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New parade route, new venue for skit night at this year's Homecoming festivities

AMBOY — Amboy High School will celebrate its Homecoming Week next week. The Homecoming football game will be played on Friday, Sept. 17.

To kick Homecoming Week off, the Powder Puff Game will be played at 4 p.m., on Sept. 12, at the football field.

Skit Night will be held on Sept. 16, at 7 p.m., on the football field. This is a change of venue this year.

The Homecoming Parade will start at 2 p.m., on Sept. 17, with line up beginning at 1

p.m. in the parking lot. There is a new parade route this year. The route will start at the high school, go south on Metcalf to Provost, then west on Provost to East Avenue, then south on East Avenue to Main Street, then west on Main Street to Jones Street, then north on Jones Street to Metcalf, and then back to the school parking lot.

If people have questions about any events or want to register a float in the parade, please email Jessica Arellano at jarellano@amboy.net or call the school 815-857-3632.

Results of the 30th Amboy Depot Days Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show

AMBOY — A total of 425 exhibitors came on Sunday, Aug. 29 and registered vehicles in the Amboy Depot Days Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show and the International Auto Sound Challenge Association Show. People enjoyed the beautiful vehicles, great food, varied and interesting vendors, and tours of the Depot.

A very hard-working 50/50 crew that is renowned for the incredible job that they do, managed to do it again. The lucky winner took home \$105,580. To celebrate the 30th show, ten \$3,000 winners were also drawn. The big winner is Amboy. The proceeds from the 50/50 drawing are used for a variety of needs in Amboy, including the Depot, local food pantries, youth organizations, and other needs in the community.

The feature vehicles were Lana Hambley's Pontiac GTO, an enormous wrecker from Johnson Wrecker from Rock Falls, and a Case IH 4-wheel drive tractor on tracks from Johnson Tractor in Amboy. Eight locally owned, very special semi-tractors were also on display.

The International Auto Sound Challenge Association (IASCA) also hosted a competition during the day. Their participants vied to demonstrate the excellence



of the sound systems in their vehicles. New records were set. This is a qualifying meet for national competition.

Participants and guests saw an impressive array of vehicles, both foreign and domestic, spread among 49 classes, including two classes for exhibit only (one motorcycle and one car/truck not judged), and three special interest classes for unique vehicles of all kinds. In all, approximately 150 trophies were awarded on Sunday, Aug. 29. Meanwhile, more than 60 volunteer judges judged all of the individual classes, and the participants voted for their choices for several special trophies, including Best Car/Truck and Best Motorcycle.

The Amboy Car Show Committee hosts the Depot Days Car, Truck, and Motorcycle Show, but this is a

collaborative effort. In all, more than 300 people donate their time and energy to do all of the necessary tasks, including parking cars, registering participants, judging the entries, selling 50/50 tickets and t-shirts, counting participant ballots, working at the entrance gates, arranging for trophies, and more.

2021 Amboy Depot Days Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show Results:
Class A Restored/Original Model A - B - T Class
3rd Place: none
2nd Place: John Kehoe, Mendota, 1930 Ford A
1st Place: Michael Hulstrom, Sterling, 1924 Ford 2-door

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Sublette Country Car Show moved to downtown Sublette

SUBLETTE — The annual Sublette Country Car Show will take place Saturday, Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in a new location, downtown Sublette.

Owners of any type of antique and unique cars, trucks, farm equipment and other vehicles are invited to showcase and register their cars. An extensive Kaiser-Frazer

collection, in addition to Hudson-Nash and Willys-Overland vehicles, will also be on display. There will be no judging of vehicles.

Free raffle prizes are available to anyone who enters a car.

For more information, contact Don Dingens at 815-713-5675.

Amboy Lions announces annual Depot Days parade winners

AMBOY — The Amboy Lions Club hosted it's annual Depot Days parade on Saturday, Aug. 28. This year's theme was "Celebrating 30 Years of Car Show Fund in 2021."

The following entries were award winners.

1st Marching Unit – Amboy Clippers Marching Band
1st Judges Choice – Harrison Family Mowing
2nd Judges Choice – Young Seekers 4-H Club
1st Floats – Starlight Dance Studio
2nd Floats – Woodhaven Association
1st Horses – Pioneer State Bank
1st Kids – Teen Turf Inc.
2nd Kids – Amboy Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois
1st Commercial – Becker Detailing
2nd Commercial – Revolution Wellness



Amboy High School Marching Band was awarded first place in the Marching Unit category in the Amboy Depot Days parade.

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1st – Cars – Ashton Auto Repair
1st Tractor – Michael McNinch, 1967 Oliver
2nd Tractor – Larry Reed,

1951 B John Deere
1st Best of Theme – Honor Guard
2nd Best of Theme – Lee County Voiture 409 of 40 & 8



Harrison Family Mowing won first place in the Judge's Choice Category during the annual Depot Days parade.

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Teen Turf won first place in the Kids Category during the annual Depot Days parade.

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Young Seekers 4-H Club won second place in the Judge's Choice Category during the annual Depot Days parade.

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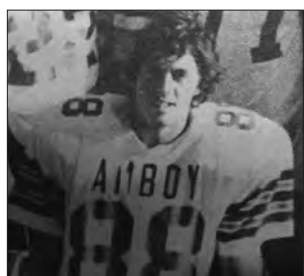
Ashton Auto Repair won second place in the Cars Category during the annual Depot Days parade.

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20TH ANNIVERSARY

Special section in honor of the 20th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001
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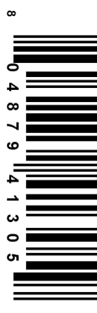
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LOCAL NEWS

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Class B Restored/Original Antique Cars 1948 & Older

3rd Place: Skip and Doris Miller, Amboy, 1936 Ford Tudor

2nd Place: Jacob Nehring, Amboy, 1948 Willys Jeepster

1st Place: Rodger Wilson, Bolingbrook, 1921 REO T6

Class C Restored/Original Cars 1949-1954

3rd Place: Don Dinges, Sublette, 1981 Henry J 2 Door

2nd Place: Mick Scaranino, Dixon, 1951 Pontiac Catalina

1st Place: Dick Noll, Stockton, 1963 Ford Crestline Victoria

Class D Restored/Original Cars 1955, 1956, 1957

3rd Place: Richard Bee, Aurora, 1957 Chevrolet 210 4 Door Sedan

2nd Place: Rudy Ramos, Dixon, 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Convertible

1st Place: Don Schrock, Dixon, 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air

Class E Restored/Original Cars 1958-1963

3rd Place: Kevin Smetters, Dixon, 1960 Pontiac Bonneville

2nd Place: Mike Powles, Palatine, 1961 Chevrolet Impala

1st Place: Anthony and Rosemary, Westchester, 1959 Cadillac

Class F Restored/Original Cars 1964-1965

3rd Place: Ray Smith, Sycamore, 1965 Oldsmobile 442

2nd Place: David Falkos, Oswego, 1965 Chevrolet Malibu Convertible

1st Place: Dawn and John Chrobak, Janesville, Wis., 1964 Chevrolet Biscayne

Class G Restored/Original Cars 1966-1967

3rd Place: Ron Boyer, Byron, 1966 Chevrolet Chevelle SS 396

2nd Place: Ken Major, West Chicago, 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle SS

1st Place: Duane and Mary Jo Moser, Oregon, 1966 Ford Mustang

Class H Restored/Original Cars 1968-1969

3rd Place: Jarret Meade, Oxford, Iowa, 1969 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme

2nd Place: Tom and Sara Kurth, Marshalltown, 1968 Chevrolet Camaro

1st Place: Art Martin, Cresthill, 1968 Dodge Charger R1

Class I Restored/Original Cars 1970-1972

3rd Place: Steve Freeman, Winnebago, 1971 Oldsmobile 442

2nd Place: Jeff Williams, Princeton, 1970 Pontiac GTO

1st Place: Gerry Couch, Ottawa, 1970 Plymouth Hemi Cuda

Class J Restored/Original Cars 1973-1986

3rd Place: William Garthe, Peru, 1983 Datsun 280 ZX

2nd Place: Michael Margetts, McFarland, Wis., 1974 Chevrolet Camaro Z28

1st Place: Darrell Reber, Byron, 1977 Plymouth Roadrunner

Class K Restored/Original Cars 1987-2005

3rd Place: John M. Lane, Port Byron, 1998 Pontiac Trans Am

2nd Place: Ray Clay, Rock Falls, 1988 Chevrolet Monte Carlo

1st Place: Nancy Nieslawski, LaSalle, 2005 Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Class L Restored/Original Cars & Trucks 2006-Present—Cleanest Vehicle Wins

