



Miss Amboy 2022 Myla Davis took a turn in the dunk tank during Amboy Depot Days last weekend.

Courtesy photo

# The new tiara bearer

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter  
**AMBOY** — It took some support. It took some advice. It took some courage. When Myla Davis was able to put those three intangibles together with others and mix them in a pot, she decided it was time for her to enter the 2022 Miss Amboy Pageant at Amboy Depot Days. “My parents, other family members, and my sponsors (Amanda Walters and Sierra Vaessen) talked me into doing the pageant,” Davis said. “They all really encouraged

me to step up and speak. It was definitely a little nerve racking, but after my speech, I definitely had a lot more fun and I was relaxed.” Davis, a 14-year-old freshman at Amboy High School, never thought she would step on a stage, especially for a pageant. However, after her speech, she knocked the one question asked to her and the other Miss Amboy contestant, Maggie Keene, out of the park. Davis was then crowned the 2022 Miss Amboy. “I was asked, “How do you like high school com-

pared to junior high and what is the difference between the two? I thought I answered it pretty well,” said Davis, who moved to Amboy from Mendota when she was 6. “I definitely could have said more and maybe elaborated a little more, but overall, I think I answered the question way better than I did my speech. “I couldn’t believe that I won. I thought I did super bad on my speech since I didn’t remember most of it. I was kind of going off of just what I was thinking at the moment.”

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# Community Together in Unity, Sept. 11, 2001 ceremony planned

**DIXON** —The Blackhawk Firefighters Association (BFFA) is hosting Community Together in Unity, Remembering the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of 9/11. The ceremony will take place on Sunday, Sept. 11, at 12 p.m., at the Dixon Fire De-

partment, 210 S. Hennepin Avenue, Dixon. The ceremony will honor the heroes of September 11, 2001. The public is invited to attend the memorial service; however, seating will be limited, so please plan accordingly.

# FEMA grant headed to Amboy Fire Department

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**AMBOY** — The Amboy Fire Protection District has a tough job of retaining fires and many other life-threatening duties. Although not life threatening, the department also has the difficult responsibility of raising the funds to make sure firefighters and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) have the equipment and training needed to complete tasks. This includes going through the process of filing for federal grants. The Amboy Fire Protection Agency was

approved of a \$39,000 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Fire Act Grant. “These grants are very important. Basically, manpower and recruitment retention are a dire need,” Chief Bryant Sr. said. “We’re having to staff and paying for staff to get by and we’re using money that is earmarked for equipment to do so. Anytime we can get funding to replace equipment or funding to recruit and train firefighters, it helps offset that cost.

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# Dinges Fire awards scholarships

**AMBOY** — On Aug. 26 at the 15th Anniversary Dinges Fire Company Golf Outing held at Shady Oaks Country Club, Lauren Tarr and Ashton Eisenberg received \$1,000 scholarships. The golf outing and scholarships are in memory of Doug Antoine and Paul Craig. Both men served as fire fighters with local departments and worked with Dinges Fire Company. Lauren Tarr is attending Sauk Valley Community College and plans to pursue a career in law enforcement. She is a member of the Sublette Fire Department. Ashton Eisenberg is attending Augustana College this fall with plans to enter law school. Dinges Fire Company has given \$15,000 in scholarships to local students pursuing careers in fire service, law enforcement, or health services.

*Pictured (l to r): Ashton Eisenberg, Nicholas C. Dinges, CEO, Dinges Fire Company, and Lauren Tarr.*  
Photo submitted



# A Look Back At Amboy’s Heroes Who Served During World War II

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

## Sgt. Charles Walter Reynolds

Sergeant Charles W. Reynolds was born to Walter and Nellie Reynolds in Dixon, on Sept. 23, 1916, prior to America’s entry into the first World War. In the years to follow, Charles would be blessed with four sisters, and eventually one half brother after his



mother’s second marriage. Shortly after Charles was born, the family moved to Amboy, where his father was employed as a brakeman for the Illinois Central Railroad. In September of 1918, the Spanish Flu reached Illinois, beginning at the Great Lakes Training Center and spreading around the state through transportation routes. Several weeks later, Walter Reynolds, while on the job, suddenly became ill and was taken from his train to a hospital

in LaSalle. On Oct 24, when Charles was two years old, his father succumbed to the flu, leaving Nellie as the sole provider for the family. During his early years, Charles and his family resided on South Appleton Street in Amboy. He attended Central School and finished his education after completing eighth grade. It is likely that Charles worked in various jobs around Amboy to help support his family during the 1930’s. By 1940, Charles was



23 years old, and married to Marjorie Hobbs. The couple was renting a home in Lee Center, where Charles was employed at a quarry (possible what later became the Crystal Lake Campground), with an annual salary of \$400. The couple had one daughter at this time. In 1940, Charles registered for the draft, while he continued to work and support his young family. He was inducted into the U.S. Army at Fort Sheridan, Illinois on

Aug. 15, 1944 and was sent to Camp Joseph Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas for his basic training and was then assigned to the 15th Infantry Regiment of the 7th Army. In January 1945, he embarked for Germany from Fort Meade, Maryland. Upon arrival in Europe, the U.S. Seventh Army provided support at the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium, before moving in harsh wintertime conditions into Germany. See **REYNOLDS** page A3



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Miss Amboy 2022 Myla Davis and runner-up Maggie Keene.  
Brandon LaChance/Amboy News

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Davis and Keene were actually the closest in points between queen and runner-up according to Emily Zimmerman, who has run Miss Amboy since 2016.

"It was the closest race that we've ever had. Usually, the judges don't point out the point difference to me, but it was very important to the judges this go around to make it known that there was only a two-point difference," said Zimmerman. "The only thing that I can possibly think of is, Myla is just a little bit older."

"Maggie, an eighth grader, is one brave girl. It goes by age and she is an older eighth grader. I've never had an eighth grader or anyone in junior high brave enough to go out for Miss Amboy. I'm extremely happy for Myla and incredibly proud of Maggie for taking a daring leap of faith and doing something I don't think anybody has done in the history of Miss Amboy before."

Zimmerman was also blown away that Davis or Keene didn't want much help with the pageant.

"I offered to work with the girls on their speeches and peer review them if need be. Neither of the girls took me up on the offer," Zimmerman said. "I was really impressed with how their speeches went. I think they did a phenomenal job."

"They both seem pretty introverted. I think it just goes to getting outside of their comfort zone and doing something extraordinary compared to their peers. They both did a fantastic job."

After donning the tiara, Davis was the definition of busy during Depot Days.

Davis walked around the

carnival meeting new people, handed out awards for the 5K and the car show, choose her favorite car at the car show, was in the parade, and for a little extra fun, got in the dunk tank.

It was an exciting time for Davis, whose favorite subject is social studies because there are different varieties to choose from, is part of the Amboy dance, cheer, and softball teams, enjoys Outter Banks when in front of the TV, likes white better than any color, giggles when she says pickles are her favorite food, and wants to explore all of Europe.

"I think it was super amazing and fun. I think more people should be in the pageant," Davis said. "I never thought

I'd be on stage doing it until I actually was, and it was a really great experience."

It's a good possibility Davis could be part of the Miss Amboy fraternity Zimmerman is trying to create.

For this year's pageant, Zimmerman — who was Miss Amboy 2001 — had Rayven Wehling (2016 Miss Amboy) as the first queen to be a judge, and last year's winner, Dana Merriman, was present the day of the initial contestant interviews and talked to Davis and Keene about the pageant process.

Zimmerman hopes this becomes an annual tradition as Miss Amboy alumni join together to help turn teenagers into young women.

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"It's very beneficial. There is a ton of money out there. The caveat is you have to have time and people to go after the money. We have to keep going after the money and hopefully we can continue to be successful and benefit our community and our neighbors."

The FEMA grant, which Amboy found out it was approved Friday, Aug. 26, is going to be used to pay for a new fire engine, which has been ordered.

This is the seventh FEMA grant the department has received.

On July 28, the Amboy Fire Protection District was

approved of a \$125,463 federal grant in part of Senator Dick Durbin's Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs Act (SIREN).



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# LOCAL NEWS

## TEEN TURF

### Aerobics

We will be started this week, Tuesday, Sept. 6. 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.

### Barnyard Bingo

Congratulations to our 2022 winners, Linda and Paul Erisman. We also want to thank Willie Kisse and family for bringing their horse. Thank you to Mark Grossman and Larry Piper for putting this all together. Thank you to those who sold and bought tickets. We appreciate it so much.

### Afterschool program

Program started yesterday, Tuesday, Sept. 6. If you have a third grader or above, they may be able to attend. They will ride the bus, have a hot meal, a fun place to play, and of course complete homework. Contact us on Facebook or Call 815-857-4800. We have over 50 children signed up.

### Volunteers

We have over 50 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.

### Thank You's

We are always grateful for those that help us: Lynn and Tim O'Laughlin for the toilet paper; Vicki Schauer for the toilet paper; Donna Wellman for the items and pie; Jim and Jean Travi for the monetary donation and tomatoes; Sandy Morrissey for the monetary donation; Sharon Black for items; Chris and Dave Shaw for the art supplies/straws; Helen Heckman for the items; Anonymous donation of cucumbers; Sheila Mitchell for the umbrellas and Chris Noble for bringing them; Larry Piper for fixing the bathroom; Elijah, Gibson, and Jonathan for the arcade machine and Dawn and Brian Conway for bringing it; Kathy McLaughlin for the items.

