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Susan Spurny

New teachers welcomed in Amboy

AMBOY - This school year, Amboy students see familiar faces when walking around the schools and in classrooms.

They will also be greeted by new smiles, names, and educators as four new hires have joined the Amboy staff.

Mendota High School and Augustana College graduate, Bryson Prusator is leading a classroom for the first time as a social studies teacher at Amboy High School.

Amboy Junior High has welcomed Sean Shepard as the seventh-grade math teacher. Shepard has an elementary education bachelor's degree from St. Ambrose University and taught at Orion Middle School for one year.

Sydnie Garriott, who earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from Illinois State University, is teaching preschool at Central Elementary School. Previously, she was a substitute in the Sterling school system.

Garriott isn't the only new face at Central as Susan Spurny is the first-year school counselor.

Although this is Spurny's first year in Amboy, she was a middle school science teacher in Naperville for 10 years after obtaining a bachelor's degree in biology from Northern Illinois University, a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from National Louis University, and a master's degree in school counseling form Concordia University.

Spurny is the only new hire with spouse or children as she is married to Geoffrey Spurny and they have a son, Brayden (13), and two daughters, Kylar (10), and Piper (7).

Goodfellows giving a "Hands Up"

By BRANDON LaCHANCE Amboy News Reporter

LEE COUNTY-Yes, the date at the top of this edition of The Amboy News says October. But as always, December and Christmas

are here before you know it as calendar pages flip quickly. This means Goodfellows of Lee County is

already lending out a helping hand to make sure everyone has a marvelous Christmas.

"I think the people involved in our organization realize they're offering families a little bit of hope," said Clara Harris, president of Goodfellows. "Who doesn't want hope and kindness in the world? If everyone thought about it for a second, knowing you're going to bless someone and share in helping them get through a terrible time, it's life changing."

Harris has been the president for the last four years of the Christian organization that has offered assistance for the last 110 years. Last year Goodfellows of Lee County helped 2,400 families.

This Christmas, Goodfellows wants to offer Lee County residents a "Hands Up."

The organization is accepting applications through Oct. 31. If in on time and complete, and if you are eligible for a food voucher, your child may be chosen by Shop with a Cop, Shop with Sheriff or another agency



or church. If you miss that deadline you can apply up to Dec. 1.

Applications must be filled out completely with names of all living in the home, address phone number, email. You must send copies of all income for 30 days: pay stubs, food stamps, disability SSI, child support, pension, all qualify as income. You must list all in household and show proof of residence.

Veterans look at the names on the Vietnam War memorial wall in Washington, D.C., during their Honor Flight trip.

A flight to never forget

Local veterans board the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

By BRANDON LaCHANCE Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY-As we get older, the memory starts to fade. Special, unique, serious, important moments become less special or unique.

Until a gesture is made or said to rekindle the amazing experience.

Many local veterans were flooded with appreciation, thank you's, and all the memories of their military service to the United States of America during the Honor Flight on Oct. 5, which took to the skies, Washington D.C., and war monuments.

"I have a lot of memories from the flight. The main one is when the little children came and shuck my hand," said Mendota native Richard Gambler, 79, who was a weather technician stationed in Germany during the Vietnam War. "They gave us things that they made at school. One little girl said,

'I'm honored to meet you.'

We saw the new Airforce Memorial, which is brand new. If it was there for 9-11, the planes never would have hit the Pentagon. They would have hit the arches of the memorial (placed in 2006) because they're so tall (201 to 270 feet)."

Gambler also walked the Vietnam Wall where he searched for his cousin's name.

The veteran had showed interest in joining the Honor Flight, which is ran by non-profit organizations and has brought approximately 244,000 military veterans to Washington D.C. since its inception in 2005, four years ago after he was on one of the 10 buses that travel to Moline to celebrate the veterans before their flight at 5 a.m.

Gambler was thrilled to be on the other side of the appreciation and applause.

He shed a couple of happy tears on the plane as well. "When we were on the

received?' He answered the question, 'Mail'. They had mail for every single one of us," Gambler said. "My daughters were involved. They were called and my daughters sent them letters to give to me. I didn't know about it. It was a tearjerker."

\$1.00

Each veteran is assigned a guardian to help them through the day as they board the plane at 5 a.m., tour Washington D.C., and return to Moline at 10:30 p.m.

Ginny Taylor, the administrator at the Mendota Moose Lodge who speaks with veterans every day, was the guardian for Vietnam Veteran, Don Deich.

"It was an amazing experience. It brought me to tears at times," Taylor said. "They never really got the welcome home or the honors because the Vietnam War wasn't an acceptable war and at one time, not considered a war. Those guys felt so honored to be on the flight, go to the memorials, and have people show them appreciation.

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We got to see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. I got to see Audie Murphy's grave and I took pictures.

plane coming home, the guy asked, 'What was something you always wanted when you were in the service but never

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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.)

Lt. Robert Lyman Wasson

Born and raised in Franklin Grove, Robert L. Wasson had deep roots in neighboring Amboy, hometown to his ancestors. The Wassons were one of the early pioneer families in Amboy, and Robert's grandfather was one of the first children born in this town during the 1840's. Today, Wasson Road on the north edge of Amboy is a reminder of their part in turning rugged prairie into a vibrant community during



the last century.

Robert L. Wasson was born Nov. 3, 1918, just eight days before the end of World War I. His parents had moved to Franklin Grove when his father and uncle opened Wasson Motor Sales & Service. They sold Chrysler and Maxwell automobiles at the end of America's transition from a horse-drawn to a car-driven economy. As an advertising promo, they gave away pencils with no eraser,

inscribed with the words, "A man who buys a Maxwell makes no mistakes".

Robert completed his education at Franklin Grove High School, shortly before the death of his father in 1937. He went to work at the California Packing Company in Rochelle, while living at home with his mother, his sister and two brothers. In 1940 he registered for the draft, and a year later he was enlisted into the Army Air Force, eventually assigned to the 838th Bomb Squadron, 487th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force where he achieved the rank of Second Lieutenant.

In the early spring of 1944, as preparations were being finalized for the D-Day Invasion, the 838th Bomb Squadron took an active role in bombing airfields, road junctions, bridges, coastal defenses, transportation, oil depots and other German

held targets in Normandy and on into Germany in support of British Forces. It supported British Troops by attacking German Troops and artillery positions near Caen, France. The aircraft of choice was the B-24 Liberator, most likely the type piloted by Lt. Wasson. Based in Lavenham, England, bombing routes crossed the English Channel, or further east across the Baltic Sea over western Germany.

During a mission on May 29, 1944, just days prior to the D-Day Invasion, Lt. Wasson's plane did not return to base and was reported missing. Given the intensity of bombing campaigns in the face of stiff artillery fire from the enemy, it was not unusual for a plane and crew to disappear into the waters of the English Channel or the Baltic Sea with no trace of their exact whereabouts,



and little chance for rescue. Some months after Victory

in Europe Day on May 8, the U.S. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency officially determined that Lt. Robert L. Wasson had died at age 24 over the Baltic Sea with his remains unrecoverable. Along with hundreds of his fellow American Soldiers, his name is forever engraved on the Tablets of the Missing at the Cambridge American Cemetery in England. Although he would not live to see the results of his sacrifice, his squadron went on to support ground troops during the Battle of the Bulge, as well as numerous air attacks in Germany, eventually leading to victory over tyranny in Europe.

