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## FRESH FROM THE GROUND AND KITCHEN

Every Friday at the Amboy Depot Museum parking lot, area vendors set up and offer goods at Amboy's Farmers' Market.  
Mary Mays/Amboy News



## GRAND MARSHALLS

Amboy Lions Jim Travi and Roger Wittenauer unveiled a banner at the recent Amboy Lions' Club meeting announcing who was this year's Amboy Depot Days Parade Grand Marshalls. The club is honoring the original Depot Days car show committee this year.  
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## IDPH fully aligns with new CDC masking recommendations

**SPRINGFIELD** — The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced it is fully adopting updated Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) masking recommendations to protect against COVID-19 and the Delta variant. CDC recommends that everyone, including fully vaccinated individuals, wear a mask in public indoor setting in areas with substantial and high transmission. CDC is also recommending universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.

"While data continues to show the

effectiveness of the three COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized in the U.S., including against the Delta variant, we are still seeing the virus rapidly spread among the unvaccinated," said IDPH Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike. "Cases and hospitalizations due to COVID-19 both continue to increase, overwhelmingly among the unvaccinated, but the risk is greater for everyone if we do not stop the ongoing spread of the virus and the Delta variant. We know masking can help prevent transmission of COVID-19 and its variants. Until more people are vaccinated, we join

CDC in recommending everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask indoors in areas of substantial and high transmissions, and in K-12 schools."

According to CDC, data show the Delta variant is much more contagious. Delta spreads more than twice as easily from one person to another compared to other strains. According to CDC, the Delta variant is causing some vaccine breakthrough infections, but even so, most breakthrough infections are mild, and the vaccines are preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

Areas of substantial transmission are considered by CDC to be those with 50 to 99 cases per 100,000 people over a 7-day period. Areas of high transmission are considered to be those with more than 100 cases per 100,000 people over a 7-day period. The community level of transmission can be found here <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>.

IDPH will be updating school FAQs and other guidance posted online to reflect the latest CDC Interim Public Health Recommendations for Full Vaccinated People.

## Apply by Aug. 20 for Farm Bureau Ag Innovation Challenge

**WASHINGTON** — The American Farm Bureau Federation, in partnership with Farm Credit, is accepting online applications for the 2022 Farm Bureau Ag Innovation Challenge through Aug. 20. This national business competition showcases U.S. startup companies that are providing innovative solutions to either traditional or new/emerging challenges faced by America's farmers, ranchers and rural communities. Farm Bureau will award \$165,000 in startup funds.

The 2021 winner, Riley Clubb with Harvust, developed a software platform that helps farmers success-

fully hire, train and communicate with employees. Butter Meat Co., a 2021 semi-finalist company led by Jill Gould, is a beef supply chain startup focused on improving the value proposition of retired dairy cows as beef for farmers and consumers.

Farm Bureau and Farm Credit will select 10 startup companies to compete as semi-finalists at the AFBF Convention in January 2022 in Atlanta, Georgia. The 10 semi-finalist teams will be announced Oct. 5 and awarded \$10,000 each. These 10 teams will compete to advance to the final round where four teams will

receive an additional \$5,000 each and compete live on stage in front of Farm Bureau members, investors and industry representatives. The final four teams will compete to win:

Farm Bureau Ag Innovation Challenge Winner, for a total of \$50,000

Farm Bureau Ag Innovation Challenge Runner-up, for a total of \$20,000

People's Choice Team selected by public vote, for an additional \$5,000 (all 10 semi-finalist teams compete for this honor)

The top 10 semi-finalist teams will participate in pitch training and mentorship from Cornell University's

Dyson School of Applied Economics & Management faculty prior to competing at AFBF's Convention. In addition, the top 10 semi-finalist teams will have the opportunity to network with industry leaders and venture capital representatives from the Agriculture Department's Rural Business Investment Companies.

Entrepreneurs must be Farm Bureau members to qualify as top 10 semi-finalists. Applicants who are not Farm Bureau members can join a state Farm Bureau of their choice. Visit <https://www.fb.org/about/join> to learn about becoming a member.



# LOCAL NEWS



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## Senators, Representatives call for swift action to preserve Illinois' energy infrastructure, including Byron and Dresden plants

**BYRON**—Deputy Senate Republican Leader Sue Rezin (R-Morris) and State Senator Brian Stewart (R-Freeport) along with Deputy House Republican Leader Tom Demmer (R-Dixon), and House Republican Conference Chair Leader David Welter (R-Morris) issued a joint statement calling for legislative leaders to reconvene the Illinois General Assembly at the earliest possible date to pass legislation that will keep the state's nuclear fleet online and extend Illinois' renewable portfolio standard (RPS):

"If action is not taken soon, tens of thousands of workers will lose their livelihoods, millions of utility customers across Illinois will begin paying higher energy costs, and we will all suffer an immediate environmental impact equivalent to putting 4.4 million additional cars

on the road, emitting carbon and other harmful sources of air pollution. Too much is at stake to wait for the demands of every individual interest group to be satisfied in a comprehensive energy package. We must act now to pass the provisions there is broad agreement on, which include preserving Illinois' nuclear fleet and extending the state's renewable portfolio standard with incentives for critical solar and wind initiatives. We are committed to passing these items now and coming back to the table to negotiate the more long-term aspects of Illinois' energy future with the various stakeholders between now and the General Assembly's Fall Veto Session in October. Time is of the essence. We cannot wait until later this autumn to protect energy jobs, protect our environment, and prevent dramatic rate hikes on utility

customers."

Senator Stewart and Leader Demmer represent the district that includes the Byron Generating Station in Ogle County. Leader Rezin and Leader Welter represent the district that includes the Dresden Generating Station in Grundy County.

Exelon Generation, owner of the nuclear plants at Byron and Dresden, filed decommission reports on July 28, among the final steps required by law to retire the two plants this autumn.

## Mask policy reinstated

**SPRINGFIELD**—Due to a recent increase in COVID-19 cases, Secretary of State Jesse White announced that Driver Services facilities, Secretary of State offices and the Illinois State Capitol Building will require all employees and customers to wear a mask beginning Monday, Aug. 2.

White stressed that it is imperative for his facilities to remain open to serve the public to reduce the heavy customer volume caused by the COVID-19 pandemic over the last year.

White is reminding customers that his office extended expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards until Jan. 1, 2022. As a result, expired documents will remain valid until Jan. 1, 2022, so customers do not need to rush into a facility.

As a reminder, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the federal REAL ID deadline to May 3, 2023.

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## Growing From Sinner to Saint: A Retreat with St. Peter!

**Tuesday, August 10th St. Mary of the Assumption, West Brooklyn 7:30 am Mass with retreat talk to follow; also 7:00 pm West Brooklyn**

**Wednesday, August 11th Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sublette 8:00 am Mass with retreat talk to follow; also 7:00 pm Sublette**

**Thursday, August 12th St. Patrick Church 7:00 pm**

**Friday, August 13th St. Patrick Church, Maytown 8:00 am Mass with retreat talk to follow**

**THESE ARE A FEW OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL BE ASKED ON OUR SUMMER RETREAT**

**-Will I let the love of Jesus fill the empty places in my heart - the places where I feel: loneliness, neediness, or emptiness?**

**-Why is it a virtue to recognize a miracle?**

**-What should one do when you witness a miracle in your life?**

**-Do we find it a privilege to share a "Cross" with Jesus?**

**-Are you overjoyed that God has revealed to you, His Son's presence in the Eucharist?**

**-Are you a 'rock' or a 'stumbling block' to Jesus?**

**-Who is Jesus to you, and what does Jesus expect from you?**

**-God doesn't expect us to understand His plan of salvation for our life, but surely God calls us to appreciate all His Son has done for us!**

**-Are you aware of your potential for sin; as well as, your potential for goodness?**

**For more information call 815-849-5412**





## LOCAL NEWS

## TEEN TURF

## Upcoming Events

School supplies give away-please contact us if you need supplies for K-8th grade either by Facebook messenger or at the building 815-857-4800. Please tell us the name and their upcoming grade. We will be giving them away in August. We are also in need of supplies too: 24 count Crayola markers; Pink erasers; 24 count Crayola crayons; 4 function Calculators and primary colors paper folders-no clasp.

## 4-H Pancake Breakfast

Thank you to the following people: Mark and Veronica Grossman; Eileen Piper; Fran Kessel; Donna Wellman; Gabby Ketchum; Jasmine Gillan; Janine Huffman; Christine Ann; Pam Thomas; Shannon Nichols; Shelli Bump; Barb Harrison; Brooklyn Strub; Alexis Cheever; Sydney Thomas; Jarrett Dempsey; Maddy Thomas; Kaysi Schaeffer; Kaylee Scanland; Lila Rieskamp; Jillian Rieskamp; Addison Bump; Kaitlyn Dempsey; Demetrius Haley; Hayden Thomas; Anthony Linder; Marykatherine Stenzel; Gibson Ramirez and Matthew Farrar. Thank you to The Lee County Fair Board for having us as well.