### Needs

Apples, Oranges, and Grapes

### Final Word

The Nonprofit Serenity Prayer O Great and Loving Unicorn of Equity, give us the strength to be the change we want to see and the resilience to continue our work. Bless us with the wisdom to appreciate the people and the world around us and help us to see light when there seems only darkness, so that we may be an instrument of peace and community.

## September is National Preparedness Month

**CHICAGO** – September is National Preparedness Month, and FEMA Region 5 in Chicago encourages everyone to take the steps to prepare for disasters and create a lasting legacy for future generations.

"Prioritizing personal readiness and the things you value should be part of any plan to take care of your loved ones now and in the years ahead," said Tom Sivak, regional administrator, FEMA Region 5. "Protecting your legacy doesn't need to be difficult or expensive. Start with simple steps and include each member of your household, so everyone has a part in safeguarding the future."

### Lower- or No-Cost Disaster Preparedness Tips

- Learn your risks and make a plan. Ready.gov offers free resources to learn more about the disasters you may face and what to consider when planning for them.
- Access local resources. Contact your local fire department to find out if they may have programs that provide fire or carbon monoxide detectors. Check online for free or discounted CPR courses offered near you.
- Sign up for free emergency alerts in your area to receive life-saving information from your state and local municipality.
- Verify your home is fully insured for the disaster risks in your area. Talk to your insurance agent to ensure there are no gaps in your coverage, but also remember you should shop around to get the best rate. Ask about discounts that may be available and consider increasing the deductibles to reduce your premiums.

## REYNOLDS

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In February, the Seventh went on the offensive, eventually crossing the Rhine to capture Nurnberg and Munich. On April 25, 1945, Sergeant Charles W. Reynolds was killed in action. On this same day, American Army Forces had stopped at the Elbe River to allow their Soviet Allies to capture Berlin. President Franklin Roosevelt had died two weeks earlier, and the war in Europe would end by May 5. Sergeant Reynolds was survived by his wife, Marjorie, daughter Marjorie Marie, and his son, Richard.

In Aug. 18, Sergeant Reynold's remains were returned to Amboy and were taken to the Tomlinson Funeral Home. His memorial was held days later at the First Baptist Church in Amboy, conducted by Pastor Donald Smith, with burial following at Prairie Repose Cemetery. Military rites were led by the American Legion, the V.F.W., and the Amvets.

### Citations:

Purple Heart  
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Army Presidential Unit Citation  
Army Good Conduct Medal

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**DIXON**-The Lee County Health Department will have Immunization Clinics for Children and Adults by appointment only. Call 815-284-3371 to make an appointment or for information on other services available. You may also visit the website at [www.lchd.com](http://www.lchd.com) for a list of services available.

**AMBOY**- The Amboy Farmers Market is held on Fridays from 8 a.m. – noon, in the Amboy Depot Museum parking lot shelter.

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

**SUBLETTE**- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1-6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9, at Lakeview Building, 509 Lamoille Rd., Sublette. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

**FRANKLIN GROVE**-The Franklin Creek Conservation Association, an Illinois registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit and Friends group to Franklin Creek and the Franklin Creek State Natural Area, is hosting the Second Annual Grist Mill Grind 10K

and Fun Walk at 8 a.m. on Sept. 10. All proceeds from this event will go to the Franklin Creek Conservation Association to help fund park programs, park expansion, and park improvements. For the past two months, volunteers and IDNR have been cleaning the trails to prepare for this event. It is open to runners and walkers alike, even on the 10K portion. The course winds you through the gorgeous State Natural Area, where the views are impeccable. This is a challenging course, but one you feel proud to complete.

**SUBLETTE**-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 12 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, Sept. 12.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, Sept. 12. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

**AMBOY**- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13, at the Amboy Community Building, 280

W. Wasson Rd. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

**EAST GROVE TWP**-The East Grove Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the East Grove Township Hall.

**MAY TWP**-The May Township meeting will be

held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the township maintenance building.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

**AMBOY**- The Amboy CUSD School Board will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15, at Central School.



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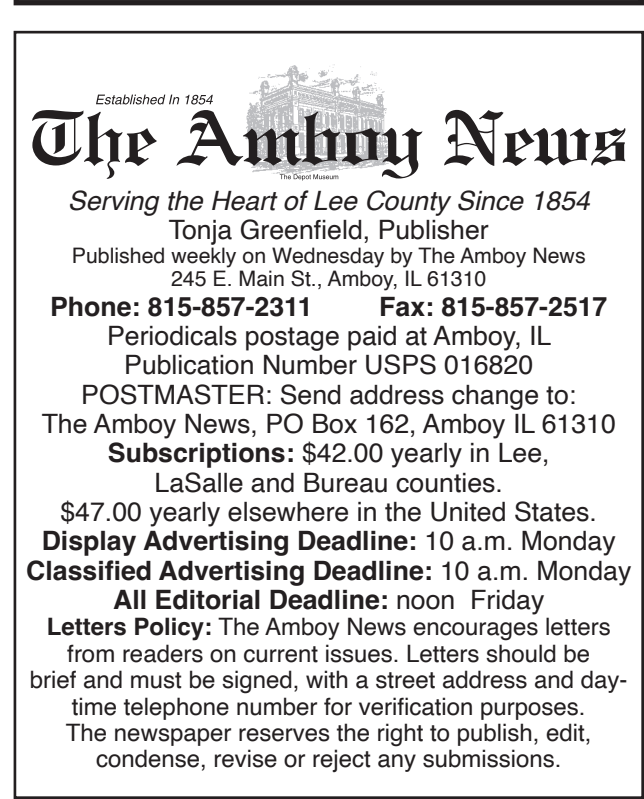
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# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

## OBITUARIES

### Ruth Elaine Clara Geuther

Jan. 28, 1930 - Aug. 31, 2022

**LA MOILLE** – Ruth Elaine Clara Geuther, 92, of LaMoille, passed away peacefully, Aug. 31, 2022, at Stonecroft Assisted Living, Mendota.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022 at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarion with the Rev. Ian Griffith officiating. Burial will be in Clarion Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation was Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. in Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota.

Ruth was born in Lee County on a farm to Gust and Malinda (Grosch) Bauer on Jan. 28, 1930. She attended Bartlett School, 80 rods south until it closed, then went to Sublette Public School 7th and 8th grade. She attended Mendota High School graduating in 1947. She married the "love of her life" Lyle Geuther, Aug. 18, 1948, at Zion Lutheran Church. For 2 ½ years they lived on a farm south of Sublette, then they moved to the Hill Farm on Old Chicago Road in Bureau County in 1951.

She is survived by her four children, Mark (Nora) Geuther, Amy (Ron) McFarlain and Brad (Debra) Geuther all of LaMoille, and Melody Sheahan of Heber City, Utah; 10 grandchildren, Troy (Christy) Geuther of Brentwood, Tenn., Chad (Allison) Geuther of Amboy, Lance (Becky) Geuther of O'Fallon, Mo., Jarod (Megan) Sheahan, Derek (Rene) Sheahan, Sarah (Jason) Rambo all of California, Tyler (Staci) Martin of Ortonville, Mich., Brianna Blanton of Aurora, Jade Geuther of Kentucky and Nigel (Neftali) Lizarraga of Arizona; nine great grandchildren, Elise, Weston Lyle, Cadence and Amelia Geuther, Bryce Martin, Benjamin Sheahan, Omni, Oakley, and Ozzie Lizarraga and two sisters-in-law, Evelyn Beardin of West Brooklyn and May Geuther of Mendota.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Norman Bauer, one sister Bernadine Kessel and one son-in-law, Phillip Sheahan. She was a lifelong member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarion, where she was baptized, confirmed and married. She taught Sunday School, was a choir member, Ladies Aid, and Sarah Circle member. She volunteered at Mendota Community Hospital and later OSF Saint Paul Medical Center for over 25 years. She was on the Mendota Lutheran Home Auxiliary board for over 10 years. She worked for Franks Poultry House for 25 years, where she made many lifelong friends. She delivered Meals on Wheels those years with the help of Amy and Cajun Ron. She was a member of the Lee County Home Bureau and 4-H Leader.

After moving to Bureau County, she belonged to Clarion Home Extension for over 50 years. She volunteered for the Red Cross.

Memorials may be directed to Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery or the family to support her charities. Online condolences may be left at [www.merrittfh.com](http://www.merrittfh.com).



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### Marilyn I. LaCourse

Dec. 3, 1933 - Sept. 2, 2022

**GRAND DETOUR** — Marilyn I. LaCourse, 88, of Grand Detour, died on Friday, Sept. 2, 2022, at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood.

She was born on Dec. 3, 1933, in Amboy, the daughter of Russell and Elizabeth "Belle" (Lupton) Smith. Marilyn worked for the Amboy Rug Factory, Oregon Telephone Company, Amboy Sterile Packaging, later Deans Foods, and the Amboy Nursing Home. She spent time working for Meals on Wheels, and the Amboy School Buses.

Marilyn married Warren Dale Stewart on Oct. 10, 1954, at the Baptist Church in Amboy. He preceded her in death on Sept. 9, 1966.

She is also preceded in

death by her parents, one son in infancy, sister, Dorothy Heath, and one granddaughter, Amy Provow.

