



EMTs, Firefighters needed

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — Many moons ago, there wasn't room in a fire station for all who wanted to be a firefighter or an EMT (emergency medical technician) because so many wanted to be a part of the department.

Recent moons have seen a different situation as fire departments are searching for firefighters, EMTs, and first responders at an alarming rate.

And it's not just small towns, it's a nation-wide problem.

However, small town fire departments like Amboy and Sublette are seeing the lack of staff and feeling the strain.

"We need people as soon as possible. We're at that fine line of where our services could be curtailed, and longer response time based on not enough firefighters and EMTs in a lot of small cities throughout the nation are going through this including Amboy and Sublette," said Jeff Bryant Sr., Amboy Fire Department Fire Chief since 2013 and a member of the company since 1988.

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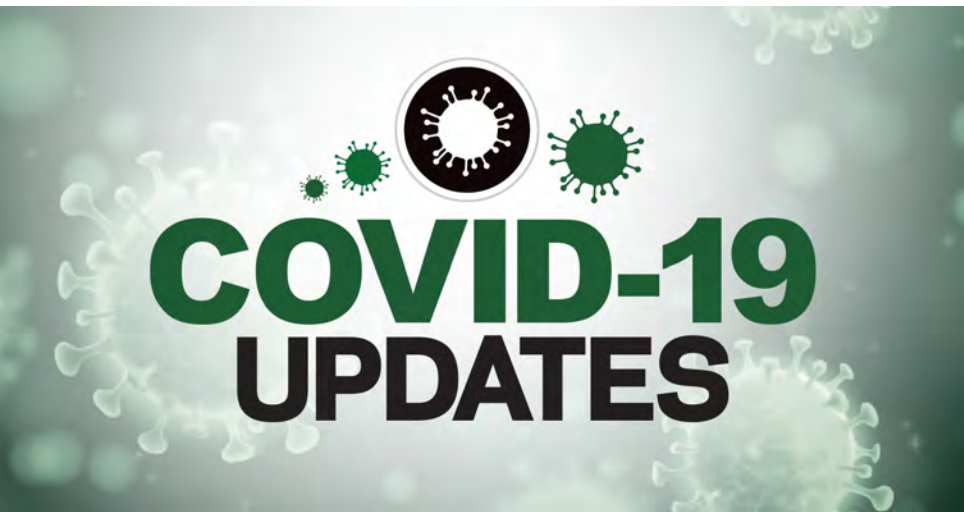
Amboy resident voices concerns over possible sex education standards

BY GEORGE HOWE
Amboy News Reporter

AMBOY — Not long after Amboy School Board President Nicole Jones started the regular monthly meeting proceedings on Thursday, July 14, did she reach out to the public in attendance for the 'Open Forum' section that gives an opportunity to formally address the board members.

Longtime Amboy resident Matt Moore presented a prepared statement voicing his concerns about the district's sex education curriculum.

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Lee County moves to HIGH Community Level of COVID-19

LEE COUNTY - Lee County is now at a HIGH Community Level of COVID-19 due to an increase in the case rate in the community.

CDC's county tracker indicates high community level for Lee County, as well Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Lake, McHenry, Will, Boone, Bureau, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, Stephenson, and Winnebago in northern Illinois. CDC Community Level metrics are designed to help communities take action when COVID-19 spread is increasing impacting health and healthcare systems in their locality.

The CDC recommends the following

measures for people in areas that are rated at High Community Level for COVID-19 transmission:

- Wear a well-fitting mask indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status (including in K-12 schools and other indoor community settings)
- If you are immunocompromised or high risk for severe disease
- Wear a mask or respirator that provides you with greater protection

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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.

Women in World War II Lee County Women In Service

"There is one front and one battle where everyone in the United States -- every man, woman, and child -- is in action, and will be privileged to remain in action through-

out this war. That front is right here at home, in our daily lives, (and) in our daily tasks. Here at home everyone will have the privilege of making whatever self-denial is necessary, not only to supply our fighting men, but to keep the economic structure of our country fortified and secure during the war and after the war." — FDR Fireside Chat, April 28, 1942

In the early days of the war, women were holding up the home front in every way possible, leading their families and home towns through the challenge of food and gas rationing, inflation, scarcity, scrap drives, and filling essential jobs left vacant by soldiers gone overseas. Built in 1941 to produce war munitions, the Green River Ordnance Plant between Amboy and Dixon eventually saw women on the assembly

lines in larger numbers than men. Wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters saw too many tearful good-byes at train stations, and more than enough soul-crushing telegrams from the War Department. For many young women in Lee County and across America, more was required, and more would be given.



On May 15, 1942, a bill establishing the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC) became law, granting women official military status in non-combat roles. By July, 1943, President Roosevelt had signed legislation changing the name of the Corps to the Women's Army Corps (WAC), giving

women the rank, privileges, and benefits of their male counterparts. The WAC's performed a variety of jobs, "releasing a man for combat", including clerk, radio operator, air traffic control, vehicle transport, electrician, and countless other roles. WAC's were enlisted for a term which would extend six months beyond the end of the war. Local recruiting stations were established in Rockford, Rock Island, Peoria, and Chicago.

That same year, the United States, facing a severe shortage of pilots, took a chance on an experimental program to train women to fly airplanes so that more men could be available for combat duty.

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St. Patrick Catholic Church Save the Steeple campaign Bike or Hike-A-Thon was held on July 16. Each participant was asked to bring a form to the event with their sponsors as the parish asked each biker, hiker, or rider to have per-mile sponsors. The Bike or Hike-A-Thon was from the parish to the Amboy Sports Park. More than \$12,000 was raised and funds are still coming in.

Photos submitted



Broadband for All

BY GEORGE HOWE
Amboy News Reporter

LEE COUNTY — How many times have you sat in front of your home computer and it seems to literally take forever for your page to open?

Or, you're trying to watch your favorite TV program only to have it buffer right at a good part and the little circle in the middle of the screen goes round and round.

Well now you have the chance to let your opinions count. The Broadband for All initiative spearheaded by members of the Ogle County Board and in cooperation with neighboring counties of Boone, Lee, Putman, Troy City, and Winnebago have put together a survey that



asked questions specifically to where you live. For example, in the city, the choices will be a little different than if you live in a rural farming area.

You have until July 23 to participate and the website address and QR reader will

be available at the end of this article.

Representatives involved are strongly encouraging everyone to take it.

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"From our vantage point, Amboy and Sublette have a great working relationship and we respond automatically (through Automatic Aid), but most of the time the companies responding from different towns are bringing less people because they're short."

"It's an epidemic. In modern day terms, when does it become a pandemic? When does it get to a point where we can't control it? I think the community supports both Amboy and Sublette really well. I don't know if we do a poor job of letting people know we need their help as firefighters, EMS, and both."

Amboy has a federal grant that is set aside to train members of Emergency Medical Services.

Bryant Sr. said Amboy has the funding to put firefighters and EMTs through school and the department incentivizes volunteers for coming out on calls and going through training.

"If they want a second job just for some

spending money. We have that. We hope that our fire department would be a great place to land," Bryant Sr. said. "We have a gym that is opened to members and their family. There are 85 departments in our association, and we're regionally known for our fire school, so there are more opportunities."

"We can put a band-aid on the problem, but there are people trying to regionalize the approach. Personally, I don't want to regionalize EMS response. We want to keep it local."

Kevin Schultz, Sublette Fire Department Fire Chief since Jan. 2020 and a member of the department for 35 years, believes becoming involved with the local fire department is a sign of community pride, civic duty, and something to be proud of.

If someone is scared of fire, they never have to enter an engulfed structure. There are many jobs currently unmanned at fire departments all over the country.

"It's a nationwide problem because 75-80

percent of fire departments across the country are volunteer," Schultz said. "More and more people are not volunteering like they used to and it is becoming very difficult to find enthusiastic, young residents to join the fire department. I believe being a volunteer for the community shows community pride and a passion for helping people in any situation."

"People will say they can't do blood, or they can't do something else, but we have a job for anyone who wants to volunteer. If blood turns your stomach, you could drive an ambulance, hold a pump, or help around the station. A person doesn't have to be involved with a fire. They don't only have to be at the station. We will find jobs that suits each volunteer. We've found very important supportive roles for anyone who wants to help."

Both fire departments are looking for volunteers no matter what the age or how busy the schedule because the company can work around full-time jobs or picking up children

from school.