Lt. Robert Lyman Wasson's bravery and sacrifice are memorialized on a stone tablet in England as well as in the hearts of those who enjoy freedom in Amboy and Franklin Grove.

Citations:

Purple Heart

World War II Victory Medal

American Campaign Medal

Army Presidential Unit Citation

Army Good Conduct Medal

European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign



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Veterans give a salute during their Honor Flight trip to Washington, D.C.

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I don't have the words to explain how amazing it was. It was the best experience of my life."

Taylor has heard countless stories over the years behind the Moose Bar or simply speaking to her patrons.

She heard new stories on the Honor Flight.

Even new tales from veterans she's knows well and sees on a regular basis.

"I found out Mick and Doug Hartley were drafted together. They had to go report for duty. Mick was put in the Marines and Doug was put into the Army. They are identical twins," Taylor said. "They yelled at Mick, 'What are you doing in this

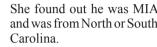
line? You're supposed to be standing over here.' Mick answered, 'That's my twin brother standing over there.'

"They told Mick, if he wanted to be in the same branch as his brother, they would put him in the Army. They took the guy who was behind Doug and put him in the Marines and brought Mick to the Army.

"I never knew that. That's a bizarre story."

Taylor made a story of her own as well.

When she was 13, she came into possession of a metal bracelet with a serviceman's name on it who was either a prisoner of war or was missing in action.



Fast forward to 2022 and the Honor Flight, and Taylor laid the bracelet at the Vietnam War Memorial Wall in his honor.

Phillip Morris gave a special thanks to the guardians who made his Honor Flight an unforgettable experience.

The 83-year-old Amboy resident served in the Army and was stationed in Germany for 2 1/1 years on a unit that dealt with atomic weapons. Morris was around a weapon that was the same size the United States dropped in World War II.

He may agree, his tenure in the Army wasn't as smooth as the Honor Flight.

"It's a long day, but I'd do it again in a heartbeat. When I got out, I never thought that anybody would be honoring veterans this way," Morris said. "I thought you'd sign up for a VFW or an American Legion and that would be about it. Thank God that they have something like the Honor Flight.

"I like being around other veterans because you can talk the talk. When you talk to civilians about your military experiences, they're not able to understand it. This was a fantastic day. No question about it."

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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.

Halloween Dance & Costume Contest

We will be holding this spooky event on Friday, Oct. 28 from 7-9 p.m. We will be having a costume contest, along with games and music. The cost is \$5 to get in. We will have food and drinks for sale. Your child will get in free if you would like to chaperone. If interested, please call 815-857-4800.

Thank You's

We are always grateful for those that assist Teen Turf in it's endeavor of helping people: Family of Pat William's for the food; Sharon Schnell for the snack mix; Leroy and Alice Dukes for the food from the garden; Louie and Carol Vaessen for the apples; Tammy and Scott Strub for the gift basket; George and Barb Spataro for the gifts and school supplies and Laurie Nauman for the monetary donation.

Needs Hot Chocolate & Bags of chips

Final Word

Dear God, we pray for world peace and unity. We long for a world where all people can live in harmony and cooperation. We pray for an end to wars and violence, and for a world where people can love one another freely and without fear.

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 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.

ASHTON- The Lee County Health Department will hold a flu clinic from 9 - 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13, 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.

Community Calendar

LEE CENTER TWP-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

DIXON- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 - 6 p.m., on Friday, Oct. 14, at Dixon Family YMCA, 110 N. Galena Ave., Dixon. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will meet Monday, Oct. 17, 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, Oct. 17, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

PAW PAW- The Lee County Health Department will hold a flu clinic from 9-11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 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.

Illinois Department on Aging to retirees: Action required to claim property tax rebate

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) is encouraging older adults and retirees who were not required to file an Illinois income tax return for 2021 to claim their property tax rebate of up to \$300 by submitting Form IL-1040-PTR to the Illinois Department of Revenue.

"Many Illinois residents who filed 2021 state income taxes and claimed a property tax credit will automatically receive a property tax rebate under Governor Pritzker's Illinois Family Relief Plan," said Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) Director Paula Basta. "Older adults and retirees may not realize they can get the rebate as well, but only if they submit the right paperwork to the State of Illinois."

Under the Illinois Family Relief Plan passed by the Illinois House and Senate, one-time individual income and property tax rebates will be issued to taxpayers who meet certain income requirements. Homeowners who paid Illinois property taxes in 2021 on their primary residence in 2020 are eligible for the property tax rebate, though they will need to take action in order to claim it if they were not required to file an Illinois income tax return for 2021. Taxpayers who claimed a property tax credit on their Illinois income tax return for 2021 (IL-1040) using Schedule ICR do not need to take any additional action to receive their property tax rebate.

To claim only the property tax rebate, older adults must complete and submit Form IL-1040-PTR, either by mail or electronically through MyTax Illinois, on or before Oct. 17, 2022. Step-by-step instructions are available here.

Additional assistance is available by calling the Illinois Department of

Revenue at 1-800-732-8866 or 217-782-3336.

"For older adults on a fixed income, every dollar counts, especially with high inflation," said Basta. "Not claiming this rebate would be leaving money on the table, and we want to make sure older adults are aware of the steps they need to take to receive it."

IDoA serves and advocates for older Illinoisans and their caregivers by administering quality and culturally appropriate programs that promote partnerships and encourage independence, dignity, and quality of life. For information about the Department's programs and services for older adults and persons with disabilities, visit https://www2.illinois. gov/aging/programs or contact the Senior HelpLine toll-free at 1-800-252-8966, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

2100. **AMBOY-** The Amboy CUSD School Board will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 20, at Amboy Junior High School.

AMBOY-The Amboy Li-

ons Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, Oct. 24. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

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Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15

CHICAGO — Fire Prevention WeekTM is Oct. 9-15, and Illinois DCFS is taking this time to remind the public about the importance of creating and practicing a home fire escape plan so they know what to do if the smoke alarm sounds.

In October 2019, DCFS launched a statewide program to provide free smoke alarms to families served by the department. To-date, DCFS has distributed 3,154 smoke alarms to families across Illinois, including 897 this year.

Keeping children safe is our #1 priority and ensuring that every family we serve has a working smoke alarm is an extra layer of protection we can provide," said Illinois DCFS Director Marc D. Smith. "We know smoke alarms save lives, but families also need to be prepared with a plan so they can quickly get out of the house and to a safe meeting place if the alarm sounds."

According to the National Fire Protection Association:

Three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms.

More than one-third (38%) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.

The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms.

Illinois law requires every household to have smoke alarms within 15 feet of every bedroom and at least one on each floor of the home. Families served by DCFS may request smoke alarms from their caseworker or call their local field office directly to request one.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention in general, visit www.fpw.org.

This year they are in their

permanent home at 704 S.

674, Dixon, IL 61021

Lincoln Ave., Dixon.

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They have applications out at the following locations.

•Ashton: library, schools, city hall, township

• Lee Center, Amboy, West Brooklyn, Compton: schools, Teen Turf youth center • Franklin Grove: township office, church, council, AFC schools, library

• Paw Paw: library They will be accepting new, unwrapped toys and clothing in November after the United Way campaign. If you have questions,

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Nancy Petersen, Lee County Clerk and Recorder would like to announce that beginning THURSDAY, SEPTEM-BER 29, 2022, VOTE BY MAIL and EARLY VOTING will be conducted in the Election Department of her office, first floor of the Old Lee County Courthouse, 112 E. Second St., Dixon.

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.