Marilyn is survived by her children, Peg (Dave) Stewart Gulick, of Mendota, Doug (Cheri Beckingham) Stewart, of Rockford, Timmie D. Stewart, of Dixon; grandchildren, John Provow, Mike (Stephanie Phillips) Kaiser, Brenda (Ervis) Stewart Dilo, Leah Kaiser, Krista (Matt) Gulick Brown, Sarah Gulick, Dylan (Kate Grobe) Stewart; and great-grandchildren, Adrianna Provow, Calvin Dilo, Biana Dilo, Aniyah Charles, and Rowan Stewart; and her beloved cat Tootsie. Visitation will be from 10 – 11 a.m., on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2022, at the Mihm-Jones



Funeral Home in Amboy. Services will follow starting at 11 a.m., at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy. Burial will follow at Prairie Repose Cemetery in Amboy.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

## Scholarship funding still available

**CHICAGO**—The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), in collaboration with the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE), is encouraging those who work or have worked in early childhood education or childcare and who are interested in getting an additional degree or cre-

dential in the field to apply for the ECACE Scholarship. The scholarship can cover a student's total cost of attendance (including tuition and fees, books, and room and board) and there is still funding available for the 2022-23 school year. Detailed information and a link to the 2022-23 scholarship application is now available on the ISAC website at <https://www.isac.org/ECACEscholarship>.

To be eligible for the ECACE Scholarship, those who are seeking credentials and/or a degree in early childhood education must currently be working or have worked in the early childhood field. This includes applicants who are currently working or have worked in either a licensed or license-exempt childcare facility that serves children from birth to age 5, including home-based child care (e.g., family, friend, neighbor), center-/community-based

child care, Preschool for All programs, school-based preschool settings, and Head Start programs. Applicants must provide documentation confirming their membership in the Gateways to Opportunity® Registry. Other eligibility requirements are available on ECACE Scholarship webpage.

For eligible students attending community colleges and public universities, the scholarship covers the total cost of attendance for an academic year (including summer) after other financial aid received. Students at participating non-profit private institutions may receive an amount no more than the cost of the most expensive program of study in the early childhood education field at an Illinois public college, after other financial aid received. Recipients of the scholarship are expected to continue or return to teaching or direct services in the early childhood care and education field in Illinois after they complete their program of study.

To apply for the scholarship for the 2022-23 academic year, students should complete the 2022-23 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) if they have not already done so, as well as the ECACE scholarship application and required documentation.

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls and good wishes for our 60th wedding anniversary. Thank you to our family for the fun celebration.

Clarence and Marilyn Blaine

Thanks to everyone that remembered June Partington with gifts, cards, text messages & phone calls on her 90th birthday! She enjoyed hearing from each of you!

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# SOCIAL NEWS



Charlotte Bontz Dierdorff

## Dierdorff to celebrate 95th birthday

**DIXON** — Charlotte Bontz Dierdorff will be celebrating her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sept. 16, 2022.

Charlotte has three children, eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Charlotte was married to Warren Bontz who died in 1989. She then married Lyle “Chet” Dierdorff who died in 2006.

Charlotte is still bowling twice a week in the Senior Bowling League at Plumhollow. She is also known for taking many pictures.

A drive-by parade to honor her is scheduled for 4 p.m., on Sept. 16, for all those wishing to stop by and wish her a happy birthday. Cards may be sent to her at 124 Liberty Court, Dixon, IL 61021.

## AHS Class reunions wanted for this year’s Homecoming

**AMBOY** — Members of the Amboy High School Class of 1997 are needed to judge this year’s Amboy High School Homecoming hallways, floats, and skits.

Any other reunion class (from years ending in 7 or 2), please contact Jessica Arellano, the Student Council Advisor at AHS, about being part of the parade or being announced at halftime of the football game. To contact Arellano, please email [jarellano@amboy.net](mailto:jarellano@amboy.net) or call the school 815-857-3632 and leave a message Arellano.

## The Big Sing planned at Egyptian Theatre

**DeKALB** — An exciting choral concert that includes performances by professional, collegiate, and high school choirs returns to the Egyptian Theatre for a second straight year, Sunday, Sept. 18 at 3 p.m. “The Big Sing” brings together the finest choral ensembles in DeKalb County for an afternoon of beautiful music celebrating the power of passionate musicians united in song.

The concert is being produced through a community partnership between the professional choir Cor Cantiamo and the NIU Choral Department. Dr. Eric Johnson, Director of Choral Activities at NIU is thrilled to celebrate the legacy of excellence that will be on stage for the concert.

“All three of the high school directors are NIU alumni, and are doing exceptional work in their programs,” shares Dr. Johnson. “Additionally, many of the professional singers in Cor Cantiamo are NIU alumni who have established successful musical careers as solo artists and music teachers.”

The Big Sing is an excellent opportunity for the DeKalb and area communities to hear a diverse spectrum of choral music in one afternoon and learn about the amazing music that is happening in local schools and community arts organizations.

Tickets for the Big Sing are available through the Egyptian Theatre Box Office at \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors and \$5 for those 12 and under.

Sponsors of the event include the Cy Miller Foundation, the City of DeKalb, the Farny R. Wultizer Foundation, the DeKalb County Community Foundation, Shaw Media and the NIU College of Visual and Performing Arts.

# THE PASTOR’S PEN

## THE BEST IS YET TO COME

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

**B**ut now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep... So also, is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.” 1 Corinthians 15:20; 42-44a

In recent days some of the events in my family and pastoral activities have included conducting a memorial service for a dear saint in the Lord, assisting in moving my mother-in-law to a nursing home, and baptizing some young people. In reflecting upon these things, I thought how in some respects these events represent both ends of the spectrum of our human lives. “Youth” with all its vitality, hope and promise for the future... and in our “Golden Years” we begin thinking about and preparing for the end of life. Most of us who are somewhere in between these two places often comment, “How fast time goes by” ... or something similar to this. And no one can deny that. Even though my mother-in-law has lived in many places

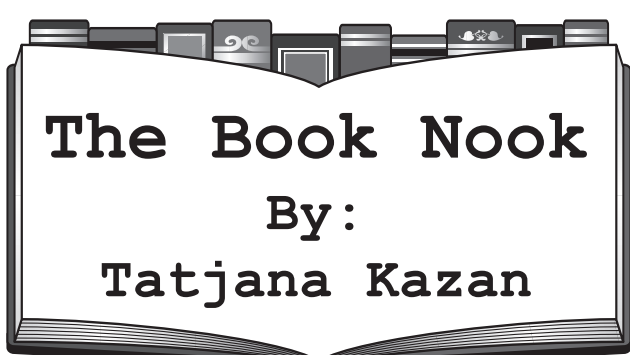
during her lifetime, my wife and I agree that this one will probably be her last “home” this side of heaven. But what a comfort and source of peace it is for those with faith in Christ to realize that there is something else already planned for us when this temporary life on earth comes to an end. Something eternal and something glorious.

And even though the focus of Scripture is not primarily upon the afterlife... there are many references to our eternity (so much so that it was difficult choosing which one to include for this column). Suffice to say that our new “tent” will be so much better than our current one... no matter how young we are or how good of shape we are in. We live in a day in which the best of human athletes can now run a mile in under four minutes. They run 26-mile marathons in about two hours. They can lift hundreds of pounds of weight over their heads. This is the degree to which human beings are able to practice and train their bodies. Yet even these bodies, as good as they are, are still flawed and corrupt from heaven’s perspective. The effects of sin have affected all of us. This is our lot in life. We are all mortal.

“For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven.” 2 Corinthians 5:1-2. Doesn’t it just make sense that the body in which we will spend the rest of eternity living in will be so much incredibly better than even the best of human athletes.

If God wanted to give us a more detailed description of heaven or our eternal bodies, He certainly could have. But He chose to somewhat limit the details and focus more primarily on the importance of how we live our current lives unto Him. I don’t know ... maybe He is holding back that information until the actual time when we get there and finally experience it firsthand as a great big, glorious surprise... as only a loving heavenly Father can do. I encourage us all to keep living our lives here with purpose... as well as anticipation. Yet, “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9.

God Bless you, Pastor John.



## SAINT AND SINNER

**D**oubtless 1968 was a watershed year, though from our perspective of over a million deaths from COVID in two short years, its sense of overwhelming crisis seems to have diminished. Still, the Vietnam War, the ferocious Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, the assassinations of Dr. King and Bobby Kennedy, the massive anti-war demonstrations and campus uprisings, like the student take-over of Columbia University, badly divided people much as we are experiencing in our time.

In Sigrid Nunez’s novel “The Last of Her Kind,” (2006, reissued in 2019) two young women enter Barnard College of Columbia University in the fall of 1968. The narrator, Georgette George, is from an impoverished, violent family from New York’s North Country and brilliant Anne Drayton, her roommate from a wealthy patrician family, is obsessed with the downtrodden. George sums up her strange new friend: “She believed that some of the chains in which men everywhere found themselves were those emotional ones that prevented them from giving voice to their suffering and letting others know what they needed. This was a favorite theme, a cornerstone of Ann’s philosophy of life, and I could never hear it without thinking, Don’t let the pack know you’re wounded, which was a kind of motto where I came from.”

Nunez recreates the 1960’s counterculture of drug, sex, and rock and roll in the person of Solange, George’s younger sister, a runaway who reemerges after years of traveling with groups of wandering hippies. They consider Charlie Manson a hero whereas the Tate-LaBianca murders leave them cold. Solange writes a successful memoir, but spends the rest of

her life in and out of mental institutions.

George and Anne drop out of college during their sophomore year. George goes to work at “Visage,” a fashion magazine, while Anne falls in love with an older Black grade school teacher whom George finds rather patronizing. Their friendship comes crashing down during a massive fight, never to be repaired. George goes through two awful marriages but happily settles into motherhood, a traditional choice which makes us wonder if she is the last of her kind.