Sublette was begging citizens to be EMTs, firefighters, and first responders five to six new faces joined in the last year.

The added bodies were awesome, but Schultz and Sublette always need more.

Byrant Sr. set a wish list of getting four to five people to join as firefighters and four to five people to become EMTs. On an annual basis, four to five people for EMS is also on the wish list.

"Firefighter wise, we just need some new blood. Most of us are 1980s high school graduates that are still frontline people," Bryant Sr. said. "It would be nice to get some people from the 2000s as firefighters. They would be younger, and they'd have every opportunity to learn what they need to learn, so one day, the department could be turned over to them to run."

Board turns matter of repairing railing on Main Street back to committee

BY TONJA GREENFIELD

Publisher

SUBLETTE — On the agenda for the Sublette Village Board meeting was the approval of repairing/replacing the railing and the concrete on Main Street. But after some discussion, mostly on the large cost of the project, the matter was turned back over to committee to review.

The Sublette Village Board met on Monday, July 11, in the Ellice Dinges Center. Sublette Village President John Stenzel was

absent. Sublette Village Trustee Julie Kessel ran the meeting in Stenzel's absence.

Sublette Village Trustee Robert Bulfer presented the board with estimates he received for repairing/replacing the railing and the concrete on Main Street. Bulfer said one bid came in at \$104,000 and that was to replace the railing and square posts with stainless steel. Another bid for \$64,000 was to take down broken railing and put new railing up. A bid to do the cement patching, cleaning up the cracks, drill and add rebar came in

around \$9,200.

Sublette Village Trustee Jeff Myers said that that was a lot of money, and that the village doesn't know what's coming down the pike for the future.

Kessel recommended returning the matter back over to committee because it was a lot of money for the village to commit to.

"I admit it's a lot of money," Bulfer said. "But if someone leans on the railing and it falls over, that's going to be a lot of money too."

Sublette Village Trustee Larry Ellis said

the village it still looking into how much it's going to cost to repair/replace the roof on the Ellice Dinges Center.

Myers recommended finding out how much of the railing needed to be fixed before the committee meeting.

In other board news

• Don Dinges told the board that the upcoming one-day tractor drive will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 3.

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TEEN TURF

Summer Splash Program

This is our sixth and final week of Splash camp for the younger kids. Our movie theme this week is Encanto. It began June 13 and ended July 22, for pre-k to fourth grade. Pre-K and K was on Mondays, first and second are on Tuesdays, and third and fourth was on Wednesdays. Check out our pictures on Facebook. The older kids are getting ready for the 4-H fair and their earned trip to Hurricane Harbor and Golden Corral in August.

4-H Breakfast

We will be serving pancakes and sausage or biscuits and gravy for \$9 on Friday, July 28 from 7-10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 29 from 7-10:30 a.m., and Sunday, July 30 from 8-11 a.m. Our board members, volunteers, and children will be happy to serve you.

Thank You's

We are always grateful for those that help us: Amyiah Schrock and family for the snacks; Donna Wellman for cookies; Kathy Orgiesen and Family for the bikes; Martha Henley for the cookies; Shelli Bump and Family for the snacks; Margaret Shaw for the cookies; Shannon and Josh Nichols for the snacks.

Needs

Granola bars and ice pops for summer.

Final Word

May the God who created a world of diversity and vibrancy, Go with us as we embrace life in all its fullness.

May the Son who teaches us to care for stranger and foreigners,

Go with us as we try to be good neighbors in our communities.

May the Spirit who breaks down our barriers and celebrates community,

Go with us as we find the courage to create a place of welcome for all.

- Clare McBeath and Tim Presswood

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.

STERLING- Explore the world of pollinators with Whiteside County Master Gardeners from 8 a.m. – noon, on Saturday, July 23, at the Twin Cities Farmers Market, Sterling. Discover the lifecycle of a butterfly with a butterfly lifecycle bracelet, create an egg carton caterpillar, and design your own butterfly. Hear about the busy life of bees and learn to pollinate like a bee. For more information contact Mary Nelson at the Whiteside County Extension Office at 815-632-3611.

AMBOY-The Amboy Summer Concert Series welcomes Wizards on Saturday, July 23, at 7 p.m., at the Downtown Band Shelter, Main Street. Bring a chair and a friend and enjoy this free concert. Wizard performs big band music.

LEE COUNTY- Keep your brain fit and healthy from the comfort of home on Monday, July 25, from 10-11 a.m. Current research indicates that challenging the brain is one of several things you can do to contribute to your own brain health as you age. Challenging activities is one way to train your brain and keep your wits fit. Each virtual class is free and open to the public. Registration is required to receive log on instructions. Participants may also join by phone as well and are welcome to join the class at any time. Register online at: go.illinois.edu/witsfitnessonline

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. at the Community Center, 280

W. Wasson Rd., on Monday, July 25. Anyone interested in joining or wants more information on the Lions Club is invited to attend.

AMBOY- Come one come all to the Lee County 4-H Fair, July 28-31, Lee Fairgrounds, Amboy. See what our 4-H youth have been busy creating and working on all year long. Scheduled times can be viewed at go.il-linois.edu/CLW4-HFairs For more information contact Martha at 815-632-3611.

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AMBOY-The Amboy Summer Concert Series welcomes Jazz In Progress on Saturday, July 30, at 7 p.m., at the Downtown Band Shelter, Main Street. Bring a chair and a friend and enjoy this free concert. Jazz In Progress performs Dixieland jazz.

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Improved Illinois bike maps blaze new trail

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced the release of the new-and-improved Illinois Official Bike Maps, a free and convenient resource showcasing the state's vast bicycle network of trails, paths and streets. Maps for each of IDOT's nine districts include new features and designs that make them easier to understand, while including more information on noteworthy stops and attractions easily accessible by bike.

"Bicycling is a healthy, viable and environmentally-friendly option of transportation in cities, towns and rural areas throughout our state," said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. "These maps will provide residents and visitors a valuable and handy tool to plan for their daily travels as

well as trips for fun and recreation."

The maps continue to feature information on local trails and paths, in addition to recommended bicycle routes on local streets and connections to transit. Details on attractions such as campgrounds, parks and other points of interest also are included.

Improved design and markings were incorporated to make the maps easier to read while providing a regional perspective of bicycling resources and interests in a paper format preferred by many bicyclists. The nine unique covers also reflect the diversity of the state's bicycling community and environment. To order a map, visit <https://idot.click/bikemaps>.

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Over 1,100 women volunteered for the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP's), trained to fly all kinds of military aircraft, including heavy bombers. Although this group would not be granted official military status until the 1970's, their role in the war effort included moving planes from factories to military bases, towing aircraft for repairs, or setting up training targets.

Other official avenues had opened for women to become part of the military effort, including the U.S. Navy Reserves through the Women Accepted For Voluntary Emergency Service, or WAVES. The Marines established a Coast Guard Unit called SPARS, an acronym for "Semper Paratus" - Always Ready. Many other young civilian nurses entered the Army Nurse Corps, either with the Army or Army Air Force. In total, more than 300,000 women had served actively in the U.S. Military by the war's end.

Scores of women from Amboy and other towns in Lee County volunteered to join one of these service branches, mostly from 1943-46. Enlistment records from the National Archives contain the names of some of these extraordinary young people.

Vera Anning, Lily Ashford, Virginia Bixler, Thelma Cogan, Rose Collings, Evelyn Connor, Ruth Crombie, Avis Dawson, Marie Deputy, Frances Fanelli, Katie Fenten, Mary Flood, Ellen Freadhoff, Betty Giebel, Katie Harrison, Frances Hayes, Adelaida Johnson, Joyce Franks, Marie Keenan, Garland Knight, Margory Laidig, Norana Marks, Susanna Matzinger, Virginia Meyers, Celeste Miller, Esther Murray, Helen Owens, Ethel Owens, Evelyn Reed, Gertrude Richardson, Esther Schantz, Lila Sugg, Delena Swain, and Mary Ellen Sweigle

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Kenneth L. Sharkey March 16, 1937 - July 12, 2022

DIXON — Kenneth L. Sharkey, 85, of Dixon, died Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at Pine Crest Terrace in Mt. Morris.

He was born March 16, 1937 in Sublette, the son of Charles and Margaret (Full) Sharkey. Ken served in the Army from 1960 to 1962. Ken married Donna James on Sept. 8, 1962 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy.

