



CUSTOMER APPRECIATION

Amboy Food and Liquor held its customer appreciation day on Saturday, Oct. 2, serving hot dogs, brats, chicken, and Indian cuisine. They also had liquor tasting available. The turnout was very successful.

Courtesy photos



Lee County Oct. 4, 2021  
COVID update

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Health Department announces 66 new positive cases between Sept. 28 and Oct. 4, with five residents hospitalized.

Here are the ages that were reported: 14 under the age of 12, 10 in his or her teens, 6 in his or her 20s, 3 in his or her 30s, 8 in his or her 40s, 6 in his or her 50s, 14 in his or her 60s, and 6 in his or her 70s.

This brings the total number of cases to 4,470 as of Oct. 4.

The Lee County Health Department's

website has a COVID-19 section, including information for people who have tested positive. See [www.LCHD.com/Covid19](http://www.LCHD.com/Covid19) for more.

Vaccine

As of Oct. 11, according to IDPH 34,793 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Lee County, and a total of 17,721 people in Lee County are fully vaccinated, which is 51.78 percent of the population.

To get scheduled for the vaccine, go to [www.LCHD.com](http://www.LCHD.com) and click on the COVID-19 vaccination to self-schedule.



CELEBRATING 95 YEARS IN BUSINESS

Vaessen Brothers Chevrolet in Sublette held an open house to celebrate its 95th year in business on Saturday, Oct. 9. Included at the event was a car show, lunch and door prizes.

Tonja Greenfield/Amboy News



Local volunteers help residents impacted by home fires

LEE COUNTY — Red Cross volunteers with the Disaster Action Team, assisted seven people impacted by home fires in Amboy, Machesney Park and Rockford from Sept. 27 through Oct. 5. Our volunteers helped those affected with temporary emergency housing, health services, disaster mental health services, financial assistance and information about recovery planning.

If you or someone you know needs assistance after a home fire or local disaster, please call our dispatch line: 1-877-597-0747.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Every second counts when there's a home fire. This Fire Prevention Week (October 3-9), the American Red Cross urges you to test your smoke alarms to help protect your household.

The threat of home fires increases with cold weather. According to the National Fire Protection Association — which is sponsoring Fire Prevention Week with the theme, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety" — home fires are most common in cooler months when people spend more time inside, and cooking and heating equipment are the leading causes of these crises.

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY During Fire Prevention Week, test your smoke alarms and practice your two-minute home fire escape drill — the amount of time that experts say you may have to get out before it's too late. Teach children what a smoke alarm sounds like and talk about fire safety and what to do in an emergency. Visit [redcross.org/fire](http://redcross.org/fire) for more information.

Place smoke alarms on each level of your home, including inside and outside bedrooms and sleeping areas. Test alarms monthly and change the batteries at least once a year, if your model requires it.

Check the manufacturer's date of your smoke alarms. If they're 10 years or older, they likely need to be replaced because components such as batteries can become less reliable. Follow your alarm's manufacturer instructions.

Include at least two ways to exit every room in your home in your escape plan.

Select a meeting spot at a safe distance away from your home, such as your neighbor's home or landmark like a specific tree in your front yard, where everyone knows to meet.

Tailor your escape plan to everyone's needs in your household. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, install strobe light and bed-shaker alarms to help alert you to a fire. When practicing your plan, include any devices or people that can help you to get out safely.

A fire can take a home in as little as two minutes. Therefore, escaping in less than two minutes can be the difference between survival and tragedy.

For free home fire safety resources, including an escape plan, visit [redcross.org/fire](http://redcross.org/fire) or download the free Red Cross Emergency app (search "American Red Cross" in app stores or go to [redcross.org/apps](http://redcross.org/apps)).

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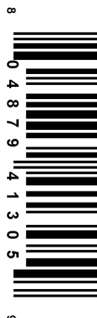
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# LOCAL NEWS



## NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The Amboy Fire Department poses for a picture last week during National Fire Prevention Week. Amboy residents are encouraged to “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” and make sure they have working smoke alarms in their homes. Due to modern construction using more synthetic based materials, fires spread faster and burn hotter limiting the time you have to escape from a home to just under 3 minutes. A working smoke alarm will alert you quickly allowing you and your family the time to put your fire escape plan into action. A continuous set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out. A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed. All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.

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## Merriman named October AHS Student of the Month

AMBOY — Dana Merriman, a senior at Amboy High School, has been named the October Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Brenda and Dave Merriman.

GPA: 4.1 on a 4.0 scale  
Memberships and Involvements: “I am a member of the National Honors Society, Student Council, Leos club, outdoors club, Amboy softball team, and the Amboy high school Choir. This year I am the Amboy High School Marching Band Drum Major. As well as the Amboy FFA chapter Secretary and Section 2 FFA Vice President. I was also on the Parliamentary Procedure team with my FFA Chapter.”

Awards and Honors: “This year I am the 2021 Miss Amboy as well as the Daughter of the American Revolution winner. Within FFA I have received my Chapter degree and will be working towards my state degree.”

Best Memories of AHS: “My favorite memories from AHS, would have to be homecoming week, attending the National FFA Convention as well as



Dana Merriman

performing with the band. Another favorite memory was getting to watch my brother, Dillon Merriman, make his first touchdown in his football game.”

Future Plans: “After high school, I plan to double major in Agriculture Education

and Elementary Education, as well as minor in Criminal Justice and Forensic Science. I have yet to choose a school, but I plan to attend a 4-year university. So far I have been accepted to Illinois State University and Iowa State University.”

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In Dixon at: Shining Star  
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## LOCAL NEWS

## TEEN TURF

## Upcoming Events

We will be having our Fish Fry Drive-Thru on Saturday, October 23rd. It will be from 4-6 p.m. and the cost per dinner is \$10. Dinner includes Fish, Coleslaw, Bread, Potato Salad and Dessert. Please see Eileen Piper, 815-440-8195/815-857-4800 and board members for tickets: Deb Albee, Barb Harrison, Pam Thomas, Mark Grossman, Trese McNinch, Shannon Nichols, Shelli Bump, Janine and Scott Huffman, Kaylee Jones, and Kimberly Watley. You can also see any of our afterschool children as well. If they sell all their tickets, they get an invite to a pizza party.

Our free after-school program for third - eighth grade began Tuesday, Sept. 7 from 3:30-5 p.m. We have a few students on the waiting list. Like last school year, we are only taking a set amount. You must have your child or children pre-registered prior to coming. If you are interested in having them attend, please call 815-857-4800.

## Aerobics

Open to the public-you are invited to gather at Teen Turf on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. for group chair exercises and walking.

## Thank You's

We are always blessed to have people help us from the community: Packaged snacks from anonymous source; Anonymous blankets and clothes; Everyone who helped from Immanuel Lutheran Church of Amboy make our sign planter; Katie Dickinson for the food; Jeremy from Boss Roofing, who gave a monetary donation via Katie Dickinson; Les and Cricket Floto for the food and Jim and Jean Travi for delivering it; Moving help from the Men's Recovery home for a family in need; Fran Kessel for the educational items; Mark and Veronica Kessel for the various items; Christine Noble for the clothes, Karen Gauer (Our Crochet lady) for the beautiful teddy bears; G.G. & Sheila Garcia for their monetary donation; and all those that donated cans. We cannot thank our volunteers enough; Donna, Meagan, Michael, Trevyn, Christine, and Candi. They make everything possible.