> <u>Website:</u> www.leecountyil.com <u>Email:</u> election@countyoflee.org Phone: 815-288-3309

> > Nancy Petersen Lee County Clerk & Recorder

OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

Bonnie Rose Ackert Oct. 17, 1949 - Oct. 1, 2022

AMBOY — It is with heavy heart we share that Bonnie Rose Ackert, 72 of Walton, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022.

She was born on Oct. 17, 1949, in Sterling, the daughter of Charles and Margorie (Christensen) Bingham.

Bonnie worked for Lee F.S. for over 30 years and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Walton. Her favorite "job" though was being a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and caring, loyal friend to so many.

Bonnie married Dennis PaulAckerton June 26, 1971. She is survived by her children, Jeff (Mary) Ackert, of Walton and Tina (Ryan) Lindenmeyer, of Sublette. Bonnie was blessed with six grandchildren, Molly

and Rachel Ackert, Emma, Maverick, Eden, and Tucker

Celebration of Life for Judy Stoner

SEMINOLE, Fla. — Please join the family of Judy (Gascoigne) Stoner for a Celebration of Life on Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022, from 1-5 p.m.

The celebration will be held at Walton Tap. Everyone is welcome to share their personal stories of Judy. Lindenmeyer. She is also survived by three sisters-in-law, Becky Grey, Susan (Edward) Leffelman,Lana Ackert; five brothers-in-law, Carl (Dorine) Ackert, Ron (Tami) Ackert, John (Jackie) Ackert, James (Maureen) Ackert, Roger Pettorini; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Dennis; her parents; mother-in-law, Ruth Ackert; sister-in-law, Dianna Pettorini; and brother-in-law, David Ackert.

Bonnie touched the lives of everyone she met. Anyone that ever knew Bonnie or was a part of her life was made to feel so loved by her. She will forever be remembered and missed.

Funeral service was held at 11 a.m., on Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Walton. Burial followed at Holy Cross Cem-



etery in Harmon. Visitation was held from 5-8 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Walton, with rosary recited at 8 p.m. A Memorial has been established.

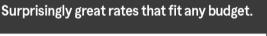
Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

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

September 2022 From The Heart Calendar Winners

- Sept. 1 Hub City Senior Center, Rochelle, \$25 Sept. 2 - Jessica Macklin, Winnebago, \$25 Sept. 3 - Rochelle Rotary Club, \$25 Sept. 4 - Daniel Ortiz, Rochelle, \$50 Sept. 5 - Ben Heck, Chana, \$1,000 Sept. 6 - Bridget Blaine, Dixon, \$25 Sept. 7 - Aubrielle Lodico, Rochelle, \$25 Sept. 8 - Carolyn Brown, Rochelle, \$25 Sept. 9 - Bobby Clausen, Rochelle, \$25 Sept. 10 - Rochelle Rotary Club, \$25 Sept. 11 - Rochelle Rotary Club, \$50 Sept. 12 - Rochelle Hospitality, \$25 Sept. 13 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25 Sept. 14 - Kim Vock, Sterling, \$25 Sept. 15 - Vivian Carlson, Rochelle, \$25 Sept. 16 - Tina Vincent, Rochelle, \$25 Sept. 17 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25 Sept. 18 - Miguel Astudillo, Davis Junction, \$50 Sept. 19 - Laura A. Pillen, Rochelle, \$25 Sept. 20 - Connor Girot, Louisville, \$25 Sept. 21 - Marcee Semple, Byron, \$25 Sept. 22 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25 Sept. 23 - Margaret Danek, Kings, \$25 Sept. 24 - Kelly Nesgood, Janesville, \$25 Sept. 25 - Allison Savant, Rochelle, \$50 Sept. 26 - Bob Aubry, Rochelle, \$25 Sept. 27 - From the Heart, Rochelle, \$25
- Sept. 28 Tom Ellis, Steward, \$25
- Sept. 29 Karen Marsh, Stillman Valley, \$25

Sept. 30 – Valerie Thomason, Mechanicsburg, \$25 Checks to winners are mailed out at the end of each month.



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IDOT announces approval of Vehicle Infrastructure Plan

□ Charging stations to facilitate goal of 1 million electric vehicles on roads by 2030

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced that the Federal Highway Administration has approved its plan to build a reliable electric vehicle charging network throughout the state. The State of Illinois Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan addresses potential challenges and proposes locations for charging stations to ensure motorists can confidently traverse the state in electric vehicles.

"Because of my administration's work on the nation-leading Climate and Equitable Jobs Act and Reimagining Electric Vehicles Act, Illinois stands at the forefront of the emerging electric vehicle industry," said Governor JB Pritzker. "In every corner of the state, we have invested in our infrastructure and our workers, making it clear to vehicle, charging station, and auto parts manufacturers that Illinois is the best place in the nation to manufacture and drive an electric vehicle."

"Illinois is meeting the moment by paving a way forward for electric vehicles on our roads," said Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton. "We are fulfilling our commitment to cleaner, greener energy and travel across the state so all communities can see and feel the impact. Today's announcement is a major step forward in that mission, and Illinois will continue to show how investing in innovation and the people who drive it will take us far."

"Deploying public charging infrastructure that provides convenient, accessible, reliable and equitable charging throughout the state is crucial to Gov. JB Pritzker's goal of a million electric vehicles on the road by 2030," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman.

Illinois' plan provides a framework for implementing the National Electric Vehicle

Infrastructure (NEVI) program, a provision of the Infrastructure Investment and JobsAct. Illinois will receive more than \$148 million in federal funding from NEVI over the next five years to build out a network of public EV charging stations across the state.

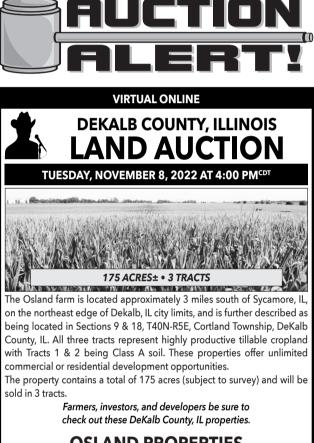
In accordance with NEVI requirements, funding will be used to build EV charging stations at least every 50 miles along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors. The stations will be located no more than one mile off the designated corridor and will allow four average-range vehicles to fully charge at once in less than 30 minutes. Preliminary estimates indicate a need for a minimum of 20 stations. A map of proposed sites is included in the Illinois Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan.

Successful implementation of the NEVI program will require collaboration across government agencies, the public sector and private entities. IDOT is working closely with other state agencies on important issues such as workforce development, cybersecurity and ensuring equitable deployment of charging infrastructure. IDOT is also seeking input from a diverse range of stakeholders, including Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment manufacturers, labor unions, potential site hosts, electric utilities and municipalities.

As a next step in implementing the EV Infrastructure plan, IDOT is developing a Request for Information to gather information from potential vendors of equipment and host sites for EV chargers.

Finally, IDOT will be hosting stakeholder meetings throughout the remainder of 2022. These meetings will be open to the public where people can learn more about the program and provide feedback. More detail on these meetings will become available as they are scheduled. Recording of previously held public meetings can be found on IDOT's website.

As of June, there were 50,994 electric vehicles registered in Illinois and 184 public charging ports throughout the state.



