After retiring

from Kaiser in 2001, Barbe served as Executive Director for Community Choices. She later served for 9 years as Executive Director of the Vancouver Free Clinic, providing health care to local low income and uninsured families. Recently, Barbe served as Chair of the PeaceHealth Community Collaboration Committee and Chair of the PeaceHealth Hospital Board in Vancouver.

Barbe was preceded in death by her father, John Donald Welty and mother, Doris Ellen Welty.

Barbe is survived by her husband, Dave of Camas, Wash.; her son, Brandon (Jami) West, of Camarillo, Calif.; sisters, Becky (Pat Breeding) Welty, Susan

(Rick) Bernotas and Ruth Arredia, all of Dixon, Illinois; brothers, Joseph (Jean) Welty, of Dixon, Illinois and John (Sharon) Welty, of LaQuinta, Calif.

The family of Barbe West extends a sincere thank you to the Doctors and Nurses of the ICU department of PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center, who tirelessly provided exceptional, compassionate around the clock care to our Wife/Mother.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Barbe may be made to PeaceHealth online at www.peacehealth.org/barbewestmemorial.

Celebration of Life will be Nov. 11, 2022 at Royal Oaks Country Club, Vancouver, Wash. at 1 p.m.

Richard Patrick McCaffrey July 10, 1937 - Sept. 22, 2022

ROCKFORD — Richard Patrick McCaffrey, 85, passed on Sept. 22, 2022. Born in Amboy on July 10, 1937, to Helen and William McCaffrey, Mac was a proud member of Ironworkers Local 498 in Rockford Illinois and just received his 60-year pin.

His wife of 40 years, Jacqueline, passed in 2020. They shared many happy years together in Rockford, Illinois and Sun City Center, Florida taking walks in Severson Dells and visiting Disneyworld with their grandchildren.

The second oldest of six children, he is survived by his brothers, Mike and Tim and by his sisters Judy (Jim) Lindstedt and Teresa (John) Maltby, and was predeceased by his sister Marilyn.

He is also survived by the blended family he and Jackie built together, including sons Terry (Wendy), Greg (Julie) and daughters, Catherine (Doug) Hoffman, Jennifer (Pete) Ferguson, and Cindy (Dan) Fischer. He was predeceased by his beloved daughter Patricia in 1980.

He leaves his legacy in his grandchildren Anna (Vikesh), Danielle (Chad), Christopher (Anastasia), Kendall, Kelly (John), Ryan, Colin, Patrick, Sean, Brian, and Chrissie and great-grandchildren Elaina Grace and Cohen Lowell, and many nieces and nephews.

Richard loved riding his bike, listening to music, drinking a good cup of coffee, reading good books of all kinds, talking with his many friends about politics, nutrition and philosophies, and sharing his unique witticisms about life in general. He was so lucky to have so many good friends.

He was a life-long champion of the working man and those in need. Whether it was in his early life, as a coach for Boys Club basketball, his many years as a friend of Bill Wilson or the years he spent in retirement working as one of the oldest and longest serving volunteers at St. Anne's Church Food Pantry in Ruskin, Fla., he touched many people in their time of need and was lucky enough to have so many of them express their love and gratitude while he lived. If you are one of those people, please know how much that mattered to him.

Richard would want you to remember him making you laugh with his dry wit and would want you to be kind to the least among you as he was and to find your own path in life enjoying friends and family. As he



used to say: "Who knows what will happen? You may have enough money in your pocket right now to last the rest of your life."

Visitation was held from 5 - 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2022, at Fitzgerald Funeral Home, Riverside Chapel, 3910 N. Rockton Ave. Celebration started at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022, at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 2400 Bell Ave. Rockford, IL 61103. Burial followed at Calvary Catholic Cemetery.

If you wish to give in his memory, you may send donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Rockford or to the Food Pantry of St. Ann Church in Ruskin, Fla.

Sheriff's office investigates accident near West Brooklyn

WEST BROOKLYN — On Monday, Sept. 27, at approximately 8:25 p.m., the Lee County Sheriff's Office received a call of a single vehicle rollover crash on Brooklyn Road north of Welland Road in rural West Brooklyn.

Two occupants of the vehicle were transported

to OSF Saint Paul Medical Center in Mendota. The 17-year-old driver was later transferred to a Rockford hospital for further treatment. The 15-year-old passenger was being treated at the hospital for unknown injuries.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Mendota Police

Department, Mendota Fire and EMS, West Brooklyn Fire and EMS, Compton Fire and EMS, and Sublette Fire and EMS.

The cause of the collision is under investigation, and no further information is available at this time.

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The Book Nook

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Tatjana Kazan

THE WALL

In Marlen Haushofer's brilliant post-apocalyptic novel, "The Wall" (1963), an ordinary woman wakes up one morning to find herself the only human survivor of an inexplicable catastrophe. She had arrived the day before with her cousin Luise and her hypochondriac husband Hugo at a hunting lodge in the Austrian Alps. It is early May and Luise and Hugo walk down to the village, but their hunting dog Lynx returns to the lodge and becomes the woman's constant companion. That morning, our nameless narrator – the novel is her report of what happened – walks down to the village to find Luise and Hugo. Lynx runs ahead but suddenly howls in pain. His mouth is bloodied and when our narrator looks around, she touches "a smooth cool resistance, like a windowpane."

She is trapped within an invisible wall. She hurries down to a neighboring farm, but the wall stops her before she can reach the farmer who is washing himself by the well. She suddenly realizes that he is frozen in place as are all the animals she will see on the other side of the wall. Survival is her immediate concern. Hugo has stocked the hunting lodge for every contingency and thus saves her life. From summer vacations in the mountains when she was a kid, she knows how to milk a cow, to grow potatoes and beans, to shoot Hugo's rifle, though she hates killing deer, and to split wood.