## Needs

Fresh Fruit and snack items

## Final Word

Lord, teach us how to pray with understanding. Teach us we pray, how to pray into Your will, to pray in spirit and truth, to pray as You would have us pray. Lord, we ask that as we come across various difficulties that people are facing that we hear with Your ears, see with Your eyes and understand with Your heart so that we may speak and pray into the situation as You would have us pray. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## Red Cross enters third week of emergency blood and platelet shortage

**LEE COUNTY** – The American Red Cross continues to experience an emergency blood and platelet shortage that has caused the blood supply to drop to the lowest post-summer level in at least six years.

With less than a day's supply of certain blood types in recent weeks, the Red Cross asks donors of all blood types – especially type O – to make an appointment to give blood or platelets as soon as possible to ensure patients can receive the lifesaving transfusions they rely on.

Appointments can be made by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Fall is typically a time when the blood supply rebounds from summer blood shortages, but a surge in COVID-19

cases across the U.S. due to the delta variant has contributed to the lowest donor turnout of the year. To shore up inventory, the Red Cross must collect 10,000 additional blood products each week this month to meet hospital and patient needs.

Donors are asked to make an appointment

All those who come to donate in October will receive a link by email to claim a free Xaxby's® Signature Sandwich reward or get a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice.\* Plus, all those who come to give Oct. 11-31 will receive a bonus \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of their choice.\*\*

Blood donations help those with breast cancer

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, the Red Cross is

reminding donors of the importance of blood to those undergoing treatment. According to the National Cancer Institute, roughly 1.9 million people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. this year, and more than 281,000 of those individuals will have breast cancer.

Patients with breast cancer and other cancers may need blood products on a regular basis during chemotherapy, surgery or treatment for complications. In fact, nearly 25% of the blood supply is used by cancer patients.

People across the country depend on the kindness of blood donors. Donors are urged to make an appointment to give blood or platelets as soon as possible by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**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.

**DIXON**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Dixon Home of Hope, 1637 Plock Rd. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Township Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

**MAY TWP**-The May Township Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at the township maintenance building.

**STERLING**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14, at Sterling Bethel Reformed Church, 230 E. 23rd St. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

**LEECENTERTWP**-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

**AMBOY**-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 18, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy American Legion will meet on Monday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. at the Old NAPA Building, 399 N. Metcalf.

**DIXON**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 19, at the Elk's Lodge, 1279 Franklin Grove Rd. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Central School Gym, 30 E. Provost.

**DIXON**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 12:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22, at the YMCA, 110 N. Galena Rd. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor

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**AMBOY**-Teen Turf will be having a Fish Fry Drive-Thru on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Boehle Youth Center (Teen Turf Building), 235 W. Main St. Call Eileen Piper at 815-440-8195/815-857-4800 or see a Board Member or after-school students for

**DIXON**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 25, at Sauk Valley Community College, 173 IL Route 2. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate.

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## Illinois Community College economic impact study released

**DIXON** — Illinois' 48 community colleges boost local Illinois economies and are important sources of revenue and employment for the communities and regions they serve, according to a new report issued by the Illinois Community College Board.

The study, which was last issued in 2014, is a valuable assessment tool for Illinois' community college system (the third largest in the nation) as it continues to strive to increase value and access for all Illinoisans.

"It is clear that community colleges remain a solid return on investment for local communities and the students that use them. Our system plays a vital role in meeting the needs

of Illinois' workforce by providing quality training and education and gives students a greater opportunity to earn higher wages in countless industries throughout the state," said ICCB executive director, Dr. Brian Durham.

It evaluates Illinois' community college system on its ability to meet the needs of business and industry, equity, student outcomes, students' return on investment, and the system's overall economic impact to local economies and job growth. The report also examines statewide trends including employment, population, race and ethnicity changes, and the COVID-19 Pandemic.

"This study confirms that Sauk Valley Community College is a vital economic resource for the Sauk Valley region with an economic output of \$15.9 million in the last fiscal year. Investing in Sauk and Illinois' other public community colleges helps ensure the state has a well-trained workforce, pumping billions of dollars back into local communities," said SVCC President, Dr. David Hellmich.

For more information, please contact Dallas Knack at dallas.n.knack@svcc.edu.



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**Thursday** – Chicken a la king w/whole grain buttermilk biscuit, broccoli, mandarin oranges  
**Friday** – Tilapia w/garlic butter, wild rice, peas, whole grain dinner roll, fruit cocktail

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# OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

## OBITUARIES

### David L. Montavon May 9, 1945 - Oct. 2, 2021

**DIXON** — David L. Montavon, 76, of Dixon, died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021 at Citadel Care Center in Sterling. He was born May 9, 1945 in West Brooklyn, the son of Lawrence and Laneita (Morrissey) Montavon.

Dave was a life long farmer and had worked at Illinois Forge, Medusa Cement, Imeco and then for the Illinois Tollway Authority for 13 years prior to his retirement. He was a member of St Mary Catholic Church in Walton and the Dixon Knights of Columbus Council 690.

Dave married Carolyn Ann "Nann" Friel at St Mary Catholic Church in Tiskilwa on April 19, 1969. She preceded him in death June 9, 2021.

He was also preceded in

death by his parents, and sister, Sharon Brunett,

Dave is survived by two children, Brandi (Jim Pierce) Montavon, of Amboy, and Dominic Montavon, of Kailua Kona, Hawaii; one granddaughter, Riley Pierce, of Amboy; sisters, Marilyn Walter, of Amboy and Carol Finn, of Aurora.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Friday, Oct. 8, 2021, at St Mary Catholic Church in Walton. Cremation will follow with burial of remains at a later date at Oakwood Cemetery in Dixon. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021, with a scripture service to start at 7:30 p.m., at St. Mary Catholic Church in Walton.

Memorial's have been



established to the Alzheimer's Association and the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Online condolences can be sent at [www.thejonesfh.com](http://www.thejonesfh.com).

## October is Infant Safe Sleep Awareness Month

**CHICAGO** — Unsafe sleep is a leading cause of death for children one year old and younger; and during Infant Safe Sleep Awareness month Illinois DCFS is mailing English and Spanish posters to 8,000 day care providers across the state and asking for them to be displayed in a high-traffic area to remind parents and caregivers of three simple steps they can take to create a safe sleep environment for infants in their care. Infants should always sleep Alone; on their Backs; in a safe Crib.

"Thousands of families entrust licensed day care providers with the lives of their children every day and look to them for guidance and support," said Illinois DCFS Director Marc D. Smith. "Unsafe sleep deaths are preventable; and day care providers can play an integral role in keeping infants safe by modeling safe sleep practices in their centers and reinforcing the importance of following the ABCs of safe sleep with families every time they put their infant to sleep at home."

In 2020, 114 infants in Illinois under the age of 1 died as a result of being put to sleep unsafely. Ninety-seven were found in locations other than a crib, bassinet or 'pack and play'; 73 were found in positions other than on their back; and 83 were co-sleeping

with another individual at the time of death.