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lung, including part of the lung, I will

experience for the second time, surgery

in my body. The first was many, many

years ago in an outpatient procedure to

repair an abdominal hernia. Yes, it is

scary, but as I shared before, I am trusting

in God to give me the strength and grace

to get through this experience as well. I know that the only way to have real

empathy is to actually go through the

tough times of life for yourself. When I have stopped and thought about it,

whatever pain that I may have going

through this experience is really nothing

in light of the pain that Jesus bore for me

and the whole world through His beating

and then horrible crucifixion as He bore

our sins in His body. We could never

begin to imagine His pain through this

horrible event, yet the Bible tells us that

He made this self-sacrifice willingly and

lovingly. He knew that was His destiny

and there was no other way to satisfy

the price of mankind's sin against the

righteousness of our holy God. In His

death He brought the peace with God

and the peace of God that mankind so

ered this very special relationship with

God, I encourage you to call out to God

before it is too late. Seek Him with all

your heart. Experience His complete

forgiveness for your sins. You will be

eternally grateful for this act of faith.

unless I had believed That I would see

the goodness of the Lord In the land of

strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the

Lord!" (Ps. 27:13,14 NKJV). Waiting

can be tough sometimes. The Lord is

true to His Word. Trust Him. It will be

May God continue to bless and

Be of good courage, And He shall

the living. Wait on the Lord;

worth it.

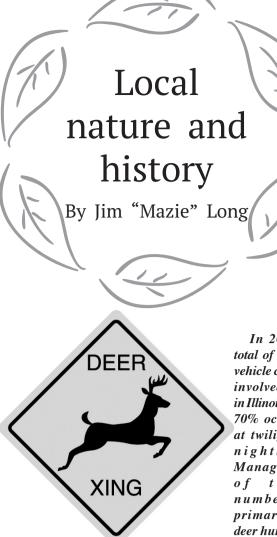
sustain you.

May these words from the Psalmist encourage you, "I would have lost heart,

Once again, if you have not discov-

desperately needed, then and now.

SOCIAL NEWS



In 2019, a total of 16,213 vehicle crashes involved deer in Illinois. Over 70% occurred at twilight or nighttime. Management of these numbers is primarily by deer hunting.

Deer were once

scarce here In the early days of Lee County, the sighting of a single deer would trigger a deer hunt

en on horseback would slowly surround the area and shoot the deer until before long, the deer were all gone.

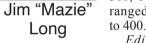
I understand that the return of deer to Lee County originated from a private herd near Oregon, Illinois. The herd was confined by a high fence that was knocked down in one section by a falling tree in a storm. Several of the

deer escaped into surrounding woods. In time the deer multiplied and soon were a common sight along the Rock River woods from Oregon to Dixon.

In the 1940s the Depart-

harvest in the county was 1,542 in 2005. Across Illinois, 146,438 deer were harvested in 2021-2022. The management of Deer Vehicle Accidents (DVA)

on our highways is primarily by deer hunting. The volume of hunting permits issued each year in a county corresponds to that county's DVA rate. Around 2003 our DVA rate peaked at 500, but has since ranged from 300



Editor's Note: James Brady Long was born in Amboy on June 12, 1926. Known by many as "Mazie", he grew up in Amboy, served in the army during World War II, then studied forestry at the Mich-



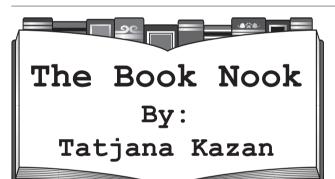
BY PASTOR RICK WULF. The East Grove Union Church of

Rural Amboy ello, Friends,

Well, it's a month later, Land we are still waiting. I have a tentative date for surgery, Friday, Oct. 21 up in Madison, Wis. The surgeon has ordered a PET Scan for Oct. 11 to determine that there is no other cancer in my body. It is my prayer of faith that when the scan is done, the cancer won't be in my lung any more or anywhere else in my body. By the time you are reading this article it will be over and done with, and I will be meeting with the Oncologist to discuss the results.

You maybe wondering how can you think that way? My faith in God says, anything is possible with God. We have seen God do that before in my wife, Rose's body many years ago. She had nodule that was growing in her thyroid over several years and had a biopsy scheduled to determine what it was, but when they scanned her neck to find the place, the nodule wasn't there. We and many others had prayed about this situation, and we believe the Lord answered our prayers and removed the nodule. If He chooses to heal me divinely of this cancer, then praise His name. If He chooses to use the work of the surgeon, then praise His name as well. My preference is the first, because I don't look forward to the surgery that is scheduled.

The two or more trips to Madison, Wis. are not convenient for me. The anticipated pain of the surgery is definitely not something that I am cherishing either. The anticipated weeks of recuperation following the surgery are not going to be too much fun either. My biggest concern, because I am pretty much my wife's caretaker, how she will do during this time. One blessing we can share is that our older son who is a Pastor in Minnesota will be coming down to take me up to the hospital and pick me up when



WAITING IS NOT ALWAYS FUN!

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ready to come home, and to stay with his momma those days that I am away. I suppose I will have to report to you in the November edition of my Pastor's Pen article how everything turned out.

The Apostle Paul in Romans 12:1,2 gave us this challenging instruction of faith, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God-this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will." My attitude toward life, all that I am and all that I have belong to the Lord, will need to carry me through this time, now and always. We of the Christian faith know that God has revealed His will to us through the Bible, and admittedly understanding His will for our lives can be a bit challenging at times. He does assure us that His will is good, pleasing and perfect. It is just hard sometimes for us in our imperfect thinking to understand why God allows or doesn't allow things to happen. This is just another step to take in our faith walk with Him.

There have been many lessons that I have learned along my journey of life. As little as seven years ago I told people who were sick in the hospital, when I was visiting them there, that I couldn't fully empathize with them because in my 60 years of life, I had not been an inpatient. Well on Sept.11, 2016 that changed when I experienced a heart attack. A couple of years later I experienced a Potassium deficiency that gave me a few more days of hospitalization. In October of 2020 I suffered a series of ministrokes that added even more days to the hospital experience. I have gained a lot more empathy now for those with challenging physical health conditions. Now with this upcoming surgery that

is planned to remove the cancer in my

Wing was built. The saga of how Japanese cherry trees were finally planted in the Taft presidency; and sheep grazing on the White House lawn during WWI are engaging anecdotes. "Calvin and Grace Coolidge turned on the first National Christmas Tree in the center of the Ellipse in 1923. House grounds; Harry Truman loved gardening; it was Kennedy's Rose Garden that captured the country's collective imagination; "Michelle Obama took a shovel to the South Lawn in 2009 to make a food garden;" and my favorite: the "elaborate non-lethal tactics used to deter the evil empire of garden pests. Fertilizer laced with Louisiana hot sauce discouraged moles and voles. Bushel baskets of Georgia peanuts were strapped to tree trunks to distract marauding squirrels from the precisely planted tulip bulbs."

ment of Conservation set up traps in the woods. The captured deer were transported to new areas. One of these areas was the woods south of Amboy. I saw my first Lee County deer in the area where Woodhaven is today. Deer in this area have pretty easy times. Deer in the far north often starve to death when the snow is deep and the food runs out. Our deer probably lose weight in the winter, but they seldom starve.

Deer are abundant in Lee County today; several hundred are harvested by legal hunting every year.

Deer by the numbers:

Editor: According to the Illinois DNR, 1,060 deer were harvested across Lee County's 729 square miles in 2021-2022. The record igan College of Mining and Technology. His studies in botany and forest protection continued as he ventured into farming here. A beloved story-teller, his farm became a place of learning and adventure for relatives and friends. In his later years, he contributed a series of local nature articles to The Amboy News. Upon his death in 2000, his many hand-written drafts were gathered and initially curated by Brenda Boyle. The present, renewed series draws from those drafts, both unpublished and previously published.