She takes Lynx on long walks to discover the wall's perimeter. The village below is empty. They come across three dead cows sitting placidly in the meadow beyond the wall. But another cow inside the wall comes trotting quickly towards her, desperate to be milked. Another savior. She calls her Bella. A cat and her kitten join them, and in winter Bella gives birth to a calf. Summer passes, a towering mountain storm rages for five days and nights. There is great beauty as well: "Since my childhood I had forgotten how to see things with my own eyes, and I had forgotten that the world had once been young, untouched and very beautiful and terrible...loneliness led me, in moments free of memory and consciousness, to see the great brilliance of life again."

Despite some appalling disasters, she has remade herself mentally and physically. But she is frightened of the onset of winter. She has kept dread at bay by constant work, cleaning house and the cowshed and washing herself religiously because she understands from recent history that humans can descend far beyond the level of an animal. So she sits down to write her report "so as not to lose my reason." Haushofer died at 49 from bone cancer in 1970. "The Wall" became a classic and was recently reissued, as befits a masterpiece.



THE PASTOR'S PEN

DON'T LET ANYTHING KEEP YOU FROM KNOWING GOD ON A PERSONAL LEVEL

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH
Taste and see that the Lord is Good" Psalm 34:8.

I made an observation a couple weeks back as we transitioned from summer to fall. I noticed that the last full day of summer literally felt like summer – it was over 90 degrees and hot! And the weather quickly shifted after that so that the first official day of fall was brisk and chilly. It was fun to me... though not all of my acquaintances shared my sentiments. I still found it to be an interesting experience. Which leads me to consider the other experiences we associate with fall. Besides the crisp mornings we may also think of other things such as farmers bringing in the harvest, apple pie and cider, leaves changing color, pumpkins (and the yummy pies or bars my wife makes from them), and many more enjoyable things we experience in fall.

And though we may enjoy thinking about these things we enjoy about the fall season... it still doesn't compare to actually experiencing them first-hand, does it? Harder yet would be trying to describe how enjoyable those things are to someone who has never personally

had the actual experience themselves. This reminds me of a scene from a famous movie.

One of our all-time favorite movies to watch at Christmas time is, "It's a Wonderful Life." Those who have seen it remember that the main character (George Bailey) has dreams of traveling the world and experiencing all that it has to offer. He never gets the opportunity however because every time he is about to go, some crisis comes, and he chooses to forsake his dreams in order to help people in need. In one poignant moment someone asked him, "Don't you ever get tired of just reading about things, Georgie?" Alas, our hero never gets to travel the world (though his life proves to be incredibly meaningful, in other ways).

I sometimes wonder how many people desire to know and experience God in a relevant and personal way but haven't yet? Perhaps something gets in their way? Or perhaps they have just never taken the initiative? Or maybe they don't know how or what to do?

One thing is certain. If you are reading this and have a desire to know God or know Him in a deeper way, it is no

accident. Jesus Christ said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him...." John 6:44. God is the one who is drawing you to Himself. He wants you to know Him. And if this is the case, then you will experience Him as you desire. For the Bible also says, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you..." James 4:8. "And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13.

I encourage you – don't give up. Don't quit. And don't let anyone or anything keep you from the joy of knowing God on a personal level. If you are currently attending a church, share your feelings with the pastor, priest, or church member whom you trust. If you are not attending a church, check out one of our local churches in the Amboy/Sublette area. I and my congregation would love to have you worship God with us at The Refuge Church located at Mendota Hills Campground, 642 US RT 52 every Sunday (all year round) at 10 am. Hope to see you there. Either way, may you experience the presence of God in your life. God bless you.

Coronado to offer spirit ghost tours

ROCKFORD – October Spirited Ghost Tours offers a Spooktacular time at historic Coronado Theatre. The two-hour guided Spirited Ghost Tours includes a haunting organ concert and historical accounts from Rockford's Crown Jewel the Coronado Theatre.

Spirits abound as guides recount supernatural tales collected from theatre staff and contractors over the years. You will experience the Grande Barton Organ, see a short skit with our resident Dracula

on the stage, and hear actual accounts of many strange happenings within the theater walls while being taken on a nooks and cranny tour of the theater. LOTOS, the theater Archivist have captured these stories over the years to share with believers and non-believers alike.

Over the years, several of the staff and more than a few visitors have claimed to smell the cigar aroma of the Coronado's visionary and owner Willard Van Matre, witnessed a shadowy figure

float by, or heard a dog barking without cause. Will you?

General Admission tickets are \$24, plus applicable fees, and are available now at coronadopac.org or by calling 815-968-5222. The Ghost Tours are not recommended for children under the age of 10; children under six are not permitted.

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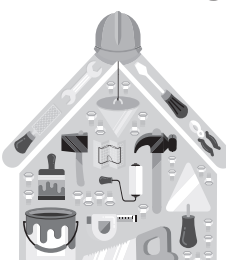
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Opinion

Better politics, smarter government: Renewed focus on civics education is critical for American democracy

Editor's Note: This op-ed was distributed by Capitol News Illinois on behalf of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. The opinions expressed in this article are the author's own.

I'm preparing to teach a class at Southern Illinois University next spring on restoring American statesmanship and am struck by the critical connection between engaged citizenship and successful statesmanship.

Putsimply, active citizens expect—and even demand—more from their leaders than less engaged ones. Informed and concerned citizens care about good government and often reward public officials who provide it. Citizenship, in turn, is undergirded by an understanding of, and respect for, American history and government.

Numerous reports reveal declining knowledge about U.S. history in both our students and adults. A recent conversation with a terrific student who is now in medical school made this tangible to me. He is a serious and diligent young man with wide-ranging interests. In fact, the first time I met him he was reading Homer's "The Odyssey"—for fun, or at least personal enrichment.

During our conversation, I made a reference to the Marshall Plan, the historic American program to rebuild Europe after World War II and arguably one of our nation's greatest accomplishments. The student looked puzzled and said he had never heard of the Marshall Plan.

This surprised and saddened me. How is it possible that a highly motivated and deeply curious college student is not aware of the Marshall Plan?