Nunez’s portrayal of the two friends is masterful, especially of Anne, who possesses the purity of a saint, but scoffs at the notion of religion and coldly treats her parents as exploiters of the poor. Anne ends up in prison, where she tells her only friend that it was after she came to prison that she realized she’d never been happy. She does much good work, but as her friend reports, “nobody liked it either that she wanted to be treated like she came from the bottom. She didn’t understand that, by asking for this, she was actually putting herself above everyone. Who did she think she was? ... If you’re rich, you can’t play poor.”

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**EARLY VOTING** – Will be conducted in the Election Department, first floor of the Old Lee County Courthouse beginning on September 29, 2022. Voting hours are: Monday through Friday, 8:15 AM until 4:15 PM and 9AM until noon on Saturday, November 5, 2022. We are closed on legal holidays.

To comply with the federal voting accessibility law, election judges are allowed to deliver a ballot to any voter who is not able to get into the polling place. A request must be made to the Election Department prior to Election Day to make arrangements for two judges to deliver a ballot to a voter within 50 feet of the polling place. To reach the Election Department please call 815-288-3309 during normal business hours.

Once a ballot is cast, it cannot be rescinded. Excluding legal holidays, all above dates apply for the November 8, 2022 General Election.

Nancy Petersen  
Lee County Clerk & Recorder

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# Opinion

## Loan forgiveness does nothing to solve the underlying problem

When I first met my wife 21 years ago, her mother wasn't so sure about me.

After all, I was a decade older than her daughter and we were engaged to be married within five weeks of meeting. So, she tried to come up with things that might scare me off.

"Has Joan mentioned that she has \$85,000 in student loan debt?" she said to me one day. I replied, "Yes, she has; I still want to marry her."

For those economists reading this column, that's \$142,000 in today's dollars. Add interest paid on top of that and you are talking about really big bucks.

But the debt is now paid off.

And now we have three daughters who will soon be leaving for college themselves.

President Joe Biden's recent announcement that he will unilaterally forgive \$500 billion in student loan debt sounds magnanimous until you figure out it really means folks who either didn't go to college or who have already paid for college will end up footing the bill for someone else's college education.

After all, these are federal loans that are underwritten by the American taxpayer.

The predicament we are now in is not all that different than the housing crisis in 2008.

Back then bank presidents were giving loans to homebuyers who would not likely be able to pay the loan off. Why would a banker do such a thing? Because they could immediately sell off those loans to the federally sponsored organizations Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and leave the taxpayers on the hook if the borrower defaulted.

University presidents are doing the same thing today. They are admitting students into degree programs where there is little chance individuals will earn enough to pay for the cost of their education.

Why would a college president do this? Because students are able to borrow federally backed student loans, and if they can't pay it back, again, the taxpayer is responsible.

The current student loan system contributes to the tuition hyper-inflation we are now experiencing in higher education.

Colleges raise tuition because they know students will cover

### Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



the cost with borrowed money. Students borrow more money because tuition has been raised. And the self-perpetuating cycle continues.

The interesting thing about this cycle is where the money is going.

"The student/professor ratio has remained unchanged over the years," Antony Davies, a professor of economics at Duquesne University told me a couple years ago. "The growth we have seen is in the area of administrative overhead. More and more people are being hired to do things like make sure the university is complying with government regulations. They have no direct contact with students."

Now President Biden says the debt should be forgiven.

This is a reverse Robin Hood program. It is disproportionately benefitting wealthier households at the expense of others. More significantly it does nothing to solve the underlying problem of the cost of education.

The Washington Post noted in an Aug. 24 editorial, "Widely canceling student loan debt is regressive. It takes money from the broader tax base, mostly made up of workers who did not go to college, to subsidize the education debt of people with valuable degrees. Though Mr. Biden's plan includes an income cap, the threshold does not reflect need or earnings potential, meaning white-collar professionals with high future salaries stand to benefit. Student loans, moreover, are a poor proxy for household income: An analysis by policy researcher Jason D. Delisle found that, in 2016, students from high-income and low-income families were just as likely to take on debt for their first year in an undergraduate program — and students from high-income families borrowed the largest amounts."

So how do we reform the system? The most obvious way is to have student loans underwritten by the college the student is attending rather than the federal government. This would force university administrators to ask tough questions like can someone earning an art degree pay off a \$100,000 debt?

Another option would be for the government to treat colleges the way Biden wants to deal with big pharmaceutical corporations. Since taxpayers foot the bill for medicine purchased through Medicare, he wants to use that clout to

negotiate down the price of prescriptions for all of us. Good for him.

But he ought to be doing the same with colleges and universities. If they want their students to be eligible for federally backed student loans and grants, they need to lower the cost of a college education.

In the 1970s, 25 percent of high school graduates between 18 and 25 attended college. Today that number is 50 percent. But don't fool yourself. Kids are not twice as smart as they were back then.

Instead, we are putting more and more people on the path toward credential seeking. Some people even make the mistake of confusing learning with credential seeking.

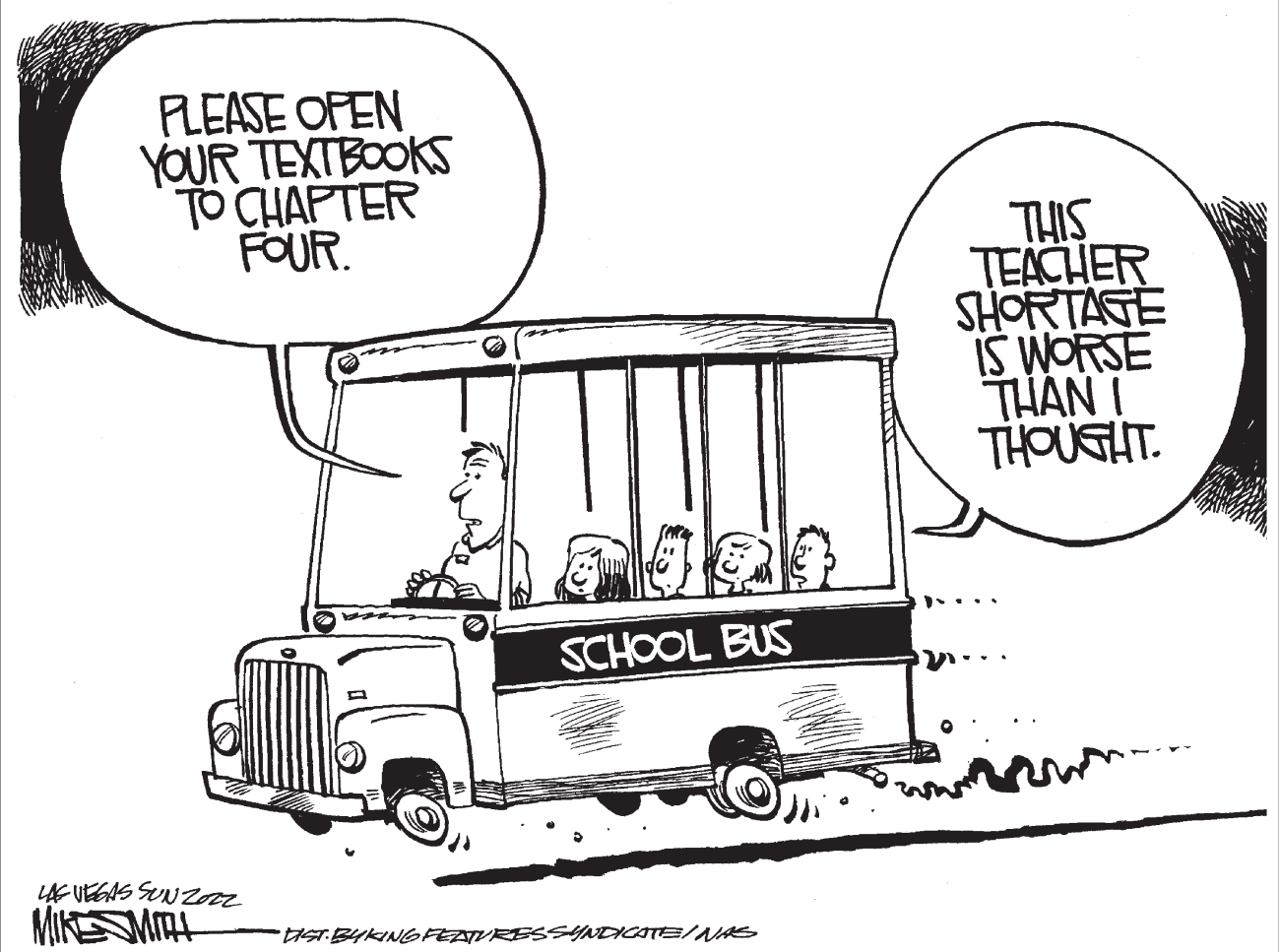
When my dad taught me carpentry and concrete masonry skills as a teenager, that was just as much a learning experience as sitting in a classroom and memorizing the periodic table. But there are some highfalutin folks who don't think much of such learning experiences. To them, education only counts if it comes with a degree (and a price tag) attached.

Trade unions, employers and others offer excellent training opportunities that don't require the assumption of debt. Some of the best journalists I've worked with never attended college. They started at small weeklies and worked their way up.

When a plumber comes to my house, it doesn't matter to me if the person attended college. And yet they are paid well and their work is critical to society.

College isn't for everybody. But opportunities to succeed should be available for everyone.

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## ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

### 100 YEARS AGO Sept. 1, 1922

J.N. Coleman of Chicago, the architect who drew up the plans for the new township high school, was killed in an automobile accident on the Lincoln Highway near Rochelle.

