



Even with storms on the forecast, enthusiasts were out to see the display of vehicles during the annual Amboy Depot Days Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show.
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2022 Depot Days

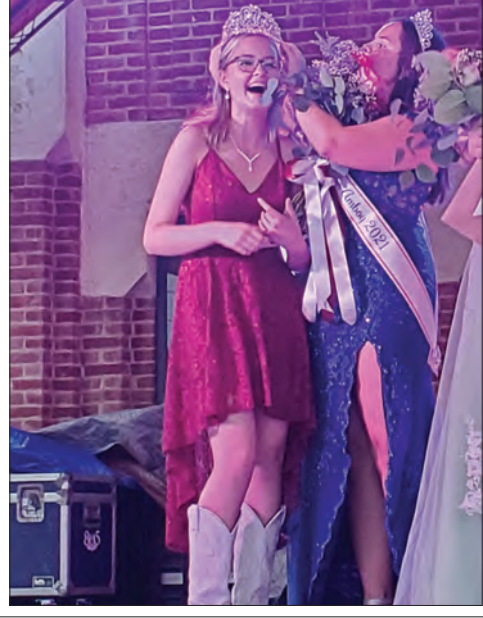
AMBOY — The 2022 Amboy Depot Days started out with the crowning of the 2022 Miss Amboy. Myla Davis is the newest Miss Amboy as she won the Depot Days Queen Pageant on Thursday, Aug. 25. The Amboy High School freshman swayed the judges with her passion for the classroom and future plans to attend a top tier university such as University of Alabama. There were two queen contestants as Maggie Keene was the runner-up. Hannah Shoemaker won Junior Miss Amboy while Mila Burke was crowned

Little Miss Amboy and RJ Schaefer is the new Little Mr. Amboy. On Saturday, the day kicked off with the annual Sylvan Shuffle held by the Amboy Education Foundation. The annual Tractor Show was held downtown and the Amboy Lions Club presented their annual parade on Saturday afternoon. Sunday brought out the annual Amboy Depot Days Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show. Jim Mezo Jr., from Amboy, won the 50/50 drawing and took home a check in the amount of \$99,430 in this year's

50/50 raffle. The committee also gave away \$2,000 to five lucky second place drawings. Those winners were: Matt Winters, Carry Ginns, Ryan Harrington, Kevin Jordal and David Jaminson. "The weather was not our friend today but we kept on digging and came close to last year's money but nonetheless it was a great drawing. Thank you all to bought tickets, your money will go to non-profit and charitable organizations," posted by the Amboy Depot Days 50/50 Drawing Facebook page on Sunday.



Darlene Hinkle, pictured in the back seat, was chosen to be the 2022 Amboy Lions Club Depot Days Parade Grand Marshal. The parade kicked-off at 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.
Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



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

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

choices we make. Could a boy growing up on a farm in Marion Township, Lee County, Illinois turn out to be an American hero who answered the call to stand with every last measure of courage in the cause for freedom?

Today and forevermore, Private First Class Howard C. Zentz, along with thousands of his fellow World War II Soldiers, is memorialized at the National Cemetery of the Pacific, known as "the Punchbowl" overlooking the city of Honolulu, Hawaii. The story of his life takes him from farm country in northern Illinois to one of the most bloody and consequential battles fought in



the South Pacific during the second world war. Howard was born to Conrad and Hazel Shaw Zentz on Dec. 30, 1916, just before America's entry into World War I. In 1930, Howard was



living with his parents and one younger brother, Rollie, in Marion Township. At the time, his parents were renting farmland from which they made a living during very tough times. He would have attended one of the one-room school houses in Marion Township, then moving on to attend Amboy Township

High School. In 1941, Howard enlisted in the U.S. Army at Chicago, and was assigned to the Illinois National Guard. Later his unit was inducted as the 132nd Infantry, 123rd Infantry Division.

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Dedicated employee leaves lasting impression

BY GEORGE HOWE
Amboy News Reporter
SUBLETTE — If you are an animal lover or pet owner, you cannot explain to people who are not, the unconditional loyalty and affection not to mention the companionship that dogs and cats provide. Rhonda Politsch dedicated her life to her career and her beloved dogs and sadly it cost her her life. It was a scorching sweltering summer one Friday morning last August when Politsch decided to visit a Farm and Fleet store in Ottawa. She had one of two of her 'children' as she liked to refer to them, her collie Quinn, accompanying her. As she opened her van door, Quinn jumped out and took off toward the highway and eventually ran into a cornfield. Naturally, Politsch went after her four-legged mischievous canine and ended up lost and disoriented, not to mention overheated and dehydrated. If you have ever been in or near a cornfield the heat can be intense from the density of the stalks. Politsch was found deceased the next morning by law enforcement, she was 62.

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Amboy hosting marching band alumni night

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY — When students are first entering high school, a parent, grandparent, sibling, or any elder, usually has a comment similar to, "Make the most out of it because it goes fast." And it does. Whether we're talking about favorite teachers, favorite subjects, enjoyable or unenjoyable books, sports, lunch time with your besties, or playing an instrument for the band, it seems like you blink or take a deep breath and all four years are gone. However, Amboy High School music director, Travis Kemmerer, doesn't want the band experience to end once being a high school student is over. He wants the band alumni to always be Clippers and is inviting them back for the Amboy High School Marching Band Alumni Night on Sept. 9. When the football teams hosts Millidgeville.

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Community biked and hiked to \$15,000

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter
AMBOY — The St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy has been fundraising behind the name, Save Our Steeple, as the parish's steeple and roof need repairs and replaced. Small fundraising efforts have taken place here and there, but St. Patrick didn't have a big event until July 16 when it hosted the Bike and Hike-Athon in downtown Amboy. Father Gow, who has been with the parish for two years and was installed as the pastor on Tuesday, Aug. 9, was overwhelmed with the community support. "We had extended family or people who used to live in Amboy send donations for the event. With their donations and the actual Bike and Hike-Athon, we have brought in just over \$15,000," Father Gow said. "We had 60 participants take place in the walk. They had a lot more sponsors than

predicted. "The money we raised was a lot more than any of us thought. People were very generous. Since it was the first time, we didn't know how many people would come out to the actual event. We were happy with the attendance."

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Quinn was later found that day and was eventually brought back to the Vet where Politsch adopted him and was placed with a family with young children.

According to Politsch youngest sister, Michelle Vance, the love affair with animals started at an early age.

"She absolutely loved the 'Lassie' TV show and would say that she wanted to be a veterinarian or a Marine Biologist someday," said Vance. "She showed her shelties in competition for a while and enjoyed the attention that her 'babies' received."

Politsch was a loyal and committed employee of Pioneer State Bank in Sublette for 42 years. Her office was adorned with photos and stuffed animals. She even dressed up for Halloween one year as a Vet.

"Her dogs were her passion, and she would talk about them all of the time," said Pioneer State Bank Sublette Branch Manager Katie Leffelman. "She even included them in her annual Christmas cards."

Although quiet and a private person, Politsch was well liked and respected both in the community and by her work colleagues. She did a lot of behind the scenes volunteering in town and did not want any recognition. Her unending knowledge and willingness to help others was invaluable. There was not much if anything that she did not know and was the 'go to' person if a co-worker ran into a problem.

"She wore a lot of hats around here and she knew everything inside and out," said Leffelman. "She lived and breathed this bank. It has been a long year without her. She is irreplaceable."

A co-worker Annette Bonnell was having lunch with her grandkids one afternoon near Mendota Lake when she spotted a dog bag dispenser and immediately thought of Rhonda.

"I noticed that a new area had been set up in memory of a dog passing and I thought how much Rhonda would have appreciated such a place," said Bonnell.

She brought up the idea to Leffelman, who in turn went to the bank CEO Sarah Cansino who had originally said



Rhonda Politsch and Quinn.

Photo submitted

that the bank wanted to do something special in Politsch honor. As a result, four dog care stations were installed by Leffelman and her parents including two in Sublette (Mini Park and Centennial), one in Earlville at the bank, and one in Paw Paw at the bank.

"Purchasing, installing, and dedicating the dispensers on behalf of Rhonda is the perfect way to honor two of the things that she loved," explained Cansino. "Rhonda was a resolute employee. She fought for her community, employees, and customers. She was a wonderful person, and her pups were her comfort."