I don't blame the young man. I blame our education system. To me, this suggests that our schools are not doing an adequate job in civics education. This results in adults who do not understand our nation's history or the structure of our

Guest Column

By John T. Shaw



government and are less likely to be engaged citizens.

Annual surveys by the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania show the American public is not well informed on the basics of our history and government. This year's report revealed that less than half of Americans surveyed could name all three branches of the federal government and less than a quarter knew that freedom of religion, freedom of the press, the right to assembly, and the right to petition are rights listed under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

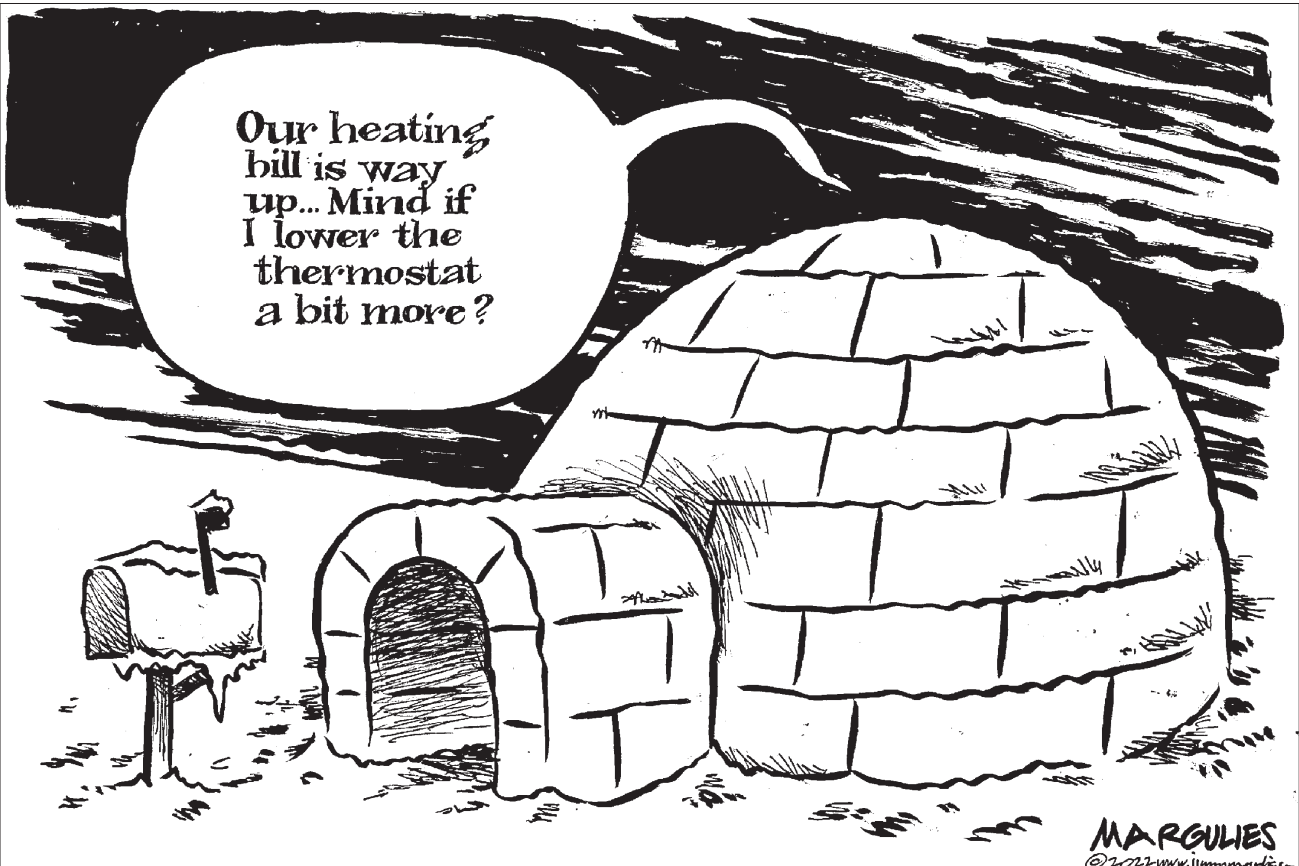
"When it comes to civics, knowledge is power," said Kathleen Hall Jamieson, the director of the Center, when announcing this year's findings. "We are unlikely to cherish, protect, and exercise rights if we don't know that we have them."

The good news is that there are people and organizations confronting this challenge.

Former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor established iCivics about a decade ago to teach the fundamental principles of civics to middle and high school students with free online interactive games and courses that make learning fun, relevant, and effective. This program continues to generate creative approaches to teaching civics.

There is bipartisan legislation pending in the U.S. House (HR 1814) and Senate (S 4348) called "The Civics Secures Democracy Act" which is worthy of careful study.

The bill authorizes \$1 billion annually over five years for civics education, primarily to states and school districts. It also provides competitive grants to qualifying institutions of higher education, nonprofits, and researchers for projects to improve civics and history education in elementary and secondary schools.



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75 YEARS AGO Oct. 2, 1947

In a daring day-light theft, \$150 in

cash was stolen from the office of Edwards Garage. The theft was discovered by manager Henry Mortenson when he returned from having breakfast at 6:50 a.m. He had checked the garage shortly after 6 and put out the change for the day's business.

Mr. and Mrs. O.F. Borgmeier have sold the Hub Café to Ellen Deer.

50 YEARS AGO Oct. 5, 1972

Richard Montavon announced the sale of Rich's Place to James "Mort" Hinkle. The new owner will operate the business under the name "Mort's Tap."

