

Amboy High School Homecoming 2021



The Amboy High School 2021 Homecoming King and Queen are, center, Haden McCoy and Lauren Althaus. The Senior Homecoming Court includes, front row left to right, Kenzie Nickel, Lauren Richardson, Lauren Althaus, Lexi Morgan, Abbe Christoffersen and Baylie Nickel; back row, Andruw Jones, Jairon Hochstatter, Haden McCoy, Caden Wittenauer and Sam Russell. (Photo contributed)

AHS celebrates Homecoming Week 2021

AMBOY – The Amboy High School 2021 Homecoming Parade kicked off at 2:15 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17. The route taken was new this year. The parade cut the trip down Appleton since the junior high is now located with the high school. The AHS Marching Band led the parade. The AHS court was joined by the LaMoille High School court, Grand Marshals Sheila Hicks and Mike McCracken, Class of 1941 graduate Charles Kuebel and all the fall sports teams and class floats. The Clippers won their game over Biggsville/West Central that evening 60-14.

The 2021 AHS Homecoming King is Haden McCoy and the Queen is Lauren Althaus. Freshman Attendants: Natalie Pratt and Quinn Leffelman; Sophomore Attendants: Maeve Larson and Brennan Blaine; Junior Attendants: Courtney Ortgiesen and Kelton Schwamberger.



A big crowd cheers on the AHS football team to victory on Sept. 17.



The AHS marching band performs in the Homecoming parade.



The Amboy High School cheerleaders' "Rock 'em Sock 'em" float was true to form during the football game.



Sheila Hicks and Mike McCracken were the Grand Marshals in the Homecoming parade.

Amboy School District welcomes new teachers

AMBOY — Amboy Community School District has announced the following teachers have joined the school year for this school year.

Lizzie Sunday, teaches first grade at Amboy Central Elementary School. Before coming to Amboy, she taught first grade for two years at Rock Falls District 13.

She received her Bachelor's Degree at Western Illinois University Quad Cities. She is certified in grades first through sixth.

She is originally from Sterling and now lives in Walnut. Sunday will be getting married July 2022 to Jason Bontz.

Sara Krabbenhoeft, teaches sixth grade ELA at Amboy Junior High School. Before coming to Amboy, she taught fourth and fifth grade combined, and third through fifth grade P.E. at Christ Lutheran School

She received her Associate's Degree from Sauk Valley Community College in Arts Elementary Education, and her Bachelor of Science



Lizzie Sunday



Sara Krabbenhoeft

in Education Degree from Western Illinois University Quad Cities.

She is married to Michael Krabbenhoeft.

Dixon man charged in fatal April traffic crash

LEE COUNTY – The driver of a single-vehicle accident in April that resulted in the deaths of two teenagers has been charged in the crash.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office, Illinois State Police and the Lee County Coroner's Office have completed the investigation. The driver of the vehicle, Draven Z. Webb, 20, of Dixon, has been charged with two counts of reckless homicide, a class 3 felony, with a potential prison term of 2-5 years for each charge if found guilty. Webb is currently being held at the Lee County Jail, with bond set at \$100,000 (10%).

On Saturday, April 10 at approximately 4:15 p.m., Lee County Sheriff's Office received a call of a single vehicle that struck a tree off Robbins Road, south of Amboy Road. Lee County Sheriff's Deputies, Amboy Fire/EMS, Sublette Fire/EMS, and Advance Ambulance responded to the scene. Four occupants were identified in the collision. Webb and a 14-year-old female were transported to KSB Hospital and later transferred for further treatment. The other two occupants of the vehicle, a 14-year-old female and a 14-year-old male, died of their injuries at the scene.

Sublette Board awards bid for Ellice Dinges windows

By **TONJAGREENFIELD**
Publisher

SUBLETTE — The Ellice Dinges Center in Sublette will be getting new windows after the village board the approved the purchase on Sept. 13.

The Sublette Village Board met for its regular monthly meeting on Sept. 13, in the Ellice Dinges Center. All board members except Jeff Myers were present.

Sublette Village Trustee Julie Kessel presented a bid for windows from RP Lumber, and a bid from Klein Construction for installation. The total cost of the project is \$10,969. Kessel told the board the price of the window

had increased recently, so she recommended the board purchase the windows without the screens, saving the village money. The motion to purchase the new windows was approved.

In other board news:

• Don Dinges reported that the village had a good turnout for celebrating the 50th anniversary of Woodhaven Lakes recently.

He said the annual Country Car Show was held last weekend. He said the number of cars were down, but the quality of cars was good. He said the Pullin in the Park

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LOCAL NEWS

BFFA ceremony honors Sept. 11th anniversary

DIXON—The Blackhawk Firefighters Association (BFFA) hosted Community Together in Unity, Remembering the 20th Anniversary of 9/11, on Saturday, Sept. 11,

at the Sauk Valley College. The ceremony honored the heroes of 9/11 and members of the BFFA who served their communities and have since recently passed away.



The Blackhawk Firefighters Association Memorial Bell was rung. The bell was donated by the Rochelle Fire Department in April 2002, and crafted by Lt. Jeff Hogan and Firefighter Brian Fortune of the Byron Fire Protection District. The bell is to honor those who have served so well. Photo submitted



Lee County Sheriff John Simonton speaks to those in attendance. Photo submitted



Sublette Firefighter Nick Dinges, left, and Amboy Fire Chief Jeff Bryant pose in front of a memorial to 9/11. Engraved in the stone are the words, "The rusting of the steel symbolizes the sacrifice of the first responders." Photo submitted

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event was the best the village ever had and he praised Chris Leffelman and the group that put the event on. He told the board he met with Sublette 365 to go over the line-up of events for 2022.

He also told the board about a new event at the Mendota Hills Campground. From Sept. 24-26, a new event is being planned in Sublette – Antique Power Days. This will be held at Mendota Hills campground on U.S. 52 northwest of Sublette. The event will feature steam power, parades, hay rides, sawmilling and much more.

Dinges ended that discussions on the Christmas in the Village event will be held in a couple of weeks.

• Trick or Treat hours were approved. The Sublette Trick or Treat hours will be from 5-7 p.m., on Sunday, Oct. 31.

The next Sublette Village Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, Oct. 11, in the Ellice Dinges Center.

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LOCAL NEWS

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.

STERLING—The U of I Extension Educator Karla Belzer will lead Wits Fitness from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Whiteside Extension Office, 12923 Lawrence Rd. This program is designed to exercise the brain. Register online at go.illinois.edu/witsfitness.

witsfitness.

AMBOY—The Amboy Farmer's Market will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on Friday, Sept. 24, in the Depot Museum parking lot. This will be the last Farmer's Market of the season. Vendors are welcome. Call Alice Dukes with questions at 815-857-4015.

AMBOY—The U of I Extension will host the Wits Fitness virtual class from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 27. Challenge your brain to keep your wits fit. Registration is required to receive log on instructions. This is a free class open to the public. Register online

at go.illinois.edu/witsfitnessonline.

DIXON—The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 27, at the American Legion Hall, 1120 W. First St. 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 Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 27, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

SUBLETTE—The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6

p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Hall, 202 S. Locust St. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

HARMON—The Harmon Methodist Church, 202 N. Grove St., will hold their Annual Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Masks will be required.

AMBOY—The City of Amboy committee meetings will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 4, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

Crest Foods Co., Inc. Launches 815Eats

ASHTON — After 75 years manufacturing dry food products for leading retail brands, Crest Foods Co., Inc., is pleased to announce the launch of its first retail brand - 815Eats.

"Selling our own products has been a longtime dream of ours," said Jeff Meiners, Crest Foods President. "815Eats allows us to leverage some of our biggest strengths as a company - full service product development, exceptional sourcing and turn-key manufacturing. Everything is handled locally from our facilities in Ashton, IL."

Rather than market under the Crest Foods name, the company created a new retail brand that would resonate with consumers. Says Gaven Meiners, 815Eats Sales and Research Manager, "815Eats represents not only our area code, but also our Midwestern values and the joy



we find in food, family and friendships. We're proud of our roots and wanted a name that reflected that."

The first 815Eats product is a line of microwave dips in four savory flavors: Chili Con Queso, Black Bean & Jalapeño, Tuscan Bean and Curried Chickpea. To prepare, simply remove the lid, add water to the fill line, stir and microwave for 90 seconds. The end result is a filling, flavorful snack with only 100 calories per container.

"It's a completely new

marketplace concept and allows consumers to enjoy an indulgent, portion-controlled treat," says Gaven. "With ½ cup prepared dip per container, there's enough to share, but there's no need to feel guilty if you decide not to."

Sales initially launched online at 815Eats.com and product continues to be available for shipping throughout the continental US. Retail distribution is rapidly expanding and currently includes several area retail stores:

• Oliver's Corner Market,

Dixon

• Mimini's General Store,

Ashton

• Benny's Corner Market,

Rochelle

• Amboy Food & Liquor,

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Crest Foods Co., Inc. is a third generation, Meiners family owned dry food manufacturer founded in 1946. The company operates out of centrally located Ashton, and employs a workforce of 650.