3rd Place: Mark and Tammy Bernardoni, Ogleby, 2010 Chevrolet Camaro

2nd Place: Diana Markl, Lake in the Woods, 2020 Ford Mustang

1st Place: Clyde Shafer, Metropolis, Chevrolet Scottsdale 4 X 4

Class M Street Rods—Steel Bodies 1934 & Older

3rd Place: Jerry Evans, DeKalb, 1934 Ford Tudor Sedan

2nd Place: Ron Famous, Oak Lawn, 1934 Ford 2 Door Sedan

1st Place: Jim Brown, Willowbrook, 1930 Ford A

Class N Street Rods—Steel Bodies 1935-1939

3rd Place: Larry Hested, Geneva, 1936 Ford Pickup

2nd Place: Kenneth Briggs, Montgomery, 1937 Plymouth PT50

1st Place: Bob Seay, Roscoe, 1937 Ford Cabriolet

Class O Street Rods—Steel Bodies 1940-1948

3rd Place: Michael and Shellie Few, Elburn, 1948 Chevrolet Stylemaster

2nd Place: John Chapman, Earlville, 1940 Plymouth Sedan

1st Place: Edd Robinson, Princeton, 1940 Chevrolet Master DeLuxe

Class P Street Rods—Glass Bodies

3rd Place: Glenn Eberhardt, Algonquin, 1933 Ford Coupe

2nd Place: Bill Patrick, Rochelle, 1923 Ford T-Bucket

1st Place: Don Humphreys, Kingston, 1933 Ford Coupe

Class Q: Corvettes 1953-1967

3rd Place: none

2nd Place: none

1st Place: Ron and Lynn Sassaman, Rochelle, 1961 Chevrolet Corvette

Class R Corvettes 1968-1982

3rd Place: R. J. Knight, Lake in the Hills, 1973 Chevrolet Corvette

2nd Place: Jim Schultz, Janesville, Wis., 1971 Chevrolet Corvette

1st Place: Craig Jenkins, Clinton, Iowa, 1979 Chevrolet Corvette L-82

Class S Corvettes 1984-1996

3rd Place: none

2nd Place: none

1st Place: Ron Castle, Polo, 1989 Chevrolet Corvette

Class T Corvettes 1997-Present

3rd Place: Tom Alford, Sycamore, 2011 Chevrolet Corvette

2nd Place: Christine and Doug Mikan, Sterling, 2003

1st Place: none

2nd Place: none

3rd Place: none

4th Place: none

5th Place: none

6th Place: none

7th Place: none

8th Place: none

9th Place: none

10th Place: none

11th Place: none

12th Place: none

13th Place: none

Class U Customs (Includes Low Riders)

3rd Place: Bruce Briley, Collinsville, 1968 Chevrolet Chevelle

2nd Place: Ron Boren, Pittsfield, 1969 Ford Shelby GT-350

1st Place: John Schiavone, Beecher, 1969 Chevrolet Camaro

Class V Street Machines 1949-1957

3rd Place: John Orlando, Worth, 1955 Chevrolet 210 2 Door

2nd Place: Bill Baehnine, Union, 1955 Chevrolet Bel Air

1st Place: Steve Halblieb, McNabb, 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air

Class W Street Machines 1958-1965

3rd Place: Gary and Rose Dieterman, Freeport, 1961 Chevrolet Impala

2nd Place: Jeff Huber, Freeport, 1964 Chevrolet Chevelle SS

1st Place: Tom Palansky, St. Charles, 1964 Chevrolet Impala SS

Class X Street Machines 1966-1967

3rd Place: Paul and Cindy Gonzales, Coal Valley, 1967 Chevrolet Camaro

2nd Place: Doug and Colton Wagner, Amboy, 1966 Ford Thunderbird

1st Place: Mark and Sandy Heckman, Dixon, 1966 Chevrolet Nova

Class Y Street Machines 1968-1969

3rd Place: Rick Lamb, Amboy, 1956 GMC ¾ Ton

2nd Place: Rick Wagoner, Colfax, 1931 Chev Truck

3rd Place: Kurt Richter, Aviston, Chevrolet Apache K10

Class DD Restored/Original Trucks 1970-2005

3rd Place: Bill & Joan Marquardt, Naperville, 2004 Chevrolet SSR

2nd Place: Jack McKenzie, Mt. Morris, 2004 Ford F-150

1st Place: George Weiser, Dixon, 2001 Dodge RAM 1500

Class EE 4 X 4 Trucks Modified

3rd Place: Ryan Grover, Oregon, 1969 Chevrolet K20

2nd Place: Al and Jeanne Kammerer, Marseilles, 1972 Ford Bronco

1st Place: George Weiser, Dixon, 2021 Dodge RAM TRX

Class FF 4 X 2 Trucks Modified 1953 & Older

3rd Place: Jack Scuderi, Davis Junction, 1952 Ford Pickup

2nd Place: Rob Caneco, Hampshire, 1935 Factory Fire Truck

1st Place: Mike Odom, Kingston, 1938 Chevrolet Apache

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Chevrolet Corvette

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2nd Place: Kris Kiefer, Lisle, 1992 Chevrolet S10

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Class Z Street Machines 1970-1975

3rd Place: Rick Clayton, DeKalb, 1972 Chevrolet Chevelle Malibu

2nd Place: Earl and Sandy Schulte, Dixon, 1970 Chevrolet Nova

1st Place: Jim Becker, Rochelle, 1970 Chevrolet Nova

Class AA Street Machines 1976-Present

3rd Place: Steve Bachorski, Aurora, 2016 Dodge Challenger Hellcat

2nd Place: Robert and Cindy Helberkorn, Kingston, 2018 Dodge Challenger

1st Place: Mark Shafer, Dixon, 2011 Chevrolet Camaro

Class BB Pro Street Cars & Trucks—Tubbed

3rd Place: Steve Ketchum, Dixon, 1941 Willys Coupe

2nd Place: Andy Valos, Hinckley, 1971 Dodge Dart

1st Place: Rick Spickler, Byron, 1966 Chevrolet Nova

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LOCAL NEWS

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.

Our free after-school program for third -eighth grade will begin Tuesday, Sept. 7 from 3:30-5 p.m. We have a number of students who have pre-registered already. Like last school year, we are only taking a set amount. We are almost full and only have a few spots left. 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. If spots are full, then they will be placed on a waiting list.

Volunteers Needed

If you have a positive attitude and would like to make our community a better place, Teen Turf is the place for you. Please call 815-857-4800 or stop by the Boehle Youth Center (Teen Turf building-235 West Main in Amboy)

Thank You's

We are always blessed to have the community help us: Thank you to Mrs. Pipers nieces for coming out and helping us decorate our float. They also brought us school supplies to share. Thank you to Deb Albee and her grandchildren; Brooklyn Strub; Kimber Zitelman; Liam Rieskamp; Anthony Linder; Gabby Ketchum for helping us decorate and ride on the float. Thank you again to Mark and Veronica Grossman for putting on the Barnyard Bindo. Thank you to those who assisted him Jacob Grossman and Willie Kisse and his family for suppling the beautiful horse. Thank you to everyone who purchased a Barnyard Ticket and Debbie Bauer for winning. Thank you to Judy Sharkey for the vegetables and the Senior Center for the cupcakes. Thank you to Cindy Gabney for the lollipops; tablecloths; and game prizes for kids. Thank you to those who brought bedding for those in need. Also thank you to everyone who donated cans and Larry Piper for taking care of them.

Needs

Juice boxes and bagged snacks.

Final Word

Father God, many of us need healing. We need healing for past hurts, random physical pains that we allow to waylay our days and Spiritual healing for various reasons. We reach up to You to receive this healing so that we may be whole and that we may be able to, then minister to others in a way that brings You fullness of glory. How wonderful to be able to worship You without stain or blemish and to be totally healed. Show others Your healing power so that they may also be healed and walk in wholeness. In the precious name of Jesus. Amen!

From The Heart Calendar winners

August 2021 From The Heart Calendar Winners

Aug. 1 - Kayla Harris, Rochelle, \$50
Aug. 2 - Calvin Jacobs, Rochelle, \$25
Aug. 3 - Lee Dusing, Las Vegas, Nev., \$25
Aug. 4 - Gisela Clayton, Compton, \$25
Aug. 5 - Frank and Jessica Mitchell, Rockford, \$25
Aug. 6 - Karen Tracy, Rochelle, \$25
Aug. 7 - Ann O'Donnell, Rockford, \$25
Aug. 8 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$50
Aug. 9 - Noah Ackland, Pembroke, Mass., \$25
Aug. 10 - Bob Vanstone, Philadelphia, Penn., \$25
Aug. 11 - Brittney Zick, Rochelle, \$25
Aug. 12 - Tom Misciasci, Rochelle, \$25
Aug. 13 - Rochelle Foods, Rochelle, \$25
Aug. 14 - Rochelle Foods, Rochelle, \$25
Aug. 15 - Rotary, Rochelle, \$50
Aug. 16 - Tom Ackert, Dixon, \$25

Aug. 17 - Justin and Renee Miller, Lindenwood, \$25
Aug. 18 - Quinn Rice, Northbrook, \$25
Aug. 19 - Crystal Schafer (Jeff Perry), \$25
Aug. 20 - Melody Noon, Oregon, \$25
Aug. 21 - Nick Gilbert, Aurora, \$25
Aug. 22 - Laura Evangelista, Rochelle, \$50
Aug. 23 - Sophie Meyers, Rochelle, \$25
Aug. 24 - Lauri Hays, Rochelle, \$25
Aug. 25 - George Meusel, Amboy, \$25
Aug. 26 - David C. Tess, Barrington, \$25
Aug. 27 - Cally Gustafson, Topeka, KS, \$25
Aug. 28 - Nancy Bingham, Rochelle, \$25
Aug. 29 - Blake Wetzel, Lindenwood, \$50
Aug. 30 - Sandy Sullivan, Rochelle, \$25
Aug. 31 - Tom McDermott, Rochelle, \$25
Checks to winners will be mailed out at the end of each month.



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Fall & Winter Theme!

Saturday, Sept. 18, 10 am - 3 pm

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Pulled pork lunches for sale
Bake sale provided by Firefighters

Interested in being a vendor?
Spots are limited!
Contact Jen @
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jencoretto@amboyfire.com
to book a spot!

\$25 for a 10'x10' spot
(\$5 add'l for electric)
*Includes (1) lunch voucher per booth
*Bring your own tables and chairs
*Expo will be outside on the blacktop
If weather indicates moving inside, spots will be reduced to 8'x8'

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

AMBOY-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8, at the Township Building, 106 S. Prospect.

MAYTOWN-The May Township meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8, at the township maintenance building.

AMBOY-The U of Extension Webinar Series Everyday Environment, will begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 9, with Soil, Climate and Carbon. There is no cost. Register online at go.illinois.edu/everydayenvironment-webinars.

AMBOY-The U of Extension will present the Lessons for Living Monthly Webinar Series at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 9. Register online at go.illinois.edu/2021HCElessons.