## Thank You's

We are blessed by the following people who donated: Margaret Shaw for the bears; Leon Poliquin and Pat Yoo for the candy; Eddie Lopez-Cerda for the computer monitors; Van Loo Family for the school supplies and clothes; Jim and Sandy Mahar for the baby swing and Pete and Connie Kemp for the school supplies.

## Needs

School supplies-see above or for a more detailed list, see Facebook

## Final Word

Heavenly Father, we may not understand how everything will work out, but we trust you. We don't see a way, but we know you will make a way. We have faith at this very moment you are touching hearts, opening doors and lining up the right breaks and the right opportunities. Things may look dark and bleak now, but we have faith that our dawn is coming. Amen.

## Lee County nominees sought for distinguished service award

**AMBOY** — The success of the Lee County Farm Bureau is only possible with the hard work and dedication of our members. There are countless members who have spent many nights, many weekends, and many hours over the years, volunteering their time because they believe in the mission of Farm Bureau and for the betterment of agriculture.

The Lee County Farm Bureau wants to recognize our members for their years of loyal service and for the impact that they have had in agriculture and our community. The Lee County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award was established to recognize an individual or couple who has shown exemplary leadership and service to Farm Bureau, agriculture, and farmers in Lee County and beyond.

You are encouraged to nominate someone who you believe is deserving of this recognition. A short nomination application is available on the Lee County Farm Bureau website, [www.leecfb.org](http://www.leecfb.org), and is due to the Lee County Farm Bureau by Sept. 1, 2021. For more information, please contact us, (815) 857-3531 or [leecfb@comcast.net](mailto:leecfb@comcast.net).



### Granny Rose - Katnis

*Katnis is 2 years old. She was rescued from outside at a young age after her mother disappeared. Katnis has a beautiful gray, peach, and cream markings of a short hair diluted tortoiseshell. She is full of energy and loves playtime in the kitty playroom with all the various toys. Katnis loves a window to gaze out of. She likes to play with a kitty friend and might do well with another cat in a home. Right now, she just doesn't take the time of cuddle much with people. Katnis is busy playing and exploring and pouncing on toys! She can be fun and entertaining, but is shy with strangers at first. Noisy young children make her want to hide and dogs terrify her. A home with adults and older children would be the best fit for her. Katnis is spayed, vaccinated, and ready to go to her new home. To see Katnis, call Granny Rose Animal Shelter at 815-288-PETS(7387) or visit [www.grannyrose.org](http://www.grannyrose.org).*

Photo contributed

## 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](http://www.lchd.com) for a list of services available.

**DIXON**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 4, at the YMCA, 110 N. Galena Rd. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

**SUBLETTE**-The Annual Sublette One Day Tractor Ride will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 4. Participants will depart Sublette Centennial Park at 8 a.m. or Amboy City Park at 9 a.m. For more information, call Don Dinges at 815-713-5675.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Farmer's Market will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on Friday, Aug. 6, in the Depot Museum parking lot. No market during Depot Days. Vendors are welcome. Call Alice Dukes with questions at 815-857-4015.

**DIXON**-The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive from 1 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 6, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 421 S. Peoria Ave. Call the Red Cross at 800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) to make an appointment to donate. Download the Blood Donor App.

**FRANKLIN GROVE**-The Dixon Park District and Franklin Creek Grist Mill will partner together for Movies in the Park to present "The Lion King" at 8:15 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 7, at Franklin Creek Grist Mill, 1893 Twist Rd. Bring a chair, food, blanket and friends.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Fire Protection District Board will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 9, at the Fire Station.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Lions Club will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 9, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

**SUBLETTE**-The Sublette Village Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 9, at the Ellice Dinges Center, 202 S. West St.

**WESTBROOKLYN**-On Tuesday, Aug. 10, St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 2520 Johnson St., will host the summer retreat, Growing From Sinner to Saint, with a Mass at 7:30 a.m. with a

retreat talk to follow and Mass at 7 p.m. with retreat talk following. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

**EAST GROVE TWP**-The East Grove Township Board Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 10, at the East Grove Township Hall.

**SUBLETTE** - On Wednesday, Aug. 11, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 202 Locust St., will host the summer retreat, Growing From Sinner to Saint, with a Mass at 8 a.m. with a retreat talk to follow and Mass at 7 p.m. with a retreat talk following. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

**AMBOY**-The Amboy Township meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the township building, 106 S. Prospect.

**MAY TWP**-The May Township meeting will be held at 7:30 on Wednesday, Aug. 11, at the township maintenance building.

**MENDOTA**-The 74th Annual Sweet Corn Festival will be held Thursday - Sunday, Aug. 12 - 15 in and around the downtown area. Visit [www.sweetcornfestival.com](http://www.sweetcornfestival.com) for a full schedule of events.

**MAYTOWN**-On Thursday, Aug. 12, St. Patrick Church, 1336 Maytown Rd., will host the summer retreat, Growing From Sinner to Saint, with a Mass at 7 p.m. with a retreat talk following. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

**LEE CENTER TWP**-The Lee Center Township meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 12, at the Township Building, 2202 Shaw Rd., Amboy.

**MAYTOWN**-On Friday, Aug. 13, St. Patrick Church, 1336 Maytown Rd., will host the summer retreat, Growing From Sinner to Saint, with a Mass at 8 a.m. and a retreat talk following. Call the parish office at 815-849-5412 for more information.

**AMBOY**-The Wanda Mountain Boys, a Southern Gospel Trio from Herculaneum, MO, will hold a free concert, sponsored by East Grove Union Church, at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Shaw Shelter in Amboy City Park. For more information, contact Pastor Rick Wulf at 815-440-5321.

**AMBOY**-The City of Amboy Council will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 16, at the Community Center, 280 W. Wasson Rd.

Email calendar items to [mmays@amboynews.com](mailto:mmays@amboynews.com)

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**AMBOY**-Depot Days will be held Thursday - Sunday, Aug. 26 - 29. Special section in the Aug. 18 issue of the Amboy News with full schedule.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## White launching comprehensive plan to address the heavy customer volume at facilities caused by COVID-19 pandemic

**SPRINGFIELD** — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is launching a comprehensive plan to address the heavy customer volume at Driver Services facilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. White's plan includes two key elements:

- Expanding the appointment pilot program in September to include most Driver Services facilities in the Chicagoland area.

- Expanding remote renewal over the next six months to allow approximately 1 million more people to renew their driver's licenses and ID cards online, by phone or by mail. Letters will be mailed out to those who qualify beginning in September until the end of February 2022.

"During the pandemic, my office has continued to serve the public, including face-to-face transactions, in a safe and responsible manner," said White. "Throughout this time, we also greatly expanded online services. This next step will allow many more people to renew their driver's licenses or ID cards remotely instead of visiting a Driver Services facility. To further address the heavy customer volume at facilities, my office is expanding the appointment program in September to include most Chicagoland facilities, so customers who must visit a facility can schedule an appointment. Certain designated facilities will still accommodate walk-in customers."

**Expanding the Appointment Program**  
Beginning the first week of September, customers will be required to make an

appointment to visit the following three Chicago facilities: Chicago North, 5401 N. Elston Ave.; Chicago South, 9901 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive; and Chicago West, 5301 W. Lexington St. The days and hours of operation at these facilities will be Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. beginning Aug. 2.

Lake Zurich, Melrose Park, Midlothian and Woodstock have been serving as appointment facilities since early this year. These facilities, which also operate Tuesday through Saturday, will continue requiring appointments.

The week of Sept. 7, many other metro Driver Services facilities will also require appointments. These facilities include Schaumburg, Bridgeview, Lombard, Des Plaines, Waukegan, Naperville, Aurora, Plano and Joliet.

Appointments will be required for customers applying for or renewing REALIDs, standard driver's licenses and ID cards, and for behind-the-wheel road tests at these facilities. Customers can visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com) to schedule an appointment up to 10 days in advance during this phase of the program. New appointment slots will be available each day at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).

All 16 facilities will have the same standardized days and hours of operation: Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Secretary White emphasized that seniors, persons with disabilities and expectant mothers will be served as walk-ins at all 16 of the designated appointment facilities.

Beginning in September, customers can schedule an appointment online or by calling the appointment helpline at 844-817-4649. The Secretary of State is partnering with the Chicago Lighthouse to provide these call center services. The Chicago Lighthouse's call centers offer career opportunities for people who are blind, visually impaired, disabled, veterans and economically disadvantaged.