Josephine Egan and her friend Jane Judge returned to Amboy from an extended automobile tour of the west. Both Glacier and Yellowstone Parks were visited. The 4,300 miles round trip took almost two months.

### 50 YEARS AGO Sept. 7, 1972

With the loss of six linemen and two backs from last year's varsity team, Coach Don Fritz faced the task of rebuilding his football squad with only 21 players.

Sister Maureen Becker was named principal of St. Patrick School in Clinton, Iowa for the 1972-73 school year. She is the daughter of

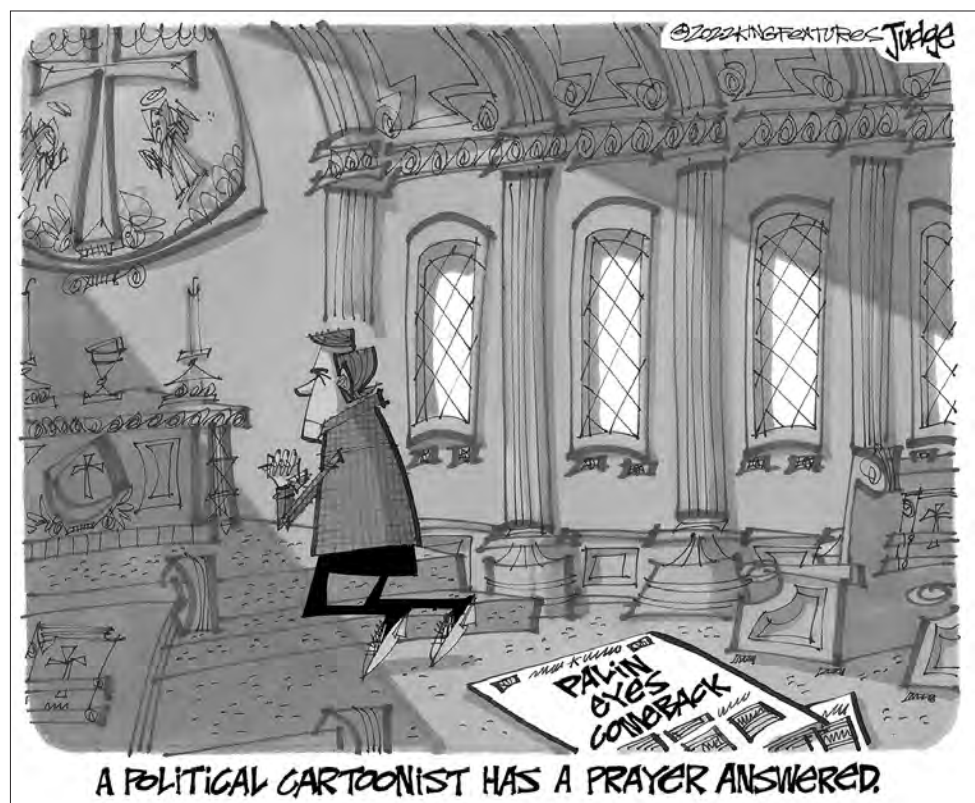
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Becker of Sublette.

### 25 YEARS AGO Sept. 4, 1997

Gary Jones, the Amboy football coach could not explain what happened in the Clippers 17-3 non-conference loss to Burlington Central. "I thought our defense played well. We held them in check quite a bit. Our

offensive line just did not get the job done," Jones said.

Lee County 4-H member McKinley Todd of Walnut won both the junior and Open Carcass shows at the 1997 Illinois State Fair. Her Maine Anjou x Angus steer graded high choice with a yield grade of 2.8 and had a retail yield per day on feed of 1.487 pounds.



### 75 YEARS AGO Sept. 4, 1947

Central School was heavily damaged by fire delaying the opening day of school. The fire was believed to have started in the ceiling of a storage room in the basement on the west side of the building. School will start on September 8 with classes held at the Methodist, Congregational and Baptist churches until further notice.

Franklin Grove was planning their Fall Festival with concessions, rides, 4-H show, home arts and flower shows, and free entertainment nightly.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## \$300 million in funding available for Energy Bill Assistance

**SPRINGFIELD** – Governor JB Pritzker and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) are encouraging families in need to apply for \$300 million in available funding for energy bill assistance through the Help Illinois Families program. All families who meet the criteria and provide required documentation are eligible to receive bill assistance for natural gas, propane, and electricity through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

“Every Illinoisan deserves access to reliable energy—regardless of their economic status,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “Thanks to LIHEAP, we are making natural gas, propane, and electricity assistance accessible for our state’s family that are feeling the squeeze from rising costs of living. My administration has always been—and will always be—committed to making sure that every resident has access to the services they need to keep the lights on.”

As of Sept. 1, families can apply by visiting [helpillinoisfamilies.com](http://helpillinoisfamilies.com) or by visiting their local agency. Families can also call 1-833-711-0374 for assistance in 30 languages.

“Starting Sept. 1, support with energy bills

is available through DCEO’s Help Illinois Families program and all households who meet the income threshold are eligible for support with their utility bills,” said DCEO Director Sylvia I. Garcia. “Families who earn up to two-times the federal poverty level qualify for help, which means a family of four making around \$55,000 a year or less is eligible. I encourage all Illinois families in need of assistance to visit our website or call our hotline to learn more and apply.”

LIHEAP provides one-time payments directly to energy service providers on behalf of recipients. While the amount of support varies based on the needs of individual families, last year’s LIHEAP recipients received an average of \$1,330 per household. All families who meet the qualifications and provide proper documentation will receive support until funding is exhausted. Families who earn up to two-times the federal poverty level are eligible to receive support through LIHEAP. A chart with eligible income thresholds can also be found at the website.

Eligibility requirements – Family size (household): 1 - \$2,265 (30-day gross income); 2 - \$3,052; 3 - \$3,838; 4 - \$4,625; 5 - \$5,412; 6 - \$6,198

Key Information for Families to Apply:  
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• Call 1-833-711-0374 for assistance at any point during this process.

• Additional information about eligibility and criteria can be found on the website.

Additional Program Information:

The State of Illinois offers various programs to support eligible low-income families with utility assistance. These programs are open to ALL eligible low-income Illinois families who meet the criteria, including undocumented families. Programs for eligible families include:

• One-time Direct Vendor Payment: All LIHEAP recipients receive a one-time payment.

• Crisis/Reconnection Assistance: Funding is available for families in heating-related emergency situations.

• Furnace Assistance: Based on funding availability, Furnace Assistance may be provided to households that do not have an operating furnace for their residence.

• Home Weatherization Program: The

Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP) helps low income residents and households conserve fuel and reduce energy costs by making their homes and apartments more energy efficient.

• Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program: The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) provides eligible households with a benefit of up to \$400 for water and wastewater services based on poverty level. Households facing the threat of imminent disconnection, or those that have already been disconnected, may be eligible for a benefit of up to \$1,500. The application for LIHWAP is open through Sept. 30, 2023, pending funding availability.

In addition to LIHEAP and available state resources, the federal government through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) recently unveiled several initiatives designed to lower energy costs for families, including federal rebates for the installation of energy efficient appliances, rebates for families to make improvements for energy efficiency and more.

Last year’s LIHEAP funding - which was available from September 2021 through May 2022 – provided a record level of assistance to 302,000 households.

## RECYCLE! RECYCLE! RECYCLE!

*To the Electors of the State of Illinois:*

The Illinois Constitution establishes a structure of government and laws for the State of Illinois. There are three ways to initiate change to the Illinois Constitution: (1) a constitutional convention may propose changes to any part; (2) the General Assembly may propose changes to any part; or (3) a petition initiative may propose amendments limited to structural and procedural subjects contained in the Legislative Article. The people of Illinois must approve any changes to the Illinois Constitution before they become effective. The purpose of this document is to inform you of proposed changes to the Illinois Constitution and to provide you with a brief explanation and a summary of the arguments in favor of and in opposition to the proposed amendment.

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ADD SECTION 25 TO ARTICLE I OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I — BILL OF RIGHTS

#### SECTION 25. WORKERS' RIGHTS

(a) Employees shall have the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing for the purpose of negotiating wages, hours, and working conditions, and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work. No law shall be passed that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and work place safety, including any law or ordinance that prohibits the execution or application of agreements between employers and labor organizations that represent employees requiring membership in an organization as a condition of employment.

(b) The provisions of this Section are controlling over those of Section 6 of Article VII.

#### EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment, which takes effect upon approval by the voters, adds Section 25 to the Bill of Rights Article of the Illinois Constitution. The new section will guarantee workers the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively and to negotiate safety conditions, wages, hours, working conditions, and economic welfare. The amendment prohibits the passage of any new law within the State that restricts or prohibits workers from engaging in collective bargaining with their employer over wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment, like safety protocols or training.

#### Arguments In Favor of the Proposed Amendment

This amendment will protect workers' and others' safety. That includes guaranteeing nurses' right to put patient care ahead of profit and making sure construction workers can speak up when there's a safety issue. It will protect workers from being silenced when they call attention to food safety threats, shoddy construction, and other problems that could harm Illinoisans. This amendment protects firefighters and EMTs who put their lives on the line to protect Illinoisans. It means they get the training and safety equipment they need to do their jobs, and can speak out when they see a problem without fear of retaliation. This amendment will help our economy by putting more money in workers' pockets who join together and get raises. That will mean more money going into our communities and small businesses as people join the middle class with good-paying jobs.