LEE CENTER TWP-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 9, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

AMBOY-The Amboy Farmer's Market will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on Friday, Sept. 10, in the Depot Museum parking lot. Vendors are welcome. Call Alice Dukes with questions at 815-857-4015.

AMBOY-Amboy High School Class of 1952 will hold their reunion at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, at Sunset Inn, US RT 52 & RT 30. Classmates and their guests are welcome. Everyone will order from the menu.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club Drawdown will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd. See a Lions member for tickets.

GRAND DETOUR-The 72nd Grand Detour Arts Festival will be held from 9 a.m.

until 4 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 12, at the John Deere Historic Site, 8334 S. Clinton St.

AMBOY-The Amboy Fire Protection District will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 13, at the Fire Station.

AMBOY-The U of Extension will present the webinar "Mental Health First-Aid for the Agriculture Community" on two dates, Sept. 13 and Oct. 21. The training will be online from 8 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

AMBOY-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 13, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

SUBLETTE-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 13, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

AMBOY-The U of Extension will present the Four Seasons Horticulture Webinar Series at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 14. The topic is Garden Tool Maintenance. Register online at go.illinois.edu/fourseasons.

EAST GROVE TWP-The East Grove Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the East Grove Township Hall.

AMBOY-The U of Extension coordinating with partners across the state will present the Get Savvy-Grow Your Green Stuff Webinar "Identity Theft & Fraud" from Noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15. Register online at <https://forms.uofi.uillinois.edu/sec/1279302>.

AMBOY-The Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 16, at Central School Gym.

AMBOY-The Amboy Farmer's Market will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on Friday, Sept. 17, in the Depot Museum parking lot. Vendors are welcome. Call Alice Dukes with questions at 815-857-4015.

AMBOY-The Amboy Fire Protection District will sponsor a Fall and Winter Vendor & Bake Sale from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Fire Station.

A pulled pork lunch will be available.

AMBOY-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 20, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

AMBOY-The Amboy American Legion will meet

Monday, Sept. 20, at 6 p.m. at the Old NAPA Building, 399 N. Metcalf.

STERLING-The U of 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.

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**Nicci Leffelman**
Realtor
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Mary Margaret "Peggy" Eisenberg Nov. 15, 1930 - Sept. 3, 2021

AMBOY — Mary Margaret "Peggy" Eisenberg, 90, of Amboy passed away unexpectedly on Friday Sept. 3, 2021 at Heritage Square in Dixon.

She was born on Nov. 15, 1930 the daughter of Kevin and Rose (Faley) McFadden.

Peggy worked at Freeman Shoe, Edelmann's, Tri-County Opportunity Council, and also waitressed at several local restaurants. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy, IL and the churches women's club.

Peggy married Cecil Eisenberg on Aug. 22, 1953 in Dixon.

She is preceded in death

by her husband, Cecil, who passed on March 7, 2021; her parents; one son, Francis Eisenberg, and one grandson, Ryan Glaser.

Peggy is survived by her son, John (Isabel) Glaser, of Amboy; her daughter, Rosemarie (Bruce) Langholf, of Dixon; and five grandchildren, Joshua (Kylee) Glaser, Colleen (Mike) Wilson, Teresa (Fermin) Saucedo, Ronda Scott, and Robby Ewald. She is also survived by 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 5 - 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021 at The Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy, with rosary at 6:30



p.m. Funeral services will be on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021 at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy. Burial will follow at St. Patrick Cemetery in Amboy. Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Illinois Farm Bureau to celebrate National Farm Safety and Health Week

BLOOMINGTON — Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) is again partnering with the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NE-CAS) to promote farm safety and health during National Farm Safety and Health Week, themed, 'Farm Safety Yields Real Results,' Sept. 19-25, 2021.

"We're excited to help promote and support NE-CAS's efforts in keeping farmers and farm families safe," said Danelle Burrs, manager, Lee County Farm Bureau. "Harvest season can be particularly dangerous

for farmers with long hours and stress of weather delays, equipment breakdowns or high operating costs, and this year's activities will reinforce the importance of organizations like ours working together to ensure farmers make it home safely to their families at night."

Each day of the week has a designated topic of focus to promote various aspects of farm safety:

Monday, Sept. 20 – Tractor Safety & Rural Roadway Safety

Tuesday, Sept. 21 – Overall Farmer Health

Wednesday, Sept. 22 – Safety & Health for Youth in Agriculture

Thursday, Sept. 23 – Agricultural Fertilizer & Chemical Safety

Friday, Sept. 24 – Safety & Health for Women in Agriculture

The 2019 data for the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that the agricultural sector is still the most dangerous in America with 573 fatalities, or an equivalent of 23.1 deaths per 100,000 workers. Fall harvest time can be one of the busiest and most dangerous seasons of the year for the agriculture industry. For this reason, the third week of September has been recognized as National Farm Safety and Health Week.

For more information about National Farm Safety and Health Week, contact your local county Farm Bureau, visit www.necasag.org, or contact Donna Gallivan at 309-557-2350 or dgallivan@ilfb.org.

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Class GG 4 X 2 Trucks Modified 1954 & Newer
3rd Place: Gary Lamar, Davenport, Iowa, 1988 Chevrolet C-1500

2nd Place: Keith Stralow, Morrison, 1954 Chevrolet Pickup

1st Place: Jim and Ellen Kruse, Belvidere, 1955 Chevrolet 3100 Pickup

Class HH Convertibles (top up for judging—no Corvettes)

3rd Place: Rich Ehlschlaeger, Bolingbrook, 2005 Ford Mustang

2nd Place: Dan and Laurie Nauman, Amboy, 1962 Chevrolet Impala SS

1st Place: Bob and Becky Nelson, Davenport, Iowa, 1946 Ford Deluxe

Class II Special Interest – Cars Only, Unique Vehicles

3rd Place: Sue Fritzsche, Litchfield, 2002 Chrysler PT Dream Cruiser

2nd Place: John Harris, Stillman Valley, 2018 Chevrolet Camaro Hot Wheels

1st Place: George Flament, Waukegan, 1967 Chevrolet Geo Van

Class JJ Special Interest—Other than Cars

3rd Place: Kenny & Shirley Lewis, Dunlap, 1979 Chevrolet Suburban

2nd Place: J. S. Shurts, Granville, 1995 Ford Bronco

1st Place: Gary Turner, Heyworth, 1940 LaSalle Ambulance

Class KK Cruiser Class – Non-Judged Class for Exhibition Only – Any Vehicle

Not judged so no trophies are awarded

Class LL Harley Davidson—Stock Big Twin

3rd Place: Mike Warren, Davenport, Iowa, 2000 Harley-Davidson Fat Boy

2nd Place: Brian Austin, Sauk Rapids, Minn., 2021 Harley-Davidson Street Bob

1st Place: Harry Graham, Jr. Davenport, Iowa, 2019 Harley-Davidson Deluxe

Class MM Harley Davidson—Custom Modified Big Twin

3rd Place: Kevin Felski, Davenport, Iowa, Harley-Davidson Street Glide

2nd Place: Scott Stevens, Byron, 2012 Harley-Davidson Softail

1st Place: Mike Neahring, New Bedford, 2014 Har-

ley-Davidson Breakout **Class NN Harley Davidson—Dressers**

3rd Place: Shawn Chirnowith, Sterling, 2006 Harley-Davidson Classic

2nd Place: Rod Nelson, Eldridge, Iowa, 2021 Harley-Davidson Roadglide CVO

1st Place: Travis Schaeffer, Eldridge, Iowa, 2018 Harley-Davidson Road Glide CVO

Class OO Harley Davidson—Vintage Chopper & Vintage Harley-Davidson 1991 & Older

3rd Place: none

2nd Place: Johnny Variola, Elwood, Harley-Davidson Electra Glide

1st Place: Roger Rollins, Altona, 1956 Harley-Davidson FLH

Class PP Harley-Davidson Sportsters

3rd Place: none

2nd Place: Kurt Richter, Aviston, 1967 Harley-Davidson Sportster

1st Place: Colton Schwarz, Dixon, 1998 Harley-Davidson Sportster

Class QQ Stock Trikes

3rd Place: none

2nd Place: Glenda Smith, Amboy, 2010 Harley-Davidson Tri Glide XXX

1st Place: Robin and Relissa Senn, Amboy, 2017 Harley-Davidson FLRT Freewheeler

Class RR Radical Bagners

3rd Place: Jeremy Steder, Sterling, 2010 Harley-Davidson Street Glide

2nd Place: Jeremy Maddall, Eldridge, Iowa, 2015 Harley-Davidson Street Glide

1st Place: Todd Cantrell, Carbon Cliff, 2016 Harley-Davidson Road Glide

Class SS Special Interest—Bobbys, Hillclimbers, Trikes, Rats, etc.