Larger central and downstate Illinois facilities will implement a customer scheduling system in the near future.

### Walk-in Facilities

White noted that not all facilities will go to the appointment-based system. Many small, rural facilities will not require the appointment system because they do not encounter the heavy customer volume that large facilities encounter.

Additionally, some Chicagoland facilities will remain accessible to walk-in customers. These facilities include Deerfield, Elgin, Chicago Central (James R. Thompson Center) and the temporary facility at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights.

Expanding remote renewal to address heavy customer volume

Beginning in September and running through February 2022, White's office will be expanding remote renewal for driver's license

and ID card holders. During this six-month period, the office will mail letters to eligible customers with expired driver's licenses and ID cards, requiring them to renew online, by phone or by mail. The office estimates that this will eliminate the need for approximately 1 million people to visit a facility.

In addition, White's office will continue mailing remote renewal letters to drivers and ID card holders 90 days before their cards expire.

Through this innovative approach, more customers will be able to renew remotely and avoid visiting facilities. Customers who must visit a facility include first time driver's license or ID card applicants, first time REAL ID applicants and drivers ages 75 and older who are required by state law to visit a facility when renewing their license.

White continues to encourage people to conduct other business online at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com). Aside from driver's license and ID card renewals for those who qualify, online services include obtaining a duplicate driver's license or ID card, ordering a driver record and purchasing license plate stickers.

As a reminder, White has extended all driver's license and ID card expiration dates to Jan. 1, 2022. This extension does not apply to commercial driver's licenses (CDL) and CDL learner's permits.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has extended the federal REAL ID deadline to May 3, 2023.

## White encourages organ/tissue donation for virtual National Minority Donor Awareness Month

**SPRINGFIELD** — Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is hosting a virtual National Minority Donor Awareness Month "Wave Away the Waiting" to promote organ/tissue donation for multicultural communities at [www.LifeGoesOn.com](http://www.LifeGoesOn.com).

"We continue to work to end the wait for those in need of organ donation," said White. "Unfortunately, minorities are in the greatest need of organ transplants, yet they donate at a lower rate. I encourage everyone to register to become an organ/tissue donor to help give the gift of life to someone in need."

Nationally, people of color comprise 54 percent of the waiting list for organ transplants; however, this year they accounted for only 35 percent of those who donated organs, according to the Organ Procurement and Transplantation

Network.

According to the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network in Illinois:

- There are 1,428 African Americans on the waiting list, but in 2020 only 129 African Americans became donors.

- There are 784 Hispanic Americans on the waiting list, but last year only 71 Hispanic Americans became donors.

- There are 228 Asian Americans on the waiting list, but only nine Asian Americans became organ donors in 2020.

In Illinois, more than 7.1 million people are registered as organ/tissue donors, yet there are approximately 4,000 people waiting for transplants and each year 300 people in Illinois die because of the shortage of organs. People of color are disproportionately

affected by illnesses such as hypertension and diabetes, which can lead to the need for dialysis or a kidney transplant, increasing the number of patients on the organ transplant waiting list, according to United Network for Organ Sharing.

"The need for minority organ, eye and tissue donors is critical," said Dr. Harry Wilkins, President/CEO at Gift of Hope. "Nearly 60% of the more than 100,000 men, women and children waiting for lifesaving organ transplants in the U.S. are from minority communities."

Illinoisans can register with the Secretary of State's Organ/Tissue Donor Registry online at [www.LifeGoesOn.com](http://www.LifeGoesOn.com) or by calling 1-800-210-2106.

## Countys added to natural disaster area

**SPRINGFIELD** — Winnebago county has been added to the USDA Secretarial natural disaster designation for drought conditions impacting the growing season, allowing producers to access emergency USDA loans as they recover. Winnebago joins Boone, Cook, DeKalb, Kane, Lake and McHenry counties, which were designated in early July.

USDA natural disaster designations also include contiguous counties adding Stephenson county to the list of DuPage, Kendall, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle and Will counties. Both primary and contiguous counties are eligible for emergency assistance.

"As counties across northern Illinois counties respond to drought conditions, delaying and severely impacting planting as well as livestock producers, the state will use every resource to ensure communities can recover," said Governor JB Pritzker. "I am grateful to President Biden and USDA Secretary Vilsack for their quick assessment of the impact of the drought and the ability for Illinois farmers to access critical resources."

A Secretarial natural disaster designation provides the USDA FSA to extend emergency loans to impacted producers recovering from natural disasters. Producers should contact their local USDA Service Center to ask questions or file a Notice of Loss.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture administers a Hay and Straw Directory for livestock producers impacted by the drought and needing to locate hay and straw. Producers who have hay or straw to sell are encouraged to provide their listing through the Illinois Department of Agriculture website.

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<p><b>St. Mary Church</b> Fr. John Gow 912 Walton Rd., Walton 815-857-2670 Mass: Saturday, 5:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Grace Fellowship Church</b> Amboy-Sublette Pastor Brian McWethy 500 W. Main Street, Sublette Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. <a href="http://www.graceisforyou.com">www.graceisforyou.com</a></p>	<p><b>St. James Evangelical Congregational Church</b> Robert Dunbar, Pastor US Route 52 &amp; Red Brick Rd., Dixon 815-288-2447 Sunday 10:45 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Ladies Bible Study, Wed. 9 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church</b> Rev. Randy Fronck Locust Street, Sublette Phone 815-849-5412 Saturday Mass - 4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass - 10:30 a.m. Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. Thursday - 8:30 a.m.</p>
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<p><b>United First Church of Amboy</b> Pastor Mark Glenn East Main &amp; Jefferson 815-440-0745 Sunday Worship - 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m.</p>		<p><b>St. Patrick Church</b> Rev. Randy Fronck - Maytown Mass - Fri. 8 a.m., Sun, 8 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Harmon United Methodist Church</b> Pastor Leanne Keate 202 N. Grove, Harmon Phone 359-7302 Worship - 8:30 a.m.</p>

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## SOCIAL NEWS

## The Book Nook

By:

Tatjana Kazan

## The Good Lie

The protagonist of A. R. Torre's "The Good Lie" (2021) is a renowned psychiatrist who is unabashedly proud of her skill helping her clients who happen to be killers and potential killers. As the title suggests, lies propel this thriller, specifically, the psychiatrist's inability to recognize the lies that confront her at every turn. Her introduction to us is not reassuring: "I listened to John Abbott's voice mail and wondered if this was the day he would kill his wife." Pity the poor wife.

That morning, John Abbott is found stabbed to death next to his dead wife. Dr. Gwen Moore, our not terribly perceptive heroine, is in knots in case she is held responsible for the wife's death. No worries, Abbott's death is ruled a suicide upon finding his wife dead from a heart attack. That same morning, the case of the BH killer explodes into lurid headlines once again. A teenage boy has escaped the killer. He identifies his high school science teacher as the BH killer. BH stands for Bloody Heart Killer because upon kidnapping six teenage boys from wealthy families, he gruesomely tortured and mutilated them and carved a heart onto their chests.

Enter Robert Kavin, an exceptionally handsome, rich attorney, who happens to frequent the same dive as tipsy Dr. Gwen. She is drowning her anguish in cheap beer after attending John Abbott's funeral. Gwen happily takes Robert home, where he proceeds to make divine love to her. She is aglow the morning after, but Robert inexplicably turns to ice when he discovers Gwen's connection to John Abbott. She knew of Abbott's obsession with his wife and did nothing. Robert is the father of one of the BH victims, a boy called Gabe who was the most tortured, the severest mutilated of all the victims. But when the high school teacher is arrested, Robert is convinced he is innocent and decides to defend him. He hires Gwen to work up a profile of the BH killer and she eagerly delves into the case. The stage is set for the lies, good and evil, to come tumbling down.

It takes half the novel to turn into a pretty good thriller, though holes still abound and coincidences still annoy. In the redemptive ending, Gwen thinks of the novelist William S. Burroughs, who "once said that no one owns life, but anyone who can lift a frying pan can create death. He was right. Killing is the easy part."

"Project Hail Mary," by Andy Weir

"Evil Thing (Disney Villains #7)," by Serena Valentino

"Shadow," by James Patterson

"Lost and Found Family," by Jennifer Ryan

"Love Like Ours," by Melissa Foster

"Assaulted Caramel (Amish Candy Shop #1)," by Amanda Flowers

Children's New Books

"Nerdy Babies: Dinosaurs," by Emmy Kastner

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"What If, Pig?," by Linzie Hunter

"Summer Camp Citter Jitters," by Jory John



George and Barbara Schwamberger

## Couple to celebrate 60th anniversary

FRANKLIN GROVE — Mr. and Mrs. George Schwamberger will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 12, 2021.