Related Resources IL 2020-21 Deer Report: https://bit.ly/3e1zmXz Lee County Deer Report: https://bit.ly/3ydorkm

Annual Church Bazaar in Harmon

HARMON — Harmon Methodist Church, 202 N. Grove St., will hold their church bazaar on Oct. 21 and 22, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day at the church. There will be a bake sale with pies, fleece blankets, throws, wreaths, and many crafts, handmade quilt raffle. Drawing for raffle will be Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. All proceeds will go for the purchases of a new chair lift.

Door prizes will be awarded. They will provide free rolls and coffee until 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

SVCC artist reception held Oct. 19

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College will host an Artist Reception on Wednesday, October 19. The reception for artist Susanne Nestory will take place in the SVCC Art Gallery from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Artist Susanne Nestory's gallery, The Oregon Years, will be featured in the SVCC Art Gallery. Her work was installed Sept. 6. These paintings depict a visual response to the way Susanne Nestory remembers encountering "place" - muted and clear, present and absent, forming and collapsing; an identity that refused to take shape. The exhibit will close on Oct. 19. Both the exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

ALL THE PRESIDENT'S GARDENS

s the title suggests, Marta Mc-Dowell's book is big: "All the President's Gardens: Madison's Cabbages to Kennedy's Roses - How the White House Grounds Have Grown with America." It's 503 pages long, but with so many pictures and illustrations, lists, indexes, and source material, it takes less than an average novel to read. It does not begin with Madison's cabbages, but with a deal struck over dinner, hosted by Thomas Jefferson. It was called the Compromise of 1790.

Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton was desperate to have the federal government assume the monumental Revolutionary War debt. The Southerners objected. But they had their eye on the land along the Potomac for the capital of the young Republic.

"Virginia would have a port to rival the nation's other major harbors. Combining a capital city roughly on the border between the northern and southern states with a bustling port would create an engine of economic prosperity."

One Massachusetts journalist called the Potomac site "a Virginia delusion." But the compromise was struck and "the marshy, mosquito-infested land



along the Potomac" was to become the capital city. Congress provided George Washington broad powers to supervise the development

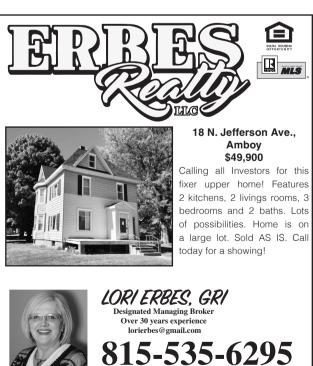
city. It was a plan befitting a grand southern home and the Virginia plantation owners who were president for 40 of the first 48 years of the Republic. Like most serious gardeners, Washington was a bit plant-crazy. He planted so many roses that it took twelve days each June for the petals to be picked for rosewater. Nearly two centuries later, Reagan named roses as the national floral emblem.

of the as-yet-unnamed new

McDowell relates some wonderful stories for each president and his wife and their gardeners (a fascinating lot tending toward the obsessive). For example, the place was much too small for Teddy Roosevelt's six children and so the West

The tree was illuminated by 2,500 red, green, and white lights supplied by the boosterish Electric League of Washington."

A Victory Garden during World War II had a prominent place on the White



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Could it be, when we give we receive more in return?

rief is a strange thing. You never get over it. You just learn to live with it.

I was thinking about that this month when I wrote a story about Dee Stern, a woman who works as a chaplain at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

She has just written a book about helping grieving people: "Comforting the Bereaved Through Listening and Positive Responding."

She has all kinds of terrific advice for what to say and not to say to someone who has suffered a loss.

For example, never say someone "committed" suicide, Stern said. She said the word "committed" conjures thoughts of a criminal act, which suicide is not.

She recalled a lady whose son ended his life and someone went up to her and patted her on

the hand and said, 'I'm going to pray for you because your son's been damned to hell.'

Stern said that is an example of what not to say.

Grieving people need a listening ear more than advice, no matter how well intentioned.

"The bereaved are not listened to. They're not allowed to tell their story and they need to tell their story," she said.

As I chatted with Dee, I kept thinking of my own father. When I was growing up, Dad was one of the least empathetic people I knew. He was a good man, but he was often oblivious to the pain around him.

Guest Column



I remember one time when I was 11 or 12; we were vaccinating hogs and his needle was flashing by going from one patient to another. The syringe missed the pig's flank and embedded in my thigh.

"I exclaimed, 'Dad, you gave me the shot!' He grunted and gave the dose to the intended patient. The farmer who observed the interaction still laughs at my father's response.

He didn't say "I'm sorry," or acknowledge the pain he inflicted. (I still wonder what swine disease I've been immunized for.)

Dad was a doer not a listener. If a neighbor died, he'd be one of the people who volunteered to help harvest the crops at no charge to the widow. But if it came to sitting and listening to the widow talk about how much she missed her husband, he was quite uncomfortable.

When I was a young reporter in Galveston,

Texas, in the 1980s, the world was in the midst of the AIDS crisis. Being the local newspaper's medical reporter, I wrote a series on the devastating effects of the disease on the city's gay community.

I found myself notebook in hand attending a grief support group for men infected with AIDS. When I mentioned my assignment to my father he exclaimed, "Don't breathe too deep when you're around them.'

My dad was a veterinarian. He knew the virus was spread by bodily fluids, not the air. But what creeped him out was the idea of people sitting in a circle and talking about feelings.

After I had published the piece and my parents had read it, my father kind of grunted and didn't have much more to say. (That's how he dealt with things that made him uncomfortable.)

Looking back, I still want to weep for those young men who all surely succumbed to the virus.

One day my mom told me that my dad had volunteered to work as a grief counselor with the Stephen Ministry at our church in Galesburg. When she told me this, I thought it was the worst matchup ever.

But sometimes God calls us out of our weakness, not our strength.

During the decades he worked as a grief counselor, I saw him change. He developed empathy not just for those he was counseling but for humanity as a whole.

He became a caring, empathetic individual. He spent hours every week visiting the bereaved and just listening to them talk about their loss. He took classes in what to say and what not to say

One of the things he shared with me is never ask someone: "Why?" It comes across as judgmental. To this day, I have no idea who the people were he counseled.

But I can say with certainty that the person most changed wasn't those being counseled but the one doing the counseling.

He became an empathetic listener. Could it be, when we give we receive more in return?

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THE ODDS ARE 60-50 THAT'S WRONG."

By Scott Reeder

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 Years Ago October 13, 1922

Anumber of the extra Illinois Central trainmen, who have been working in Amboy, have gone to Waterloo, Iowa to work on the company's line there.

Wolverine Work shoes - good for 1,000 miles. Guaranteed all leather. Big reduction in prices. Sold for the last six years by S. Rose, gent's furnishings of all sizes.

The road running west from Rocky Ford has recently been graveled from in front of Henry Plauger's house to the small creek about a half mile west. Tis completes the surfacing of this road from Rocky Ford to Keller's corner, where it connects with the north/south road.

75 Years Ago October 9, 1947

Bert Howe purchased the pool hall and lunch counter from William O'Brien. In the transaction, Mr. O'Brien purchased the new residence on N. Jefferson which Mr. Howe recently completed. Mr. How established the Gamble Store in Amboy, selling it to Carl Shearer earlier this year.

Several WLS radio stars, including Patsy Montana and Gene Colin. entertained during the Amboy Fall Festival.