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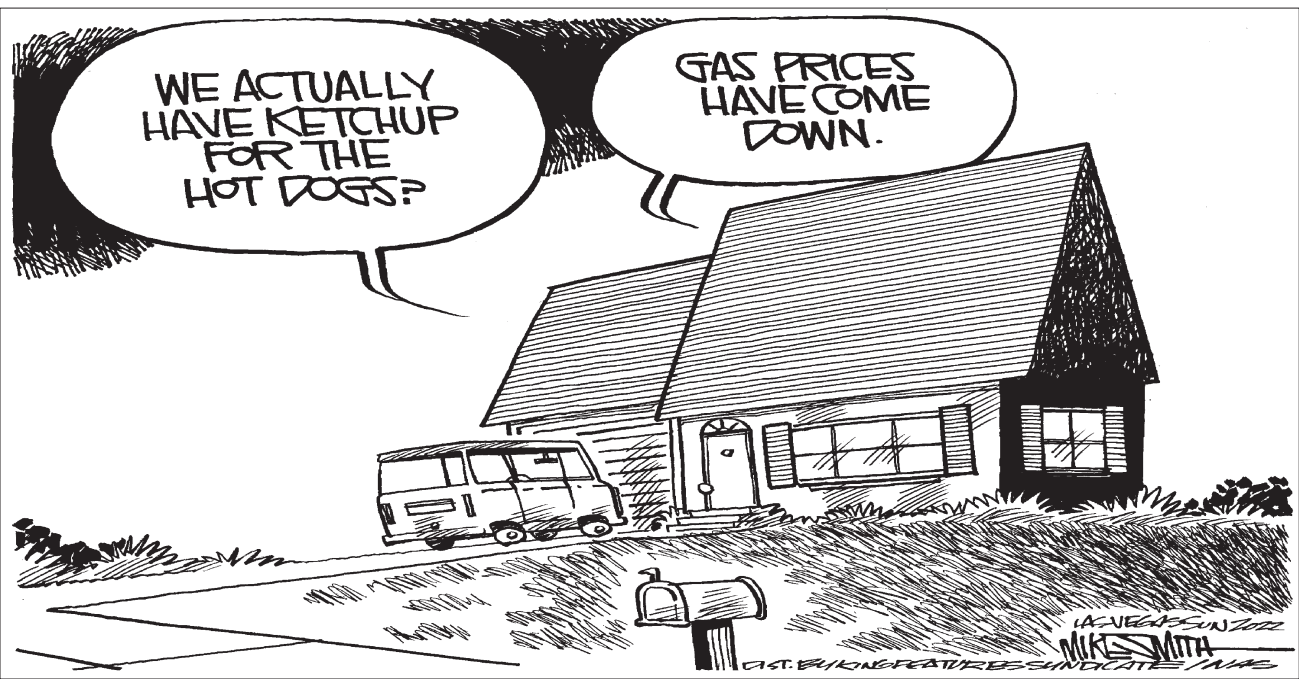
Mark McCaffrey and Dan Weaver were winners of the Punt, Pass and Kick Contest in the area, sponsored by

Mullery Ford in Dixon.

25 YEARS AGO Oct. 2, 1997

The Second Annual Lyle Reuter Golf for Education day held Saturday, September 13 was a tremendous success. A total of 88 golfers participated and approximately 100 people were present for the evening meal that capped off the day. The foundation's current interest continues to be assisting the schools with updating the technology component so necessary in today's curriculum.

Several libraries in the 73rd district will receive a share of \$13.3 million in general purpose grants to help fund their operations according to State Representative Jerry Mitchell. The general-purpose grants help libraries in various ways including to fund programs, purchase books and equipment, and underwrite salaries. Pankhurst Memorial Library in Amboy will receive \$2,971.



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I hope this bill soon becomes law and that Illinois schools and researchers take advantage of its resources.

The United States faces a crucial point as it pertains to investment in civics education. The federal government now allocates 5 cents for every K-12 student in civics education compared to \$50 per K-12 student for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs. This imbalance is not healthy for our democracy.

It is imperative that we find compelling and factual ways to explain how our government works and tell the American story to our young people, neither juzzing it up or dumbing it down. The truth is powerful and compelling. Despite many mistakes of omission and commission by America and Americans, the overall story of the United States—and Illinois—is impressive and inspiring.

I hope to persuade my students this spring that few nations have had leaders of the caliber of an Abraham Lincoln or a George Marshall—and that their wisdom and bravery was supported by wise and brave citizens.

We will need this level of statesmanship and citizenship in the years ahead.

John T. Shaw is the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at SIU Carbondale. Shaw's monthly column explores how Illinois can work toward better politics and smarter government.

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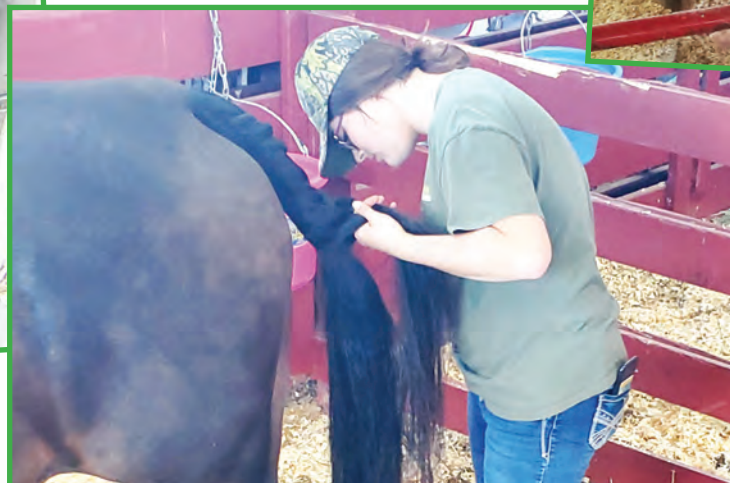
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SPORTS

Clippers win Homecoming game against Kirkland-Hiawatha

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — The playoffs are quickly approaching.

However, the Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio football team knows every game until then matters as wins will help bracket positioning.

The Clippers (5-1) didn't take Kirkland-Hiawatha lightly in the Week 6 matchup Friday during Amboy's Homecoming as they defeated the 8-man North Conference crossover foe, 26-12.

