



Flag flying high

The U.S. flag flew high over Sublette recently as it was raised on a crane lifting equipment to the top of the Sublette elevator.

Photo contributed



DONATION

Amboy Civic Organization recently made a donation to the Pankhurst Memorial Library in the amount of \$1,000. The money will go to the Children's Library. Pictured presenting the check are ACO President Christine Noble, ACO Vice President Kathy McLaughlin, Pankhurst Memorial Librarian Emily Goff, ACO Treasurer Carole Benson, and ACO Secretary Jane Lovgren.

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Area fire departments respond to house fire in rural Amboy, Go Fund Me page set up to assist homeowners

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Bill and Linda Disney, the owners of the home, have spent the last four years renovating the home.

“Our heart aches as we watched our home, which we spent the last four years remodeling burn before our eyes. Everything we own is gone. Our treasures are now only in memories.

The good thing is Bill and I are safe. Besides death of our parents, it is the saddest day I’ve experienced,” Linda Disney shared on Facebook.

The Disneys also thanked the all of the fire fighters who came out to help save their home.

“Everyone of them were caring and so thoughtful at attempting to retrieve items of value if they could. I am glad they were all able to go home safe.”

A Go Fund Me page has been started for the family.

“On Friday, Oct. 1, 2021 Uncle Bill (my best friends uncle and uncle to me) and his wife Linda Disney watched one of their worst fears happen to their home, as it caught fire and burned completely down. Thankfully no one including their cat was harmed. This was Linda’s family home that they were renovating and they have worked tirelessly to update. Many of you have reached out and asked how you could help so on behalf

of the Disney family I would like to try and help raise some funds to help them start over. If you would like to help them during this time I know it would bless them. They do have insurance and they are in the process of working with them but there will be immediate needs and your help would be greatly appreciated. Please reach out with any questions and please keep them in your prayers as they start over. Thank you.”

The page has raised \$3,900 as of the morning of Oct. 4th with a goal of \$10,000. To donate, visit <https://gofund.me/5ceaca22>.

“Thank you to all who have reached out with offers to help in many ways. We can never recoup our losses but are strong together, have loving and supportive families, wonderful friends all over the country and believe God will walk with us. We love you all,” Linda Disney posted on Facebook.



Beep, Beep, Beep It's National Fire Prevention Week

SPRINGFIELD—Governor JB Pritzker proclaimed Oct. 3-9 as Fire Prevention Week in Illinois to encourage residents to “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” and make sure they have working smoke alarms in their homes.

The “Be Alarmed” program was founded in 2018 and is a partnership between the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshall (OSFM) and the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance. The program was developed to educate Illinois residents on the dangers of residential fires and how to prevent fires from occurring in the home, as well as to ensure there are properly installed, working smoke alarms in the homes. Providing 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms ensures that the power source cannot be removed from the unit and, if properly maintained, will last the life of the device.

According to the “Be Alarmed” 2020 report, 80% of pre-existing smoke alarms in homes that received new 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms were non-functional or expired. 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.

“I encourage everyone to test your smoke and CO alarms monthly and check the expiration dates on all

alarms,” said Illinois State Fire Marshal Matt Perez.

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Lee County Sept. 27, 2021 COVID update

LEE COUNTY — The Lee County Health Department announced the death of three Lee County residents — a male in his 70s, and a male and female resident in their 80s.

Between Sept. 21-27, the Lee County Health Department has reported a total of 57 new cases have been reported, with nine residents

hospitalized.

Here are the ages that were reported: 7 under the age of 12, 3 in his or her teens, 10 in his or her 20s, 12 in his or her 30s, 10 in his or her 40s, 4 in his or her 50s, 8 in his or her 60s, and 3 in his or her 70s.

This brings the total number of cases to 4,404 as of Sept. 27.

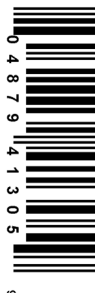
The Lee County Health Department's website has a COVID-19 section, including information for people who have tested positive. See www.LCHD.com/Covid19 for more.

Vaccine

As of Oct. 4, according to IDPH 34,382 does of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Lee Coun-

ty, and a total of 17,563 people in Lee County are fully vaccinated, which is 51.32 percent of the population.

To get scheduled for the vaccine, go to www.LCHD.com and click on the COVID-19 vaccination to self-schedule.



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CORTEVA AGRISCIENCE DONATES TO AG IN THE CLASSROOM

Corteva Agriscience recently presented a \$5,000 charitable contribution to the Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation to use for the Ag in the Classroom program. Ag in the Classroom provides free educational ag based resources to teachers and students in Lee County. For more information on Lee County Ag in the Classroom, contact coordinator Katie Pratt, aite. leecfb@comcast.net. Pictured are Lauren Bishop, Pioneer Territory Manager (left) presents Larry Hummel, Lee County Farm Bureau Foundation President (right) with the contribution. Photo submitted

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Artist reception set for Oct. 6

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College will host an Artist Reception on Wednesday, October 6. The reception for artist Debbie Thompson will take place in the SVCC Art Gallery from 4 to 6 p.m.

Artist Debbie Thompson's gallery, Paintings and Constructions, will be featured in the gallery. Her work will be installed Oct. 4 consisting of various works including her piece Basic Construction, a mixed media piece in a shadow box from 1986. Both the exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

We, Catholics, have always done it. We have always shared the **burden of sorrow** when someone we **loved** dies. John's Gospel says, **standing by the Cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala.** Luke's Gospel says, **many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother (Lazarus).** **Sorrow** is the heaviest weight any of us will ever lift and so to avoid hurting ourselves even more, we allow our **Church Community** to grieve with us, to comfort us, **to pray the Funeral Mass** with us, to work **plenary indulgences** with us. Only this wasn't possible during **the Pandemic**. When **the Pandemic** first broke out, the Government wouldn't even allow us to gather for **the Mass**, and then after several months, once they allowed us to celebrate the sacrifice of Jesus Christ with limited numbers, we could only invite **immediate family** members to the **Funeral Mass**. Of course, we were devastated. But now is the time to come together as a **Parish Community** to celebrate a **Memorial Mass** in honor of all who passed away during **the Pandemic**, to pray with those, who are still grieving, to invite our Lord and Savior into our midst **to break the Bread of the Eucharist** with us and assure us of God's **love** for us, and then to have fellowship with a **special dinner** in the hall after the Mass. Here, at the dinner, after Mass at **4:00 pm** at **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** on **Saturday, October 30th** – we can console each other. We can tell grieving family members how we **loved** the deceased, how we prayed for the remission of their sins and did **penance** for them, how we have worked **a plenary indulgence** for them in this special **Year of St. Joseph**, and we can let them know that they are not alone – we are here to help **lift the burden of sorrow** from their life. You know how the John Deere companies' slogan: **"nothing runs like a Deere?"** Well, as your Catholic priest, I'm here to tell you, **"nobody grieves like a Catholic."** What a gift God has given to you that you are **a parishioner** at our Church – that you have so many fellow parishioners, who love you, who pray for you, who are there to **grieve with you in your sorrow**! If you know any of the deceased listed under the picture of our Lady Most Admirable – then please sign-up or call and make your **reservation** for **the Memorial Mass** and dinner (815) 849-5412 at the end of October. It is your **duty** as a Catholic citizen of our Church to share **the burden of sorrow** when a fellow parishioner dies.