3rd Place: Chris Senn, Amboy, 1968 Triumph Bonneville

2nd Place: Mark Hand, Rock Falls, 1974 Bultaco Parsang

1st Place: Levi Underhile, Dixon, 1976 Honda CB 750

Class TT Metric Motorcycles & Indians

3rd Place: Bob Hartline, Belleville, 2014 Indian Chief Vintage

2nd Place: J. Lowry, Davenport, Iowa, 1975 Kawasaki Z1900

1st Place: Rick Wagoner,

Colfax, 2004 Honda Rune **Class UU Antique Metric 1992 & Older**

3rd Place: Jack McKenzie, Mt. Morris, 1975 CANAM MX-2/175

2nd Place: Pat Dempsey, Rock Falls, 1976 BMW R90S

1st Place: Pat Lendman, Sterling, 1967 Triumph Bonneville

Class VV Rockets

3rd Place: Tony Stine, Dixon, 2007 Custom Yamaha

2nd Place: Evan Ward, Dixon, 2020 KTM Duke 390

1st Place: Cris Boyd, Franklin Grove, 2020 Kawasaki ZX14R

Class WW Choppers

3rd Place: none

2nd Place: none

1st Place: Chuck Austin II, Amboy, 2008 Custom Chopper

Class XX Non-Judged Class for Motorcycles

Not judged so no trophies are awarded

Special Awards:

Smitty and Jenny Smith Special Award (cash prize):

Rick Spickler, Byron, 1966 Chevrolet Nova

Feature Vehicle:

Lana Hambley, Amboy, Pontiac GTO

Mayor's Choice Award:

Kurt Richter, Aviston, 1961 Chevrolet Apache

Miss Amboy's Choice Award:

Dick Herpe, Wood Dale, Ford Pickup

Participant Voting determines several awards. Those results were, as follows:

Best Engine: Mark and Sandy Heckman, Dixon, 1966 Chevrolet Nova

Best Paint: Dale Olson, Taylor Ridge, 1957 Pontiac Star Chief

Best Interior: George Flament, Waukegan, 1967 Chevrolet G10 Van

Best GM: Kurt Richter, Aviston, 1961 Chevrolet Apache K10

Best Ford: Al and Jeanne Kammerer, Marseilles, 1972 Ford Bronco

Best Mopar: Gerry Couch, Ottawa, 1970 Plymouth Hemi Cuda

Best of Show: Mark and Sandy Heckman, Dixon, 1966 Chevrolet Nova

Best of Show Motorcycle: Bob Hartline, Belleville, 2014 Indian Chief Vintage

50/50 Winner: Tim Hord, Dixon, \$105,580

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<p>St. Flannen Church Fr. John Gow 213 S Second St., Harmon 815-857-2670 Mass: Sunday, 9 am</p>	<p>East Grove Union Church Pastor Richard Wulf, 815-440-5321 449 Reuter Road, Amboy Phone 815-376-6661 1/2 Mile East of Route 26 on Union Rd. Sun., 9:00 a.m. Morning Service Youth Church, ages 3-Grade 4 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Ages 3 - Adult 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Wed., 6:00 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study First Sunday night of each month, 6:00p.m. First Sunday Family Film Night Fourth Saturday of each month, 6:00p.m. "Fun & Fellowship Game Night for the Whole Family!" Come as you are and join us on the journey!</p>	<p>St. Mary's Church Rev. Randy Fronek West Brooklyn Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30 a.m. Saturday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Refuge Church Pastor John Kalebaugh Mendota Hills Campground • 642 Rt. 52 Amboy, IL 61310 • 815-849-5930 10 a.m. Sunday, potluck follows</p>
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SOCIAL NEWS



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Thinking beyond the 7th Generation

BY PASTOR JOHN KALEBAUGH

This Saturday, which is Patriot Day, marks the 20th Anniversary of the terrorist's attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. It was an awful day in our nation's history and a day in which we who were alive at the time become nostalgic. We remember and perhaps even ask others, "Where were you when you heard the news?" "What were you doing at the time?" "Who were you with?" Most of us who were alive at the time (and old enough to remember) can usually answer these questions very specifically. It is a day that is etched into our memories forever.

And though most of us probably did not know anyone personally who died that day, we still remember hearing the news of those who did in the Twin Towers, The Pentagon, and Flight 93. We remember hearing about the innocent victims. And we remember the heroism of the Firefighters and other First Re-

sponders who sacrificed their lives, and all of the loved ones they left behind... Such tragedy and bravery is worthy of our remembrance, and it is fitting and proper that we "Never Forget." Even though it is painful to remember. It was a day in which we saw both the "best" and the "worst" representations of humanity.

There is another type of "remembering" however, which the people of God can and should do which is not painful or grievous. In fact, it is usually encouraging and inspiring! It is remembering the "works of the Lord"! Psalm 77:11-12 says, "I will remember the works of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old. I will also meditate on all Your work and talk of Your deeds."

I hope that as we all look back and reflect upon our lives that we can also remember specific moments where we experienced the presence of God in our lives. Maybe it came in the form of an answered prayer. Or maybe it came as

a time when God provided for us in our neediness. Perhaps it was manifested in the form of "comfort" during a difficult time in our lives. It could also be something as simple as feeling His presence while viewing a beautiful sunset (or sunrise), or during a thunderstorm, or while listening to the laughter of children playing.

Any of these... and so much, much more are opportunities when we can feel the awesome and loving and tender presence of God in our lives.

Sometimes it is with other people. Sometimes it may even come through them. Sometimes it may be when we are absolutely alone, and He is our only companion... But however, it has come to you, I hope you take a moment (even before you put this newspaper down) and become "nostalgic" about God. Remember "His works" in your life. And give Him thanks again.

May God bless you, Pastor John



Ken Robbins

Robbins to celebrate 91st birthday

AMBOY — Celebrate 90 years with Ken Robbins—before he turns 91. COVID kept us from celebrating last year. 2021 sees us once again wearing masks, but with precautions, we can celebrate.

Ken was born Sept. 19, 1930. He married Bernie Worrell on Aug. 28, 1954. An Army veteran and retired farmer and rural letter carrier, Ken is Dad to Marnie and Lynette, and Papa to granddaughters Malia, Mackenzie, Marissa, Cassidy and Peyton and great-granddaughter, Laetyn.

Please celebrate with us Saturday, Sept. 11 from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Amboy Community Building.

SVCC COVID procedures announced

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College is updating COVID restriction and procedures in compliance with the recent State of Illinois mandates for institutions of higher education.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 7 access to the campus for all faculty, staff, students, and guests will be limited to the north doors of the Dillon Mall and the West Mall.

Individuals that are vaccinated and have proof of vaccination are encouraged to use the Dillon Mall entrance. The Dillon Mall entrance will be open from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Thursday and 7 a.m. – 2 p.m., on Friday. All others are asked to use the West Mall entrance, which will be open from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Friday. Unless vaccinated, you must show your recent negative COVID test results upon entry.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 7, SHIELD testing will be available at its current location in the West Mall from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Friday. Please create an account at svcc.edu/shield prior to your SHIELD appointment.

Reunion canceled

AMBOY — Due to the mask mandate, the descendants of Seymour and Carrie Bonnell have postponed the family reunion until next year.

The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

In the Fever Maternity Ward

We have all heard of the Great Influenza epidemic of 1918 and how much worse it was than our COVID-19 pandemic. It killed far more people than the 17 million who died in World War I. The numbers are staggering. In a global population of 1.8 billion (we are at 7.8 billion), the accepted range is between 25 to 50 million deaths in four successive waves. (To date, the global death toll from COVID-19 is 4.5 million.) I mention this because the Irish writer Emma Donohue decided in 2018, the 100-year anniversary, to write a novel about the Great Influenza. It went to the publisher in March 2020.

In "The Pull of the Stars" Donohue eerily describes the fears and anxieties we ourselves have experienced – the stacked coffins, the exhaustion of the doctors and nurses, the empty streets and schools, the masks described here as "bluntly pointed ... like the beaks of unfamiliar birds." In the Author's Note, Donohue says, "The Pull of the Stars"

is fiction pinned together with facts."

The story takes place over three days in a severely overcrowded Dublin hospital a month before the Armistice. The narrator is Julia Power, a nurse midwife, who shares a flat with her shell-shocked younger brother Tim. Julia works in a small makeshift supply room called the Fever Maternity ward for high-risk pregnant women who have the flu and who are about to give birth. The novel has four parts, each headed by a color – red, brown, blue, black – which we learn at the end of the book are the coloration of the skin as it progresses, often very rapidly, from the onset of the flu to death.

Two other women work alongside Julia: Bridie Sweeney, a 22-year-old orphan sent over by the nuns to help out, and Dr. Kathleen Lynn, an actual historical figure, who took part in the 1916 Uprising. On the run from the British, she risks arrest to work at the hospital. Bridie is the novel's most affecting character. Cheerful and industrious, she and Julia become fast friends. One night on the hospital's roof, gazing at the stars, Julia tells Bridie that "In Italy they used to blame the constellations for making them sick. That's where 'influenza' comes from."

Overbearing and distinctly cold-hearted nuns make life difficult for Julia, who tirelessly rushes from patient to patient often giving them warm whiskey to see them through. Donohue doesn't shy away from describing a bloody step-by-step delivery as well as the deaths of an infant and a mother, and later on, a shocking influenza death. In a country where "She doesn't love him unless she gives him twelve" is a commonplace saying, Donohue eloquently demonstrates that poor women's lives are ruled not so much by the stars as by malnourishment, misogyny, and exploitation.

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Opinion

Is retribution the key to seeing justice served?

Should government temper its justice with mercy?

I've been pondering that question for at least three decades, ever since I was a young reporter and heard a Texas prosecutor stand before a jury and say, "These aren't halls of mercy; these are halls of justice!"

Justice is rendered when people receive their due, according to the law.

Mercy is a disposition to be kind and forgiving – even if the person has done nothing to deserve it.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed legislation allowing terminally ill or incapacitated inmates to be released early from prison, after their case is assessed by the Illinois Prisoner Review Board.

It's a measure that can be best described as merciful. Illinois is the 49th state to enact such legislation, leaving only Iowa without such a provision in its statutes.

"Unfortunately, so many of these people lose their lives, locked away behind bars without being able to spend their last moments with their family," state Rep. Will Guzzardi, D-Chicago, told me Monday. "And so many of those folks, especially the people who have been very sick, or are permanently disabled are people who don't pose any kind of public safety risk to their community."

Guzzardi was the House sponsor of the legislation. I confided in him that I was stunned that it passed. After all, for most of the time I've covered politics a majority of legislators have had a lock 'em up and throw away the key mindset.

"I do think that the pendulum is swinging back toward a more compassionate and fair justice system," Guzzardi replied. "We have increased penalties, longer sentences, higher incarceration rates, but the data says that it doesn't

Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



And two called for his release.

And there is the rub.

Family members often equate the worth of the loved one they lost to the severity of punishment given to their killer.