Infants sleep safest alone in a crib with a firm mattress and tightly fitted sheet. The crib should be free of pillows, blankets, bumper pads, stuffed animals and toys. Infants should never be placed on an adult bed or couch to sleep. If parents of young children are traveling, they should call ahead to make sure their accommodations include a crib and bring a 'pack and play' if one is not available.

About the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Founded in 1964, DCFS is responsible for protecting children from abuse or neglect by responding to calls received on the Child Abuse Hotline, 1-800-25-ABUSE (1-800-252-2873). With the goal of keeping children safe, DCFS strengthens and supports families with a wide range of services. When keeping a child safe means removing them from the home, DCFS makes every effort to reunite them with their family.

When the best interest of the child makes this impossible, DCFS is committed to pursuing adoption by loving families to provide children with a safe and permanent home. DCFS is also responsible for licensing and monitoring of all Illinois child welfare agencies.

## Kish College Library receives national grant for small and rural libraries

**MALTA** — Kishwaukee College Library has been selected as one of 300 libraries to participate in Libraries Transforming Communities:

Focus on Small and Rural Libraries — an American Library Association (ALA) initiative that helps library workers better serve their

communities.

The competitive award comes with a \$3,000 grant that will help the Kish Library provide books and e-books for a community-wide online conversation on the topic of loneliness.

"We are pleased to be selected for this opportunity," said Library Director Frances Whaley. "This grant will enable our library to help our students and surrounding communities increase mental health awareness together. Stephanie Henricks, grant project manager, and I are eager to facilitate this greatly

needed conversation."

Kishwaukee College Library will partner with the libraries of Northern Illinois University, DeKalb and Sycamore to host a Zoom conversation at 3 pm on Thursday, Oct. 21. Students, faculty and community members will discuss the book "Together" by Surgeon General Vivek Murthy about loneliness. The conversation will explore what can be done to alleviate the effects of loneliness for ourselves and the people around us.

Isolation due to the COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on the lives of students and those in local communities. All are welcome to participate in the discussion, whether they have read the book or not. Please register to receive the Zoom link at [www.kish.edu/library](http://www.kish.edu/library).

Since 2014, ALA's Libraries Transforming Communities initiative has reimagined the role libraries play in supporting communities. Libraries of all types utilize

free dialogue, deliberation training and resources to lead community and campus forums; take part in anti-violence activities; provide a space for residents to come together and discuss challenging topics; and have productive conversations with civic leaders, library trustees and staff.

For more information on Kishwaukee College Library or to register for the event, visit [www.kish.edu/library](http://www.kish.edu/library).



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**DIXON** — Sauk Valley Community College will be hosting virtual informational sessions for the Impact Program on Nov. 15 and Dec. 13. These sessions are

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The SVCC Impact Program is an earned tuition program where students can earn their tuition and fees at

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During the informational session, attendees will learn why the College is developing this program, what the requirements are, and how the community can get involved.

Informational sessions:  
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Confessions: Saturday, 3-3:45 pm

Wednesday, 5:30-6:15 pm

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### St. Mary Church

Fr. John Gow

912 Walton Rd., Walton

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Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm

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### United First Church of Amboy

Pastor Mark Glenn

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815-440-0745

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Phone 815-732-7032

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Amboy-Sublette

Pastor Brian McWethy

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Rev. Randy Fronek - Maytown

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Wednesday - 8:00 a.m.

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## SOCIAL NEWS



## THE PASTOR'S PEN

### The Golden Years

BY PASTOR RICK WULF,  
East Grove Union Church

Hi, Friends,  
We are all getting older. Yah, of course. It's a part of nature. What an understatement. We are getting older and most of us are not getting better. Just as manmade objects eventually wear out or break, so goes this present, God-made body in which our spirits reside. Somewhere back when, the term "the golden years" was given to those who have retired and now can enjoy the rest of their lives without the responsibility of being at a certain place for a certain time.

The question is then raised, how is it that which is made of "gold" tarnishes? I am thinking that some of us as Americans have a certain expectation of what life is supposed to be like when we get older. Perhaps, some of our perceptions about what life should be like are not all realistic. Even as Christians, we don't really have a guarantee from God that this present life will be all that we want or expect it to be. Sometimes we may wish that our life would be easier, but there is no guarantee that this will be our lot in this life. The real promise is in the life to come in Eternity.

In a recent devotional that I read there was a passage in the Bible that the Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 4:7-18. It says, "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this

all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

The Apostle Paul who has been considered one of the greatest Christians

who has ever lived, and who was used by God to write at least twelve of the books in the New Testament, wrote from his own personal experience as he lived out his life in the First Century world ruled by the ruthless Roman Empire. Paul testified of his faith in God and knowledge of this life experience that God is in control and that He can be trusted to get us through it. Even though life may seem just too hard to bear, we have to learn to trust God through it all. God is faithful and we can trust Him.

The Apostle Paul goes on to write in Chapter 12:7-9: "Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.'"

Paul knew that through all he was experiencing, good and bad in this life, that God would be there with him and for him. So, as you have certain experiences in your life, please be assured to know that you are not alone. God is there, waiting for you to come to Him by faith. Call out to Him and He will come to you.

May God continue to show Himself faithful and good to you.

## The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

### Travelling Light

Susan Orlean's travel book, "My Kind of Place," from 2004 is truly a gem. But at times it doesn't exactly make you want to rush out and book a flight, as, for example, to Midland, Texas, where the sizzling air completely lacks humidity, so that "the longer you spend there, the more you became a little bit like the land: you dry out and cake and crack." But she does give good advice on how to travel: "Never go anywhere without a sweatshirt, a string of pearls, and a big elegant scarf which can be used as a dress, a shawl, a skirt, a shrug, a blanket, or a tent."

My favorite piece is the one about the 2003 World Taxidermy Championships held at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Springfield, Illinois. A thousand taxidermists converged on Springfield to have their pieces judged and to attend seminars. An entire exhibit hall was filled with "all the gear required to bring something dead to life: replacement noses for grizzlies, false teeth for beavers, fish-fin cream, casting clay, upholstery nails."

World-class taxidermy requires artistry, beginning with how deft you are at skinning an animal and then stretching its hide over a model and sawing it into place. There are contenders like Ken Walker who had artistry and accuracy, but also creativity: his giant panda looked 100% panda, but there is no way he could have used a dead panda. He revealed how he had done it, adding "You can score a ninety-eight with a squirrel, but it's still a squirrel. So I went with the panda."

Orlean travelled to primordial New Jersey to report on Joan Byron-Marasek's years of court battles to keep her twenty-three tigers and thirty dogs. A friend told a reporter that "She walks among her tigers just like Tarzan. She told me I have scratches all along the sides of my ribcage and both my arms have been cut open. But they're just playing." She eventually lost her tigers. Even though in 2004 there were only about 6,000 wild tigers left, zoos breed thousands of baby tigers because people prefer baby animals to old ones. They are sold to dealers for their pelt or to hunting ranches or to animal hoarders like Joan.

The brochure advertised "Fertility Blessings in Spiritual Bhutan." Could there be a more remote place on earth? The Kingdom of Bhutan in the High Himalayas is a deeply religious Buddhist country. So it was a bit of a shock when Orlean, traveling with a group of American women, saw paintings of phalluses in all shapes and sizes in public. The American women were hoping to get pregnant by being blessed at Bhutanese fertility ceremonies. It seemed to have worked for one woman. For Orlean, it was another adventure in her kind of place.