Besides the dog dispensers, the bank has set up a scholarship fund in her name and planted a flowering magnolia. A memorial service was held in front of the tree back on



Rhonda even dressed dressed up for Halloween one year as a Vet.

Photo submitted

Nov. 5 of 2021.

"It has been overwhelming the outpouring of love for my sister," said Vance. "Rhonda would be completely embarrassed by all the recognition. The family is very thankful and appreciate the kind gestures."

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Father added it was good to see the community coming together for a cause.

It didn't matter if it was a donation sent in the mail, a biker or hiker participating in the fundraising event, or someone they came across on the way to the Amboy Sports Park, everyone was getting involved and helping the cause.

"I was pleasantly surprised and grateful with how much came in," Father Gow said. "I wasn't low balling it, but \$15,000 wasn't the figure I had in mind. I was thinking one-third of that, so yeah, I was very pleasantly surprised in the funds and how everyone pulled together like they did."

Hot rental market fraudsters cash in on stressed apartment seekers

ROCKFORD – One of the impacts of rising interest rates is that thousands of Americans, once hoping to become homeowners, are forced to rent because mortgages have become too expensive.

As the rental market heats up, forcing faster decisions, scammers know the stress

can lead to people not having the proper time to do the necessary research.

Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau, says, "Rental scams can be especially dangerous because people often lose a lot of money, personal information, or both. The scam often works with a common theme. Victims respond to an online rental listing that touts a beautiful home, low rent, and great amenities. It looks legitimate; con artists often use real photos and descriptions stolen from other websites.

The "landlord" replies to your message claiming to be out of town, in the hospital, or any other excuse why they are unable to show the property." Scammers will then create a false sense of urgency, telling you that others are interested, so you must act immediately. They will ask for a security deposit and/or the first month's rent to reserve the property. The scammer may claim that you

can see the property through a rental agent – only after you pay the deposit. In some versions, the "landlord" will require prospective tenants to complete an application form, which asks for personal details like a Social Security number. Victims can also be hit for application fees, deposits, credit check fees, and sometimes advance rent before they realize they are dealing with fraud.

No matter the details, the result is the same once you send the money. The "landlord" will stop responding to messages and disappear.

Renters reported to BBB Scam Tracker losing thousands after paying fees to hold an apartment, making a deposit, and paying the first month's rent.

BBB Tips to avoid this scam:

- There are many great and trustworthy rental firms and agents. Do your research and a great place to start is with BBB.ORG

- Watch out for deals that are too good. Scammers

lure you in by promising low rents, extra amenities, and a great location. If the price seems much better than elsewhere, it may be a scam.

- Search online for similar properties. Do a quick search for the listing, scammer's email address, or phone number. If you find the same ad listed in other cities, that's a huge red flag.

- See the property in person. Don't send money to someone you've never met for an apartment you haven't seen. If you can't visit an apartment or house yourself, ask someone you trust to go and confirm that it is what was advertised.

- Don't pay a stranger with cash transfer apps. Many scammers now ask for payments through peer-to-peer (P2P) apps instead of wired funds or prepaid debit/gift cards. Only use these apps with people you know. It's ok to pay a landlord you trust with Venmo, Zelle, or another P2P app, but don't use this payment method to secure an apartment or pay a deposit.

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Early Deadlines

The Amboy News will have **EARLY DEADLINES** for our issue on Sept. 7 due to Labor Day.

The advertising deadline will be Thursday, Sept. 1 at noon. The editorial deadline will be Friday, Sept. 2 at 9 a.m.

The office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5 to celebrate Labor Day. Open again on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 8 a.m.

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TEEN TURF

Aerobics

We will be starting next 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

Winner and thank you's will be provided next week. Thank you to everyone to everyone who sold and bought a ticket(s).

Afterschool program

Program starts this 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.

Impact Program

Tomorrow is the last day to sign up. For freshman - the SVCC Impact Program will harness the collective power of Sauk Valley partners and communities to create an effective, supportive, sustainable path for students to pursue a college education and achieve career success through lifelong learning, public service and economic advancement.

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- Progress with the rest of their class (graduate on time or early)
- Participate in 100 hours of community service (Teen Turf is a volunteer site) before high school graduation (25 hours per year)
- Graduate from a high school or home school program located within the SVCC district
- Apply for at least one other local/state/national scholarship
- Complete the FAFSA—if ineligible to apply for FAFSA—complete the FAFSA forecaster

Volunteers

"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: Michael and Cindy Phillips for items; Cindy Foster Knight for the binders; First Baptist Church and Pastor Fritz and Carol for the Halloween items; Ron Halterman for dropping off cans; and all those that continue to drop them off as well; Anonymous donation of cucumbers; Margaret and Jerry Shaw for the toilet paper; Anonymous donation of board games; Wayne and Doris Wissman for the canopy and Irene and Eileen Ramsdell for the toilet paper.

Needs

Toilet paper and if you are upgrading your outdoor umbrella, we will take your old one.

Final Word

Holy Father in Heaven,
We are so grateful for all of the ways we have seen Your help manifest in our lives. We pray today for Your power to bring more kindness into the world.

Softened the hearts of Your people on Earth. Let them listen with compassion and empathy to the struggles of others. Then, help them find the proper way to act and help. Remove the malice from our hearts. Help all of us here on Earth feel grace and generosity to those around us. Please help me find worthy causes to which we can dedicate our time and generosity. We offer this prayer in Your holy name.
Amen.

Sheriff's office investigates motorcycle crash

AMBOY — On Aug. 19, at 1:17 a.m., the Lee County Sheriff's Office responded to Sterling Road just east of Hoyle Road for a motorcycle crash.

Troy A. Lashbrook, 59, of Amboy was operating a motorcycle on Sterling Road just east of Hoyle Road when he struck a deer.

Lashbrook was transported from the scene by ambulance and later flown to Javon Bea Hospital in Rockford.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by Advance EMS and the Harmon Fire Department.

The crash remains under investigation.

Amboy Police

Speeding

On Aug. 19, at 6:40 p.m., Ellis A. Frank, 58, of Travelers Rest, S.C., was issued a citation for speeding 49 mph in a 30 mph speed zone. He was released after posting bond.

RECYCLE! RECYCLE! RECYCLE!

Amboy High School Marching Band Alumni Night

September 9th, 2022

For any Alumni of the Amboy High School Marching Bands

Schedule:

Wednesday September 7th, 2022
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

PAW PAW- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1-6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Paw Paw Elementary School, 511 Chapman. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

DIXON- The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1-6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2, at the Dixon St Paul Lutheran Church, 421 S. Peoria Ave., Dixon. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

MAY TOWNSHIP- There will be a mass offered on Labor Day at St. Michael's Cemetery - Sandy Hill, located off of Sublette Road, east of Rockford Road, in May Township at 10 a.m., on Monday, Sept. 5. Please bring your lawn chair. Everyone is welcome.

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 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

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Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, the Japanese Imperial Navy occupied a number of islands in the South Pacific, including the Solomon Islands. Eventually, these islands were key for the Japanese to disrupt supply lines from American forces to Australia and New Zealand. In late summer, 1942, American forces mounted a landing on the Solomon Islands at Guadalcanal and captured an airstrip they named Henderson Field. For six long months, American forces held on to this airfield, allowing fighter planes to keep the sea lanes free for American supplies. A hill known to Americans as Mount Austen, over 1,500 feet tall, was the biggest threat to Henderson Field.

In December of 1942, with the 2nd Marine Division, the 132nd Infantry Regiment was ordered to seize Mount Austen. During the next six months, fierce fighting ensued with major casualties on both sides. On Jan. 7, 1943, PFC Howard Zentz was killed in action. American forces finally securing the hill on Jan. 17, 1943. On Feb. 9, American Commanders declared Guadalcanal secure.

When the battle for Mount Austen was over, the U.S. Army counted 112 killed and 268 wounded, with the Japanese losing about 400 soldiers.

Along with thousands of his brothers in arms, PFC Zentz is buried at the National Cemetery of the Pacific, known as the "Punchbowl" overlooking the city of Honolulu. In this peaceful garden, he is forever remembered as one of Lee County's true American heroes.