Yours on the Path Fr. Randy



Henry Antosiak, Norma McPherron, Joel Schroeder, Thomas Farrell, Cynthia Jones, Betty Jane Wilhelm, Roanld Vaessen, Henry Robinson, Florence Kuebel, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Gary Bauer, Richard Garland, Barbara Haub, James Fronek, Donald Wendt, Lynda Blaine, Dennis Weiler, Roger Landreth, Donald Clark, Mildred Davidson, Eugene Leffelman, Gerald Leffelman, Norma Bushman, Thomas Palmer and Melvin Stewart

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

October 30th at 4:00 pm
Memorial Mass for our beloved who died during the Pandemic
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church • Sublette, Illinois
Dinner to follow in the Hall at 5:15 pm
Call 815-849-5412 for reservations no later than October 8th

LOCAL NEWS

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

The Beneficiary

Maddie Dawson's "Matchmaking for Beginners" begins precisely at the crucial moment when two souls who are meant for each other finally meet. In this case, unbeknown to her, when Marnie McGraw meets Blix Holliday at a posh post-Christmas party at a Virginia mansion, the suburban life she so fervently wishes for goes into a death spiral from which she will not recover until the end of the book.

Marnie is engaged to dashing Noah Spinnaker who has brought her home to meet his family. Blix is Noah's wayward great-aunt, a caster of magic spells, among other talents, who has come all the way from Brooklyn for the party. She tells us she is old as dirt, that she is dying, and that she "shouldn't have come, and that's the truth of it. It's not even five o'clock in the afternoon, and I'm already fantasizing about a swift, painless coma." But then Marnie and Noah appear and Blix knows instantly that Marnie will be her successor. "Marnie MacGraw is just like the old glorious me, standing there, facing this onslaught of Southern gentility, and I see her both young and old, and feel my own old heart pounding like it used to." Blix excitedly promises Marnie that she will have a big, big life.

But like all heroes, Marnie must go through fire. A bumbler in the Bridget Jones mold, Marnie is ill equipped to face disaster. Her marriage to Noah lasts all of a week; her job at a nursery school goes up in flames when she appears one morning in her bathrobe and bedroom slippers, intent on cutting up her wedding dress for the little girls in her class. When her parents arrive from Florida to rescue her, Marnie is deeply grateful. "I don't have to adult myself anymore." They take her back home "to the motherhood for repairs."

In Brooklyn, Blix throws herself an Irish wake, a "Blix-Out," to say farewell to her friends. She has refused all treatment for her cancer because she believes "death can be part of a well-lived life." Weeks later, Marnie receives a letter informing her that Blix has bequeathed her Brooklyn brownstone to her, with the unnerving stipulation that Marnie must live there for three months before selling it.

Marnie has risen like a phoenix from the ashes, even managing to get engaged to her high school sweetheart Jeremy, a kind but dull fellow. Nevertheless she decides to travel to New York. The brownstone is run down, but quite attractive, like the turquoise refrigerator with rounded edges. To Marnie's shock, Noah, with his charm in full flight, is staying there. Blix's tenants warmly welcome her. She sees that they are hardly cool Brooklyn hipsters, but rather troubled souls who have found shelter in Blix's home.

TEEN TURF

Upcoming Events

We will be having our Fish Fry Drive-Thru on Saturday, Oct. 23. 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

Amboy Civic Organization members are invited to gather at Teen Turf on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. for group chair exercises and walking. We are excited to have them back in the building.

Thank You's

We are blessed to have the following folks help us and we thank them: Will Thomas and everyone else who donated aluminum cans; Denise and Marty Bickett for the items; Chandler Pohl and Andrew Their for helping us; Nancy Hochstatter for her monetary donation; Monetary donation given by Katie Dickinson via Lori Erbes; and all of our afterschool volunteers-Candy, Kathy, Meagan, Chris, and Donna.

Needs

Fresh Fruit and snack items

Final Word

Creator God, thank you that there is nowhere we can go that is beyond your presence. In your presence, we are blessed beyond measure. You have said that you will never leave us or forsake us, you are always with us. May we live a life of thanksgiving in your presence.

Hear our prayer and fill our hearts and our mouths with praise to you for your good gifts. May your love be the passion in our hearts. May your joy be our strength when times are hard. May your presence be our peace that overflows. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

AMBOY-The Class of 1953 Reunion will be held at Noon on Friday, Oct. 8, at Sunset Inn, RT 52 and RT 34. Everyone will order from the menu.

SUBLETTE-The deadline to RSVP for the dinner for the Memorial Mass for the Beloved Who Died during the Pandemic is Friday, Oct. 8. Call 815-849-5412 for reservations for the dinner to be held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Hall following the mass on Saturday, Oct. 30.

AMBOY-The Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 11, at the Fire Station.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 11, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. Anyone interested in joining is invited to attend.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 11, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

EAST GROVE TWP-The East Grove Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12, at the East Grove Township Hall.

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.

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

Church to host drive thru dinner

CHANA - Chana United Methodist Church is hosting a Chicken Noodle Drive Thru Dinner on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 4 - 6:30 p.m.

Cost of the dinner is \$10 and includes: a hearty portion of Home Made (from scratch) noodles and Chicken, a generous serving of home grown squash casserole and freshly made warm orchard apple crisp.

Dinner is drive through only and there are no pre-sales. Chana UMC is a certified kitchen and is COVID-19 compliant.

CORRECTION:

In the article on the front page of the Sept. 29th edition on Teen Turf, the last name of Boehle was spelled incorrectly. The Amboy News regrets the error.

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National Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 3-9, 2021

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AMBOY-St. Patrick's Cemetery Fall Clean-up will be held Saturday, Oct. 15. All spring and summer items should be removed prior to clean-up. Fall items will not be removed.

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.

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OBITUARIES/LOCAL NEWS

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Gene L. Gascoigne

Sept. 25, 1926 - Sept. 28, 2021

OREGON — Gene L. Gascoigne, 95, of Dixon, died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021 at Serenity Hospice in Oregon. He was born Sept. 25, 1926, in Amboy the son of Harry and Ella (Keyes) Gascoigne.

Gene worked at Dixon Home Telephone Company/Centel/Sprint for 42 years from Sept. 19, 1949 until his retirement Jan. 19, 1993. He served in the Navy during World War II and was a member of the Dixon American Legion Post. Gene was an active member of and past Exalted Ruler of the Dixon Elks Lodge 779. He helped in the design and construction of the current lodge and over the years has held many positions at the lodge and with the Illinois Elks Association.

Gene has been involved in numerous activities throughout the years. He volunteered at the KC Hall for St Mary Grade School Bingo Night when his children were students there. He taught a junior achievement class for business at Madison Junior High for seven semesters and was active in the adopt a

school program through Centel at Madison Junior High. He was also active in the Speakers Bureau at Centel. Gene was a member of and past president of the Dixon Kiwanis Club. He enjoyed wood working, handyman projects and watching the Chicago Bears.