Specials at Kroger include 2 lbs. loaf Kraft Velveeta cheese 89 cents; Heinz tomato soup, three cans for 35 cents; two large packages Tide for 59 cents; Armor Star or Swift Premium bacon 79 cents a pound; Jonathan apples two pounds for 29 cents.

50 Years ago **October 12, 1972**

Two former Amboy High School grid stars appeared on the football roster at Illinois College at Jacksonville. They were Denny Weidman and Bob Bieser.

Fire destroyed the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rasmussen, six miles southwest of Amboy. The fire was discovered by a neighbor who was driving past the farm. No one was home at the time. The house and its contents were a total loss.

Mrs. L.S. Griffith, Mrs. Lola Long, Mrs. Neita Vaughan, all of Amboy, and Mrs. Milton Vaupel of Ashton, attended the tea held for Mrs. Richard Nixon at

the McCormick Place in Chicago.

25 Years Ago October 9, 1997

Central School's students were recently introduced to the 1997-98 BOOK IT reading incentive program sponsored by Pizza Hut. The program offers rewards for students meeting monthly reading goals in their classrooms. Students receive a slip good for a free personal pan pizza at any Pizza Hut, or the slip can also be used at the Central Library to buy a book or to get good behavior money for the PTC's store. Each class can earn a pizza party if every student in the class meets his/her reading goals in at least four months of the five-month program. Mr. Weidman, principal of Central School, has again challenged the students to meet these goals by adding an extra incentive to the program. Mr. Weidman will allow students who complete the goals to attend a program where Truly Remarkable Loon, a comedic juggler, will juggle pies over the principal's head.

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SPORTS

Amboy golfer Wilson laments four-year experience

By GEORGE HOWE

Amboy News Reporter AMBOY – After qualifying for state and advancing out of sectionals where he tied for first, Amboy senior golfer Wes Wilson had one goal and that was to make the cut and finish the Illinois State Tournament.

"It was pretty awesome to get to move on and now I'm dialed in to make the second day," he said before any ball was teed up. "There are naturally some pre-game butterflies but once we start it's just back to playing golf".

Wilson shot a round of 78 on day one Friday, Oct. 7, at the Prairie Vista Golf Club in Bloomington, positioning himself in 18th place with the cutoff at 89. His final two-day total of 157 tied him for 16th out of 89 qualifiers.

"Now that it's over I feel kind of sad," he lamented after his state experience. "I feel a sense of accomplishment that I ended up in the top 20 of 1A golfers. It's a great feeling."

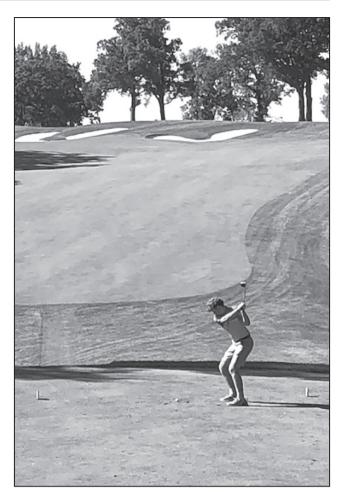
Golf coach Zach Ross has seen the maturation in Wilson's game over his four-year career. "As a freshman at his very first tournament held at Blackhawk in Stockton he shot a 75 on the front 9 and now he shot a 74 for 18 at both the regional and sectional qualifiers," explained Ross. "He's worked very hard over "For me, the best part of golf is competing against other golfers that are on my skill level or above and seeing what they do to make me a better player." –Wes Wilson

the last three summers and it's certainly paid off."

Wilson first caught the golf bug as a freshman at a Ryder Cup style tournament held at Sandwich. "My partner was Hayden Wittenauer and on a par three he put his drive 20 feet from the cup," he explained. "I made the putt for a birdie and from then on I was hooked."

Wilson went on to say that he wouldn't be where he is today without the support of his coach, family and the town of Amboy. "I want to thank my parents for buying all of my equipment for me," he said. "The love and support from them and my Grandma who shows up to most of my meets and motivating me to always get better really means a lot. I feel fortunate."

For the time being, Wilson doesn't know where he's going to play golf in college but looks forward to the challenges ahead. "For me, the best part of golf is competing against other golfers that are on my skill level or above and seeing what they do to make me a better player."



Amboy golfer Wes Wilson hits a shot during a recent golf meet. He finished in 16th place in the state tournament.

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 permit-



W. Wilson earns 16th-place finish in state golf tournament

□ Senior has 2-day total of 157

BLOOMINGTON – Amboy golfer Wes Wilson completed the 2022 season by participating in the IHSA Class 1A State Golf Tournament on Oct. 7-8 at Prairie Vista Golf Course in Bloomington.

Wilson fired a 78 in the first round and a 79 in the second round for a 157 total. That score was good enough to tie for 16th place overall in the individual standings.

Joey Trupiano of Effingham St. Anthony was the individual state champion with a two-round total of 148.

Effingham St. Anthony also claimed the team state title with a score of 618.

Wilson made it to the state tournament after he shot a sizzling round of 74 in the Port Byron

Riverdale Sectional on Oct. 3 at TPC Deere Run. Wilson's score tied with Jake Guse of Rockford Lutheran, who then captured the medalist honors in a playoff with Wilson.

Wilson's Clipper teammate Hayden Wittenauer also qualified for the sectional and had a score of 83.

Byron won the sectional team title with a 325, while Rockford Lutheran was second (330) and Rockford Christian took third (339).

AHS volleyball in Annawan Regional

ANNAWAN – The Amboy Lady Clippers have been assigned to the Annawan Class 1A Regional Volleyball Tournament to be played Oct. 24, 25, 26, 27.

The action will kick off on Monday, Oct. 24 when the Lady Clippers take on Cambridge at 6 p.m. The winner of that match will move on to meet top-seeded Annawan on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 6 p.m.

Two matches will be played on Tuesday, Oct. 25. Forreston will meet LaMoille and Hanover River Ridge will battle Morrison. The winners of those matches will play the second match on Wednesday.

The championship is slated for Thursday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m.

The winner of the Annawan Regional will advance to the Forreston Sectional to face the champion of the Aurora Christian Regional on Monday, Oct. 31 at 6 p.m. The other sectional participants will come from the Peru St. Bede and Polo regionals.

Annawan Class 1A Volleyball Regional Monday, Oct. 24

1 – (10) Amboy [Coop] vs. (11) Cambridge [Coop] – 6 p.m. **Tuesday, Oct. 25**

2 – (4) Forreston vs. (13) LaMoille – 6 p.m.

3 – (6) Hanover (River Ridge) vs. (12) Morrison – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

4 – (1) Annawan vs. Winner Match 1 – 6 p.m. 5 – Winner Match 2 vs. Winner Match 3 – 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 27

6 – Winner Match 4 vs. Winner Match 5 – 6 p.m. (championship)

Amboy boys win 2 meets

Amboy's cross country runners took to its own course and competed at Oregon in recent meets.

Amboy ran at Shady Oaks

Pertell (24:49.8).

Amboy harriers traveled to Oregon on Oct. 5. The boys scored 26 points

The boys scored 26 points and beat out Rochelle (35) and Oregon (65).

ted 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.

Allanglers, including 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 athttps://www.exploremoreil. com/agentlocator.

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; Kendall 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

(**Denotes sites open for catch-and-release early fall season fishing) defeated Polo, 23-34.