Citations:

Purple Heart
World War II Victory Medal
American Campaign Medal
Army Presidential Unit Citation
Army Good Conduct Medal U.S. Census 1930

CORRECTION: In the Amboy City Council story that ran in the Aug. 24th edition, it was incorrectly reported that Mr. Leo McCoy addressed the council about the possibility of putting a wind device on his property. Mr. McCoy is against wind devices and is not putting a wind device on his property.



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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.

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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.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

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Helen P. Sheridan

Oct. 28, 1938 - Aug. 22, 2022

OHIO — Helen P. Sheridan, 83, of Ohio, IL., died on Monday, Aug. 22, 2022 at her home.

She was born on Oct. 28, 1938 in Marseilles, the daughter of Reuben and Margaret (Gribbins) Thomas. Helen was a beautician from 1958 to 2002 in Dixon, and owned and operated The Bon Ton Beauty Salon in Dixon and then worked out of her home salon for many years.

Helen always said, "Her clients were always friends first." She was a member of the Lee County Democratic Central Committee serving as a precinct committee person for many years. Helen was also a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Ohio, IL. Following the burial there was a luncheon at the Sheridan's Walton Tap in Walton. Visitation was held

Patrick Catholic Church in Maytown.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and sisters, Marlene Polancic, and Elizabeth Gainey. Helen is survived by her husband, Jack; children, Gerianne (Jeff) Rorbeck, of Lockport, Kelly (John) Godawski, of Palatine, Shelly (Brian) Welty, of Oregon; three grandchildren, Haylie Rorbeck, Jason Godawski, Abby Godawski; one sister, Yvonne "Bonnie" (Jack) Price, of Ottawa; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022, at Immaculate Conception Church in Ohio, IL. Burial followed at St. Mary Cemetery in Ohio, IL. Following the burial there was a luncheon at the Sheridan's Walton Tap in Walton. Visitation was held



from 4 – 8 p.m., on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022, at the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon, with a saying of the rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Memorial donations can be made to Serenity Hospice and the Alzheimer's Association.

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

Events planned all month long in Sublette

SUBLETTE – The village of Sublette is planning for a busy month of September.

The first event is Hops and Harmony on Saturday, Sept. 3 at Centennial Park, sponsored by Sublette 365. Beer tasting is from 4-6 p.m. featuring live music by 'Irene's Entropy.' There will be beer from 12 micro-breweries. A beer garden will be from 6-8 p.m. featuring live music by 'Kirkland.' The cost is \$30 for beer-tasting and live music, and \$10 for the beer garden only and band after 6 p.m.

Pullin' in the Park is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 11 behind Ellice Dinges School, presented by the Sublette Park Board. Check-in is at 8 a.m. and the pull begins at 11 a.m. There will also be food and lots of activities for kids, including games and a bounce house. The entry fee is \$20 and pullers must be 16 to pull. Admission is \$10, 12 and under free. For more information, call Chris at 815-849-5171 or Steve at 815-712-1832.

The Country Car Show will take place on

Saturday, Sept. 17 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on U.S. 52 across from Vaessen Brothers Chevrolet. The show will feature Kaiser-Frazer, Willys-Overland, and Hudson and Nash, but all makes of antique, classic and special interest cars, trucks and motorcycles are welcome. There may even be a few tractors at the show. There is no judging and no trophies, just a day for enjoying old vehicles. 3-D Sound will provide the emcee service for the show.

Antique Power Days is set for Saturday, Sept. 24 and Sunday, Sept. 25 at Mendota Hills Campground located three miles northwest of Sublette on U.S. 52. Show hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday. There will be exhibits of steam, gas, garden tractors and farm implements, and some old cars and trucks on display. The show will also include vendors with crafts, antiques, food and produce, and fun games are planned for the family. Admission is \$2 per person or \$5 per car load.

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"We were just looking for a way to get alumni back involved with the program because of our rich history," Kemmerer said, who began playing the trombone in sixth grade, graduated from AHS in 2007, and has been the director since 2018. "We thought about having an alumni night before Covid-19, but the idea was delayed a couple of years. We have an extra home football game this year, so we thought we'd give it a try and see how many alumni we can get to join our band."

"We've been doing alumni nights during the basketball season for the last couple of years. We get a good turn out, but there are people who want to play under the Friday night lights again. There is just something about playing your instrument under the lights on a football field. It's different."

Kemmerer is excited to have the alumni join his active band to perform at halftime.

Sure, he wants to hear melodic, adrenaline pumping music at the Millidgeville and Amboy football game, but he also wants current high school students to learn from the ones who came before them.

"I think it's really important to have the alumni involved. We actually just dug out all of the trophies," said Kemmerer. "We were given a trophy case, so we went to the storage area and pulled down the old trophies. We recognized a lot of names that are still in the area."

"Our marching band was competitive at one point. We won competitions at the Autumn On Parade (in Oregon) and at the Kewanee Hog Days. We found a first-place trophy from the 1967 Mendota Sweet Corn Festival. It was pretty cool."

"It would be nice to get some of the older alumni back to talk about the band in the 1970s and 80s."

Kemmerer took over the Amboy music program when Kathy Mekeel retired with the Class of 2018.

Mekeel was thrilled when she saw there was going to be a marching band alumni night and quickly signed her flute up for the event.

"I really enjoy it. Music has been my life forever," Mekeel said. "I may have been the first one to sign up to play on alumni night."

I've played with a lot of them before like at the basketball pep band alumni night last school year. It's always a lot of fun."

"I haven't stopped playing. I'm the music director at St. Patrick's Catholic Church (in Amboy). I play my flute for weddings and funerals, and I teach private lessons at my home. Unless I'm physically unable to, I love to share what I know with others to help make them better."

Mekeel brings plenty of experience and knowledge to the table as she first picked up an instrument as a fifth grader in 1967, played for AHS until graduation in 1975, and at the University of Illinois.

As a teacher, Mekeel led the band at Stretator-Woodland, Dixon, and Amboy.

Kemmerer is always happy to have Mekeel around and is glad she is going to represent the Clippers on Sept. 9.

The band directors are not the only people who can't wait to play.

"There is actually a lot of excitement from the students," Kemmerer said. "I was impressed with the amount of excitement."

There were a lot of kids saying, 'My mom played,' or 'My dad played.' It was kind of a cool thing. I figured out who some of the kid's parents are and I'd say, 'I actually know them.' They all seem excited."

The alumni night also gives an opportunity for some Clippers to have a Senior Night.

When Covid-19 shut sports and the band down, musicians didn't get to have a proper send off as they were moving on.

The alumni night gives them a chance to return to the crowd they were taken away from.

And if anyone hasn't opened up their instrument case in a week, months, years, or even decades, Kemmerer isn't worried about it.

The trophies, the conversations, the history of Amboy band will return to form.

"Playing an instrument is like riding a bike," Kemmerer said. "You can take a couple of years of and when you get back on, it's a little wobbly, but once you get your momentum, it comes right back to you."

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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

BREAD AND ROSES

In the Spring of 1936, a man planted roses” is the oft-repeated phrase in Rebecca Solnit’s terrific book “Orwell’s Roses.” George Orwell, the famous chronicler of the miseries of the poor and exploited, planted the roses along with several fruit trees at a rented cottage in Wallington, Hertfordshire as a gesture of hope for future generations. As Orwell expected, a good many of his readers were outraged by his preoccupation with this most frivolous of flowers when millions were starving all over the world. Solnit visited Wallington during a book tour of England and found the roses in full bloom, though the fruit trees had long ago met their demise. In 1940 in an author questionnaire, Orwell said that “outside my work the thing I care most about is gardening, especially vegetable gardening.”

Solnit considers roses as the symbol of Orwell’s conception of freedom. She discusses the “vast edifice of human responses” to roses, including as symbols of virginity, love, eternity, and mortality. In 1912, female textile workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts, went on strike. They delivered fiery rally speeches and marched in picket lines and parades. The banners they carried demanding both living wages and dignity — “We want bread, and roses, too” — gave the strike its name, the Bread and Roses Strike. Orwell too was convinced that the fight for “bread for all” was not enough. Human beings also had a right to roses, “to an existence in which beauty, delight, love and a rich interior life are possible.”