Gene married Lois Hinkle on Nov. 26, 1949 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy. She preceded him in death Nov. 24, 2017.

He was also preceded in death by two grandchildren, Joseph McKeon and Kelsey Howell. He was also preceded in death by his parents, sister, Ruth Searls, brothers, Albert, Lyle, and Earl Gascoigne.

Gene is survived by his children, Dan Gascoigne, of Dixon, Tom (Josie) Gascoigne, of Dixon, Sandra (Jim) McKeon, of Helena, Mont., Tony (Lisa) Gascoigne, of Springfield, Sue (Jay) Howell, of Dixon, David (Kim) Gascoigne, of Lisle, Jeff (Jane) Gascoigne, of Dixon and Julie Gascoigne, of Dixon; 18 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.



Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, Oct. 11, 2021 at 11 a.m., at St Patrick Catholic Church in Dixon. Burial of cremains with Military Honors will follow at St Patrick Cemetery in Amboy. Following the burial a luncheon will be held at the Dixon Elks Lodge. Face masks requested at the service and luncheon.

A memorial has been established to Elks Lodge 779, in the memo/for section of the check please put CCC Gascoigne Memorial.

Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

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

Steer clear: Deer mating season is here

SPRINGFIELD—As the days get shorter, the temperatures drop and the leaves change color and fall, the Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois Department of Natural Resources are reminding motorists that autumn is accompanied by deer mating season in Illinois. During this time of year, deer become especially active, mainly at dawn and dusk from October through December.

“Although a collision with a deer can happen any time of year, we are entering the peak season,” said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. “Deer can often appear suddenly in some surprising environments so you are urged to be on alert. Slow down, pay attention in areas where they are known to travel and remember – don’t veer for deer. While the urge to swerve is instinctual, it could cause you to lose control of your vehicle and increase the severity of a crash.”

Safe driving tips for deer mating season:

- Be aware of your surroundings, especially in areas with deer crossing signs.
- Scan the sides of the road for eye shine – the reflection of headlights in their eyes.
- Slow down if you see a deer. They travel in groups, so more are likely nearby.
- Prepare for the unexpected. Deer may stop in the middle of the road or double back.
- If a collision is inevitable, try to glance

your vehicle off the deer and avoid swerving into the opposite lanes of traffic.

In 2020, 13,787 motor vehicle crashes involved deer in Illinois. Of these, 13,166 resulted in damage to property or vehicles, while 611 caused personal injuries. Ten of the crashes resulted in fatalities.

More than 43% of crashes involving deer in Illinois occurred in October, November and December, with November being the highest-risk month. Rural environments were the site of more than 62% of all motor vehicle crashes involving deer, with more 72% occurring at twilight or nighttime.

“Whether in rural or urban areas, deer are part of the Illinois landscape and we need to be alert to their presence,” said Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Colleen Callahan. “Please be cautious while on the road as deer are particularly active during the mating season in the fall and during busy driving times around dawn and dusk.”

If you hit a deer, pull off to the shoulder, turn on your hazard lights and call 911 to report the accident. Do not exit the vehicle to check on an injured deer or pull it from the road.

For information on how to claim a deer involved in a crash, or to report possession of a deer killed in a deer-vehicle crash, click here or visit the IDNR website.

Educational Briefs

Students named to UW-Stout football team

MENOMONIE, Wis. - The following students have been named to the University of Wisconsin-Stout 2021 football team.

Arthur Cox, of Dixon, a sophomore, criminal justice and rehabilitation, wide receiver. The head coach is Clayt Birmingham, who is in his 12th year at UW-Stout.

To learn more about the team, go to stout-bluedevils.com/sports/football.

UW-Stout, Wisconsin's Polytechnic Uni-

versity, has 47 undergraduate majors and 24 graduate programs, including one doctoral degree. UW-Stout, established in 1891, prides itself on the success of its students in the workplace, with an employment rate above 98% for recent graduates.

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Sauk Valley Community College to host Manufacturing Job Fair

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College will host a manufacturing job fair on Wednesday, Oct. 27. Employers will be available 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for networking and discussing open positions.

Job seekers are invited to participate during this event on SVCC's campus. No registration is required.

All job seekers that attend will be entered to win a \$200 gift card to the SVCC bookstore.

Area employers that would like to participate are asked to register in advance by visiting svcc.edu/jobfair.

All employers and job seekers are asked

to use the West Mall doors and show proof of vaccination or proof of a negative COVID test within seven days of the event. SHIELD saliva testing is available in advance at SVCC. Please visit svcc.edu/shield for more information and to set up a COVID test.

SVCC will continue to hold industry specific job fairs on the last Wednesday of each month. While this event is in-person, the remainder will be held virtually. Please visit svcc.edu/jobfair for more information regarding industry specific job fairs.

For event information, please contact Dana Chacon at 815-835-6294 or visit svcc.edu/jobfair

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SOCIAL NEWS



Shirlene Lowe

Lowe to celebrate 90th birthday Oct 20

AMBOY — Shirlene Lowe, of Amboy, will be turning 90 on Oct. 20, 2021.

She was born in 1931 in Findlay. She married Robert Lowe on June 1, 1952 in Elwin. He passed away in 2015.

Shirlene is a retired LPN and Pharmacy Technician. She was a volunteer hospice nurse for 19 years. She is a member of Zion Methodist Church in Mendota, and the Faith United Methodist UMW in Polo. She is past president of the Dekalb District of the United Methodist Women.

Shirlene and Bob raised two children, Jeffrey (Barbara) Lowe, who passed away in 2005, and Susan (Stephen) Florschuetz, Sublette. She is grandma to five, great-grandma to 11, and step great-grandma to two.

Birthday cards may be sent to her at 301 E Provost, Amboy IL, 61310.



Shirlene Lowe

Lions, Tigers and Bears art exhibit opens at KSB Commerce Towers

DIXON — The Next Picture Show is pleased to present the Lions, Tigers and Bears Art Exhibit, opening Friday, Oct. 1, at KSB Commerce Towers. The exhibit features more than forty original works by local and regional artists who share their vision and artistic interpretation of wildlife; the animals that live in natural conditions.

Participating artists include David Bingaman, Irene Bockman, William Doering, Beverly Garcia, Michele Gillette, Maggie Hardin, Stephen Hart, Matt Jagitsch, Pat Kelly, Linnea Koch, Barbara Lundeen, Karen Nelson, Sam Tucibat, Lucinda Winterfield, and Julie Young.

The exhibit is open for viewing during regular business hours, Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, on the first floor of KSB Commerce Towers, 213 East First Street, Dixon. Photos of each piece will also be on display on the TNPS Facebook page. Lions, Tigers and Bears, part of a series of art exhibits designed to advance the use of art as part of the healing process,

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

Thank him for people He puts in your life this season

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

I find that during this time of the year (Autumn), I begin reflecting upon Ecclesiastes 3:1 which says, "To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven." As I reflect upon this verse and those following it, I think about the seasons of "Nature" which God has given to us... planting, harvesting, etc... But I also find myself reflecting upon the "seasons of our lives" as well... birth, death, and all the seasons in between which God allows us to experience.