### Granny Rose - Bert

Bert is young at just 1 year old and still quite playful. He was rescued from the outside and definitely loves the perks of being inside - lots of toys, comfy beds, and people to give lots and lots of petting! Bert is never quite ready for you to stop petting and may grab at you with his front paws. Now that he is neutered and vaccinated, this very handsome orange tabby with white boy is eager for new adventures in his own home. Although he likes to stay near and right around your feet, he will be exploring in no time. A home without young children is recommended. To see Bert, call Granny Rose Animal Shelter at 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit [www.grannyrose.org](http://www.grannyrose.org).

Photo contributed



## Pink rules in October at CGH Health Foundation

**STERLING** - Show your support for area OB moms and breast cancer awareness by donating to the CGH Health Foundation Delicious Designs online event Oct. 21 to Oct. 26.

The eighth annual CGH Health Foundation Delicious Designs fundraising event will remain virtual this year and is under the leadership of Team Lindsey! Co-Chairs are Lindsey Fiorini, Physical Therapy Assistant for Bi-County Special Education Cooperative and CGH, and Lindsey Pistole, Retail Director at Sauk Valley Bank.

Bidding on the virtual Silent Auction items will run from 7 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 21 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26. Gift baskets, experiences, services, desserts, gift cards, and Wish List items for our patients will be auctioned. Donations of baskets and table sponsorships are being

sought.

Create a Virtual Pink Ribbon Tribute in memory of or in honor of a loved one who has been impacted by breast cancer. Virtual ribbons will be posted in a gallery on the CGH Facebook page. Go to [www.cghmc.com/forms/pink-ribbon-tribute/](http://www.cghmc.com/forms/pink-ribbon-tribute/)

Since the event's inception, the focus has been on raising funds for the CGH Women's Health Program.

"This year, we'll be providing a little TLC for our OB moms who have suffered so greatly during this pandemic," said Team Lindsey. "Half of the funds raised will go toward a new day of CGH Ways to Wellness counseling solely dedicated to pre/postpartum OB patients. Our moms have been greatly impacted by the stresses of the pandemic, with more anxiety and depression being seen in patients. We'd love to receive baskets that

pamper the new mom and baby as well as women in general."

The Foundation partners with the hospital in providing screening mammograms with no out-of-pocket costs to area women. Diagnostic tests, breast biopsies, ultrasounds and MRIs are also partially covered. Comfort bags for breast cancer patients and meals for CGH Medical Center chemotherapy patients are funded as well.

The additional counseling day was added after a review of the past fiscal year showed patients assisted jumped by 31%. Among that group was a large number of pregnant and new moms, who were impacted by the isolation and stress resulting from mandated restrictions. A YouTube yoga class and Zoom support group are also being offered this year.

AirAuctioneer.com will be used again for the virtual auction and will go live on Oct. 20 for review of the baskets, but bidding starts 7a.m.

Oct. 21. To donate or sponsor a basket, experience, service, dessert, or gift card, please contact: Lindsey Fiorini, 815/677-7049; Lindsey Pistole, 815/878-7564; or Joan Hermes, 815/625-0400, ext. 5672. Items are being taken now through early October at 2600 N. Locust St., Sterling.

Email news items to

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**CLIPPER KIDDER**

This Week's Student of the Week is:  
**Lee Bulfer**

**Student's Favorites:**

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- Favorite Food - Cold Carrots
- Favorite Book - Goodnight Moon
- Favorite Game - Soccer
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# Opinion

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## Sports owners seek taxpayer support to build new stadiums

Rich people own professional sports teams and for some reason politicians just can't resist shoveling cash their way.

My first exposure to this concept came on June 30, 1988, a few minutes before midnight. I was following Gov. James R. Thompson at a dead run, charging from the Senate chambers to the House in the Illinois Capitol.

Thompson was literally racing against the clock to pass a \$120 million subsidy for the White Sox, who were threatening to move to Florida. The measure needed to pass before midnight, when the legislative session would go into overtime and a supermajority would be needed to pass legislation.

I was just a journalism intern watching grownups do stupid things with other people's money. What I didn't realize back then was that I was witnessing the dawn of a new age where taxpayers would fund ever bigger stadiums and ballparks for professional teams.

I was thinking about that trip through the Statehouse corridors recently when I read that the Chicago Bears bought land 30 miles northwest of Chicago's Soldier Field, the city-owned stadium where they have played since 1971.

It has been about two decades since the Bears last demanded and received renovations to Chicago's lakefront stadium. In 2000, Mayor Richard M. Daley agreed to spend about \$660

### Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



million installing a modern stadium inside historic Soldier Field.

So, what could this move mean? Well, taxpayers, hang on to your pocketbooks. Don't be surprised if the Bears come hat in hand wanting money from the state or municipalities to fund their endeavor.

"What we are seeing here is classic subsidy-seeking behavior," said Robert Baade, an economics professor at Lake Forest College. "The owners of the Bears are going to threaten to leave Chicago unless the city builds them a new stadium or assists them in some way."

Baade, who has written extensively about subsidies for professional teams, doesn't claim any insider knowledge of what the Bears management is thinking. He bases his perspective on what he has seen play out in cities across the country.

"A modern stadium costs about \$1.5 billion and they want someone to pay for it. I don't see the Bears putting themselves at a competitive disadvantage by paying for it themselves. So, they are going to seek taxpayer support."

Michael Farren, an economics research fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, said the cities and states that subsidize stadium projects never see enough new economic activity to justify their investment.

So why do politicians keep doing this?

Well, it gives them bragging rights that they "saved" a local sports team. They believe pandering to sports fans gives them votes. And if they can't show how the dollars add up, they can point to such intangibles as "civic pride."

Besides that, most politicians are cowards who fear an opponent will blame them for "losing" the beloved hometown team.

When the White Sox subsidy vote was brought before the House, a majority of lawmakers voted against the proposal. But instead of counting the votes, the presiding officer — a top lieutenant of then-House Speaker Michael Madigan — left the roll call open as Thompson walked to the desks of each lawmaker voting "no" and persuaded them one by one to change their votes.

The last lawmaker necessary to make a majority switched his vote when the hands on the main clock in the House Chamber were a few minutes past midnight, but the presiding officer, Majority Leader Jim McPike, said it was a few minutes before midnight on his watch and declared the bill passed.

A disgraceful bill passed in a shameful manner? It's the Illinois way.

Madigan, Thompson and their fellow pols claimed to have kept the Sox in Illinois. But don't be fooled, that was us, one tax dollar at a time.