Pritzker signs bill into law to save Byron nuclear plant

By **BRAD JENNINGS**
Ogle County Life Editor

BYRON — The familiar sight of steam rising from the Byron Generating Station continues, although it is down to rising from one tower as the station refuels.

With Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker signing a new energy bill that was favorable to nuclear plants into law on Sept. 15, the Byron Station will continue to operate. It's owner, Exelon Generation, had threatened to close the station on Sept. 13 without the new bill.

"I was both excited and relieved to watch the Illinois Senate provide a concurrence vote in favor of SB2408," said Erin Folk, executive director of the Oregon PByronark District and part of FAIRCOM (Fair Assessment Information Resource Committee). "Local taxing bodies, state legislators, community members and so many others have spent the past year working together for a common goal and our efforts paid off. Nuclear energy not only creates the opportunity for clean energy, but it saves jobs, stabilizes the local economy and allows taxing bodies to continue to provide the services our residents have come to rely on."

The same day the Illinois Senate passed the bill, Exelon released a statement saying the Byron and Dresden stations would be refueled and not shut down. Dresden was scheduled to be closed later this year.

"We commend the governor, the General Assembly, our partners at IBEW Local 15 and the coalition of labor leaders and members who worked so hard to pass this roadmap for building our economy and addressing the climate crisis by investing in clean energy in a way that ensures that jobs and environmental benefits are shared equitably," said Christopher Crane, president and CEO of Exelon. "The new policy offers a better future for the employees who have run these plants at world-class levels, the plant communities that we are privileged to serve and all Illinoisans eager to build a clean-energy economy that works for everyone."

Todd Tucker, executive director of the Byron Forest Preserve District, said that not only are the nuclear plants needed to reach clean energy goals, but they are economic engines for the local economy.

"It's paramount for our agency," he said. "It's paramount for our taxpayers, our schools."

As one of the local officials dedicated to keeping the plant open, Tucker said the grassroots effort to keep the Byron plant open certainly helped.

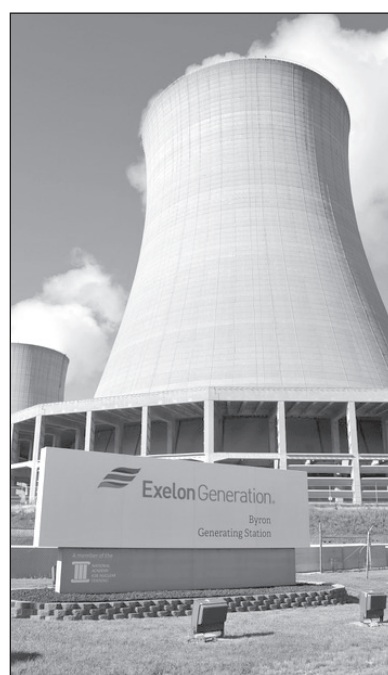
"You can't lay back and act like it's going to happen anyway and not do anything," he said.

The new bill was signed more than a year after Exelon announced the two plants would close. The Byron plant provides about 700

jobs as well as millions in local tax revenues.

The Byron CUSD #226 paid for the economic impact study, and it showed that about 74 percent of the district's revenue comes from the Byron Station.

The study showed that the Byron Station's direct contribution to the regional economy (GDP) is estimated to be more than \$288 million. That is 1.6 percent of the total GDP of the region. For the Ogle County, Byron Station's total contribution to the economy is estimated to be \$338 million; 17 percent of the county's total GDP.



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Antique Power Days set Sept. 24-26 at campground

SUBLETTE—Antique Power Days 2021 will be held Sept. 24-26 at the Mendota Hills Campground, located between Sublette and Amboy on U.S. 52.

Daily events will include a parade, sawmilling, steam power, hay rides and more. A spark show will be held on Saturday night at dark.

For more information, contact Chris Heinrich at 815-764-9205 or Dave Stevens at 630-254-9440, or go online to www.facebook.com/antiquepowerdays20

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OBITUARIES / LOCAL NEWS

Mary Tourville Bouse Oct. 8, 1921 - Sept. 11, 2021

PAYSON, Ariz. — Mary Tourville Bouse, loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, passed away Sept. 11, 2021 in Payson, Ariz.

She was born Oct. 8, 1921 in El Reno, Okla.

Mary is survived by Chere Osburn (Jessie), Susan Luckett (Lou), Allison Carter (Jim), Mari-Louise Lee, and Fred Bouse, 14 grandchildren, 223 great-grandchildren, 11

great-great-grandchildren.

Mary loved to cook, and donate her time to veteran's affairs, as well as crochet many lovely Afghans, angels, sweaters and animals for her grandchildren.

She was well loved by everyone who met her and will be truly missed by all.

Mary was interred in a private service for family on Friday, September 17th at Green Acres Memorial Park in Scottsdale, Ariz.



Kenneth R. Purvis June 16, 1945 - Sept. 9, 2021

SUBLETTE — Kenneth R. Purvis, 76, of Sublette, passed away Sept. 9, 2021 at Rochelle Community Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15 at First United Methodist Church, Mendota with Pastor Mary Bohall officiating. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at the Merritt Funeral Home, Mendota. Cremation rites were accorded after the funeral and private family burial will be held at a later date at Restland Cemetery, Mendota.

Kenny was born June 16, 1945 in Mendota to Clarence and Beulah Purvis. He married his first wife, Janis Tuttle, on April 30, 1967. Kenny married his current wife, Barbi Brunner, on June 6, 1987.

Survivors include his wife, Barbi; four children, Janelle (Mike) Theisen of Sandwich, Amy Purvis of Bastrop, Texas, Julie (Brian) Greenberg of Phoenix, Ariz. and Kim Cleary of Paw Paw; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one sister, Colleen (Denny) Hagemann; and a sister-in-law, Linda Purvis.

He was preceded in death

by his parents; one brother, Roger Purvis; a niece Lynette Purvis; a nephew, Jerry Hagemann; and one grandson, Jimmy Cleary.

Kenny grew up in LaMoille and graduated from LaMoille High School and then attended college in St. Louis. He worked at Hart Carter in Mendota and later opened his own business, Cuke Inc. He designed and patented the cucumber harvester and performed welding and fabrication for 31 years. He was very active in supporting his community as a lifetime member of the Mendota Elks, Moose and VFW clubs. He was the founding member of the Mendota Optimist Club. Kenny was also a 54-year director of the Tri-County Fair as well as the chairman of the Truck and Tractor Pulls. He was awarded an Excellence of Service award by the Illinois Department of Agriculture in 2017 for his involvement with the fair association. He was inducted into the LaSalle County Motorsports Hall of Fame in 2014. He and his wife, Barbi were also awarded the HD Hume



award for outstanding service in 2015. In addition to his community and civic organizations, Kenny was an avid Nascar fan and enjoyed camping at their second home at Mendota Hills Campground. He was a master of the grill and could often be found serving up sweet corn or sandwiches as part of his community organizations or with his own business, Barbi and Ken's concessions. Kenny, along with his wife Barbi, also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren attending their various sporting events and activities throughout the years.

Memorials can be made in Kenny's honor for the family to choose a beneficiary. Online condolences may be left at www.merrittfh.com.

White: Beware of flood-damaged cars from hurricane

SPRINGFIELD—Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is warning consumers interested in purchasing used vehicles to beware of flood-damaged cars resulting from flooding caused by Hurricane Ida or other natural disasters.

"We are taking steps to ensure that flood-damaged vehicles from hurricanes do not receive clean titles in Illinois," White said.

In an effort to protect Illinois consumers, White has instructed his office to closely monitor title applications involving potential flood vehicles. This includes ensuring vehicles coming from counties impacted by flooding are properly identified and labeled as flood vehicles when applicable.

White urged consumers to gather as much information as possible about a vehicle before making a purchase. Consumers are encouraged to obtain a National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) vehicle history report by visiting <https://vehiclehistory.bja.ojp.gov/>.

In addition, White said that CARFAX is providing a link to check for flood vehicles. To visit the free link, go to www.carfax.com/flood.

Legion Auxiliary to meet October 4 at Long Branch

AMBOY — The Amboy American Legion Auxiliary will hold a meeting on Monday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Long Branch Saloon. All are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Joyce Schamberger at 815-973-4691. Social distancing and masks will be required.

Schamberger will be the hostess.

Annual Church Bazaar set for October 2 at Harmon Methodist

HARMON — Harmon Methodist Church, 202 N. Grove St., will hold their church bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 2, from 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. There will be a bake sale with pies, a white

elephant booth, homemade quilts, fleece throws, door prizes and much more. This year will feature free coffee and roll to go.

Everyone is welcome. Masks will be required.