Orwell is best known, of course, for his novels “Animal Farm” and “1984.” Solnit’s discussion of the indescribable horrors of Soviet totalitarianism on which both novels are based, is brilliant, as is her most recent take on “1984.” She shows that the novel is not chiefly about how totalitarianism works but how the primacy of lies on all levels destroys consciousness, language, human experience, life lived to its full potential. “Every line of serious work that I have written since 1936,” Orwell said 10 years later in “Why I Write,” “has been written, directly or indirectly, against totalitarianism and for democratic socialism, as I understand it.”

Yet Solnit rightly acknowledges, “One of Orwell’s most significant blind spots is around gender, around how marriages and families can become authoritarian regimes in miniature, down to the suppression of truths and promulgation of lies that protect the powerful.” For Solnit, gender is political while for Orwell, women have no political identity. Her portrait of Orwell contains both revolutionary astuteness and reactionary biases in the same person. Still, she concludes, “If you dig into Orwell’s work, you find a lot of sentences about flowers and pleasures and the natural world, and these, once you put them all together, turn his gray portrait to color.”

Historic library donated to Sauk Valley Community College

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Sauk Valley Community College’s Dean of Advancement, Dr. Lori Cortez, noted, “Linda and Henry have a long history of supporting SVCC, as faculty, donors, and champions. SVCC is honored to be the home of their historical law library, which will continue their legacy in perpetuity.”

The collection is stored on campus for public viewing. A private unveiling will take place to honor the library and generosity of Dixon and Giesen.

For questions, please contact Dr. Lori Cortez, lori.a.cortez@svcc.edu.

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

HOW GREAT THOU ART

BY PASTOR JACK BRIGGS

First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center

There’s nothing like nature to remind us of God’s power and majesty—and how much bigger God’s mind is than ours. Way up in the Mississippi Palisades State Park north of Savanna, from a scenic overlook several hundred feet up (Ozzie’s Point is my favorite spot) you can gaze out across the lowlands and the river toward the bluffs in the distance on the Iowa side of the Mighty Mississippi. Or driving along the ridge on Route 20 east of Galena, where the valley below spread out as far as the eye could see. Talk about “look(ing) down from lofty mountain grandeur.” Wow.

I only mention this because of how it puts our lives in perspective, and how we view God’s sovereignty in the lives we have been given - through the blessings and the troubled times. Whether they are big, small, or medium-sized, we all have our share of troubles, don’t we? We measure, analyze, and brood over our troubles. We compare ours to others’, maybe even thinking, “Well, at least I’m not as bad off as...” Health problems. Relationships problems. Financial problems. We know how big our problems loom in our lives.

But do we consider the size of our God? When was the last time we stopped to think about just how big God is? When

was the last time we were truly awed by God’s power, love, and wisdom?

We don’t have enough of those moments when we say, “How Great Thou Art.” Folks back in the “olden days” - Biblical times - were well aware of how puny, petty, and powerless they were in comparison to God. They knew that even their biggest problem was small when held up to God’s greatness. That’s why the Psalms are chock-full of prayers of praise. For example, “On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.” (Psalm 145:5-6)

Maybe if we thought a little more about God’s greatness and a little less about the size of our problems, we’d find ourselves a tad less anxious, stressed, and confused. That’s why hymns like, “How Great Thou Art” remind of just how big and powerful and loving and great our God is.

I once saw a slogan on a church marquee in Freeport that reminds us not to tell God how big our storm is, but to tell the storm how big our God is. But you don’t have to travel far to “con-sider the worlds Thy hands have made.” Consider the world around us, the trees and the grass and the flowers, the gentle breeze we feel and hear whispering in the branches and consider how awesome Creation is. Then take

it a step further and consider how all the greatest minds that have studied and tried to explain it all, only to run into the same brick wall: how did it all begin? Logic and reasoning fail us, but that’s okay because faith is not bound by man-made no-tions of how things are or should be because the ways of God surpass all human under-standing; God’s ways are not our ways.

God is infinite - we are finite. God knows the end from the beginning while we see just a short part of the right now. God knows the whys, while we grasp for wisdom. So no matter how big your problems may seem today, in the end it doesn’t really matter, because God is bigger. God created the mountains and God can move the mountains - figurative mountains of despair or worry or illness, or whatever it is that may be troubling us. Although finding God’s awesome majesty in nature is a gift that is available to anyone who has eyes to see and ears to listen, there may be times in our lives when God may seem strangely absent. But the problem is not that God has disappeared. It’s that we perhaps don’t expect to see God in certain corners of our lives.

But God is there, in every instance and situation and circumstance of our lives, if we will only stop and look and listen for signs of God at work in our lives. Indeed, how great thou art! Thanks be to God, day by day.

Annual Amboy Civic Organization membership drive and fall start-up

AMBOY — On Tuesday, Sept. 6, the Amboy Civic Organization fall start-up will be at Maria’s Pizza and Family Restaurant, Amboy.

Prior to the 7 p.m. monthly meeting, participants have the option to join the group for dinner at 6 p.m. Those opting to dine place their own orders and pay their own bills.

For those unfamiliar with the ACO, the group is an Amboy-based social club, open to women and men supporting community events and especially the

Pankhurst Memorial Library.

Annual dues are \$10 for single membership or \$15 for couple membership. Dues may be submitted at our meeting or mailed to Carole Benson, P.O. Box 96, Amboy, IL 61310. Checks should be made out to “Amboy Civic Organization.”

After the monthly organizational meeting, members are welcome to stay and socialize over Bunco. If possible, participants are asked to bring your own three dice, for your sole use. However,

they will have some dice available for use and will have sanitizing wipes on hand. They look forward to seeing you.

Members are also invited to join Christine Noble, ACO president, at 10 a.m., every Tuesday during the school year for chair-exercises and walking at the Teen Turf building.

Exercises are open to all adults. You do not have to be an ACO member.

A free-will offering is given to Teen Turf as a “thank-you” for use of the building.

Student loan forgiveness is here – so are the scammers

ROCKFORD - The Biden Administration recently announced that the federal government will cancel up to \$20,000 of Federal student loans per person.

Millions of Americans will be recipients of the student loan debt relief. The Better Business Bureau says unfortunately, this creates an excellent opportunity for scammers and incidents are already being reported.

Dennis Horton, director of the Rockford Regional Office of the Better Business Bureau says, “As student loan holders navigate the new forgiveness program, con artists will undoubtedly be there to take advantage of any confusion. It happens with any big government initiative, including the eviction moratorium and pandemic relief programs. Always be sure to do your research before sharing any personal information.”

BBB Tips to avoid student loan forgiveness scams

- Get to know the terms of your student loan and the relief program before acting. Always do your research before sharing personal information. Be sure to understand the ins and outs of your

specific loan, as well as how student loan relief impacts you. Go straight to official government websites, such as ED.gov and studentaid.gov, for information.

- Never pay money for a free government program. Scammers often trick victims into paying for free government programs – or they claim you can get additional benefits, faster benefits, etc., for a fee. A real government agency will not ask for an advanced processing fee. These are all red flags of a scam.

- Be wary of out-of-the-blue calls, emails or text messages claiming to be from the government. In general, the government will not contact you using these methods unless you grant permission.

- Watch out for phony government agencies or programs. If you speak to someone claiming to be a government representative who is offering you student loan relief, do some research before you agree to anything. Scammers often make up look-alike government websites that sound similar to legitimate agencies or programs.

- Think something seems suspicious? Reach out to the agency directly. If you

have any concerns about an alleged government representative’s legitimacy, hang up the phone or stop emailing/texting. Then, report the suspicious calls or messages. Then, find the official contact information (look on ED.gov and studentaid.gov or other official sites) and call to verify.

- Be careful, even if the information comes from a friend. Even if a close friend or family member you trust sent you the information regarding student loan relief, make sure the claims are real first. During the COVID-19 pandemic, BBB received many reports of hacked social media accounts being used to spread government impostor scams.

Check BBB.org for business reviews and ratings and look for the BBB Seal, The Sign of a Better Business. Sign up for BBB’s free consumer newsletter, BBB Edge, at BBB.org/ChicagoBuzz. If you’ve spotted a scam (whether or not you’ve lost money), report it to BBB Scamtracker to help alert others. Your report can help protect other consumers by exposing scammers’ tactics. Visit BBB.org or follow us @ChicagoBBB on social media.