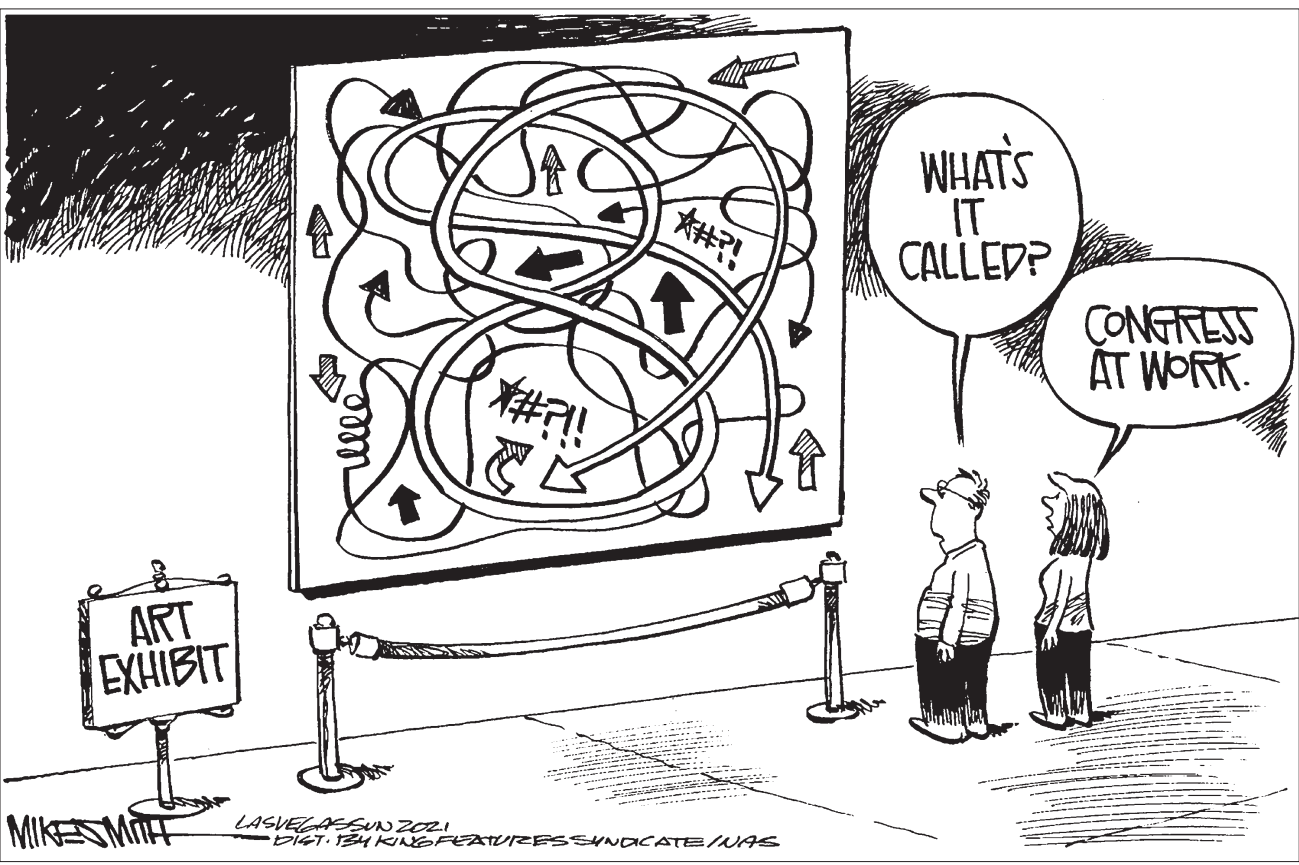
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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,  
Tommy and crew of Amboy Food and Liquor provided a wonderful customer appreciation day on Oct. 2 from 4 – 7 p.m. Good food, good drink and live music. What more could

you ask for? It was very nice. You are truly a good addition to our community.

Kathryn Bonnell  
Amboy



## On This Day in History

### 100 Years Ago Oct. 14, 1921

T.J. Lyons now has his real estate office in the Green block over the Aschenbrenner Pharmacy in the rooms formerly occupied by Dr. Dornblaser.

Mrs. Rex Flach and little son, Rex Jr., went to Galesburg Tuesday to spend a week with her sister, Mrs. Fred Vaughan.

The Misses Kathryn, Margaret and Anna Hayes and Edward Hayes spent Sunday at the James Loan home in Oregon.

### 75 Years Ago Oct. 17, 1946

Amboy Milk Products Company has purchased the Dixon Standard Dairy. Delivery of bottled milk, cream, butter and cottage cheese in Amboy will begin Nov. 1, 1946

George Gugerty is now employed in the John T. Burns and Son Clothing Store.

Harry Barnes, E.S. Coates and Dale Masters left Sunday morning for Miller,

S.D., to hunt ducks and pheasants.

Burning leaves on public streets is prohibited. City of Amboy, James E. Donnelly, city marshal.

Order corsages early for Homecoming. Amboy Flower and Gift Shop, Jack and Stella Miller, props.

### 50 Years Ago Oct. 14, 1971

Gerald R. Duitsman brought home a fine set of moose horns from a Canadian hunting trip Sunday. The First National Bank president spent eight days in Ontario, Canada, on a hunting and fishing trip with a party which included friends from Waterloo, Iowa.

Mrs. Frank McCaffrey of this city had six grandchildren enter first grade this fall. The youngsters and the schools they entered are: Bobby Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Jones, Rockford; Teresa Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Anderson, Tacoma, Wash.; Carol Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Johnson, Rockford; Tina McCaffrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

James McCaffrey, Amboy, Diane Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ellis, Rochelle; and Molly McCaffrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McCaffrey, Amboy.

### 25 Years Ago Oct. 10, 1996

The Class of 1974 again met the challenge of the District 272 Amboy Foundation as its alumni raised more than \$1,100 for computer technology for the Amboy schools.

Reading is wild for Central School students beginning the 1996-97 BOOK IT program. An introductory assembly was held on Oct. 1 with Wildlife, Inc. bringing two animals to school. One of the animals was a four-month-old Siberian tiger.

The Amboy Clippers varsity football team won big last Friday night, defeating conference rival Prophetstown 52-8. The win improved the Clippers TRAC-8 conference record to 2-2 and 2-4 overall, while the struggling Prophetstown squad fell to 0-4 and 0-6.



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## LOCAL NEWS

## Lady Clippers lose matches to Polo, AFC

AMBOY — Polo posted a 25-18, 25-14 triumph over Amboy in varsity girls' volleyball action on Oct. 5 at Polo. Chloe Heath collected four kills and four digs for AHS, while Tyrah Vaessen had 11 assists and Elly Jones picked up eight digs. Also, Lexi Ketchum had three digs, and Courtney Ortgiesen and Madison O'Malley recorded to ace serves apiece.

Amboy took Ashton-Franklin Center to the three-set limit before falling to the Lady Raiders, 25-16, 21-25, 17-25 on Oct. 5 at the AHS gym.

Jones led the Lady Clippers with five ace serves, seven kills and 13 digs. Ketchum provided six kills and nine digs, while Ortgiesen had four aces and Vaessen picked up 17 assists.

## Prevent hearing damage at work

SPRINGFIELD — Hearing loss can happen at any age, and prolonged exposure to sounds that are too loud can have a lasting effect. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says roughly 40 million Americans, between the ages of 20 and 60, have noise-induced hearing loss. The Illinois Department of Labor is stressing safety in October during National Protect Your Hearing Month.

"There are simple steps that can be taken by workers to prevent long-term damage to their hearing. That includes the proper protective equipment and knowing how loud is too loud," said Illinois Department of Labor Director Michael Kleinik.

If you must raise your voice to speak with someone three feet away, noise levels likely exceed 85 decibels, the threshold for hearing loss. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) says long or repeated exposure to sounds at or above 85 decibels can lead to hearing loss. That's why OSHA requires employers to have a hearing conservation program when noise exposure is at or above 85 decibels averaged over 8 working hours.