He had been a barber for over 60 years and had owned and operated his own barber shop in Franklin Grove. Ken had also worked for the Illinois Tollway for 27 years prior to retirement.

He was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon, the Knights of Columbus, and the American Legion. Ken was an avid pool player and competed in many pool tournaments. He loved cars, motorcycles and telling jokes.

He was preceded in death

by his parents, and one daughter, Diana Sharkey.

Ken is survived by his wife, Donna, of Mt. Morris; children, Dave (Brenda) Sharkey, of Dixon, Brian (Elizabeth) Sharkey, of Bettendorf, Iowa, Barb (Peter) Vaessen, of Sublette; nine grandchildren, Camila (Greg) Lahey, Janessa (Nolan) Rappe, Hannah Sharkey, Megan Sharkey, Emily Sharkey, Madeline Vaessen, Natalie Vaessen, Ben Vaessen, Charlie Vaessen; three great-grandchildren, Kenzie Lahey, Kaydence Lahey, and Briar Rappe. He is also survived by one sister, Elaine Eckburg, of Scottsdale, Ariz., and three nieces.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, July 15, 2022 starting at 11 a.m., at St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon. Military honors were performed after mass at church. Visitation was held on Friday July 15, 2022 from



10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m., at St. Anne Catholic Church in Dixon.

Memorial has been established to St. Anne Catholic School.

Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

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

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"This survey was developed to help gather data to better understand where there is already broadband, is it high speed, effective, and where is it most needed," explained Lee County City Administrator Wendy Ryerson. "Some people living out in the country away from their adjacent town or city currently don't have the opportunity for internet. During COVID, we all became critically aware of how important broadband is especially for the school children and their work from home parents."

This vision first began after realizing that due to COVID shutdowns there wasn't enough service for kids, and visits by home health care providers were lacking. Ogle County leaders learned a lot. So, in December of 2021, a grant was written to become a co-host of the Accelerated Illinois Broadband Infrastructure Program. This program is designed to help communities to build inclusive broadband teams, determine acceptable com-

munity roles, set visions, and develop provider partners. ARPA funds of \$1.6 million from state and federal covid assistance went a long way in determining how to fix the internet, who has it, and how can the board best help. They also looked into what is called Dark Fiber in the county to make sure there is a backup plan. Dark Fiber, which is also known as unlit or black fiber, is unused optical fiber that has been laid. It's usually used in network communications. It's known to be dark as no light pulses are being transmitted through it. In normal fiber cables, light pulses send information to the useable sources.

"There is an abundance of dark cable here and all across the U.S. that needs to be utilized," said Patricia Nordman Ogle County Vice Chairman and head of the Broadband for All program. "We needed to make sure that in the event the main line gets damaged we have another so we don't miss 911 emergency calls."

Another important part that will go a long way for the future success of the program is what is called 'Middle Mile'. It is a startup term. In the industry the more common expression is local distribution. According to program team member Don Griffin there is a lot of moving parts. "The objective would be to eventually interconnect all line fiber that gets contractors and vendors involved to make it reliable and more affordable for all," he said.

Currently, Nordman, along with representatives from the aforementioned counties are in week 9 of a 12 week webinar based training being held every Thursday morning from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., where speakers from



around the world cover all aspects of broadband.

"During this intensive instruction there has been a lot of brainstorming on how best to put this survey and possible future ones together," added Nordman.

Last year, there were over 244 applicants for a grant provided by the National Telecommunications Information Administration. This group from the surrounding counties finished in the top 14 and would have been one of the recipients if more money would have been available. The administration provided valuable feedback and Nordman feels confident of future grant awards.

"We will have a large amount of people served through public and private partnerships which bodes well for us," she said. "That is the ultimate goal of Broadband for All."

To take part in the survey, please go to <https://go.ac-es.illinois.edu/2022BroadbandForAllSurvey> or click the QR Code above.

Instructions for completing this survey: Complete the survey in one sitting and in one location - either at your home or work. If you complete the survey at your home, you may take it again at your work (or vice-versa). Do not use a cell phone to take the survey unless it is the only connection you have to the Internet.

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Consider avoiding non-essential indoor activities in public where you could be exposed

Talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to take other precautions

Have a plan for rapid testing if needed (e.g., having home tests or access to testing)

IF YOU TEST POSITIVE: Talk to your healthcare provider about whether you are a candidate for treatments like oral antivirals, and monoclonal antibodies

If you have household or social contact with someone at high risk for severe disease

consider self-testing to detect infection before contact consider wearing a mask when indoors with them

Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines and boosters Maintain improved ventilation throughout indoor spaces when possible

Follow CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine, including getting tested if you are exposed to COVID-19 or have symptoms of COVID-19.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has been supporting pharmacies and healthcare providers in efforts to increase their inventories of the various FDA-authorized treatments. There are over 1,200 treatment locations in Illinois - including all the major retail pharmacies. More than 96.7% of the state's population is within a 10-mile radius of one of these locations.

Lee County Health Department has home test kits available for free. Just stop by their office between 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.



Dear Family and Friends,

June Partington is turning 90 on September 1st, and we need your help to celebrate with a birthday card shower! Please send your birthday card, with your wishes or favorite memory or photo of June and mail it to arrive as close to September 1st as possible. The address is as follows:

June Partington
620 N Ottawa Ave
Dixon, IL 61021



We know that June will be thrilled to get her mail and see so many birthday cards from her family and friends. Also, if you are driving by Heritage Square on Brinton Ave. please wave at Mom or other residents sitting on the benches. They love it when people wave, honk or stop by to visit!

Tim & Krista Morrissey
Sandy Morrissey
Denise & John Roop
And Families

Thanks in advance for your help in making June's 90th birthday extra-special!



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

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Fr. John Gow
32 N Jones, Amboy
815-857-2315 • www.stpatrickamboy.org
Masses: Tuesday - Friday Daily Mass 8 a.m.
Saturday 4 p.m. • Sunday 7:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.
Confessions: Saturday, 3-3:45 p.m.
Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Friday, 8am-5 pm

St. Mary Church
Fr. John Gow
912 Walton Rd., Walton
815-857-2670
Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm

St. Flannen Church
Fr. John Gow
213 S Second St., Harmon
815-857-2670
Mass: Sunday, 9 am

United First Church of Amboy
Pastor Mark Glenn
East Main & Jefferson
815-440-0745
Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

First Congregational United Church of Christ of Lee Center
Pastor Jack M. Briggs
1140 Inlet Road, Lee Center
www.LeeCenter-UCC.org
Phone 815-732-7032
Family Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Grace Fellowship Church
Amboy-Sublette
Pastor Brian McWethy
500 W. Main Street, Sublette
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
www.graceisforyou.com

East Grove Union Church
Pastor Richard Wulf, 815-440-5321
449 Reuter Road, Amboy
Phone 815-376-6661
1/2 Mile East of Route 26 on Union Rd.
Sun., 9:00 a.m. Morning Service
Youth Church, ages 3-Grade 4
10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Ages 3 - Adult
6:00 p.m. Evening Service
Wed., 6:00 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study
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Pastor Rocky Fritz
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Church Phone 857-2682
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Morning Service - 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Wed. prayer meeting & Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
King's Kids program from 6:30-8 p.m. Friday
Reformers Unanimous addictions program from 7-9 p.m.

St. James Evangelical Congregational Church
Robert Dunbar, Pastor
US Route 52 & Red Brick Rd., Dixon
815-288-2447
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9:45 a.m. Sunday School
Ladies Bible Study, Wed. 9 a.m.

St. Mary's Church
Rev. Randy Fronек
West Brooklyn
Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m.
Saturday - 5:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Church
Rev. Randy Fronек - Maytown
Mass - Fri. 8 a.m., Sun, 8 a.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Pastor Barb Otten
960 U.S. Route 52
Phone 857-2225
Sun. Worship - 9:00 a.m. Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School - 9:40-10:15 a.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
Rev. Randy Fronек
Locust Street, Sublette
Phone 815-849-5412
Saturday Mass - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.
Thursday - 8:30 a.m.