This year however I find I am spending more time reflecting upon verses 12 and 13 of this chapter which says, "And also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor - it is the gift of God. I know that whatever God does, it shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, and nothing taken from it. God does it that men should fear before Him." These verses complement the preceding ones by adding some practical application. We are told that we are to "eat, drink, and...

enjoy life." Why? Because it is a gift from God.

Have you ever thought about your life in these terms? Not that every day is easy. Or joyful. Or fun. But that "life" - your life specifically, is a gift from God. He did not have to make us! And if He chose not to no one would even know it.

Yet, He did choose to make each one of us with the desire that we enjoy the life He gave us to live. And appreciate it. Even if we are going through tough times, which we all do at one time or another.

The only specific instruction we are given here is found in verse 15 that says, "And God requires an account of what is past" (a theme which runs throughout the Bible). It basically tells us that someday we will be called upon to explain "why" we lived our lives as we did. As long as we honor Him by how we live our lives we are free to enjoy it! And enjoy it we should.

I remember my senior year in Amboy High School asking our guidance counselor, "What is your philosophy of life?" I was prepared for

We also have monthly Saturday morning programs for school aged children. Flyers will be sent to the school with more information.

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Join us every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., for Tales for Tots. This program is geared for children ages one to three, and their caregivers. We will have stories, and crafts.

On Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., we have 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. This program is geared for children ages three to five, and their caregivers.

some deep, philosophical answer. Or perhaps a silly one. Instead, she gave an answer which I still remember (and try to apply) to this day. She simply said, "Life... was meant to be lived!" How appropriate.

I wonder how many of us are living our life "just going through the motions" without being circumspect? Life was meant to be lived! Enjoyed! Because it is a gift from God. And we can do all this (with His help) in a way that will bring Him honor and joy as

well. I hope you do. I hope we all do. Jesus made this all possible. Let Him show you how.

I pray you take a moment and celebrate the gift of life that God gave you.

Thank Him for the people that He put in your life to walk with you in this season. Then be open to recognize the people and opportunities He brings in the next season. Don't just exist - but truly live.

May God bless you, Pastor John

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Opinion

Plenty of paintings, statues honoring political scoundrels

Politicians are peculiar creatures. They name parks, highways, airports and just about anything else that's paid for by us after themselves.

And if a politician rises high enough, a statue will be erected in the person's honor.

Statues are designed to be permanent. But politicians' reputations are much more fluid.

Six years ago, then-Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan was pushing to erect a statue on the Illinois Capitol grounds of former U.S. Speaker of the House Denny Hastert.

Hastert said, "Thanks, but no thanks."

Unforeseen modesty on the part of a retired pol? Nope. At the point Hastert declined the honor, he knew he was under investigation by the feds for sexually abusing students when he was a high school coach and funneling hush money to one of them to keep the allegations quiet.

He eventually pleaded guilty to a financial crime and was sentenced to 15 months in prison.

In fairness to Madigan, he had no idea of any problems when he recommended the honor. But if you think that political pratfall will discourage other Illinois lawmakers from recommending politicians for statues, think again.

Today, there is a proposal pending to place a Ronald Reagan statue on the grounds of the Illinois Capitol. Is he worthy? Well, more worthy than some, but less so than others.

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



Back in 1984, I voted for Reagan. But I don't want one cent of taxpayer dollars to go toward honoring him or any other politician. Isn't having been elected to public office distinction enough? Statues have little to do with history and much to do with glorification.

Yesterday's heroes may be tomorrow's scoundrels.

For example, 103 years ago a statue of Stephen Douglas was erected on the Illinois Capitol lawn. He was a U.S. Senator and the archrival of Abraham Lincoln. More recently critics pointed out he was a slaveowner and a political impediment to emancipation. So, last year, his statue was removed.

We have had so much trouble with statehouse statues, one can't help but wonder if the Land of Lincoln has an edifice complex?

The political class exists for its own benefit, and they like to venerate one another.

Interestingly enough, personal dishonesty or political graft has never been sufficient cause for a politician's image to be removed from the Illinois Capitol.

On the statehouse's second floor, you'll find portraits of Otto Kerner, Dan Walker and George Ryan. All served as governor and all ended up in prison.

After impeaching Gov. Rod Blagojevich, lawmakers passed legislation forbidding public funding of portraits of governors

removed from office. They really hated that Blago. It's the only time I can think of such action being taken.

In fact, when the lawmakers passed that resolution, there was so much vitriol during the debate that I couldn't help but think of a scene from Cecil B. DeMille's "The Ten Commandments" when pharaoh said, "Let the name of Moses be stricken from every book and tablet. Stricken from every pylo and obelisk of Egypt. Let the name of Moses be unheard and unspoken, erased from the memory of man, for all time."

But obviously they didn't learn their lesson because there are plenty of other paintings and statues honoring political scoundrels in that building.

One of my favorites was a painting of former Illinois Secretary of State and Speaker of the House Paul Powell. Powell's motto supposedly was, "There's only one thing worse than a defeated politician, and that's a broke one."

When Powell died in 1970, more than \$800,000 was found stuffed in shoeboxes in the closet of his Springfield hotel room. That would be about \$5.6 million in today's money.

And Paul Powell never drew a salary greater than \$30,000.

Powell's portrait used to hang in the visitor's gallery of the Illinois House. Whenever I'd walk by it, I liked to give the picture frame a nudge. Like so many Illinois politicians, he deserves to be remembered the way he was — crooked.

Scott Reeder is a veteran journalist in the Springfield area and can be reached by email at scottreeder1965@gmail.com.



George Chamberlain was drawing this while we were in jail.

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Oct. 7, 1921

J.W. Davis of Freeport has leased the Will Smith building on Jones Street just north of the opera house block and will open a restaurant there about Monday, Oct. 10.

While plowing his field north of Normal recently, Chas. Anderson unearthed bills, coins and bonds to the amount of \$35,000. The bonds were identified as having been stolen from the Farmers' Bank in Benson Oct. 8, 1920.

John Burns has purchased a house and two lots on Adams Avenue of H.F. Newman, the consideration being \$2,850. The place was formerly known as the Dooley house.

Several little friends assisted Lillian Bachofen in celebrating her eighth birthday Tuesday at the home of her parents on Adams Ave.

75 Years Ago Oct. 10, 1946

Ed Whitver and sons Ivan and Vernon left Tuesday for Durango, Colo., to spend 10 days during the deer hunting season. Ed Whitver is enjoying a vacation from

his work at Edwards Garage.

Ted Biester is driving a new deluxe two door Desoto sedan purchased from Antoine Motors of this city.

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50 Years Ago Oct. 7, 1971

Six members of the Amboy High School graduating Class of 1921 came back Saturday night for the annual Alumni Homecoming Banquet. They were Mrs. Charles Gipson (Lucile Keefer), of Bolton, Conn., Attorney Edward O'Toole, of Chicago, Mrs. Hugh Blackburn (Marie Bushman), of Dixon, Mrs. Eveertt Livey (DeLyle Scott) of Rockford, Mrs. Harry Slaybaugh (Hazel Miller) of Amboy, and Mrs. E.B. Blei (Elizabeth Meeks) of LaSalle.