Kyler McNinch led the way for the Clippers with a second-place overall finish in a time of 16:54.1. Charlie Dickinson checked in next with a third-place finish at 17:11.5, while Atticus Horner took fourth in 17:16.2. Also competing for Amboy were Garrett Pertell (6th, 18:24.9), Kelton Schwamberger (8th, 19:08), Jaden Haley (10th, 19:45.8) and Ryan Dickinson (11th, 21:58.4).

The girls also raced, but no team scores were kept.

Amboy occupied the top four spots. Natalie Pratt won the race in 22:20.5, followed by Anna Carlson (22:43.9), Samantha Nauman (24:40.2) and Addison McNinch (17:57.9) and Horner (18:17.5) placed second and third, respectively, for the Clippers. Charlie Dickinson turned in a sixth-place performance in 18:29.7, while Garrett Pertell was 10th in 19:38.09, Schwamberger was 13th in 20:04.79 and Haley took 15th in 20:09.09.

Three Lady Clippers competed in the meet, which was won by Oregon with 31 points. Also in the team standings were Rockford Lutheran (36), Rochelle (71) and Stillman Valley (91).

Nauman came in seventh overall with a time of 25:01.7, Pratt was 15th in 26:00.29 and Addison Pertell was 20th in 26:56.2.



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Tuesday	, Oct. 18
	AHS Fall Play Practice-Auditorium-
	AJHS Art Club-Art Room-3:15-4 pm AHS Volleyball @ Fulton-5 pm
Wednes	day, Oct. 19
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	AHS Fall Play Practice-Auditorium-s
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	HS Volleyball (H) Eastland-5 pm
	Central School Drawing Club-Art Room-3:20-4 pm
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	School Board Meeting-AJHS-6:30 pm
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Junior Brennan Blaine catches a touchdown pass with style during Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio's 62-8 Week 7 victory over Prairie City. Blaine had two receptions for 142 vards, which were both touchdown completions, and one rushing TD. Photos courtesy of Brenda Merriman

Amboy wins big on the road

By BRANDON LaCHANCE Amboy News Reporter

BUSHNELL - The Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio football team has enjoyed a luxury all season.

Opponents don't know which Clipper is going to carry the ball into the end zone.

Bushnell-Prairie City is still trying to figure it out after Amboy defeated its Week 7 opponent 62-8 on Oct. 8 in Bushnell.

"It's nice to have all of these options," Clippers coach Scott Payne said. "Landon Whelchel and Quinn Leffelman did a great job running the ball. They're both very hard runners and they're hard to tackle. Brennan Blaine had two receptions for 142 yards. We're trying to get him more involved in running game.

The running plays set up play action to get Blaine the ball down the field. It's nice to have.

"We came out and played very well right out of the gate. We scored on third play of the game. The kids played better and better as the game went on. We played well offensively and defensively."

Whelchel scored a rushing touchdown, Leffelman added two scores on the ground, Blaine had two receiving TDs and a rushing TD, sophomore quarterback Eddie Jones recorded a touchdown, and junior Geo Gatz found paydirt twice.

The Clippers scored 30 in the first quarter, 20 in the second, and added 12 in the fourth quarter, while Prairie City scored its eight points in the second frame.

"We held to them to four rushing yards during the game. We played really well against the run," Payne said. "Our defensive line was in the backfield all day. They did a great job of getting in the backfield and disrupting their running game.

Our line is one of the best defensive lines in the state. Blaine, Leffelman, Austin Heath, and Landon Montavon have done a great job all year of slowing down rushing games and quarterbacks."



Amboy quarterback Eddie Jones delivers a pass against Bushnell-Prairie City on Oct. 8

AHS is now 6-1 on the season and know a playoff berth is evident.

However, the Clippers want to continue to pile on the wins to give them the best chance possible of a long, deep playoff run.

"It means a lot for us to keep winning. We want to get the highest seed we can," Payne said. "We have to keep playing our game. Week 8's opponent, Freeport Aquin (2-5) throws the ball a lot, so we will have to be ready to defend the pass. West Central (7-0) will probably be undefeated when they come to Amboy on Week 9. "We have to just keep winning and get the highest playoff seed possible.'

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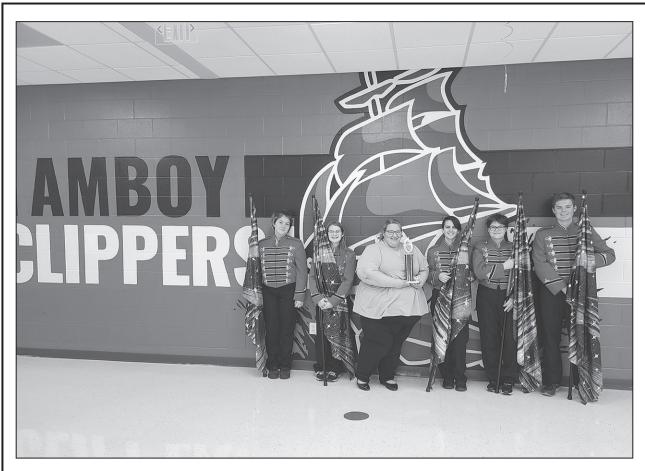
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Clippers place in parade

Amboy Clippers placed in the annual Autumn On Parade parade in Oregon on Sunday, Oct. 2. The AHS Marching Clippers placed in third overall, Drum Major placed fourth, Drumline placed sixth, and the AHS Marching Colored Guard placed in first. Left to right, are Cordia Asensio, Brooklyn Strub, Kaylee Jones (Flag director), Serenity Munk (Captain), Alex Palmer, and Reed Barnes (Co-Captain).

Courtesy photo

Schwamberger chosen October Student of Month

AMBOY — Amboy Senior Kelton Schwamberger has been named the AHS October Student of the Month. He is the son of George and Amy Schwamberger

GPA: 4.0

Memberships and Involvement: FFA, National Honor Society, Student Council, Band, Track, Cross Country, Leos Club, and Class of 2023 President. Awards and Honors: Section 2 FFA President, State Degree recipient, State and National FFA Band participant, National Honor Society President, and Student Council President.

Best Memories of AHS: "My favorite memory from AHS was dissecting a fetal pig in my anatomy class." Future Plans: "After high school I plan on going to Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisconsin. There I will major in Animal Behavior. After graduating from Carroll I plan to go to a larger university for my master's and eventually a doctorate in zoological medicine. I would like to work in an AZA-accredited zoo as a veterinarian."





Donuts for Dudes a Big Success

Amboy Central Elementary PTC held a 'Donuts with Dudes on Oct. 5 on the blacktop grounds of the school. Donuts, coffee, juice and milk were served to over 400 guests. Students brought their fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or any other important male person in their life to enjoy the day together. At the end of the event and before students were sent to class, the entire school gathered around the new playground equipment for a ribbon cutting ceremony by School Superintendent Joshua Nichols and a dedication to Denny and Brooke Weidman. The Weidman's were thanked for their donation to the playground facilities. Both were teachers at Central School for many years and hold a special place in their hearts. "It was a great event with a good time had by all," said Central Principal Joyce Schamberger. George Howe photo

AHS volleyball loses two

Polo defeated the Amboy Lady Clippers, 25-17, 25-23 in varsity volleyball action on Oct. 4 at the AHS gym.

The Lady Clippers traveled to Milledgeville on Oct. 6 and the home team won 25-14, 22-25, 25-18.

No other details were available.

Cheer on your favorite player or team by attending a game!!