"We told them that Hiawatha is a good team. They have great quarterback, running back, and wide receiver," Clippers coach Scott Payne said. "Plus, it was Homecoming and they were ready and excited to play their Homecoming game. We told them that every team wants to win their Homecoming game and that's what we wanted to do."

The running game powered Amboy's offense against Hiawatha.

Junior running back Landon Whelchel ran for 143 yards and a touchdown, sophomore Quinn Leffelman found the endzone twice on 75 yards, and junior Brennan Blaine exchanged catching the ball for running for 67 yards and a touchdown.

"Our running game was the big factor against Hiawatha,"

Payne said. "Our offensive line controlled the line. We were able to gain big yards and move the ball. It was good to have Quinn back since he sat out the second half of last week's game against Orangeville. He's a good linebacker and full back.

"It's good to get a little healthier down the stretch as we approach the end of the regular season and the playoffs. Missing Tucker Lindenmeyer and being able to run the ball as well as we did, it was a great sign."

Amboy threw in a new formation as it went Wildcat and put Blaine, who is normally a tight end or receiver, in a position to take the snap and move down field.

Payne said the team wanted to get the ball into Blaine's hands as much as possible since he's an extremely dynamic player.

On the other side of the ball, Payne was equally pleased.

"Our defense played really well. We gave up two big passes that's how they scored, but that's going to happen in 8-man," said Payne. "We did a great job against the pass holding their quarterback to 7-of-26 passing. We were able to minimize gains besides those two plays. We shut their run game down and did a good job against the pass.

"We moved Blaine from defensive line to linebacker for the first time this year. We made the switch after the first quarter," Payne said. "He was better at coming and filling the hole against their run game. We were better against the run once we made the switch because he stepped up and



Here come the Clippers. Homecoming was successful for the Clippers as the Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio football team defeated Hiawatha, 26-12.

Photo courtesy of Brenda Merriman

filled the holes."

Although the Clippers will be playing past the regular

season, they know each of their last three games are important.

Week 7 and Week 8 have Amboy on the road against Bushnell (Prairie City) (2-4) and Freeport Aquin (1-5), while the Clippers host Biggsville (West Central) (6-0) for Week 9, the final week of the regular season.

"They're reacting really well. They've accepted everything that has happened with our injuries and any changes," Payne said. "They're stepping up and playing well. It's a good time to gel and get everything together. The last three weeks of the season are going to be interesting to see what happens."



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Wilson, Wittenauer advance to Golf Sectionals

OREGON – Two Amboy Clipper golfers kept their season alive after participating in the Oregon Class 1A Boys' Regional Golf Tournament on Sept. 28.

Wes Wilson and Hayden Wittenauer both advanced to the sectional round after they were among the top 10 golfers that were not a part of an advancing team. Wilson fired a sizzling round of 74 to finish in second place overall behind only Maison Brandt of Byron, who claimed the individual title with a 72. Wittenauer shot an 86 to earn a trip to the sectional.

Also participating for the Clippers were Jackson Rogers (98), Carson Barlow (103), Brysen Full (113) and Logan O'Brien (122).

The top three teams in the regional qualify for the sectional. They were Rockford Lutheran with a 326, Byron with a 327 and Rockford Lutheran with a 336. Newman placed fourth at 340, Riverdale had a 344 and Amboy totaled 361. Finishing behind the Clippers were Oregon (377), North Boone (406), Hinckley-Big Rock (416), Indian Creek (435), Erie-Prophetstown (442), Morrison (471) and Rockford Christian Life (491).

Cross country teams to compete at Rock Falls Class 1A Regional

ROCK FALLS – The Amboy girls' and boys' cross country teams have been assigned to the Rock Falls Class 1A Regional to be held Saturday, Oct. 22. The girls will race at 10 a.m. followed by the boys at 10:45 a.m.

Other teams competing in the regional are Aledo (Mercer County), Lanark (Eastland) [Coop], Mendota, Morrison, Oregon, Orion, Polo, Port Byron (Riverdale), Prophetstown [Coop], Rock Falls, Rock Island (Alleman), Savanna (West Carroll), Shabbona (Indian Creek), Sherrard, Sterling (Newman Central Catholic) and Taylor Ridge (Rockridge).

The first seven placing teams and the first five runners who are not members of the advancing teams in each regional will advance to sectional competition. In addition, in the event the sixth, seventh or eighth place overall individual finisher in the regional is not on a qualifying team, such sixth, seventh or eighth place overall finisher in the individual race shall advance from the regional to the sectional meet.

The sectional will be held in Oregon on Saturday, Oct. 29, with the girls racing at 12:30 p.m. and the boys at 1:30 p.m.

Lady Clippers season ends at Regionals

ROCK FALLS – The Amboy Lady Clippers had their golf season come to a close at the Rock Falls Class 1A Regional on Sept. 29.

Four golfers competed for Amboy. Andrea Buhrow and Emma Dinges both had scores of 139, while Greta Horner had a 161 and Gracee Holmgren finished with a 175.

Gracie Russell of Cambridge-Ridgewood was the overall individual champion with a 76.

The top three teams advancing to the sectional round are Geneseo (382), Kewanee (406) and Dixon (421). Amboy's team total was 614.

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Discover that courage, determination and heart are all part of the hero in you as Disney On Ice presents Find Your Hero.

Lady Clippers split pair of matches

AMBOY – The Amboy Lady Clippers split a pair of volleyball matches last week.

Amboy traveled to Shabbona on Sept. 26 and came away a 25-23, 11-25, 25-23 winner over Indian Creek.

Courtney Ortgiesen had two blocks, six kills and 11 digs for the winners, while Elly Jones hammered seven kills, picked up 17 digs and delivered two ace serves. Also leading the victory were Tyrah Vaessen (23 assists, four kills), Emersyn Noble (14 digs), Kiera Karlson (four kills, two aces) and

Peyton Payne (two aces).

Amboy hosted Fulton on Sept. 27 and the visitors left town with a 25-11, 25-23 win.