One hundred thirty-three alumni and guests attended the annual Amboy High School Homecoming Banquet honoring the classes of 1921 and 1946. Following the dinner served by the Rock River Grange of Dixon, the group adjourned to the auditorium.

The junior class float won the

Sweepstakes Trophy awarded by the AHS Alumni Association. Winner of the Designers Trophy, awarded by the Amboy Chamber of Commerce, was the Sophomore Class entry.

25 Years Ago Oct. 3, 1996

Amboy High School 1996 Homecoming Queen Jenny Cook and King Chris Streit prepare to climb aboard the Amboy Fire Department fire truck behind them. The truck carried the royal couple in last Friday's Homecoming Parade. This year's Homecoming Court included Freshman Jamie Blaine and Brian O'Malley. Sophomore Jill Shaw and James Fleming, Junior Molly King and George Burks, and Seniors Betsy Reck and Brad Burke, Tina McCoy and Jason Cook, Katie Myers and Nick Dinges, and Dana Nauman and Matt Henkel.

Members of the Amboy High School Class of 1946 were honored in last Friday's Homecoming Parade. The sign on the truck they are riding in reads, "Congratulations Class of 1946. 50 Years and Still Going Strong. Go Clippers."



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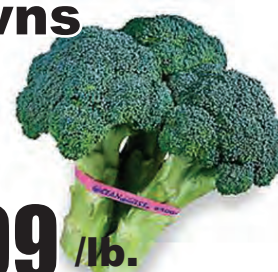
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HUNTING AND FISHING

IRAP accepting applications for 2021 waterfowl & upland game hunting opportunities

SPRINGFIELD—The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) announced it is now accepting applications for 2021 Waterfowl and Upland Game hunting opportunities this fall on private land through the Illinois Recreational Access Program (IRAP).

The IDNR has leased nearly 1,200 acres of private land specifically for waterfowl and upland game hunting. Hunters have the choice of nine public access waterfowl sites in three counties and seven public access upland game hunting sites in five counties. Sites will accommodate up to four hunters each and are available at no cost to the participants.

Applications for IRAP Waterfowl opportunities are due four weeks prior to the hunting period selected by applicants. Waterfowl hunters will have access to the sites for five consecutive days during one of the twelve 2021 IRAP fall hunting periods: Nov. 1-5; Nov. 6-10; Nov. 11-15; Nov. 16-20; Nov. 21-25; Nov. 26-30; Dec. 1-5; Dec. 6-10; Dec. 11-15; Dec. 16-20; Dec. 21-25; Dec. 26-30.

Applications for IRAP Upland Game opportunities are due at 5 p.m. on Nov. 1, 2021. Hunters will have two consecutive days of access on one of the following weekends: Dec. 11-12; Dec. 18-19; Dec. 25-26.

If hunting as a group (up to four), each person in the group must apply and list other hunters in the group. Youth hunters (age 17 and under) must be accompanied by a non-hunting supervisor (parent or designee of parent). Both youth and their supervisors must complete an IRAP application online. A lottery drawing may be held when more applications are received than there are sites available.

All hunters must have completed an IDNR-approved Hunter Education Course (if born in 1980 or after), and must have acquired an Illinois hunting license and HIP certification as well as a habitat stamp for upland game hunting or a state waterfowl stamp and a federal waterfowl stamp for waterfowl hunting. Successful applicants will be notified by mail approximately three weeks prior to their assigned hunting period, upon which they will receive a map, driving directions and an IRAP site permit allowing them to hunt on their assigned, privately-owned waterfowl or upland game hunting site.

Applications for Fall 2021 IRAP Waterfowl hunting sites can be found online at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/conservation/IRAP/Pages/Waterfowl-Hunting.aspx>

Applications for Fall 2021 IRAP Upland Game hunting sites can be found online at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/conservation/IRAP/Pages/Upland-GameHunting.aspx>

The IRAP program is funded through a grant from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service's Voluntary Public Access Habitat Incentive Program. To date, IRAP has leased more than 26,100 acres in 50 counties to provide for various public access opportunities such as turkey, archery deer, youth firearm deer, small game, waterfowl and upland bird hunting, as well as pond and riverbank fishing. Hunters are placed on a specific site via lottery drawing, with preference given to youth hunters, first-time hunters and veterans.

For more information, visit the IRAP webpage or e-mail DNR.IRAP@Illinois.gov.

Illinois Fall Trout Fishing Season opens Oct. 16

SPRINGFIELD — The 2021 Illinois Fall Trout Fishing Season will open Saturday, Oct. 16 at 59 ponds, lakes and streams throughout the state.

An early opportunity at select trout sites — the Fall Catch-and-Release Fishing Season — opened Oct. 2. No trout may be kept during the catch and release fishing period, but anglers can keep trout after the opening of the regular season beginning Oct. 16.

The Illinois Catchable Trout Program is funded by those who use the program through the sale of Inland Trout Stamps. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) stocks more than 80,000 rainbow trout each year in bodies of water where trout fishing is permitted during the fall season. An additional 80,000 trout are stocked for the spring season which begins each April.

For the 2021 fall trout season, no trout may be taken from any of the stocked sites until the season opens at 5 a.m. Oct. 16. During the season, the daily catch limit is five trout.

The fall trout season



offers opportunities for families to get outdoors and enjoy fishing. Resources are available for Taking Kids Fishing at https://www.ifish-illinois.org/Kids_Fishing/kidsfishing.html.

All anglers — including those who intend to release fish caught before Oct. 16 — must have an Illinois fishing license and Inland Trout Stamp which are available at IDNR license and permit locations, including many bait shops,

sporting goods stores and other retail outlets. Check the IDNR website for locations at <https://www.exploremoreil.com/agentlocator>

Fishing licenses and trout stamps can be purchased by using a credit card online via the IDNR website at <https://www.exploremoreil.com/>

Participants in the Fall Trout Fishing Season are reminded to follow current guidance from the CDC and Illinois Department of Public

Health regarding face masks and social distancing.

For information about all site regulations, anglers should contact individual sites that will be stocked with catchable-size trout. Not all sites open at 5 a.m. on opening day. Anglers are reminded to check the opening time of their favorite sites prior to the open date.

For more information on trout seasons and other Illinois fishing opportunities, check the website at www.ifishillinois.org.

Area locations scheduled to be open for the fall trout season include:

- Bureau County - Hennepin Canal Parkway
- Kendall County - Big Lake, Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area (SFWA)
- LaSalle County - Illinois and Michigan Canal Lock 14, LaSalle
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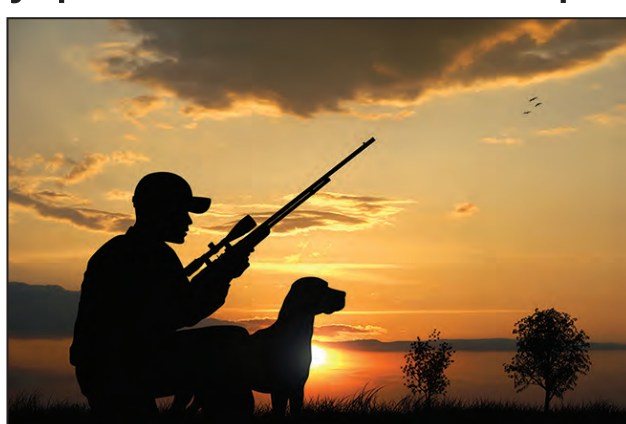
Simple safety protocols that can protect hunters

Hunting is big business in North America. Millions of people hunt in the United States, and the National Shooting Sports Foundation reports that sportsmen and women contribute nearly \$9.4 million to the economy every day.