It's a strange phenomenon. Guzzardi calls it uniquely American. Perhaps it is.

Twenty years ago, when Gov. George Ryan contemplated commuting the sentences of everyone on Illinois' death row, families of those murdered made pilgrimages to Springfield and Chicago to speak against it.

I stood outside the Illinois Governor's Mansion as family member after member told me they needed an execution in order for their family to have "closure."

I hear similar things today when families demand life without possibility of parole.

But to be honest, I don't understand how the severity of

make our communities any safer. It's extremely disruptive to over-policed and over-incarcerated communities. And it's enormously costly to all levels of government."

One thing is for certain: we have too many people in prison. The United States locks up the highest percentage of its citizens of any nation in the world.

Shortly after Pritzker signed the legislation, another act of mercy caught my attention. The California Parole Board voted to recommend the release of Sirhan Sirhan, who murdered U.S. Sen. Robert Kennedy 53 years ago. Kennedy had won the Democratic presidential primary in California the day he was shot.

Ultimately, it will be up to Gavin Newsom to decide whether Sirhan becomes a free man. Six of Kennedy's children lobbied the parole board for the assassin's continued incarceration.

the punishment someone else receives equates to one's own sense of peace or resolution.

Craig Findley, chairman of the Prisoner Review Board, said the suffering murder victim's families endure is unfathomable.

"I don't know what they go through because I never experienced a loss like that. A murder is like dropping a stone into a pond. The ripples keep going outward. It can affect future generations as well."

Findley, who has served on the board for 20 years, said victim families rarely lose interest in the punishment of the offender, even decades after the crime.

The measure signed by Pritzker will for the first time allow the board to use mercy as a criterion for releasing someone from prison, Findley said.

Is that good public policy? Well, it's certainly not a new concept.

I was raised in a home where forgiveness was considered a sign of strength. Unfortunately, many of our elected officials have taken a different view, believing retribution is the key to justice.

But for me, the words of the Hebrew prophet Micah ring loud: "And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Scott Reeder is a veteran journalist. He works as a reporter in the Springfield area. He can be reached by email at Scottreeder1965@gmail.com.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the opinions expressed by Jim Nowlan in the 8-25-21 edition of the Amboy News. Everyone recognizes that today's political discourse is especially fraught, but we need to make certain that issues are presented and debated in a balanced and enlightened way.

Let's first address redistricting as Mr. Nowlan did. The Illinois legislature is required in the Illinois Constitution to provide new district maps every 10 years by June 30. The complication this year was that due to COVID and census questions that were thrown out by the Supreme Court, the necessary Census data was not available for that June 30 deadline.

Instead, the districts were drawn using the American Community Survey's (ACS) five-year estimate for 2019. Did the outcome lead to a majority of the districts leaning Democratic? Yes, because Illinois is a state that leans Democratic, so any version of a map that is drawn will lean Democratic. I should also point out that it had been a Republican legislature doing the drawing, the maps would be leaning as least as hard to the right. If any Illinois Republican leader tries to dispute that, he/she is misleading you. Last week, the Census data was released and the redistricting process is being revisited as I type this. This is a weak blame game.

Additionally, if you are as opposed to the political influence of the redistricting process, as we are, then join us in ad-

vocating for Republicans in the United States Senate to support S1, the For the People Act, which would restrict such partisan actions nationwide. Democrats in the House of Representatives have already done their part to end partisan gerrymandering by passing the For the People Act, and a majority of Democrats in the Senate support the bill as well. If Republicans truly care about ending partisan gerrymandering, they should join the Democrats and end it in a bipartisan manner.

In Nowlan's article he referred to Senator Tammy Duckworth as "inoffensive." Senator Duckworth is a valued, productive member of the US Senate, Iraq war veteran and former Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. She is so much more than "inoffensive" and deserves to remain in office to continue to fight for working families and Veterans in Illinois. Governor Pritzker has addressed our state's financial woes to enable two credit upgrades (following 5 downgrades under the leadership of our last Republican Governor), is a leader and advocate for our public schools, and led the efforts to invest in Illinois' infrastructure by passing the bipartisan Rebuild Illinois plan that has put thousands of Illinoisans to work as they fix our roads and bridges all across the state. Illinois is better off than it was 4 years ago because of Governor Pritzker's leadership.

I agree with Nowlan's assessment that it is a fool's errand to run down the Trump rabbit hole. Donald Trump represents or

works for no one but himself. Everyone should have learned that very hard lesson during the years he held office. As the courts take up the many injuries caused to our nation, we will often be reminded of the damage he has done. We need good, honest, deliberative men and women from both parties in our primaries. We need candidates who believe they can be elected for their values, their leadership skills, their results, their inclusivity toward all they represent and not fear the straight party-line primary vote we currently live with.

Unlike Nowlan, I discourage Supreme Court selection based solely on party affiliation. Our greatest fear should be the hijacking of what should be a non-partisan court into a political machine that allows things like overturned elections and overrules or investigates County Clerks. We need a Supreme Court that supports fair and legal elections. A Republican led Illinois Supreme Court would also surely seek to use their influence to weaken Illinois labor laws and unions, harming working families across our state.

The Lee County Democratic Party welcomes your thoughts, concerns and efforts as we work to implement policies that boost the economy, support the working class, and protect the rule of law.

Dave McCarver is the Chair of the Lee County Democratic Party.

He lives in Amboy with his wife and step-son.

Dear Editor,

I was a first time participant in the Sylvan Shuffle 5K Run/Walk during Amboy's Depot Days. This is one of four fundraising events sponsored by the Amboy Education Foundation each year. The AEF's singular goal is to provide resources to the Amboy School District to aid teachers and students.

I was thoroughly impressed with the level of professionalism and commitment shown by the AEF members and volunteers in putting on a first-rate 5K

event. From the quick and easy online registration, the convenient race packet pick-up, the well-marked course with supporters throughout, the post-race snacks and cold water, and finally the fun and congenial awards presentation – the entire event ran flawlessly. That does not happen without many hours of planning and lots of dedicated volunteer involvement. AEF President, Mark Becker and his entire team are to be commended for putting on an outstanding event.

I'm looking forward to walking again

next year and I would encourage anyone who wants to have some fun while supporting a great cause to join us. And for those who have never participated in a race before and may have some apprehension, this would be a great starter event since it is three miles on a flat paved route. Plus, the race is only as competitive as you make it. Feel free to join me as I walk toward the back of the pack.

Nancy Butler
Bartlett

On This Day in History

100 Years Ago Sept. 9, 1921

Misses Florence Schroeder and Francis Meeks went to Dixon Monday evening where they plan to enter Brown's Business College.

Ernest Scherer went to Kansas City, Mo., Wednesday evening where he will enter the Sweeney Automobile School.

Miss Catherine Sharkey began teaching in the Wheatland school Monday. Miss Sharkey has purchased a new Ford car.

Mildred Wilson came Saturday from Milwaukee to visit her mother, Mrs. Nora Wilson.

75 Years Ago Sept. 12, 1946

Miles Cox announces that he is moving the Amboy Shoe Repair Shop

50 Years Ago Sept. 9, 1971

Sharon Ann Pry, Sublette, has been named as the Goodwill Industries

representative for the Southeast Dixon area, according to Al Soldwish, Community Relations Director for Goodwill Industries.

Mrs. Terry Schammel and son Brad returned to their home in St. Louis, Mo., Monday after spending two weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bulfer.

Robert Smith has opened his new automobile repair shop at Bob's Super Service on US Route 52, Amboy. The repair shop occupies a new building adjoining the service station at the rear. Mr. Smith has employed two mechanics, Howard Rachev and Bob Fox.

25 Years Ago Sept. 5, 1996

Sixteen year old Santiago Jarnrca drowned at the Woodhaven Lake campgrounds, south of Amboy, apparently on Sunday, according to Lee County Sheriff Tim Bivins.

Jeff Moore was the winner of \$4,820 in the Depot Days Car Show 50/50 raffle. Proceeds from the raffle benefit the restoration of the Depot Museum.

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LOCAL NEWS

September is National Preparedness Month in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — This year marks the 20th anniversary of the deadliest terror attack on U.S. soil. The events of that fateful day ignited a culture of preparedness which is now instilled in the fabric of our emergency response mechanism. National Preparedness Month is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning. Disasters don't wait, and they can strike at anytime and anywhere. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA), and local emergency managers, are encouraging Illinoisans to take time to prepare for potential emergencies at homes, at work, and in the community.

"This is the perfect time to prepare yourself and those you love for unexpected emergencies or disasters," said IEMA Director Alicia Tate-Nadeau. "Preparedness is more than building a kit,

it's about communication, mitigation and education. While being prepared will not prevent a disaster, it will provide the foundation for an expedited recovery and instill the confidence to meet challenges when they arise."

This year, residents are encouraged to consider COVID-19 guidelines when evaluating and improving their family emergency plan. Some things to consider include:

- **Make a Plan for When a Disaster Strikes:** Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters (tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, etc.) could affect your area, and know how you will contact one another or reconnect if separated. How will your family adjust its routine should a member of your family require quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19? Plan today for different scenarios that could

impact your work, school or family routine.

- **Build a Kit:** Once a disaster strikes, you will not have time to shop or search for supplies, so it's important to have supplies pre-assembled. A kit should contain basic survival items necessary during an emergency, such as food, water, weather radio, batteries, medication, supplies for each member of your family. It is also recommended that you include face masks, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes in your emergency supply kit to address the current COVID-19 environment. Because a disaster can strike anywhere, Emergency kits should be kept at home, at work and in your car.

- **Prepare for Disasters:** Limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family. Learn how to make your home stronger in the wake of a storm or other hazards by implementing low-cost home improvement

projects. Review your insurance policies to determine what would be covered in the event of a flood or storm. Also, practicing tornado drills and fire drills aren't just for school. Walking through this procedure at home with your family, and at work with your co-workers, is a great way to prepare for a disaster.