Lift your stein at the New Glarus Oktoberfest, September 23-26

NEW GLARUS, Wis. — Come to New Glarus to enjoy free live music under the big tent downtown, including polka, rock, country, and blues. Family friendly activities take place Saturday and Sunday, including horse drawn wagon rides, chain saw carving exhibition, and antique tractor pull. The Oktoberfest King and Queen will be chosen and crowned Thursday night, so

wear your best dirndl and lederhosen outfits to compete. Cash prize, free beer, and bragging rights will be awarded to the winners. The traditional ceremonial tapping of the Staghorn Oktoberfest wooden keg will be on Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m., hosted by New Glarus Brewing Company.

For the full festival schedule, visit swisstown.com.

Morry L. Schlegel Feb. 28, 1942 - Sept. 14, 2021

LaMOILLE - Morry L. Schlegel, 79, of LaMoille passed away Sept. 14, 2021 at St. Margaret's Hospital, Spring Valley.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18 at Community United Methodist Church, LaMoille with Rev. David Jungnickel officiating. Burial was at Union Cemetery, LaMoille. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17 at the church. Lundquist-Merritt Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Morry was born Feb. 28, 1942 in Princeton to Harry

and Della (Pinter) Schlegel. He married Diane Phillips on a very cold January day, Jan. 20, 1963.

Survivors include his wife of LaMoille; three daughters, Beth (Karl) Schultz and Jill (Brad) Snethen, both of Princeton and Amy Schlegel of Chicago; six grandchildren, Seth, Justine, Luke and Karlie Schultz and Brady and Adrienne Snethen; one sister, Myrna (Charles) Teauseau of Winterhaven, Fla.; one brother, Marlowe (Judy) Schlegel of Columbia, Mo.; and a sister-in-law, Margo Phillips of LaMoille.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, Bill Phillips.

Morry was raised on a farm in Spring Valley and graduated from Hall High School in 1959. He farmed all his life in Spring Valley and LaMoille and also worked for Van Orin Coop and Becker Auction Service and was a Funks seed corn dealer for many years. He was a member of Community



United Methodist Church where he served on several committees, was a youth group leader, taught Sunday school and was in the softball league. He belonged to Kum Double. He served on the First State Bank board and Bureau County Pork Producers, was a Bureau County soil and water chairman and did a great deal of volunteering for water and soil. He also coached Pony League baseball in LaMoille.

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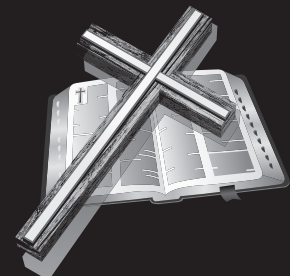
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SOCIAL NEWS

The Book Nook

By:
Tatjana Kazan

The Magician

The Magician” is Irish writer Colm Toibin’s fictionalized account of the life of the preeminent German writer Thomas Mann. It is a superb novel, sweeping in its historical scope – Mann lived through the two great wars and their aftermath – and intimate in its depiction of the great writer and his headstrong, raucous family.

Thomas was born in 1875 in the North German city of Lübeck. His strict father was a prominent merchant and a senator, his mother Julia was Brazilian, deemed too exotic by the dour Germans. When the senator died in 1891, the business was liquidated, stranding Julia, as she protested, amidst “the good people of Lübeck, since they can’t burn witches anymore, they take the widows out and humiliate them.” She moved her five children south to Munich. Tragically, Julia’s two daughters years later took their own lives.

Thomas became famous at 26 when his first novel “Buddenbrooks” about the decline of a well-to-do Lübeck merchant family, became an instant bestseller. Thomas was a private person and it was only from his diaries, which were published twenty years after his death, that his private life came into focus. He was attracted to young men throughout his life. His novels had homoerotic undercurrents, and in his famous novella “Death in Venice,” the middle-aged protagonist conceived an obsession for a young boy. It too had world-wide success. When in 1924 Thomas’s most famous novel, “The Magic Mountain,” appeared, his children began calling him the Magician. In 1929, Thomas was awarded the Nobel Prize.

Thomas’s wife Katia, who was from an extremely wealthy, secular Jewish industrialist family, knew of his homosexuality, but didn’t much care. Their fifty-year marriage was close and productive, though their six children often accused him of remoteness. Thomas was a superpatriot in World War I, but in the interwar years turned Left and eventually became a Social Democrat. In 1933, he and Katia were in France when Hitler came to power. They decided not to return to Germany and settled in Switzerland. In 1939, Thomas and Katia sailed to the United States, the only remaining safe haven. They were invited to the White House for lunch with FDR and Eleanor. There was talk of Thomas becoming president of a post-war Germany.

Having brought his children and his brother to the United States, Thomas and Katia moved west in 1941 to Pacific Palisades where Thomas built a large villa with an ocean view. Thomas recorded anti-Nazi radio broadcasts for a German audience throughout the war. But misfortune befell the family again when Klaus, the oldest son, killed himself. Thomas didn’t shy away from openly opposing the McCarthy witch-hunts, earning him visits from the FBI, which had a 99-page file on him. In 1952, Thomas and Katia left the United States for Switzerland.

Fall is for feathered friends, fireplaces

WRITTEN BY RICHARD HENTSCHEL

URBANA – Birdseed and firewood are two common topics that show up every fall. Both take some planning to be successful.

“Feeding the birds means starting earlier than later,” says Richard Hentschel, University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator serving DuPage, Kane, and Kendall counties. “Birds need to know early on that there will be something to eat on a regular basis if you want them to hang around in your yard.”

With the recent outbreak of songbird deaths, Illinois officials are not currently recommending removing feeders, but stress cleaning and sanitizing feeders every two weeks and hummingbird feeders weekly.

Buying birdseed that has a little bit of everything for every bird can add up to a lot of wasted seed on the ground. Consider putting out seed that will attract only your favorite birds. This can be more cost-effective as the unwanted seed will feed four-legged critters, not to mention make a mess on the patio or in the lawn.

The type of birdseed chosen will also help determine the kind of feeder

needed. Typically, feeders are designed for the size of seed being distributed — thistle versus sunflower, for example.

“You may end up with several feeders catering to a variety of your favorite birds,” Hentschel says.

Most think of feeding birds, fewer think about supplying water, too. Consider birdbaths that have a heating element to keep them from icing over in the winter.

Now on to firewood. It is never a good idea to burn “green” firewood in the home fireplace as it will take heat away from the room and can add substantially to the creosote buildup in the chimney.

Outdoors it can make for so much smoke it is impossible to sit close enough to enjoy the fire.

“It may not be critical to have the best firewood to burn in an outdoor fire pit, yet it is an entirely different story for the indoor fireplace,” Hentschel says.

Seasoned firewood means the wood, for logs more than 6 inches, has been cut, split, and dried for a long time. Clues that the wood is seasoned are a gray color on the ends of a log and checkmarks showing moisture loss.

Firewood should be around 20% to 25% moisture to burn well and limit

smoke. Those who purchase well-seasoned wood need to keep it dry before burning it.

“Make the woodpile easy to uncover and recover,” Hentschel says. “Or you will find yourself leaving the cover off and allowing the firewood to reabsorb the water you paid to remove.”

As a rule, the heavier the firewood, given the same moisture content, the more heat it will give off. This is something to consider if there are different tree species available to purchase.

Once the home fireplace is being regularly used, only bring in the amount of firewood expected to be used in a week. It takes more than a week to “thaw out” any outdoor insects that have hidden in cracks and crevices on the bark.

“This practice will keep the insects from wandering around your home and, while not likely to do any damage indoors, will keep the family peace,” Hentschel says.

As an additional precaution, when stacking firewood next to the outside wall of a home, leave a few inches between for good air movement and an extra barrier for insects.

More information about cutting, purchasing, and burning firewood is available at go.illinois.edu/Firewood.

The Next Picture Show in Dixon recognized 10 local and regional artists

DIXON — The Awards Reception for the 17th Farms & Barns Art Exhibit offered a full house of art and attendees on Friday, Sept. 10 at The Next Picture Show in Dixon.

Art judges Mike McNamara and Beverly Garcia recognized ten local and regional artists from a total of 115 individual art pieces on display.

Best in Show to Bob Logsdon of Grand Detour for his digital photograph “Emmert’s Farm”; first Place to Robert Krajecki of Elburn for the watercolor “Paul’s Farm”; second Place to Matt Jagitsch of Sterling for his white pencil on black, “Rooster”; and third Place to

Roger Goodspeed of Freeport for the watercolor, “Rusty Pipes”.

Honorable Mentions where also presented to Karen Tucker of Grand Detour for her oil, “Barn on Pines Road; Kitto for his oil “Midwest”; Richard Schmidt of Frankfurt for the oil “Red Barn Door”; Janet Cederlund of Union for her watercolor “Coming Home”; Ellen Mumford of Dixon for her watercolor “Wintery Farmstead”; and Michele Gillette of Sterling for her photograph on metal, “America’s Heartland”.

The 2021 Farms & Barns exhibit will be on display TNPS until Oct. 16

and features work that explores our rich farm culture by highlighting the many old buildings, wide-open pastures, farm equipment, livestock, creeks and streams that can be recorded in individual artwork styles.