Refuge Church
Pastor John Kalebaugh
Mendota Hills Campground • 642 Rt. 52
Amboy, IL 61310 • 815-849-5930
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SOCIAL NEWS



George M. Schwamberger

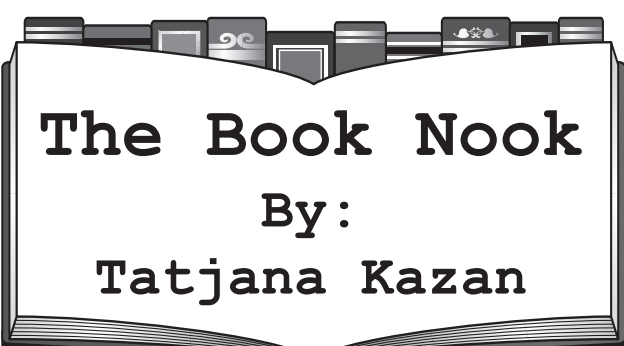
Schwamberger to celebrate 90th birthday on July 25

FRANKLIN GROVE — George M. Schwamberger is turning 90 on July 25, 2022.

He was born in Amboy and has been married to Barbara (Biester) for 61 years.

George and Barb have three sons: George H. (Amy), Thomas (Connie, deceased), Mark (Kelly); and one daughter, Cathy (Dianna). They also have four grandchildren and one step grandchild.

Cards for George may be sent to The Meadows, 510 N. State St. Apt. 125, Franklin Grove, IL. 61031.



THE FORMER PERSON

In 1922 Russia was in violent upheaval. The Bolshevik Red Terror claimed thousands of victims, the civil war was still raging, and famine in the Volga region killed an estimated five million people. So it is rather curious that Amor Towles's "A Gentleman in Moscow," which begins in 1922, is described as "brimming with humor, with a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another." It is indeed a superb old-fashioned novel of romance and intrigue set exclusively in Moscow's five-star hotel, the Metropol, which opened in 1905 and to this day is still the standard for luxury and service in Moscow.

Count Alexander Ilyich Rostov, member of the Jockey Club and Master of the Hunt, has been staying at the Metropol for three years when in a 1922 trial he is sentenced to house arrest at the hotel. A pro-revolutionary poem he wrote in his youth has saved him from execution. Should he ever step foot outside the Metropol, he will be shot dead. At 32, Rostov has officially become a "former person" and will live in the hotel's dingy, cramped servant's room for the next 32 years.

The pleasure of keeping company with Alexander is not only his sophisticated knowledge of food and wines — he becomes the head waiter of the Metropol's main restaurant — but also because of his lightness of touch, his generosity and moral discipline.

The grand hotel unfolds for us through his explorations and his encounters with the staff from the old barber to the chef, the maître d' and the seamstress who in the course of time become trusted friends. His not-so-secret affair with a famed actress lasts for years. A rather frustrating moment occurs when Alexander finds the labels stripped off the Metropol's 100,000 bottles of wine because the powers that be thought they were anti-revolutionary. The Second World War is barely mentioned, but there is a terrific set piece of a Politburo dinner at the Metropol where Nikita Khrushchev outmaneuvers his rival to make it abundantly clear that he is the new undisputed leader of the USSR.

The most important event in those years is Alexander's friendship with Nina, a highly intelligent nine-year-old girl, who ten years later is caught up in the bracing ideas of creating a new society from the ground up. As a pioneer of the Revolution she marches into the countryside to help collectivize farms, a bitterly resented policy.

Nina appears at the Metropol some years later to ask Alexander to take her daughter Sophie so she can follow her husband to Siberia. Alexander is delighted. He devotes himself wholly to raising this serious little girl, who turns out to be a musical prodigy.

Alexander never tires of repeating his motto: "The surest sign of wisdom is constant cheerfulness."

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

WHAT IS MUSIC?

BY PASTOR RICK WULF,
The East Grove Union Church of Rural Amboy

Hello, Friends,
This is another good question, right? According to Webster's dictionary, "music is vocal, instrumental, or mechanical sounds having rhythm, melody, or harmony. It is also defined as the science or art of ordering tones or sounds in succession, in combination, and in temporal relationships to produce a composition having unity and continuity." From what I have learned over the years, that each culture dating back to the beginning of time, has had its own form of musical expression. One thing about music that probably most of us have experienced is that many people have their own definition of what music is. We each have our own taste in style of music as well. Because everyone has their own tastes, sometimes there can be disagreement.

When we look at what the Bible says about music, we find right in its center, the Book of Psalms which is called the songbook of the Bible. It contains the words of 150 songs that were written to worship the One true God, Jehovah. David is probably considered the chief musician of the Bible. The word sing is found 166 times in the Bible. The word song, 105 times and the word music in

different forms, 91 times. Psalm 33:2-4 says "Praise the Lord with the harp; Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy." I believe that God gave mankind the gift of music for worship, for entertainment and pleasure. It can be used in many other ways as well. It has been used to teach as well. When put to music, lists of items can be memorized easier.

For me as a Pastor, of course I like the old hymns of the Church. I also like the contemporary choruses that have been written over the past 50 or 60 years. I will even listen to many choruses written in the past decade. Yes, I do like music with a little beat. Another part of music as we know, is the tune to which the words are set. This too can be a point of contention. My personal position is that the most important part of music is the message, the words sung. If I can't understand the message, the words, then the song has very little value to me. Yes, it is true that sometimes the tune of the song can be catchy. It is interesting to think how popular shows and activities are, that challenge us to name that tune with only two or three notes played. Then the fact that many people are able to do so with seemingly little effort. Our brains are something to be able to do so. Mankind has been truly blessed by God

with that ability.

I marvel each year at our Community Vacation Bible School during the music time how quickly the young people pick up the new songs. Near the end of the week we give them the opportunity to request songs that are on DVDs from past years' V.B.S. It is amazing as well how they can recall the tunes as well as the words. Music is such a powerful means to teach the Word of God.

One particular style is Southern Gospel. Our church is hosting once again this summer the Southern Gospel Quartet, The Wanda Mountain Boys. We are planning our Annual Concert in the Park in the Amboy City Park at the Shaw Shelter on Saturday, Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. We will be having an ad in this paper, previous to the concert with all of the details.

I trust that you will be inspired, encouraged, blessed, and even challenged in your life with the music that you listen to. Everything in life that we experience has a positive or negative affect on our lives. I trust that you will accept and benefit from that which is good and reject that which is not. Psalm 89:1: "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations."

May God continue to bless and sustain you.

Kish offering six short-term training programs in Fall 2022

MALTA - The Kishwaukee College Continuing Education department is offering six Short-Term Training programs during the Fall 2022 semester. Short-term programs at Kish are designed to provide students with skills and training needed to meet local workforce demands. The programs range from 11 to 20 weeks and allow students to immediately start a career or build upon their skills with additional training.

Fall 2022 classes will be offered in online, in-person and hybrid formats. Participants will need access to a computer and the internet to participate in programs with an online component. Some programs include an externship/clinical.

The Short-Term Training programs offered in Fall 2022 are:
Dental Assistant: Aug. 28-Nov. 19 (Online Lecture/In-Person Practice)

Dental assistants are skilled health care professionals who work closely with dentists and dental hygienists to provide quality preventive and corrective dental care and administrative support in dental offices. In-person practice will be conducted from 6-9 pm on three Tuesdays in a local dental office.

Pharmacy Technician: Aug. 28-Dec. 10 (Online)
Pharmacy technicians assist pharmacists with dispensing prescription medication while performing various other duties in a pharmacy setting. Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) funding is available to those who qualify.

Phlebotomy Technician: Aug. 29-Nov. 18 (In-Person)
Phlebotomists are skilled health care professionals trained to collect, transport, handle and process blood and other specimens for laboratory analysis using venipuncture and micro collection techniques. Instruction and in-person practice will be conducted from 6-8:30 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Kishwaukee College. The class includes a required 100-hour externship/clinical in a local hospital.

Real Estate Broker Pre-License: Sept. 6-Nov. 17 (In-Person)

Real estate brokers perform many duties in real estate transactions, including marketing homes, establishing escrow

accounts, and working to ensure transactions are fair and legal. In-person instruction will be provided from 6-9 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Kishwaukee College.

Sterile Processing Technician: Aug. 28-Dec. 3 (Online)
Sterile processing technicians provide support to all patient care services in a health care facility. They are responsible for decontaminating, cleaning, processing, assembling, sterilizing, storing and distributing the medical devices and supplies needed in patient care, especially during surgery.