George Schwamberger and Barbara Biester were married on Aug. 12, 1961 in St. Patrick's Church in Dixon.

They are the parents of Cathy Schwamberger (Diana Kienle), George Schwamberger (Amy), Tom Schwamberger, and Mark Schwamberger (Kelly).

They are the grandparents of Jairon, Justin, and Brenna Schwamberger, of Towanda and Kelton Schwamberger, of Amboy. They also have a stepgrandchild, Jake Stitzel, of Aurora.

Due to the Covid pandemic, the celebration has been postponed until 2022. Cards may be sent to 510 N. State St., Apt. 125, Franklin Grove, IL 61031.

## From The Heart Calendar winners

## July 2021 From The Heart Calendar Winners

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July 10 - Mindy Venners, Rochelle, \$25

July 11 - Robinson Scheider (Clark Dietrich), Rochelle, \$50

July 12 - Steve's Complete Automotive, Rochelle, \$25

July 13 - Tiffany Smith, Rochelle, \$25

July 14 - Rochelle Area Community Foundation, \$25

July 15 - Rochelle Foods (Matt Thimjon), \$25

July 16 - Chad Wilcor, Franklin Grove, \$25

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Dietrich, Rochelle, \$25

July 18 - David Swanson, Fitchburg, Wis., \$50

July 19 - Vicki Langholf, Yellville, Ark., \$25

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July 21 - Carrie Mairs, Ashton, \$25

July 22 - Kevin Johnson, Rochelle, \$25

July 23 - Jake Meyers, Rochelle, \$25

July 24 - Jeff Perry Cadillac, Rochelle, \$25

July 25 - Rochelle Rotary Club, \$50

July 26 - Judy Witasik, Steward, \$25

July 27 - Steve Dinges, Rochelle, \$25

July 28 - Frewin - Clark Dietrich, \$25

July 29 - Patrick O'Brien, Leaf River, \$25

July 30 - Marbella Alvarez, Rochelle, \$25

July 31 - Mary Sensenig, Amboy, \$25

## Fall mum sale to benefit the KB Fund

OREGON — The annual KB Fall Mum Sale has started. Beautiful fall mums are available in a variety of colors for \$8 each. Orders will be taken through Saturday, Aug. 21. These plants are grown in northern Illinois and will arrive just in time for fall decorating. Mums are field grown in natural conditions, leading to a more hardy robust plant. Plants arrive in a number 2 pot (that's about a 2 gallon pot) and are measuring approximately 16-18" wide by 14-16" tall with buds ready to bloom throughout the season.

Order forms are available online at [www.Facebook.com/KB ToughRun](http://www.Facebook.com/KB ToughRun). Please return order forms and payment to the KB Fund c/o Julie Cain, 308 S 9th Street, Oregon, IL 61066 no later than Saturday, Aug. 21. Mums will be available for pick up from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 18 at 284 Cultra Drive in Oregon, just north of the Blackhawk Steak Pit.

Please contact Julie Cain with any questions that you may have or to place an order. Call or text at 815-519-2593 or email [info@kbtoughrun.com](mailto:info@kbtoughrun.com)

All proceeds from the sale will support the KB Fund. The fund has been established to support those in our community that have been burdened by a medical crisis. To learn more about the KB Fund and our fundraising efforts visit our Facebook page, [www.Facebook.com/KB ToughRun](http://www.Facebook.com/KB ToughRun).

## Franklin Grove church to host garage sale

FRANKLIN GROVE - The Presbyterian Church of Franklin Grove, at the corner of Walnut and South Streets, is preparing for their garage sale in the basement. This sale includes a large selection of clothing, many with original tags. Also featured are shoes and sandals, scarves, belts, purses, jewelry, home and fall décor, kitchen items, lamps, picture frames, suitcases, linens, many books, toys, and much more. There is something for everyone.

Sale dates are Aug. 6 and 7. Friday hours are 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday hours are 8 a.m. until at least 1 p.m.

The members and friends of the church would like to thank the many who donate and/or purchase items at their biannual sales.

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# Opinion

## Smaller newsrooms make it difficult for reporters to recuse themselves from areas where they might have a potential conflict of interest

I read an obituary in the New York Times last week that dealt with an issue newspapers and other media outlets haven't yet fully come to terms with: romantic relationships between reporters and sources.

The Times had this to say: "Laura Foreman, a reporter for The Philadelphia Inquirer in the 1970s, was surely not the first journalist to become romantically involved with a source. But she was among the first to have that romance, with a powerful politician, blow up into a public scandal."

By the time the affair was disclosed — and The Inquirer learned that the politician had given her more than \$20,000 worth of gifts, including jewelry, furniture and a fur coat, and helped her buy a 1964 Morgan sports car — she was working in the Washington bureau of The New York Times.

The Times fired her — for her conduct at her previous employer.

And her journalism career came to an end at the ripe age of 34.

In my 33 years in journalism, I've seen this scenario play out a lot of different ways.

I don't have an easy answer. But I can tell you it's a subject that makes a lot of people in the business uncomfortable.

"You really can't tell somebody they can't have a relationship — everyone has a right to a private life," Gary Sawyer, an assistant professor of journalism at Iowa State University said. His view was echoed by Jill Geisler, an expert in newsroom management at Loyola University in Chicago.

"When this comes up, you have to move the reporter off of their beat," she said. "What you hope is that you have a transparent enough organization that the reporter will willingly come forward and have a clear-eyed perception of what this could mean for the news organization."

Shortly after I left the Las Vegas Sun in 1999, one of the best reporters I've ever worked with was fired after the editor received an anonymous letter claiming she was romantically

### Guest Column

By Scott Reeder



involved with a source. (I don't believe the assertion, but the editor fired her claiming even an appearance of impropriety needed to be dealt with.)

I can't help but wonder if a male reporter — or a senior member of management — would be held to that nebulous standard.

On the other hand, many years ago when I was a reporter in Iowa the person covering courts pursued, dated, married — and divorced — a prosecutor. And she covered his trials through each step of the relationship.

If I were a defendant on trial, I doubt that I'd be reassured that the watchdog was sleeping with the opposition.

"I think it's fair to tell a reporter who is dating a member of the county board that she won't be covering county board meetings," said

Charles Wheeler III, an emeritus journalism professor at the University of Illinois-Springfield.

But longtime journalist and state government observer Mike Lawrence added with smaller news staffs it is more difficult today for reporters to recuse themselves from areas where they may have a potential conflict of interest.

Beginning in 1993, Springfield Associated Press Bureau Chief Terry Mutchler had a five-year same-sex romantic relationship with state Sen Penny Severns, a rising star within the Democratic Party. Within six weeks of meeting, they were living together.

"What I did was unethical because it was a conflict of interest and it violated the trust readers place in those who report the news," she said. "In a perfect world, I should have disclosed the relationship to my superiors — but I couldn't," Mutchler said during a telephone interview on Monday.

She said part of the risk of being open about the conflict of interest with her superiors at the AP was that she would have been "outing" Severns and she feared her organization's leadership may have felt compelled to report it as news.

"In Central Illinois, during that era, it would have really hurt her politically. And it certainly would have hurt my

journalism career as well," she said

After Severns died of breast cancer, Mutchler was referred to as a "family member" in news stories about the senator's death. The news stories were written by fellow statehouse reporter, which would indicate the romance was not as stealthy as Mutchler and Severns thought.

That, of course, begs the question: Why was the relationship alluded to in news stories postmortem but not before? After all, if it was newsworthy after someone died wasn't it even more relevant when both parties were alive and the conflict of interest was immediate?

Mutchler said at times she pulled some punches when covering her partner.

"Sometimes I would write something that would really irritate Penny. Other times, I would try to cast her in a better light," she said.

For example, when other journalists reported that Severns was "convalescing," Mutchler reported that she was "alert and answering questions."

Lawrence said disclosure is the key. He said it's important for readers or viewers to be aware of potential conflicts. And for this reason, news organizations must strive for transparency.

Wheeler added, "At the end of the day, an editor has to look at a journalist's work and see if they are being fair. Because people have work lives and private lives and some individuals are able to successfully separate the two."

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## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor (and a certain reader),

First, we want to preface this before we begin. We have been contributors to the Wounded Warriors Project for many years. So much so, that their organization sent me a real nice dark blue golf type shirt with their logo.

On Saturday evening, June 24, Rose E., me and a friend, went to LaFiesta to eat. In the entryway was a lady presumed to be grandmother with a small child getting bubble gum. It might have been her or someone else that saw the logo, surprised us as we were waiting for our food. The waitress

brought us an envelope which contained a gift certificate for \$50, that had a note: "From: Big Fan of Wounded Warriors — thank you for your service, God Bless you."