#### Arguments Against the Proposed Amendment

A fundamental right provided to all citizens under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution is the right to free speech and freedom of association. This amendment prohibits any law or ordinance that allows union workers to choose whether they wish to be a member of the union or not. Under the 2018 United States Supreme Court decision *Janus v. Illinois AFSCME*, non-union government workers cannot be required to pay union dues as a condition of working in the public sector. Approval of this constitutional amendment will deny that protection to private sector workers. The amendment also states that lawmakers could never "interfere with, negate, or diminish" certain rights. These terms are broad and undefined and leave lawmakers without the ability to clarify through legislation. Our Illinois Constitution provides such protection to public employees. The result of that protection has been to squash efforts by state lawmakers and voters to address Illinois' pension fund deficits.

#### FORM OF BALLOT

##### Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution

##### Explanation of Amendment

The proposed amendment would add a new section to the Bill of Rights Article of the Illinois Constitution that would guarantee workers the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively and to negotiate wages, hours, and working conditions, and to promote their economic welfare and safety at work. The new amendment would also prohibit from being passed any new law that interferes with, negates, or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment and workplace safety. At the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, you will be called upon to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ For the proposed addition of Section 25 to Article I of the Illinois Constitution.  
NO \_\_\_\_\_

#### CAPITOL BUILDING SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

*I, Jesse White, Secretary of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Proposed Amendment, the Explanation of the Proposed Amendment, Arguments in Favor of the Amendment and Arguments Against the Amendment and a true copy of the Form of Ballot for this call as the regularly scheduled general election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, as set forth in compliance with the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.*



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, Done in the City of Springfield, this sixth day of September, 2022.

*Jesse White*

Jesse White  
Secretary of State

The link below has information about a proposed constitutional amendment that will be considered at the November 8, 2022 general election.

以下连结提供将在2022年11月8日大选中提出拟议的宪法修正案相关信息。

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Poniższy link zawiera informacje na temat proponowanej zmiany konstytucyjnej, która zostanie rozpatrzona w wyborach powszechnych w dniu 8 listopada 2022 r.

El siguiente enlace contiene información sobre una propuesta de enmienda constitucional que se considerará en las elecciones generales del 8 de noviembre de 2022.

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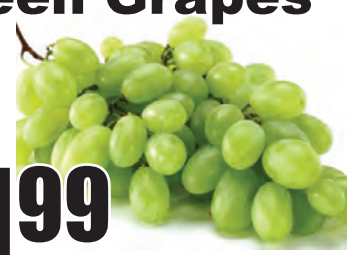
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# SPORTS

## Clippers destroy River Ridge 68-14, move to 2-0

BY BRANDON LACHANCE

Amboy News Reporter  
**AMBOY** – The cowbells and Clipper’s signs were rocking in the bleachers on Friday during the Week 2 matchup in Amboy between the Amboy Clippers and the River Ridge Wildcats football teams.

Amboy scored its first touch down with 1:57 off of the clock and never slowed down as the Clippers pummeled the Wildcats 68-14.

“We were well prepared for their offense. We knew they kind of had an odd offense that not a lot of teams run,” said Amboy junior tight end and defensive end, Brennan Blaine. “We studied film and knew that the QB (Sam Ries) could throw the ball well. Our defensive backs covered the receivers very well.”

The first touchdown of game came from sophomore fullback Quinn Leffelman and he added on two more points with the two-point conversion run.

Junior running back Kye Koch scored next on a 13-yard run with 7:10 on the first quarter clock. Leffelman ran in another two points to give the Clippers a 16-0 lead.

The next two scoring drives were passes from senior quarterback Tucker Lindenmeyer to Blaine. The first was for 25 yards, Lindenmeyer ran in the two points, and the second was for 65 yards to give Amboy a 36-0 lead after the first quarter.

“A team like we have, we can do pretty much anything,” said Blaine, who finished with three receptions for 117 yards and two touchdowns. “We started off running off-tackle power plays and they worked well. Once they stopped that, we opened it up, threw the ball, and that worked, too.”

“It seemed like everyone scored. I’m really proud of these guys for playing the way we did.”

The second quarter started in the same fashion, as junior running back Landon Whelchel scored on a 41-yard run, he also ran in the two-point conversion, with 10:17 on the clock and sophomore Eddie Jones ran in a 12-yard score at the 2:33 mark, Whelchel ran in for two, to give the Clippers a 52-0 halftime lead.

“It was a great night. Our offensive line did a great job of blocking and our backs did a great job of hitting the holes,” said Amboy coach Scott Payne. “Our offense got going and once it got going, we didn’t punt the ball one time, that’s always a plus.”



*Pictured left, Amboy junior Brennan Blaine leaps between two Wildcats for a touchdown against River Ridge during Week 2’s match up in Amboy.*  
 Brandon LaChance/Amboy News



*Pictured right, Senior QB Tucker Lindenmeyer finds Quinn Leffelman open in the middle. Leffelman only threw in the first quarter and finished with four complete passes for 131 yards and two touchdowns.*  
 Brandon LaChance/Amboy News

With a running clock intact, the second half saw the Clipper’s backup players take to the field.

Payne was happy with their play and glad everyone got some playing time.

“Our backup running backs came in and everyone ran the ball well. In the second half, we put in Geo Gatza, who is usually a lineman, in at fullback. He broke a run for about 20 yards,” Payne said. “It was good to see this, everyone have fun, and everyone get significant playing time. That helps build confidence as we move on in the season.”

River Ridge scored for the first time in the game at 6:34 in the third quarter.

Amboy didn’t wait long to answer as Ben Fry scored on a 23 yard run with 4:02 left in the third. Gatza ran in the two-point conversion.

Gatza saw the endzone in the fourth quarter as his 20-yard TD run, followed with another two-point run, came with 11:12 in the final frame.

River Ridge ended the game’s scoring with a 13-yard run with 7:20.

The Clippers then let the time run down as they are ready for the Week 3 matchup against Milledgeville.

“That’s a big game. Milegville and us, we had some good games last year,” Payne said. “They have some of their top players from last year back. They’re a well-coached football team. Coach Jason Wroble does a good job coaching his kids and they have a fundamentally sound football team.”



*Pictured left, Amboy junior Brennan Blaine runs into the end zone during the first quarter of Friday’s 68-14 victory over River Ridge. Blaine had three catches for 117 yards and two touchdowns of 25 yards and 65 yards.*

*Pictured below, Quinn Leffelman, a Clipper sophomore running back, hit the right corner for the score against River Ridge on Friday. He took six carries for 51 yards and two touchdowns in the game.*  
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Monday, Sept. 12

AHS Fall Play Practice-Auditorium  
 AHS Fresh/Soph Football (H) Milledgeville-5:30 pm  
 AHS Golf @ Warren-4 pm  
 AJHS 7th/8th Volleyball (H) AFC-8th-5 pm/7th-6 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 13

AHS Fall Play Practice-Auditorium-  
 AHS Volleyball @ AFC-5 pm  
 AJHS 5th/6th Volleyball (H) Sauk Valley Catholic-6th-5 pm/5th-6 pm  
 AJHS 7th/8th Volleyball @ St. Marys, Sterling-8th-5 pm/7th-6 pm  
 AJHS Art Club-Art Room-3:15-4 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 14

AHS Art Club-Room 210-3:30-4:30 pm  
 AHS Fall Play Practice-Auditorium  
 AHS Golf (H) Eastland-4 pm  
 AJHS 5th/6th Volleyball @ Morrison-6th-4 pm/5th-5 pm

Thursday, Sept. 15

AHS Fall Play Practice-Auditorium-  
 AHS Cross Country @ Rochelle-4:30 pm  
 AHS Volleyball @ Pearl City-5 pm  
 AJHS 5th/6th Volleyball @ St. Marys, Dixon-6th-5 pm/5th-6 pm  
 AJHS 7th/8th Volleyball (H) Dixon Catholic-8th-5 pm/7th-6 pm  
 Central School Drawing Club-Art Room-3:20-4 pm  
 School Board Meeting-Central School-6:30pm

Friday, Sept. 16

AHS Varsity Football (H) Milford-7 pm

Saturday, Sept. 17

AHS Cross Country @ Bureau Valley-9:30 am

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# SPORTS

## Amboy golf results

Amboy High School golf results are as follows:

Aug. 16 @ Galena

(V) Galena 178, Amboy 199

Amboy scores: Wes Wilson 41, Hayden Wittenauer 47, Jordan Harris 56, Griffin Bushman 59, Luke Corcoran 58, Carson Barlow 55

(JV) No team scores

Amboy scores: Brysen Full 65, Logan O'Brien 75

(Girls) No team scores

Amboy scores: Andrea Buhrow 75, Greta Horner 68, Emma Dinges 71

Aug. 22 @ Shady Oaks

(V) Amboy 180, Dakota 246

Amboy scores: Wes Wilson 40, Hayden Wittenauer 39, Griffin Bushman 49, Carson Barlow 52, Brysen Full 64, Logan O'Brien 58

(Girls) No team scores

Amboy scores: Andrea Buhrow 58, Greta Horner 65, Gracie Holmgren 70

Aug. 24 @ Silver Ridge

(V) River Ridge 166, Amboy 192, Polo 287

Amboy scores: Wes Wilson 44, Hayden Wittenauer 45, Carson Barlow 50, Logan O'Brien 62, Brysen Full 53

(Girls) River Ridge 234, Polo 239, Amboy 278

Amboy scores: Andrea Buhrow 66, Emma Dinges 60, Greta Horner 66, Gracie Holmgren 86