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Opinion

Misguided belief on how the US was founded

A new term is seeping into the American lexicon called “Christian Nationalism.”

It’s a misguided belief that the United States was founded as a Christian nation.

I’ve read the original writings of many of our founding fathers and this notion is just nonsense.

Thomas Jefferson used his razor to redact portions of the Bible that he disagreed with. Thomas Payne was an atheist. Skirt-chasing Benjamin Franklin’s autobiography would make Bill Clinton blush.

Our second president John Adams said, “The Government of the United States of America is not, in any sense, founded on the Christian religion.”

And yet, we keep hearing many of our contemporary leaders claim just the opposite.

While some of our nations’ founders, such as George Washington and Alexander Hamilton, subscribed to orthodox Christian beliefs, many if not most would best be described as “deists” who believed in God but did not nurture a personal relationship with the Almighty.

During the American Revolution, British troops in New York, New Jersey and North Carolina regularly burned churches or turned them into stables or military hospitals. It was an expression of the crown’s contempt for faiths other than Anglicanism, the state religion of England.

It was in that post-revolutionary environment that our Constitution was drafted with a clause prohibiting the establishment of a state religion but also protecting the people’s right to worship freely. Benjamin Franklin spoke of his desire for Muslims and Jews to worship as freely as Christians in the new nation.

For those of you who are wondering about my own religious beliefs, I’ll tell you I’m an evangelical married to a Catholic. We send our kids to faith-based schools and are active in our churches. Our faith is important to us.

But I don’t believe - and never have believed - our government should promote a particular religion.

For example, if government were to mandate prayer in school, who would write the prayer? It wouldn’t be possible to write an invocation that reflected the diverse religious views of those in any classroom.

And my cynical libertarian view is government doesn’t do anything particularly well. Why let it make a mess of religion, too?

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



Unfortunately, we live in a society where Christian Nationalism is entering into the mainstream of political discourse.

So, just what is Christian Nationalism?

Here is how Georgetown University political science professor Paul D. Miller, described it in Christianity Today:

“Christian Nationalism is the belief that the American nation is defined by Christianity, and that the government should take active steps to keep it that way. Popularly, Christian Nationalists assert that America is and must remain a ‘Christian nation’—not merely as an observation about American history, but as a prescriptive program for what America must continue to be in the future.”

Adolf Hitler, hated Christianity, but he was able to coopt many of Germany’s church leaders into supporting his regime. Swastikas had prominent display in sanctuaries and Hebrew words such as “hallelujah” were excised from church hymns as part of the Nazi antisemitic efforts.

Hitler would often reference God in his speeches and writings.

Such examples are not an indictment of Christianity but of how its powerful images can be misused by tyrants.

When a government endorses a particular religion, it inevitably results in persecution. Jews, Jehovah Witnesses, outspoken Catholic priests and others were killed by the Nazis.

Hitler’s verbal support of this coopted Christianity was a device designed to win popular support from Christian Germans. He viewed Christian concerns such as compassion and charity as a significant weakness.

Some prominent Christians who resisted Hitler and his coopted church were Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Sophie Scholl and Claus von Stauffenberg. Each was murdered by the Nazis.

Today, I see politicians wear cross lapel pins painted red, white and blue and see the same misuse of religious imagery. That cross represents something a whole lot bigger than a government or political movement.

“I found January 6 reprehensible, people charging the Capitol carrying crosses,” said Dr. Shaun Lewis, who for 12 years served informally as the chaplain of the Illinois Legislature.

Lewis’ evangelical credentials are strong. He worshiped at Southern View Chapel, a fundamentalist church in the Springfield area. And he holds a doctorate from The Southern

Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

But he doesn’t subscribe to this Christian Nationalist nonsense.

He wrote his thesis on the relationship between Christianity and civil government.

“Nowhere in scripture does it talk of creating a Christian nation. This simply isn’t why Jesus died and rose from the grave,” he said. “Nowhere does God endorse an economic system or even our form of government.”

It would be easy to assume that Illinois is far removed from this notion of Christian Nationalism. After all, we are a moderate to liberal state with a Jewish governor. Sadly, this malignancy has infected the Land of Lincoln.

Just look at the words U.S. Rep. Mary Miller tweeted after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a public high school football coach could kneel and pray on the field after a game:

“A huge win for religious liberty in the Supreme Court thanks to PRESIDENT TRUMP! Coach (Joseph) Kennedy set a wonderful example for young men by praying after each game. We need God back in our schools to save our culture from the sick agenda of the radical left!”

I can’t help but wonder if Coach Kennedy was a Muslim who spread out a prayer rug after each game if she would be so supportive.

I kind of doubt it.

Scott Reeder a staff writer for Illinois Times can be reached at sreeder@illinoistimes.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Labor Day is a fun time for friends, families and communities to come together to raise a glass and celebrate the unofficial end of Summer and the hard work we all achieved throughout the year. Whether you celebrate the holiday weekend in the backyard, the bar, or the beach, we ask that you do it safely by choosing to plan ahead and Decide to Ride.

It’s important to remember that it’s easy to plan ahead this Labor Day weekend. Before you head out to your holiday gathering, remember to designate a non-drinking driver, use a ride-share service, or take public transportation to and from the festivities. By making sure you take steps to protect yourself and others, you can ensure that everyone can enjoy the holiday.

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Sincerely,

Mary Adolphson

Corporate Social Responsibility Coordinator

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

100 YEARS AGO Aug. 25, 1922

F.H. Mynard of Amboy has missed only three days of the fair since it began to make history. He was threshing on those days. Each year he buys season tickets for his family.

In all respects, Amboy had a very successful fair with a remarkable attendance considering the heat. The attendance total on Thursday night reached at least 5,000, the largest fair in history.

482 compared to last year’s figure of 503.

Mrs. Kathryn Henkel of Harmon was winner of a TV set which was the feature prize during the grand opening of Don’s Super Valu. Albert Gascoigne was the winner of a stereo system.

25 YEARS AGO Aug. 28, 1997

State Representative Jerry Mitchell (R-Sterling) was in town Saturday for Depot Days. Mitchell presented Mayor Hank Gerdes and his wife Cindy and Depot Commission treasurer Ron

Hargitt with a check for \$20,000 from the State of Illinois. The money will be used to install a new roof on the Depot Museum.

Nominating petitions for four Amboy School District #272 seats have been filed by Lowell Beggs, Tom Mead, Pam Pfeifer, Larry Piper, William Apple, and incumbents Will McCoy and Dan Stephenitch. The last day to file was Monday, August 25. The election will be held on November 4th.

James Mead of Amboy and a member of the Amboy FFA chapter has been named a national finalist in compe-

tion for National FFA Feed Grain Production Placement Proficiency Award. Mead is now eligible to compete for national honors in the Feed Grain Production-Placement proficiency award program at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, MO. November 13-15.

Ten-year-old Nate Klein of Amboy was the lucky winner of \$6,500 in the Depot Days Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show 50/50 Drawing held Sunday afternoon. The winning ticket was purchased for Nate by his grandfather Larry Leffelman.



50 YEARS AGO Aug. 31, 1972

First National Bank will host a Farmers Appreciation Day at Shady Oaks Country Club. Guests will enjoy an afternoon of golf followed by a steak dinner.

Unofficial enrollment at Amboy High School was

Established in 1854

The Amboy News

The Depot Museum

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LOCAL NEWS

Amboy Lions Depot Day Parade winners

AMBOY — The Amboy Lions held its annual Depot Days parade on Saturday afternoon. Parade winners include:

- Judges Choice
- 1st Lee County Voiture 409
- 2nd Barlow Strong
- Best of Theme
- 1st Amboy Depot Museum
- 2nd Central K-9 Search and Rescue
- Cars
- 1st Becker Detailing
- 2nd Parade Marshal
- Tractors
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- 2nd Green River Oaks Camping Resort
- Floats
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- 2nd Amboy Lions Club
- Kids
- 1st Teen Turf
- 2nd Tri-County Opportunities Council Head Start
- Commercial
- 1st Revolution Wellness
- 2nd Becker Autobody

More scenes from 2022 Depot Days



All ages lined up along the parade route on Saturday afternoon. Many had bags in their hands waiting to collect the candy being thrown to the crowd.