- **Teach Youth** how to Prepare for Disasters: Disaster planning, response, and recovery efforts should take into account the unique needs of children, who make up roughly a quarter of the U.S. population. Get kids involved in building their own emergency kit. Make sure to include your child's

favorite stuffed animals, board games, books or music in their emergency kit to comfort them in a disaster. Ready Kids website has a variety of tools and information that can be incorporated into lesson planning for educators statewide.

Educational Briefs

SVCC President's, Deans' List Announced for Summer 2021 Semester

DIXON — Sauk Valley Community College students have been named to the President's List for high academic achievement during the fall semester. Another 26 students made the Deans' List. The students and their hometowns

include:

President's List—Part-Time students (4.0 GPA)
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NOTICE

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Supervisor's Statement of Financial Affairs I, Daniel Stephenitch, Supervisor of Sublette Township, Lee County, Ill., being duly sworn, depose and say that the statement is a correct report for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2021
Fiscal Year April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021

TOWN FUND

Beginning Balance April 1, 2020.....\$57,922.55
Revenues:
Property Tax.....\$40,764.94
Replacement Tax.....\$2,257.26
Interest Income.....\$193.69
Insurance Refund.....\$377.00
Misc. Income.....\$0
Total Revenue.....\$43,592.89

Expenditures:

Utilities.....\$3,819.51
Administration.....\$15,099.18
Audit.....\$1,900.00
Insurance.....\$0
Wages.....\$9,265.38
Taxes.....\$8,327.01
Publication.....\$0
Misc. Expenses.....\$1,376.84
Total Expenditures.....\$39,787.92
Ending Balance March 31, 2021.....\$61,727.52

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Beginning Balance April 1, 2020.....\$42,525.42
Revenue:
Interest Income/Prop. Tax.....\$1,089.24
Expenditures:
Ending Balance March 31, 2021.....\$43,614.66

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Beginning Balance April 1, 2020.....\$166,554.08
Revenue:
Property Taxes.....\$0
Interest Income.....\$467.02
Tiling Expense.....\$5,031.30
Ending Balance March 31, 2021.....\$161,989.80

EQUIPMENT & BUILDING

Beginning Balance April 1, 2020.....\$69,242.57
Revenue:
Property Taxes.....\$11,023.69
Interest Income.....\$195.99
Hauling Motor Fuel.....\$0
Total Revenue.....\$11,219.68
Ending Balance March 31, 2021.....\$80,462.25

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Beginning Balance April 1, 2020.....\$16,230.94
Revenue:
Property Taxes.....\$10,027.76
Rental Income.....\$1,652.00
Interest Income.....\$10.07
Insurance Refund.....\$0
Total Revenue.....\$11,689.83
Expenditures:
Administration.....\$0
Insurance.....\$0
Utilities.....\$1,681.87
Main. & Repair.....\$425.00
Misc. Expenses.....\$2,772.22
Total Expenditures.....\$4,879.09
Ending Balance March 31, 2021.....\$23,041.68

ROAD & BRIDGE

Beginning Balance April 1, 2020.....\$181,743.34
Revenue:
Property Taxes.....\$86,645.44
Replacement Taxes.....\$4,346.77
Interest Income.....\$678.59
Insurance Refund.....\$910.00
Misc. Income.....\$190.27
Total Revenue.....\$92,771.07
Expenditures:
Civil Construction.....\$14,631.20
Wages.....\$10,686.11
Vaessen Implement.....\$3,095.29
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Misc. Expenses.....\$2,574.30
Total Expenses.....\$54,054.67
Ending Balance March 31, 2021.....\$220,459.74
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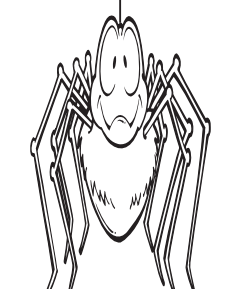
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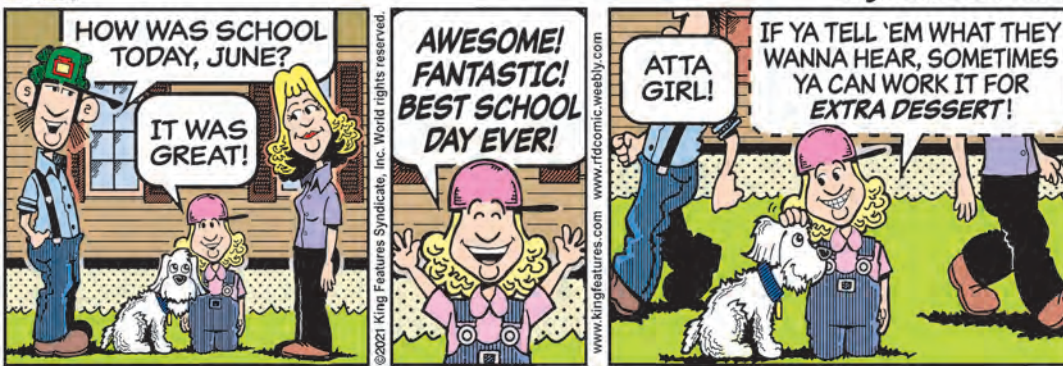
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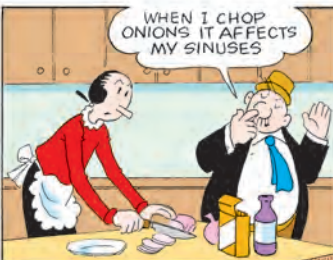
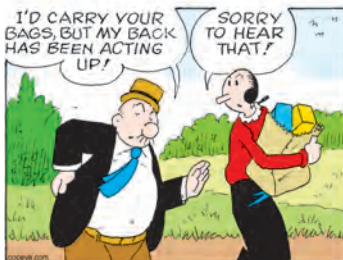
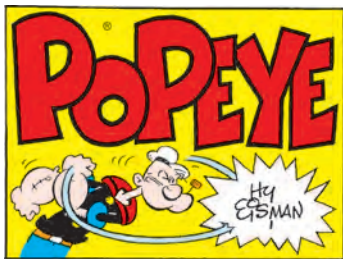
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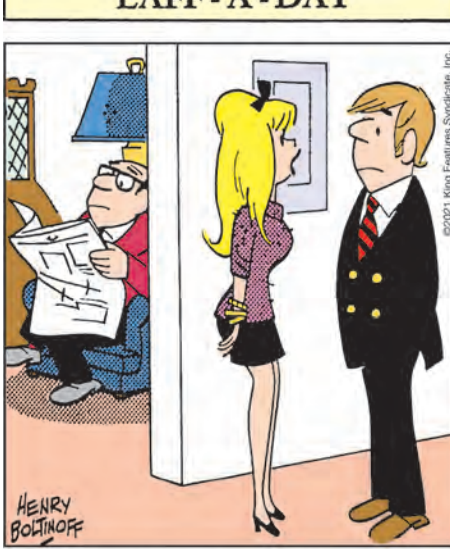


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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"Here's your chance to make a good impression on Daddy. He's looking for somebody who'll loan him \$100."

SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

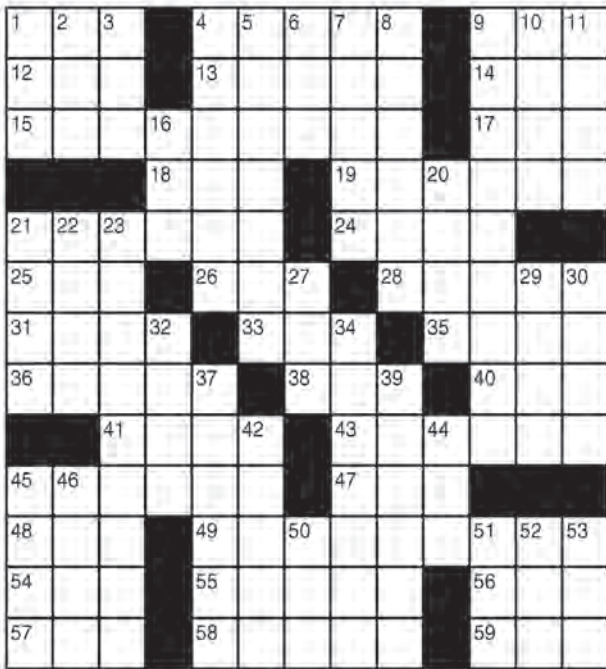
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TODAY'S WORD

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Pool stick
- 4 Gasoline dispensers
- 9 Attorney's field
- 12 "Right you —!"
- 13 Not moving
- 14 Blond shade
- 15 Online reference source
- 17 Carefree
- 18 By way of
- 19 Pancake toppings
- 21 Museum tour guide
- 24 — Hari
- 25 Swelled head
- 26 Solidify
- 28 Semesters
- 31 Stately trees
- 33 Homer's neighbor
- 35 Mt. Rushmore's state
- 36 Seized vehicles
- 38 Dict. info
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- 41 Hgt.
- 43 Ancient pyramid builders
- 45 Bale
- 47 Mineral suffix
- 48 Days of yore
- 49 Sibelius work or vodka