Working around jet engines, jackhammers or chainsaws are examples of obvious dangers to your hearing if exposure lasts too long. The louder the noise, the less time necessary to be exposed to suffer hearing damage.

Damage is permanent. While hearing aids can assist, nothing reverses hearing damage once it occurs. Noise-induced hearing damage affects a person's ability to hear high-frequency sounds and understand speech.

There are ways to prevent hearing loss:

Avoid loud noises and/or limit both proximity and time exposed to loud noise;

Use hearing protection (like earplugs or hearing protection earmuffs) when near loud noises;

Talk to your doctor if you're worried about your hearing.

Noise mitigation can take several forms and can often be accomplished without great expense or engineering. Some simple steps include keeping machinery properly lubricated, choosing low-noise tools and machinery, placing barriers between the noise source and workers. Employers can also reduce the amount of time a worker spends in a noisy area and provide quiet areas for relief from dangerous noise levels.

While specially calibrated instruments are used to do OSHA testing for noise levels, a device is available for anyone curious about the noise levels around them.

## Kish hosting FAFSA virtual informational session Oct. 14

MALTA — The Kishwaukee College Financial Aid Office will host a free virtual workshop to demonstrate to local students how to file the 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on Thursday, Oct. 14, from 6 – 7 p.m., via Zoom. Interested students and their parents will also have the opportunity to set up a 30-minute virtual appointment with a Kish Financial Aid Team member to complete the FAFSA beginning Friday, Oct. 15.

The FAFSA is the building block for all financial aid packaging for college students across the U.S. Filing the FAFSA is the first step in determining what federal or state financial aid a student is

eligible for, including grants and loans. The 2022-2023 FAFSA application period opened Friday, Oct. 1, and will be used to determine financial aid for the Fall 2022, Spring 2023 and Summer 2023 semesters.

The FAFSA Virtual Information Session allows area students and their parents an opportunity to learn how to complete a FAFSA and ask questions. Any area students or parents are welcome to attend the FAFSA Virtual Informational Session or set up a one-on-one virtual appointment.

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ed.gov/ to create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID), which will be required to submit the FAFSA electronically. For dependent students, at least one parent will also need to complete the FSA ID. Students and parents should have on hand their 2020 tax return and income information, Social Security numbers, and driver's license/state ID or alien registration card.

To register for the upcoming FAFSA Virtual Informational Session or schedule a one-on-one virtual appointment, contact Kish's Financial Aid Office at [finaid@kish.edu](mailto:finaid@kish.edu). To learn more about applying for financial aid at Kish, visit [www.kish.edu/financialaid](http://www.kish.edu/financialaid).

## Apple orchards, pumpkin patches welcome fall customers

BY KAY SHIPMAN  
FarmWeek

Illinois growers anticipate visitors will gravitate to the country for fun, safe outdoor activities even with COVID-19 mitigation.

Last year, apple orchards, pumpkin patches, U-pick operations and corn mazes became go-to destinations across the state when many traditional fall events were canceled or scaled back. New visitors joined regular customers as many growers experienced increased sales.

"We definitely saw a ton of new customers. People wanted something to do, and a lot of farms filled the gap. We had good attendance. I hope they'll come back, and we get repeat customers," said Craig Tanner, who owns and manages Tanners Orchard with his sister, Jennifer.

Tanners Orchard, near Speer, is open daily for apple season with pumpkins available in late September. Follow the orchard on Facebook at [tannersappleorchard](https://www.facebook.com/tannersappleorchard).

Agritourism operations reported 17% growth in customers in 2020, based on the results of a University of Illinois agricultural economics survey. While some experienced growth, others reported mixed outcomes due to canceled classes, programs and private events, like school tours and weddings.

As for COVID mitigation requirements, especially for indoor activities that return this fall, growers are keeping some of the practices and adaptations they added in 2020.

"We're trying to offer as many outside activities as possible," said Mac Condill,

general manager of the Great Pumpkin Patch near Arthur.

The specialty farm's 14 acres of diverse pumpkins, mazes, food and entertainment will all be outside. The on-farm Homestead Bakery will again sell baked goods and other food items outside "on the front porch," Condill said.

The Great Pumpkin Patch opened Sept. 22. Follow the specialty farm on Facebook at [thegreatpumpkinpatch](https://www.facebook.com/thegreatpumpkinpatch).

The U of I survey found the pandemic changed business practices at some agritourism operations. Respondents reported they relied on more social media, grew website use and increased e-commerce.

At Champaign's Curtis Orchard and Pumpkin Patch, the family owners assessed last season's new practices not only for health and safety aspects, but also for business purposes, according to Randy Graham, manager and co-owner.

"We said, 'Hey, let's look at it for efficiency. It will make the public safer and make the place function better,'" Graham said.

Open for the season, the orchard is active on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn.

Visitors are finding the outdoor check-out stands returned, especially for pulling wagons to carry purchases from the fields and orchard. Graham noted the outdoor stands reduced traffic congestion in the on-farm store.

At the Great Pumpkin Patch, the farm's Bridle Shop, which sells gift and décor, will again have one-way traffic for entering and leaving the store.

Again this fall, Condill, Tanner and Graham request customers wear masks indoors, based on Illinois and Centers for Disease Control guidelines. Graham noted about half of his customers already wore masks before Gov. JB Pritzker reissued an indoor mask requirement Aug. 26.

"Our employees are all wearing masks," he added.

Wide-open spaces provide plenty of social distancing at the Great Pumpkin Patch, and the Condill family has thought of ways to provide visitors even more elbow room.

"We've spent 18 months thinking of ways to open the farm up even more," Condill said. "We've almost doubled the sizes of picnic areas."

Another pandemic-related issue of having enough employees finds Tanner and Graham on different ends of the spectrum.

Tanner hired many repeat employees and high school students to work evenings and on weekends. For other business hours?

"It ends up being a lot of retirees who want a part-time job," he said.

But Graham said the worker shortage caught him off guard after having sufficient staff last year.

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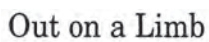
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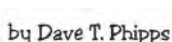
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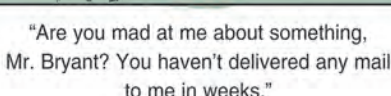
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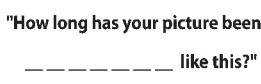
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Clue: **A** equals **S**

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Clipper Highlights: #14 John Klausen

This week we throw it back all the way to the 1970's. This week we highlight a former Clipper who is well known and highly regarded by many. He is also an elite Amboyman who continues to hold Clipper Football near and dear to his heart. The added bonus to this highlight, as I've expressed my joy in several highlights before, is that this week's Clipper is a fellow Clipper Quarterback.

I am honored to announce this week's Clipper, three year Varsity starter, #14, "The Field General," John Klausen.

John was a 1976 graduate of Amboy High School and three year Varsity starter at Quarterback. An Amboyman through and through, John grew up as a part of the "Jones Street Gang."

"We were always out in the yard playing football and growing up we all couldn't wait to be Clippers," John shared.

As a Sophomore, John was called up to the Varsity ranks by Coach Fritz. After one game and more than 100 yards rushing performance, Coach Fritz put John back behind center to lead the Clippers as the signal caller. The 1973 Clippers posted a 2-7 overall record in the old SHARK Conference. The first season as the Clipper Field General was one that shaped John for what followed in his Clipper career.