Statistical leaders for the Lady Clippers were Ortgiesen (four kills, two blocks), Jones (three kills), Vaessen (nine assists, three digs), Lexi Ketchum (four digs), Payne (four aces) and Karlson (three aces).

BBB tips: donating to Hurricane Ian relief

ROCKFORD – The Better Business Bureau encourages those seeking to donate to Hurricane Ian assistance efforts to support experienced disaster relief organizations that meet the BBB 20 Standards for Charity Accountability. This hurricane has left devastation in its path in Florida as it heads north to neighboring states.

"Look for appeals that are clear about what disaster relief services donors will be supporting," says Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau. "BBB Wise Giving Alliance at GIVE.ORG is providing tips to assist donors seeking to support relief efforts, along with a list of BBB Accredited Charities that are soliciting for Hurricane Ian activities."

1. Is the disaster appeal clear? The contribution request should clearly identify what disaster relief activities you are supporting. There are many possibilities such as temporary shelter, food, medical care and other emergency needs. Don't assume what they do based solely on the group's name.

2. Does the charity already have a presence in the impacted area? Charities that already have support staff in the impacted areas are more likely to deliver help quickly at a time of immediate need.

3. Is the charity an experienced relief organization? Experienced relief organizations will be able to provide help with greater speed and efficiency than a newly created effort.

4. If considering crowdfunding, do you know its procedures? Some crowdfunding sites take measures to vet postings after a disaster, others don't. Review the site's policies and procedures to find out. If in doubt, it is always safest to donate to people who you personally know and trust.

5. Does the organization meet the 20 BBB Charity Standards? We recommend donating to charities that meet all 20 of the BBB Standards for Charity Accountability. Visit

BBB's Give.org to access free evaluative reports on charities.

The following organizations are BBB Accredited Charities and announced on their respective websites that they are collecting funds to assist Hurricane Ian relief efforts.

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HUNTING AND FISHING



A child's first hunting trip is a milestone moment. Parents can take steps leading up to the trip to ensure their children are ready for what's to come.

How to prepare for a child's first hunting trip

Millions of individuals across the globe are avid hunters. The passion many of those people have for hunting began on their first childhood hunting trip, and countless hunters fondly recall this milestone moment in their lives.

If there's a first time for everything, parents know that kids' initial forays into any activity comes with ups and downs. Hunting is no exception to that trend, but parents can consider these measures as they prepare their youngsters to go hunting for the first time.

- Emphasize the importance of safety. Safety is of the utmost importance on any hunting trip. Kids should be aware of all safety protocols pertaining to their guns and the hunting grounds. Hunter's education courses can teach kids about hunting safety, but parents can quiz youngsters in the days leading up to the trip to reinforce safety protocols.

- Explain how hunting trips typically unfold. Giving kids an idea of how a hunting trip may unfold is another good idea. Explain the timing of the trip and why it's beginning when it is. Kids without such knowledge may be less enthusiastic about early morning hunting excursions if they don't understand why they need to get out of bed early on a day off. But they might be more excited if they recognize they're more likely to see wildlife and enjoy a successful trip

if they're willing to sacrifice sleeping in.

- Bring some extra activities for kids to do. Screens are a no-no, as they could deter wildlife. But hunting requires patience, which is not exactly a virtue many youngsters possess. So bring some books along or encourage kids to keep a diary of their first trip, describing it in detail so they have something to look back on as they get older.

- Purchase comfortable hunting attire. Kids will likely be wearing new attire on their first trip, so parents should have them try the clothing on prior to the trip. When shopping for hunting clothing, make sure it meets all safety standards and is functional for hunters, but don't overlook comfort. Hunting involves a lot of waiting, and the trip will be more enjoyable for everyone if kids are comfortable throughout the slow periods.
- Recognize the day could be emotional. A child's first hunting trip can be an emotional roller coaster, as kids may feel excited, bored, nervous, sad, and even guilty at any point during the day. Parents must allow kids to express any of these emotions during the day and emphasize that it's alright to express their emotions.

A child's first hunting trip is a milestone moment. Parents can take steps leading up to the trip to ensure their children are ready for what's to come.

Illinois fall trout fishing season opens Oct. 15

SPRINGFIELD – The 2022 Illinois fall trout fishing season will open Saturday, Oct. 15, at 59 ponds, lakes and streams throughout the state.

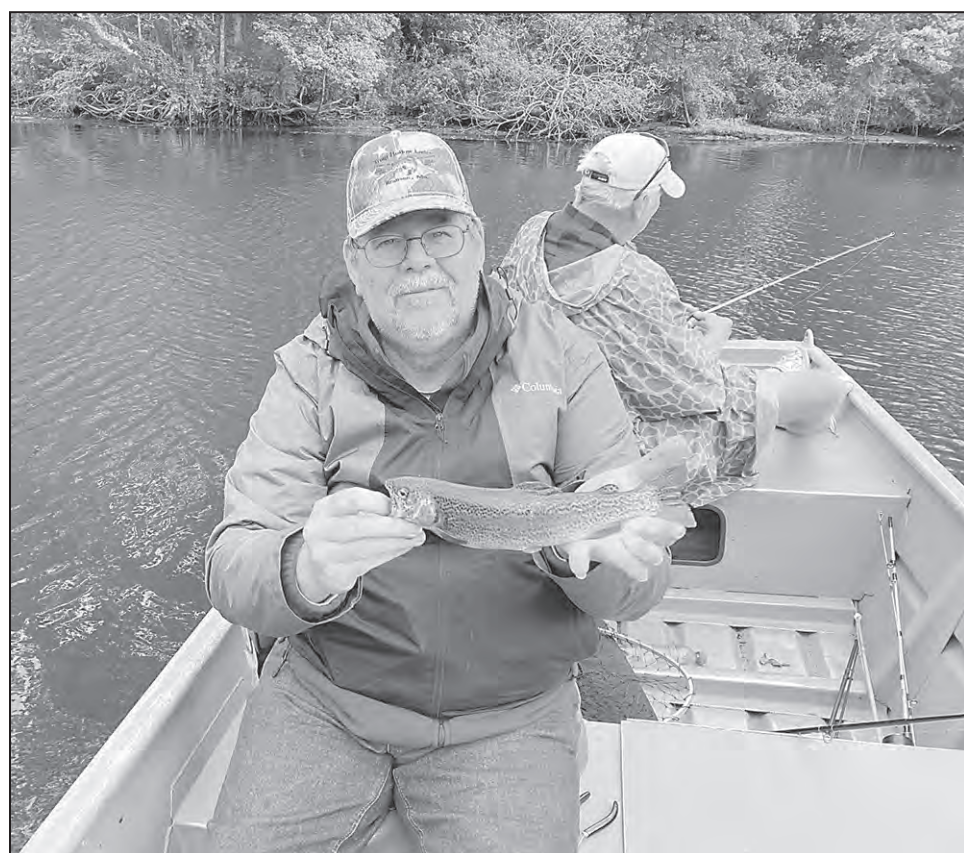
An early opportunity at select trout sites, the fall catch-and-release fishing season, will open Oct. 1. No trout may be kept during the catch-and-release period, but anglers can keep trout after the opening of the regular season beginning Oct. 15.