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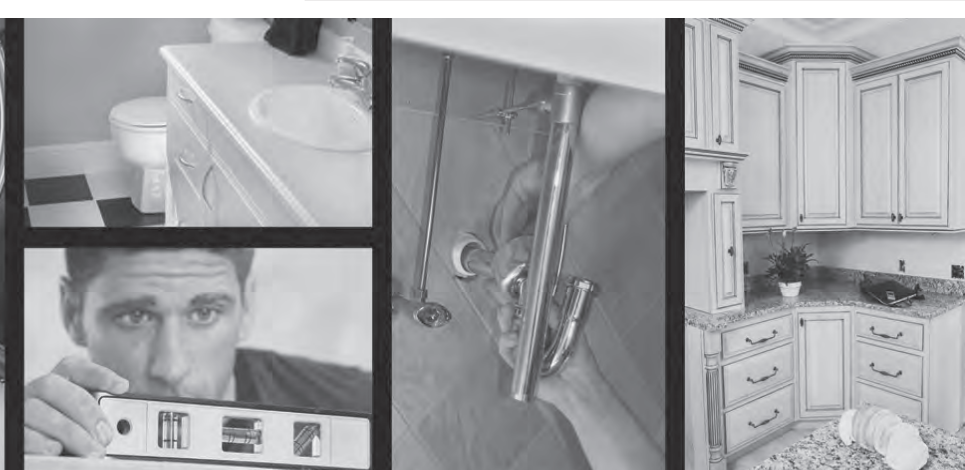
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Nancy Peterson,
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PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 15th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE)No.
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.

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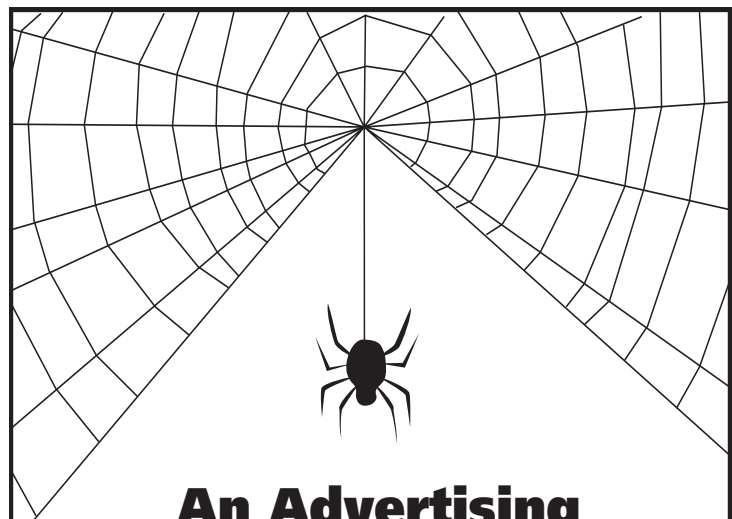
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Amber Waves

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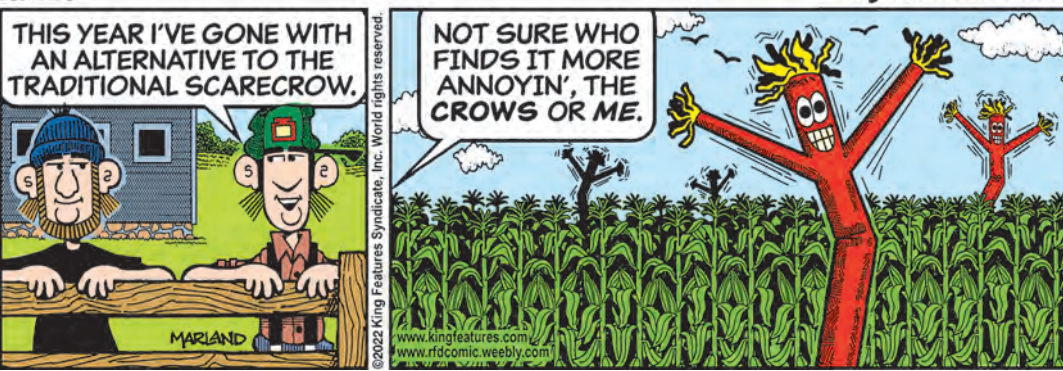
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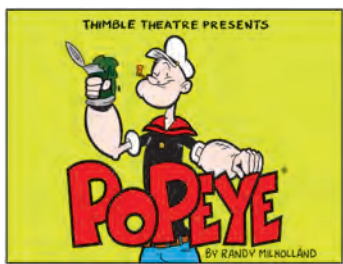
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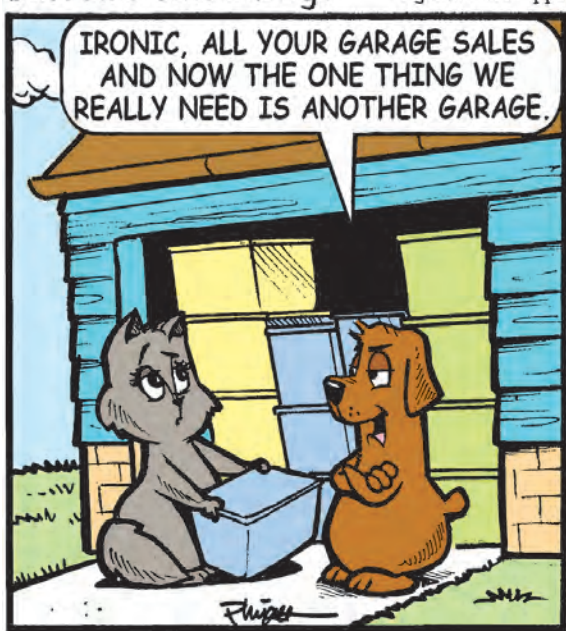
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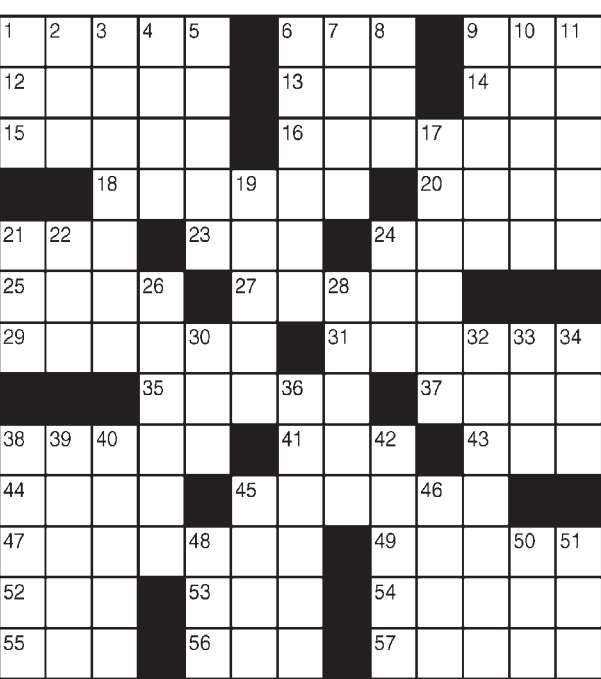
GAMITS

TODAY'S WORD

ACROSS

- 1 Beach accessory
- 6 Altar promise
- 9 Wd. modifier
- 12 Blazing
- 13 At once
- 14 Singer Rawls
- 15 Lightweight wood
- 16 Old Pontiac
- 18 More tightly packed
- 20 "Star Wars" royal
- 21 Photo, for short
- 23 "Fresh Air" ailer
- 24 Party beverage
- 25 Unforeseen problem
- 27 Say
- 29 Elk's horn
- 31 Wheel cover
- 35 Playful sea critter
- 37 Only
- 38 Barber's tools
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- 45 Halloween sprite
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- 49 Milk dispens-

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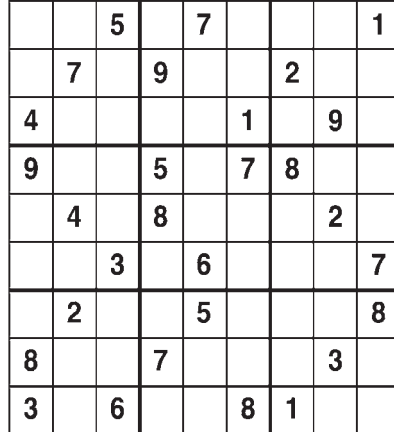