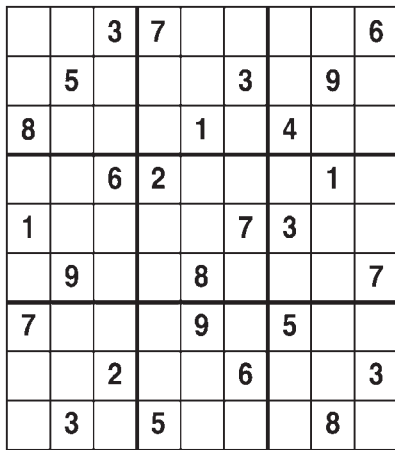


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| 56 Inventor Whitney | 10 Now, in a memo | 34 Cecil B. — |
| 57 Goat's plaint | 11 Reasons | 37 Arm's-length portrait |
| 58 Lauder of cosmetics | 16 "— been had!" | 39 Femme — |
| 59 Marry | 20 Numbered rds. | 42 Ore layers |
| | 21 Woodland grazer | 44 Longing |
| | 22 Leer at | 45 Smile broadly |
| | 23 Summaries | 46 Forearm bone |
| | 27 Went first | 50 Rebel Turner |
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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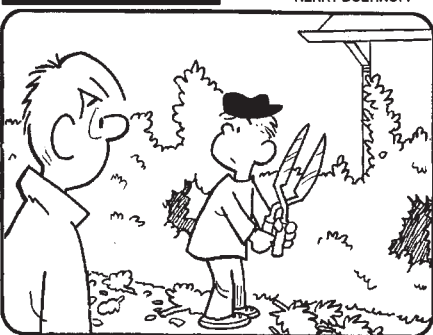
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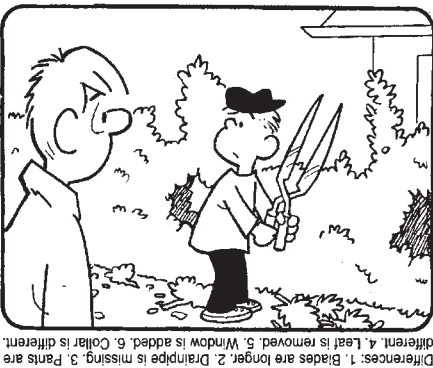
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINGOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Blades are longer. 2. Drapery is missing. 3. Parts are different. 4. Leaf is removed. 5. Window is added. 6. Collar is different.

CALORIES

Today's Word

- 3. Impair; 4. Raise
- 1. Optical 2. Crease;

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: N equals P

WZNNUWAMP J SJHHTG DZWHTGD

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FUZTL VG NDUKJKTR KG LUAMP?

HJIAMP WHUSI.

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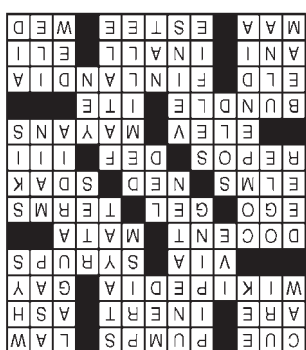
Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is Yogi Bear's home in the animated "The Yogi Bear Show"?
- GAMES: How many answers are possible in the Magic 8-Ball game?
- LITERATURE: What is the Grinch's home in "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is a penny mostly made of?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country that borders the United Kingdom?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of creature is a mandrill?
- MOVIES: Which rock group does The Dude hate in "The Big Lebowski"?
- FOOD & DRINK: In which decade did the first Taco Bell open?
- MUSIC: Which city is the setting for Eminem's "8 Mile"?
- AD SLOGANS: What product is advertised as being "good to the last drop"?

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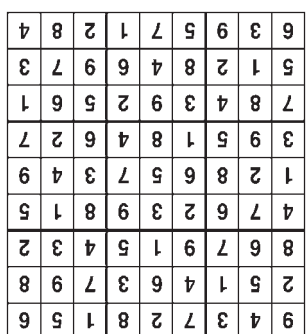
- Jellystone Park
- 20
- Mount Crumpit
- Zinc coated with copper
- Ireland
- A monkey
- The Eagles
- 1960s (1962)
- Detroit
- Maxwell House coffee



Solution time: 22 mins.

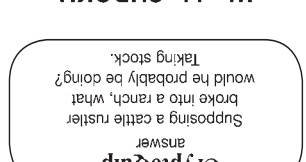
Answers

King Crossword



Answer

Weekly SUDOKU



Supposing a cattle rustler broke into a ranch, what would he probably be doing? Taking stock.

answer

Cryptoquip

LOCAL NEWS

Clipper Highlights: #88 Jim Cover

This week I get the honor of highlighting a Clipper I have never personally met, but have always heard of. His exploits on the gridiron not only helped carry his Clipper team to a Conference Championship and State Runner-Up season, but would sustain a defensive philosophy in all ranks of Clipper Football for decades after his cleats were hung up. I am absolutely honored to announce this week's Clipper, #88, Our "Monster Back," Jim Cover.

Jim was a 1980 graduate of Amboy High School and arguably the hardest hitter our program has ever seen. From all I have heard of Jim, his abilities as a tackler would make even the best in today's game envious. Not the fastest, not the strongest, and definitely not the biggest athlete on the field but when those attributes all balance out in one athlete, you get one hell of a good football player.

Jim started on the 1979, State Runner-Up Clipper team. Jim was the Monster in our 5-2 Monster defensive scheme. For those that don't know the Monster position, it is a strong safety type athlete who is the only defensive player to move to the strength of the offense. Whether the strength is a receiver, a running back, the field side, or the short side the Monster was expected to be there. It is my belief, and the belief of many others, that Jim is the reason this position was still utilized in my years as a Clipper, nearly three decades after Jim and the 1979 Clippers pioneered Amboy's place in Illinois Football History.

I've shared, in past highlights (Rick Considine, George Schwamberger, Greg King, and Mark Kaleel) the great offensive talent on the 1979 Runner-Up team but this highlight focuses solely on the, almost unmatchable, talent on the defensive side of

the football. As I mentioned, the greatest men, so highly revered in life, and the greatest men to have played in our program. The pioneers of our tradition; Considine, McCoy, McCaffrey, Kaleel, Powers, Setchell, King, Schwamberger and Cover. From the names to the stories, I don't think any Clipper class or team could have impacted our program as theirs has.

Jim was a crucial part in a 1979-80 regular season. Victories coming over Mendota, Morrison, and Riverdale, the Clipper defense stood the ultimate test in the grueling conference schedule. Faced with shutting down every opponent's best weapon or best player, Jim was fearless. Even when meeting 230 pound, Morrison Running Back, Steve Brondyke, Jim wouldn't back down.

Jim shared, "I always saw stars every time I hit him."

One of Jim's best games came against Stockton in the Second round of the 2A playoffs. Jim had a "Monster" game and racked up 23 defensive points in the Clipper victory. The inaugural playoff season in program history ended with a Runner-Up trophy enshrined at Amboy High School forever. For Jim, no All State or All Conference accolades were earned, but what most All Conference players, from that or any season, cannot say is that their position lasted the test of time purely because of them and that is exactly what we can say for Jim. I remember the 5-2 Monster defense from my days as a Clipper in Junior Tackle and in High School. I remember the stress on the Monster position and moreover the mold of player our coaches wanted for it. Jim played the game at maybe 145-150 pounds and each athlete I saw play that position since, had similar attributes as Jim. However, never seeing Jim play, and

Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



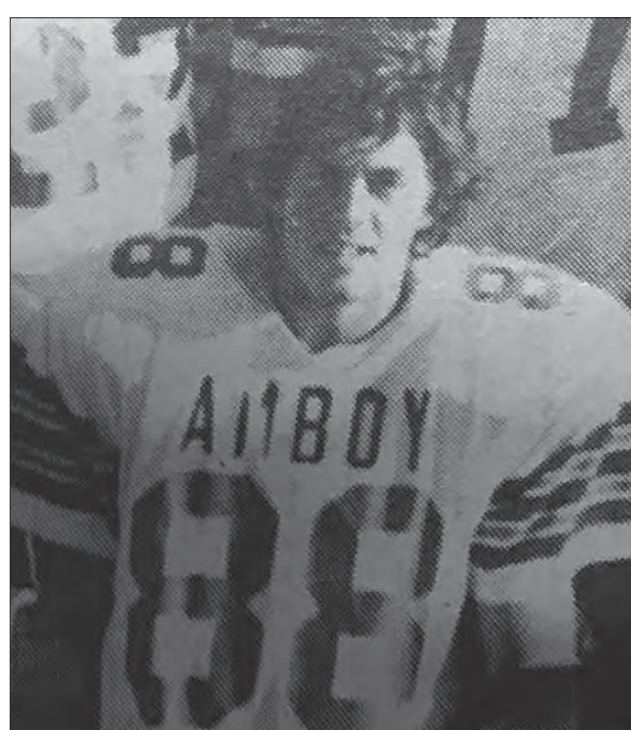
going only from stories and the Monsters I have seen, I can say that no one did it like Jim did.

I got to speak to some of the greatest our program has seen, prior to writing this article. Here are their accounts of their time being Jim's teammate.

Mark Kaleel said, "Jim was the hardest hitter on the team. He was like a torpedo with his arms back and coming right at you. He worked hard and gave it all every single play. He's always been one of my really great friends."

Dennis McCoy said, "He was the hardest hitter you would have ever seen. He would rock your world and he was only 145 pounds. A good guy with a good work ethic. Just a super tremendous person."

Dean Powers said, "I remember getting ready to play Stockton in the Second round of the playoffs and their running backs wore tear away, T-Shirt jerseys so they could run out of arm tackles. I remember Jim saying he was going to make sure he took them down, rip their jersey off, and go tell them to get a new one because it was coming all game. He was an antagonist on the field. He loved to hit and played hard every single play. He



#88 Jim Cover

was fearless and had a great nose for the game. He hit hard even in practice so I guess he practiced what he preached."

Mark McCaffrey said, "He had great closing speed. He may not have matched everyone step for step, but if the ball was in his area he had the closing speed to get there. He was one of the hardest hitters on the team, it didn't matter how big the running back he would take them down. He earned his role on the team and deserved it."

Rick Considine said, "Jim played what is similar to the Strong Safety position in today's game. All of his attributes came together, his speed, toughness, athleticism, and football intelligence all came together to fit his role to our team so well. We had so many of those great role players and Jim was a guy like that along with being a great teammate and great leader too. Jim was always one to do his job, do it very well, and also have a lot of fun."