Veterinary Assistant: July 24-Dec. 16 (Online Lecture/In-Person Practice)

Veterinary assistants are critical members of a veterinary staff trained to assist veterinarians and veterinary technicians with medical procedures on sick and injured animals. In-person lecture/practice will be conducted from 5-8 pm on Wednesdays at Ashton Animal Clinic in Kaneville and from 4:30-7:30 pm on Fridays at Ashton Animal Clinic in Ashton. The class includes a required 100-hour externship/clinical in a local animal hospital.

Registration for the Fall 2022 session is open. Contact Melissa Gallagher at mgallagher1@kish.edu to schedule a phone meeting to discuss your program of interest and possible funding options.

Senior Dining Menu
July 20-26
8 oz. of low-fat milk served with each meal

Wednesday – Lemon Pepper Chicken, wild rice, broccoli, wgr dinner roll and applesauce.
Thursday – A.) Cheeseburger, wgr wheat bun, tator tots, baked beans, ambrosia. B.) Ham/vegetable.
Friday - Vegetable fritter, sausage patties, cheesy hash browns, wgr apple muffin, mandarin oranges.
Monday – Balsamic chicken breast, rice pilaf, broccoli, wgr dinner roll, diced pears.
Tuesday – Tropical chicken salad, cucumber slices, wgr croissant, pineapple juice.

Meals served Mon.-Fri. at 11:00 am
Reservations needed 10:00 am day before
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Franklin Grove Harvest Festival
August 5, 6, 7

Friday – Lunch at the fire station, garage sales, art show at the library and movie night

Saturday – Garage sales, art show and free popcorn at the library, Chaplin Creek tours and more, Missouri Guerilla display, Rustic Ridge axe throwing, kick ball tournament, Big Rig Show, kids activities at Altlasta Park, including a Duck Derby, American Legion Pork Chop dinner, tractor parade, beer garden with live music, Living History Antique show

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Opinion

Remember what government can do

Here's a question: When was the last time at least half of Americans said the government in Washington could be trusted to do the right thing all or most of the time?

It was right after 9/11, according to the Pew Research Center, and that was really just a blip. Before that, you'd have to go back to the 1960s.

And after the 9/11 bump subsided? You won't be surprised to hear that ever since the end of the George W. Bush administration, the percentage of those trusting government all or most of the time has been hovering in the low 20s or even the high teens.

This is not a good state of affairs. Trust is a bedrock requirement of democratic governance. When it's gone, replaced by suspicion and lack of confidence, our system cannot work. For representative democracy to function as it should, the public officials, politicians, and policy-makers who act in our name have to have the support of ordinary people—who can trust that our representatives will level with us without half-truths and that government can efficiently and effectively deliver the goods, services, and policy impact we expect.

There's no question that over the past decades—starting with the Vietnam War and Watergate—that faith has been put to the test. In many respects, Americans have taken a dimmer view of the effectiveness and relevance of government the more it has been hamstrung by partisan division just as they've been feeling left to their own in the face of economic and cultural dislocation. Globalization, the changes wrought

Guest Column

By Lee Hamilton



by technology, skyrocketing income inequality, slow wage growth for working families, concern about hot-button social issues—all of this has ratcheted up a sense of loss of control. And that was before the pandemic.

Yet despite all this, when I look around I'm reminded of just how much our government has accomplished—and how thoroughly it's taken for granted by many Americans. People often question the value of government in their lives, even while depending on a monthly Social Security check, or driving on an interstate, or attending college thanks to a student loan, or going online, or relying on the overall safety of our food and medications, or escaping to a national park for vacation... You get the idea.

When many Americans think of the government's spending priorities, they imagine that outsized proportions of taxpayer dollars go to others—to foreign aid, say, or welfare. In fact, the biggest chunk of federal spending has traditionally gone to Social Security, Medicare, and other programs for elderly Americans, surpassed recently only by the money for economic stimulus and family income support that kept the economy from crashing during the pandemic.

I'm not going to bore you with a long list of things the federal government has done well. But I do want to say that it takes only a moment's thought to look back—at everything from the creation of the land-grant colleges to establishing the rules by which American businesses operate to Medicare and the civil rights legislation of the 1960s to, more recently, the Affordable Care Act, enabling the rapid development and

approval of life-saving Covid vaccines, and the continued safety provided by the world's strongest, most advanced military—to recognize the cornerstone role our government plays in shaping American life.

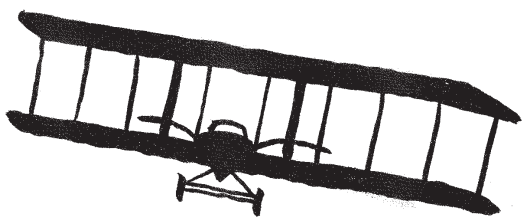
So yes, while government has its failings, it's also crucial to understand that it can be made to work effectively and fairly—and that we cannot address many of the challenges we face as a nation without a government that has the public's confidence. The character, resourcefulness, and resilience of the American people have always been key to the nation's success, but so have key government initiatives that marshal our strengths, from good education to basic scientific and medical research to the physical and legal infrastructure that undergird our economy.

In the end, there may be plenty of reason to worry about government's effectiveness, but government must also be part of the solution. Our charge as Americans is to ensure, through wise use of our votes and our voices, that it can be an effective force for meeting our challenges.

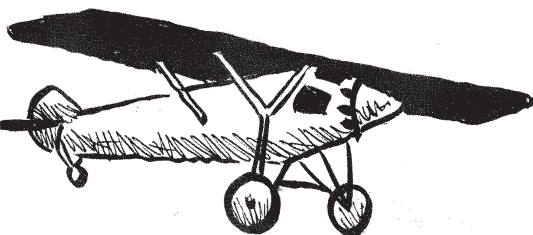
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100 YEARS AGO July 21, 1922

R. W. Ruckman has signed the contract for his new home to be built on the lot known as the Egan Lot at the intersection of Blackstone, Main, and Division streets. It is to be a two-story dwelling in the Colonial style. Construction will begin soon.

The Catholic children of Maytown and East Grove gave their first program in St. Patrick Hall with an audience of 400 enjoying the event. Helping the pastor prepare the program were teachers Mary and Frances McFadden and Kathryn Meade, with Pauline Goy in charge of the music.

75 YEARS AGO July 17, 1947

Flying discs, much talked about throughout the nation for the past several weeks, were reported seen here by James Green. The disc, which appeared

to be no larger than an ordinary saucer, was a shiny, silver color and seen flying through the sky south of Amboy at 7:50 p.m. Sunday evening. Mr. Green said the disc was traveling at a great rate of speed and seemed to fall into a field south of Green River.

Walter Treadwell has moved his watch repair shop from his home on N. Jefferson Avenue to the National Farm Loan Association building on East Avenue.

50 YEARS AGO July 20, 1972

At the eighth annual Lee County Pork Producers barbecue at the 4-H Center, nearly 1,400 pork chops were consumed by the 800 people in attendance. Susan Pritchard of Harmon was crowned Lee County Pork Queen and Cheryl Brownlee of Amboy was the first runner-up.

97 area residents took advantage of the free glaucoma screening sponsored by the Amboy Lions Club. Of the 97 test-

ed, three suspected cases were reported.

25 YEARS AGO July 17, 1997

As the 911 emergency number is now in effect, new 911 identification signs will become available. The Amboy Fire Department is suggesting that all residents in the rural parts of the district purchase a 911 sign. The signs, which will be purchased through the Department of Corrections, will have the 911 number, home address and road name on both sides. This will help emergency personnel find you more quickly in an emergency.

Amboy will host its 12th Annual Double Elimination Tournament this Saturday and Sunday, July 19 and July 20, at the high school baseball diamonds. We have 10 teams entered: Amboy "Beggs", Amboy "Allied Locke", Amboy "Olson Farms", Earlville, LaMoille, Steward, Paw Paw, Malta, Leland, and Polo.



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LOCAL NEWS

‘One department, different colored jerseys’

BY BRANDON LACHANCE
Amboy News Reporter

SUBLETTE — July 9 wasn't an ordinary day at Woodhaven Lakes.

Fire trucks were called and rushed to the scene as a trailer started on fire.

The only familiar aspect about the scene was both the Amboy and Sublette Fire Departments were on the scene.

"We were called out at about six minutes before 5 a.m. on Saturday. We responded along with the Amboy Fire Department since we're Automatic Aid with them for all structural fires," said Sublette Fire Chief, Kevin Schultz.

"We had a quick knock down on the fire. We had water within 18 minutes of the time of the call, which is really, really, really good for an early morning call, having to drive the distance inside of Woodhaven, and then getting water on the fire.