With millions of hunters taking to forests and fields every year, seasoned hunters and novices alike can benefit from revisiting some safety procedures before their first outing this season.

Weather

Weather should be a consideration whenever people spend a significant amount of time outdoors. Hunters typically leave before dawn and arrive home after dusk. Hypothermia is a very real risk for hunters who may be out in snow or wet conditions. It's possible to get hypothermia by overdressing as well. Sweating and then being exposed to dropping temperatures puts people at risk for hypothermia. Hunters should dress in layers with



moisture-wicking materials and a water-repellant outer layer. In addition, check the weather forecast before heading out as a last second precautionary measure.

Firearm safety

Firearm safety is a critical component of safe hunting. Hunters use rifles, shotguns and other firearms. Each gun is different, so hunters need to familiarize themselves with new firearms before using them. The following are some additional firearm safety tips, courtesy of State Farm Insurance and Southern Land Exchange.

- Always treat a firearm as if it is loaded.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.
- Only point at what you plan to shoot.
- Clearly identify your target and what is beyond it.
- Fire within the zone-of-fire, which is the 45-degree area directly in front of each hunter.
- Firearm chambers should be emptied when guns are not in use.
- Use appropriate ammunition.
- Never modify or alter the gun.

- Never cross a fence, jump a ditch or climb a tree with a loaded gun.
- Never rely on a gun's safety.

Additional safety tips

Hunters should always let others know where they will be when leaving in the morning. If something should happen, people back home can alert authorities if something goes awry. Always check equipment and maintain it properly. Equipment should include gear colored in hunter's orange. That extends to dogs if they are accompanying hunters on a trip. This makes hunters more visible to other hunters. Also, carry a first aid kit, a charged mobile phone or a satellite phone to maintain contact with others in case of emergencies.

These are just some of the safety protocols that should be followed when hunting. Non-hunters should exercise caution during hunting seasons, particularly when entering forests and areas that hunters frequent.

The basics of hunting seasons

Hunting has been around a long time. According to Britannica, hunting as many know it today began in ancient Greece. Various game was hunted to provide food, fuel and materials to make clothing and blankets. In the Middle Ages, hunting was the privilege of nobility and linked to land ownership. Hunting is now strictly regulated in many countries and is typically used as a way to control wildlife populations that would otherwise overrun certain areas.

Hunting limits and clearly

defined hunting seasons are often spelled out in detail in local hunting laws. Wildlife commissions across states, provinces and territories set up strict time periods that govern which game can be hunted. Legislation also dictates size limits and the amount of game that can be killed. Seasons vary depending on where hunters live.

Many hunters eagerly await "opening day" so they can start their hunting right away. The season is "closed" when hunters are no longer allowed to go after that game. Food shortages, extreme temperatures and low population numbers may affect season duration. Archery seasons tend to begin before firearm seasons in many states. Hunting outside of seasons is known as poaching and is punishable by law.

Turkey is typically hunted in the spring or fall. Migratory waterfowl hunting tends to open in late September and early October. The seasons to hunt deer, and their close cousins like caribou, moose and reindeer, open in late September and early October, continuing into November for firearms hunting.

Hunters will be required to obtain a hunting license. At the time of licensure, hunters also may be given tags for their game animals. A tag is a physical permit the hunter carries with him or her that must be attached to an animal immediately after it is felled. The tag will need to be completed with the date and time of harvest and the location.

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SPORTS



Amboy's Wyatt Lundquist, center.



Amboy's Andruw Jones, center.



Amboy's Brock Loftus, center.

Amboy cross country seniors honored

AMBOY — The Amboy boys' cross country team won a quadrangular meet with Polo, Eastland and Hall on Sept. 29 at Shady Oaks Country Club.

The Clippers had 18 points, followed by Polo with 52 and Eastland with 63. Hall did not field a full team.

Brock Loftus took the top spot in the race with a time of 15:53.8, while teammate Ian Eller was second through the chute in 17:16.7. Also finishing in the top 10 were Amboy runners Charlie Dickinson (4th, 18:13.5), Andruw Jones (5th, 18:16.9), Atticus Horner (6th, 18:50.7), Wyatt Lundquist (8th, 18:57.4) and Kelton Schwamberger (10th, 19:05.1).

Others participating for the Clippers were Garrett Pertell (11th, 19:55.7), Hayden Zacharias (12th, 19:56.8), Ryan Dickinson (14th, 20:49) and Jaden Haley (15th, 21:04.1).

AHS's Lauren Althaus won the girls' race in a time of 21:09.8. Elly Jones was next in for the Lady Clippers (3rd, 23:08.3), followed by Natalie Pratt (7th, 27:41.1) and Addison Pertell (9th, 29:03.2). There were no team scores.

Amboy competed in the Augustana College Invitational on Oct. 1 at Saukie Golf Course in Rock Island and both teams finished second in the team standings.

For the boys, the Clippers scored 43 points and were only bested by Riverdale, which had 28 points. Newman (54) and Rockridge (120) placed behind AHS.

Loftus was the second runner to cross the finish line with a time of 15:53.2. Riverdale's Tommy Murray won the individual title with a clocking of 15:39.5. Amboy had two other runners place in the top seven. Eller was fifth in a time of 16:39.6, while Kyler McNinch took seventh in 17:22.7.

Eight other Clippers raced in the event. They were Charlie Dickinson (15th, 18:26.5), Horner (16th, 18:33.1), Lundquist (17th, 18:34.5), Jones (18th, 18:36.2), Schwamberger (22nd, 19:07.8), Garrett Pertell (25th, 19:23.2), Zacharias (29th, 19:42.1) and Haley (34th, 20:51.9).

In the girls' event, the Lady Clippers tallied 41 points to take second in the team standings behind Cambridge, which had 31. Rockridge was third with 48 points.

AHS had two of the top four runners with Althaus taking second place in 21:23 and Elly Jones finishing fourth in 22:31.9. Addison Pertell (13th, 25:13.8), Pratt (18th, 25:53.7) and Bailey Crouch (19th, 26:39.9) also raced for the Lady Clippers.



Amboy's Ian Eller, center.



Amboy's Lauren Althaus, center.



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Lady Clippers to host Pink Night Oct. 7

AMBOY—Join the Amboy Lady Clippers and the Ashton-Franklin Center Lady Raiders on Thursday, Oct. 7, at 6 p.m., at it's annual Pink Night to Block Out Cancer.

Every year in October, area schools host a Pink Night where funds are donated to a cause for

cancer. Amboy is hosting a Pink Night on Thursday, Oct. 7 and raising money to donated to CGH Women's Health Fund. This fund helps women in the Sauk Valley area seek early prevention screens for free, comfort bags, and hot meals while going through treatment, gas

cards and much more.