Again, having never personally met Jim, his team-

mates' words are all I would need to know his character as a man. Jim has inspired so many, as I can remember my Uncle Mark sharing stories before my Clipper seasons that involved Jim but those same stories left their impact on a Clipper much closer to Jim.

Jim's Nephew, Austin Cover, a key member of the 2012 Quarterfinal team shared, "I know he was as mean as they come and was not scared of anything on or off the field. I used to listen to the stories and wanted to play just like him. I don't think I ever quite got there but it always pushed me to work harder. He was the reason I started playing football. When he would be in town for a game, those games had a different feeling for me."

I had the great opportunity before writing this article to speak to Jim and his "Kindergarten Sweetheart," his wife Sherry. After sharing with them what we have been doing for the past year, Jim shared his meaning of his days as a Clipper.

"I loved football and I was so proud to be a Clipper," Jim said.

Sherry added all of the lifelong friendships that Jim has today because of his time as a Clipper.

For those of you that do not know, Jim is a 21 year brain cancer survivor. Jim has fought the hardest battles of his life off of the field and is a great success story. What most would call one with Jim's strength a fighter, I call him a Clipper. What he has shown in the Clipper Red and in his fight against cancer is fearlessness and the will to win.

So, to the original Clipper Monster Back, #88, Jim Cover, thank you for your contributions to Clipper Football. I speak for all of your closest Clipper friends, the Clippers who have heard of your great stories, and all Clippers yet to come in saying you will never be short of prayers. I have a great appreciation for you and Sherry's time before this article and I hope it brings you both the joy it has brought me and all of your former teammates in crafting it. 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.

Amboy library received grant

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SPORTS



The girls cross country team begins the race at Seneca High School on Friday, Sept. 3. Photo courtesy of Heather Loftus



The Amboy Boys Cross Country team finished in third place at the Seneca Cross Country meet on Friday, Sept. 3. Photo courtesy of Heather Loftus

Amboy boys finished in third place at Seneca Cross Country meet

SENECA – Amboy boy cross country team finished in third place at the Twilight in the Woods Seneca FFA cross country meet on Sept. 3.

In the boys' race, the Clippers finished third in the team standings with 91 points. Herscher took the top spot with 69 points. Other competing schools were Sandwich (88), Kankakee (115), Seneca (119), Morris (128), Minonk (179), Beecher (197), Plano (213), Ottawa (239) and Streator (247). Two Amboy runners finished in the top eight. Brock Loftus

crossed the finish line in third place with a time of 16:52.7 and Ian Eller finished in seventh at 17:48.1.

Other competitors for Amboy were Charlie Dickinson (24th, 19:19), Wyatt Lundquist (30th, 20:12.8) and Ryan Dickinson (31st, 20:23.6) and Atticus Horner (32nd, 20:26.3).

Drew Rogers of Herscher was the overall individual champion with a time of 15:52.6.

In the girls' race, four runners took to the course for the Lady Clippers, who did not place in the top seven teams.

Morris grabbed first-place honors with 35 points, followed by Seneca (63), Ottawa (85), Herscher (92) and Beecher (94).

Lauren Althaus was the first Lady Clipper to cross the finish line and was 15th overall with a time of 22:28.1. Elly Jones was next in 20th place in 23:15, while Bailey Ellis placed 35th in 25:38.9. Natalie Pratt (46th, 28:00.4) also raced for Amboy.

Evelyn O'Connor of Seneca was the first runner through the chute in a time of 20:27.9.

Amboy golfers post results of meet

Results of Amboy High School golf meets are as follows:

Aug. 16 – Shady Oaks

Varsity
Amboy 180, Freeport Aquin 196, Durand-Pecatonica 224

Amboy scores: Wes Wilson 39, Hayden Wittenauer 54, Jordan Harris 45, Jackson Rogers 44, Griffin Bushman 52, Ethan Pratt 60

Junior Varsity
No team scores
Amboy scores: Luke Corcoran 60, Carson Barlow 62, Bryson Full 64

Aug. 19 – Shady Oaks

Varsity
Amboy 177, Polo 261
Amboy scores: Wes Wilson 36, Jackson Rogers 47, Jordan Harris 48, Hayden Wittenauer 46, Griffin Bushman 59, Ethan Pratt 54

Junior Varsity
No team scores
Amboy scores: Luke Corcoran 51, Carson Barlow 61, Bryson Full 67

Girls
Polo 246, Amboy 248
Amboy scores: Greta Horner 57, Emma Dinges 63, Andrea Buhrow 56, Gracie Homegren 72

Aug. 24 – Galena South Course
Varsity
East Dubuque 179, River Ridge/Scales Mound 180, Amboy 187

Amboy scores: Wes Wilson 41, Jackson Rogers 45, Hayden Wittenauer 47, Ethan Pratt 54, Griffin Bushman 63, Luke Corcoran 70

Aug. 25 – Shady Oaks

Varsity
Amboy 171, West Carroll no score
Amboy scores: Wes Wilson 40, Jackson Rogers 47, Hayden Wittenauer 41, Ethan Pratt 43, Carson Barlow 63, Luke Corcoran 61

Aug. 30 – Fulton Country Club
Varsity
Fulton 165, Amboy 181, Stockton

188
Amboy scores: Wes Wilson 43, Jackson Rogers 46, Hayden Wittenauer 43, Ethan Pratt 57, Carson Barlow 60, Griffin Bushman 49

Junior Varsity
No team scores
Amboy scores: Luke Corcoran 66, Bryson Full 70

Sept. 1 – Lena/Wolf Hollow

Varsity
Amboy 172, Lena-Winslow 211
Amboy scores: Wes Wilson 38, Jackson Rogers 44, Hayden Wittenauer 42, Ethan Pratt 48, Carson Barlow 61, Griffin Bushman 51

Junior Varsity
No team scores
Amboy scores: Luke Corcoran 54, Bryson Full 61

Girls
No team scores
Amboy scores: Greta Horner 63, Andrea Buhrow 64

Lady Clippers lose to Hiawatha, Oregon

AMBOY — Hiawatha needed three sets to defeat the Amboy Lady Clippers, 25-16, 11-25, 25-21, in varsity volleyball action on Aug. 30 at Kirkland.

Courtney Orgtiesen picked up four blocks, four kills and four digs for the Lady Clippers. Chloe Heath added five aces, two kills and four digs, while Elly

Jones had three aces and 11 assists. Lexi Ketchum helped out with a pair of kills and Madison O'Malley recorded two aces.

Oregon turned back the Lady Clippers, 25-15, 25-11, on Sept. 2 at the AHS gym.

Tyrah Vaessen and Orgtiesen collected three and two kills, respectively for Amboy. Others leading the stat chart were O'Malley with two aces, Vaessen with two blocks and Jones with seven assists.

Clippers lose to Milledgeville Sept. 3

MILLEDGEVILLE – Milledgeville posted a 24-14 triumph over the Amboy-LaMoille-Ohio Clippers in varsity football action on Sept. 3 at Milledgeville.

The Missiles held a 16-6 halftime advantage and managed to finish off the game with that same 10-point margin.

The Clippers scored on a 1-yard touchdown run by quarterback Tucker Lindenmeyer, while he connected with Joe Quest on a 6-yard TD pass for the other A-L-O score.

The Clippers (1-1) will return to action on Friday, Sept. 10 when they entertain Polo at the AHS field. Kick-off is at 7 p.m. The Marcos are 2-0 on the season after defeating Milledgeville, 40-38, in week one and routing Ashton-Franklin Center, 56-0, last week.

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Bailey Ellis placed 35th with a time of 25:38.9 at the Seneca Cross Country meet on Sept. 3. Photo courtesy of Heather Loftus

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Grape Tomatoes

pint

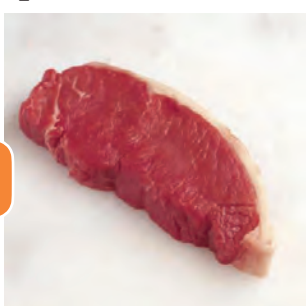


\$1.69 /pint

HOT BUYS

AMBOY DELI

New York Strip Steak



\$10.99 /lb.
Reg. Price \$14.99 /lb.

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Andouille Rope Sausage



\$5.99 /lb.
Reg. Price \$6.99 /lb.

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Golden Plump Chicken Wings



\$3.99 /lb.
Reg. Price 4.99 /lb.

AMBOY DELI

Double Meatzilla or Supreme Pizza



\$16.99

King's Charcoal

16 lb. bag



\$9.99 /ea.
Reg. Price \$13.99 /ea.

Food Club Chunk Cheese

8 oz.



\$1.99
Reg. Price \$2.79 ea.

WEEKLY SPECIALS

Ore-Ida Just Crack an Egg

2-3 oz.



2/\$4

Reg. Price \$2.99 ea.

Pillsbury Toaster Strudles

11.7 oz.



\$2.29

Reg. Price \$2.79 ea.

Creamette Pasta

16 oz. assorted



\$1.29

Reg. Price \$1.79 ea.

Silk Milk

64 oz.



2/\$6

Reg. Price \$3.99 ea.

Food Club Cottage Cheese

24 oz.



\$2.99

Reg. Price \$3.79 ea.

V-8 Vegetable Juice



2/\$5

Reg. Price \$3.39 ea.

Kraft Macaroni and Cheese

4 Pack Cups



\$4.99 ea.

Reg. Price \$5.79 ea.

Oscar Mayer Bacon

12-16 oz



\$6.49 /ea.

Reg. Price \$7.99 /ea

Joseph Campione Garlic Bread

8-16 oz.



2/\$5

Reg. Price \$3.09 /ea

Minute Rice, Success Rice or Minute Quinoa

12-14 oz.



\$1.78 ea.

Reg. Price \$2.29 ea.

Newman's Own Salsa

16 oz.



\$2.99

Reg. Price \$3.79 ea.