Aug. 25 @ Rochelle

(V) Mendota 179, Rochelle 184, Amboy 197

Amboy scores: Wes Wilson 38, Hayden Wittenauer 40, Carson Barlow 55, Brysen Full 65, Logan O'Brien 64

(Girls) No team scores

Amboy scores: Andrea Buhrow 67, Emma Dinges 60, Greta Horner 65, Gracie Holmgren 69

Aug. 29 @ Shady Oaks

(V) Amboy 188, Durand/Pecatonica 213

Amboy scores: Wes Wilson 41, Hayden Wittenauer 43, Carson Barlow 55, Brysen Full 60, Logan O'Brien 74

(Girls) Amboy 257, Durand/Pecatonica 270

Amboy scores: Andrea Buhrow 60, Greta Horner 60, Emma Dinges 66, Gracie Holmgren 71

Aug. 30 @ West Carroll

(V) Amboy 188, West Carroll 210

Amboy scores: Wes Wilson 38, Hayden Wittenauer 38, Carson Barlow 49, Brysen Full 65, Logan O'Brien 63

(Girls) No team scores

Amboy scores: Andrea Buhrow 68, Emma Dinges 62, Greta Horner 67, Gracie Holmgren 77

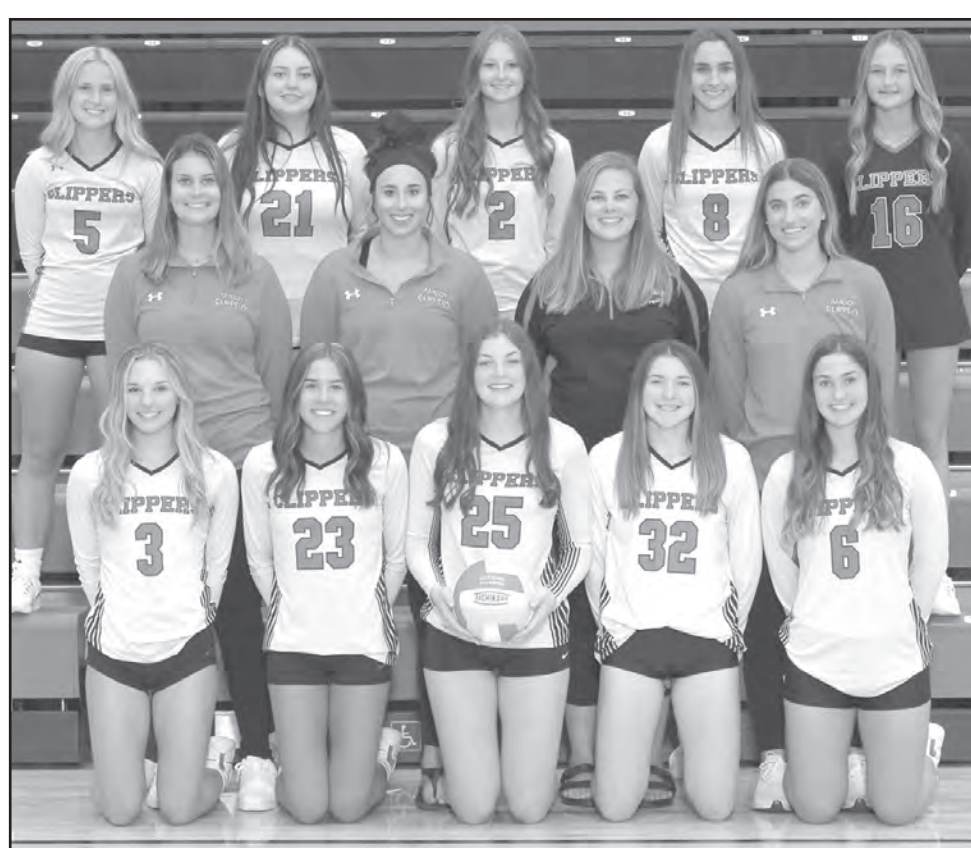


### Golf

Front row, left to right, Andrea Buhrow, Greta Horner, Emma Dinges, coach Zach Ross. Middle row, Jordan Harris, Griffin Bushman, Brysen Full, Logan O'Brien, Carson Barlow. Back row, Jackson Rogers, Hayden Wittenauer, Wes Wilson, Luke Corcoran.

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## Lady Clippers earn win over Kirkland

AMBOY – The Amboy Lady Clippers broke into the win column for the first time this season with a straight set 25-17, 25-15 verdict over Kirkland Hiawatha on Aug. 29 at the AHS gym.

The Lady Clippers had their serve game working in fine fashion as Tyrrah Vaessen collected eight aces, and Madison O'Malley,

Elly Jones and Courtney Ortgiesen added three aces apiece. Vaessen also led with four kills and eight assists, while Jones topped the team with six digs and Ortgiesen supplied a pair of blocks. Also, Kiera Karlson and Ortgiesen had three and two kills, respectively, while Vaessen, Emersyn Noble and Ellie McLaughlin chipped in with three digs apiece.

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Nonprofit Pegasus Special Riders sustains storm damage for second time this year

BY JEFF HELFRICH  
Special to the Amboy News

OREGON — The facilities at Pegasus Special Riders sustained storm damage on Aug. 28 for the second time this year, PSR Board President Donna Fellows said Tuesday.

The nonprofit, located at 6668 S. Carthage Road near Oregon, has been operating since 1997. It's a therapeutic riding program for children and adults with special needs. Volunteers perform all of the required duties, such as working with the riders, caring for the horses and facilities, raising funds and providing the necessary administrative support.

The damage on Aug. 28 included the facility's loafing shed for its horses and severe damage to a storage building. Back on March 5 of this year, a windstorm severely damaged the main arena building. High winds tore off about 120 feet of canopy, twisted the steel frame and the large front door was blown off and landed inside of the arena.

Pegasus Special Riders has been unable to perform any rides this year due to the original storm, and the recent damage set recovery efforts back. The nonprofit is still working with its insurance provider for the March 5 storm.

Dave Diveley, the prop-

erty manager at Pegasus Special Riders, said the damage in March was over \$300,000. The cost of the most recent damages that he knows of so far includes \$6,500 and around \$8,000 for two structures.

Pegasus Special Riders has a contractor set up for repairs and is waiting on insurance funds, which will likely start to be disbursed soon from the March 5 storm.

"Our contractor needs 20-25 percent down to order the parts," Diveley said. "Without the insurance money, we don't have the funds to do that."

Fellows said the nonprofit plans to rebuild and start rides and lessons as soon as reconstruction allows.

"We will go forward," Fellows said. "We've lost a whole year of lessons. And that isn't where we get any money. We get 99 percent of our money from donations. We'll somehow make it work. We always have. This is our 25th year of business. And this is what we had. No business. We haven't been able to do any rides or anything. The bad part is, this is like a ghost town. Usually we have volunteers out here. And because of the damage, we were afraid to have anyone in the buildings because you never know what's going to happen. We're out of commission. Hopefully



if we can get everything organized, we can start in the spring. That's our goal. But that depends on the weather for reconstruction."

Throughout its years when possible, PSR has held two annual fundraisers. Its family picnic is held in June or July and riders show their relatives and friends what they can do on a horse. On July 23 of this year it was held

for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic, but no demonstration was able to be held due to the storm damage. Pegasus Special Riders also holds an annual fundraiser in October called the Mane Event, but that will have to be put off this year due to the storm recovery.

PSR is accepting donations to help with the storm recovery and they can be

made at <https://pegasusspecialriders.org/>. Fellows said if knowledgeable and capable members of the community want to help with the cleanup and reconstruction as volunteers, they can reach out as well.

Before the March 5 damage, Pegasus Special Riders conducted its lessons inside

the arena. It planned on doing some outside lessons this year, but due to the recent damage, that can't happen.

"Every time we've thought we had a handle on things moving forward, something like this happens and we're pushed two steps back," Diveley said. "The work will be ongoing through the winter. Work will have to be done on construction of the new building and things that have been exposed to the weather will have to be replaced."

In years past, PSR has served riders from Rockford, Rochelle, Dixon, Rock Falls, Sterling, Belvidere and other area communities. Fellows is excited to see them again after reconstruction.

"Our riders and families have been without a place to go," Fellows said. "I still get calls and have to tell people because they don't know we're not up and running this year. I have them on a waiting list for when we know we can do it."



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# LOCAL NEWS



Bubble artist Ben Jimenez performs his bubble act on a father and daughter. (Photo contributed)

## Bubble Festival set Sept. 10 at Discovery Center

**ROCKFORD** – Enjoy a sudsy day of fusing art and science with a touch of joyful magic at Discovery Center's 2022 Bubble Festival on Saturday, Sept. 10. The Festival will include four live shows by professional bubble artist Ben Jimenez as well as the Bubble-Palooza playground for children after each show.

Jimenez will amaze people of all ages with his 30-minute bubble show as he showcases bubble stunts, shares cool bubble science facts and gets the audience involved. Jimenez uses his bare hands and a few simple tools to create beautiful, humorous, and mind-boggling soap bubble sculptures, does bubble magic, puts people inside bubbles, teaches STEM, and more. After his show, pop over to the Bubble-Palooza Playground to practice your own bubbly tricks as you test your soapy skills with bubble art and science activities.

Morning shows at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. are geared more toward young children, while the 1 and 2 p.m. shows incorporate science principles and are geared toward elementary-age children and older. Tickets are \$3 members; \$5 public (Museum admission extra \$10); free to children ages 1 and younger.

Jimenez is a professional soap bubble artist from Evanston. Reservations can be made online at <https://bit.ly/bubblefestival> or by phone at 815-963-6769.