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- 6 Loose
- 32 Deep-fried
- 27 Say
- 52 Paris summer
- 53 Flamenco
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- 41 Aug. and Sept.
- 43 Knock
- 44 Region
- 45 Halloween sprite
- 47 Young shopping center
- 49 Milk dispens-
- 6 Loose
- news-paper
- 33 Pie — mode
- 7 Gloomy
- 8 Have
- 9 Sci-fi visitor
- 10 Column style
- 11 A son of Jacob
- 17 Book jacket
- 19 Sudden gush
- 21 Unpaid TV ad
- 22 Hostel
- 24 Little, in Lille
- 26 Worldwide
- 28 Pulsate
- 30 UFO crew
- 32 Deep-fried
- 33 Pie — mode
- 34 Zing
- 36 Acted badly?
- 38 Caravan
- 39 Emulate
- 40 Donnybrook
- 42 Batter's dry
- 45 Big wind
- 46 Notion
- 48 Decay
- 50 Ram's ma'am
- 51 Trio after Q

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

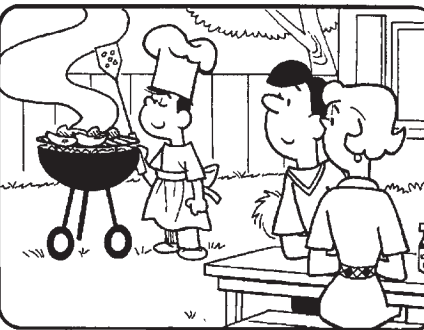
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- ♦ Moderate
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- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

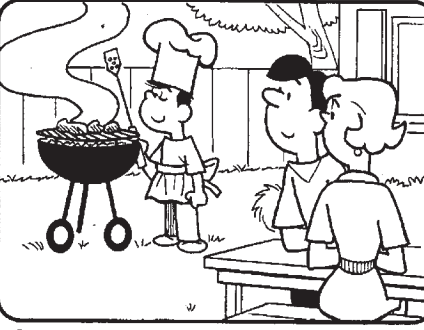
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Hot dogs are missing. 2. Spatula is smaller. 3. Apron is shorter. 4. Neckline is different. 5. Belt is different. 6. Bottle is missing.

NEIGHBORS

Today's Word

3. Short. 4. Stigma

1. Leader 2. Begin

solution

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: Z equals R

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JKDPK RD LU ZUBFBREKR RD

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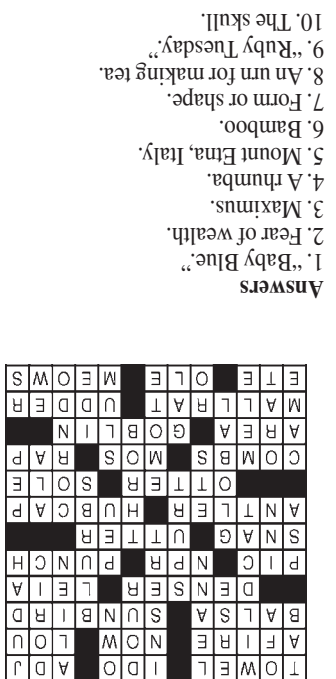
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

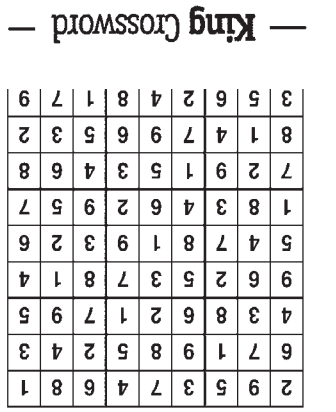
1. TELEVISION: What is the song played at the end of the final episode of "Breaking Bad"?
2. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called plutophobia?
3. MOVIES: What is the name of the horse in the Disney animated movie "Tangled"?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of rattlesnakes called?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the oldest, still active volcano on Earth?
6. SCIENCE: What is the tallest type of grass?
7. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek root word "morph" mean?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What is a samovar used for?
9. MUSIC: Which Rolling Stones' hit featured the line: "Who could hang a name on you"?
10. ANATOMY: Where are suture joints found in the human body?

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Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers



Answer

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record.

breaking, it has a good crack

known to be resistant to

If a brand of chinaware is

answer

CryptoQuip

SPORTS

IHSA Board discontinues Three-Point Showdown

BLOOMINGTON – The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors met for its regularly scheduled meeting at the IHSA office in Bloomington on Aug. 22 where the Board approved several action items.

Among the action items approved were:

- The Board approved a recommendation to change ticket prices at IHSA State Series events that require GoFan ticketing. At all rounds that require GoFan, the cost of cash tickets will be one dollar more than the cost of the digital GoFan ticket. This will also apply if a host school chooses to use GoFan in a State Series round when GoFan it is not required.

IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson said, “A cash ticket option will always exist in some capacity for IHSA postseason

events because we respect that there are portions of the audience that may not have access to a smart phone or a digital payment option. However, as we continue to broaden the usage of digital ticketing across IHSA Sectional events and beyond, we have also heard frustrations from host administrators regarding fans with the ability to pay digitally who choose not to. This creates issues for host schools in event management, staffing, and financial reporting that can impact a school’s ability to run a successful event. Thus, we wanted to create an incentive for fans who are able to use the digital ticketing option to do so.”

- The Board approved a recommendation to discontinue the Three-Point Showdown contest as a part of the IHSA Girls & Boys

Basketball State Series.

Anderson said, “The Three-Point Showdown enjoyed a great run, but the changes in the State Series dates and format last year created challenges conducting it at multiple levels of the State Series. As a result, we recommended discontinuing it for the time being so we can focus on how we make these pivotal postseason contests the best experience possible for the student-athletes, coaches, and fans.”

- The Board approved a recommendation to approve the experimental use of the Shot Clock in IHSA Girls’ & Boys’ Basketball for regular-season tournaments and shootouts during the 2022-23 school year. All tournaments seeking to use the shot clock for regular-season tournaments and shootouts

must apply for approval from the IHSA. Information regarding the approval process will be distributed to member schools in mid-September.

Anderson commented, “The IHSA’s survey of administrators and coaches last year made it very clear that our membership wasn’t ready to implement the shot clock in basketball at this juncture. Our priority now shifts to gathering feedback and data on the impact that the shot clock creates on game play, game management, and school finances. We look forward to working with our schools to pilot usage of the shot clock in some tournaments and shootouts this winter. We will release information to our schools on how to apply to use the shot clock in their tournament or shootout in mid-September.”

AHS Varsity Football Schedule

Sept. 2 – River Ridge – 7 p.m.
Sept. 9 – Milledgeville – 7 p.m.
Sept. 16 – Milford – 7 p.m.
 Sept. 24 – at Orangeville – 1 p.m.
Sept. 30 – Kirkland Hiawatha – 7 p.m.
 Oct. 8 – at Bushnell – 2 p.m.
 Oct. 14 – at Freeport Aquin – 7 p.m.
Oct. 21 – West Central – 7 p.m.

Football FS

Sept. 12 – Milledgeville – 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 19 – Kirkland Hiawatha – 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 26 – Alden Hebron – 5:30 p.m.
 Oct. 3 – at Milledgeville – 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 10 – Polo – 6 p.m.
 Oct. 17 – at Freeport Aquin – 5:30 p.m.