The Illinois Catchable Trout Program is funded by those who use the program through the sale of Inland Trout Stamps. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) stocks more than 80,000 rainbow trout each year in bodies of water where trout fishing is permitted during the fall season. An additional 80,000 trout are stocked for the spring season which begins each April.

For the 2022 fall trout season, no trout may be taken from any of the stocked sites until the season opens at 5 a.m. Oct. 15. During the season, the daily catch limit is five trout. For more information, visit www.ifishillinois.org.

The fall trout season offers opportunities for families to get outdoors and enjoy fishing. Resources are available for taking kids fishing at https://www.ifishillinois.org/Kids_Fishing/kidsfishing.html.

All anglers, including



Kevin Hieronymus of Princeton proudly shows a rainbow trout he caught on a recent fishing trip to Missouri. The fall trout fishing season in Illinois begins on Oct. 15.

those who intend to release fish caught before Oct. 15, must have an Illinois fishing license and Inland Trout Stamp, which are available at IDNR license and permit locations, including many bait shops, sporting goods stores and other retail outlets. Check the IDNR website for locations at <https://www.exploremoreil.com/agent-locator>.

Fishing licenses and trout stamps also can be purchased with a credit card online at

<https://www.exploremoreil.com/>.

For information about site regulations, anglers should contact individual sites that will be stocked with catchable-size trout. Not all sites open at 5 a.m. on opening day. Anglers should confirm the opening time of their favorite sites prior to the open date.

Area sites open for fall trout fishing season are:

Bureau County - Hennepin Canal Parkway; Ken-

dall County - Big Lake, Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area (SFWA); LaSalle County - Illinois and Michigan Canal Lock 14, LaSalle; Ogle County - Pine Creek, White Pines Forest State Park **; Whiteside County - Centennial Park Pond, Rock Falls, Coloma Park District; Winnebago County - Baumann Lake, Cherry Valley

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IDNR announces 2022 waterfowl hunting updates

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is reminding waterfowl hunters of key dates and other information regarding the 2022-2023 waterfowl seasons.

2022-2023 waterfowl seasons

This is the second year of a five-year waterfowl season plan that was developed in 2020. This fall, Illinois will open the regular duck, Canada goose and snow goose seasons on Oct. 22 in the North Zone, Oct. 29 in the Central Zone, Nov. 12 in the South Central Zone, and Dec. 3 in the South Zone.

White-fronted goose (specklebelly) seasons will open Oct. 24 in the North Zone, Nov. 5 in the Central Zone, and on the same dates as duck season in the South Central (Nov. 12) and South zones (Dec. 3).

The daily limit is six ducks of any species, however, daily limit can consist of no more than the following: four mallards (of which no more than two can be hen mallards), three wood ducks, two redheads, two canvasbacks, two black ducks, one pintail and one mottled duck.

Scaup (bluebills) will have a daily limit of two for the first 45 days of the season in each zone and one for the last 15 days of the season in each zone.



The daily bag limit of mergansers is five, only two of which may be hooded mergansers. The possession limit for ducks and mergansers is three times the daily bag limit (18 and 15, respectively) by species and sex.

During the regular season, Canada goose daily limits will be three with a possession limit of nine. White-fronted goose daily bag limits will be two with a possession limit of six. The snow goose daily bag limit is 20 birds, with no possession limit, during the fall and winter seasons.

The spring Light Goose Conservation Order will open Jan. 20 in the North Zone and Feb. 1 in the Central, South Central, and South zones, ending April 30 in all zones. There is no daily bag or possession limit on snow, blue, and Ross' geese during the spring conservation order.

Waterfowl seasons currently open

Rail (Sora and Virginia only) is open statewide in all zones from Sept. 10 through Nov. 18, with a daily limit of 25 and possession limit of 75. Snipe is open statewide in all zones from Sept. 10 through Dec. 25, with a daily limit of eight and possession limit of 24.

Additional details on waterfowl seasons are included in the Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations 2022-2023, available on the IDNR website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/Pages/HuntTrapDigest.aspx>

The Illinois waterfowl hunting zone maps and anticipated season dates for the 2021-2025 seasons are available on the IDNR website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/news/Documents/IDNR-Waterfowl-2021-2025.pdf>

Note that sunrise and sun-

set times are not included in the Hunting and Trapping Digest again this year. Hunters should refer to this website for their local sunrise and sunset: <https://www.weather.gov/dvn/sunrise-sunset>

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) reminder

In coordination with other state and federal agencies, IDNR continues to monitor for outbreaks of the H5N1 strain of HPAI that was observed in Illinois during spring 2022. Similar mortality events may occur as waterfowl arrive in Illinois from northern breeding grounds during the fall migration.