We have no idea how they knew I was in the military.

Anyway, if you are reading this, thank you so much. But, if possible, we want to meet you sometime.

Sincerely,  
Larry and Rose Leffelman  
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## On This Day in History

### 100 Years Ago Aug. 5, 1921

Miss Delyle Scott visited last week with friends near Compton.

Miss Charlotte Schott visited with relatives in Lee Center last week.

Mrs. J.A. Edwards returned from Chicago Friday. She was accompanied home by her niece and nephew, Eileen and Arthur Walters, who will remain for several weeks.

Miss Jean Carroll and Mrs. Mayme Fitze who are here from Springfield, went to Sublette Wednesday evening to visit Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lauer.

### 75 Years Ago Aug. 8, 1946

Mrs. Mabel Bloomquist and family expect to move in two weeks to Sublette to make their new home. Mrs. Bloomquist began work there Aug. 1 as operate at the telephone office. She

will be assisted at the switchboard by her daughter, Mary Alice. Mrs. Eva Slagle, who has managed the switchboard for some time, is moving to Amboy to make her home.

Mrs. Donald Berkeley, the former Jean Burhenn, was honored at a miscellaneous shower Thursday evening, Aug. 1, at the home of Miss Ione Wells. The Berkeleys were married Saturday, July 20, at the Baptist parsonage, Rev. D.G. Smith officiating.

### 50 Years Ago Aug. 5, 1971

There will be nine young ladies competing for the title of Amboy's Miss Flame of 1971 on Aug. 14. A ninth contestant, Miss Denice Braggio, entered the competition before the July 31 deadline, according to Joe Powers, chairman of this year's contest for the Amboy Volunteer Firemen, Inc. Miss Braggio, 16, is the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Lee Braggio. Her sponsor is The First National Bank in Amboy.

Dr. and Mrs. Willard Castle of Beloit, Wis., and Mrs. Willard Castle, Sr., of Mendota, were Wednesday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Castle.

Mrs. Mary Catherine Hauskins of Bloomington spent Monday afternoon at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Catherine Schwamberger.

### 25 Years Ago Aug. 1, 1996

Ground was broken recently for a new gas station along Route 52 in Sublette. The station is scheduled to open in early fall.

Vacation Bible School was held at the United First Church of Amboy July 22 — 26, 1996, with a daily attendance of 100. The theme was "Adventures with Jesus" with Joyce Dale as Director.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## The Wanda Mountain Boys to perform free concert at Amboy park

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Southern Gospel Music has always been known for its smooth harmonies, strong vocals and powerful, straight forward lyrics. For the last 25 years, the Wanda Mountain Boys have displayed all three of these qualities as they have established themselves in the Gospel Music community in the Midwest.

In 2017, the Wanda Mountain Boys continue the tradition set forth by the founding members as they share their unique sound and style with congregations across Mid America.

Gary O’Neal has assumed the managerial position for WMB as well as anchoring the group, singing lead. Gary has been involved in Gospel Music for more than 45 years and has sang with some of the Midwest’s most popular groups. He has traveled in full time ministry with the Brashears of Russellville, AR as well as being a founding member of the trio, Solid Gospel based out of St. Louis, Mo. He is also an accomplished songwriter, having his songs recorded by such noted artists as the Lesters, the Dixie Echoes, the Dixie Melody Boys, the Melody Boys Qt., Solid Gospel, the Brashears, and the Chosen Ones. Gary currently serves as president of the Mid America Gospel Music Association, a position he has held since 2007. On Nov. 3, 2017, the Mid America Gospel Music Association presented Gary with the Lifetime Achievement Award at their annual convention.

Singing tenor for the group is Rick Brown. Rick has been involved in Gospel Music for many years, having sung professionally with Naomi and the Segos and Coy Cook and the Premiers. During his time with the Premiers, Rick performed with Grand Ole Opry Star Billy Walker. Rick and Gary were founding members of Solid Gospel and traveled throughout the United States, releasing 6 national radio releases. Rick and Gary have written a number of songs together including WMB favorite, “Wrap Me In Your Arms.” Rick has also written with noted songwriter, Daryl Williams. Their song, “This Ship Was Made to Sail” was included on the Perry’s 25th Anniversary CD.

## Stewart announces traveling office hours

**FREEPORT** — State Sen. Brian Stewart (R-Freeport) is announcing that his District Office staff has set Traveling Office Hours Aug. 4 in Lee County and Aug. 11 in Ogle and Lee counties.

District Office staff will be on hand to assist with state services, as well as answer questions and address concerns for constituents. No appointments are needed, and office hours are open to all area residents.

The first event is set for Aug. 4, from 10 to 11 a.m., at the Community Building, 280 W. Wasson Road in Amboy.

The second event is set for Aug. 4, from 12 to 1 p.m., at the Fire Station, 128 Whitney Road in Franklin Grove.

The next event is set for Aug. 11, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., at 115 N. 3rd St. in Oregon.

The last event is set for Aug. 11, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Mills and Petrie Community Building, 704 N. 1st St. in Ashton.



**The Wanda Mountain Boys**



## THE PASTOR’S PEN

### Missed Opportunities

BY PASTOR JACK M. BRIGGS

**M**ike Smith was an executive in charge of scouting for new talent for Decca Records when he traveled to Liverpool, England, to listen to an up-and-coming band. He was impressed.

The band had unmistakable talent, so he brought them to Decca’s London office for an audition on New Year’s Day in 1962. The band played 15 songs, went home and waited for an answer. When they finally received the answer, Decca’s famous reply was that, “guitar groups are on the way out” and “the Beatles have no future in show business.” Oops!

I feel kind of bad for Mr. Smith, and for the record label. Talk about a missed opportunity!

How would you like to be Mike Smith? Or Decca Records? Well, Jesus is more famous than the Beatles. And today Jesus is passing by. In the 9th chapter of Luke, verses 51-62, Jesus invites several to “Come. Follow me.”

And there were various reasons for not answering the call, and thereby missing the opportunity.

What about us? Have we ever missed an opportunity or wondered about a “what if” and are haunted by what might have been, the “coulda, woulda, shoulda” in life. What made us miss? Maybe it was a prior bad experience that made us prefer to play it safe. Maybe we couldn’t make up our mind quickly enough.

We thought about it, but then decided, “Nah, we were too busy.” Maybe the path to opportunity seemed too difficult or require us to sacrifice some of our comfort. Who knows? But we all have those moments.

Jesus met a lot of people just like us. Ordinary folks. He told them about his plan with him at the center. Then he made them the same offer he presents to us: come and follow me. And just like the early disciples, there are reasons we may offer up for not following---or at least not whole-heartedly.

For one, we really like our own where and when and how, to be at the center of our own story. Maybe we have centered our life around successful career, or a healthy family or secure retirement. However, Jesus invites us to put his story—his

purpose—at the center. “Come. Follow me,” he urges. Maybe we are afraid of the discomfort that following him might involve because we don’t like the way people look at us when we say we are Christians; we’re embarrassed. Or we don’t like it that God leads us through a tough time, or asks for first dibs on our time and resources. Is God more important than your comfort, or is comfort your God?

Maybe we want to follow our own priorities, and set the terms of our “followership,” and dictate to our “Lord” the where and when.

We want to fulfill our own mission first, and then we’ll tack Jesus’ mission on to the end.

We think, “First, Jesus, let me make sure my situation is stable,” or “First, Jesus, let me have my fun (because the life with you looks uncomfortable and/or boring),” or “First, Jesus, let me make a name for myself. Then I’ll join you. But don’t wait up for me, because there might be a little delay.”

I don’t know how many times I have heard coaches say, “There is no “I” in “T-E-A-M, meaning that you must defer your own desires for the sake of your teammates. And when it comes to discipleship, by definition you can’t be first if you’re a follower; your agenda and your priorities are set by the one whom you follow.

So we are expert at drumming up excuses for why we don’t pursue Jesus whole-heartedly.

But in the end that’s what they are: excuses.

One day, we will all be asked: “So, what did you do with Jesus?” Will we answer: “Sorry, God, I didn’t like the direction he was headed,” or “Sorry, God, I was too busy,” or “Sorry, God, it seemed too difficult and uncomfortable,” or “Sorry, God, I had other priorities at the time, but my intention was always there,” or “Sorry, God, I had too many doubts.”

And Jesus passed by and we missed him.