On display from until Oct. 16, the show focuses on our rich farm culture by highlighting old buildings, wide-open pastures, farm equipment, livestock, and creeks. A wide variety of media is represented including acrylic, barn wood, marker, oil, pastel, photography, and watercolor.

The exhibition is sponsored by Cooper Financial.

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Opinion

Case that haunts this columnist even 31 years later

I find myself grieving for someone I've never met every Sept. 17th -- for the past 31 years.

Back in 1990, I was working as the night police reporter for the Quad-City Times when I was dispatched to a fire at a school playground at 9 p.m.

I was one of the first on the scene. I walked to where I saw smoke rising from some tall weeds on the edge of the playground, looked down and was met with the body of a child that had been doused with gasoline and set on fire.

I staggered backwards gasping for air. I could feel the bile rise in my throat and my knees go weak. It was the last thing I expected to find on a crisp autumn evening in Davenport, Iowa.

I was there when the firefighters, the detectives, the medical examiner and a horde of reporters arrived.

And I stood a few feet from the smoldering remains wondering: Who would do such a thing?

What evil lurked in the shadows that committed such an act?

We later learned that the victim was Jennifer Ann Lewis, a pugnacious tom-boy from Rock Island's west end. She was last seen buying gum from a neighborhood store.

She never came back. Year after year, I've learned a bit more about this girl. And the more I learn, the sadder I become.

I've wondered what her life would have been like if she had lived.

A teacher's aide told me how Jennifer liked to twirl around

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



in frilly dresses hiking the hem higher and higher as she spun. Her best friend told me how they played with "My Little Ponies" together.

Her mother recalled her daughter's sweet disposition, how she loved her newborn baby brother and her dog, Bowser.

We name buildings after wealthy benefactors, bridges after politicians and streets after celebrities. But our collective recollection of children who die at the hands of others fades.

A granite monument funded by the community was placed on the playground where Jennifer's corpse was found. A while back, I went looking for it only to learn that vandals long ago destroyed it.

Even in death, she isn't accorded the respect her life was due.

No one that night walked away from that school yard unchanged.

One former police lieutenant froze on a witness stand years later as he suffered a "flashback" to that horrible night. A police sergeant, who I knew well, had a fit of rage years later when Jennifer's name was evoked.

A corporal at that scene descended into alcoholism.

For me, slumber was elusive for weeks following that fateful night.

Another reporter who was there confessed to her teenage sons, decades later, that it is the one image from her journalism career that she can't rid her mind of.

During the past five years, I spent much time researching

the case. I've found myself interviewing vagrants beneath underpasses in New Orleans, knocking on doors of rural Mississippi shacks and wading through thousands of pages of Iowa court documents.

I now know much more. But am I any closer to understanding? Well, I certainly don't understand what would possess someone to commit such evil.

I produced a podcast on the case and Jennifer's name is now known by many. I want to write a book. But each time I sit down to write, I'm met with the image of a buck-toothed smile and the unassuming brown eyes of a child who never turned 10.

That photo haunts me.

To this youngster, whom I've never met, I can only promise: Your memory will not be lost.

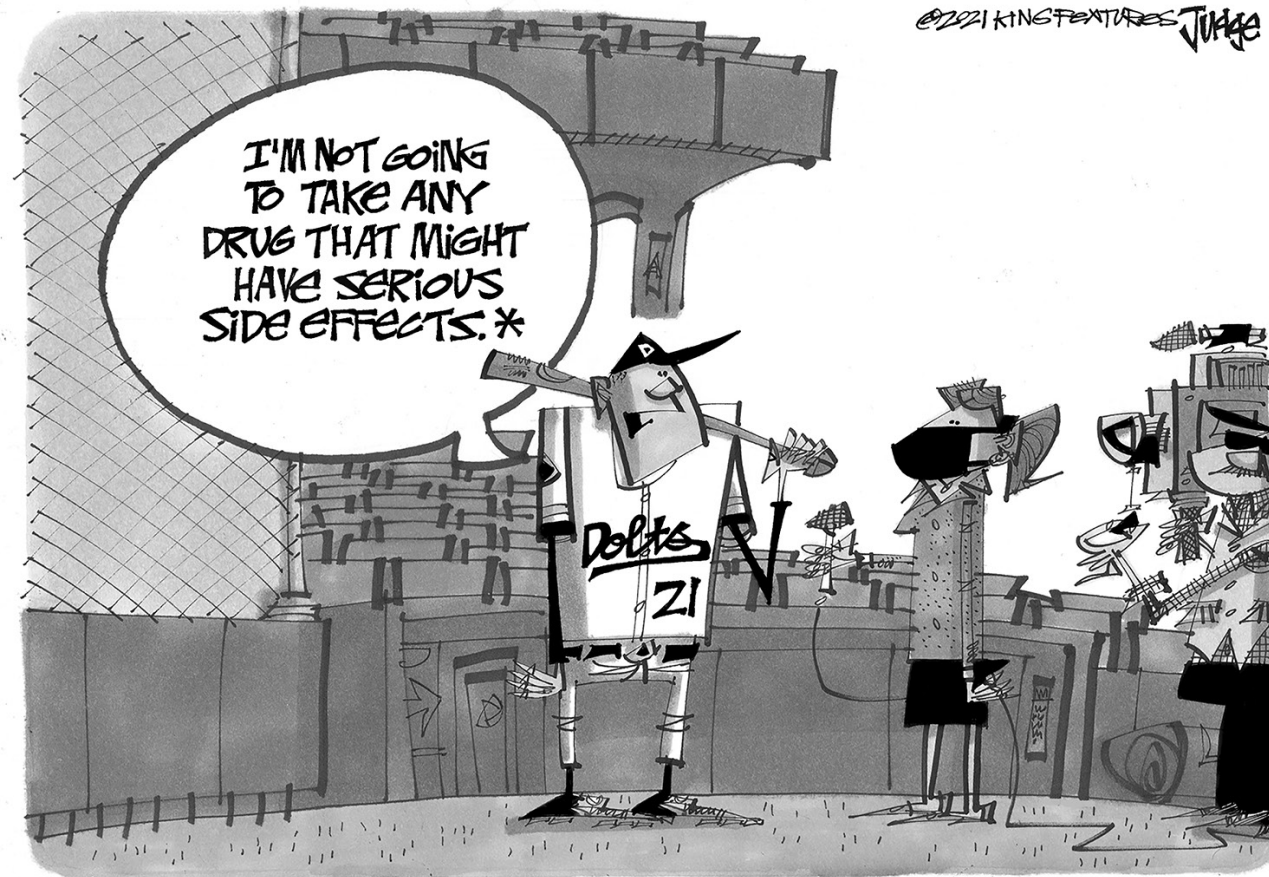
A man is serving a life sentence for her murder. He's been tried four times for the same crime -- three convictions and one hung jury. His appeals continue.

Although three juries have found him guilty, when I think of Jennifer, I prefer to think of innocence.

I think of a child without guile who was raped, strangled and burned. I think of a youngster who ran down school hallways telling teachers and classmates alike about her upcoming birthday.

She just didn't know that was the day she would be buried.

Scott Reeder is a staff writer with the Illinois Times.



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On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Sept. 23, 1921

The township board of education has purchased the Sleeper tract on the west side for the new township high school building. The cost was \$3,500.

Owing to the fact that wolves are said to abound in great numbers in the southern part of Lee County, the supervisors voted to increase the bounty paid to \$10 for grown animals and \$15 for cubs.

Don't you pity the senior girls at Amboy Township High School? Not a boy in the class.

75 Years Ago Sept. 26, 1946

Ken Crister has enrolled as a freshman in Knox College, Galesburg. Ken was president of the 1946 graduating

class of Amboy Township High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Berthold Blei of Sterling were Friday visitors at the home of his mother, Mrs. Louise Eaton.

Mr. and Mrs. D.J. McKeown motored to Urbana Sunday to take their son Donald to the University of Illinois where he will resume his studies this week.

50 Years Ago Sept. 23, 1971

The Amboy Clippers with the hopes of a conference title, opened their season with a convincing, ball-control victory over the Sandwich Indians here Friday night.