Pink Night will feature a silent auction and bake sale. All proceeds and donations will go to the CGH Women's Health Fund. For question or sponsorships, please contact Ashley Dunlap at adunlap@amboy.net.

Lady Clippers drop pair of home matches

AMBOY – The Amboy Lady Clippers dropped a pair of home volleyball matches last week.

Eastland downed Amboy, 25-16, 25-14, on Sept. 28 at the AHS gym.

Elly Jones collected six kills and five digs, while Tyrarh Vaessen recorded 13 assists. Lexi Ketchum and Chloe Heath added four and three digs, respectively.

Forreston posted a 25-9, 25-11 triumph over the Lady Clippers on Sept. 29 at the AHS gym.

Jones led with seven digs, Heath had four digs, and Vaessen and Ketchum each had three digs.



Left, Hayden Wittenauer and Wesley Wilson

Wittenauer, Wilson advance to sectionals

PORT BYRON – Two Amboy Clipper golfers were able to extend their season

after participating in the Port Byron Riverdale Class 1A Regional Golf Tournament on Sept. 29 at Byron Hills Golf Course in Port Byron.

Both Amboy golfers finished among the top 10 best scoring players who were not on a qualifying team. The Clippers' Hayden Wittenauer shot an 82 and finished in fifth among those top 10 players, while teammate Wes Wilson carded an 84 and was sixth on that list. Jake Delaney of St. Bede was the top individual player not on a qualifying team with a 76.

The overall meet medalist was James Moorhusen of Riverdale with a 69. He led the Rams to the regional team title with a 310. Riverdale, Sterling Newman (332) and Fulton (343) all advanced their team to the sectional round.

Wittenauer and Wilson participated in the Byron Class 1A Sectional on Monday, Oct. 4. Neither golfer advanced to the state tournament which will be held Friday, Oct. 8 and Saturday, Oct. 9 at Prairie Vista Golf Course in Bloomington.

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SPORTS

Clippers offense explodes defeating Kirkland 60-36

KIRKLAND – The Amboy/LaMoille/Ohio football team had another offensive explosion as it routed Kirkland Hiawatha, 60-36, on Oct. 1 at Kirkland. It was the second 60-point outburst by the Clippers in the last three games.

The Clippers jumped out to a 16-0 lead after the opening stanza and then they erupted for 38 second-quarter points. Hiawatha was able to

put 22 points on the board in the second period. Amboy clung to a 38-30 advantage in the second before it scored two consecutive touchdowns to take a 54-22 lead to intermission.

Amboy (3-3) went scoreless in the third frame before scoring once in the fourth, while the Hawks managed two touchdowns in the second half.

This week's scheduled

varsity game with Ash-ton-Franklin Center has been canceled, but there will be a junior varsity game between the two teams starting at 7 p.m. at the AHS field.

The remainder of Amboy's varsity schedule has it traveling to Orangeville for a 1 p.m. kickoff on Saturday, Oct. 16 and then trekking to Alden-Hebron on Friday, Oct. 22 for a 7 p.m. start.

BY SPENCER MORRISSEY

I took my son to the Clipper game in Kirkland this past Friday. With the game we watched I couldn't help but share a recap.

We opened up our scoring in the first quarter with a touchdown reception from Blaine. A beautiful over the shoulder pass that hit him in stride. The two point conversion was successful and we were on to an early 8-0 lead. After stopping the Hawks, we got the ball back and hit the Hawks with our ground attack. The drive ended with another Clipper touchdown on a quarterback inside zone run for a touchdown by Tucker Lindenmeyer. The two point conversion attempt was successful and with minutes left in the first we had a 16 point lead.

The Hawks would score near the end of the first quarter making it 16-6 good guys. The second quarter continued with more back and forth scoring by both teams. Add in two more receiving touchdowns by Blaine and some successful two point conversions, and our Clippers went into halftime with a 38-30 lead after letting up a quick score before halftime.

The Hawks came out in the second half and added another score making it 38-36. Touchdowns by Blaine and Daniels gave us the cushion we had early on and we held onto a 54-36 lead until the middle of the fourth quarter. We held the Hawks on fourth down and got the ball back with decent field position with nearly seven minutes

left. We took most of the clock and finished our scoring drive off with a touchdown run by Jordan Gulley. We would hold the Hawks on their ensuing possession as their attempted passes were no where near any Hawks receiver. Bringing the final score to 60-36 and earning a big Clipper win to spoil the Hawks' homecoming.

I pride myself on being a football guy. I'm no guru but I love and know the game and want to share my game notes.

Because most know my knowledge of the game, trust when I say that this Clipper team is impressive. We have a four headed monster at running back with Daniels, Quest, Gulley, and Koch. All run very hard and some of the cuts they made last night after hitting the initial hole was as good I have seen in a while. All have fantastic field vision and are unafraid of contact and will often deliver the first boom. Blaine and Wittenauer make our offensive aerial attack potent as both run effective routes and are usually mismatched against whoever lines up to defend them. We all know where the game is won and our boys up front did a heck of a job creating several lanes for our four headed monster at running backs to work all night. They should take a lot of pride in the fact that we had over 500 yards of total offense. Defensively, our Clippers are physical and absolutely pop opposing runners. Our athleticism is definitely seen defensively. As we finish the season I only see our defense getting stronger.

I'm always partial to the Quarterback position and am very proud of what was displayed last night. Tucker Lindenmeyer finished with four touchdown passes and a touchdown run. He throws a very pretty ball as he hit Blaine in stride several times through the night. He adds an extra weapon as he poses a threat to the opposition with his legs and isn't afraid to lower his shoulder and deliver a hit. Impressive performance young man.

Coach Payne, Coach Wittenauer, Coach Jones, Coach Shrimplin, and the rest of the staff are doing a fantastic job with this group as this team displays a never quit, never stop working mentality. A really balanced and unpredictable attack offensively is really great to see. Defensively our physicality and ability to get a stop are complimented by our athleticism and ability to create turnovers at times.

I was so proud of what my son and I got to watch last night. These Clippers are fun to watch and listen to on the radio. It's at the point in the season where playing your best football matters going into a playoff push.

We get to rest next week in our JV contest against AFC as they have cancelled the remainder of their Varsity season but then it's back on the road to highly ranked Orangeville.

Keep this thing going boys. Play loose, play fast, have fun, and remember we are all supporting you. Go Clippers! Go Big Red! Go Mean Machine! Sail on!



Amboy's #3 Tucker Lindenmeyer goes in for touchdown.

Photo courtesy of Candie Koch



Amboy's #4 Jordan Gulley runs the ball against Kirkland.

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Amboy's #3 Dylan Daniels runs the ball against Kirkland.

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Amboy's #1 Kye Koch receives the ball.

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SPORTS

Clipper Highlights: #2 Kyle Walter

This week we highlight another Clipper Monster Back and first from the class of 1986. I am honored to announce this week's Clipper, #2, Kyle Walter.

Kyle was a 1986 graduate of Amboy High School, two year varsity starter at Monster Back, and State Champion his Junior season.