John shared, "It was intimidating and frightening to start as I was the underclassman. We got better as the season went on and it was a really humbling season."

John's Junior season welcomed the first season of Coach Wyzgowski's tenure. John would continue his Junior season as the Clipper Quarterback. Listed at 5'9 185lbs, John wasn't the fastest on the field but could manage the running

### Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



game and be effective in the passing game. Ahead of his time, John shared he was a better passer than a runner. However, in the 1970's and decade to follow, the offensive philosophy was "four yards and a cloud of dust" all game long. The stiff competition in the old SHARK Conference was too much for the Clippers in 1974 as they recorded another 2-7 regular season record. The record was not caused by a lack of talent, care, work ethic, or fight as John shared, "We fought hard each week." The 1974 Clippers were also fairly young as several Sophomores were bumped up to the Varsity ranks.

John began his third and final season as the Clipper Quarterback for the 1975 season. In a time without playoffs, returning a number of starters from the 1974 season, the Clippers' goal was a Conference Championship. Still faced with the adversity of playing bigger schools and battling low numbers, the Clipper way prevailed and that adversity was met with toughness, togetherness, and hard work.

John remembered a game where he threw a one yard screen pass that went 60 yards for a touchdown. John was given credit for the touchdown pass and

recognized as the player of the week.

"My teammates always made me look better than I was," John shared.

John also recalled a fumble recovery returned for a touchdown by teammate Scott Harrison which won the game for the Clippers. John threw for over 200 yards on a couple occasions throughout the season. John also shared that he held the single season conference record for most passing yards in a season. The 1975 Clippers would post a 4-5 overall record.

The memories and account of all the great plays, statistics, and victories may have faded but the lessons of Amboy Football have remained with John to this day.

John shared in response to his three seasons as Clipper Quarterback, "You had to know what was going on. You had to pay attention to detail. I gained a lot of confidence each year that passed. Growing up as kids, my teammates and I, all we wanted to do was be Amboy Clippers."

In a time period of Illinois High School Football without playoffs, the Clipper foundation was still built to spark tradition in the younger generations to come. Those on some of the most successful Amboy teams grew up watching John and his teammates on Friday nights. The 1970's produced some of the toughest men to wear Clippers across their chest, men who are still highly regarded in the Amboy community today, John is definitely among those men.

John concluded with what Amboy Football means to him; "It meant everything growing up. We couldn't wait to be Freshman and enter the program. It was all we had and we were thankful for the opportunity. Today, it means great friendships with

teammates, former Coaches, and younger players. I have great grandkids in the program today so I still am a part of it. To this day, the community support is unmatched."

So, to three year Varsity starter, #14, "The Field General," John Klausen, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football. In hard times, you and your teammates, provided an example to all Clippers to follow of what it meant to be a Clipper. I hope you and your classmates have fun in celebrating your 45th Class Reunion this year. Sail on!

*Spencer Morrissey, is a former resident of Amboy and 2009 graduate of Amboy High School. In April 2020, he created a private Facebook group specifically for Amboy Clipper Football Alumni. To have played Amboy football for any period of time, 1 year or all 4 years, is the only membership requirement. The group features photos, stories, and memories of past Clippers and Clipper teams. The best feature of the group is every Friday, he highlights a former player.*



#14 John Klausen

## Lady Clippers to compete in Ashton-Franklin Center Regional

**ASHTON** – The Amboy Lady Clippers have been assigned to the Ashton-Franklin Center Class 1A Regional Volleyball Tournament. Action will take place Oct. 25, 26, 27, 28.

Amboy's first match will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26 when it takes on Annawan. If Amboy wins, it will move on to the semifinal-round at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27. The regional championship is set for 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28.

The top seed in the AFC

Regional is Pearl City.

The champion from AFC will advance to the Serena Sectional to face the winner of the Indian Creek Regional at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1. Other sectional participants will be the winners of the Henry-Senachwine and La-nark Eastland regionals.

**Ashton (A.-Franklin Center) Class 1A Regional Volleyball Tournament**

**Monday, Oct. 25**

1 - (10) Ashton (A.-Franklin Center) vs. (11) LaMoille - 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 26**

2 - (4) Annawan vs. (14) Amboy [Coop] – 5:30 p.m.  
3 - (6) Polo vs. (12) DePue – 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 27**

4 - (1) Pearl City vs. Winner Match 1 – 5:30 p.m.  
5 - Winner Match 2 vs. Winner Match 3 – 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Oct. 28  
6 - Winner Match 4 vs. Winner Match 5 - 6 p.m.

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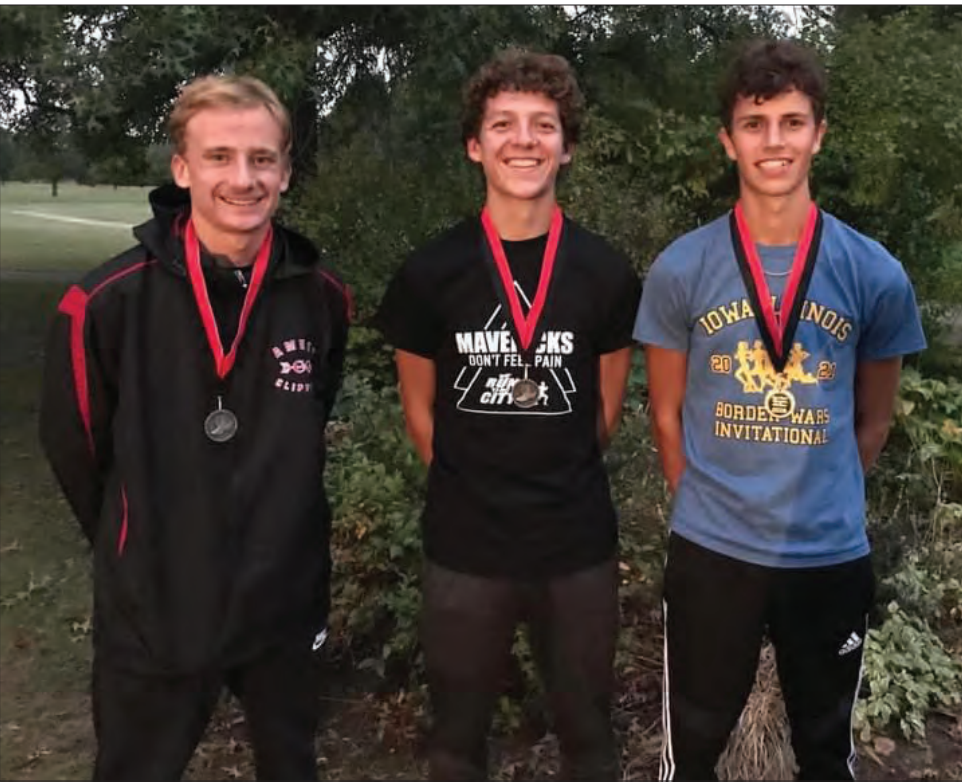
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# SPORTS



*Brock Loftus, left, finished second at the Panther Invitational, while teammates Tyler McNinch finished 10th, center, and Ian Eller finished sixth.*

Photo courtesy of Heather Loftus

## Clippers place second at Panther Invitational,

**ERIE**—The Amboy cross country runners participated in the Panther Invitational at Lake Erie Country Club on Oct. 5.

The Amboy boys took second place in the team standings with 49 points, finishing behind only Riverdale, which had 25 points. Rounding out the top five teams were Newman (79), Erie-Prophetstown (108) and Monmouth-Roseville (158). The bottom of the standings included Bureau Valley (160), Kewanee (208), Orion (214), Princeton (220) and Rockridge (261).