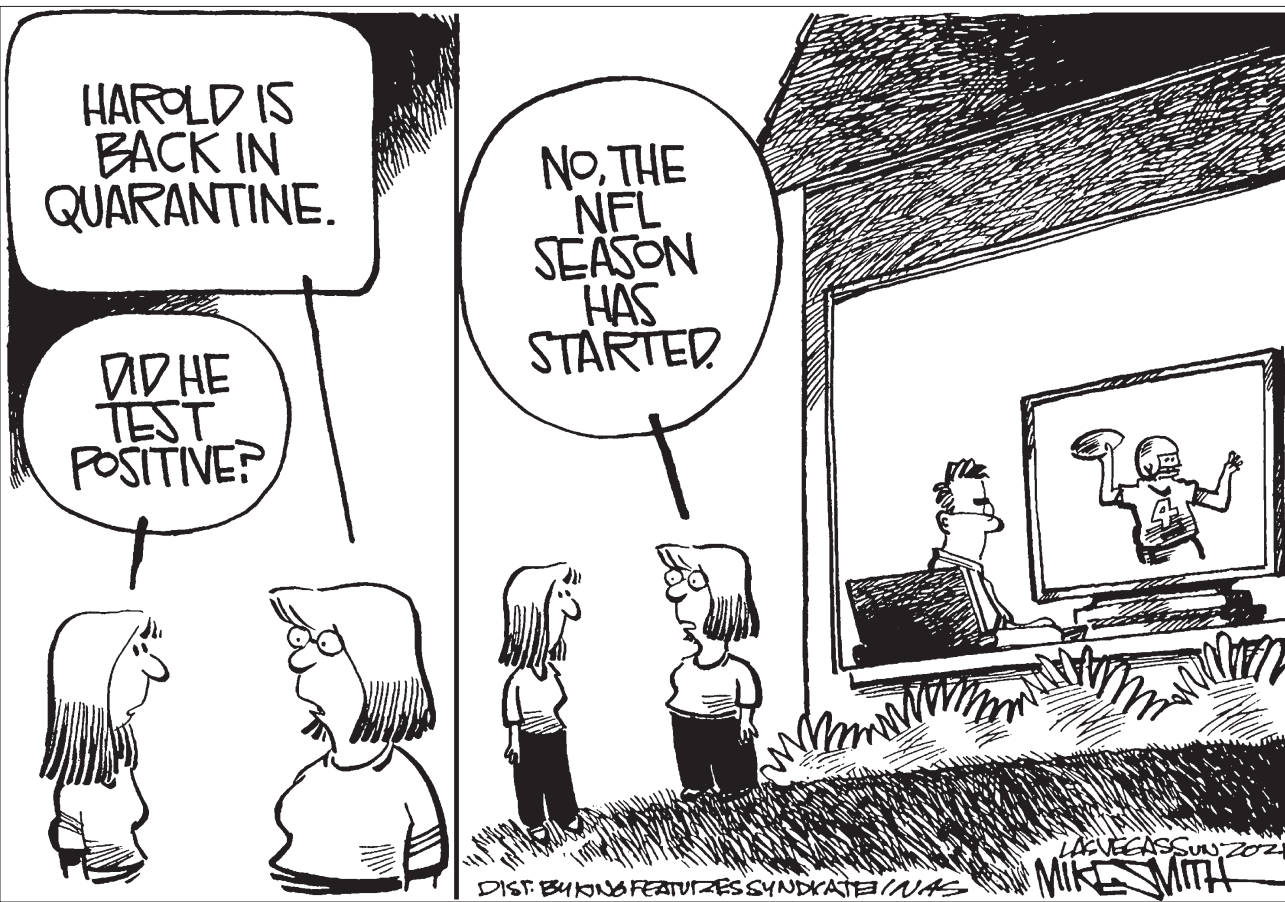
Recently, Mike Koppien, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Koppien of Amboy, joined the police force of the City of Henry.

25 Years Ago Sept. 19, 1996

The Amboy Police Department made a donation last week of 20 D.A.R.E. playground balls to Amboy Schools. Police Superintendent Paul Smith presents one of the balls to Central School Principal Dennis Weidman. Officer Jeffery Blake presents a ball to Junior High Principal Don Wyzgowski. Ten balls were given to each school.

Shaw Evangelical Congregational Church is celebrating its 100th anniversary. The church was organized on Feb. 28, 1896, following three weeks of revival in the community.

Carol Hanson of rural Amboy has been named Director of Pankhurst Memorial Library. The Amboy City Council unanimously approved her appointment at Monday night's council meeting.



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LOCAL NEWS

Tarr looking at career in law enforcement

AMBOY — Lauren Tarr has been named the Amboy High School September Student of the Month. She is the daughter of Andrew and Rachel Tarr.
GPA: 4.049/4.0

Memberships and Involvement: "Throughout high school, I have taken part in several extracurricular activities. I participated in volleyball and softball my freshman year, cross country my sophomore year, and softball my junior year. I recently joined Student Council and have been a member of the Spanish Honor Society for three years, and the National Honor Society for two. I am the secretary of the Leo's Club and National Honor Society."

Awards and Honors: "I have been on the highest honor roll all six semesters, awarded the American Red

Cross Scholarship, Kidd Scholarship, and Robert L. Warner Scholarship, and was most improved in cross country in 2019."

Best Memories of AHS: "My favorite memory of every year is always Homecoming week. I love participating in powderpuff, the skit, and going to the game on Friday. I have an extremely competitive class, so we always go all out. I also enjoy going to games with my friends and cheering on the Clippers."

Future Plans: "I am currently a full-time student at Sauk and plan to complete my associate degree. I will transfer to Illinois State University and obtain a bachelor's degree in Finance. After college, I would like to attend the Police Academy and move to Tennessee. I hope to one day be a K9 officer or detective."



Lauren Tarr - September Student of the Month

EDUCATION BRIEFS

G. Patti named to SNHU President's List

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Garret Patti, of Compton, has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's summer 2021 President's List. Eligibility for the President's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade point average (GPA) of 3.7-4.0 and earn 12 credits for the term.

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J. Shaw graduates from Illinois Central

EAST PEORIA — Jordan Shaw, of LaMoille, graduated from Illinois Central College in the Summer 2021 semester.

Illinois Central College is a two-year community college with campuses in East Peoria, Peoria, and Pekin, Illinois providing a high-quality, affordable education to prepare students to enter the workforce or to transfer to a four-year college or university. For more information on ICC, visit icc.edu.

Teen Turf

Upcoming Events

We will be having our Fish Fry Drive-Thru on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 4-6 p.m.

Our free after-school program for third- through 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.

Thank You's

We are always blessed to have the community help us: Shelly Berhends for the cupcakes; Anonymous for the lollipops; Dean Weidman for bringing water; Amboy Food and Liquor for the food; Elaine Powers for the monetary donation; Larry and Rose Leffelman for the monetary donation in memoriam for a friend, who passed away; and all our volunteers-Donna, Shannon, Kathy, and Candy.

Needs

A used working vacuum would be greatly appreciated.

Final Word

God, Creator of all, help us to recognize that each of us has abilities and each of us has limitations. And yet we all have a part to play in bringing about Your Kingdom. You love each of us profoundly. In the spirit of gratitude and solidarity, we ask you to increase our awareness of both the gifts and the needs of those around us. Open our hearts, minds and doors to the gifts of every person. Help us to become truly welcoming communities where everyone can find a place at Your table. We ask this in Your name, Amen.

Illinois harvest quickly approaching; motorists advised to slow down

By KATIE ZELECHOWSKI

Illinois Farm Bureau

Most drivers know the feeling of running late for an important meeting or event and how tempting it can be to speed up to shave a bit of time off of the commute.

But as fall weather rolls into Illinois this season, so does farm equipment used during harvest. Sparing five extra minutes to safely navigate around these slow-moving vehicles helps ensure everyone on the road gets home at the end of the day.

As the daughter of a truck driver, high school ag teacher Kaity Spangler knows the dangers that come with operating farm equipment but knows not all of her students do.

"My biggest thing is making sure our students know that their classmates — the people they see in the hallway — are the people they are sharing the road with," said Spangler, who teaches at Macomb High School.

Putting names and faces to farm equipment operators in the community makes students more responsible and respectful drivers, she said. "I tell my students 'Blaine is driving the tractor, Duncan is in the combine' to really drive home that their classmates are the ones in those slow-moving vehicles," Spangler said.

The focus on farm safety will go well beyond Spangler's classroom this month during National Farm Safety and Healthy Week.

This year, the theme of the week, recog-



nized Sept. 19-25, is "Farm Safety Yields Results." Daily topics include tractor and rural roadway safety, youth in agriculture safety and overall farmer health and safety.

Illinois State Police (ISP) Sgt. Tracy Lillard has seen the devastating consequences of vehicle accidents while on the job. As the manager for ISP's social media pages, she shares her experiences to educate motorists about roadway safety. During harvest, her advocacy efforts ramp up to focus on keeping drivers safe around large, often slow-moving equipment including tractors and semis.

"The trucking community is something that I really hold close to my heart," Lillard said. "My husband is a police officer as well (and) both of our parents were farmers. We really see the need for people that are driving this machinery, and then also the grain haulers (that are going) back and forth, to be safe."

Lillard has seen many rear-end crashes result from motorists who follow farm

equipment and semitrailers too closely. She encourages drivers to leave more room for others.

One of the most frequent questions Lillard gets is why farmers can't use different routes when moving equipment. She said it comes down to the size of the vehicle, road conditions and whether or not they have safer, better options.

"These farmers are out on the road just like everybody else and they have the right to be there," she said.

Road safety is not limited to adhering to speed limits. It's also about drivers showing courtesy to one another, staying alert when behind the wheel and practicing caution when navigating new situations — all of which should be done year-round.