"It doesn't always happen that way that we can get water on something that quick. We did a quick interior attack and were able to

get it opened up and get water into the trailer very quickly. That helped aid us to keeping it contained to just the trailer."

Schultz, who has been with the Sublette Fire Department for 35 years and has been the fire chief since Jan. 2020, said trailers usually burn fast because of the heat of the fire and the proximity of the trailer.

Trailer fires can also expand because structures around the engulfed trailer often catch fire as well.

No one was at the trailer when it started on fire. Schultz added that they know the general area of where the fire started, but they don't know what started the fire in the trailer that is now totaled.

Jeff Bryant Sr., who has been a member of the Amboy Fire Department since 1988 and has been the fire chief since 2013, said the two departments are officially a team because of Auto Aid, so neither company has to call each other, the call is made for them.

Unofficially, Amboy and Sublette have

been aiding each other for generations. Bryant Sr. said if there is a barn fire in Sublette, Amboy would be there to help and vice versa.

"We are one department, different colored jerseys," Bryant Sr. said. "Trailer fires are usually electrical in nature. There is a lot going on. There is not a lot of fire stops built into those trailers," said Bryant Sr., who is on the Blackhawk Fire Fighters Association Board and both Bryant Sr. and Schultz are past presidents. "If they're already rocketing when a call comes in, chances are there isn't going to be much property left. We have had fatalities at Woodhaven because of trailer fires, explosions and LP (liquid propane), but 99.9 percent of the time there are no fatalities.

"We haven't had any lately and I think it attributes to LP being a lot safer and there are a lot more safety features built into RVs (recreational vehicles) and other traveling homes than there were previously."

There is also another occurrence that will happen 99.9 percent of the time. An almost

perfect percentage that all fires at Woodhaven will see fire trucks with Amboy and Sublette fire fighters.

"When it comes to Woodhaven, 99.9 percent of the time, us and Amboy are the fire departments called in," Schultz said. "When a tornado came through a couple of years ago, it was a different scenario and 100 different fire departments were there.

"For a structural fire at Woodhaven, it's usually just Amboy and us on the call. There has been a couple of Mutual Aid calls where we needed assistance because of the number of trailers that are burned in a fire or the size of the area a fire covers.

"Normally, 99.9 percent of the time, it's Amboy and Sublette doing the work out there. Sublette has three quarters of the Woodhaven property and Amboy has about a quarter of the property in its fire district. Between the two of us, we're Auto Aid and both of us will be there."

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He referenced the 44 page National Sexuality Education Standards and said that although he didn't read the entire manuscript he did find the requirements for the ages and grades of his grandchildren who are in kindergarten and pre-school.

In August of 2021, Governor Pritzker signed the bill 0818, The Keeping Youth

Safe and Healthy Act into law which calls for reformed curricula that provide personal health and safety education from Kindergarten through fifth grade, along with comprehensive sexual health education from sixth through 12th grade. Moore is in agreement that there are topics that must be taught to young kids to keep them safe such as consent and inter-

net safety.

"For the life of me, I can't fathom how a fifth grader is able to define sexual orientation the romantic attraction of an individual to someone of the same gender or a different gender is something they need to know to keep themselves safe," he said.

He went on to say that a number of area school districts such as Sterling, Rock Falls, and the majority of LaSalle County, have made the decision to opt out. He ended by requesting the board to follow the lead of the other districts and also opt out of the new standards.

Superintendent Joshua Nichols said that no guidance has been released to teachers and they have until Aug. 1 to make a decision.

"I haven't seen the standards yet and have made no recommendations," he said. "On a personal level, I have some concerns."

Jones thanked Moore for coming in and voicing his concerns.

Jones continued with the agenda on hand and after approving the consent action items and the previous month's meetings, Nichols reviewed the current financial and expenditure reports. The district has more than \$13 million on hand through state revenues which includes

all of the transportation money being received, while expenditures total somewhere in the \$17 million range for the upcoming school year.

Nichols was happy to share that building projects, such as a nice three layer coat of wax was applied to the floors of the high school. The electricians were in last week for general repairs and maintenance. New outdoor round-table type seating is also being installed, and fresh landscaping adorns the front of the junior high building.

In other board news:

- A Memorandum of Understanding between the Amboy CUSD #272 and Amboy Education Association was ratified.
- Clint O'Brien from Edward Jones, of Mendota, was approved to be the authorized vendor for the teacher's 403(b) plan.
- Some discussion was given for the recommendation to replace both boilers at the high school. One is currently cracked and Nichols said that it would be a good time to replace both. Under direction from the Helm Company, the average life of a boiler is 20 years. The current boilers were originally installed back in the late 80's and have served the school well.

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He said they have a wagon with seats for people to ride on furnished by Green River Oaks Camping. Other upcoming events include Hops and Harmony on Sept. 3, Pullin in the Park on Sept. 11, and the car show on Sept. 17. Dinges said they are looking to reschedule a cruise night because the event in May was rained out. He said they are still looking at dates for a night for Sip and Stroll and Drive Your Truck to Town.

Dinges also reported that the state of Illinois is looking into placing a historical marker in Sublette in honor of Dr. Angear and the Twilight Sleep Hospital.

- The board sent the matter of updating the

bathrooms and fixing the roof of the Ellice Dinges Center to committee.

- The board approved the purchase of a new refrigerator for the Ellice Dinges Center in the amount of \$597.
- The board approved the purchase of four tons of cold patch for the ruts by the park dumpster.
- Kessel said that Stenzel left a note asking the board to consider a water rate increase. The last increase was approved on Aug. 9, 2010 at \$4.80 per 1,000 gallons.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held on Monday, Aug. 8, in the Ellice Dinges Center.

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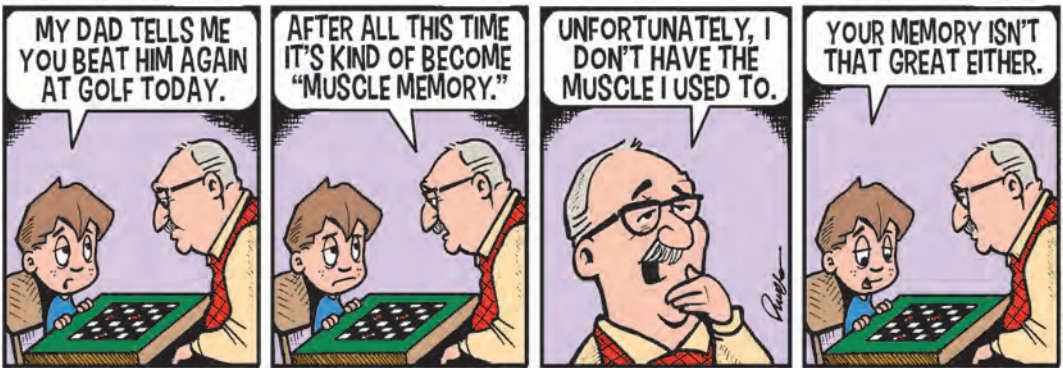
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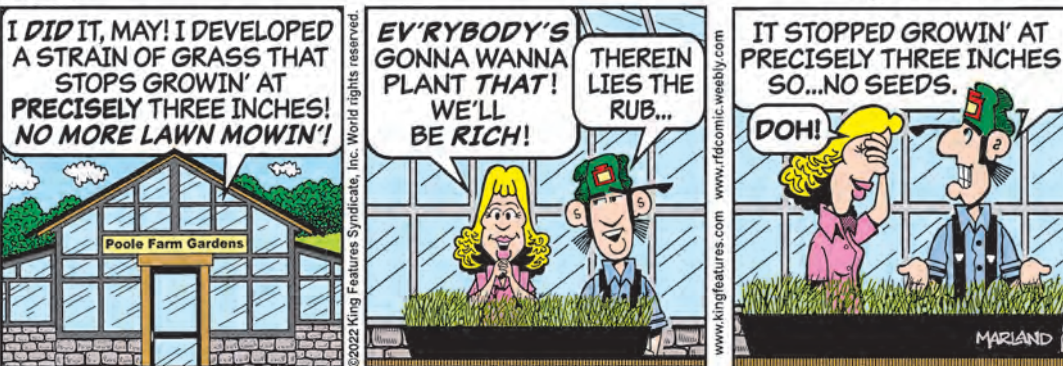