IDNR reminds waterfowl hunters to take precautions and thoroughly cook game meat to an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit. Avoid handling sick or dead waterfowl found in the field. Do not allow dogs and other pets to consume waterfowl that died from unknown causes. Further guidance for hunters can be found at the following link: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/publications/animal_health/fsc_hpai_hunters.pdf

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Brandon LaChance/Amboy News



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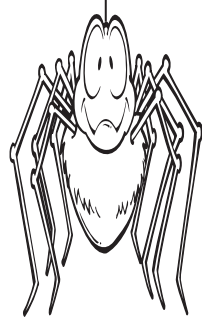
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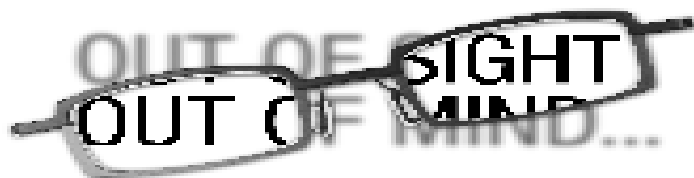
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KEEP GOING!!

MAYBE SHOULD HAVE STOPPED BEFORE THE BARBED WIRE FENCE?

by Dave T. Phipps

Out on a Limb

METEOROLOGISTS HAVE NAMES THAT SOUND LIKE WEATHER. IE "HURRICANE SCHWARTZ" AND "STORM FIELD." WHAT IF PEOPLE WHO REPORT TRAFFIC HAD THEIR OWN UNIQUE NAMES?...

JAM MILLER

FREDDY BENDER

GWEN SAFER

by Gary Kopervas

R.F.D.

I HEARD THIS PLACE CHANGED HANDS RECENTLY.

YUP.

THANK YOU.

IT WAS BOUGHT BY A GUY WHO USED TO WORK FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

FLAVORS: ROCKY ROAD, DIRT ROAD, UNPLOWED ROAD, ROAD SALTED CARAMEL, SAND SHED CRUNCH, MUDDY ROAD, GRAVEL PIT.

by Mike Marland

The Spats

HAROLD, YOUR HAIRLINE IS RECEDING.

MY HAIRLINE IS NOT RECEDING...

...MY FACELINE IS ADVANCING!!

by Jeff Pickering

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS

POPEYE

BY RANDY MINOLAND

OF ALL THE BROADS, YOU CHOOSE A HOPELESS BROOMSTICK WITH AN ATTITUDE?

IT ANTSK THAT HARD T FIGURE OUT, REALLY.

I CANTSK SPEAKS ON HOW YA SEES ME OLIVE, BUT TO ME? SHE'S THE MOST AMAZINK PERSON EVER.

SHE'S ALWAYS GOTSK ME BACK. WHEN NOBODY ELSE IS WIT ME, I KNOWS OLIVE WILL STAND BY ME SIDE.

SHE'S BEEN THERE FOR ERY FIGHT AN ERY ADVENTURE SINCE WE MET. FINDIN ME LOST PARENTS? FACIN SEA HAST?

OLIVE ANTSK STRAYED ONCE. WHEN I'VE FELT LOST, SHE STAYED WIT ME TO HELP ME FIND ME WAY.

AN' TO ME, SHE'S THE MOST LOVELY ANGEL WHAT EVER WALKED THE EARTH!

SHE'S MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN A RAY OF SUNLIGHT BREAKIN' THROUGH CLOUDS AFTER A STORM AT SEA.

THAT'S WHY SHE'S PERFECT ME.

AN I ANTSK ZACTLY MUCH T LOOK AT MESELF!

I GUESS BEAUTY REALLY IS IN THE EVE OF THE BEHOLDER!

BAM!

WHEN THE SWELLIN' GOES DOWN, TRIES T'BEHND MORE POLITE-LIKE!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

YES, I REALIZE MY SANDWICH ISN'T THAT HEALTHY. I KINDA FIGURED THAT WHEN A PAPER PLATE COULDN'T SUPPORT IT.

LAFF-A-DAY

"Our next speaker needs no introduction. He changed his mind and stayed home."

by Dave T. Phipps

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NILATE

Under

BOWEL

Clump

DUBLEN

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TODAY'S WORD

"You'd think they would do something about the weak _____ in this neighborhood."

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King Crossword

ACROSS

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5 Galoots

9 Stitch

12 Oompah band member

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	8			9		1	
4			8			9	
		6		7			3
1			4	3			2
	7				6	5	
		8	2				7
		5		1		6	
6			7				1
	3				2		4

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Plant is different. 3. Black eye is missing. 4. Stripes are missing. 5. Bush is different. 6. Number is different. 7. Plant is different. 8. Black eye is missing.

SMODNIM

Today's Word

3. Bundle; 4. Whistle

1. Entail 2. Below

solution

SCRAMBLERS

CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Y equals T

KQZY HB FBT IZJJ Z IVJVMUZYVH

AEIYEBRZJ PXF KQB'P XUBHTIERL

YBRP BA BTYXTY?

Z QELQ-FEVJH MBRH.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which TV cartoon show featured a Great Dane as part of the mystery-solving team?
- MOVIES: Which 1970s movie's tagline is, "You'll never go in the water again"?
- HISTORY: What was the nickname for American soldiers in WWI?
- MEDICAL TERMS: What is dysphonia?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many state capitals are named after U.S. presidents?
- ANATOMY: What part of the brain controls language and hearing?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented in metathesiophobia?
- GEOGRAPHY: How many countries are in the United Kingdom?
- FOOD & DRINK: What are the two main ingredients in a meringue?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to General Sherman, a sequoia more than 2,000 years old?

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Answers

1. "Scooby-Doo, Where Are You?"

2. "Jaws."

3. Doughboys.

4. Having a hoarse or raspy voice.

5. Four (Jackson, Mississippi; Lincoln, Nebraska; Madison, Wisconsin; and Jefferson City, Missouri).

6. Temporal lobe.

7. Fear of change.

8. Four: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

9. Egg whites and sugar.

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