Rodney Knittel, Illinois Farm Bureau assistant director of transportation and infrastructure, said the health and safety of farm families impacts more than those who work on the farm.

"Every single person relies on agriculture for food and the transportation industry to deliver the goods they need," Knittel said.

"Driving behind agriculture equipment may add on five, 10 or 15 minutes to your commute," he said. "But at the end of the day, what's most important is that every family gets home safely."

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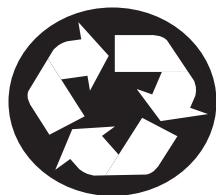
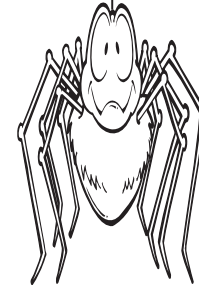
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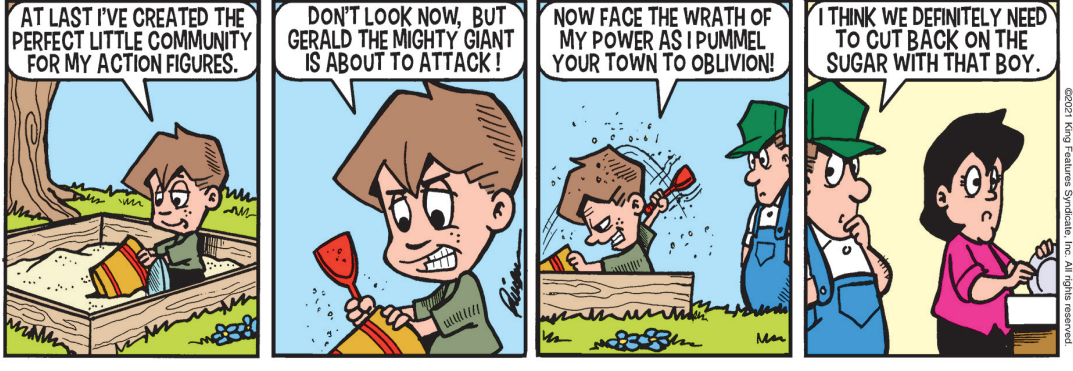
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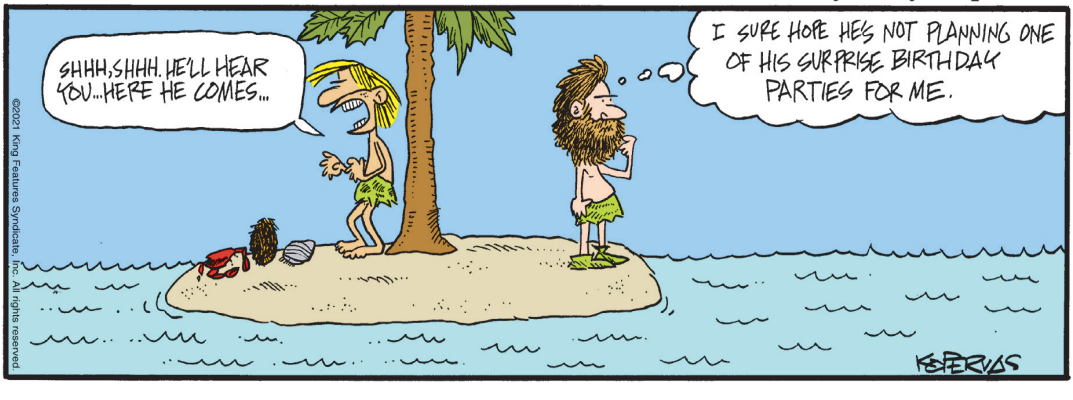
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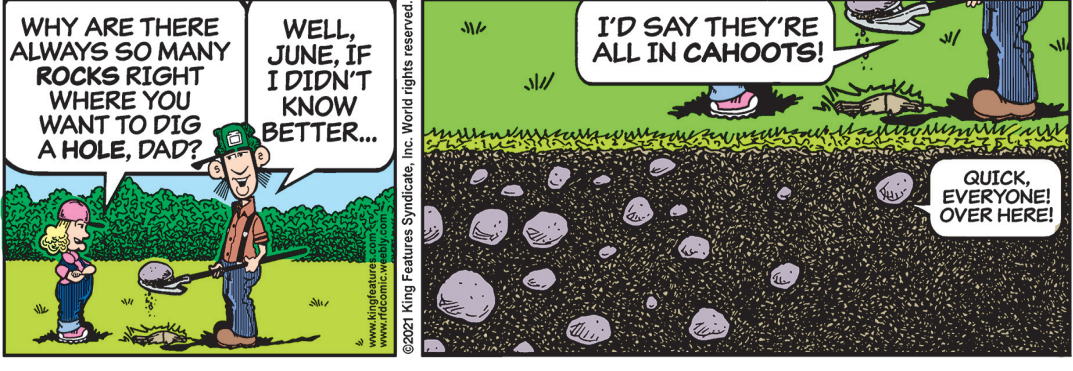
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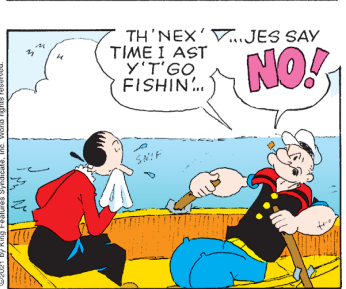
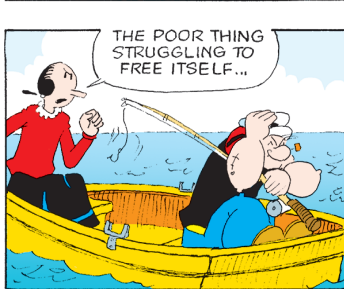
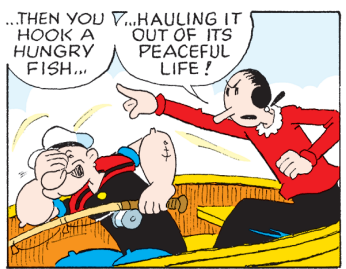
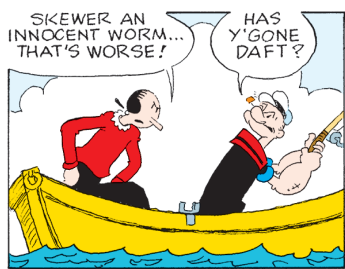
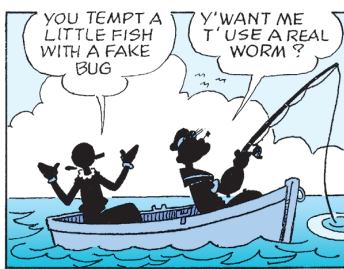
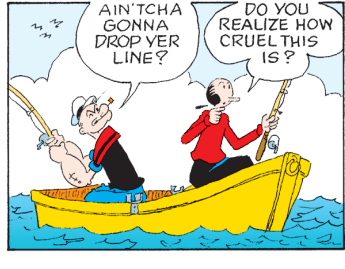
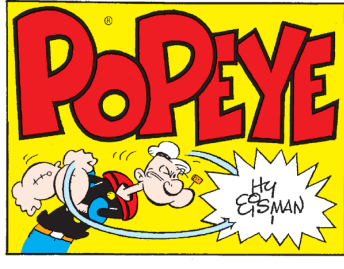
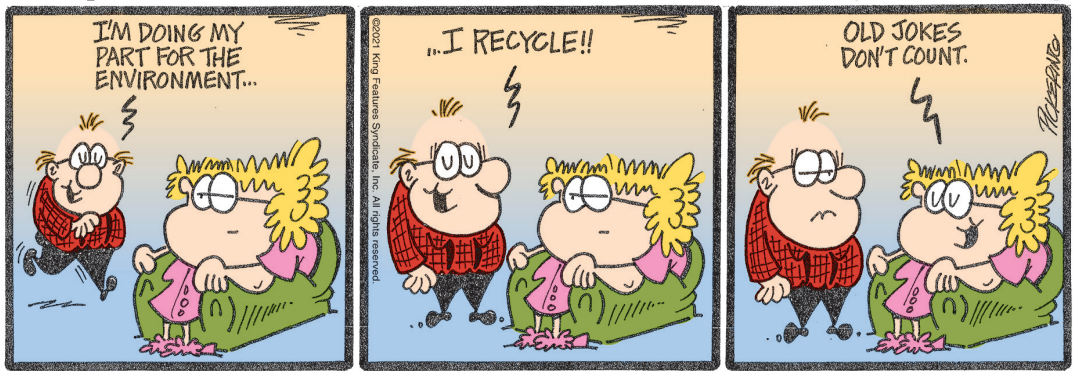
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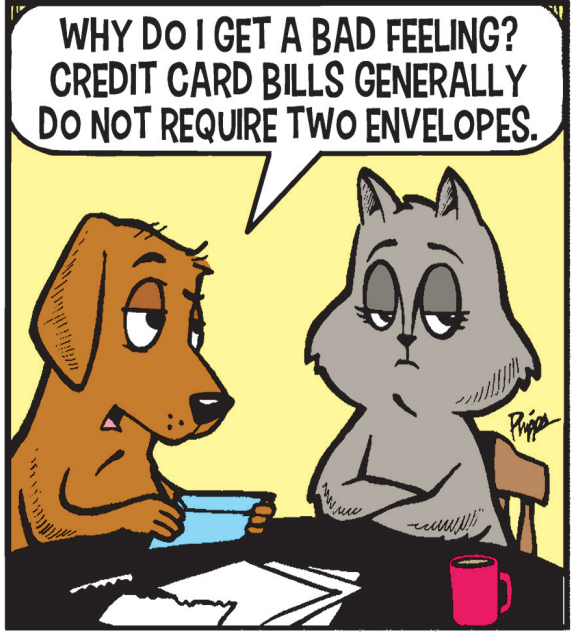
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Debris: HARTS, CABIN, OGLED, MUSCOT, GROWN

Today's Word: _____

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King Crossword

ACROSS

1 — Valley, Calif.