Kyle started at Monster Back and special teams his Junior season on our State Champion team. Kyle spoke at length of his admiration, appreciation, and friendships with the Seniors in the class of 1985. As any great football player does, the mistakes or plays you want back are what stands out to him.

"I remember I let up the touchdown in the State Championship game. I got sucked in and the Quarterback beat me to the corner," Kyle shared.

Kyle's contributions throughout that season drastically outnumbered his mistakes. Proof of his athleticism, football IQ, and work ethic were all evidenced by his starting role on one of the top defenses our program has ever produced. Kyle remembers beating Mendota and the closest game of the year with Morrison.

"We beat Morrison 14-12, probably our toughest game all year until State," Kyle added.

Kyle spoke of the ride back from Bloomington after winning the State Championship, "The caravan of cars started in Mendota to welcome us back and there were cars for miles. I remember the gym was packed and overall emotion was like nothing before."

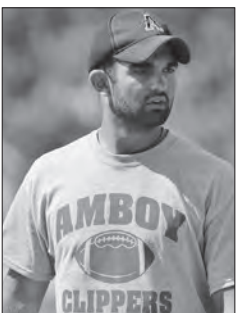
Kyle finished his Junior season second on the team in tackles. Kyle did not earn any All Conference honors his Junior season.

Kyle entered his Senior season with a hard choice to make after a question from Coach Wyzgowski; "offense or defense?"

For those that aren't aware, Kyle was the backup

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



Quarterback on the 1984 State Championship team as well as the starting Monster Back. After the question was posed from Coach W, Kyle answered confidently and would lead the Clipper defense for his Senior season at Monster. The 1985 Clippers were pre-season ranked #1 in 2A and held the #1 ranking throughout the entire regular season. Midway through the season an article, comparing Kyle to Lawrence Taylor came out in the Rockford paper.

Kyle most certainly is among the best Clipper defenders but stated he played his worst game following that article. The Clippers would post their third consecutive 9-0 regular season finish. Alike two years prior, would match up with Ottawa Marquette in the first round of the 2A playoffs at the boatyard. A feeling that has been clear to me for a long time, and even more clear after my conversation with Kyle, that our Clippers in 1985 were not only one of our best Clipper teams of all time, but were a mere four points away from repeating as State Champions. Our 1985 Clippers were the #1 ranked team in 2A all season long. What most are unaware of is the 1985 Ottawa Marquette Crusaders were ranked #1 all season long in 3A, and due to losing in the 3A title game the year before, were dropped back down to 2A, regardless of holding



#2 Kyle Walter

the top spot in 3A for 10 consecutive weeks. It's my belief, as well as the belief of most that lived it, that the 1985 Clippers (same as the 1983 Clippers) received the worst 1st round playoff draw in our history. The 1985 Clippers fought hard but lost the contest 12-9. Geographical limits decided the scope of the playoffs at the time which limited our success that wonderful season. Ottawa Marquette would lose in the second round to Prophetstown, a team our Clippers beat earlier that season, 6-0 on homecoming in a typhoon. With no crystal ball or ability to know what could have been, I'm still very confident in saying the 2A State Championship was played that opening playoff round, Wednesday night in Amboy. Kyle ended his career as a Clipper earning All Conference/All Area honors and led the 1985 Clippers in tackles.

I was unable to connect with those in Kyle's class prior to this article, but will share the following statements.

Brad Goy shared, "Kyle

teams. Kyle mentioned numerous Clipper greets from those pioneering teams but none more important than his older brother Kirk.

"It made our bond as a team stronger by watching those teams when we were just kids. I remember wearing my brother's red, mesh practice jersey to school and I felt like big stuff. Amboy Football was everything to everyone at that time," Kyle shared.

I spoke to Kirk prior to this article who shared the following, "He was a very good ball player. For his size he sure fooled a lot of people and opponents felt it. He was the greatest team player. He understood his role to the team and pulled for everyone. No matter what he was always going to do whatever was needed for his team. He is more than deserving of this highlight."

After high school, Kyle went to Illinois College where he continued his football career. Taking the knowledge of the game, work ethic, and history of our program with him. Kyle met many who already knew of our program, well into central Illinois. Kyle also shared that several teammates in college were envious of his high school career as he and his classmates only lost two games as Clippers. What also had to be a good feeling, Kyle went to college with the fullback from Paxton who shared that he had never been hit as hard in any game like the State game against Amboy. Making Kyle's statement true, "when you played Amboy, we made sure you knew it."

A hard working kid from a hard working family who lived Amboy and Amboy Football as much as anyone is a part of Kyle. Beyond the glory days, Kyle has contributed so much more to this great game well after his time as a Clipper. The Quarterback mentality Kyle possessed, on defense too, set him apart from most players and also led to his contributions to oth-

er programs as a coach. Kyle has coached at New Berlin, Riverton, and Williamsville. Kyle took Amboy Football with him to each program he was involved, especially spirit drills. It takes men like Kyle to shape and mold the programs they now impact in a way that's similar to our Clipper program.

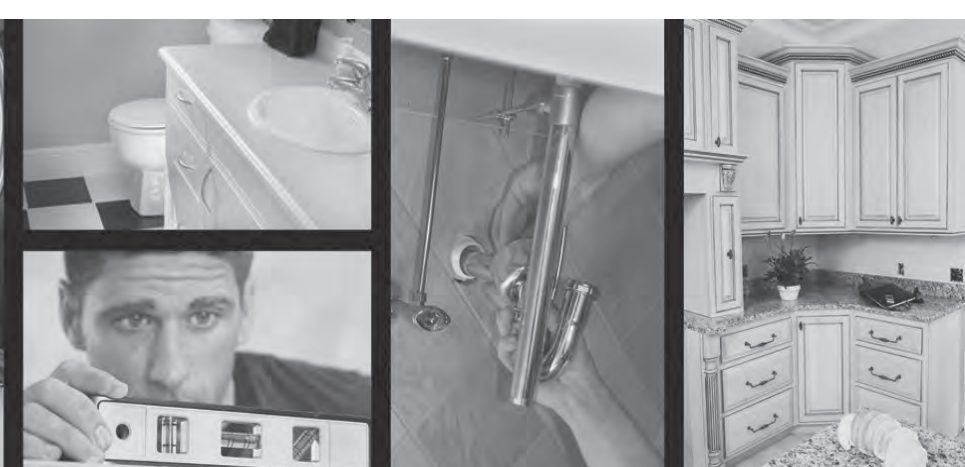
Kyle shared, "I've been several other places and the camaraderie is few and far between and same with the community support. Amboy would always be at least three deep around a snow fence, no matter the weather conditions, home, or away."

Tradition, pride, brotherhood are what defines Amboy Football to Kyle. Kyle concluded, "You earned your stripes by going out and playing ball. You can travel all over the country but once you strap up that red helmet and put that red bandana on your leg you're a Clipper for life. Once a Clipper, always a Clipper."

So, to All Conference/ Area Monster Back, State Champion, #2, Kyle Walter, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football. You and your classmates not only added to the success of our only Championship team but continued to sail the ship onward. No part of me will ever believe anything short of a repeat Championship in '85 given a better playoff draw. It was a great pleasure speaking with you and writing this highlight. I wish you and your family the very best my Clipper brother. 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.

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