Where Jesus is going is where we, as followers should want to go. What he is doing is what we, as followers, should want to do. It really is the opportunity of a lifetime---earthly and eternal.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-1  
ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS OF THE AMBOY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2021, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2022

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Amboy Fire Protection District, Lee County, Illinois, caused to be prepared in tentative form a Budget and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Budget on the 12th day of July, 2021 and Notice of said hearing was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto as required by law, and the Board having met all other applicable legal requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the Amboy Fire Protection District, Lee County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: That the fiscal year of this Fire Protection District is hereby fixed to begin on May 1, 2021, and end on April 30, 2022.

Section 2: That the following Budget containing an estimate of the revenues available and expenditures and the appropriations contained therein be and the same is hereby adopted as the Budget and Appropriations for this fire protection district for this fiscal year; and the following sums of money, or as much thereof as may be authorized by law, is hereby appropriated to defray the necessary expenses and liabilities of the Amboy Fire Protection District, for its fiscal year beginning May 1, 2021, and ending April 30, 2022 for the respective objects and purposes, as hereinafter set forth namely:

#### PART I - CORPORATE FUND Estimated Corporate Fund Revenues

Item 1: Balance and Reserve on hand as of April 30, 2021 \$249,000  
Item 2: Property taxes to be received in FY 2021-2022 \$297,875  
Item 3: Replacement Tax Proceeds \$9,400  
Item 4: Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Proceeds \$6,700  
Item 5: Grants \$36,000  
Item 6: Interest Income \$1,600  
Item 7: Donations and Restitution \$1,400  
Item 8: Miscellaneous Income \$1,000  
TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT AVAILABLE: \$602,975

#### Estimated Corporate Fund Expenditures and Appropriations

LINE ITEM	BUDGETED	APPROPRIATED
402 Utilities	\$8,500	\$9,350
402C Telephone	\$1,500	\$1,650
403 Equipment Maintenance	\$35,000	\$38,500
403B Fuel	\$4,000	\$4,400
404 Fire Equipment	\$10,000	\$11,000
405 Training	\$30,000	\$33,000
407 Office Supplies	\$2,800	\$3,080
408 Insurance	\$26,000	\$28,600
410 Miscellaneous	\$10,000	\$11,000
411 Professional Services	\$30,000	\$33,000
412 Trustee Salaries	\$900	\$990
414 Contingency Expense	\$5,000	\$5,500
415 Building/Grounds	\$20,000	\$22,000
417 Equipment Replacement	\$16,000	\$17,600
420 Fitness Equipment	\$1,000	\$1,100
426 Fire PPE	\$20,000	\$22,000
428 Fitness / Wellness	\$12,000	\$13,200
429 Amboy Firemen	\$4,500	\$4,950
4000 FF Gross Wages	\$50,000	\$55,000
4005 Payroll Taxes	\$4,000	\$4,400
R Reserve Fund	\$300,000	\$300,000
TOTAL CORPORATE FUND ESTIMATED		

#### EXPENDITURES AND APPROPRIATIONS:

\$591,200 \$620,320  
ESTIMATED CORPORATE FUND BALANCE  
AS OF APRIL 30, 2022:  
**PART II - AMBULANCE FUND  
Estimated Ambulance Fund Revenues**  
Item 1: Balance and Reserve on hand as of April 30, 2021 \$116,000  
Item 2: Property taxes to be received in FY 2021-2022 \$198,585  
Item 3: Replacement Tax Proceeds \$8,000  
Item 4: Ambulance Fees \$465,000  
Item 5: Grants \$50,000  
Item 6: Interest Income \$1,800  
Item 7: Donations and Restitution \$1,600  
Item 8: Miscellaneous Income \$500  
TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT AVAILABLE: \$841,485

#### Estimated Ambulance Fund Expenditures and Appropriations

LINE ITEM	BUDGETED	APPROPRIATED
507 Utilities	\$8,900	\$9,790
507C Telephone	\$3,800	\$4,180
502 Equipment Maintenance	\$7,500	\$8,250
502B Fuel	\$4,900	\$5,390
503 EMS Equipment	\$20,000	\$22,000
504 Training	\$25,000	\$27,500
505 Office Supplies	\$2,000	\$2,200
508 Insurance	\$28,000	\$30,800
510 Miscellaneous	\$4,000	\$4,400
511 Professional Services	\$26,500	\$29,150
506 Trustee Salaries	\$900	\$990
516 Contingency Expense	\$4,000	\$4,400
522 Building / Grounds	\$20,000	\$22,000
521 Equipment Purchase	\$5,000	\$5,500
511F ALS Services	\$10,000	\$11,000
525 EMS PPE	\$10,000	\$11,000
523 Fitness / Wellness	\$7,000	\$7,700
511M Ambulance Billing Fee	\$15,000	\$16,500
513 Adjustments - EMS Billing	\$171,000	\$188,100
5000 EMS Gross Wages	\$190,000	\$209,000
5005 EMS Payroll Taxes	\$15,000	\$16,500
R Reserve Fund	\$250,000	\$250,000
TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND ESTIMATED		
EXPENDITURES AND APPROPRIATIONS:		
\$828,500	\$886,350	
ESTIMATED AMBULANCE FUND BALANCE		
AS OF APRIL 30, 2022: \$12,985		

#### SUMMARY

TOTAL CORPORATE FUND APPROPRIATIONS \$620,320  
TOTAL AMBULANCE FUND APPROPRIATIONS \$886,350  
**TOTAL ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS: \$1,506,670**

Section 3: That all unexpended balances of any item or items of any general appropriation in this Ordinance be expended in making up any insufficiency in any other item or items in the same general appropriation and for the same general purpose of any like appropriation made by this Ordinance.

Section 4: That the invalidity of any item or Section of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of the whole or any other part hereof.

Section 5: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 12th day of July, 2021, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 3 NAYS: None ABSENT: None

APPROVED by me this 12th day of July, 2021.

/s/ Edward Lilja, President, Board of Trustees, Amboy Fire Protection District

ATTEST: /s/ Joel Hochstatter, Secretary, Board of Trustees, Amboy Fire Protection District

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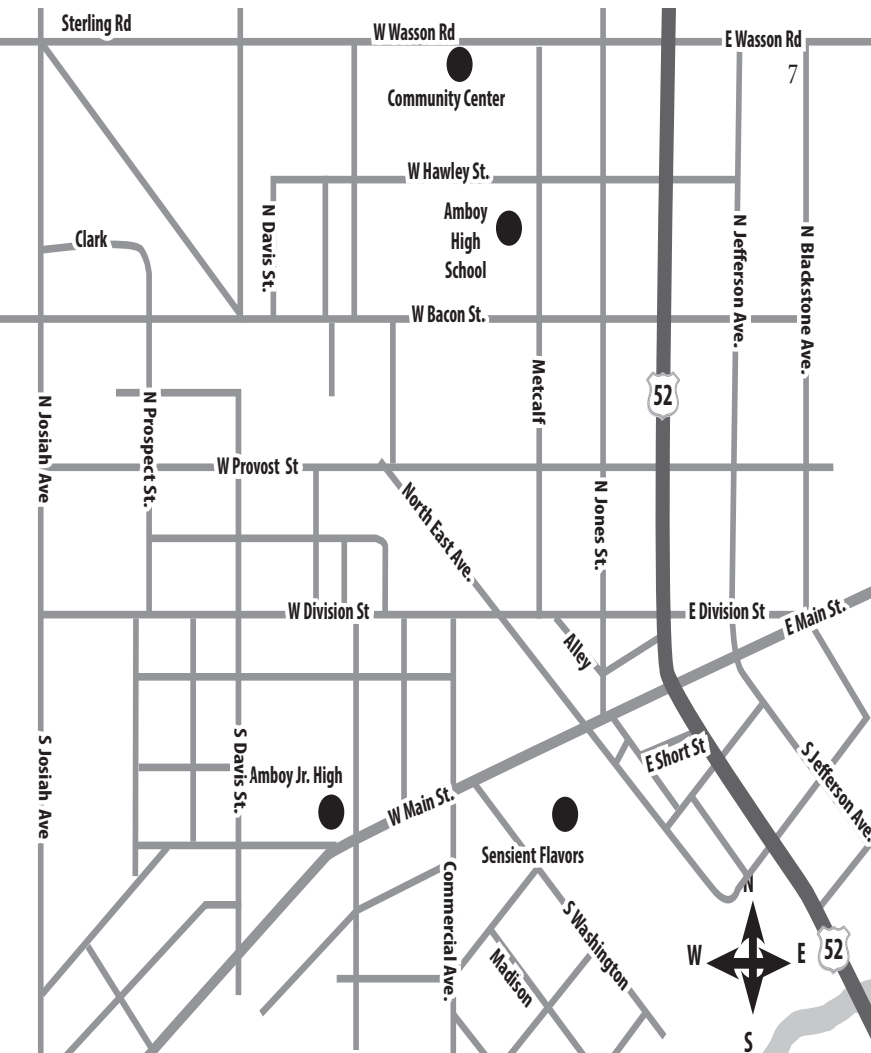
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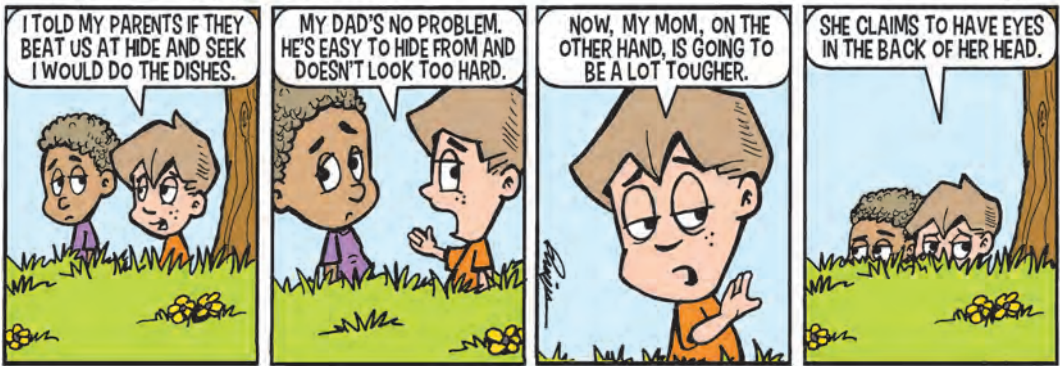
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# LOCAL NEWS