5 Indent key

8 Booty

12 Portent

13 Hot temper

14 Corduroy ridge

15 Arm of the Arctic Ocean

17 Desire

18 Sub detector

19 Sunflower State

21 Study all night

24 Pvt.'s superior

25 Salamander

28 Canal feature

30 Acapulco gold

33 "The Greatest"

34 Continental cash

35 "Awesome!"

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37 Apple computer

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55 Actress Mendes

56 Now, on a

memo

57 Cuts off

58 Gym unit

59 Egyptian deity

homer

9 Veteran's tale

10 Pond growth

11 Pop music's Bee —

16 Goof up

20 Requests

22 Grad

23 Aesopian ending

25 "Unh-unh"

26 "Evil Woman" gp.

27 Port authority?

29 Designer Chanel

31 Squealer

32 Poetic tribute

34 Drei minus zwei

38 Dwarf tree

40 Expels

42 Camp bed

43 Postal delivery

44 "Othello" villain

45 Ornamental jug

47 Pitch

48 Jai —

49 Band in Boston?

52 Prior night

53 Snooze

DOWN

1 Scatters seeds

2 Texter's "As I see it"

3 Chow —

4 Unbroken

5 "— the sea-son ..."

6 Exist

7 Toucan's feature

8 Tried to hit a

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers: 1. Popcorn is added. 2. Leaves are missing. 3. Exit is added. 4. Button is added. 5. Expression is changed. 6. Man is added.

SCRAMBLERS

Today's Word

1. Trash 2. Lodge; 3. Custom; 4. Wrong

solution

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Y equals W

YZWA WKWBIUXOI FBXQAO IXQ

GE YGDO FUXQP UGR UFAO

LQEGJ, IXQ LGRZP UW DGKGAR

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the full name of the famous Barbie doll?

2. MOVIE: Which movie features a family home on Cherry Tree Lane?

3. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital city of Bermuda?

4. AWARDS: For what achievement is the Folio Prize awarded?

5. MUSIC: What was the only U.S. Top 40 song that guitarist/singer Jimi Hendrix had?

6. ANATOMY: What connects muscles to bones?

7. TELEVISION: What is the name of the van in the animated series "Scooby-Doo, Where Are You?"?

8. MEASUREMENTS: What does a candela measure?

9. FOOD & DRINK: Which spirit is sometimes described as the "green fairy"?

10. LITERATURE: Owen Meany is a character invented by which author?

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Answers

1. Barbara Millicent Roberts

2. "Mary Poppins"

3. Hamilton

4. Literature written in English and published in the United Kingdom

5. "All Along the Watchtower"

6. Tendons

7. The Mystery Machine

8. Luminous intensity

9. Absinthe

10. John Irving

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LOCAL NEWS

Clipper Highlights: #25 Taylor Ikens

This week we recognize one of the absolute best linebackers in our history. With his stats, accolades, and way he played the game, you'd think he was from one of the several great 80's Clipper teams. A linebacker that would have fit right in line with Albiero, Nauman, and McCoy. I'm so honored to announce this week's Clipper, #25, All State Linebacker, Taylor Ikens.

Taylor was a 2013 graduate of Amboy High School. Not only was Taylor one of the best linebackers of the modern era, but arguably one of the greatest Clipper baseball players in our baseball programs' history.

Taylor's junior season, he started on every special teams unit and at outside linebacker. In a stacked year in the Big Rivers conference, to think our Clippers came short of a playoff bid is unbelievable, especially with defensive talent at the linebacker position in Wilhelm and Ikens. However, it speaks to his competitive our league is and has always been.

"I learned a lot from the guys ahead of us. The conference was just loaded that year and we had a lot of underclassmen starting. I think just the lack of experience is what set us apart as we were in every single game," Taylor shared.

I've mentioned in previous highlights from the 2012 season, the similarities and closeness of that team compared to other Clipper teams to reach that level. The 2012 Clippers had the work ethic, had the will to win, cared deeply about the tradition before them, and had the supreme confidence to rival any Clipper team of the modern era.

It started in speed camp for numerous Juniors and Seniors going into the 2012 season. Work, mandatory workouts, extra reps at unorganized team activities, and speed camp on the side. Taylor and those young men upheld the Clipper Way by showing their work ethic.

"We were always together, on or off the field," Taylor shared of the 2012 Clippers.

The 2012 Clippers opened the season at Riverdale in the scorching August heat and came out with a narrow victory. Four more Clipper victories would follow and our first 5-0 start to the season in recent memory was recorded. The Clippers recorded their first loss against St. Bede and their second loss of the regular season against Newman. A point that needs to be made is out of the rigorous, five playoff team producing conference that most of us from the modern era played in, the two teams that would always play us the toughest were Riverdale and St Bede. I personally believe it's

because they thought their programs were on the same level as ours in competition for the conference crown. I'll tell any Bruin or Ram to this day exactly where they fell in terms of the Big Rivers and that is always inferior to the Clippers.

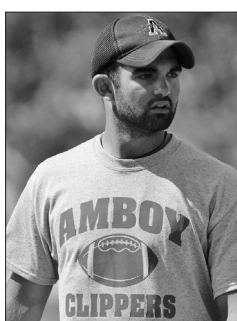
The 2012 Clippers finished 7-2 overall and had one of the best post seasons of the modern era. Big playoff wins over Winnetka and Orion and then taking the eventual State Champions into the final seconds of the Quarterfinal game. Taylor spoke of his best/most favorite games being the E/P game, Newman game, and Mercer County game. Although the stats have been forgotten, Taylor's season remains one of the greatest of the modern era. Ending the year earning First Team All Conference, All Area, and All State honors at Linebacker. Not only did Taylor etch himself in the history books with some of our programs' best, he brought back a style of play and a toughness that our program was founded on. Taylor played with a tenacity that he was going to knock you out of your cleats simply because you were wearing a different color uniform. On top of the major contributions to his Clipper team on the defensive side of the football, Taylor contributed 3-4 touchdown receptions on offense. As every great Clipper before him, Taylor spoke highly of his teammates and the close knit makeup of the 2012 Clippers.

Friend and former teammate Drew Fordham shared, "Ikens was a tackling machine. He always seemed to be around the ball either making the tackle or assisting."

Friend and former teammate Damon Quest shared, "Ike was an animal. He played with a lot of intensity and toughness and always stood up for his teammates.

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



One of my favorite memories of Ike was when Tyson made up a story all week that one of the opposing players was talking bad about him on social media. We all went along with it and didn't tell him until after the game. As usual, he played like the mean, All State linebacker that he so deservedly earned."

Friend and former teammate Garrett Liebing shared, "Big Ike, as we called him, was mean as they come. (Don't step on His feet or your going to get an earful). By far the hardest hitter in my opinion. From what I remember Ike didn't say much on the field but you knew he was always there doing his job, plugin holes and layin big hits. It was an honor playing with an All Stater. Good friend then and is a good friend of mine now."

Friend and former teammate Bailey Appleman shared, "Tay has been a good friend of mine for a very long time. We've been playing sports together since we could walk. Every sport Taylor played in he always gave it his all. The amount of camps we have gone to for every sport is just endless but it all showed on the field. Tay was a hard nose player and definitely one of the hardest hitting on the field. I'll never forget the time when Taylor broke his leg. Was one of

the toughest things to watch knowing he wanted to be out on that field with us every game. But he came back strong and is no doubt the best linebacker I could have had by my side every game. Seemed like every play he new where the ball was going and would capitalize every chance he got. Tay's just one player that you will never forget on the football field or the baseball diamond. He always had an impact on every game he played. Great guy and a great friend to many."