****Home games in Bold****

AHS Cross Country Varsity

Sept. 2 – at Seneca Invite – 4:30 p.m.
 Sept. 10 – at Princeton Invite – 9 a.m.
 Sept. 15 – at Rochelle Invite – 4:30 p.m.
 Sept. 17 – at Bureau Valley Invite – 9:30 a.m.
 Sept. 20 – at Mendota – 4 p.m.
 Sept. 24 – at Kewanee Invite – 9:30 a.m.
Sept. 28 – Home TBD – 4 p.m.
 Oct. 5 – at Oregon – 4:15 p.m.
Oct. 10 – Amboy Columbus Day Invite – 10 a.m.
 Oct. 15 – NUIC Meet

AHS Volleyball FS/Varsity

Sept. 3 – at Rock Falls Tournament
Sept. 6 – Forreston – 5 p.m.
 Sept. 8 – at Polo – 5 p.m.
 Sept. 13 – at AFC – 5 p.m.
 Sept. 15 – at Pearl City – 5 p.m.
 Sept. 19 – at Forreston – 5 p.m.
Sept. 20 – Milledgeville – 5 p.m.
 Sept. 21 – at Eastland – 5 p.m.
 Sept. 24 – at Polo Tournament
 Sept. 26 – at Indian Creek – 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 27 – Fulton – 5 p.m.
Oct. 4 – Polo – 5 p.m.
 Oct. 6 – at Milledgeville – 5 p.m.
Oct. 13 – AFC – 5 p.m.
 Oct. 15 – at Pecatonica Tournament
Oct. 17 – Hinckley-Big Rock – 5 p.m.
 Oct. 18 – at Fulton – 5 p.m.
Oct. 20 – Eastland – 5 p.m.
 Oct. 24 – Regional

AHS Golf Varsity

Aug. 29 – Durand-Pecatonica – 4 p.m.
 Aug. 30 – at West Carroll – 4 p.m.
Sept. 7 – Forreston – 4 p.m.
Sept. 8 – Lena-Winslow/Pearl City, Fulton – 4 p.m.
 Sept. 10 – at Kewanee Invite – 8:30 a.m.
 Sept. 12 – at Warren – 4 p.m.
Sept. 14 – Eastland – 4 p.m.
 Sept. 17 – at Riverdale Invite – 8:30 a.m.
 Sept. 19 – at Stockton – 4 p.m.
 Sept. 20 – at Freeport Aquin – 4 p.m.
Sept. 22 – NUIC Tournament @ Stockton
 Sept. 24 – at Morrison Invite – 8 a.m.
 Sept. 28 – Boys’ Regional
 Sept. 29 – Girls’ Regional

Lady Clippers lose season opener

AMBOY — The Amboy varsity volleyball team incurred a pair of losses to open the season.

The Lady Clippers hosted Earlville on Aug. 22 and the visitors prevailed, 25-18, 25-21.

Kiera Karlson led Amboy with three kills and one block, while Elly Jones had three aces, Tyrah Vaessen picked up eight assists and Emersyn Noble posted six digs. Jones and Courtney Orgtiesen added five and three digs, respectively.

Serena hosted the Lady Clippers on Aug. 24 and the home team came away with a 25-13, 25-16 triumph.

Pacing Amboy were Karlson with four kills, Vaessen with 10 assists, and Noble and Ellie McLaughlin with four digs apiece.

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SPORTS

Clippers defeat state champs to open season

POLO – The Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio Clippers are off to a great start this 2022 football season after rolling over Polo, 28-12, on Aug. 26 at Polo. The Marcos are fresh off of an Illinois 8-man state championship in 2021.

The Clippers, who advanced to the 8-man semifinals last season, made a statement early in the contest when they scored two of their touchdowns within the first four minutes of the game.

Amboy took its opening possession and needed only four plays to get in the end zone. Senior quarterback Tucker Lindenmeyer did the honors when he bolted 33 yards to paydirt with less than two minutes gone in the game.

The Clipper defense also proved to be stout when it got a big stop on a Polo fourth down try at the Marcos' 30-yard line, and Amboy's offense was in business again. This time, Lindenmeyer showed he's equally adept at throwing the football when he hooked up with Brennan Blaine on the first play of the drive for a 30-yard touchdown pass to put the Clippers in front 12-0 with just over eight minutes left in the opening stanza.

After Amboy's defense put the clamps on a long Polo drive that advanced to the Clipper 27, the Marcos were able to get the ball right back when they intercepted a Lindenmeyer pass near the midfield stripe. Polo was able to take advantage of that Amboy miscue when it scored on a 10-play, 48-yard drive, culminated by an 11-yard TD run.

But Amboy's offense was back at it again on its ensuing possession as it marched 69 yards in 10 plays, the finale being a 10-yard touchdown strike from Lindenmeyer to Blaine. Pounding runs by fullback Quinn Leffelman aided the drive. The Clippers made good on the two-point conversion and they led 20-6.

One last first-half scoring attempt by the home team was thwarted when Lindenmeyer picked off a Polo pass at the Clipper 5-yard line and the teams headed to the locker room with Amboy up by a pair of touchdowns.

Each team scored one second-half touchdown. Amboy struck first when Kye Koch raced 55 yards to the end zone with 7:35 left in the third period.

Polo's final TD came late in the fourth frame when it



VARSITY FOOTBALL

Front row, left to right, Troy Anderson, Eddie Jones, Brennan Blaine, Trey Payne, Vincent Zembrzski, Isaiah Drew. Second row, Kye Koch, Zach Dunne, Tucker Lindenmeyer, Ian Sundberg, Brody Christoffersen, Austin Heath, Landon Montavon. Third row, Geo Gatz, Caleb Shugars, Joel Billhorn, Levi McKinley, Quinn Leffelman, Landon Wheelchel, Dillon Merriman, Josh McKendry. Back row, Caleb Yanos, assistant coach Abel Sustaita, assistant coach Tyson Powers, head coach Scott Payne, assistant coach Kenny Shrimplin, assistant coach Sam Jones, assistant coach Jeramey Wittenauer, Lucas Blanton. Not pictured: Kabe Daniels.

capped off a time-consuming 89-yard drive with a 13-yard touchdown run at the 2:49 mark.

Lindenmeyer paced the Clippers with 76 yards rushing and 74 yards passing. Koch (75 yards) and Leffelman (61 yards) also had nice games running the football, while Blaine hauled in all three of Lindenmeyer's pass completions.

The Clippers will be back in action for their home opener on Friday, Sept. 2 against Hanover (River Ridge) for a 7 p.m. kickoff. The Wildcats dropped their season-opener to South Beloit, 42-36.

Cross Country team opens season with Rocket Run

ROCK FALLS – Amboy's cross country runners opened the season in the Rocket Run on Aug. 23 at Rock Falls.

In varsity boys' competition, the Clippers finished fifth in the team standings with 96 points. Rockford Christian grabbed the top spot with 23 points, followed by Newman (67), Rock Falls (80) and Erie-Prophetstown (81). Placing behind Amboy were Genoa-Kingston (187) and Eastland (196).

Amboy entered six boys in the event and Kyler McNinch led the pack with a third-place overall finish in a time of 16:28. Atticus Horner checked in next in 16th place with a time of 18:29 and Charlie Dickinson was 22nd in 19:13. Garrett Pertell (33rd, 20:08), Kelton Schwamberger (40th, 21:00) and Jaden Haley (47th, 22:03) completed the lineup.

The Amboy girls had four runners in the competition. Natalie Pratt finished 38th in a time of 26:25, followed



by Samantha Nauman (40th, 26:45), Anna Carlson (41st, 26:48) and Addison Pertell (45th, 27:09).

Rockford Christian was the overall team winner

with 51 points. Also scoring points were Cambridge (67), Erie-P. (123), Newman (133) and Genoa-K. (163). Rock Falls (69), Oregon (82),

Boys' Cross Country

Front row, left to right, Charlie Dickinson, Ryan Dickinson, Jaden Haley, Kyler McNinch. Back row, Atticus Horner, Kelton Schwamberger, Garrett Pertell, coach Michael Robinson.



Girls' Cross Country

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AHS Volleyball (H) Forreton-5 pm
AJHS 5th/6th Volleyball (H) Rock Falls-6th-5 pm/5th-6 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 7

AHS Art Club-Room 210-3:30-4:30 pm
AHS Fall Play Practice-Auditorium
AHS Golf (H) Forreton-4 pm

Thursday, Sept. 8

AHS Fall Play Practice-Auditorium-
AHS Golf (H) LeWin/PC w/Fulton-4 pm
AHS Volleyball @ Polo-5 pm
AJHS 5th/6th Volleyball @ East Coloma-6th-5 pm/5th-6 pm
AJHS 7th/8th Volleyball (H) East Coloma-8th-5 pm/7th-6 pm
Central School Drawing Club-Art Room-3:20-4 pm
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Friday, Sept. 9

AJHS 7th/8th Volleyball @ Montmorency Tournament-TBA
AHS Varsity Football (H) Milledgeville-7 pm

Saturday, Sept. 10

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