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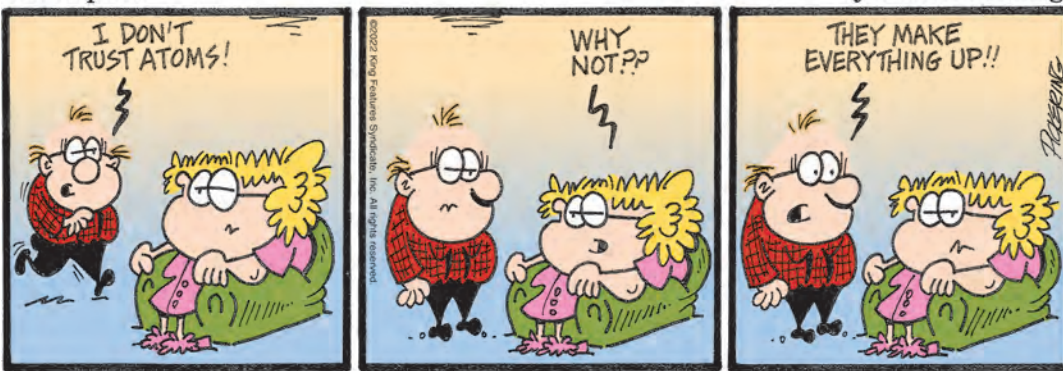


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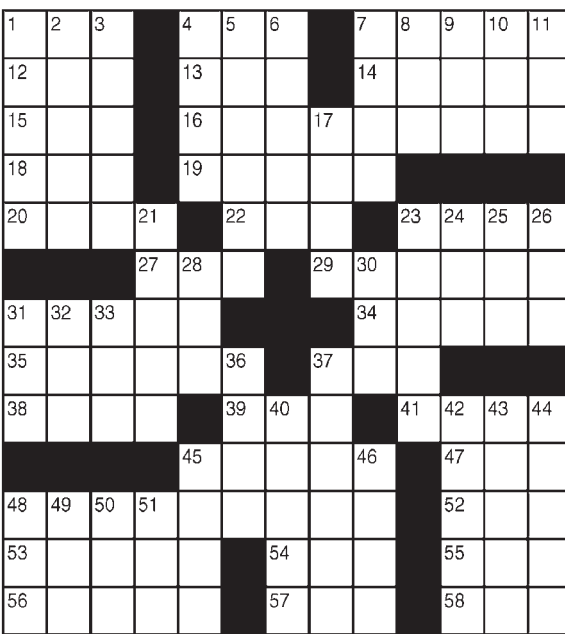
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4 Glacial
7 Mrs. Flintstone
12 Baton Rouge sch.
13 Extinct New Zealand bird
14 Figure of speech
15 " — show-time!"
16 Parthenon locale
18 "The A-Team" actor
19 Le — (French news-paper)
20 Pear type
22 Sugary suffix
23 Actress Tyne
27 Director Howard
29 Cut up, as a pizza
31 Metric measure
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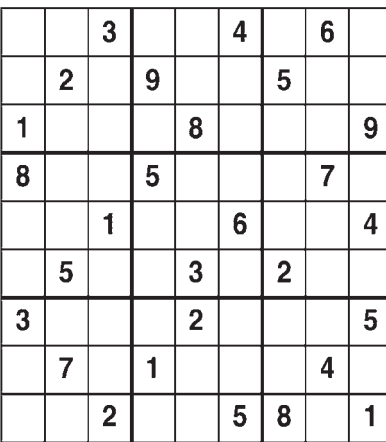


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by Linda Thistle



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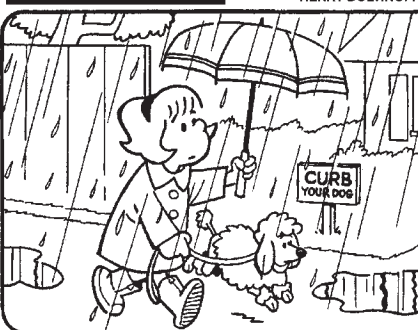
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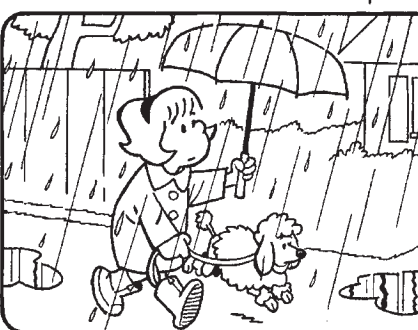
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HAIRCUT

Today's Word

1. Simper 2. Astute
3. Action 4. Pathway

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Today's Word

1. Simper 2. Astute
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Clue: V equals L

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CQSBQ.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which "Star Wars" character did Tina Fey dress as in the sitcom "30 Rock" to avoid jury duty?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest desert in Africa?
- HISTORY: Who was the first American to win a Nobel Prize?
- ANATOMY: Where in the body is blood produced?
- MOVIES: Which movie features a theme song titled "Dueling Banjos"?
- U.S. STATES: Which state was the first to make same-sex marriage legal?
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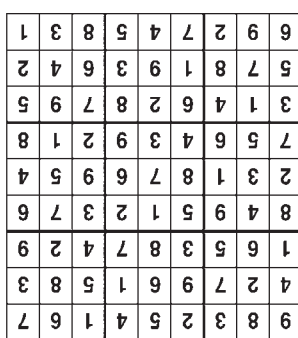
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 - Princess Leia
 - The Sahara
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 - Peace Prize
 - Bone marrow
 - "Deliverance"
 - "Massachusetts"
 - Sea of Tranquility
 - "The Member of the Wedding"
 - "Love Me Tender," 1956
 - Waldgreens



Solution time: 26 mins.

Answers

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Answer

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Order.

If a drill sergeant commands soldiers to rise to their feet, I'd call that a standing order.

answer

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LOCAL NEWS

Upper Mississippi and Illinois rivers experiencing widespread and regional changes

ROCK ISLAND – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District; and the U.S. Geological Survey, in partnership with others, have released a report regarding the Ecological Status and Trends of the Upper Mississippi and Illinois rivers.

The Status and Trends report is the third of its kind produced as part of the Upper Missis-

sippi River Restoration (UMRR) program and includes information on long-term changes in water quality, aquatic vegetation and fish from six study areas spread across the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers. The report also summarizes trends in possible drivers of long-term changes in the river including river discharge and floodplain land cover.

“Long Term Resource Monitoring is a primary element of the Upper Mississippi River Restoration program and a critical part of helping us better understand and restore our nationally significant river system,” said Marshall Plumley, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers UMRR regional program manager. “Completion of this third Status and Trends

report is a testament of the UMRR partnership and its dedication to building a healthier, more resilient Upper Mississippi River System that can sustain the river’s multiple uses.”

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White reminds residents to be aware of scams involving emails or text messages

SPRINGFIELD – Secretary of State Jesse White is reminding residents to be on alert for scams claiming to be from the Secretary of State’s office or from “Illinois DMV” seeking personal information to defraud Illinoisans. White said there is a new round of fraudsters’ attempts to entice the public into falling victim to scam texts and emails.

“I have zero tolerance for scammers who prey on people in desperate times,” said White. “My office is committed to protecting Illinoisans from falling victim to these fraudulent schemes.”

The most recent scam is a text message claiming to be from “Illinois DMV.” The text message states, “Due to increased fuel prices, State of Illinois has initiated rebate payments of \$1500 per vehicle. Check eligibility.” This is a scam; do not click on the link.

Visiting these fraudulent websites could place malware on the recipients’ devices or trick them into disclosing sensitive personal information. The Secretary of State’s office never requests personal information, like a Social Security number, via email or text message.

“Delete the text or email,” said White. “Do not click on these texts or emails and do not provide any of your personal information to these fraudsters.”

White encourages people to take steps to protect their personal information:

- Delete emails and texts that promise or offer access to driver’s licenses or state ID cards. Do not click on any links contained in such emails or text messages, as they may place malware on devices.
- Hang up on any calls, including robocalls, that ask individuals to take immediate action or provide personally identifiable information, such as a Social Security number or bank account number.
- Keep software up to date, including phone and computer operating systems and antivirus protection programs. Most phones, computers and antivirus software can be set to update automatically when new software versions are released.

White encourages the public to provide screenshots of fraudulent emails or texts by submitting them to ScamAlert@ilsos.gov. Individuals who have clicked on a link, have provided personal information or believe they have been a victim of identity theft, should call the Illinois Attorney General’s Identity Theft Hotline at 866-999-5630.

Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal reminds everyone to practice water safety in and around pools

SPRINGFIELD – As the summer heat continues in Illinois, pools are a favorite destination for many to cool off. It’s important to follow all posted rules and pay attention to any children when around bodies of water. The number of pools installed in backyards drastically increased during the COVID-19 pandemic, meaning adults need to be extra vigilant to protect any children who have access to the water. It is also essential to take proper steps to keep pools secured and restrict access to prevent injuries and drownings from occurring.

“It’s important to keep all gates closed and the area around pools secure when you are not using them to prevent an accident from occurring. If you or your neighbors have children, talk to them about safety in and around pool areas. Let them know the pool is off limits without an adult nearby,” said Acting Illinois State Fire Marshal Dale Simpson.

According to the American Red Cross, 69% of young children who are found drowned or submerged in swimming pools were not expected to be in or at the pool. For children younger than 5, 87% of drowning fatalities happen in home pools or hot tubs.

Each day, approximately two children under 15 years old die from drowning. Children ages 1–4 have the highest drowning rates, and most happen in swimming pools. Drowning can happen

anytime, particularly when children gain unsupervised access to pools. Fatal drowning is the second-leading cause of unintentional injury death behind motor vehicle crashes for children ages 1–14 according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Pool chemicals, like chlorine, are needed to protect swimmers’ health. However, mishandling pool chemicals can cause serious injuries. Pool chemical injuries lead to about 4,500 U.S. emergency department visits each year, and over one-third of these preventable injuries are in children or teens.

The USA Swimming Foundation, in collaboration with the CPSC’s Pool Safety campaign, between Memorial Day and Labor Day 2019, reported at least 150 children younger than age 15 fatally drowned in swimming pools or spas, which is up by two drownings from 2018. The U.S. Swimming Foundation statistics show formal swimming lessons reduces the likelihood of childhood drowning by 88%.

Here are some simple steps to keep children safer in and around the water:

- Install a four-sided fence with a self-closing, self-latching gate around all pools and spas.
- Check to make sure the gate is locked or closed when leaving the pool or spas.
- Keep the pool and deck clear of

floats, balls, and toys after leaving the pool.

- Always ensure children swim with an adult or buddy.
- Designate an adult Water Watcher to supervise children at all times around the water. Stay off your phone, put your book down, and pay attention to whoever is in or around the water!
- Never leave a child unattended in or near water.
- Learn how to swim and teach your child how to swim.
- Learn how to perform CPR on children and adults.
- Teach children to stay away from pool drains, pipes, and other openings to avoid entrapments.
- Ensure any pool or spa has drain covers that comply with federal safety standards. If you are unsure, ask your pool service provider about safer drain covers.
- If you are installing a new pool, hot tub, or spa, be sure the wiring is performed by an electrician experienced in the special safety requirement for these types of installations.
- Empty or flip over inflatable pools when you are finished using them for the day.

Take the Pool Safety Pledge by visiting: www.poolsafety.gov/pledge.

Amboy Police

Domestic battery

On July 15, at 11:46 p.m., Pansy R.L. Shaw, 23, of Amboy, was arrested for domestic battery, resisting/obstructing a peace officer. She was taken to the Lee County Jail.

Disorderly conduct

On July 10, at 4 p.m., Jack R. Dale, 58, of Amboy, was issued a city ordinance citation for disorderly conduct.

Public forum planned for people with disabilities

STERLING—The Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois and The Illinois Department of Human Services invite you to attend a Public Forum and provide input of what persons with disabilities need to be able to live within the community and how to improve Vocational Rehabilitation Services in the state. The event will be held from 10 a.m.-noon on Wednesday, July 27 at Northwestern Illinois Center for Independent Living, 412 Locust St., Sterling.

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In the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, Congress authorized a program to provide fish and wildlife habitat rehabilitation and enhancement in the Upper Mississippi River System. The act also implemented long-term resource monitoring and research efforts, including the use of state-of-the-art scientific methods to understand changing environmental conditions within the river system. The Status and Trends report describes what was learned from that monitoring.

“The report summarizes analyses of more than 25 years of monitoring data to help detect trends, understand change over time and observe complex river patterns,” said Scott Morlock, USGS Midcontinent Regional Director. “Analysis of long-term data provides critical insight to help inform effective management, rehabilitation, and resiliency efforts of this important river system. The understanding of river function learned from the UMRR extends the ability to address large river issues nationally and internationally.”

Key findings from the report include:

- There is more water in the river more of the time with high flows lasting longer and occurring more frequently throughout the system. Water flow is an important factor affecting the quality and quantity of habitat.
- Floodplain forest loss has occurred across most of the system. Healthy floodplain forests provide important habitat for wildlife, and they support outdoor recreation opportunities and access to clean water for millions of people.
- In most of the river system, water in the main channel has become clearer. In parts of the river system, water has become clearer and aquatic plants more abundant, improving

habitat for some fish and wildlife. Reduced sediment in the river allows sunlight to reach deeper into the water and promote plant growth. Plants slow the water and anchor sediment, further improving water clarity and triggering additional plant growth.

- Concentrations of nutrients, notably nitrogen and phosphorus, remain high, exceeding U.S. Environmental Protection Agency benchmarks. However, total phosphorus concentrations have declined in many of the studied river areas.


- The river system continues to support diverse and abundant fishes. Popular sport fishes have increased in parts of the river system. However, there have been substantial declines in forage fish, which serve as important food for larger fishes and other animals. Invasive carps have substantially affected the river ecosystem where they have become common.

“The Upper Mississippi River flows across five states and tribal lands, multiple agency jurisdictions, the footprint of scores of nonprofit organizations and is central to navigation, agriculture and many essential economic sectors,” said Kirsten Wallace, executive director of the Upper Mississippi River Basin Association, which facilitates interagency consultation among UMRR’s member agencies. “Understanding what is going on in and around the river is needed to inform decisions and guide investments. The Status and Trends Report is just that – a rigorous, scientific assessment of the ecological conditions of the system.”

The Status and Trends report is prepared by the Upper Mississippi River Restoration (UMRR) program, which is a partnership of

federal and state agencies, non-governmental organizations and individuals working together to support Upper Mississippi River System ecosystem rehabilitation, research and monitoring. Previous Status and Trends reports were released in 1998 and 2008.

A digital version of the report is available at: www.mvr.usace.army.mil/UMRR. For more information on the Upper Mississippi River Restoration program’s monitoring element, please visit: Long Term Resource Monitoring.

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**Attention to ALL Parents/Guardians/
Students of the Amboy CUSD 272:
Amboy CUSD 272 Registration**

Online registration for preregistered K-12th grade students opens Monday, July 25, 2022. There is an in-house registration on Thursday, July 28, 2022 from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. for those that need assistance. This in the District Office located in the High School, 11 E. Hawley Street, Amboy. The building Secretaries will be available and in their office this day to collect any paperwork, etc.

NEW THIS YEAR: Online registration added to TeacherEase iOS App and the ability to upload a document.

Parents/Guardians with **returning students** (preregistered kindergarten through 12th): Log in to your www.teacherease.com account. If you are not immediately directed to the Online Registration page, access it by going to Miscellaneous > Online Registration. Follow the steps to complete registration and make sure to click Submit Student Data. Otherwise, registration is not complete and we will not see it on our end.


Parents/Guardians with **new students** (K-12): Go to www.amboy.net, Parent/Student Resources, click Registration, then New Family Registration. Do not use this link if you already have a TeacherEase/Common Goal account through us or another district. The school will be notified upon completion of the request so they can review the information submitted and approve or deny the request. After approval, the student’s TeacherEase account is automatically created, and an email with the link to create a password for TeacherEase and next step instructions will be sent to custodial guardians. Contact the school that your child will attend for teacher and schedule information.

You can pay for fees with a debit/credit card through TeacherEase, come in, or by mail (Amboy CUSD 272, 11 E. Hawley Street, Amboy). A bill will not be sent until all class fees, etc. are assessed.

Bus students will be contacted by the Transportation Department prior to the first day of school. Make sure you mark yes if you will need transportation.

We would be most appreciative if all families took action as soon as possible to complete the registration process.

If you have any questions or need help with the process, feel free to contact Jenny Apple (japple@amboy.net or 815-857-2164 ext. 1).



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