Former teammate and friend, Tyson Powers shared, "Taylor (Ike) has not only been a great friend throughout the years but he was a great teammate as well. Our senior year Taylor was an integral part of our success! There has never been a player (even in my days as a college football coach too) whose been able to flip the switch like he could. On game day, he was loose and having a good time until it was time to take the field then you didn't wanna be in his way!! The first handful of games our senior year, Ike made seemingly every tackle for us on defense. If he didn't make it, it seemed like it was a big play for the opposing offense. Ike showed his versatility stepping in at tight end for us as well. He made multiple big plays for us throughout our playoff run coming from the tight end position. Ike was an incredibly hard worker and had a natural knack for the football. The signs of a great linebacker. Ike falls right in line with the great linebackers in Clipper history before him. It was an honor to be a teammate of his not only on the football field but on the baseball diamond as well. Ike was a great teammate but continues to be a great friend to this day,"

The meaning of Amboy Football to Taylor is as strong



#25 Taylor Ikens

today as it was his Senior year. A bond and closeness with his great friends remain but the only difference is instead of sharing the field with them now, like the rest of us, they share the great memories of their success.

"It's a mentality. It runs deep in Amboy to this day," Taylor concluded.

For a kid who brought back a glimpse of some of the greatest to ever do it at the Linebacker position, in the Clipper Red, the honor of this highlight is all ours.

So, to All State Clipper Linebacker, #25, Taylor Ikens, thank you for your contributions to Amboy Football. Your success at one

of our most storied positions on the gridiron was not only earned but should be celebrated and envied by any Clipper Linebacker to come. 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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SPORTS

Amboy harriers race at BV Invitational

WALNUT – The Amboy High School cross country runners competed in the Bureau Valley Invitational on Sept. 18 at Walnut.

In the varsity boys' race, the Clippers took fourth place in the team standings with 112 points. The top three teams were Sandwich (95), Newman (97) and Elmwood (110). Rock Falls scored 149 points to complete the top five. There were 15 teams.

The Clippers' Brock Loftus took the second-place position in the race with a time of 16:04.8. Only Mason Stoeger of Minonk Fieldcrest finished ahead of him, winning the event with a clocking of 15:39.8. Ian Eller also had an impressive showing for the Clippers, taking sixth place in 17:00.7.

Six other Amboy runners participated in the event.

They were Charlie Dickinson (35th, 18:16.5), Wyatt Lundquist (54th, 19:01.2), Andruw Jones (55th, 19:01.9), Kelton Schwamberger (63rd, 19:27.6), Garrett Pertell (66th, 19:38.6) and Ryan Dickinson (85th, 20:26.7).

In the girls' competition,

five Lady Clippers took part in the event. Lauren Althaus was the first AHS runner to cross the finish line in 24th place overall with a time of 21:09. Next in for the Lady Clippers was Elly Jones in 36th at 22:05.1, followed by Bailey Ellis (99th, 25:33.1), Addison Pertell (117th, 26:39.3) and Natalie Pratt (120th, 26:44.5).

Evelyn Connor of Seneca won the race in a time of 19:22.5.

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took the top position in the team standings with 110 points. The rest of the top five included Chillicothe IVC (133), Seneca (143), Sherrard (144) and Elmwood (195). Amboy was 15th with 337 points. There were 19 teams.

The boys' freshman-sophomore race was won by Erie with 28 points. Amboy runners were Atticus Horner (6th, 15:05.6), Hayden Zacharias (21st, 16:20.5) and Jaden Haley (42nd, 17:42.5).



Amboy's Lauren Althaus (bib #1321) and Elly Jones (bib #1323) run with the pack during the Bureau Valley Invitational on Sept. 18 at Walnut.



The Amboy varsity boys' cross country team took fourth place in the Bureau Valley Invitational on Sept. 18. Left to right, are Ryan Dickinson, Kelton Schwamberger, Kyler McNinch, Brock Loftus, Ian Eller, Charlie Dickinson, Wyatt Lundquist and Garrett Pertell. (Photos courtesy of Heather Loftus)

AHS golfers assigned to Riverdale Regional

PORT BYRON – The Amboy High School golfers will compete in the Port Byron Riverdale Class 1A Regional to be held Wednesday, Sept. 29 at the Byron Hills Golf Course in Port Byron.

Other teams assigned to the regional are DePue, Earlville, Erie [Coop], Fulton (H.S.), Granville (Putnam County), Manlius (Bureau Valley), Morrison, Newark [Coop], Peru (St. Bede), Port Byron (Riverdale), Shabbona (Indian Creek), Somonauk [Coop], Spring

Valley (Hall) and Sterling (Newman Central Catholic).

The top three teams and the first 10 best scoring players who are not members of a qualifying team will advance to the sectional round. The sectional will be hosted by Byron High School and played at the Prairieview Golf Course in Byron on Monday, Oct. 4.

The Class 1A State Tournament is scheduled for Oct. 8-9 at the Prairie Vista Golf Course in Bloomington.



Members of the Clipper football team hoist up their helmets after a huge 60-14 win over Biggsville West Central during the AHS Homecoming game on Sept. 17. (Photos courtesy of Candi Koch)



Jordan Gulley (No. 4) is on his way into the end zone with another touchdown for the Clippers.

Clippers romp over West Central, 60-14

AMBOY – Amboy-LaMoille-OHIO made its 2021 Homecoming football game a memorable one with a 60-14 drubbing of Biggsville West Central on Sept. 17 at the AHS field. West Central came into the contest ranked No. 1 with an eight-game winning streak in eight-man football.

The Clippers piled up 20 points in the opening stanza and exploded for 32 tallies in the second frame on their way to the easy victory.

There were numerous offensive stars for Amboy-LaMoille-OHIO. Kye Koch had a monster game rushing the football as he picked up 181 yards on just

five carries. Three of those rush attempts resulted in Clipper touchdowns.

Quarterback Tucker Lindemeyer had another solid effort as he gained 107 yards and crossed the end zone twice, while Dillon Daniels also scored a pair of TDs for the Clippers and had 48 yards on the ground.

Amboy-LaMoille-OHIO also came up big on defense as it limited the high-scoring Heat to 212 yards and just one offensive touchdown.

The Clippers (2-2) will return to action when they travel to Milford to take on the Bearcats (0-4) on Saturday, Sept. 25. Kickoff is at 2 p.m.

Kish sets up Sweet endowment

MALTA — A new scholarship has been established with the Kishwaukee College Foundation honoring Ronald S. Sweet Jr. — one of the most successful coaches in the history of Kish's volleyball program.

The endowed fund will provide ongoing scholarship support for Kishwaukee College students with significant financial need. Sweet's father, Ronald Sweet Sr., recently made a \$100,000 contribution to establish the scholarship.

"We chose Kishwaukee College for the scholarship because it was a very important part of Ron's life when he was coaching there," Sweet Sr. said. "It was also instrumental in his decision to further his own education. Volleyball was Ron's passion. Not only did his coaching experience and accomplishments boost his own personal confidence, but the confidence and self-assurance of the members of his team."

"The foundation is honored to work with the Sweet family to commemorate Ron's legacy by providing financial support to Kishwaukee College students," Dr. Kayte Hamel, executive director of the Kishwaukee College Foundation, said. "This generous donation will directly impact students in our community for years to come."

Sweet Jr. started at Kish in 2001 as an assistant coach under Wayne King's program, which won National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division

II National Championships in 2001 and 2002. In 2003, Sweet took over the program and would capture three more NJCAA Division II National Championships as head coach in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

His career record was 336-43 (.887) during his time as head coach of the Kougars, which lasted until 2009. During his tenure, Sweet would earn NJCAA Division II Coach of the Year two times, NJCAA Region IV Coach of the Year six times, Arrowhead Conference Coach of the Year seven times and American Volleyball Coaches Association Midwest Coach of the Year twice. Additionally, he coached numerous NJCAA All-Americans and Academic All-Americans.

"Ron continued to build the Kishwaukee College volleyball program as a national powerhouse during one of the most successful eras of Kish athletics," Scott Kawall, Kishwaukee College athletic director, said. "His efforts went beyond the achievements on the court, as Ron truly cared about the success of his athletes in the classroom and beyond."

Following his time at Kish, Sweet coached volleyball at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia and Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. In 2018, Sweet was inducted into both the Kishwaukee College Athletics Hall of Fame and the NJCAA Region IV Hall of Fame. Sweet passed away in November 2019.

Volleyball drops 2

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

The squad headed to Milledgeville on Sept. 16 where the Lady Missiles turned back the Lady Clippers, 25-17, 25-14.

AHS got three ace serves, two kills and eight digs from Chloe Heath. Elly Jones recorded three blocks, two kills, six digs and 10 assists. Lexi Ketchum topped the team with three kills and added three digs, while Courtney Ortgiesen had three blocks and Emersyn Noble collected three digs.

Pearl City made short work of a 25-3, 25-6 triumph over the Lady Clippers on Sept. 15 at the AHS gym.

Jones had one block, one kill, three assists and two digs for the Lady Clippers. Ketchum picked up a kill and two digs, while Heath had one ace and Madison O'Malley had one kill.

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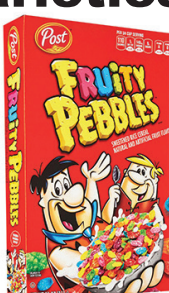
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