## 10th Annual Illumination planned at The Morton Arboretum

**LISLE** —Dazzling new light displays celebrating the Arboretum's centennial year and a special late night event series will highlight the 10th anniversary of Illumination: Tree Lights at The Morton Arboretum.

From Nov. 19 through Jan. 7, 2023, guests will explore 18 different features along a tree-lined one-mile walking trail immersed in color, light and sound created exclusively for The Morton Arboretum. Within this array, six new exhibits will join returning favorites such as Treemagination and Hug-a-Tree, including a spectacular finale in the Arboretum's new Grand Garden.

Also new this year is the addition of Electric Illumination, an 18 and older late night event, 9:30-11 p.m., Dec. 16, 23 and 30, featuring an eclectic, DJ-curated mix of Trance and Progressive House music synchronized to the breathtaking light displays.

"We're taking Illumination to a new level this year in celebration of the Arboretum's centennial and the 10th anniversary of the exhibition," said Preston Bautista, Ph.D., vice president of learning and engagement. "The addition of Electric Illumination provides a new and distinct late-night experience with an entirely different soundtrack," he

explained. "This will also be the first year that the finale will be approached through a sparkling tunnel of light along the Arboretum's new Grand Garden, opening Sept. 18."

IllumiBrew returns for a special pre-opening event Nov. 17-18 for guests 21 and older to enjoy craft beer tastings along the Illumination trail.

The annual light exhibition highlights the beauty and form of trees in winter. Warm concession tents offer beverages and snacks such as s'mores kits to enjoy by crackling bonfires along the route.

In addition to the new Grand Garden spectacular, a traditional favorite, Meadow Lake Magic, will be completely reimagined to include 15-foot-high mirrored towers floating in the water with light beams shooting from atop each into the sky. Among the interactive features will be Shadow Play, a new touch-free wall where guests can express themselves while casting colorful shadows. Two of artist Daniel Popper's Human+Nature exhibition sculptures will be featured in this year's exhibition.

Returning Illumination favorites include The Champion Tree, Crown of Light, Enchanted Forest, Enchanted Gateway, Festival of Lanterns, an expanded Golden Glade, Hug-a-Tree,

Ornament Hill, Symphony Woods, Treemagination and Woodland Wonder.

The exhibition was custom designed and developed uniquely for the Arboretum in partnership with international media and exhibit designers Lightswitch LLC and features energy-efficient, eco-friendly LED lighting.

Illumination tickets go on sale Oct. 1 at [mortonarb.org](http://mortonarb.org) and in-person at the Arboretum Visitor Center during operating hours. Members receive early-bird pricing through Oct. 31. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$35 per person. Children under age 2 will be free of charge.

Illumination sponsor ComEd is offering a 20% discount for a limited number of non-member Illumination tickets on select Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays using the code COMED-LIGHTS2022 at checkout (see the [mortonarb.org](http://mortonarb.org) website for specific dates). The offer is valid for up to four tickets per transaction and is subject to availability.

Illumination will open each evening at 4:30 p.m., with the last entry at 8:30 p.m., and lights will go out at 9:30 p.m. with the exception of Electric Illumination late-night hours from 9:30 to 11 p.m.

Illumination is generously supported by Invesco QQQ, ComEd, and Duly Health and Care.

## Arts-oriented charter bus trip planned to Milwaukee with Encore! Mt. Morris

**MT. MORRIS**—Encore! Mt. Morris is offering their fourth arts-oriented chartered bus trip on Oct. 5, traveling north to Milwaukee this year.

All seats are open to the public. Highlights include:

- \* Lynden Sculpture Gardens (including their bonsai exhibit, "Healing Coats" grass-roots art exhibit and 50+ larger contemporary sculptures; wear comfortable shoes),

- \* Milwaukee Art Museum in downtown Milwaukee;

- \* China Lights, (a lanterns light show,

marketplace and demos of Chinese handicrafts, and cultural entertaining events, all held in the Boerner Botanical Garden) <https://www.chinalights.org>

Cost is \$100 that includes the bus (yes, gas prices are up) and all entry fees. Dinner will be on your own at either the Art Museum, a nearby restaurant or at any of the China Lights concessions.

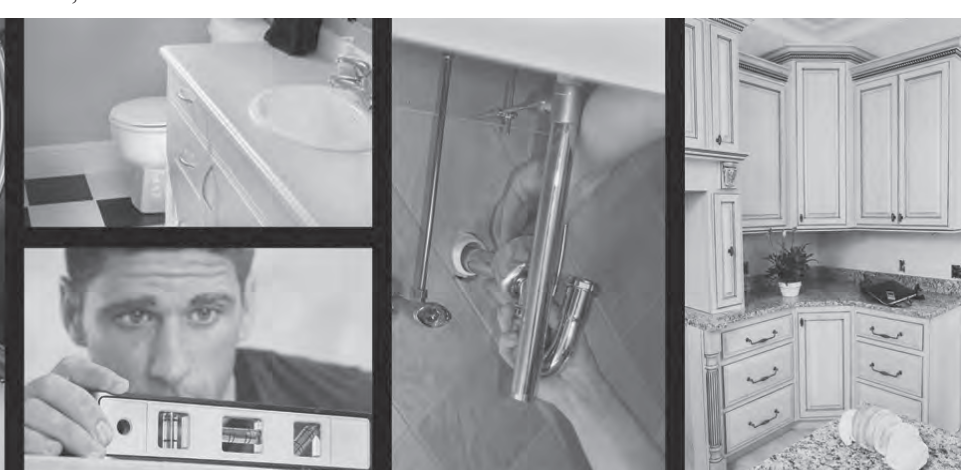
Registration can be completed online at [encoremtramorris.com](http://encoremtramorris.com); click the Milwaukee Bus Trip button, or stop by the Mt. Morris Village Hall at 105 W Lincoln St. A more detailed schedule and

links to the main venues appear on our website, as well. Registration deadline: Sept. 21 because tickets for some of the events must be purchased in advance to secure a group rate.

Minimum registrations required: 24. Questions? [mollyb@encoremtramorris.com](mailto:mollyb@encoremtramorris.com)

Encore! Mt. Morris is composed of volunteers committed to developing Mt. Morris, into a unique, thriving rural and cultural arts destination in northwest Illinois. Learn more at [EncoreMtMorris.com](http://EncoreMtMorris.com).

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# LOCAL NEWS

## RACF's Planes, Trains, & Automobiles event is Saturday at the airport

**ROCHELLE** – Please put your trays and seats in the upright and locked positions... because Planes, Trains & Automobiles is ready for takeoff. The Rochelle Area Community Foundation (RACF) along with its presenting sponsor – Zekelman Industries – would like to personally invite the community to attend a family friendly event on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Rochelle Municipal Airport from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Along with unique aircraft and a train exhibit, the event will feature cars from each decade going back an entire century including

select vehicles from The Hamilton Collection, whose mission is “To enrich the lives of others by providing unparalleled access to unique and exotic vehicles and to have a lot of fun while doing it.”

THC will be exhibiting several hyper cars from its \$30-million collection and will also be taking over the runway to race the spectacular machines from 10-11 a.m.

Gate open at 9 a.m. and breakfast will start to be served. At 11 a.m. lunch will be served and there will be an RACF presentation. At noon a wingsuit drop from a trike at 8,000 feet

will take place weather-permitting. At 1 p.m. the silent auction closes and checkout begins. At 1:30 p.m. the car show awards including the Carmichael Cup, Director's Choice and Presenter's choice will take place ahead of the event ending at 2 p.m.

Ashley Jackson, event chair and RACF board member said, “Since Rochelle's history is so intertwined with the evolution of transportation, RACF felt that it only made sense that our inaugural event pay homage to that relationship. This event will be the perfect opportunity to whip out your ‘Kentucky Derby

best’ and enjoy a day celebrating Rochelle and the modes of transportation that have helped put it on the map over the last century.”

Tickets for the event are on sale now. You can purchase tickets online at [RochelleFoundation.org](http://RochelleFoundation.org) until Thursday, Sept. 8. You can also call the office to reserve your tickets at 815-561-3600, or you may get them at the event gate. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$50 a couple, kids ages 11-17 are \$10 and anyone younger is free. You will be required to wear your ticket (wristband) that day, allowing you to come and go as you please.

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Nancy Peterson,  
County Clerk  
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#### PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE )  
ESTATE )2022  
OF )PR 44  
WILLIAM )  
ARTHUR )  
EASTMAN, )  
Deceased. )

#### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of WILLIAM ARTHUR EASTMAN, of 924 Mary Av., Dixon, Lee County, Illinois on July 17, 2022. Letters of Office were issued on August 18, 2022, by the 15th Judicial Circuit Court of Lee County to the representative and Independent Administrator, LEE EASTMAN, 687 Shadow Wood Drive, Dixon, Illinois. The attorney for the representatives and Independent Administrator of the estate is Robert J. Thompson, 119 West First Street, Ste. 200, P.O. Box 1016, Dixon, Illinois 61021. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Lee County Services building, 309 South Galena Avenue, Dixon, IL 61021, or with the representative,

LEE EASTMAN, 687 Shadow Wood Drive, Dixon, Illinois 61021 within six (6) months from the first publication of this Claim Notice, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of specific notice to known creditors, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that time period is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and/or to the attorney within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed.

BY: LEE EASTMAN, Representative/ Administrator.  
Robert J. Thompson  
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Ste. 200  
P.O. Box 1016  
Dixon, IL 61021  
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