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by Dave T. Phipps



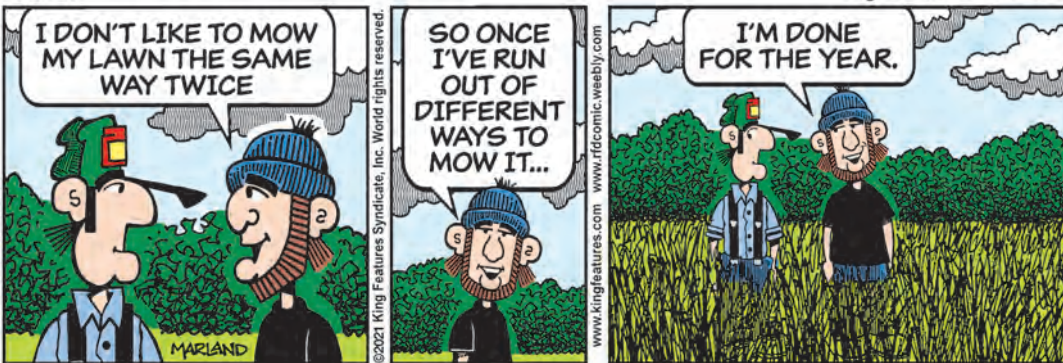
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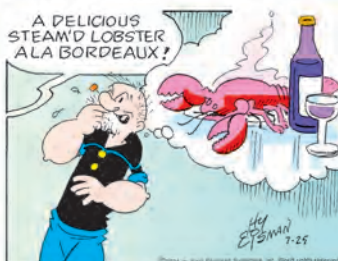
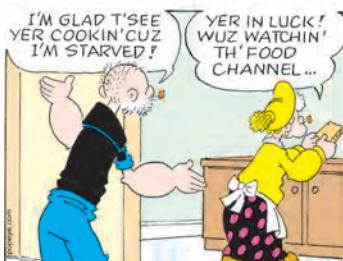
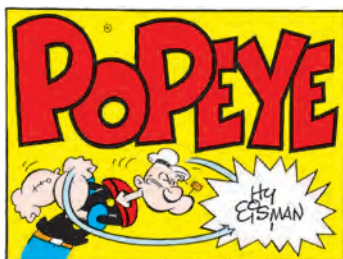
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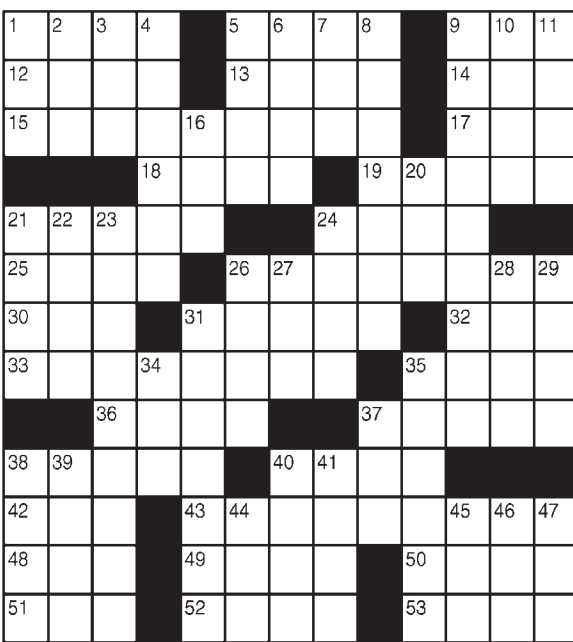


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### ACROSS

- 1 Glitz partner
- 5 Body powder
- 9 Use a straw
- 12 Andean land
- 13 Jannings of old films
- 14 Travail
- 15 Former Cubs slugger
- 17 Tolkien creature
- 18 Porgy's love
- 19 Witherspoon of "Wild"
- 21 Inventor Nikola
- 24 Pugilist's weapon
- 25 Yard tool
- 26 "CSI" procedures
- 30 Egg (Pref.)
- 31 Topped with froth
- 32 Picnic dessert
- 33 Like ghost towns
- 35 Dog's treasure
- 36 Cambodia neighbor
- 37 "What the Butler Saw" playwright
- 38 Ink stains
- 40 Onetime "This Old House" host Bob
- 42 Back talk
- 43 "Georgia on My Mind," for



- 7 Fleur-de —
- 8 Gem's feature
- 9 Ideal place on a tennis racket
- 10 Charged bits
- 11 Seeger or Sampras
- 16 Verily
- 20 Jargon suffix
- 21 Walked (on)
- 22 Roof overhang
- 23 Aspen attractions
- 24 Notoriety
- 26 "— you're told!"
- 27 Rebel Turner
- 28 Ex-Yankee
- 29 Beheld
- 31 Heeded dental advice
- 34 Feedbag morsel
- 35 Obstreperous
- 37 Flamenco cheer
- 38 Online journal
- 39 Turkish money
- 40 Expansive
- 41 — -bitty
- 44 Greek cross
- 45 Discoverer's call
- 46 Pester
- 47 "Today" rival, briefly

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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: ♦

- ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## Trivia test

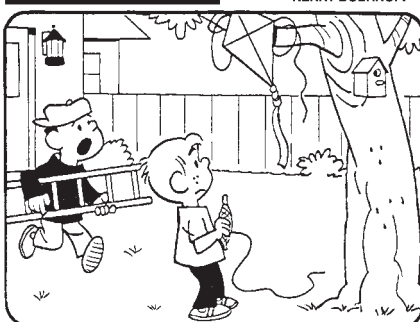
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: In which European city would you find the Spanish Steps?
2. TELEVISION: What were the names of the parents on the animated TV show "The Jetsons"?
3. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, "This is my favorite book in all the world, though I have never read it"?
4. U.S. STATES: What is the state capital of Nevada?
5. HISTORY: What was the pen name used to publish The Federalist Papers in 1787-88?
6. ADVERTISING: What product is advertised in commercials that feature The Most Interesting Man in the World?
7. MOVIES: Which movie features the often-quoted line, "Round up the usual suspects"?
8. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of fish produces caviar?
9. ENTERTAINERS: What were the names of the sock puppets used by ventriloquist Shari Lewis?
10. SCIENCE: How many elements are on the Periodic Table?