Brock Loftus led the way for the Clippers with a second-place finish in a time of 16:00.59. Ian Eller was next in for AHS in sixth place overall with a time of 17:09.46, while Tyler McNinch also snuck into the top 10 in 10th place with a clocking of 17:14.96.

The next five runners for Amboy were Wyatt Lundquist (16th, 17:38.75), Charlie Dickinson (17th, 17:47.03), Atticus Horner (22nd, 18:04.75), Andruw Jones (29th, 18:36.21) and Kelton Schwamberger (32nd, 18:40.18). Rounding out the Clippers' lineup were Garrett Pertell (35th, 18:50.08), Hayden Zacharias (43rd, 19:23.52), Ryan Dickinson (51st, 19:39.31) and Jaden Haley (90th, 22:59.33).



*Amboy's Lauren Althaus, right, finished in third place at the Panther Invitational, while Bailey Ellis finished in 15th place.*

Photo courtesy of Heather Loftus

In the girls' competition, Amboy entered four runners and Lauren Althaus was the first to cross the finish line in third place overall with a time of 20:48.62. Bailey Ellis checked in next in 15th place at 22:53.62, while Addison Pertell was 30th

(24:18.46) Natalie Pratt was 43rd (25:39.34).

Erie-Prophetstown grabbed the top spot in the team standings with 35 points, followed by Stockton (59), Princeton (73), Rockridge (87) and Bureau Valley (95).

## Amboy runners to compete at St. Bede Regional

**PERU**—The Amboy boys' and girls' cross country teams will compete in the St. Bede Class 1A Regional to be held Saturday, Oct. 23. The girls will race at 10 a.m. and the boys will step off at 11 a.m.

Other schools in the regional include DePue, Granville (Putnam County), Henry (H.-Senachwine) [Coop], Kewanee (H.S.), Kewanee (Wethersfield) [Coop], Manlius (Bureau Valley),

Mendota, Newark, Oneida (ROWVA) [Coop], Ottawa (Marquette), Peru (St. Bede), Princeton, Sandwich, Seneca, Spring Valley (Hall) and Toulon (Stark County).

The first seven placing teams and the first five runners who are not members of the advancing teams in each regional will advance to sectional competition at the site to which they are assigned. In addition, in the event the sixth, seventh

or eighth place overall individual finisher in the regional is not on a qualifying team, such sixth, seventh or eighth place overall finisher in the individual race shall advance from the regional to the sectional meet.

Those advancing will participate in the Oregon Sectional on Saturday, Oct. 30 at Oregon Park West. The girls' race is at 10 a.m. and the boys will compete at 11 a.m.



*The Sauk Valley Skyhawks, pictured above, are ranked fourth in the nation in NJCAA.*

Photo courtesy of Betsy Jones

## Sauk Valley Skyhawks on a role with a 29-1 overall record

**DIXON** — The Skyhawks are on a roll with a record of 29-1 overall, and 6-0 in the conference.

The Skyhawk's return four players from last year's team, setter Audra Goff from Rock Falls, hitter Juliana Rotella from Dixon, outside hitter Kiley Sanders from Sterling Newman, and libero Maddie Sands from Rock Falls and Iowa State transfer Michal Willman from Faith Christian.

The Skyhawk's have added six freshmen: setter Gabby Jones comes to Sauk Valley from Amboy; outside hitter Jaelyn Fitzgerald from Mendota; middle hitter Kiera Collins from Sterling; outside hitter Tiana Tichler and opposite hitter Addyson Kinn from Dixon and defensive specialist Hannah Adams from Geneseo. The Skyhawks are coached by Jay Howell, Hannah Wilson, and Maryssa Albert.

The NJCAA have ranked the Sauk Valley Community College Volleyball team fourth in the nation.

The Skyhawks have a home match against Wau-bonsee at 6 p.m., on Oct. 14. A schedule for the rest of the season can be found at -<https://www.svcc.edu/community/athletics/volleyball/>

All of the volleyball games are shown live on Sauk Valley Community College Volleyball Facebook page.

**Recycle!  
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*Skyhawks in action are Gabby Jones #1, Audra Goff #4, and Jaelyn Fitzgerald #18 in a home match against Rock Valley College.*

Photo courtesy of Betsy Jones



*Pictured above are the Amboy Lady Clippers Volleyball team and coaches with former teammate and now Sauk Valley Skyhawk Gabby Jones.*

Photo courtesy of Betsy Jones

## Spooktacular event planned at fairgrounds

**OREGON** — Build-A-Barn presents the 2nd annual edition of Spooktacular, Oct. 16 and 17 at the Ogle County Fairgrounds, 1440 N. Limekiln Rd., Oregon.

Spooktacular will be presenting a day of learning beginning with an equine clinic and demonstration on Saturday at 10 a.m. On Sunday, we will start at 9 a.m. with Cowboy Church with Chaplain Jay LaRette, followed by a fun horse show.

The flea market, craft fair, and tack sale will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. There will be fun things to do for all ages.

All proceeds will go towards building an exhibition horse barn at the fairgrounds. The site is progressing well. With many truckloads of fill, leveling, and ground preparation, the construction of our barn is getting closer.

Come on out and support the Build-A-Barn efforts and have a weekend of fun. Contact Lynne Radville, shadowboxerabians@gmail.com, text 815-238-7892 or Linda Schreiber, taffysbucky@gmail.com, 815-757-9846.

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### Amboy Community Unit School District #272

Mon., Oct. 18	Early Dismissal - School Improvement AHS Fresh/Soph Football @ Orangeville-4:30 pm Central School PTC Meeting-Cafeteria-6:30 pm Fall Play Practice-6:30-8:30 pm
Tues., Oct. 19	AJHS Art Club-Art Room-3:20-4:20 pm AJHS 7th/8th Boys Basketball (H) Oregon-4 pm AHS Volleyball @ Eastland-5 pm AJHS 5th/6th Boys Basketball @ Oregon (Nash Center)-5 pm School Board Meeting-7 pm Fall Play Practice-6:30-8:30 pm
Wed., Oct. 20	AHS Art Club-Room 210-3:30-4:30 pm AJHS 7th/8th Boys Basketball (H) Montmorency-4 pm Prep/Freeze/Cook Pickup Orders-Central Fall Play Practice-6:30-8:30 pmSat., Jan. 18 AJHS 8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Paw Paw - TBA
Thu., Oct. 21	No School - Parent/Teacher Conference AHS Volleyball (H) Fulton-6 pm AJHS Boys Basketball @ Dixon Catholic-8th-5 pm/7th-6 pm Fall Play Practice-6:30-8:30 pm
Fri., Oct. 22	No School - Parent/Teacher Conference AHS Varsity Football @ Alden Hebron-7 pm

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