Illinois State Board of Education seeking nominations for outstanding teachers, administrators, school personnel

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) issued a call for nominations for the Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year Awards, the program that recognizes outstanding teachers, administrators, school personnel, and volunteers. These awards honor individuals who have made significant contributions to Illinois' public and nonpublic preK-12 schools. Any person or organization may submit nominations for the awards on the ISBE website.

ISBE will honor the 2023 Teacher of the Year finalists and all Those Who Excel award winners at a banquet on April 29, 2023.

"Over the past few years, our educators have faced and overcome great challenges. Submitting a nomination for Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year Awards is such an incredible way to say thank you," said State Superintendent of Education Dr. Carmen I. Ayala. "Beyond expressing gratitude, the Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year program seeks to celebrate and elevate the incredible work done across Illinois. We encourage everyone to help us honor their colleagues, supervisors, and communities by submitting a nomination for the Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year Awards."

Out of the applications submitted statewide, a team of reviewers will select the 2023 Teacher of the Year from the group of finalists, consisting of the 10 Regional Teachers of the Year and the Bilingual, Special Education, and Early Childhood Teachers of the Year. ISBE will also recognize an Outstanding Early Career Educator with less than five years of teaching experience.

"Whether you are a teacher, administrator, or someone who supports those in education, I appreciate you and I admire you for everything you give to our students each and every day," said current Illinois Teacher of the Year Kimberly Radostits.

ISBE's Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year Awards honor excellence in several additional categories:

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ISBE will accept nominations now through Nov. 18. After being nominated, each nominee then submits an application. All applications are due by Dec. 2. Learn more about both the Those Who Excel and Teacher of the Year program requirements and submit a nomination on the ISBE website.

Natural Land Institute asking public's input

ROCKFORD –The Natural Land Institute (NLI) is seeking your help and input.

NLI is seeking reaccreditation with the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, a program of the Land Trust Alliance (LTA). The accreditation is important, because it recognizes NLI for meeting or exceeding national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. The Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, conducts an extensive review of each applicant's policies and programs.

The land trust accreditation program recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national quality standards for protecting important natural places and working lands forever. Natural Land Institute is pleased to announce it is applying for renewal of accreditation. A public comment period is now open.

The Commission invites public input and accepts signed,

written comments on pending applications. Comments must relate to how Natural Land Institute complies with national quality standards. These standards address the ethical and technical operation of a land trust. For the full list of standards see http://www.landtrustaccreditation.org/help-and-resources/ indicator-practices.

Public comments regarding NLI's work and how it complies with national quality standards facilitate the accreditation process and helps the commission gauge NLI's work. You can visit bit.ly/3OGMkGJ to see the national standards.

To submit a comment, visit landtrustaccreditation.org or send an email to info@landtrustaccreditation.org. Comments may also be faxed or mailed to the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, Attn: Public Comments: (fax) 518-587-3183; (mail) 36 Phila Street, Suite 2, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Deadline is December 1, 2022.

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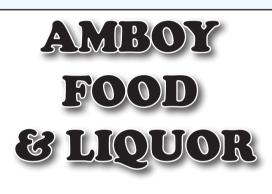
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201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

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511 **STORAGE UNITS**

Amboy & Sublette/ 10x20 Inside Storage. Outside and Inside Storage for semitrucks/trailers, boats, campers, etc. Call

201 DOMESTIC/CHILD CARE

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it's care.

CDL DRIVER & Auger Cart Driver Wanted for Grain Hauling. Local Work. Call 815-716-6681(10-20-22)

license of any facility

before placing a child in

301 ANTIQUES

WANTED TO BUY: Vintage Metal and Wood Signs, Milk Bottles & Local Advertising, Oak Icebox, Iron Door Stop and Antique Lighting... Call Dick Harms at 815-562-2928 or email dickharms@hotmail. com

ANTIQUES WANTED: I pay cash for antiques; furniture, glassware, pottery & crocks, tin & iron toys, sterling silver, decoys. If it's antique, I'm interested in looking! Call 815-562-2928 or <u>dickharms@</u> email hotmail.com

305 GARAGE SALES

ROCHELLE: ESTATE SALE! 425 S. 9th ST. OCTOBER 15TH EVERYTHING MUST GO! (10-16-22)

307 **MISCELLANOUS** FOR SALE

FALL DECORATIONS. White Birch Branches \$4 Each. Cork Screw Willow Branches \$2 Each. 815-393-4670

BUNDLED Newspaper -\$3 per Bundle. End Roll- Cost Depends on Weight of Roll. Available Monday - Friday 815-562-4171(8AM-NOON ONLY) Rochelle News Leader.

405 HOUSES FOR SALE

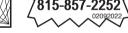
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409 HOUSES FOR RENT

COUNTRY HOME Rural Franklin Grove With Garage. No Pets. 815-456-2453. (10-12-22)







601 VEHICLES FOR SALE

2019 Chevy 1500 High Country **Crew Cab**

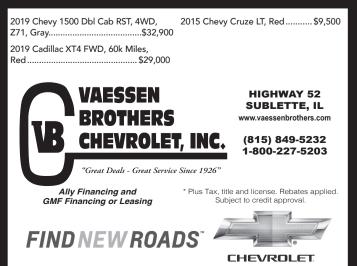


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\$52,900

2020 Chevy Malibu Premier, 2.0L, 34k	2019 GMC Canyon Crew Cab Denali,
Miles, Dark Cherry \$26,900	30K Miles, Maroon\$39,900
	2018 Chevy Equinox AWD Premier, 67K miles, 1-owner, Loaded, Black \$25,900
2019 Chevy 1500 High Country Crew	2017 Chevy 2500 Crew Cab, Long Box,
Cab, 24k Miles, Black\$52,900	4x4, LTZ, 72K Miles, Diesel, Black\$53,900
2019 Chevy GMC Sierra Crew Cab 1500 4x4, SLT, 62L V8, 35K Miles, Blue\$46,900	

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7. PSYCHOLOGY: What kind of fear Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and is represented by the condition called each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

chromophobia? 8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the only president to serve in the office who was not elected as vice president or president? 9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of tigers called? 10. MUSIC: Who was the first woman to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?











by Dave T. Phipps

PERSON EVER

WIT' ME, I KNOWS OLIVE WILL STAND BY ME SIDE.

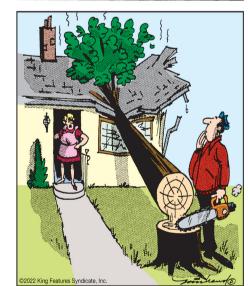


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"You woke up Mother!."



"It's true, I call my father after every fight —

He's a _____ !"

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Т	ODAY'S WORD	

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then

rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

SCRAMBLERS

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ ♦

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦ ♦ ♦ HOO BOY! © 2022 King Features Synd., Inc.

HOCUS-FOCUS HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Ball is missing. 2. Hand is hidden. 3. Paper has fewer Differences: 1. Ball is missing. 2. Hand is moved. 6. Footstool is missing.

DOCTOR Today's Word 3. Tangle; 4. Absorb uoitulos

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: P equals M KQZY HB FBT IZJJ Z IVJVMUZYVH AEIYEBRZJ PXF KQB'P XUBHTIERL

YBRP BA BTYXTY?

Z QELQ-FEVJH MBRH.

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10. Aretha Franklin.

.An ambush.

8. Gerald Ford.

 γ . Fear of one or more colors.

6. Virginia and West Virginia.

5. Aster and morning glory.

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4. Pre-baking a pie crust without fill-

3. Tiger.

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