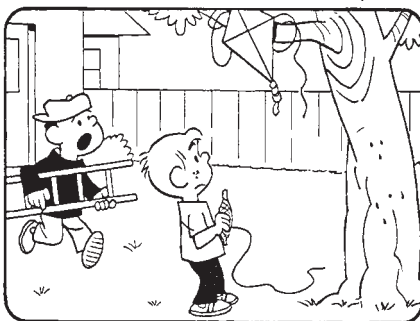
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Clue: Y equals T

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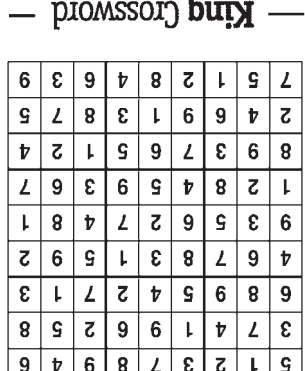
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Dave Weld and the Imperial Flames play a free concert at the Mt. Morris Jamboree on Aug. 6

**MT. MORRIS**—The Mt. Morris Jamboree is pleased to announce the return of Chicago Blues veteran Dave Weld and his band, The Imperial Flames to our stage on Aug. 6, starting at 7 pm. Dave Weld, born in Chicago, was first influenced as a child when he found an old Victrola in the basement and wore out the blues 78s. He moved to New Mexico, and studied guitar under Kurt Black, a jazz player who worked with Benny Carter in New York. Dave also met and jammed with Gatemouth Brown. Weld was drawn back to Chicago and started sitting in at many clubs, landing a gig with Hound Dog Taylor's band at Sweet Peas on 43rd St. and later to the 1815 Club on W. Roosevelt, which was owned and operated by Eddie Shaw who had Howlin Wolf's band, the Wolf Pack. Dave stayed there and played in the band with Chico Chism, Lafayette Gilbert, Hubert Sumlin, Detroit Junior, and Eddie Shaw. He also played with Otis Rush, Maxwell St. Jimmy, Guitar Junior, Jew Town Burks, Boston Blackie, Tail Dragger, Little Wolf and more. During this time Weld was under tutelage from JB Hutto, a Grammy awarded Blues Hall of Fame slide man from Georgia. He studied at JB's house and one day

met his nephews Lil' Ed and James Young (Pookie), and played with them on the west side for ten years. They collaborated and started the "Blues Imperials."

Bruce Igaier from renowned Chicago Blues label, Alligator Records found them and recorded them in a historic session, "Roughousin.'" In 1988 Dave decided to start his own band, featuring the most authentic seasoned blues veterans in Chicago, such as Bernard Reed, Leo Davis, Daryl Mahon, Donny Nichilo, Mike Scharf, Vernon Rogers and Ted Harvey. They toured countless times around the world and at local and national festivals. The band came out with their first CD "Roughrockin' in Chicago," on Blue Sting Records in Belgium. Weld's first Delmark CD, "Burnin' Love" featured long time band members Abb Locke, legendary saxman, Jeff Taylor, drums and vocals, Monica Myhre (Garcia) vocals and percussion, Dave Kaye bass and Harry Yaseen, piano. His new and second CD with Delmark "Slip Into A Dream" surpasses Weld's first one. The new CD includes his current band members Jeff Taylor, Drums/Vocals, Monica Myhre (Garcia), Vocals/PerCUSSION, Rogers Randle, Jr,

Sax and Kenny Pickens, Bass.

Dave Weld and The Imperial Flames is an authentic, real deal Blues Band presenting a high energy show with versatile talent and variety, that includes original driving House Rockin' Blues, Boogie and Soul and originals that are classic in nature, while the standards are revitalized with striking three part vocal harmony. Passionate slide guitarist, Dave Weld along with Blues Diva and two time RAMI Award winner, Monica Myhre, a rocking rhythm section consisting of Jeff Taylor holding a solid beat on drums and Kenny Pickens blazing on bass, with Harry Yaseen on keys, tutored by the famous Art Hodes on piano and organ and Mississippi saxman, Rogers Randle, will satisfy every Blues fan.

Ralfie's BBQ will be serving pork kabobs, pulled pork sandwiches, pork nachos, pork chop sandwiches, brats, chips, soda and water. Come enjoy the meal, music and fellowship starting at 6 p.m.

It's opening night for the new show themed, Radical Botanicals at the Encore Art Gallery next door on the first floor of Old Sandstone, open from 6:30-9 p.m. Encore's Artist in Residence, Annie Timmer will be hosting

kids art activities near the Freedom Bell just to the north of the Band Shell during the concert. Local small business vendors will often be joining us on the Campus with fresh produce and crafts as well as Grandpa's Ice Cream truck.

Please bring a blanket or chair, or enjoy the new benches and join the fun on our beautiful, historic campus in the center of Mt. Morris, two blocks south of IL Route 64 on Wesley Ave. and enjoy the free Chicago Blues show.

Please help us pray for a beautiful summer evening so that we can be on the Campus, but in the event of inclement weather, our rain location will be Pinecrest Grove Community Center, 500 Evergreen Lane, seven blocks south of IL Route 64 off McKendrie St.

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## SPORTS

## Clipper Highlights: #53 Tyler Behrends

I am honored to announce this week's Clipper, #53, Tyler Behrends.

Tyler was a 2011 graduate of Amboy High School and two year Varsity starter at offensive and defensive line.

Tyler's sophomore season he was moved up to Varsity for playoffs to add depth and size to the offensive line.

Tyler's Junior season, his Clipper career took off. He was one of the best two way linemen on a dominant 8-1 Clipper team. Tyler started at Offensive Guard and Defensive Tackle all season. Paired on the same side with another Harbor Monster in Levi Kaleel, it made for a devastating run game and an impassable defensive front. Add in great skill players in Richardson, Apple, Montavon, Lytle, Shields, and Appleman, Clipper success was sure to follow.

"We were all so close and got along so well on and off the field", Tyler shared of the 2009 Clippers. Over the course of the 8-1 regular season Tyler remembers the huge upset win over #1 ranked Bureau Valley, the mud bowl win over at the Coliseum against arch rival Newman, and the dominating victory over first round playoff opponent, Oneida ROWVA. "It all clicked for us that first round game. The offense, the defense, everything worked," Tyler added.

Out of all the big games that 2009 season, the Newman game was the most hyped and one of the greatest moments of Tyler's Clipper Football career. Tyler and the 2009 Clippers lost in the second round to, an always tough, Annawan-Wethersfield team. Tyler ended the 2009 campaign earning 1st Team All Conference honors on both sides of the ball.

Former Clipper Quarterback and lifelong friend Steven Apple shared the

## Clipper Highlights

By Spencer Morrissey



following, "During my time as a clipper I was lucky to have a great line in front of me with one of those being Tyler. He worked his tail off every play on the offensive and defensive side of the ball. Between him, Levi Kaleel, Matt Bickett, and Conor Leffleman, it's hard to think of a game we lost in the trenches. He was a strong lineman but a very athletic basketball player as well starting on the team as a junior."

Tyler's Senior season returned a lot of contributors from the 2009 season. The 2010 Clippers started out strong with a 4-0 record. Led by Tyler, a pre-season All Area selection, the Clippers were bound for another successful voyage. After running into the heart of their schedule and losing some key skill players, the 2010 Clippers ended the regular season with a 5-4 record. The Clippers played the undefeated Newman Comets the last game of the season and lost 44-0. The Clippers would then have to turn around and play Newman again in the first round of the playoffs.

"We never got blown out like that all season and we know we didn't play our best game against them the first time. We went into that first round game with the mindset



#53 Tyler Behrends

that we had nothing to lose and they had everything to lose," Tyler shared.

The Clippers put up one of the greatest performances of the season but lost the contest 14-7.

Tyler concluded, "It was a great game and like normal, Amboy had more people than they did that game as it was played in Rock Falls. It hurt and I never wanted to take those pads off that day."

Tyler ended his Senior season earning 1st Team All Conference/Area honors both offensively and defensively. Tyler's success and dedication to the program would not only inspire his teammates but his brother, Tanner Behrends.

Tanner shared, "As his

younger brother, nothing made me happier than to hear Joe Jahn and Steve Marco yelling his name out. Dressing varsity as a freshman watching him and the guys I grew up with at my house made me realize that team was something to embody. I truly feel the cohesion behind the 2010 team was mimicked in the 2012 team. Tyler Behrends, #53, truly my hero, gave his soul for the Clippers and still would."

The meaning for Clipper football to Tyler is summed up in a memory, "It's a Saturday afternoon in early November. Sun is out on fall 50 degree day. You're on the east side of the High School near Metcalf St., Coach tells you to pad it up and line up.

You see the opponent on your field and their fans yelling for them. Then you turn the corner and see a blanket of red, black, and white. The band is almost drowned out by the cheers from what seems to be all of Amboy. You step on the field and it take it all in. It doesn't get any better than that. The best atmosphere in the world."

Tyler, like all of us, looked up to those before him. From the great 80s teams to the early 2000s.

Tyler spoke of the family that is Amboy football but even more of the bond we all share, "it doesn't matter if you played in 1980 or 2010 we are all linked by this program, our community, and what Clipper Football represents."

So, to my good friend, #53, Tyler Behrends, thank you for your contributions to Clipper Football. Your

Clipper career was spent defending our pride and protecting other Clippers. I have no doubt that in your career, now, as a firefighter/paramedic you will have more success and display that same level of dedication, pride, and intensity as you once did on The Harbor. 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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